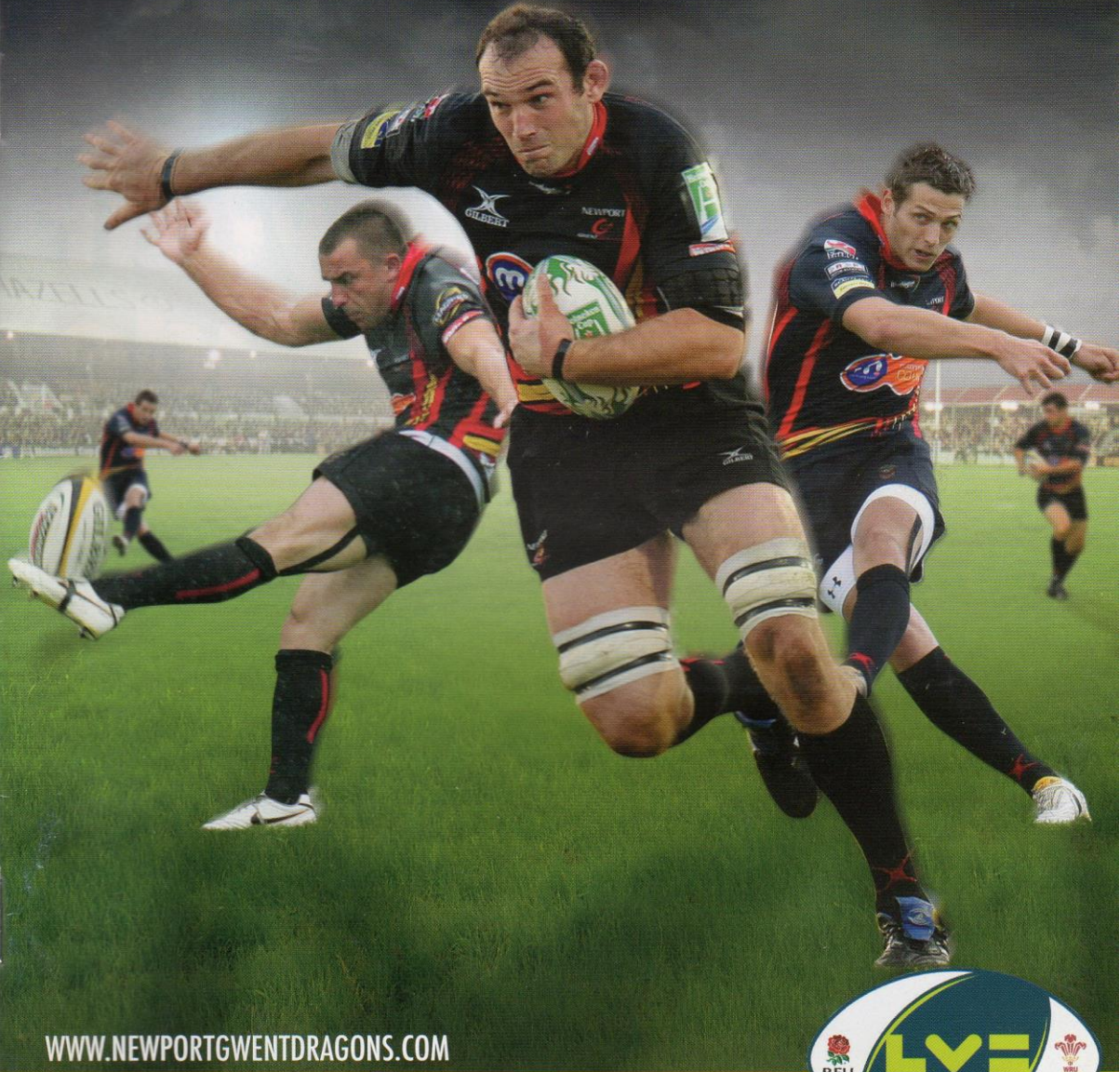


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NEWPORT GWENT DRAGONS V GLOUCESTER RUGBY

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HEAD TO HEAD SUMMARY (LV= CUP)

Played	2
Won	0
Drawn	0
Lost	2
Points For	31
Points Against	38

RECENT RESULTS (LV= CUP)

GLOUCESTER RUGBY 25 - 20 NEWPORT GWENT DRAGONS
25 OCTOBER 2008, KINGSHOLM

REFEREE: Nigel Owens

TRIES: Lesley Vainikolo (2),
Iain Balshaw,
Scott Lawson

TRIES: Grant Webb,
Jason Tovey,
Richard Fussell

CONS: Ollie Barkley

CONS: Shaun Connor

PENS: Ollie Barkley

PENS: Shaun Connor

NEWPORT GWENT DRAGONS 11 - 13 GLOUCESTER RUGBY
30 NOVEMBER 2007, RODNEY PARADE

REFEREE: Dean Richards

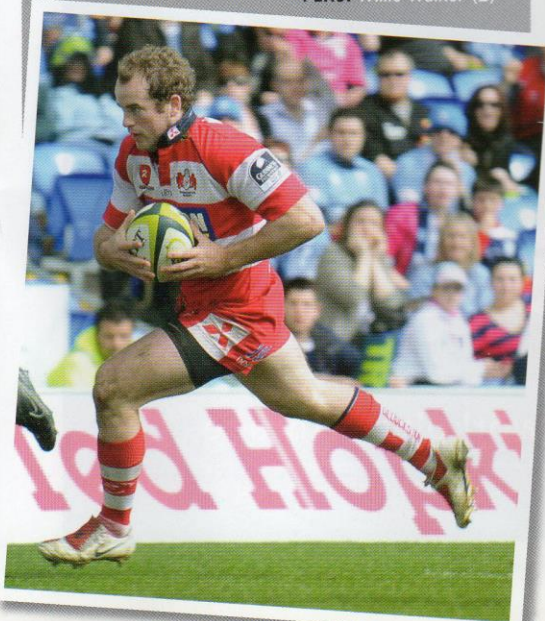
TRIES: Adam Black

TRIES: Gareth Delve

PENS: Ceri Sweeney (2)

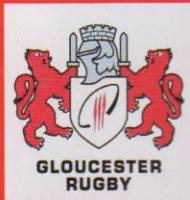
CONS: Chris Paterson

PENS: Willie Walker (2)



PLAYER	POS	CM	KG	DOB
Dave Attwood	Lock	201	115	05/04/1987
Olivier Azam	Hooker	185	120	21/10/1974
Koree Britton	Hooker	177	95	04/03/1992
Alex Brown	Lock	201	116	17/05/1979
Freddie Burns	Centre	178	88	07/05/1981
Peter Buxton	Back Row	192	115	21/08/1978
Pierre Capdevielle	Prop	186	123	30/03/1974
Matt Cox	Back Row	191	98	06/03/1988
Darren Dawiduk	Hooker	180	95	21/09/1987
Brett Deacon	Back Row	193	110	07/03/1982
Alasdair Dickinson	Prop	184	112	11/09/1983
Paul Doran-Jones	Prop	188	116	02/05/1985
Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu	Flyhalf	185	102	21/10/1980
Jim Hamilton	Lock	203	124	17/11/1982
Rupert Harden	Prop	191	118	09/05/1985
Andy Hazell	Back Row	183	95	25/04/1978
Will James	Lock	199	120	22/12/1976
Shaun Knight	Prop	183	111	19/02/1990
Rory Lawson	Scrumhalf	173	85	12/03/1981
Scott Lawson	Hooker	173	96	28/09/1981
Dave Lewis	Scrumhalf	170	80	29/04/1989
Jonny May	Centre	186	90	01/04/1990
Ryan Mills	Centre			
Tim Molenaar	Centre	188	111	19/02/1981
Ollie Morgan	Fullback	189	94	03/11/1985
Luke Narraway	Back Row	190	108	07/09/1983
Jordi Pasqualin	Scrumhalf	183	81	28/03/1990
Akapusi Qera	Back Row	194	103	24/04/1984
Nicky Robinson	Flyhalf	185	93	03/01/1982
Charlie Sharples	Wing	184	93	17/08/1989
James Simpson-Daniel	Wing	182	92	30/05/1982
Alasdair Strokosch	Back Row	191	107	21/02/1983
Tim Taylor	Flyhalf	183	88	04/10/1982
Yann Thomas	Prop	188	120	16/04/1990
Mike Tindall	Centre	188	102	18/10/1978
Henry Trinder	Centre	183	85	14/04/1989
Lesley Vainikolo	Wing	188	112	04/05/1979
Tom Voyce	Wing	185	95	05/01/1981
Dan Williams	Back Row	197	104	01/02/1989
Nick Wood	Prop	186	112	09/01/1983

TODAYS OPPOSITION



Unlike this time last year, when Gloucester kicked off their LV=Cup

campaign smack bang in the middle of a run of defeats, Bryan Redpath's come into tonight's opening game of the equivalent 2010-11 competition on something of a roll.

Last weekend saw Gloucester take a notable scalp as they defeated the Leicester Tigers by 19 points to 12 at Kingsholm. The win was Gloucester's fourth in a row in the Aviva Premiership and saw them move into third place in the table.

Such a lofty position would have been considered unthinkable by all but the most ardent Cherry and White follower after the opening day defeat down at the newly promoted Exeter Chiefs.

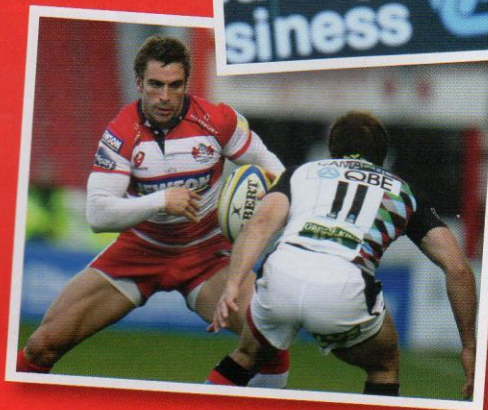
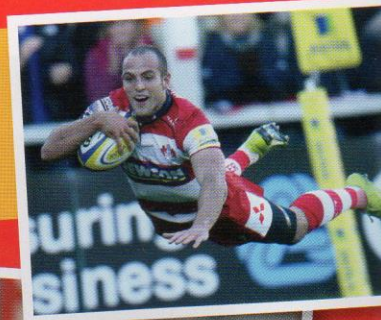
Reading some of the anguished online postings, you'd have been forgiven for thinking that the world was about to come to an end in GL1 but the Chiefs, of course, have gone on to show that they are going to be far from pushovers this season.

To be fair, it's been a fairly stressful past time, following Gloucester thus far in the Aviva Premiership.

The defeat at Exeter was followed by a narrow, last gasp 22-21 over Leeds Carnegie before a trip to the Madejski Stadium to take on London Irish yielded only a losing bonus point.

Two late penalties from Nicky Robinson, from a distance so great that he was almost out of the county (!), secured a 22-10 victory over London Wasps before a trip to the Rec to face much fancied Bath resulted in only Gloucester's second win there since league rugby began.

Picture credit: Martin Bennett/Gloucester Rugby.



Some fantastic rugby against Harlequins was nearly undone by two second half yellow cards but Brett Deacon's late try secured the win and it took a similarly late score from Lesley Vainikolo to finally vanquish the Tigers last weekend.

Sales of blood pressure medication must have soared in recent weeks and a 15 point lead going into the final five minutes of a game would be most welcome!

However, tonight is a completely different competition and one which treated Gloucester kindly last season albeit in a slightly unusual fashion.

The first two pool games resulted in two defeats and that could well have been it. However, a scrappy 17-5 win over the Worcester Warriors kept hopes alive before an unlikely win at Harlequins secured a semi final berth.

Gloucester needed a bonus point win at the Stoop but found themselves trailing 20-0 after 25 minutes. Yet, an astonishing comeback saw five tries follow, the last literally as time expired and Tim Taylor slotted a nerveless conversion to take the game 31-29.

A weakened Cardiff were duly dispatched in the semi final but, despite pushing Northampton all the way in the final, Gloucester couldn't quite complete the job and left Worcester's Sixways with losers medals.

Quite what this season's LV=Cup has in store is yet to be seen and both teams tonight will be missing a number of key players on international duty.

However, one thing is for certain, it's an Anglo Welsh clash and they're always competitive!

THE TEAMS

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Newport Gwent Dragons

Gloucester Rugby

Pat Leach	15	Olly Morgan
T Adam Hughes	14	Tom Voyce
Rhodri Gomer-Davies	13	Henry Trinder
Ashley Smith	12	Jonny May
Aled Brew	11	Lesley Vainikolo T
PPC Matthew Jones	10	Freddie Burn C
James Leadbeater	9	Jordi Pasqualin
Hugh Gustafson	1	Alasdair Dickinson
Tom Willis (C)	2	Olivier Azam
Pat Palmer	3	Pierre Capdevielle
Adam Jones	4	Dan Williams
Scott Morgan	5	Alex Brown
Lewis Evans	6	Peter Buxton (C)
T Robin Sowden-Taylor	7	Akapusi Qera
Hugo Ellis	8	Matt Cox

SUBSTITUTES

Lloyd Burns	16	Darren Dawidiuk
Dan Way	17	Yann Thomas
Nigel Hall	18	Rupert Harden
Rob Sidoli	19	Jim Hamilton
Jevon Groves	20	Luke Narraway
Gareth Williams	21	Rory Lawson
Tom Cooper	22	Tim Taylor
Steffan Jones	23	Charlie Sharples PT

Referee: James Jones

AR1: Huw David

AR2: Huw Griffiths



3-0 6-0 13-0 13-7 || 13-12 18-12