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GLOUCESTER RUGBY



FACTFILE

Founded: **1873**
Head Coach: **Nigel Davies**
Captain: **Jim Hamilton**
Ground: **Kingsholm Stadium**
Capacity: **16,500**
Website:
www.gloucester rugby.co.uk

HONOURS

League runners-up: **1988/89, 1989/90, 2002/03, 2006/07.**
Zurich Championship winners: **2001/02.**
Anglo-Welsh Cup winners: **1971/72, 1977/78, 1981/82 (shared), 2002/03, 2010/11.**
Cup runners-up: **1989/90, 2008/09, 2009/10.**
C&G League Cup winners: **1997/98, 1998/99.**
European Challenge Cup winners: **2005/06.**

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OPPOSITION

THE CAPTAIN

JIM HAMILTON

JIM HAMILTON is currently in his third season with Gloucester Rugby and it's his first season as club captain.

Born in Swindon, 'Big Jim' started his professional career with the Leicester Academy before moving to Edinburgh to enhance his international career with Scotland.

The 6ft 8in powerhouse, who weighs in at 19st 8lb, has now been capped 39 times.

Jim won selection for last year's Rugby World Cup in New Zealand and, shortly before flying out, signed a new contract with Gloucester Rugby.

In his first season, Jim rapidly became a crowd favourite and played a key role in Gloucester's successful LV= Cup campaign.

He is now closing in on 50 first-team appearances for the club and is deeply proud to skipper the team this season.

"To captain such a special club like Gloucester, with the loyal and passionate supporters

we have, is a huge honour for me and I'll accept that responsibility with real pride and commitment to the players around me and everyone who supports our great club."



THE BOSS

NIGEL DAVIES

NIGEL DAVIES joined Gloucester Rugby as Director of Rugby in June 2012.

Davies had been the Head Coach at Welsh region the Scarlets since June 2008.

The Llanelli-born-and-bred centre won 29 caps for his country between 1988 and 1997, before joining the Welsh national coaching set-up under Gareth Jenkins. Davies is one of the very few Welsh players to have both coached and captained his country.

As a player of undisputed talent, he played 498 games for Llanelli, becoming one of only 21 players to have scored more than 100 tries for the Scarlets, where he also played in a record nine Welsh cup finals, winning six.

He has been associated with top-flight rugby for more than 28 years as a player and then coach.

He returned to the Scarlets as Head Coach in May 2008, leading the development of the Scarlets squad, which includes the emergence onto the regional and international scene today of some of Wales' most exciting new rugby talent.

SOLID START TO THE SEASON FOR GLOUCESTER

IT'S not unfair to say that it's been all change at Gloucester Rugby over the summer with a plethora of changes both on and off the field.

There's a new man at the coaching helm in the form of Director of Rugby Nigel Davies and the former Scarlets Head Coach has quickly assembled a new look coaching team around him.

Carl Hogg remains as Forwards Coach but in have come Paul Moriarty as Defence Coach, Tony Windo as Scrum Coach and Paddy Anson as the club's new Head of Strength and Conditioning.

There has also been a slight change in remit for experienced entre Mike Tindall, who is now also involved with coaching the backs as well as continuing his distinguished playing career.

There was significant turnover on the playing front as well. Gloucester are still awaiting the arrival of All Black scrum half Jimmy Cowan, who is still competing in the ITM Cup with the Southland Stags, but there are already a number of new faces in the squad.

As well as a promising number of graduates from the Academy in Koree Britton, Gareth Evans, Shaun Knight, Ryan Mills and Dan Robson, in come Rob Cook (Cornish Pirates), Huia Edmonds (Brumbies), Sione Kalamafofi (Nottingham), Drew Locke (Cornish Pirates), Shane Monahan (Rotherham Titans), Ben Morgan (Scarlets), Martyn Thomas (Dragons) and Billy Twelvetrees (Leicester Tigers).

As a result, this new look Gloucester Rugby side have only really been together as a unit for approximately three months and a certain amount of growing pains are to be expected.

The 2012/13 Aviva Premiership Rugby season got off to a disappointing start in week one in terms of the result after a 24-19 home defeat to a powerful Northampton Saints.

However, the Cherry and Whites

finished that game strongly and it was the Saints who were hanging on for the final whistle as Gloucester pushed hard for the win but just ran out of time.

A couple of days later, the United got off to a winning start in the Aviva Premiership A League with an impressive 82-0 victory at this ground over the Worcester Cavaliers.

They followed this up with a dogged 20-12 win over the Sale Jets

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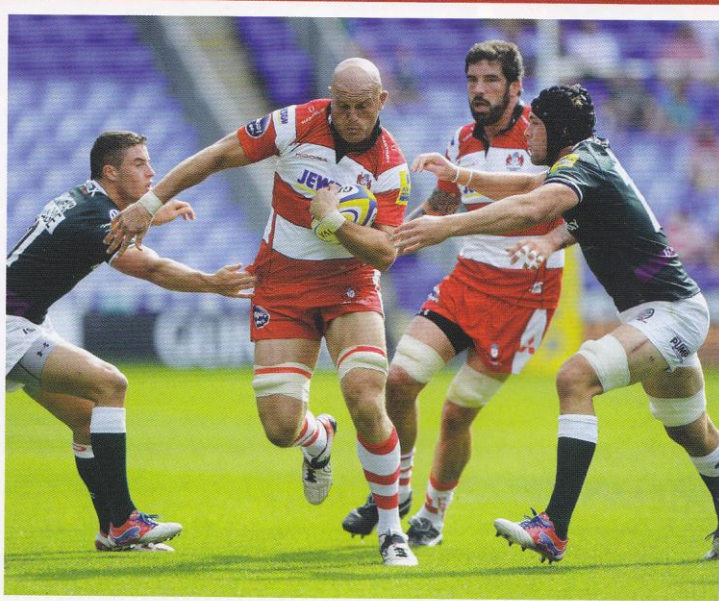
last Monday to make it two from two to date.

However, the highlight of this, albeit brief, season to date is obviously the victory at the Madejski Stadium last weekend, a venue which has not been a particularly happy hunting ground for Gloucester in recent seasons.

On a scorching day in Reading, the team had to show great resilience to fight their way back from a deficit several times, especially in the second-half when the lead was surrendered twice.

It could easily have slipped away, but the side showed fantastic mental fortitude to finish strongly again and secure the win with two tries in the final ten minutes.

It's just one step along the long and difficult path that the Aviva Premiership season represents, and the challenge now of course, is to back it up today here at Sixways.



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PLAYERS TO WATCH...

ANDY HAZELL

GLOUCESTER born and bred, the all-action openside flanker shows no sign of slowing up in his 16th season with the club.

Hazell made his debut back in the 1997/98 season and has since gone on to become a true legend of the club, making in excess of 250 first-team appearances and enjoyed a testimonial season with the club in the 2008/09 season.

A traditional openside flanker who links-up play and competes at the

breakdown, he has been capped seven times by England and would surely have won more had it not been for untimely injuries.

Last season was a frustrating one as he broke a thumb in the season opener at Northampton Saints and then injured a knee at London Irish in February.

As one of the club's most dedicated trainers, he looks set to bounce back in style in 2012/13 and played a huge role in last weekend's win at London Irish.



DAN ROBSON

20-YEAR-OLD scrum half Robson is one of the most exciting talents to emerge from the Gloucester Rugby Academy in recent seasons.

Although he wears the number nine shirt for Gloucester, he is versatile enough to turn out at fly half as he did regularly last season for Hartpury RFC.

Dan began playing at Stoke-on-Trent, his home city club, at five-years-old and he went on to captain sides there from U6 to U14. While attending Newcastle-under-Lyme High

School, he led the U12 team through to U14.

He moved to Hartpury College to study for a BTEC in sport and went on to represent the college as well as Hartpury RFC and Gloucester Rugby.

Has played for England through the respective age groups including featuring for England U20s at the 2011 and 2012 IRB Junior World Championships.

Now a member of the first-team, he started the first two matches of the 2011/12 Aviva Premiership season.

JONNY MAY

22-YEAR-OLD Jonny May is yet another young English talent making his name with Gloucester Rugby.

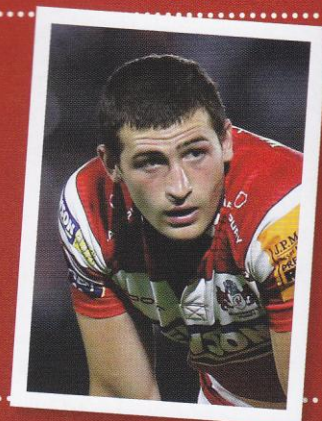
Swindon born, he is another to have combined studies at Hartpury College with developing his rugby career.

Capable of playing in the centre, on the wing or at full back, he became an England U20s regular in 2010, playing in the Six Nations and Junior World Championship.

However, last season was arguably

a breakthrough year for Jonny as he became a first-team regular, was selected for the England Saxons and won the LV= Breakthrough Player and Aviva Premiership Player of the Month for January awards.

His form was enough to earn him a call-up to England's summer tour of South Africa and he immediately made an impact as he scored two tries in the 57-31 win over South African Barbarians North.



OPPOSITION



PLAYER FEATURE: BEN MORGAN

HE sported a grin as wide as a Cheshire cat following the win over London Irish last weekend at the Madejski Stadium and had no hesitation in telling the gathered media that he was 'loving life'.

If Ben Morgan feels at home at Kingsholm, it's because he is home. He's finally pulling on the jersey of the club that he supported as a boy, the team he watched from the shoulders of his Dad when he wasn't quite tall enough to see.

However, the 23-year-old had to leave the county and follow a path that saw him ply his trade over the Severn Bridge in Wales for a while before signing for Gloucester Rugby in the summer.

It was a circuitous route but he feels he is a better person and a better player for it.

"There was a point where I honestly didn't think that rugby was going to be a career option for me.

"I'd been playing locally for Dursley since I was five and had always wanted to be a professional rugby player but, when I was 16 or 17, I was working as a plumber's apprentice.

"But fortunately, via Merthyr and obviously the Scarlets, both of whom I'll always be grateful to, it all started to move in the right direction and here I am today. It was a different path but I'm glad that it happened this way for me."

And the England international number eight admits that it was a special moment when he ran out for his first appearance for Gloucester, in the pre-season friendly against Cardiff a few weeks ago.

"It was brilliant, really special. I'd always been on the other side of the barriers, cheering when Gloucester came out and did their lap around the pitch before kick-off.

"To be part of that, as a player, was really special. I've been fortunate enough to play in some great places

in the past year or so but that was honestly second to none."

His Gloucester career is still in his infancy. He's part of a new-look Gloucester side that Director of Rugby Nigel Davies feels has massive potential further down the line, but that is still growing and learning.

However, for Morgan and Gloucester, there were promising signs at the Madejski last weekend, even though Morgan was typically modest about his own key contribution, a superb solo score just before half-time.

"It just opened up nicely. I just felt as if we'd gained a bit of momentum and we noticed that there were a few opportunities around the ruck so I just sort of picked my head up and had a go."

Cheering him on at the Irish game was Ben's father, who apparently is also happy with how things are working out.

"He's so happy that I'm playing my rugby here now. If nothing else, it's cut down on his travel time!

"But, seriously, it means a lot to him that I'm now playing for the team he used to come and watch, the team he brought me along to support."

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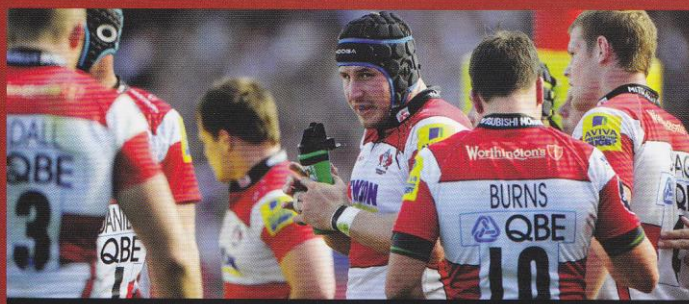
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OPPOSITION

THE SQUAD

NAME	POSITION	DOB	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HONOURS
Britton, Koree	hooker	04.3.92	5ft 11in	16st 9lb	
Brown, Alex	lock	17.05.79	6ft 7in	18st 1lb	England
Burns, Freddie	fly half	13.5.90	6ft 1in	12st 8lb	
Buxton, Peter	back row	21.08.78	6ft 4in	18st 1lb	
Chistolini, Dario	prop	14.09.88	5ft 11in	17st 4lb	
Cook, Rob	full-back	07.07.84	6ft	14st	
Cowan, Jimmy	scrum-half	06.03.82	6ft 1in	14 st 7lb	New Zealand
Cox, Matt	back row	06.03.88	6ft 3in	15st 5lb	
d'Apice, Tommaso	hooker	30.06.88	6ft	16st 5lb	Italy
Dawidiuk, Darren	hooker	21.9.87	5ft 11in	14st 12lb	
Edmonds, Huia	hooker	20.10.81	6ft	16st 3lb	Australia
Evans, Gareth	back row	19.09.91	6ft 3in	17st 4lb	
Hamilton, Jim	lock	17.11.82	6ft 8in	19st 8lb	Scotland
Harden, Rupert	prop	09.05.86	6ft 3in	18st 8lb	
Hazell, Andrew	back row	25.04.78	6ft	14st 13lb	England
James, Will	lock	22.12.76	6ft 6in	18st 11lb	Wales
Kalamafoni, Sione	back row	18.05.88	6ft 5in	17st 9lb	Tonga
Knight, Shaun	prop	19.02.90	6ft	17st 7lb	
Lewis, Dave	scrum-half	29.04.89	5ft 7in	12st 8lb	
Locke, Drew	centre	11.09.86	5ft 11in	14st 2lb	
May, Jonny	centre	01.04.90	6ft 1in	14st 2lb	
Mills, Ryan	centre	30.5.92	6ft	14st 11lb	
Molenaar, Tim	centre	19.02.81	6ft 2in	17st 7lb	
Monahan, Shane	wing	28.04.97	6ft 2in	16st 3lb	
Morgan, Ben	number eight	18.02.89	6ft 3in	18st 3lb	England
Morgan, Olly	full-back	03.11.85	6ft 2in	14st 2lb	England
Murphy, Dan	prop	27.10.85	6ft 3in	18st 1lb	
Qera, Akapusi	back row	24.04.84	6ft 4in	16st	Fiji
Robson, Dan	scrum half	14.03.92	5ft 7"	12st 1lb	
Savage, Tom	lock	18.04.89	6ft 5"	18st 1lb	
Sharples, Charlie	wing	17.08.89	6ft	14st 9lb	England
Simpson-Daniel, James	wing	30.05.82	6ft	14st 6lb	England
Taylor, Tim	Fly half	04.10.82	6ft	13st 12lb	
Thomas, Martyn	full-back	24.04.87	5ft 11in	12st 11lb	
Thomas, Yann	prop	16.04.90	6ft 2in	18st 11lb	
Tindall, Mike	centre	18.10.78	6ft 2in	16st	England
Trinder, Henry	centre	14.04.89	6ft	13st 5lb	
Twelvetrees, Billy	centre	15.11.88	6ft 3in	15st 10lb	
Wood, Nick	prop	09.01.83	6ft 1in	17st 5lb	



LAST TIME WE BEAT THEM



A GOODE DAY AS WARRIORS WIN DERBY

JANUARY 7, 2012

WARRIORS 21 GLOUCESTER 15

SIXWAYS STADIUM

ATTENDANCE: 12,024

WORCESTER Warriors produced a stunning second-half recovery as tries from Andy Goode and Marcel Garvey saw them claim a sensational 21-15 derby day victory over Gloucester Rugby.

Wing Charlie Sharples gave Gloucester a 10-6 half-time lead as he scooted over in the corner as both teams traded huge hits in a pulsating local clash.

But the introduction of Goode as a second-half replacement made immediate inroads as he dived over to claim the lead and turn the game on its head.

A brilliant length of the field score from Garvey sent Sixways into delirium and even a late try from Jonny May couldn't stop Warriors as they claimed back-to-back Aviva Premiership wins and moved up the table.

Worcester Warriors

15 Chris Pennell
14 Marcel Garvey
13 Alex Grove
12 Dale Rasmussen
11 Miles Benjamin
10 Joe Carlisle
9 Jonny Arr
1 Matt Mullan
2 Aleki Lutui
3 Tevita Taumoepeau
4 James Percival
5 Chris Jones
6 Sam Betty
7 Jake Abbott
8 Matt Kvesic

Gloucester Rugby

15 Olly Morgan
14 Charlie Sharples
13 Henry Trinder
12 Mike Tindall
11 James Simpson-Daniel
10 Freddie Burns
9 Rory Lawson
1 Nick Wood
2 Scott Lawson
3 Rupert Harden
4 Jim Hamilton
5 Alex Brown
6 Alasdair Strokosch
7 Akapusi Qera
8 Luke Narryaway

Worcester Scorers: Carlisle - Pen (2); Goode - Try, Pen, Con; Garvey - Try.

Gloucester Scorers: Burns - Pen, Con; Sharples - Try; May - Try.

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THE VOICE OF SIXWAYS

BBC

with Dave Bradley of BBC Hereford & Worcester

THE local derby against the Gloucester boys is always a good day at Sixways and, in recent years, Warriors have enjoyed a lot of success in this fixture.

I was thinking this week, which I admit is unusual in itself, how the 'Gloucester connection' has faded at Sixways in recent years, with Marcel and Four-o leaving at the end of last season.

Hilly was there for a while of course, but it seemed at one time that every other Warriors player had plied their trade at Kingsholm.

You could almost make up a very good 15 with ex-Gloucester men who moved up the M5 to Sixways.

This clash is probably the first one both sets of fans look for when the fixture list is announced at the start of the season.

I was particularly keen to come this time round as I am going to miss a few games in the coming weeks, what with family business and a two-week holiday coming up, so I am glad to get this one in.

I have mentioned this before but some years ago a few of us used to make the journey down to Kingsholm on a regular basis.

This was when league rugby first started and Worcester were not playing in the top level so, if you wanted to see proper rugby, you had to travel to Kingsholm. We had many amusing days and nights at that ground.

I remember one night when the Cherry and Whites had struggled in the league and their home game against Leicester Tigers was a vital one.

There were thousands of fans packed in the shed and, as I'm sure you can imagine, the odd comment reached the players, and indeed the referee.

I remember South African World Cup winner Joel Stransky getting terrible stick for the time it took him to take a penalty and he missed, to great cheers from the locals.

There was some comment about the noise made by a small section of the crowd at Sixways when the kick was taken at the end of the Bath game and, while I can understand some of the frustrations, I am all for sticking to the tradition of the game and keeping quiet when kicks are being taken.

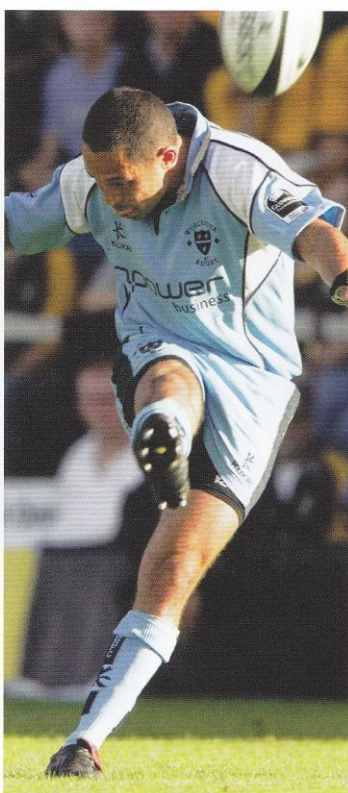
Sadly some other parts of the rugby world don't adhere to this but, if 25,000 passionate Munster men can do it at Thomond Park, then so can everyone else.

Rugby has, to an extent, always been self-regulatory and it was pleasing to see someone at a recent game get the wrath of the crowd for hurling some foul-mouthed abuse at the referee.

This really hit home when I went to watch a non-league football match earlier this week while away covering the cricket.

I'm not having a go at the club

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involved as it was obviously a well-run and hard-working little club.

But as I was standing watching the game, and there were only just over 200 people in the ground, I was a little taken aback by the amount of foul language used - not so much on the pitch but on the terraces, or terrace to be exact.

I am not a prude and, admittedly, I do swear - ask some of my colleagues at work. But this swearing was in a very public place.

There were some youngsters watching the match and I would not have been comfortable with it if I had my five-year-old grandson with me to hear it.

There must be very few of us who have never sworn, but to hear the words repeated over and over again, and in a very loud voice seemed unnecessary.

Call me a prude if you like, and I enjoyed the game, but I did not enjoy the company of some of the people.

I guess the point I'm trying to make is let's keep swearing out of rugby so it remains a family day out.

Anyway - back to today. The match, of course, will be going out on the radio, internet and iPhone via BBC Hereford and Worcester, who will cover every game this campaign.

But this season we are after the opinions of the fans. We will have reporters in the crowd finding out what you have to say before, during and after the games. We want you to contribute as much as you can - there's lots of ways to do it.

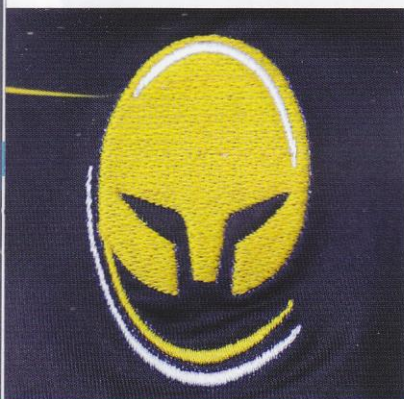
You can ring Sport on Saturday on 0845 300 8181, you can text 81333 (put HW at the start of the text) or you can tweet me @braddersatbbc. We want to know what you think - rant or praise, come on and tell us.

Sadly I shall miss the trip to Franklins Gardens next week, which is one of my favourite away grounds.

It is a proper rugby ground and, trust me, there will be complete silence there for the kicks. I did see a Saints fan invited to leave a few years ago when he decided to launch an unsavoury comment at Shane Drahm and that's the way it should be.

Enjoy the game today and, as ever, get behind the lads. No doubt there will be a fair few 'Glaws' in the ground making their voices heard.

TODAY'S TEAMS



WARRIORS

15 CHRIS PENNELL

14 NIKKI WALKER

13 ALEX GROVE

12 JOE CARLISLE *pp*

11 DAVID LEMI

10 ANDY GOODE *pp*

9 SHAUN PERRY

1 MATT MULLAN

2 ALEKI LUTUI

3 JOHN ANDRESS

4 JAMES PERCIVAL

5 DEAN SCHOFIELD (C)

6 CHRIS JONES

7 SAM BETTY

8 MATT KVESIC

16 OLLIE HAYES

17 CERI JONES

18 JAMES CURRIE *T*

19 CRAIG GILLIES

20 SEMISI TAULAVA

21 JONNY ARR

22 JOSH MATAVESI

23 JOSH DRAUNINI



GLOUCESTER

15 JONNY MAY

14 CHARLIE SHARPLES *MOYNAHAN*

13 HENRY TRINDER *T?*

12 BILLY TWELVETREES *TINDALL*

11 JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL

10 FREDDIE BURNS *pp*

9 DAN ROBSON

1 NICK WOOD

2 DARREN DAWIDIUK *EDWARDS*

3 SHAUN KNIGHT *HARDEN*

4 WILL JAMES

5 JIM HAMILTON (C)

6 TOM SAVAGE

7 ANDY HAZELL

8 BEN MORGAN

16 HUIA EDWARDS

17 DAN MURPHY

18 RUPERT HARDEN

19 SIONE KALAMAFONI

20 AKAPUSI QERA

21 DAVE LEWIS

22 MIKE TINDALL

23 MARTYN THOMAS

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: JP Doyle

Assistant referees:

Peter Huckle, Andrew Watson

4th Official: Martin Fox

Time Keeper: Mike Hamlin

TMO: Trevor Fisher

Citing Officer: Shaun Gallagher

GLOUCESTER PREMIERSHIP STATS

Played: 341

Wins: 187

Draws: 11

Losses: 143

Most Appearances:

174 (Peter Buxton)

Top Points Scorer:

855 (Ludovic Mercier)

Top Try Scorer:

62 (James Simpson-Daniel)

Biggest Win: 68 - 12

(v Bath Rugby 2002)

Heaviest Defeat: 3 - 47

(v Bath Rugby 1998)

Most Consecutive Wins: 8

Most Consecutive Defeats: 8

Most Points In A Match:

68 (v Bath Rugby 2002)

Most Tries In A Match:

10 (v Sale Sharks 2011)

Most Conversions In A Match:

9 (v Sale Sharks 2011)

Most Penalty Goals In A Match:

9 (v Harlequins 2000)

Most Drop Goals In A Match:

3 (v Sale Sharks 2001)

Highest Attendance: 59,400

NEXT AT SIXWAYS



LONDON IRISH

Aviva Premiership Rugby

Friday, 28 September 2012

Kick-off 8.00pm

Tickets available at warriors.co.uk

