CHAMPIONSHIP

RFU CHAMPIONSHIP STATS

ROUND 1 REVIEW

OLLIE DODGE got Bedford Blues RFU Championship season off to flying start with a hat-trick in their 51-3 win over Plymouth Albion at Goldington Road.

Mike Rayer's side ran in eight tries with James Pritchard also grabbing two and one apiece for Sacha Harding, Duncan Taylor and Dan Richmond. Pritchard added 11 points from the boot to give the Blues an early season boost ahead of Sunday's visit to Rotherham Titans.

"We always set out our stall to play quick ball and the forwards were outstanding," said Bedford scrum half Daryl Veenendaal. "We put a lot of work in pre-season and to come away with 50 points is a massive bonus."

Worcester Warriors also made an impressive start to their campaign with a 48-3, six try win over Birmingham & Solihull at Sixways.

But Head Coach Richard Hill insisted his players still had lots of work ahead of them as they prepare for a trip to Plymouth Albion next weekend.

"I would rate the team four out of ten for that - and they didn't disagree when I told them that in the huddle," said Hill.

"They admitted that there is work to do, but it is the first time that they have played together as that 15 and I would hope that is a good start and we will get better."

Esher made their Championship debut with a 29-17 win at Moseley, Rotherham Titans earned a shock 26-24 win at Bristol with a late pushover try and there as a home 30-14 win for Cornish Pirates over Doncaster Knights. London Welsh, under new Head Coach Phil Greening, won away 27-21 at Nottingham.

STANDINGS

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	BP	Pts
Bedford Blues	1	1	0	0	51	3	48	1	5
Worcester	1	1	0	0	48	3	45	1	5
Cornish Pirates	1	1	0	0	30	14	16	1	5
London Welsh	1	1	0	0	27	21	6	1	5
Esher	1	1	0	0	29	17	12	0	4
Rotherham Titans	1	1	0	0	26	24	2	0	4
Bristol Rugby	1	0	0	1	24	26	-2	1	1
Nottingham	1	0	0	1	21	27	-6	1	1
Moseley	1	0	0	1	17	29	-12	0	0
Doncaster Knights	1	0	0	1	14	30	-16	0	0
Birmingham & Solihull	1	0	0	1	3	48	-45	0	0
Plymouth Albion	1	0	0	1	3	51	-48	0	0

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THIS WEEK'S RESULTS

Saturday 28th August
Bedford Blues 51 – 3 Plymouth Albion
Moseley 17 – 29 Esher
Worcester 48 – 3 Birmingham & Solihull

Sunday 29th August
Bristol 24 – 26 Rotherham Titans
Cornish Pirates 30 – 14 Doncaster Knights
Nottingham 21 – 27 London Welsh

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday 4th September
Doncaster Knights – Moseley
Esher – Bristol
Plymouth Albion – Worcester Warriors

Sunday 5th September
Birmingham & Solihull – Nottingham
Cornish Pirates – London Welsh
Rotherham Titans – Bedford Blues

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POINTS

TOP TRY SCORERS

Name	Club	Total
Ollie Dodge	Bedford Blues	3
James Pritchard	Bedford Blues	2
Matthew Williams	Doncaster Knights	2
Josh Drauniniu	London Welsh	2

Hat Tricks

Ollie Dodge **Bedford Blues** v Plymouth Albion August 29th 2010

TOP POINTS SCORERS

Total	Name	Team	Tries	Cons	Pen	DG
21	James Pritchard	Bedford Blues	2	4	1	
21	James Arlidge	Nottingham			7	
19	Nicky Little	Bristol	1	1	4	
16	Juan Pablo Socino	Rotherham Titans		2	4	
15	Ollie Dodge	Bedford Blues	3			
14	Joe Carlisle	Worcester Warriors		4	2	
11	Michael Whitehead	Esher		1	3	