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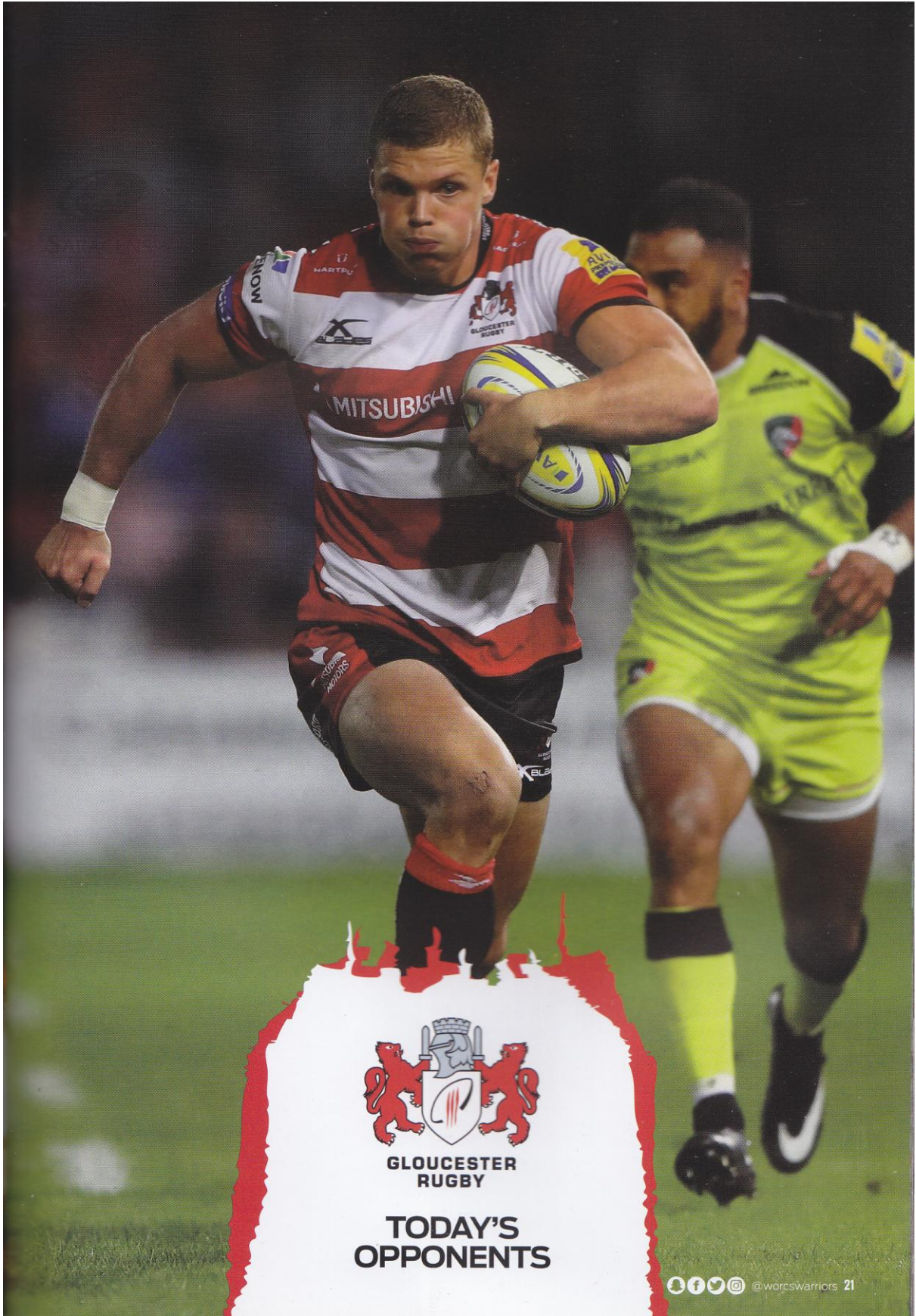
# WARRIOR

VS **GLOUCESTER RUGBY**

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**GLOUCESTER  
RUGBY**

**TODAY'S  
OPPONENTS**





# THE BOSS

DIRECTOR OF RUGBY **DAVID HUMPHREYS**

**David Humphreys was announced as the Director of Rugby at Gloucester Rugby in June 2014.**

He led Gloucester to a ninth-placed finish in his first season at the helm, before helping his side to finish one place higher last season.

Capped 72 times for his country, scoring 560 points, Humphreys spent the majority of his playing career with Ulster, before retiring in 2008 to take on the role of Director of Rugby at Ravenhill.

A qualified solicitor, his time at Ulster coincided with the province establishing itself as one of the true giants of the European rugby scene, regularly reaching the knock-out stages of the Heineken Cup, losing out in the final in 2012.

# THE CAPTAIN

**GREIG LAIDLAW**

**Greig Laidlaw has been a standout performer for Scotland since making his debut in 2010 and joined the Cherry and Whites from Edinburgh Rugby ahead of the 2014/15 season.**

The 30-year-old, who can play at both scrum-half and fly-half, is a top-class kicker and brings vital experience to the Gloucester Rugby squad.

Laidlaw became a regular in the Scotland team throughout the 2012 Six Nations, while captaining Edinburgh to the Heineken Cup semi-finals at the same time.

Laidlaw captained Scotland in the 2015 RBS Six Nations and also Rugby World Cup 2015. After the tournament he was shortlisted for World Rugby Player of the Year before returning to skipper Gloucester.

In his first two seasons at Kingsholm Laidlaw scored a remarkable 425 points in just 42 games.

During the 2015/16 season, Laidlaw scored 31 points in Gloucester's two European Challenge Cup games against Warriors.

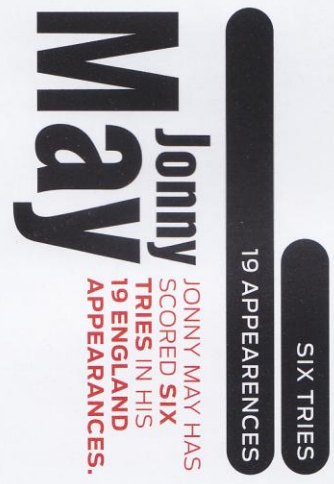






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**WOOD**

NICK WOOD IS GLOUCESTER'S HIGHEST PREMIERSHIP **APPEARANCE** **MAKER** OF ALL TIME.



**IN NUMBERS...**

**GLOUCESTER**



**3** GLOUCESTER HAVE FINISHED **TOP OF THE PREMIERSHIP** TABLE THREE TIMES BUT HAVE NEVER WON THE COMPETITION.







# PLAYMAKER BURNS RARING TO GO

AFTER BEING HANDED THE NUMBER TEN JERSEY FOR THE SEASON OPENER AGAINST LEICESTER TIGERS, BILLY BURNS IS LOOKING TO MAKE THE MOST OF HIS OPPORTUNITY.

Ahead of the new season Billy Burns was one of many in the Gloucester Rugby squad who had been raring to go.

A knee injury suffered in March meant the young playmaker had an extended pre-season, making last Friday's return to action feel as though it had been a long time coming.

Handed the number ten shirt for the opening pair of pre-season run outs and the team's Aviva Premiership opener against Leicester Tigers, Burns is determined to snatch his chance with both hands to steer the Cherry and Whites into the new campaign.

He says: "It's been really good, especially coming back from injury and getting back into things.

"Every time you get an opportunity to put the shirt on it is an opportunity to put your

claim down on the shirt and hopefully I've done that."

Following injury Burns was able to get stuck into his recovery and then into the pre-season schedule.

He continues: "I haven't been around for too many pre-seasons but this summer was probably the best one I've been involved in. Everything we did in training was relevant to the 80 minutes on the pitch.

"Dan Tobin coming in and shortening the sessions, making them a lot sharper and quicker, was great and everyone put in a massive shift.

"The coaches were clear with their messaging and players were able to work on what they want us to do so we can get in and get out and get it done well."

The new season has seen Burns enter his fourth campaign in the senior set-up at Kingsholm. And

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the fly-half believes his changing role is an exciting one.

He adds: "I'm trying to develop my role and become a leader just like all good number tens have to be.

"It's taken some adjusting but I'm taking my time and settling in pretty well with that."



# THE INSIGHT



## THE LAST 6 GAMES

Date	Comp	Result
Fri 2 Sep	AP	Gloucester Rugby 31-38 Leicester Tigers
Fri 26 Aug	F	Gloucester Rugby 33-19 Glasgow Warriors
Sat 20 Aug	F	Leinster 26-24 Gloucester Rugby
Sat 7 May	AP	Gloucester Rugby 20-28 Northampton Saints
Fri 29 Apr	AP	Sale Sharks 11-12 Gloucester Rugby
Fri 15 Apr	AP	Gloucester Rugby 16-9 Exeter Chiefs

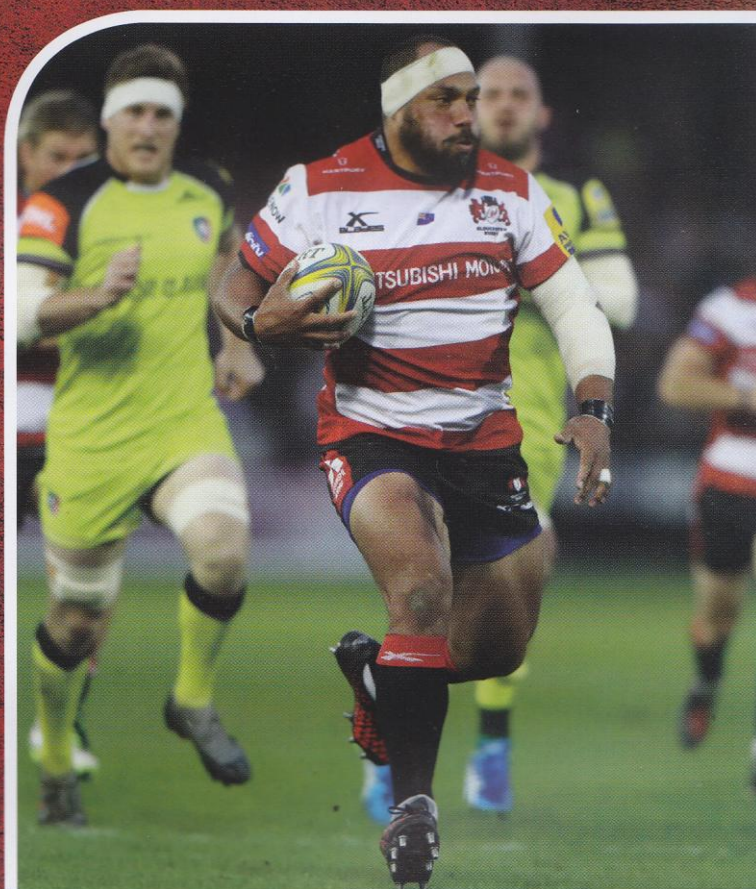
## THE 2016/17 SEASON

Gloucester come into this evening's game looking for their first win of the 2016/17 Aviva Premiership season.

The Cherry and Whites will be kicking themselves at not having got off to a winning start seven days ago having led Leicester Tigers 31-7 at one point before slipping to a last-ditch 38-31 defeat.

Some of the rugby produced by Gloucester in the first-half was simply scintillating and they will be looking to produce more of the same tonight.

David Humphreys' men will be hungry for victory as they look to achieve their ambitions of competing at the top end of the table.



## HEAD TO HEAD

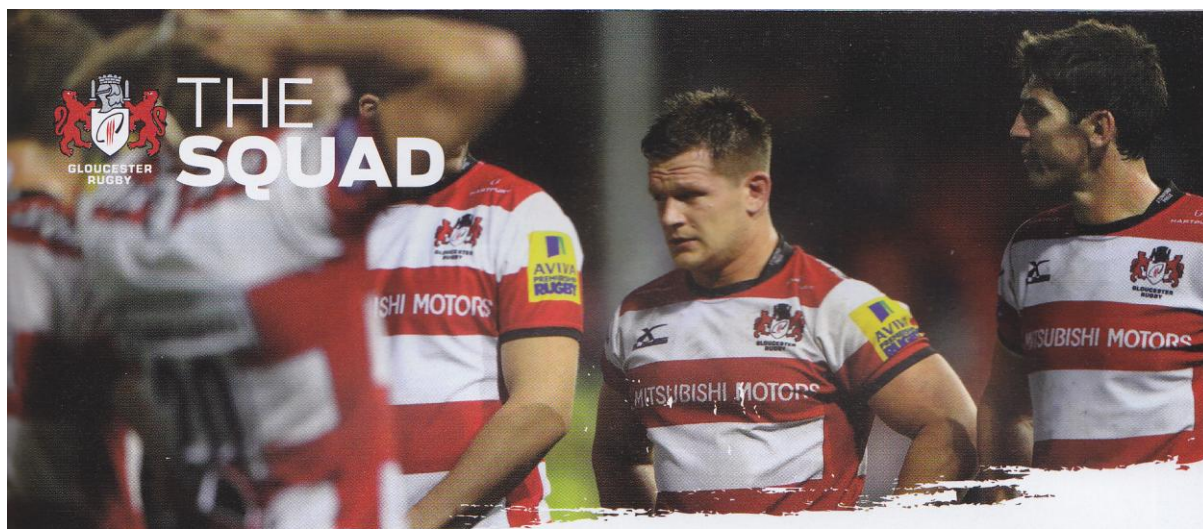
### 2015/16 | WARRIORS VS GLOUCESTER RUGBY

Date	Comp	Result
Sat 31 Oct	AP	Gloucester Rugby 24-22 Warriors
Thur 10 Dec	ECC	Warriors 22-34 Gloucester
Thur 17 Dec	ECC	Gloucester Rugby 27-13 Warriors
Sat 12 Mar	AP	Warriors 28-20 Gloucester





# THE SQUAD

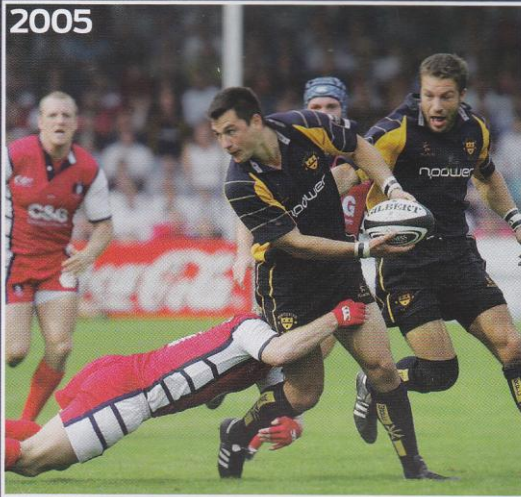


Surname	Forename	Position	DOB	Height	Weight	Honours
Afoa	John	Prop	16.10.83	1.80m	120kg	New Zealand
Atkinson	Mark	Centre	08.03.90	1.97m	107kg	
Brale	Callum	Scrum Half	20.03.94	1.78m	83kg	
Burns	Billy	Fly Half	13.06.94	1.81m	85kg	
Dawidluk	Darren	Hooker	21.09.87	1.78m	102kg	
Denton	Tom	Lock	13.02.88	1.98m	114kg	
Doran-Jones	Paul	Prop	02.05.85	1.84m	121kg	England
Evans	Gareth	Back Row	19.09.91	1.90m	111kg	
Galarza	Mariano	Lock	12.11.86	2.02m	114kg	Argentina
Halaifonua	David	Wing	05.07.87	1.88m	104kg	Tonga
Heinz	Willi	Scrum Half	24.11.86	1.81m	89kg	
Hibbard	Richard	Hooker	13.12.83	1.83m	112kg	Wales
Hohneck	Josh	Prop	06.01.86	1.90m	123kg	
Hook	James	Fly Half	27.06.85	1.85m	96kg	Wales
Kalamafoni	Sione	Back Row	18.05.88	1.90m	121kg	Tonga
Kvesic	Matt	Back Row	14.04.92	1.88m	105kg	England
Laidlaw	Greig	Half Back	12.10.85	1.76m	80kg	Scotland
Latta	Joe	Lock	07.04.92	1.95m	118kg	
Lindsay	Tom	Hooker	18.11.87	1.87m	108kg	
Ludlow	Lewis	Back Row	11.09.94	1.90m	105kg	
Marshall	Tom	Centre	05.07.90	1.83m	91kg	
Matu'u	Motu	Hooker	30.04.87	1.84m	108kg	Samoa
May	Jonny	Centre	01.04.90	1.88m	90kg	England
McAllister	Paddy	Prop	20.07.89	1.86m	119kg	
Morgan	Ben	Number Eight	18.02.89	1.91m	117kg	England
Moriarty	Ross	Back Row	18.04.94	1.88m	103kg	Wales
Orr	Cameron	Prop	02.04.95	1.88m	122kg	
Protheroe	Mat	Fly Half	10.10.96	1.79m	74kg	
Purdy	Henry	Wing	21.05.94	1.87m	94kg	
Rowan	Jacob	Back Row	14.01.90	1.86m	104kg	
Savage	Tom	Lock/ Back Row	18.04.89	1.95m	115kg	
Scott	Matt	Centre	30.09.90	1.85m	101kg	Scotland
Sharples	Charlie	Wing	17.08.89	1.81m	89kg	England
Symons	Andy	Centre	29.06.91	1.96m	106kg	
Thomas	Dan	Back Row	11.10.93	1.83m	99kg	
Thomas	Nicky	Prop	26.08.94	1.89m	129kg	
Thomas	Yann	Prop	16.04.90	1.86m	119kg	
Thorley	Ollie	Centre/Wing	11.09.96	1.85m	97kg	
Thrush	Jeremy	Lock	19.04.85	1.98m	116kg	New Zealand
Trinder	Henry	Centre	14.04.89	1.84m	93kg	
Twelvetrees	Billy	Centre	15.11.88	1.92m	103kg	England

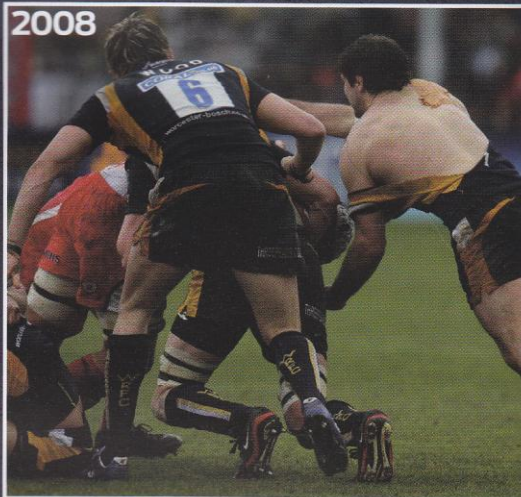


# THROUGH THE YEARS

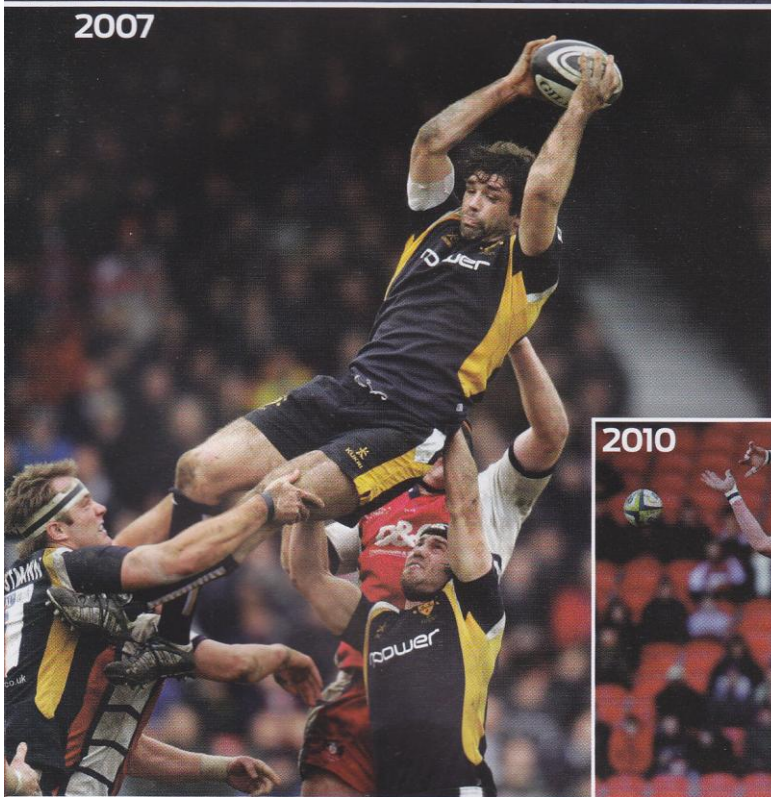
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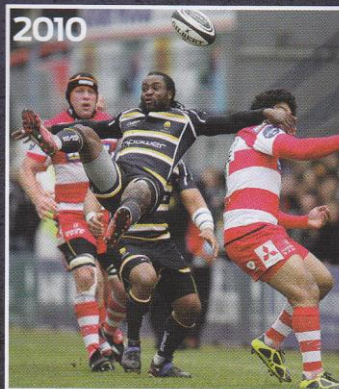
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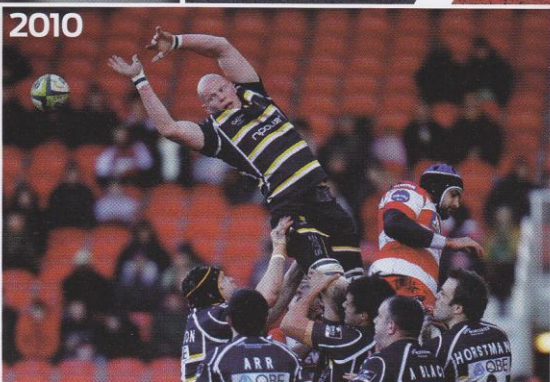
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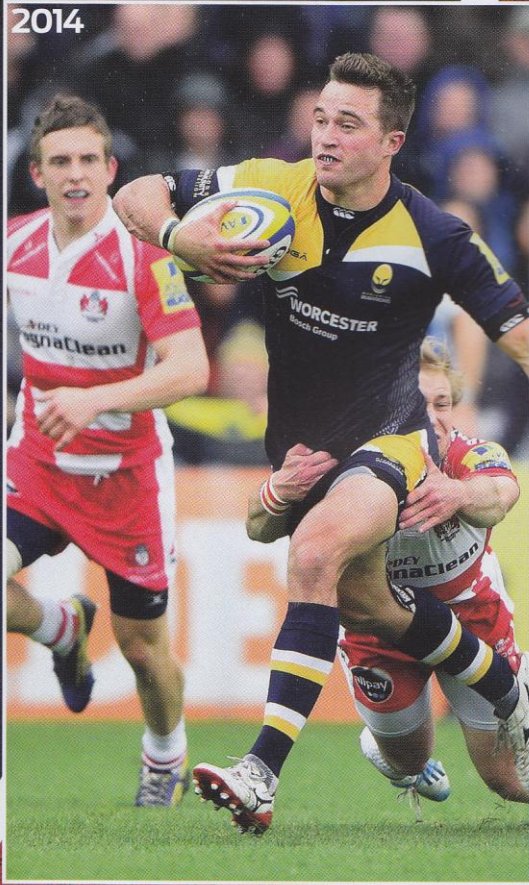


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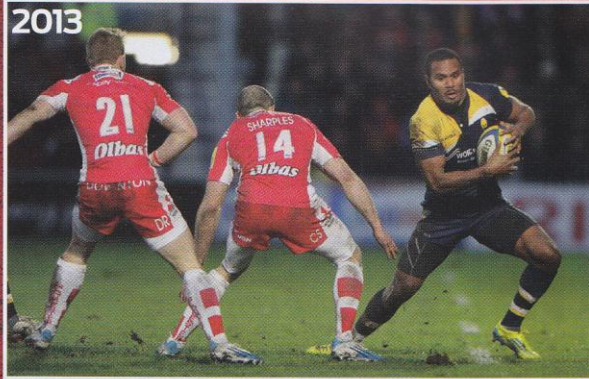
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## TODAY'S TEAMS



**WORCESTER  
 WARRIORS**



**GLOUCESTER  
 RUGBY**

### WORCESTER WARRIORS

### GLOUCESTER RUGBY

- Jackson Willison **15**
- Dean Hammond **14**
- Wynand Olivier **13**
- T* Ben Te'o **12**
- T* Cooper Vuna **11**
- P C* Ryan Lamb **10**
- Jonny Arr **9**

- 15** Tom Marshall
- 14** Charlie Sharples
- 13** Matt Scott *T*
- 12** Billy Twelvetrees
- 11** Henry Purdy *T*
- 10** Billy Burns
- 9** Greig Laidlaw (C) *PPCC*

- Val Rapava Ruskin **1**
- Niall Annett **2**
- James Johnston **3**
- Donncha O'Callaghan **4**
- Darren Barry **5**
- Alafoti Faosiliva **6**
- Marco Mama **7**
- Phil Dowson (C) **8**

- 1** Yann Thomas
- 2** Richard Hibbard
- 3** John Afoa
- 4** Tom Savage
- 5** Mariano Galarza
- 6** Ross Moriarty
- 7** Matt Kvesic
- 8** Ben Morgan

#### Replacements

- Jaba Bregvadze **16**
- Na'ama Leleimalefaga **17**
- Mike Daniels **18**
- Christian Scotland-Williamson **19**
- Carl Kirwan **20**
- Luke Baldwin **21**
- P* Tom Heathcote **22**
- Perry Humphreys **23**

#### Replacements

- 16** Darren Dawidiuk
- 17** Cameron Orr
- 18** Paul Doran-Jones
- 19** Joe Latta
- 20** Jacob Rowan
- 21** Willi Heinz
- 22** James Hook
- 23** Mark Atkinson

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#### MATCH OFFICIALS

- Referee:** Luke Pearce
- Assistant Referees:** Roy Maybank & Graham Chambers
- Fourth:** Greg Garner
- Timekeeper:** Eric Bullion
- TMO:** Stuart Terheege