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SEMI FINAL

JACQUES BURGER
The Richard Hill Saracens Player of the Year 2010/11



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TRY

Matt Stevens charges over the line against Gloucester last month in the 35-12 victory over the West Country side. The England prop took a clever offload from scrum half Richards Wigglesworth to smash his way over the line for the third try of what turned out to be a bonus point victory.

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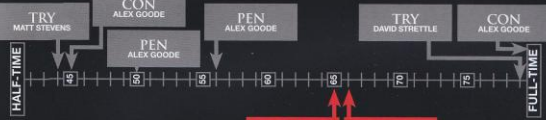
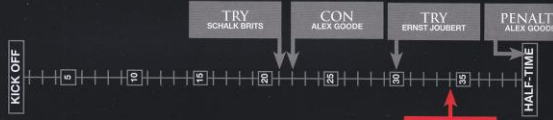
MATCH REPORT

SARACENS 35
GLOUCESTER 12



Aviva Premiership Round 21
Sunday 24th April 2011
Venue: Vicarage Road
Attendance: 10,439





SARACENS

ALEX GOODE
DAVID STRETTLE
CHRIS WYLES
BRAD BANHIRT
JAMES SHORT
OWEN FARRELL
NEIL DE KOCK
MATT STEVENS
SCHALK BRITS
CARLOS NIETO
STEVE BORTHWICK
MOURITZ ZOETHA
KELLY BROWN
TJACQUES BURGER
ERNST JOUBERT

16 JAMIE GEORGE
17 RHYS GILL
18 PETRUS DU PLESSIS
19 HUGH VYVYAN
20 ANDY SAULL
21 RICHARD WIGGLESWORTH
22 ROOD PENNEY
23 NOAH CATO

GLOUCESTER

TOM VOYCE
CHARLIE SHARPLES
HENRY TRINDER
JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL
FREDDIE BURNS
DAVE LEWIS
ALASDAIR DICKINSON
SCOTT LAWSON
RUPERT HARDEN
WILL JAMES
JIM HAMILTON
ALASDAIR STROKOSCH
ANDREW HAZELL
BRETT DEACON

14 OLIVIER AZAM
17 NICK WOOD
18 PAUL DODDAN-JONES
19 ALEX BROWN
20 LUKE NARRAWAY
21 RORY LAWSON
22 RYAN MILLS
23 TIM MOLENAAR

Saracens completed their regular season fixtures at Vicarage Road with a 35-12 bonus point victory over Gloucester.

In a thrilling display, tries from Schalk Brits, Ernst Joubert, Matt Stevens and David Strettle secured the victory and the club's first home semi final in the play-offs of the competition.

Gloucester came within a whisker of taking the lead on 20 minutes, but a Freddie Burns penalty from just inside the Saracens half struck the left-hand upright.

Within sixty seconds, Saracens were ahead. Working the ball up the left, the hosts changed gear, wing James Short and hooker Brits exchanged passes and Brits galloped clear for his sixth try of the season and a contender

for try of the year. Goode added the extras.

Saracens struck again on the half-hour Jacques Burger peeled off the back of a left-wing lineup close to the Gloucester line, fed Joubert who was driven over by the pack despite desperate efforts by Gloucester on their line.

Gloucester struck back six minutes from the interval. Charlie Sharples was fed on the left from a scrum, found Tom Voyce who raced upfield, timing his offload to perfection to send James Simpson-Daniel in by the flag. Burns missed the conversion.

Goode, however, did not miss when Gloucester conceded a penalty in front of their posts to halt another surging Saracens attack seconds from half-time

Saracens scored their third try four minutes into the second half.

Mouritz Botha smashed into the heart of the defence, Richard Wigglesworth dummied to pass and darted for the line before delivering a clever reverse pass for Stevens to score from close range. Goode added the conversion. Goode added a penalty to his tally on 50 minutes.

However, Gloucester found themselves increasingly under siege, and after surviving two prolonged driving mauls, they were happy to concede three points rather than another seven and went offside. Goode kicked the goal on 57 minutes.

Gloucester raised their game heading into the final quarter

and scored a try when Brett Deacon rescued the ball off the ground and Trinder raced away to score and Ryan Mills added the conversion.

This only served to rouse the home side who resumed battering the visiting defence. This time referee Pearson's patience ran out and Luke Naraway was sin-binned for ball killing. Saracens decided to take a penalty scrum, which came to nothing.

But the pressure had to tell, and Gloucester cracked in the 79th minute as Strettle was sent hurtling home on the right for the fourth, bonus-point winning try, Goode's conversion completing the scoring.

TODAY'S VISITORS



GLOUCESTER COME INTO TODAY'S GAME ON THE BACK OF AN IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY IN ROUND 22, RUNNING IN 10 TRIES AGAINST SALE SHARKS AT KINGSHOLM.

The 68-17 victory included a hat trick for Charlie Sharples and set up today's clash and for Gloucester, a chance to push for a Premiership title to which they have been so close to before.

In the 2001-02 season, the format of the Premiership dictated that there would be a series of play-offs but the team that finished top of league at the end of the regular season would still be crowned champions. In that year, Gloucester won the play-offs but didn't get the trophy. The following season brought about a change in formula where the winner of the play-offs would take the trophy. That year Gloucester finished at

the top of the table and lost in the playoff, again losing out on the trophy.

They had back-to-back seasons of misfortune in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 campaigns. In the 2006-07 season, they topped the table but ended up losing to Leicester in the final at Twickenham after defeating Sarries in the semi-final. Then the following year after again finishing the league portion of the competition on top, they lost in heartbreaking fashion to Leicester thanks to a last-gasp drop goal from Andy Goode in the semi-finals.

After two seasons where they didn't quite manage their usual

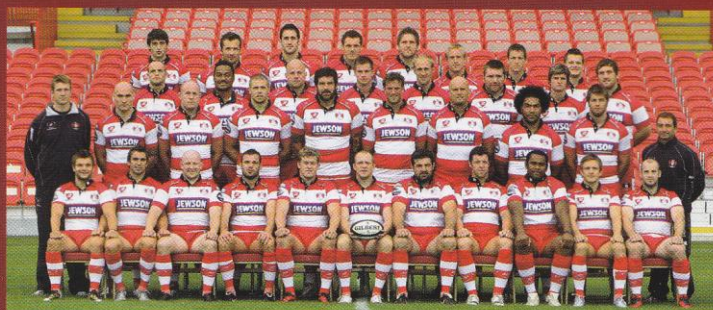
form, this year Gloucester have bounced back and have already secured silverware this season. After losing their first game of the LV= Cup to the Newport Gwent Dragons they put their campaign back on track and ended up on top of their group.

They swept aside the Dragons in the semi-final of the competition then found themselves in the final against Newcastle Falcons which they won 34-7. It was pure relief for Bryan Redpath's men who had lost the previous two finals of the competition against Cardiff in 2008-09 and Northampton in 2009-10.



GLOUCESTER SQUAD

Dave Attwood	second row	2.01m	115kg	05.04.87	
Olivier Azam	hooker	1.85m	120kg	24.10.74	France
Alex Brown	lock	2.01m	116kg	17.05.79	England
Freddie Burns	fly half	1.85m	80kg	13.5.90	
Peter Buxton	back row	1.92 m	115kg	21.08.78	
Pierre Capdevielle	prop	1.86m	123kg	30.3.74	
Matt Cox	back row	1.91m	98kg	06.03.88	
Darren Dawidiuk	hooker	1.80m	95kg	21.9.87	
Brett Deacon	back row	1.93m	110kg	07.03.82	
Alasdair Dickinson	prop	1.84m	112kg	11.09.83	Scotland
Paul Doran-Jones	prop	1.88m	116kg	02.05.85	England
Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu	centre	1.85m	102kg	31.10.80	Samoa
Jim Hamilton	lock	2.03m	124kg	17.11.82	Scotland
Rupert Harden	prop	1.91m	118kg	09.05.71	
Andrew Hazell	back row	1.83m	95kg	25.04.78	England
Will James	lock	1.99m	120kg	22.12.76	Wales
Shaun Knight	prop	1.83m	111kg	19.02.90	
Rory Lawson	scrum-half	1.73m	85kg	12.03.81	Scotland
Scott Lawson	hooker	1.73m	96kg	28.09.81	Scotland
Dave Lewis	scrum-half	1.70m	80kg	29.04.89	
Jonny May	centre	1.86m	90kg	01.04.90	
Tim Molenaar	Centre	1.88m	111kg	19.02.81	
Olly Morgan	full-back	1.89m	94kg	03.11.85	England
Luke Narraway	back row	1.90m	108kg	07.09.83	England
Jordi Pasqualin	scrum half	1.83m	81kg	28.03.90	
Akapusi Qera	back row	1.94m	103kg	24.04.84	Fiji
Nicky Robinson	fly half	1.85m	93kg	03.01.82	Wales
Charlie Sharples	wing	1.84m	93kg	17.08.89	
James Simpson-Daniel	wing	1.82m	92kg	30.05.82	England
Alasdair Strokosch	back row	1.91m	107kg	21.02.83	Scotland
Tim Taylor	Fly half	1.83m	88kg	04.10.82	
Yann Thomas	prop	1.88m	120kg	16.04.90	
Mike Tindall	centre	1.88m	102kg	18.10.78	England
Henry Trinder	centre	1.83m	85kg	14.04.89	
Lesley Vainikolo	wing	1.88m	112kg	04.05.79	England
Tom Joyce	wing	1.85m	95kg	05.01.81	England
Dan Williams	number eight	1.97m	104kg	01.02.89	
Nick Wood	prop	1.86m	112kg	09.01.83	



HEAD COACH BRYAN REDPATH



Boasting an international career that spanned 10 years and earning him 60 caps for his country which included two World Cups, Bryan Redpath is no stranger to rugby's big stage.

One of the initial members of Scotland's recent line of highly talented scrum-halves, Redpath played his final match for Scotland against Australia in the 2003 World Cup but kept playing for Sale Sharks up until his retirement from all forms of the game in 2005.

He had a two year break from the sport before joining Gloucester as their backline coach in 2007 and in his first season he helped the Cherry and Whites to the top of the Premiership. In 2009, Gloucester parted ways with then-coach Dean Ryan, and Redpath was handed the top job.

He led Gloucester to their first silverware in five years when his side won the 2010-11 LV= Cup at Franklins Gardens earlier this year.

CAPTAIN LUKE NARRAWAY

Luke Narraway was born in Worcester where his initial playing days took place, ending with a stint for Kings School before signing for Gloucester in 2003. He made his debut for the club against Leeds in May 2003 and has now amassed 139 caps with the Cherry and Whites.

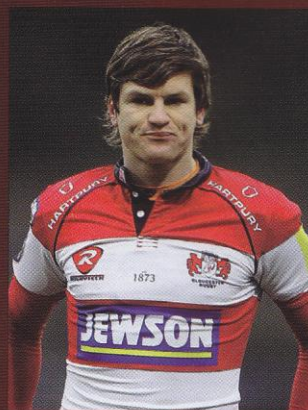
He moved through the England ranks by playing for the national Under 18 side before representing the Under 21 side in the 2004 Junior 6 Nations – a Grand Slam winning competition for the young English team. He moved on to play for the England 7s side before being selected for the England Saxons squad.

He played in the 2006, 2009 and 2010 Churchill Cups and in the 2010 showpiece he put in a Man of the Match performance to help England to victory in the final against Canada. To date he has represented England seven times under Martin Johnson's regime, making his first start in the 2008 6 Nations against Wales.

A player card for Luke Narraway, tilted at an angle. The card has a red border and a black background for the text. At the top, it says 'Luke Narraway' in white. Below that is a photograph of him in a Gloucester kit, wearing a red helmet and holding a rugby ball. In the top right corner of the photo area is a small circular logo for Gloucester Rugby. Below the photo, the text 'KEY STATS' is written vertically in white. To the right of this, there are five white boxes with black text: 'Position: Back Row', 'Date of Birth: 07/09/1983', 'Height: 1.90m', 'Weight: 108kg', and 'Honours: England'. A small red cross logo is visible at the bottom left of the card.

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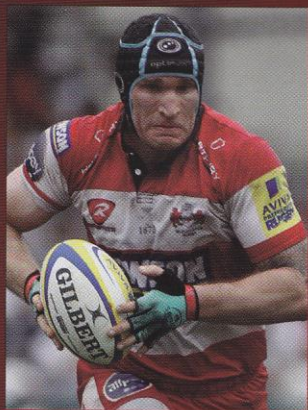
FREDDIE BURNS



Still only 20 years old, Freddie Burns' introduction to senior rugby has been notably impressive. In 2008 he switched academies to Gloucester from their west country rivals Bath and the following year he moved into the senior squad which led to him being selected for the Gloucester side that took on Australia in November 2009, with Burns scoring his team's only try in that game.

Having already earned 31 caps for the Cherry and Whites, Burns has tasted plenty of top flight rugby for such a young player. He has already played in the Premiership, the Amlin Challenge Cup and the Heineken Cup as well as being a part of Gloucester's trophy win in this season's LV= Cup. Burns has turned heads with his natural ability to perform in high pressure situations and many are already tipping him for full England honours.

ALASDAIR STROKOSCH



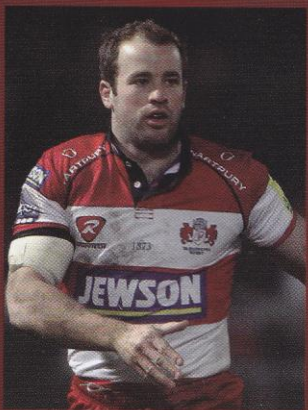
The Scottish blindside was one of three players signed from Edinburgh in 2007.

He managed to force his way into the Scottish national side for the 2008 Six Nations Championship and Scotland's summer tour to Argentina and was the stand-out performer when Scotland beat England at Murrayfield.

Known for his energy, work-rate and physicality he was mentioned as a possible for the 2009 British and Irish Lions but was sidelined by injury at the tail end of the 2008-9 season which effectively ruled him out of contention.

He signed a new two year contract in Spring 2010 and, although his Six Nations was hampered by injury, he was named for Scotland's summer tour of Argentina.

JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL



James Simpson-Daniel joined Gloucester as a teenager and scored a superb individual try against Rotherham in 2001.

His England chances have been limited due to injuries, and although he made his debut against the All Blacks in 2002, he only has 10 caps.

The winger scored a superb try against the Barbarians early in his international career where with some deft handling and footwork he rounded Jonah Lomu in front of a packed Twickenham crowd.

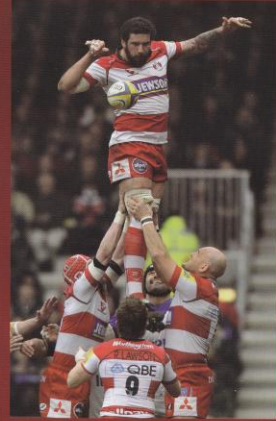
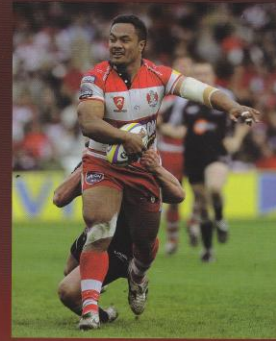
The 2007-8 season culminated in Sinbad claiming the Guinness Premiership Player of the Season and helping Gloucester to the Heineken Cup quarter-finals.

He has continued to perform at a consistently high level in 2010, his testimonial season, and showed his commitment to Gloucester Rugby by signing a new contract in Spring 2011.

VISITOR STATS



Name	Position	Appearances	Carries	Metres	Clean Breaks	Defenders Beaten	Offloads	Turnovers Won	Turnovers Con	Pens Con	Tackles	Missed Tackles	Passes	Kicks in Play	Lineouts Won	Lineout Steals	Throws Won	Throws Lost
Alasdair Strokosch	Back Row	18	64	101	1	2	6	2	6	8	127	3	29	1	8	3		
Andy Hazell	Back Row	14	36	102	2	1	1	4	4	11	125	6	20	1	2	1		
Brett Deacon	Back Row	14	44	101	2	4	1	1	9	85	4	23	1	22				
Luke Narraway	Back Row	21	163	466	3	11	10	2	19	18	130	11	103	3	54	3		
Matt Cox	Back Row	5	9	35							16	5					1	
Peter Buxton	Back Row	11	51	92		3	1		4	3	79	7	21		8			
Eliota Fumasono-Sapulu	Centre	20	139	624	14	12	17	5	23	4	103	13	175	17	2		3	
Freddie Burns	Centre	17	50	253	3	7	5	1	15	2	33	8	144	93	1		2	
Henry Trinder	Centre	14	57	340	9	12	7	1	4	3	48	8	37	23	1		1	
Jonny May	Centre	9	50	348	5	9	4	2	10	1	25	5	31	17				2
Niko Tindall	Centre	8	60	208		5	7	2	9	8	48	6	55	12	2			
Tim Molemar	Centre	17	82	357	8	22	11		9	3	63	4	48	7				
Akapusi Qera	Flanker	12	60	155	3	8	3	4	8	5	64	5	15	1	2	2		
Ryan Mills	Fly Half / Centre	1	3					1	2		5		6	2				
Nick Robinson	Fly Half	17	86	332	8	5	6	2	30	2	84	10	376	158	6		2	
Tim Taylor	Fly Half	10	32	84		3	1	1	5		17	2	115	37				
Ollie Morgan	Full Back	11	57	395	6	8	7	2	7	2	33	1	43	28	2		2	
Darren Davidiuk	Hooker	5	7	27		1	1				1	13	1				12	5
Olivier Azam	Hooker	20	42	50	1	3	5	2	3	13	47	4	25	1			92	21
Scott Lawson	Hooker	19	86	84	1	8	6	3	5	8	86	3	55				139	20
Alex Brown	Lock	19	42	39		1	3	14	11	115	9	9		75	6			
Dave Adwood	Lock	14	49	76	1	4	7	6	9	4	102	11	14		24	1		
James Hamilton	Lock	12	56	63	1	4	2	8	10	58	6	11		21	10			
Will James	Lock	14	35	31		2	1	1	4	3	48	7	2	18	1			
Alasdair Dickenson	Prop	14	24	59	1	3	1	1	2	6	46	2	5					
Nick Wood	Prop	21	64	52		1	2	1	21	110	4	7	20	1	2			
Paul Doran-Jones	Prop	18	25	44	1		2		3	23	69	6	18		1			
Pierre Capdeville	Prop	11	14	17	1	1			2	8	23	2	4					
Rupert Harden	Prop	16	12	11		1			3	26	4	3						
Yann Thomas	Prop	8	1						1		3							
Dan Robson	Scrum Half	1	1				1				1		10	2				
Dave Lewis	Scrum Half	16	19	88	1	1	4	1	11	4	35	2	421	37			1	
Jordi Pasquall	Scrum Half	12	8	31	1				4	3	8	4	145	12				
Rory Lawson	Scrum Half	15	45	178	6		7	1	13	3	49	11	680	59	1			
Charlie Sharples	Wing	17	93	276	14	16	8	12	16	6	56	4	39	23			3	
James Simpson-Daniel	Wing	14	87	650	15	19	7	3	11	2	41	7	62	7				
Lesley Nankoko	Wing	10	63	345	4	10	5	3	9	2	20	1	13	1				
Tom Joyce	Wing	11	76	421	7	11	4	2	6	1	29	3	39	24				



Saracens v Gloucester

Date: 15th May
Kick Off: 14:30



Top Performers

Total Metres

Chris Wyles	848
David Strettle	764
Schalk Brits	735

Total Carries

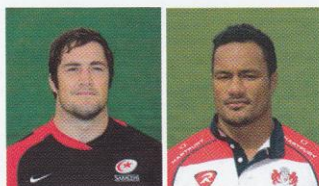
Schalk Brits	186
Bradley Barritt	158
Ernest Joubert	149

Total Tackles

Bradley Barritt	150
Steve Borthwick	145
Jaques Burger	145

Lineouts Won

Ernest Joubert	70
Steve Borthwick	53
Hayden Smith	38



Bradley Barritt Eliota Fuimaono-

158	Total Carries	139
345	Total Metres	624
150	Tackle	103
9	Missed Tackle	13
9	Clean Breaks	14
21	Defender Beaten	12
6	Sack	6
15	Total Pens	4
2	Try Scored	4

Top Performers

Total Metres

Charlie Sharples	876
James Simpson-Daniel	650
Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu	624

Total Carries

Luke Narryway	163
Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu	139
Charlie Sharples	93

Total Tackles

Luke Narryway	130
Alasdair Strokosch	127
Andy Hazell	126

Lineouts Won

Alex Brown	75
Luke Narryway	54
Dave Attwood	24

Team Stats

Scrums			Lineouts			Tries			Open Play		
167	Put Ins	173	306	Throw Ins	308	35	Scored	58	96	Av. Tackles	94
141	Won	139	280	Won	259	11	No. 1st Phase	34	9	Av. Misses	8
84	% Won	80	92	% Won	84	10	No. Own Half	19	96	Av. Carries	86
41	Pen Won	55	3	Not Straight	9	18	No. In 1st Half	28	313	Av. Metres	324
27	Won Opp Feed	25	12	Quick Throw	17	17	No. In Second Half	30	9	Av. Def Beaten	9
18	% Opp Feed	15	49	Won Opp Throw	51	18	From Set Piece	29	12	Av. T'Overs Con	13
17	Pen Opp Feed	20	17	% Stolen	18	7	From Turnover	12	9	Av. Pens Con	10

TODAY'S TEAMS

3-0
6-0
6-3
9-3
9-10
12-10



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15: FULL-BACK

14: WING

13: CENTRE

12: CENTRE

11: WING

10: FLY-HALF

9: SCRUM-HALF

1: PROP

2: HOOKER

3: PROP

4: LOCK

5: LOCK

6: FLANKER

7: FLANKER

NO: 8

REPLACEMENTS

JAMIE GEORGE 16
RHYS GILL 17
PETRUS DU PLESSIS 18
HUGH VYVYAN 19
ANDY SAULL 20
NEIL DE KOCK 21
NILS MORDT 22
NOAH CATO 23



GLOUCESTER RUGBY

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HENRY TRINDER

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JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL

NICKY ROBINSON

RORY LAWSON

NICK WOOD

SCOTT LAWSON

PAUL DORAN-JONES

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RUPERT HARDEN

JIM HAMILTON

BRETT DEACON

DAVE LEWIS

TIM TAYLOR

LESLEY VAINIKOLO

Referee: Andrew Small Touch Judges: Peter Huckle; Paul Dix

