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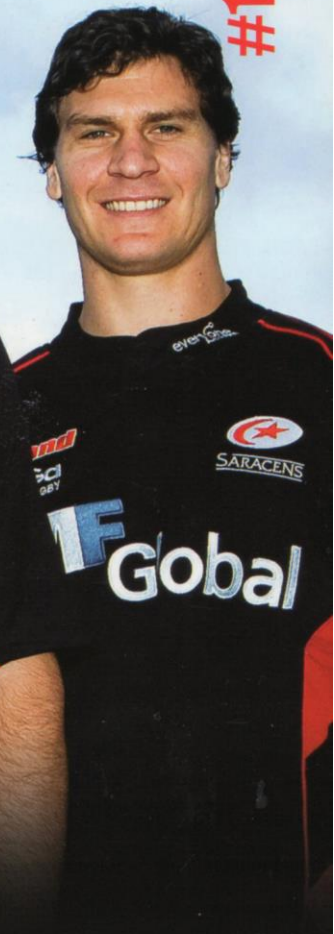
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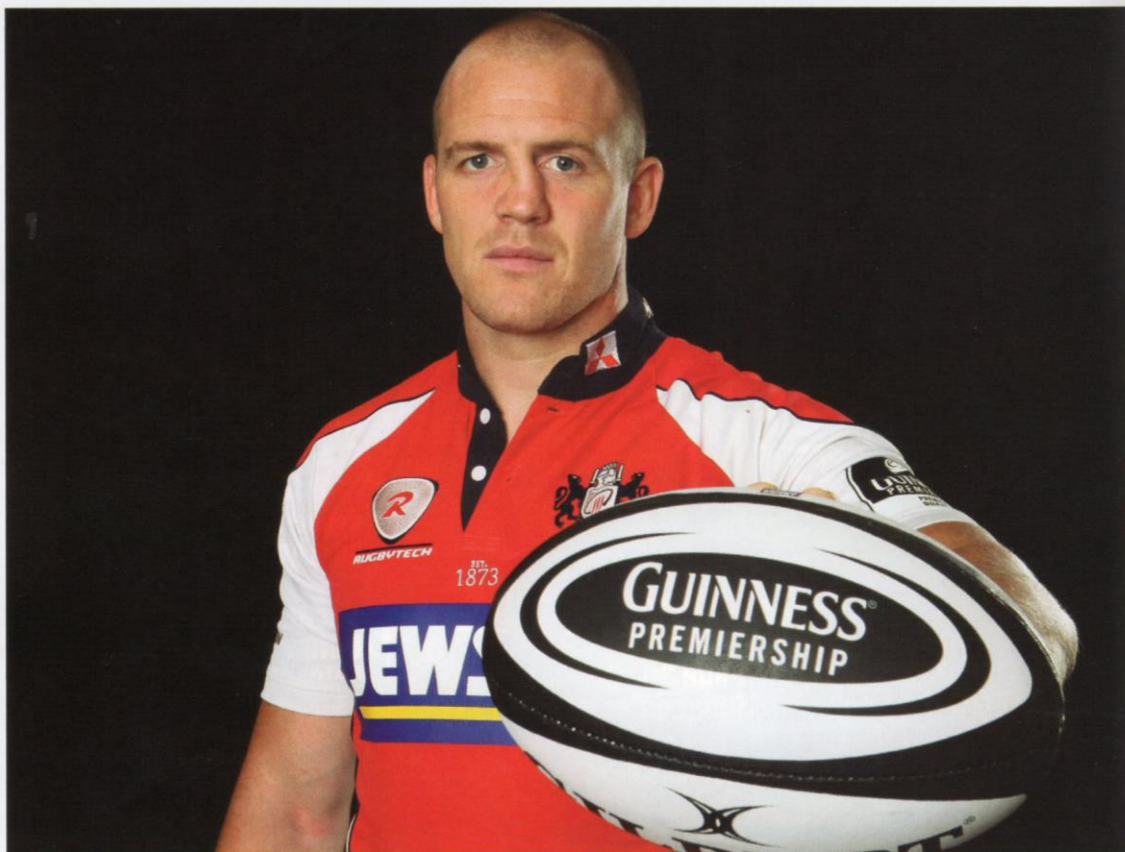
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**GLOUCESTER**

**TODAYS VISITORS**  
**GLOUCESTER**



**CLUB INFO**

**GROUND:** KINGSHOLM  
**CAPACITY:** 16,500  
**HEAD COACH:** DEAN RYAN  
**CAPTAIN:** MIKE TINDALL

**NEXT 3 FIXTURES**

**FRI 21ST NOV**  
**GLOUCESTER V BRISTOL**  
**KINGSHOLM**



**SAT 29TH NOV**  
**GLOUCESTER V NORTHAMPTON SAINTS**  
**KINGSHOLM**

**SAT 6TH DEC**  
**RUGBY CALVISANO V GLOUCESTER**  
**CENTRO SAN MICHELE**

**G**loucester come to Vicarage Road two places and two points behind Saracens in the Guinness Premiership having not played since beating Newcastle Falcons on November 2nd.

A try four minutes from time from Apo Satala gave them an 11-10 win in a tight game to go through to the EDF Energy Cup Semi-Finals where they will face the Ospreys.

In the Premiership, the side are still looking for the consistency that saw them finish top of the league for the past two seasons – only to miss out in the knockout stages.

They lost at home to the Leicester Tigers on the opening day this time round by 20-8 before winning at Bath and at home

to Harlequins. They then went to Sale and lost 23-9, despite being level at half-time. However, they bounced back with a 39-23 win at home to Newcastle, including an Iain Balshaw hat-trick and two more tries from James Simpson-Daniel.

In the corresponding fixture last year, today's visitors came out on top 38-31 thanks to a 23-point game from fly-half Ryan Lamb. Lamb then went on to show that he enjoyed playing Saracens by scoring two tries in a 19 point game as Gloucester cruised to a 39-15 victory in the return fixture at Kingsholm.

In Europe, Gloucester are third in Pool Six of the Heineken Cup, beating Biarritz 22-10 at Kingsholm before going to the Millennium Stadium and losing to Cardiff Blues 37-24 despite a two more tries from Balshaw.





SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT (METRIC)	HEIGHT (IMP)	WEIGHT (METRIC)	WEIGHT (IMP)	DOB	HONOURS
Adams	Jack	Centre	1.82m	6ft 1in	96kg	15st 0lb	17/09/86	
Allen	Anthony	Centre	1.80m	5ft 11in	92kg	14st 7lb	01/09/86	England
Azam	Olivier	Hooker	1.85m	6ft 1in	120kg	19st 0lb	24/10/74	France
Balshaw	Iain	Full back/Wing	1.85m	6ft 1in	94kg	14st 2lb	14/04/79	England/Lions
Barkley	Oly	Centre	1.78m	5ft 10in	92kg	14st 6lb	28/11/81	England
Bortolami	Marco	Lock	1.95m	6ft 5in	112kg	17st 5lb	12/06/80	Italy
Brown	Alex	Lock	2.01m	6ft 7in	116kg	18st 1lb	17/05/79	England
Buxton	Peter	Back row	1.92 m	6ft 4in	115kg	18st 1lb	21/08/78	
Cooper	Gareth	Scrum half	1.72m	5ft 7in	84kg	13st 0lb	07/05/79	Wales/Lions
Delve	Gareth	Back row	1.91m	6ft 3in	115kg	18st 1lb	30/12/82	Wales
Dickinson	Alasdair	Prop	1.84m	6ft 0in	112kg	17st 5lb	11/09/83	Scotland
Eustace	Adam	Lock	1.95m	6ft 5in	107kg	16st 12lb	09/01/79	
Forrester	James	Back row	1.95m	6ft 5in	110kg	17st 4lb	09/02/81	England
Forster	Jack	Prop	1.86m	6ft 1in	120kg	18st 11lb	19/03/87	
Foster	Mark	Wing	1.83m	6ft 0in	100kg	15st 10lb	02/09/83	
Hazell	Andrew	Back row	1.83m	6ft 0in	95kg	14st 13lb	25/04/78	England
James	Will	Lock	1.99m	6ft 6in	120kg	18st 11lb	22/12/76	Wales
Lamb	Ryan	Stand-off	1.76m	5ft 9in	85kg	13st 5lb	18/05/86	
Lawson	Rory	Scrum half	1.73m	5ft 8in	85kg	13st 5lb	12/03/81	Scotland
Lewis	Dave	Scrum half	1.70m	5ft 7in	80kg	12st 8lb	29/04/89	
McMillan	Ross	Hooker	1.85m	6ft 1in	104kg	16st 7lb	02/06/87	
Morgan	Oly	Full back	1.89m	6ft 2in	94kg	14st 2lb	03/11/85	England
Narraway	Luke	Back row	1.90m	6ft 3in	108kg	17st 0lb	07/09/83	England
Nieto	Carlos	Prop	1.86m	6ft 1in	110kg	17st 4lb	28/04/76	Italy
Norton	Dan	Wing	1.79m	5ft 10in	80kg	12st 8lb	22/03/88	
Qera	Akapusi	Back row	1.94m	6ft 4in	103kg	16st 0lb	24/04/84	Fiji
Sharples	Charlie	Wing	1.84m	6ft 0in	93kg	14st 9lb	17/08/89	
Simpson-Daniel	James	Wing	1.82m	6ft 0in	92kg	14st 6lb	30/05/82	England
Somerville	Greg	Prop	1.86m	6ft 1in	115kg	18st 2lb	28/11/77	New Zealand
Strokosch	Alasdair	Back row	1.91m	6ft 3in	107kg	16st 11lb	21/02/83	Scotland
Titterrell	Andy	Hooker	1.78m	5ft 10in	94kg	14st 11lb	10/01/81	England/Lions
Tindall	Mike	Centre	1.88m	6ft 2in	102kg	15st 12lb	18/10/78	England
Trinder	Henry	Centre	1.83m	6ft 0in	85kg	13st 5lb	14/04/89	
Vainikolo	Lesley	Wing	1.88m	6ft 2in	112kg	17st 8lb	04/05/79	England
Walker	Willie	Stand-off	1.83m	6ft 0in	88kg	13st 12lb	19/05/78	
Watkins	Matthew	Centre	1.83m	6ft 0in	92kg	14st 7lb	02/09/78	Wales
Williams	Dan	Number 8	1.97m	6ft 5in	104kg	16st 7lb	01/02/89	
Wood	Nick	Prop	1.86m	6ft 1in	112kg	17st 5lb	09/01/83	
Young	Dave	Prop	1.85m	6ft 0in	117kg	18st 6lb	18/12/85	

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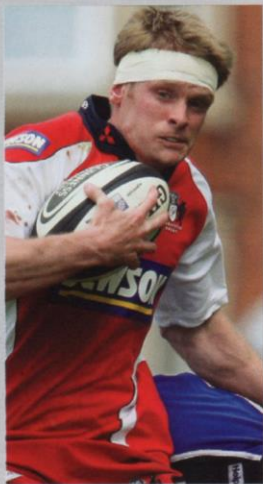


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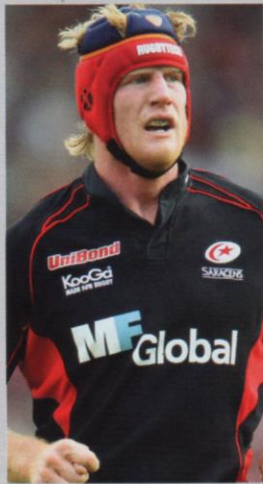


**RODD PENNEY**

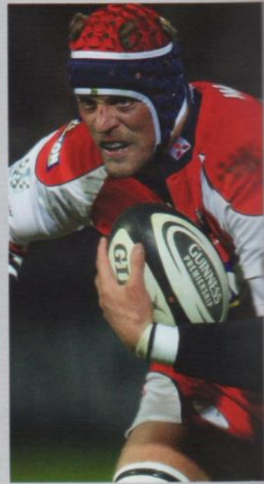


**IAIN BALSHAW**

## SECOND ROW



**HUGH VYVYAN**



**ALEX BROWN**

THE British Lion and England winger/full-back joined Gloucester Rugby on a two-year contract from Leeds Tykes following the Tykes' relegation to National League One in April 2006.

He made his debut for Bath in the 1997/98 season and represented the West Country club for seven years, scoring 15 tries in 21 appearances in 1999/2000 - the same season he made his England debut against Ireland.

British Lions selection followed for the tour to Australia in 2001 and Balshaw also picked up a World Cup winner's medal for England in 2003, scoring the crucial try in the win over Samoa in the group stages and coming on as a replacement against Australia in the epic final.

Since joining Gloucester, he regained his England place at full-back under former head coach Brian Ashton and used his broken-field running qualities to great effect.

However, following the appointment of Martin Johnson to run the England set-up, Balshaw has missed out on making the squad for the autumn internationals and is therefore at Vicarage Road this afternoon.

Standing at 6ft 7in, Alex Brown is regarded as one of the best line-out takers in the country.

Brown was signed by Gloucester from arch rivals Bristol Shoguns in 2003, and soon became a regular in the Gloucester line-up.

Despite topping line-out statistics during the 2003-04 season, and being the main architect of Gloucester's line-out moves, he isn't yet a regular in the England team - although he is widely regarded as one of the most consistent performers in the Premiership.

He won two more England caps on the summer tour to South Africa last season and has signed a three-year contract extension until 2011.

Despite missing out on Martin Johnson's squad for the current series of internationals, the 29-year old from Bristol still has a big role to play for Gloucester this year if they are to finish top of the Guinness Premiership again this season.

The lock has not missed a Premiership game and has started eight of their 10 games in all competitions so far this season and came off the bench in another, only missing out in the EDF Energy Cup game against Newport-Gwent Dragons.



# HEAD



## HOOKER



**MATT CAIRNS**



**ANDY TITTERRELL**

The England international joined Gloucester in 2007 after winning the Guinness Premiership title with Sale Sharks. Titterrell does have the ability to play in the back-row, but his is best known as a hooker.

Before joining Sale, he had previously had a spell with Saracens after finishing school in Sevenoaks. However, he never broke through at Vicarage Road and ended up at National League Waterloo before joining Sale.

His debut season at Gloucester was excellent and he battled with Olivier Azam to claim a consistent spot at hooker. Titterrell's form was that impressive he was chosen to tour with the Saxons squad at the 2008 Churchill Cup.

## WING



**NOAH CATO**



**LESLEY VAINIKOLO**

The bulldozing former rugby league winger started in Australia playing in the NRL for Canberra Raiders, winning the club's rookie of the year award in 1998 and enjoying a successful spell before moving to the Northern Hemisphere in 2002 to play for the Bradford Bulls.

While at Bradford, Vainikolo won two Super League titles, as well as being voted into the Super League team of the year for 2003 and 2005. As well as this, he was included in Bradford's 'Team of the Century'.

Vainikolo then signed a three-year contract at the start of the 2007-08 season to leave Rugby League and play for Gloucester. He announced his arrival to Rugby Union by scoring 5 tries on debut for Gloucester against Leeds Carnegie.

'The Volcano' featured in the entirety of England Six Nations internationals and in total he scored 11 tries in his debut season.





## GLOUCESTER MEMORIES



# SARACENS 24 VS GLOUCESTER 22



GUINNESS PREMIERSHIP  
SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2007

## JACKSON AND CHESNEY'S LATE SHOW WINS IT FOR SARRIES



**S**aracens clinched a thrilling 24-22 win over Gloucester with a last minute try handing them their eighth win in nine matches with Kris Chesney and Glen Jackson the heroes.

With Saracens trailing 17-22 with one minute remaining Chesney powered over the line to put Saracens level and then fly half Jackson held his nerve to land the touchline conversion to win the game with time on the clock having run out

Before that it was a try a piece, with Kameli Ratuvou and Alex Brown scoring in the first half, with Ludovic Mercier kicking his side in front with an extra penalty.

Saracens got off to a dream start with a try on the board after just three

minutes. From a scrum on halfway Jackson sent a long miss pass to Dan Scarbrough who scythed through the midfield and then fed Tomas de Vedia, who had come round off of his wing. He then found Kameli Ratuvou who hared down the wing to dive and score into the corner.

Jackson's conversion attempt sailed agonizingly wide but he was on target minutes later after Ratuvou had chased a pin point kick by his fly half to bundle Rory Lawson into touch. From the resulting lineout Saracens drive towards the line was thwarted as Gloucester prop Christian Califano dived through and from the resulting penalty, Jackson extended Saracens' lead to 8-0.

Saracens had looked very dangerous with ball in hand but Gloucester were never just coming to make up the

numbers and with a wealth of pace and talent out wide they were sure to begin asking questions and they crossed the Saracens line from almost their first sustained attack inside Saracens territory with second row Alex Brown charging over from close range after Saracens defence was stretched to breaking point.

With Ludovic Mercier adding the extras it was time for the visitor's French contingent to take the stage. First it was hooker Olivier Azam as he started to throw his weight around and was at the heart of three heated exchanges. Then it was Mercier turn again as the fly half struck a penalty to take his side into an 8-10 lead.

Worse was to follow Sarries as the usually dependable boot of Jackson was distinctly off form missing two kicks that the fly half would usually kick in his sleep and Gloucester were beginning to grow in confidence.

As the game neared the break Saracens launched a great counter attack from within their own half and Gloucester were caught on the back foot with No. 8 James Forrester diving in to slow the ball down. He was dispatched to the sin bin and Kiwi Jackson showed his mettle by electing to kick for goal and then striking the ball sweetly between the posts to put Saracens back in front 11-10.

In the last minute of the half, however, Mercier kicked the visitors back in front





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11-13 and as the players headed for the tunnel it was anyone's game.

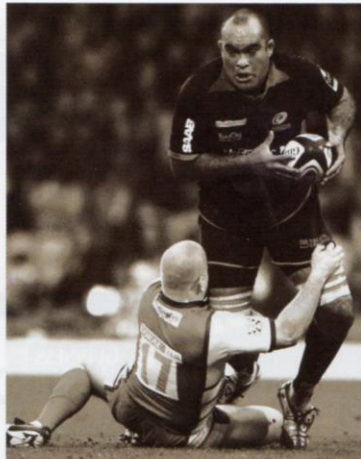
The second half started with Gloucester laying siege to the Saracens line but valiant defence held them out forcing Mercier to finally take the three points on offer to extend the lead to 11-16.

Jackson hit back after ten minutes but again his counterpart Mercier was handed another chance to cancel it out as the crowd began to show their disapproval for some of the referee's decisions.

With sixty minutes on the clock the game was being played at a manic rate but neither side could break the deadlock by crossing the line, Jackson taking the next pot at goal to close the gap to three points at 17-19.

The ball on the floor was hotly contested with neither side prepared to give an inch and you could hear the intensity of the tackles from stands as both sides clattered into each other. But as the minutes ticked away Saracens looked to be losing the battle and Gloucester were desperately trying to run down the clock, particularly after Mercier had landed his fifth penalty to make the score 17-22.

With two minutes left on the clock Saracens took possession on the halfway line and launched one final desperate attack. The ball worked its way from one side to the other but the gaps didn't seem to be coming and time was running out.



Then, with Gloucester getting sucked into a maul in front of the posts Farrell sent a long pass out wide to Cencus Johnston who lined up his man and then fed Kris Chesney. The second row still had plenty to do and he tucked the ball under his arm and charged for the corner taking the Gloucester defenders with him. He crashed over the line and the referee, who was on the spot immediately, signalled for a try to send the crowd into raptures, not a sole (apart from Gloucester supporters) wasn't on their feet.

A look at the clock and there were 30 seconds remaining and with the scores now tied at 22-22 Jackson had the kick from the corner to win the game. The crowd drew their breath and Jackson held his nerve for his most important two points to date to clinch Saracens a last minute win.

### TEAM LINE UP SARACENS

- 15 DAN SCARBROUGH
- 14 TOMAS DE VEDIA
- 13 KEVIN SORRELL
- 12 ANDY FARRELL
- 11 KAMELI RATUVOU
- 10 GLEN JACKSON
- 9 NEIL DE KOCK
- 1 KEVIN YATES
- 2 FABIO ONGARO
- 3 CENCUS JOHNSTON
- 4 IAIN FULLARTON
- 5 SIMON RAIWALUI
- 6 KRIS CHESNEY
- 7 RICHARD HILL
- 8 BEN SKIRVING

- 16 MATT CAIRNS
- 17 TOM MERCY
- 18 TOM RYDER
- 19 PAUL GUSTARD
- 20 ALAN DICKENS
- 21 ADAM POWELL
- 22 RODD PENNEY

### SCORERS:

**TRYS:**  
CHESNEY, RATUVOU  
**CONS:** JACKSON  
**PENS:** JACKSON (4)

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- FULL BACK
- WING
- CENTRE
- CENTRE
- WING
- FLY HALF
- SCRUM HALF
- PROP
- HOOKER
- PROP
- LOCK
- LOCK
- FLANKER
- FLANKER
- NO.8

- ALEX GOODE 15
- KEVIN SORRELL 14
- ADAM POWELL 13
- ANDY FARRELL (C) 12
- NOAH CATO 11
- GLEN JACKSON 10
- NEIL DE KOCK 9
- NICK LLOYD 1
- MATT CAIRNS 2
- COBUS VISAGIE 3
- KRIS CHESNEY 4
- HUGH VYVYAN 5
- BEN SKIRVING 6
- ANDY SAULL 7
- MICHAEL OWEN 8
- WILLIE WALKER
- IAIN BALSHAW
- ANTHONY ALLEN
- MIKE TINDALL (C)
- LESLEY VAINIKOLO
- RYAN LAMB
- GARETH COOPER
- NICK WOOD
- OLIVIER AZAM
- JACK FORSTER
- WILL JAMES
- ALEX BROWN
- PETER BUXTON
- ANDY HAZELL
- LUKE NARRAWAY

- FULL BACK
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- ANDY KYRIACOU 16
- TOM MERCEY 17
- TOM RYDER 18
- WIKUS VAN HEERDEN 19
- MICKY WILSON 20
- BRAD BARRITT 21
- EDD THROWER 22
- ANDY TITTERRELL
- JACK FORSTER
- APO SATALA
- DAN WILLIAMS
- DAVE LEWIS
- JACK ADAMS
- OLLY BARKLEY

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MAN OF THE MATCH   
 SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2008

REFEREE: SEAN DAVEY  
 TOUCH JUDGE: DAVID KURK  
 TOUCH JUDGE: PAUL DIX

