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Sale **SHARKS** versus **GLOUCESTER**

Saturday 8th October 2011

Kick Off 3.00pm @ Edgley Park

**AVIVA PREMIERSHIP ROUND SIX**

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## PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

FEATURING TWO PREVIOUS GAMES BETWEEN OURSELVES AND TODAY'S OPPONENTS...

### OUR LAST TEN MEETINGS

6 Jan 2007	Sale Sharks 20-19 Gloucester	GP
27 Jan 2007	Gloucester 44-24 Sale Sharks	GP
13 Oct 2007	Gloucester 31-12 Sale Sharks	GP
14 Mar 2008	Sale Sharks 22-12 Gloucester	GP
26 Sep 2008	Sale Sharks 23- 9 Gloucester	GP
14 Feb 2009	Gloucester 24-17 Sale Sharks	GP
30 Oct 2009	Sale Sharks 28-23 Gloucester	GP
27 Feb 2010	Gloucester 47- 3 Sale Sharks	GP
8 Apr 2011	Sale Sharks 36-31 Gloucester	AP
7 May 2011	Gloucester 68-17 Sale Sharks	AP



### UNBELIEVABLE BONUS POINT !

**SALE SHARKS 36**  
**GLOUCESTER 31**  
**FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2011**

The original game in December was postponed, but this was well worth the wait. Watched by the Samoan selectors, two-try Paul Williams had arguably his finest game for the Sharks. Hodgson was the mastermind, going past the 1000 Premiership points mark as part of a 21-point haul. It was only the Cherries' third defeat of 2011. The name of young Will Addison appeared on the scoresheet – he subbed for the injured Ben Cohen. The 2003 World Cup winner never played again.

#### Scorers:

**SHARKS** Tries: Williams (2), Addison, Hodgson.  
 Cons: Hodgson (2), Pens: Hodgson (4)  
**GLOUCESTER** Tries: Molenaar, May, Penalty.  
 Cons: Burns, Taylor. Pens: Burns (3), Taylor.

**Attendance:** 6888

### FAREWELLS & A TEN TRY DRUBBING

**GLOUCESTER 68**  
**SALE SHARKS 17**  
**SATURDAY 7TH MAY 2011**

Gloucester sailed into the Premiership semi final in style, a trip to Saracens, with this crushing win. Seven of the visitors' starting fifteen played their final game for Sale. Sharks were blown away by the home pack and some brilliant attacking play from Sharples and Trinder, who scored five of their side's ten tries. The damage was done in the second half: the interval score was only 19-3. Prolific kickers Robinson and Hodgson moved onto pastures new before the start of 2011-12.

#### Scorers:

**GLOUCESTER** Tries: R.Lawson, S.Lawson, Sharples (3), Trinder (2), Robinson, Simpson-Daniel, Lewis.  
 Cons: Robinson (7), Taylor (2).  
**SHARKS** Tries: Briggs, McMillan.  
 Cons: Hodgson (2). Pen: Hodgson.

**Attendance:** 14151

# Sale v Gloucester

Date: 8th October  
Kick Off: 15:00



## Top Performers

### Total Metres

Rob Miller	333
Joaquín Tuculet	217
Tom Brady	166

### Total Carries

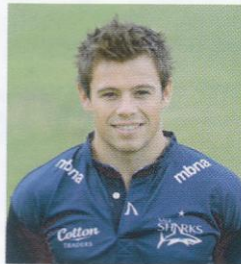
Rob Miller	35
Joaquin Tuculet	35
Henry Thomas	34

### Total Tackles

David Seymour	54
Mark Easter	46
Fraser McKenzie	44

### Lineouts Won

Kearnan Myall	10
James Gaskell	7
Fraser McKenzie	6



Rob Miller Olly Morgan

35	Total Carries	25
333	Total Metres	162
15	Tackle	8
2	Missed Tackle	2
6	Initial Break	0
10	Defender Beaten	1
3	Kick in Play	7
38	Total Passes	25
2	Try Scored	0

## Top Performers

### Total Metres

Jonny May	199
Charlie Sharples	194
Olly Morgan	162

### Total Carries

Peter Buxton	34
Jonny May	30
Tom Voyce	30

### Total Tackles

Peter Buxton	53
Matt Cox	51
Nick Wood	47

### Lineouts Won

Tom Savage	12
Brett Deacon	10
Will James	10

# Team Stats

## Scrum

34	Put Ins	37
28	Won	30
82	% Won	81
9	Pen Won	9
8	Won Opp Feed	11
16	% Opp Feed	33
6	Pen Opp Feed	9

## Lineouts

42	Throw Ins	59
33	Won	46
79	% Won	78
5	Not Straight	4
1	Quick Throw	1
7	Won Opp Throw	6
16	% Stolen	8

## Tries

14	Scored	9
5	No. 1st Phase	6
4	No. Own Half	3
5	No. In 1st Half	6
9	No. In Second Half	3
4	From Set Piece	5
4	From Turnover	4

## Open Play

102	Av. Tackles	107
11	Av. Misses	13
92	Av. Carries	71
370	Av. Metres	247
9	Av. Def Beaten	6
13	Av. T'Over Con	10
10	Av. Pens Con	11

# INTRODUCING **GLOUCESTER**

**Gloucester make the journey north to Edgeley Park this afternoon looking for a third straight victory in the Aviva Premiership – and with a familiar face in charge of first-team affairs.**

After opening their season with a narrow defeat against Northampton at Franklin's Gardens, the Cherry and Whites quickly bounced back to winning form by beating Worcester at Kingsholm but were then on the receiving end of a 42-6 hiding by high-flying Harlequins.

That seems to have stirred them into action, though, and back-to-back home victories over Bath and London Irish – taking their unbeaten Premiership record at Kingsholm to 22 matches – have seen them climb into fifth in the table, just two points adrift of the Sharks.

Their last outing saw them edge out London Irish 33-30 in a topsy-turvy game in which they led 23-10, then trailed 27-23 before a late converted try from Darren Dawidiuk and a penalty from Freddie Burns saw Gloucester get over the finishing line to the delight of The Shed. Speaking after the game, head coach Bryan Redpath – a former Sharks scrum-half, of course –

said: "In the first half we gifted them 10 points with the interception try and a dull penalty which got them into it, and credit to them when they came back. It was a tough game, it could have gone either way. It was a good game of rugby and I am glad it was like that."

Redpath is looking for his side to at least match their efforts of last season, when a third-place finish in the Aviva Premiership booked them a place in the end-of-season play-offs.

But Owen Farrell kept his nerve to kick Saracens to a 12-10 victory over Gloucester in the semi-finals, before going on to take the title by seeing off Leicester Tigers.

The Cherry and Whites came close to snatching the win when Nicky Robinson went over when Sarries were down to 14 men but Farrell landed the decisive kick late on.

Though disappointed on the day, Redpath was proud of his side's achievements as a top-four finish was the icing on the cake after they had won the LV= Cup earlier in the season.

Redpath said: "We just weren't good enough in certain parts. We will take it on the chin."

"In 12 months they have come from a position where people

wouldn't even have given them a sniff in the top six, to finish in third and come to Saracens and not let them score."

With the World Cup ongoing, the Gloucester line-up has had an unfamiliar look lately, but they were able to field LUKE NARRAWAY for the first time this season last time out.

The 28-year-old is a dynamic back-row forward capable of playing at either six or eight. He joined Gloucester straight from Kings School, Worcester, and made his debut for the first team at Leeds in 2003, quickly establishing himself a reputation as a devastating ball carrier.

After representing England at Under-18, Under-21 and Saxons level, Narraway made his full international debut against Wales at Twickenham in the 2008 Six Nations Championship.

And he lived up to his growing reputation with a series of excellent displays as part of an inexperienced back row on England's tour of New Zealand in the summer of that year.

Captain for much of last season, including Gloucester's victory in the LV= Cup final, Narraway continues to be in and around the England camp and was handed the captaincy for the Churchill Cup, only to be sidelined when he

suffered a bulging disc in his back.

Though he did not immediately reclaim the Gloucester captaincy on his return, Redpath said before the Irish game: "Luke is a very smart rugby player, he knows how we want to play."

"And also he's stated himself he's very proud to be asked to captain Gloucester, and I think that's an important part for any leader of men."

"I think he capably can do that. He improved last season as a captain, and he understood what responsibilities come with not just being a captain but being captain of a Gloucester team."

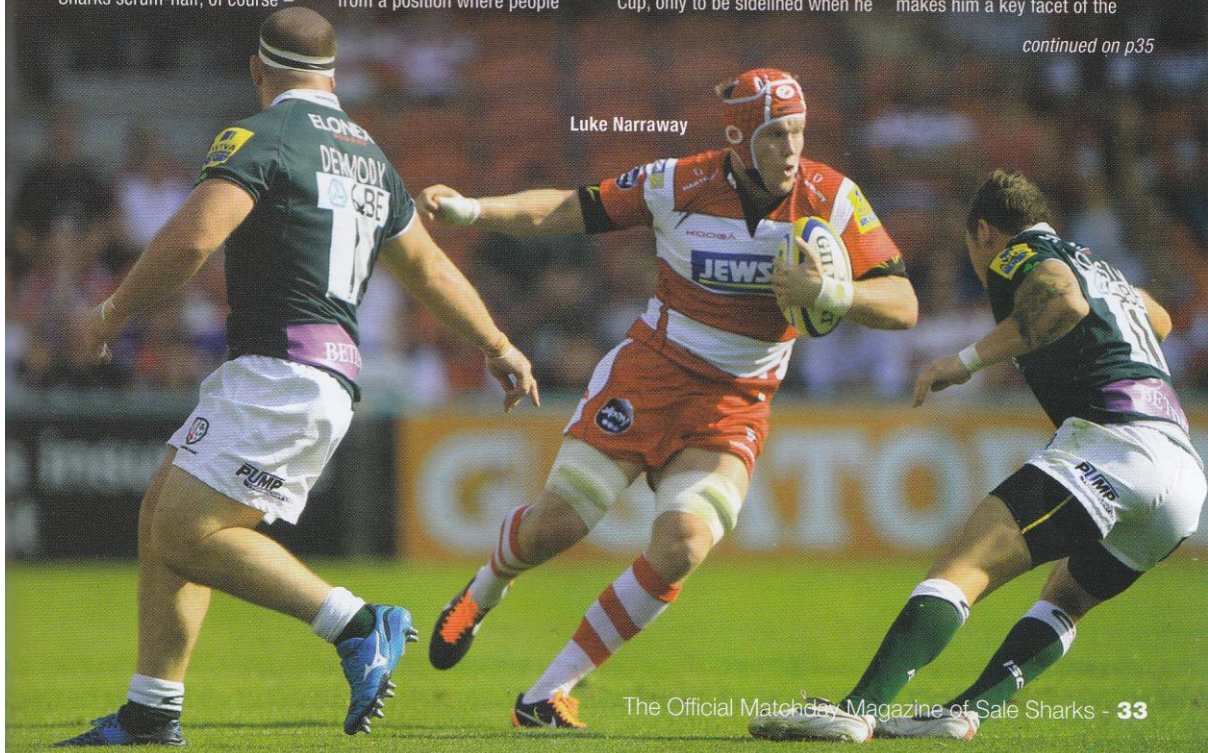
"Other captains in the past here have been really embedded in the culture, the club and the city, and I think Luke is someone that's shown the interest to be that kind of person."

In his absence, Gloucester have been captained by fellow back-rower PETE BUXTON.

Now 33, Buxton moved to Kingsholm from Newport back in 2002 as one of Nigel Melville's first signings for the club and is closing in on 250 appearances in the famous red and white.

One of the most hard-working players in the Gloucester squad, his physicality and consistency makes him a key facet of the

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Luke Narraway

squad and he shared captaincy duties with Marco Bortolami back in 2007/8, the sixth season in a row in which he made over 25 appearances.

He has failed to match that since – a broken arm agonisingly denying him the chance to play in the LV= Cup final last season – but has already chalked up five appearances this season.

A string of fine performances for Gloucester in the 2004/05 season saw him force his way into the England reckoning – and he was named on the bench against the Barbarians.

While Buxton provides plenty of experience, CHARLIE SHARPLES and HENRY TRINDER are among a clutch of players offering no shortage of youthful exuberance. As an England Under-20s' Grand Slam winner in 2008, Sharples is accustomed to success but he was so impressive last season that he was named Gloucester's Young Player of the Year and was also among the nominees for Land Rover Discovery of the Season.

Hong Kong born, 'Champagne Charlie' scored a hat-trick of tries for St Peter's High School, Gloucester, in the 2006 Daily Mail Cup final at Twickenham and within a year was on tour with the England Under-18 squad heading Down Under to Australia. As his development continued, he made his Premiership debut for Gloucester in March 2008 but 2009/10 really marked his breakthrough year as he crossed

for 12 tries in 28 appearances. He bettered that tally with 18 in 29 games last season, including four against Newport Gwent Dragons as they reached the LV= Cup final, in which he also crossed the Newcastle line.

He also scored a memorable hat-trick of tries against the Sharks at Kingsholm in May before it was announced over the summer that he had signed a new two-year contract at the club.

Redpath said: "Charlie's development has been one of the high points of my time here. He's got great talent but he also applies himself and has a real desire to make himself better.

"He's worked incredibly hard and I genuinely think there's more to come. I'm delighted he's agreed a new deal, he's earned it through his own endeavours and thoroughly deserves it."

At 22, Sharples is the same age as fellow Gloucester starlet Trinder.

Educated at Kingshill and Hartpury College, Trinder played for Cirencester from the age of six but really burst into attention while on tour in Australia with England Under-18s.

While on a dual registration for Moseley, he shared in one of the surprise results of the 2008/09 season when they beat Leeds 23-18 in the EDF Energy National Trophy final.

And he was a try-scorer in both of the opening games in the 2009 Under-20s Six Nations' Championship against Italy, in

which he was man of the match, and Wales.

Back at Gloucester, he hoped to make a real impact in 2009/10 but was hampered by injury before 13 tries in 23 appearances last season saw him force his way into the England set-up.

A try-scorer three minutes into his senior debut for an England XV against Barbarians, he crossed the USA line six days later on his first Saxons appearance in the Churchill Cup to cap a golden run having finished the season with six Premiership tries in nine games. He and Sharples have a good role model to observe in JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL.

The man they call 'Sinbad' – whose younger brother Mark used to be on the Sharks' books – joined Gloucester as a teenager and made a try-scoring debut in 2001.

He would burst onto the international scene the following year but was then laid low by a bout of glandular fever and subsequent injury problems have meant to date has won only 10 caps for England, quite simply a travesty for a man of his undoubted talent.

Just as in 2003, Simpson-Daniel missed out on the final cut of an England World Cup squad this year – but immediately signalled his determination to focus on Gloucester.

He said: "I'm now resigned to the fact that's my opportunity gone. I'll put it to the back of my mind

and go all guns blazing for Gloucester.

"But I can't flick a switch, I'm obviously very disappointed. It's my last opportunity to play in a World Cup. It's tough but fortunately I've been there before so I'll get my head down.

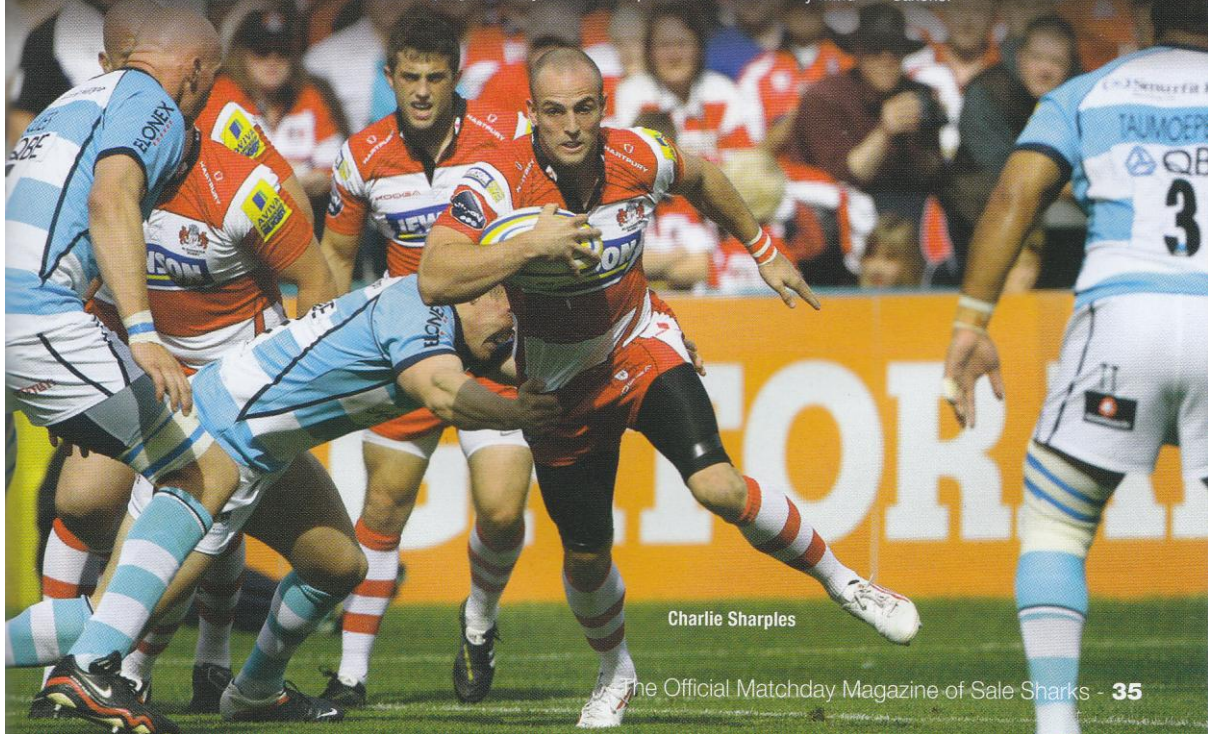
"I'm clearly disappointed by I've got a year-old baby boy and going home to my family makes me realise life isn't over."

A genuine speedster with a nose for the line, Simpson-Daniel was the Guinness Premiership Player of the Season in 2007/08 and at 29 should still have plenty of time left at the top.

His game-breaking qualities, pace and eye for a gap have marked him down as one of the best players in the country and he was given a new three-year contract in the spring of this year. Their man of the match last week was another England international – TOM VOYCE.

The former Bath man joined Gloucester in the summer of 2009 from Premiership rivals Wasps, where he had won seven trophies in his 176 appearances for the club.

And he hasn't taken long to get a taste of silverware at his new home, crossing for one of Gloucester's tries in the LV= Cup final victory against Newcastle. Voyce made his England debut on the summer tour of New Zealand and Australia in 2004 and has gone on to win nine caps, while he has also represented the Saxons.



Charlie Sharples

# GOING HEAD TO HEAD AT EDGELEY PARK TONIGHT

7-0  
10-0  
10-3  
10-4  
17-0  
13-11

## SHARKS

- 15 ROB MILLER
- 14 TOM BRADY
- 13 ANDREW HIGGINS *Handwritten initials*
- 12 WILL ADDISON *Handwritten: Tuitupou, Tuitupou*
- 11 JOAQUIN TUCULET
- 10 NICK MACLEOD *C.P.P.*
- 9 DWAYNE PEEL *MATHIE*
- 1 LEE IMIOLEK
- 2 MARC JONES
- 3 HENRY THOMAS
- 4 FRASER MCKENZIE
- 5 KEARNAN MYALL
- 6 JAMES GASKELL
- 7 DAVID SEYMOUR (C) *T*
- 8 MARK EASTER



- 16 TOMMY TAYLOR *Handwritten: WATT*
- 17 ASTON CROALL *Handwritten: B. K. W. W. W.*
- 18 VADIM COBILAS
- 19 TOM HOLMES
- 20 RICHIE VERNON
- 21 SCOTT MATHIE
- 22 SAM TUITUPOU *Handwritten: H. G. W. W.*
- 23 CHARLIE AMESBURY

**MATCH OFFICIALS**  
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 Assistant: Mr Hughes  
 Assistant: Mr Heime  
 No 4: Mr Wigglesworth  
 Timekeeper: Mr Turner  
 Coach: Mr Leeke

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## GLOUCESTER

- 15 OLLY MORGAN
- 14 CHARLIE SHARPLES
- 13 HENRY TRINDER *T*
- 12 JONNY MAY
- 11 TOM VOYCE
- 10 TIM TAYLOR *P.P.*
- 9 NICK RUNCIMAN
- 1 NICK WOOD
- 2 DARREN DAWIDIUK
- 3 RUPERT HARDERN
- 4 TOM SAVAGE
- 5 WILL JAMES
- 6 PETER BUXTON
- 7 LUKE NARRAWAY
- 8 BRETT DEACON



- 16 MATIAS CORTESE
- 17 DAN MURPHY
- 18 DARIO CHISTOLINI
- 19 DAVID LYONS
- 20 GARETH EVANS *Cox*
- 21 DAVE LEWIS
- 22 FREDDIE BURNS
- 23 JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL


# SHARKS HALF TIME QUIZ

1. Ex Sharks scrum half Bryan Redpath is Head Coach at Gloucester but from which French team did Sharks sign him
2. What is the nickname of the traditional terraced stand at Kingsholm
3. Name the ex Sale player/coach who also coached Gloucester as well as several other Premiership teams. He is now skills coach at Wasps
4. Name the ESPN television pundit who played scrum half for Gloucester and other Premiership teams
5. This former Head Coach of both Gloucester and Wasps became the youngest player to captain England on his debut when he led England v Australia in 1984. Name him
6. Mike Tindall (pictured) is the only Gloucester player in the England World Cup squad but from which other Premiership club did he join Gloucester
7. Name the prop who has joined Sharks from Gloucester this season
8. Andy Titterrell played hooker for both Sharks and Gloucester but for whom is he now playing
9. From which French club has Andrei Ostrikov joined Sharks this season
10. Name the ex Sharks centre who has recently returned to the club in a coaching capacity

ANSWERS 1. Narbonne, 2. The Shed, 3. Paul Turner, 4. Pete Richards, 5. Nigel Melville, 6. Bath, 7. Alasdair Dickinson, 8. Leeds, 9. Stade Aurillac, 10. Jos Baxendale

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