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AVIVA PREMIERSHIP RUGBY





TODAY'S OPPONENTS

GLOUCESTER RUGBY



FACTFILE

Founded: **1873**
Director of Rugby: **Nigel Davies**
Captain: **Billy Twelvetrees**
Ground: **Kingsholm Stadium**
Capacity: **16,500**
Website:
www.gloucester rugby.co.uk

HONOURS

Zurich Championship
2001–02
Anglo-Welsh Cup
1971–72, 1977–78, 1981–82
(shared), 2002–03, 2010–11
C&G League Cup
1997–98, 1998–99
European Challenge Cup
2005–06
National Merit Table 'A'
1985–86
Middlesex 7s
2005
Premiership Rugby Sevens Series
2013



THE CAPTAIN

BILLY TWELVETREES

Billy Twelvetrees joined Gloucester Rugby from Leicester Tigers ahead of the 2012/13 season.

The centre, who also plays at fly-half, was chosen as vice-captain to Tom Savage for the 2013/14 season but has taken over while the big lock has been absent.

Originally from Sussex, Twelvetrees joined the Tigers Academy in 2007 and had a spell at Leicester Lions as well as scoring 18 tries, 16 conversions, and 13 penalties for Bedford in 2008/09.

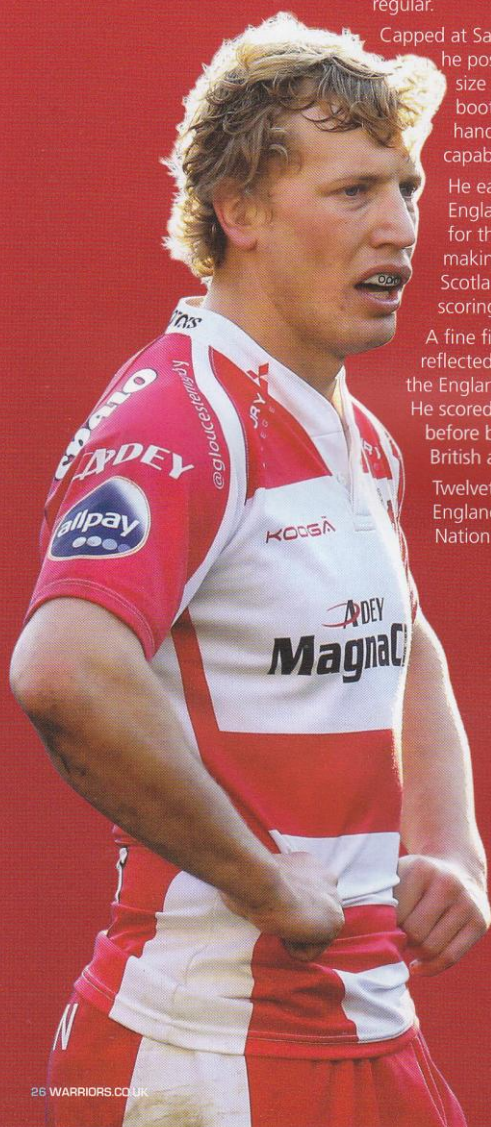
His form for Bedford saw him quickly recalled by the Tigers and he went on to become a first-team regular.

Capped at Saxons level by England, he possesses an ideal mix of size and skill. He has a fine boot when kicking out of hand and is a more than capable goal-kicker.

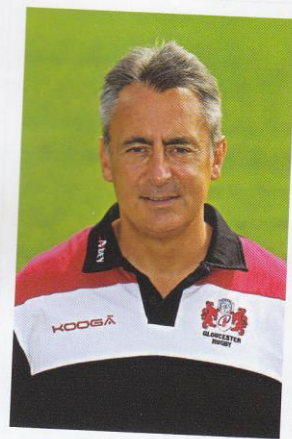
He earned a call-up to England's Elite Player Squad for the 2013 Six Nations, making his debut against Scotland at Twickenham and scoring a try in the process.

A fine first season was reflected in his selection for the England tour of Argentina. He scored a try in the First Test before being called up to the British and Irish Lions squad.

Twelvetrees also featured in England's impressive 2014 Six Nations campaign.



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THE BOSS

NIGEL DAVIES

Director of Rugby Nigel Davies joined Gloucester Rugby as Director of Rugby in June 2012.

Davies was Head Coach at Welsh region 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 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.

COOK LOOKING TO END ON HIGH

When Rob Cook put pen to paper to sign for the Cherry and Whites, the full-back admitted he never imagined being named as Player of the Season ahead of Dan Robson and Billy Twelvetrees.

And approaching the final game of the Aviva Premiership campaign, taking momentum into next season is deemed vital.

He said: "We look back at the games we've played against Worcester and we say it every week – there are no easy games at this level regardless of what is at stake."

"Before the London Irish game we wanted to go out and get two wins to finish the season off and go out on a high with two good performances."

"We wanted to make Kingsholm a real fortress and we haven't done that this season so we owed last week's win to the supporters."

"It was a nice sunny day and at times we played some great rugby."

"However, we have to improve on that and learn to be ruthless because when you go 17-5 up you should go on and win by more."

Cook has been a stand-out performer at full-back in his second full season in the Aviva Premiership since his move from Cornish Pirates.

He's taking everything in his stride and putting his teammates first, as he develops his game at the top table of domestic rugby.

He continued: "It comes down to the team performance in the end and that has been disappointing."

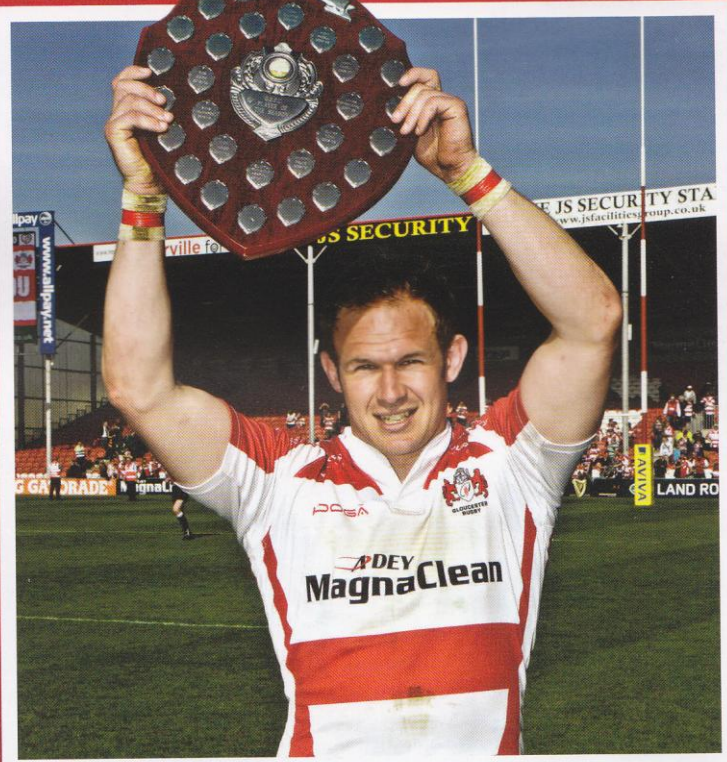


Photo credit: Martin Bennett, Gloucester Rugby

THEY HAVE BEEN WITH US THROUGH THICK AND THIN THIS SEASON AND AS A TEAM WE HAVE TO GO OUT AND GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT IN THE FINAL MATCH."

"But on a personal level, obviously I want to improve and develop, so I've been happy with how I've played at times."

"But for me, it's always about the team and helping the team to improve."

Voted as the Supporters' Player of the Season following last Saturday's game, Cook is first to acknowledge the impact of the Cherry and White's loyal supporters and ahead of Saturday's Sixways clash, the team owe one big final performance to their fans.

He concluded: "We just want to go out and give the supporters something back and perform for them really."

"They have been with us through thick and thin this season and as a team we have to go out and give them something to cheer about in the final match."



OPPOSITION

3 PLAYERS TO WATCH...

CHARLIE SHARPLES

A product of the Gloucester Rugby Academy, Charlie Sharples made a dramatic impact on the first-team squad in 2008/09.

He was set to represent England Under 20s against Wales but was recalled by the club and went on to make nine first-team appearances, scoring a memorable first senior try against Bath.

He was named in the England Under 20 squad for the Junior World Championship in 2009 and kicked on to enjoy a fine 2009/10 season for Gloucester.

He scored 12 tries from 18 starts (including friendlies) and was shortlisted for Try of the Year at the Guinness Premiership Awards.

The 2010/11 season was even better for Sharples as he scored 18 tries in 29 appearances, was voted Young Player of the Year by the supporters and was selected for England Saxons.

The winger was named in England's Rugby World Cup training squad in the summer, making his debut as a replacement against Wales.

The 2011/12 was another successful campaign at club level with his try-scoring tally in double figures once again and a first England start, in Paris against France.

He has since added to his England cap tally and scored his first international try against Fiji.



SIONE KALAMAFONI

Tongan international Sione Kalamafoni moved to Kingsholm from Nottingham Rugby ahead of the 2012/13 season.

Kalamafoni started three of his country's four matches in Rugby World Cup 2011 as a blindside flanker and appeared as a replacement in the fourth.

He particularly caught the eye in the memorable 19-14 victory over France

when he was named Man of the Match.

The flanker impressed in his first season at Gloucester with his powerful ball-carrying and work in defence, and was named as the Season Ticket Holders' Player of the Season.

The big back-row has been an ever-present for the Cherry Whites this season, picking up four tries along the way.

ROB COOK

Twenty-eight-year-old Rob Cook joined Gloucester from Cornish Pirates in 2012.

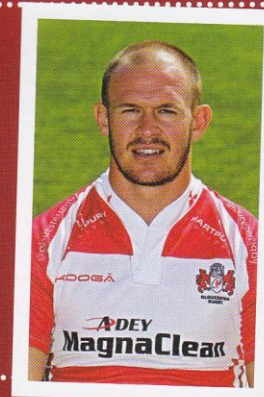
A prolific points-scorer in the Championship with the Pirates, he totalled over 1000 points in his three seasons at Mennaye Field.

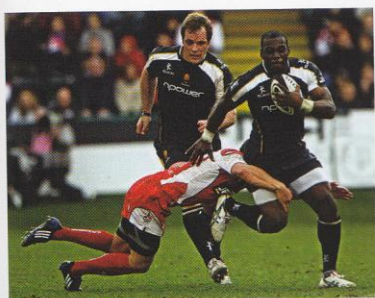
However, to add to his goal-kicking, Cook is a dangerous counter-attacker, having

scored 26 tries in the three campaigns with the Pirates..

The 2011/12 season saw him named in the Championship Dream Team as he passed a 1000 points for the Pirates and chalked up a century of first-team appearances.

Cook has starred with the boot for Gloucester this season and has crossed the whitewash six times.





MEMORABLE MATCH

SUNDAY 22 MARCH, 2009
WARRIORS 14
GLOUCESTER RUGBY 10

GUINNESS PREMIERSHIP SIXWAYS

Wing wonder Marcel Garvey scored a stunning first-half try against his former club as Warriors claimed a sensational derby-day victory over Gloucester Rugby.

Warriors produced a superb display in front of a full house and took an early lead when Garvey raced over for a solo effort.

Fly-half ace Willie Walker kicked Warriors into a 14-10 half-time lead before a spirited Gloucester hit back in the second-half.

But Mike Ruddock's men were not to be denied and showed great resolve to hold out the league leaders and claimed a crucial win in the Guinness Premiership.

Warriors

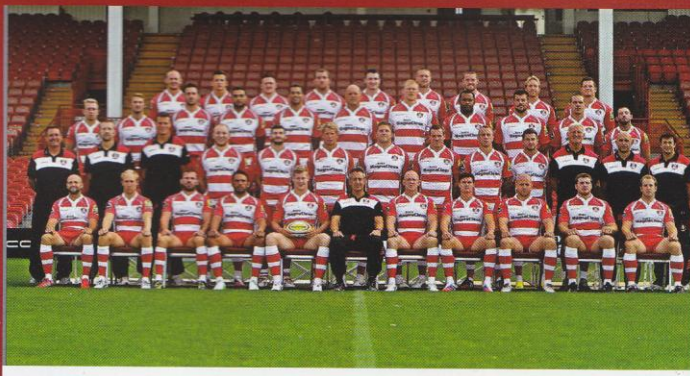
15 Chris Latham
 14 Marcel Garvey **1T**
 13 Rico Gear
 12 Dale Rasmussen
 11 Miles Benjamin
 10 Willie Walker **3P**
 9 Ryan Powell
 1 Matt Mullan
 2 Chris Fortey
 3 Callum Black
 4 Greg Rawlinson
 5 Will Bowley
 6 James Collins
 7 Pat Sanderson
 8 Kai Horstmann
 16 Darren Morris
 17 'Aleki Lutui
 18 Craig Gillies
 19 Netani Talei
 20 Jonny Arr
 21 Matt Jones
 22 Alex Grove

Gloucester Rugby

15 Olly Morgan
 14 Iain Balshaw
 13 Matthew Watkins
 12 Anthony Allen
 11 Charlie Sharples
 10 Carlos Spencer **1C 1P**
 9 Rory Lawson
 1 Nick Wood
 2 Olivier Azam
 3 Greg Somerville
 4 Will James
 5 Alex Brown
 6 Apo Satala
 7 Akapusi Qera
 8 Luke Narryaway
 16 Scott Lawson
 17 Jack Forster
 18 Adam Eustace
 19 Andy Hazell
 20 Gareth Cooper
 21 Olly Barkley
 22 Ryan Lamb

THE SQUAD

NAME	DOB	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HONOURS
Bentley, Jonny	01/07/86	27	5' 7"	78 kg	-
Britton, Koree	04/03/92	22	5' 11"	113 kg	-
Burns, Billy	13/06/94	19	5' 11"	78 kg	-
Burns, Freddie	13/05/90	23	6' 0"	88 kg	England, 3 caps
Cook, Rob	07/07/84	29	6' 0"	93 kg	-
Cowan, Jimmy	06/03/82	32	6' 1"	92 kg	N. Zealand, 51 caps
Cox, Matt	06/03/88	26	6' 3"	98 kg	-
Dawidiuk, Darren	21/09/87	26	5' 11"	106 kg	-
Edmonds, Huia	20/10/81	32	6' 0"	103 kg	Australia, 4 caps
Evans, Gareth	19/09/91	22	6' 3"	109 kg	-
George, Dan	10/08/86	27	6' 1"	105 kg	-
Gibbons, James	21/09/93	20	6' 1"	112 kg	-
Harden, Rupert	09/05/85	28	6' 3"	122 kg	-
Heard, Tom	24/08/93	20	5' 11"	114 kg	-
Hicks, Tom	25/10/91	22	6' 8"	104 kg	-
Hudson, James	28/10/81	32	6' 7"	113 kg	-
James, Will	22/12/76	37	6' 6"	120 kg	Wales, 4 caps
Kalamafoni, Sione	18/05/88	25	6' 3"	118 kg	Tonga, 21 caps
Knight, Shaun	19/02/90	24	6' 0"	117 kg	-
Knoyle, Tavis	02/06/90	23	6' 1"	91 kg	Wales, 11 caps
Kvesic, Matt	14/04/92	22	6' 2"	104 kg	England, 2 caps
Lokotui, Lua	31/12/79	34	6' 5"	115 kg	Tonga, 18 caps
May, Jonny	01/04/90	24	6' 1"	90 kg	England, 6 caps
Meakes, Bill	23/02/91	23	6' 2"	100 kg	-
Mills, Ryan	30/05/92	21	6' 0"	98 kg	-
Monahan, Shane	28/04/87	27	6' 2"	103 kg	-
Morgan, Ben	18/02/89	25	6' 3"	116 kg	England, 20 caps
Moriarty, Ross	18/04/94	20	6' 3"	96 kg	-
Murphy, Dan	27/10/85	28	6' 3"	115 kg	-
Puafisi, Sila	15/04/88	26	6' 1"	122 kg	Tonga, 8 caps
Reynolds, Steph	23/10/93	20	5' 8"	76 kg	-
Robson, Dan	14/03/92	22	5' 7"	80 kg	-
Savage, Tom	18/04/89	25	6' 6"	114 kg	-
Sharples, Charlie	17/08/89	24	6' 0"	89 kg	England, 4 caps
Simpson-Daniel, James	30/05/82	31	5' 9"	93 kg	England, 10 caps
Stooke, Elliott	10/09/93	20	6' 6"	114 kg	-
Thomas, Martyn	24/04/87	27	5' 11"	86 kg	-
Thomas, Yann	16/04/90	24	6' 2"	120 kg	-
Tindall, Mike	18/10/78	35	6' 2"	102 kg	England, 75 caps
Trinder, Henry	14/04/89	25	6' 0"	93 kg	-
Twelvetrees, Billy	15/11/88	25	6' 3"	100 kg	England, 13 caps
Wood, Nick	09/01/83	31	6' 1"	112 kg	-
Young, Thomas	18/05/92	21	5' 11"	98 kg	-



TODAY'S TEAMS

0-5 22-17
0-10 22-24
3-10 25-24
3-17 25-27
8-17 28-27
15-17



**WORCESTER
WARRIORS**



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY**

CHRIS PENNELL 15	15 ROB COOK
T JOSH DRAUNINI 14	14 CHARLIE SHARPLES <i>Monaghan</i>
ALEX GROVE 13	13 MIKE TINDALL (C) <i>May TT</i>
ANDY SYMONS 12	12 RYAN MILLS <i>B. Burns</i>
DAVID LEMI 11	11 JONNY MAY <i>Reynolds</i>
<i>PTC</i> RYAN LAMB 10	10 FREDDIE BURNS <i>CLP</i>
JONNY ARR 9	9 JIMMY COWAN
OFA FAINGA'ANUKU 1	1 NICK WOOD
AGUSTIN CREEVY 2	2 HUIA EDMONDS <i>Chester</i>
EUAN MURRAY 3	3 SILA PUAFISI
JAMES PERCIVAL 4	4 ELLIOTT STOOKE
MARIANO GALARZA 5	5 WILL JAMES <i>Hudson</i>
MIKE WILLIAMS 6	6 SIONE KALAMAFONI <i>T</i>
SAM BETTY 7	7 MATT KVESIC
JONATHAN THOMAS (C) 8	8 BEN MORGAN
ED SHERVINGTON 16	16 DAN GEORGE <i>Edmonds</i>
PAUL ANDREW 17	17 DAN MURPHY <i>Thomas</i>
ROB O'DONNELL 18	18 SHAUN KNIGHT
T SEMISI TAULAVA 19	19 TOM SAVAGE
RICHARD DE CARPENTIER 20	20 MATT COX <i>Young</i>
PAUL HODGSON 21	21 DAN ROBSON
<i>Reynolds</i> PAUL WARWICK 22	22 BILLY MEAKES <i>Chester</i>
RAVAI FATIAKI 23	23 SHANE MONAHAN <i>James</i>

MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee: JP Doyle
Assistant Referees: Andy Watson, Ross Campbell
Fourth Official: Thomas Foley
TMO: Robin Goodliffe

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GLOUCESTER RUGBY

PREMIERSHIP STATS

Played: 382
Wins: 206
Draws: 12
Losses: 164
Most Appearances:
184 (James Simpson-Daniel)
Top Points Scorer:
855 (Ludovic Mercier)
Top Try Scorer:
63 (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
Total Home Attendance:
3,940,099

