

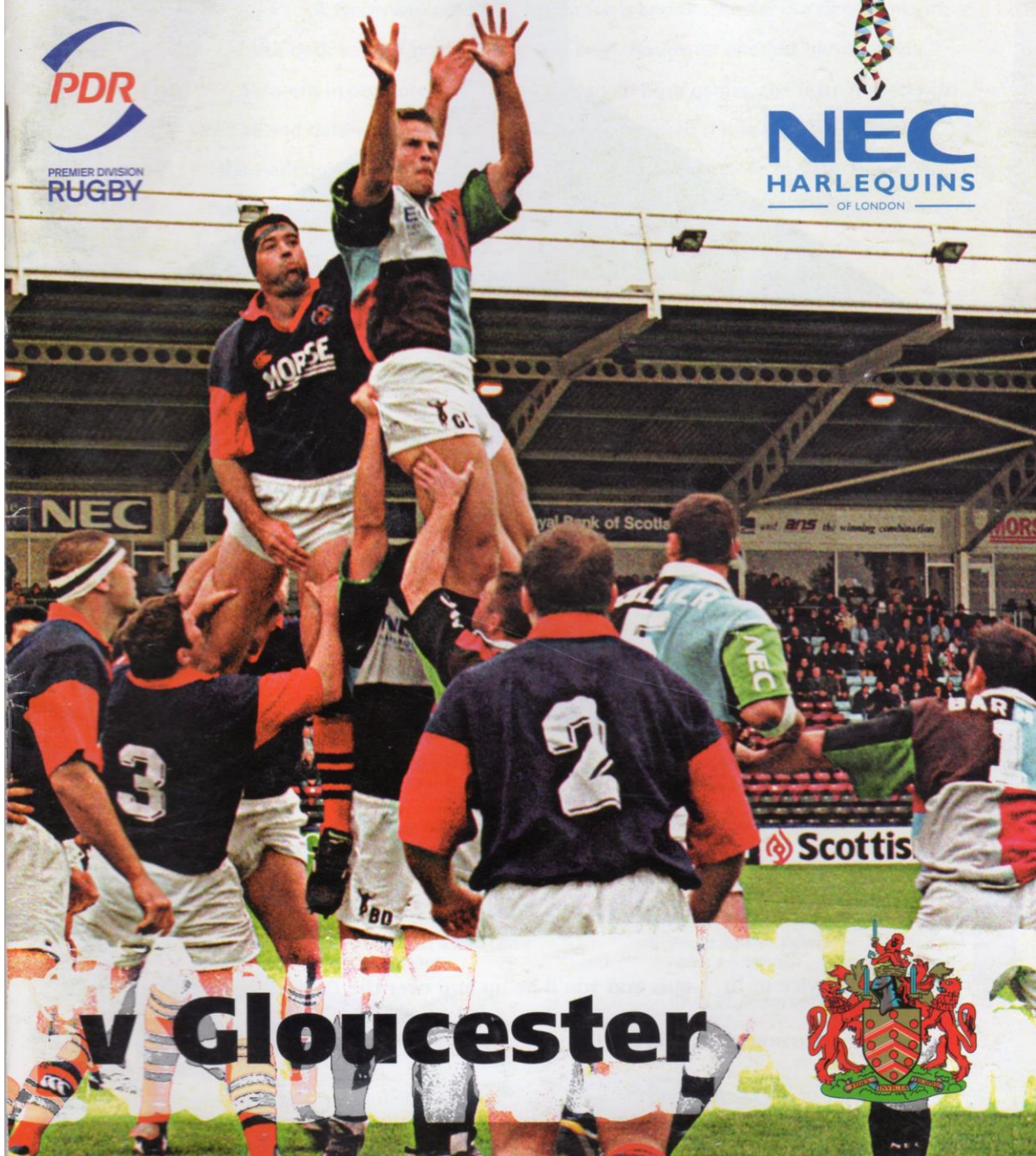
# NEC HARLEQUINS



Tuesday 20th October Kick off 7.30pm £2



**NEC**  
HARLEQUINS  
OF LONDON



## v Gloucester







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## WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF? ANOTHER WIN FOR QUINS AGAINST GLOUCESTER?

If it's true that players prefer playing matches to training then Quins will welcome tonight's game, their second in four days after Saracens clash here on Saturday, this is the 2nd of 3 in a week with West Hartlepool to come on Saturday.

Games coming within such a short space of time can be a mixed blessing for players and spectators alike. On the positive side for the players, it gives them a chance to either continue their winning ways or end a temporary slump in form. On the down side having so little time for rest and recuperation can lead to injuries or players turning out with niggling knocks - after last year let's hope that isn't the case with Quins

For fans obviously having two games so close together can be taxing on the purse strings so let's hope we get a decent crowd tonight and a vocal one too - size isn't everything or so I'm being told in rugby union but vocal support can be worth a precious point or two start to the home side.

A word in passing for the pitch too. After a Summer of rugby league with London Broncos & London Scottish sharing the same hallowed turf, it still remains in superb condition. If the groundsman, John Richardson, has next Wednesday free maybe he can do my back garden... well worth a try!!!

Tonight's opponents, Gloucester, arrive at The Stoop looking to avenge last season when the mighty Quins won home and away. At the beginning of November last year - Welsh Lock, Gareth Llewellyn and full back Jamie Williams scored tries in a 17 - 16 win at Kingsholm while at the end of March, Llewellyn scored 1 of 6

tries in a 36 - 16 thrashing of their Westcountry visitors. Apart from the victory against London Scottish that was the last home win for Quins. Despite that Quins have an unbelievable record against Gloucester having won 8 of their 9 last meetings; in fact they have only lost once in the last 11 years here at The Stoop (the 14 - 10 reverse in 1994).

Gloucester have been something of an enigma in recent years. At Kingsholm, they have a formidable record although Wasps dented that last month, while away from The Shed there's always the feeling they are vulnerable. Once again today they'll be relying heavily on the kicking of Mark Mapletoft - the visitors top point scorer last year.

Andrew Titheridge will be covering tonight's game on News Direct 97.3 FM with updates in our sports bulletins at quarter past and quarter to each hour. Andrew Titheridge is just one of our team of reporters offering dedicated coverage of Quins and the rest of London rugby clubs, each home and away game they play.

Don't forget on the way home tonight to tune into News Direct's Sport's Bulletins at quarter past and quarter to each hour for our assessment of today's game and John Gallagher's comments and observations

Enjoy the game.

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# GLOUCESTER



## LAURIE BECK **Scrum Half**

**Born** 02 Jan 1971  
**Place of Birth** Cheltenham  
**Height** 5' 10"  
**Weight** 13st 2lb  
**International** -



## TERRY FANOLUA **UB**

**Born** 03 Jul 1974  
**Place of Birth** Motoutua, W Samoa  
**Height** 6' 0"  
**Weight** 13st 9lbs  
**International** W Samoa



## SCOTT BENTON **Scrum Half**

**Born** 08 Sep 1974  
**Place of Birth** Bradford  
**Height** 5' 11"  
**Weight** 14st 2lb  
**International** England



## ROB FIDLER **Lock**

**Born** 21 Sep 1974  
**Place of Birth** Cheltenham  
**Height** 6' 5"  
**Weight** 17st 9lb  
**International** England



## NATHAN CARTER **Flanker**

**Born** 22 Jun 1972  
**Place of Birth** Gloucester  
**Height** 6' 0"  
**Weight** 15st - 10lb  
**International** -



## DAVID FITZGERALD **Centre**

**Born** 12 Jun 1974  
**Place of Birth** Farnborough  
**Height** 5' 10"  
**Weight** 14st 0lb  
**International** -



## CHRIS CATLING **Full Back**

**Born** 17 Jun 1976  
**Place of Birth** Coulsdon, Surrey  
**Height** 6' 2"  
**Weight** 14st 2lb  
**International** -



## CHRIS FORSEY **Hooker**

**Born** 25 Aug 1975  
**Place of Birth** Gloucester  
**Height** 6' 0"  
**Weight** 16st 8lb  
**International** -



## MARK CORNWELL **Lock**

**Born** 22 Feb 1973  
**Place of Birth** Gloucester  
**Height** 6' 7"  
**Weight** 17st 4lb  
**International** -



## PETE GLANVILLE **Flanker**

**Born** 10 Jun 1971  
**Place of Birth** Gloucester  
**Height** 6' 2"  
**Weight** 16st 0lb  
**International** -



## ANDY DAWLING **Prop**

**Born** 01 Jan 1973  
**Place of Birth** -  
**Height** 6' 0"  
**Weight** 15st 10lb  
**International** -



## PHIL GREENING **Hooker**

**Born** 03 Oct 1975  
**Place of Birth** Gloucester  
**Height** 6' 0"  
**Weight** 17st 0lb  
**International** England



## ANDY DEACON **Prop**

**Born** 31 Jul 1965  
**Place of Birth** Gloucester  
**Height** 6' 2"  
**Weight** 17st 0lb  
**International** -



## RORY GREENSLADE-JONES -

**Born** -  
**Place of Birth** -  
**Height** -  
**Weight** -  
**International** -



## SIMON DEVEREUX **No. 8**

**Born** 20 Oct 1968  
**Place of Birth** Gloucester  
**Height** 6' 3"  
**Weight** 17st 0lb  
**International** -



## ANDY HAZELL **Flanker**

**Born** 25 Apr 1978  
**Place of Birth** Gloucester  
**Height** -  
**Weight** -  
**International** -



# GLOUCESTER



## ROB JEWELL **Wing**

**Born** 11 Oct 1978  
**Place of Birth** Bromsgrove  
**Height** 6' 0"  
**Weight** 15st 2lb  
**International** -



## BRIAN JOHNSON **Wing**

**Born** 27 Jul 1972  
**Place of Birth** Wegberg, Germany  
**Height** 5' 11"  
**Weight** 13st 4lb  
**International** -



## AUDLEY LUMSDEN **Wing / Full Back**

**Born** 06 Jun 1967  
**Place of Birth** London  
**Height** 6' 0"  
**Weight** 14st - 10lb  
**International** -



## NEIL MCCARTHY **Hooker**

**Born** 29 Nov 1974  
**Place of Birth** Slough  
**Height** 5' 10"  
**Weight** 16st 0lbs  
**International** -



## SIMON MANNIX **Fly Half**

**Born** 10 Aug 1971  
**Place of Birth** Lower Hutt, New Zealand  
**Height** 5' 9"  
**Weight** 13st 2lb  
**International** New Zealand



## MARK MAPLETOFT **Fly Half**

**Born** 25 Dec 1971  
**Place of Birth** Mansfield  
**Height** 5' 7"  
**Weight** 13st 2lb  
**International** England



## STEVE OJOMOH **No. 8 / Flanker**

**Born** 25 May 1970  
**Place of Birth** Benin City, Nigeria  
**Height** 6' 3"  
**Weight** 16st - 9lb  
**International** England



## NICK OSMAN **Fly Half / Centre**

**Born** 13 Sep 1973  
**Place of Birth** Cheltenham  
**Height** 6' 2"  
**Weight** 14st 5lb  
**International** -



## ED PEARCE **Flanker**

**Born** 02 Sep 1975  
**Place of Birth** Bristol  
**Height** 6' 5"  
**Weight** 18st 8lbs  
**International** -



## PHILIPPE SAINT-ANDRE **Wing**

**Born** 19 Apr 1967  
**Place of Birth** Romans, France  
**Height** 5' 11"  
**Weight** 14st 6lb  
**International** France



## IAN SANDERS **Scrum Half**

**Born** 22 Jan 1971  
**Place of Birth** Penzance  
**Height** 5' 9"  
**Weight** 13st 10lb  
**International** -



## DAVE SIMS **Lock**

**Born** 22 Nov 1969  
**Place of Birth** Gloucester  
**Height** 6' 7"  
**Weight** 17st 12lb  
**International** England



## RICHARD TOMBS **Centre**

**Born** 04 Jan 1968  
**Place of Birth** Te Kuiti, New Zealand  
**Height** 6' 0"  
**Weight** 14st 10lb  
**International** Australia



## PHIL VICKERY **Prop**

**Born** 14 Mar 1976  
**Place of Birth** Barnstaple  
**Height** 6' 3"  
**Weight** 19st 9lb  
**International** England



## RICHARD WARD **Lock**

**Born** 26 Nov 1970  
**Place of Birth** Munster, Germany  
**Height** 6' 6"  
**Weight** 18st - 8lbs  
**International** -



## TONY WINDO **Prop**

**Born** 30 Apr 1969  
**Place of Birth** Gloucester  
**Height** 6' 0"  
**Weight** 17st - 4lbs  
**International** -



## TREVOR WOODMAN **Prop**

**Born** 04 Aug 1976  
**Place of Birth** Plymouth  
**Height** 5' 11"  
**Weight** 18st 0lb  
**International** -





## TEAM FOCUS

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### Gloucester RFC 125th Anniversary season

#### *Around this time 125 years ago ....*

.... young men with sporting interests were invited to the Spread Eagle Hotel in Market Parade, Gloucester, on September 15 1873. A young solicitor's clerk had just arrived in the city from London and he was wanting to start a football club.

There was a good turn-out and, according to the Gloucester Journal, "about forty-five gentlemen" were enrolled in the new club, which was to become the Gloucester Rugby Football Club.

The legal clerk was Frank Hartley, and not surprisingly he was elected captain, a position he was to hold for three seasons. Hartley had been the captain of the Flamingoes club in London

The first season saw just three matches played - the first against the boys of College School, Gloucester. Despite only having ten players available, Gloucester defeated the schoolboys 1 and 6 to 0 and 0.

The results of the other two matches are a matter of considerable guesswork as the contemporary newspaper accounts do differ! The club's "home" in the early days was on The Spa, also home of the Gloucester City Cricket Club. There was a turbulent relationship between the two clubs that culminated in the rugby club being given notice to quit at the end of the 1890-91 season. The reason? The Rugby Club, in an

effort to beat a severe frost and get a match played, sprinkled considerable amount of salt on the playing surface. This, of course, eventually killed the grass, which left the cricketers fuming!

So a plot of land was found at Castle Grim, the site of the old racecourse. And in the autumn of 1891, the club moved to its own ground - Kingsholm. Ironically, the records show that Gloucester's very first game in 1873 was played on Castle Grimm

From a statistical point of view, the move to Kingsholm came at exactly the right time. It was in the autumn of 1891 that the rugby authorities decreed there to be "points" for the various scores, rather than the "majors" and minors".

Gloucester won the first game played at Kingsholm, beating Burton-on-Trent 18-0. By the end of that inaugural season at Kingsholm, the Cherry and Whites had won 18 of the 22 games played on the new ground (two were drawn and two were lost). That set the standard for Gloucester's phenomenal home record - going into last weekend's clash against Newcastle, Gloucester has an overall 77.36 per cent winning record at Kingsholm, one of the best home records in a team sport in the world. No wonder the ground is sometimes referred to as "fortress Kingsholm"!

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# TODAY'S SQUADS

## NEC HARLEQUINS V GLOUCESTER

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### NEC HARLEQUINS

Jamie Williams	15
Daren O'Leary	14
David Officer	13
John Schuster	12
Dan Luger	11
Thierry Lacroix	10
Nick Walshe	9
Gary Halpin	1
Keith Wood	2
David Barnes	3
Gareth Llewellyn	4
Garrick Morgan	5
Rory Jenkins	6
Adam Leach	7
Zinzan Brooke (C)	8

#### Substitutes

Chris Wright	16
Peter Mensah	17
Jason Keyter	18
Colin Ridgway	19
Alan Yates	20
Jason Leonard	21
Bill Davison	22

#### Replacements

### GLOUCESTER

Chris Catling	15
Audley Lumsden	14
Terry Fanolua	13
Richard Tombs	12
Philippe Saint-Andre	11
Simon Mannix	10
Ian Sanders	9
Trevor Woodman	1
Christopher Fortey	2
Andrew Deacon	3
Robert Fidler	4
David Sims (C)	5
Andrew Hazell	6
Nathan Carter	7
Stephen Ojomon	8

**Match Officials** Referee Ed Morrison STJ Steve Savage JTJ Bob Jenkins

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