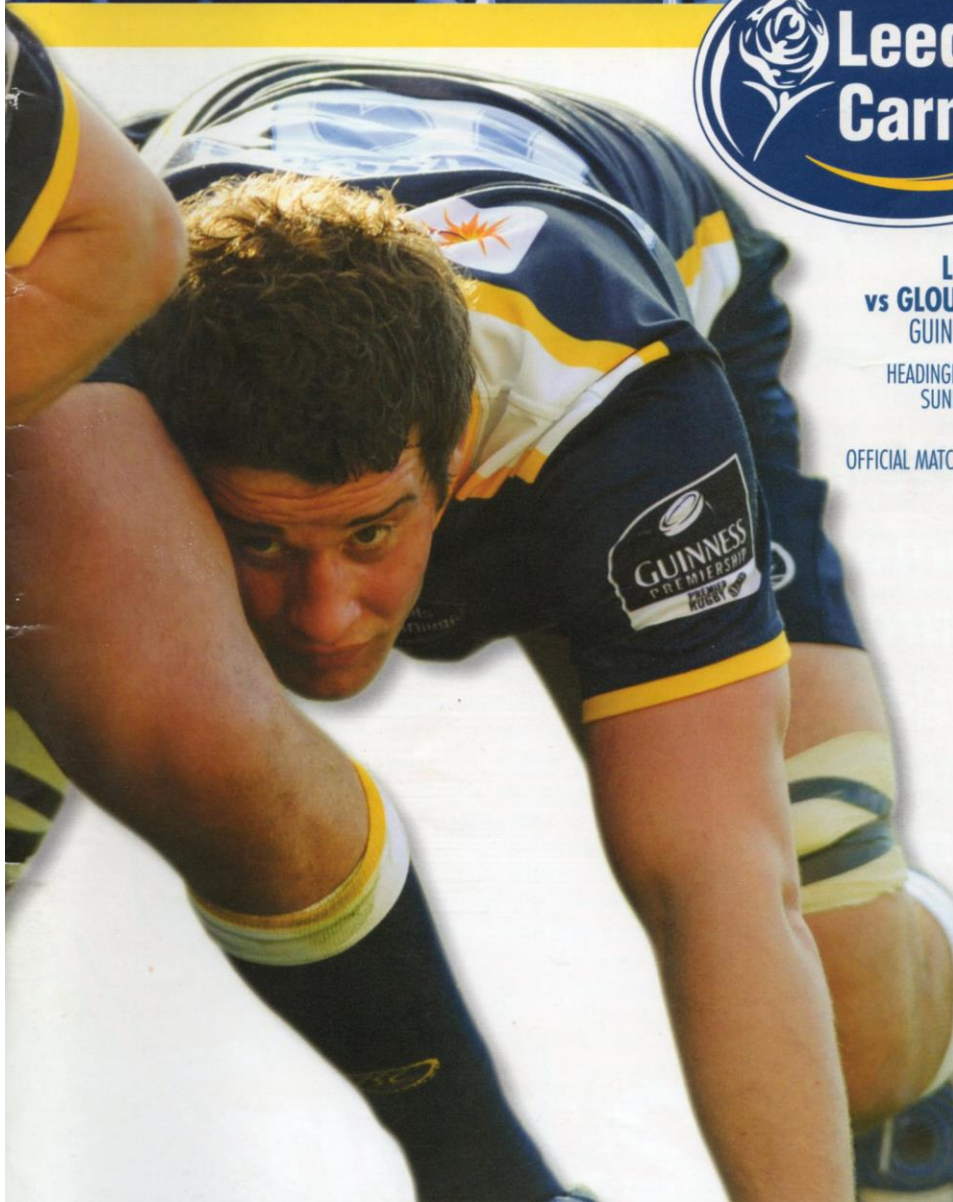




**LEEDS CARNEGIE
vs GLOUCESTER RUGBY**
GUINNESS PREMIERSHIP

HEADINGLEY CARNEGIE STADIUM
SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2009
KICK-OFF 3.00PM

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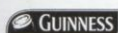
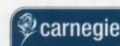
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Replacements

16	Vili Ma'asi
17	Alex Moreno
18	Tommy McGee
19	Calum Clark
20	Rhys Oakley
21	Scott Mathie
22	Henry Paul
23	Luther Burell

Leeds scorers:

Jon GOODRIDGE	Full Back	15	
Richard WELDING	Right Wing	14	
Jonny HEPWORTH	Centre	13	
Seru RABENI	Centre	12	
Lee BLACKETT	Left Wing	11	
Ceiron THOMAS	Fly Half	10	
Andy GOMARSALL	Scrum Half	9	
Gareth HARDY	Loosehead Prop	1	
Phil NILSEN	Hooker	2	
Juan GOMEZ	Tighthead Prop	3	
Erik LUND	Second Row	4	
Marco WENTZEL (C)	Second Row	5	
Tom DENTON	Flanker	6	
Hendre FOURIE	Flanker	7	
Alfie TO'OALA	Number 8	8	

	15	Full Back	Tom VOYCE
	14	Right Wing	James SIMPSON-DANIEL
	13	Centre	Mike TINDALL (C)
	12	Centre	Eliota FUIMAONO-SAPOLU
	11	Left Wing	Lesley VAINIKOLO
	10	Fly Half	Nicky ROBINSON
	9	Scrum Half	Rory LAWSON
	1	Loosehead Prop	Alasdair DICKINSON
	2	Hooker	Olivier AZAM
	3	Tighthead Prop	Paul DORAN-JONES
	4	Second Row	Dave ATTWOOD
	5	Second Row	Alex BROWN
	6	Flanker	Alasdair STROKOSCH
	7	Flanker	Andrew HAZELL
	8	Number 8	Adam EUSTACE



Replacements

16	Darren Dawiduk
17	Shaun Knight
18	Pierre Capdevielle
19	Peter Buxton
20	Akapusi Qera
21	Dave Lewis
22	Freddie Burns
23	Olly Morgan

Gloucester scorers:

Match Officials:

Referee:

Tim Wigglesworth

Touch Judge:

Rob Mullis

Touch Judge:

Don Helme

THEM & US

► FOR THEM: GAVIN FIELDS, 26, FROM GLOUCESTER



THE GAME...

I'm Gloucester because:

Gloucester typify a traditional yet exciting rugby club. I share the values of this tradition but am also keen to move on with the right changes.

Which player are you most looking forward to seeing in action today and why? It is good to see Lesley Vainikolo back in action and with the recent off the field attention behind him, hopefully he can repeat the damage he did here last time round!

Who has impressed you most this season for your team? It's early doors and we have had a shakey start but the new prop Doran-Jones has stepped up and proved his strength and Nicky Robinson made a good start in the first game.

Your prediction for today's game? This will be the most difficult trip for Gloucester to Leeds for a while. But after the close game at Saracens, I think Gloucester are strong enough to come away with a win. Leeds have discipline and strength so it will be tight. I'll say 15-21.

How do you think the season will pan out for Gloucester?

Some of the more pessimistic amongst the loyal Shedweb members have us scrapping it out in a relegation dogfight. Dare I say this game has even been whispered as an 8 pointer! I'm not so worried yet. I think we have lost to some good teams who are making the early running. If we can notch a few wins away from home then we will soon be in touch with the top four. We have the potential for a good run in Europe with one of the more favourable groups.

ALL ABOUT GLOUCESTER...

What is your most memorable moment as a Gloucester Supporter? Some great memories from trips such as Munster, Dublin, Cardiff and some English cities, but in terms of team success, the end of 2002 season was something else. Beating Bath, 68-12 and the Saints in the Cup Final was a great period of time.

Is there a player from the past that you would most like to see in the Gloucester team today? So many to choose, but I'll go for Philippe Saint Andre, no... Junior Paramore. Actually a good friend of mine Marcel Garvey, just because I am bitter I have lost my free ticket allocation. (Who wants to watch Worcester?!)

Is there a player you never wished had been in the Gloucester team? Many again... But of recent times Jeremy Paul was simply awful. An honourable for Philippe's brother Rafael though!

Where do you think Gloucester will be in 5 years time? Gloucester will have won the Guinness Premiership and got to a European Cup Final in 5 years. We will also have a crowd of 20,000 at Kingsholm with a Shed the size of the moon! C'mon Glawwwws!!!

SUPPORTERS SOAPBOX...

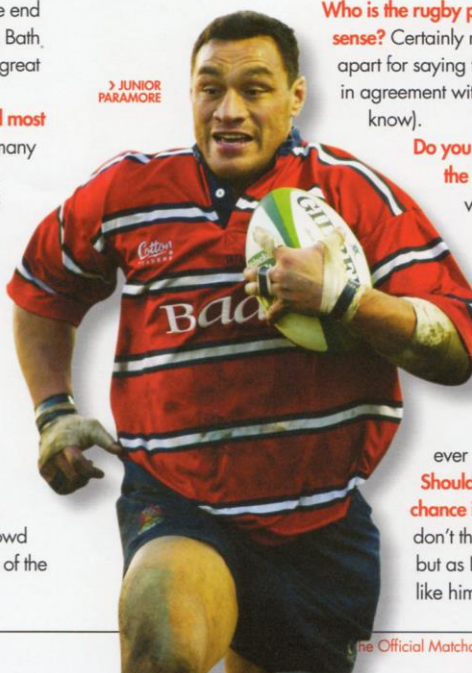
What most annoys you most about rugby these days? The role of the touch judge. Even the most one eyed Shedhead can see the amount of offsidies in a game.

Who is the rugby pundit you think talks the most sense? Certainly not Guscott!!!! I will get torn apart for saying this but I tend to find myself in agreement with Stuart Barnes a lot. (Scary I know).

Do you think cheating is widespread in the game? No. I think sometimes we try to exploit the rules on the pitch but that's just sport, but the incidents of late have been over highlighted and exaggerated by the media. Incidents are minimal compared to most sports but at least it will ensure nothing similar is ever repeated.

Should Martin Johnson give youth a chance in the Autumn Internationals? I don't think it would do him any harm, but as I support Ireland I would quite like him to keep the old men in!

► JUNIOR PARAMORE



GLOUCESTER RUGBY

► WELCOME TO HEADINGLEY CARNEGIE



Gloucester arrive at Headingley Carnegie looking to end a three game losing run. A sixth place finish last season, after heavy investment in recruitment, saw a change of management at the top in the close season at Kingsholm with Dean Ryan leaving the club and Bryan Redpath stepping up to the Head Coach role. There was much change in the dressing room as well with 16 players heading through the exit door during the summer and the same number either joining the club or being promoted from the Academy ranks. The changes appeared to have done the trick when Gloucester produced an emphatic win over local rivals Bath on the opening day at Kingsholm however losses to Irish, Northampton and Saracens have followed making today's game crucial for both teams.

► OLIVIER AZAM



The Gloucester squad...

DAVE ATTWOOD

A former Bristol University student, Dave started his career at Bristol Rugby before joining Gloucester this summer. An England U20 international, he has made a great start to his career at Kingsholm.

OLIVIER AZAM

Azam returned to Gloucester in the summer of 2004 after a short one-year spell playing for French club Montferrand. He previously spent three years at Gloucester and notched up over 120 appearances for the West Country club. He made his debut in 2000 and earned his 10 French caps during the period of 1995-2002.

MARCO BORTOLAMI

The Italian lock joined Gloucester in the summer of 2006 and was considered by many top judges to be one of the best players in the world around at the time. He was made Italy's youngest ever captain in 2003 and made his debut when he was just 20. Capped 74 times for Italy, he made 23 appearances for Gloucester in 2008-9.

ALEX BROWN

Regarded as one of the best line-out takers in the country, Brown signed from arch rivals Bristol Shoguns in 2003, and soon became a regular in the Gloucester line-up. He has won three England caps and has signed a three-year contract extension until 2011.

FREDDIE BURNS

Freddie is a product of the Gloucester Rugby Academy having joined the club from local rivals Bath. He is currently a member of the England U20s squad.

PETER BUXTON

Buxton joined Gloucester in 2002 as one of Nigel Melville's first signings, from Newport. 2007-8 saw him share captaincy duties with Marco Bortolami and he was a regular in 2008-9 until suffering a season ending injury against London Irish just prior to Christmas.

PIERRE CAPDEVIELLE

Capped three times for France A, Pierre started his career with two seasons at Perigueux before joining Montferrand. He joined Gloucester in the summer of 2009 to add experience to the club's front row resources.

DARREN DAWIDUIK

Darren previously played for the Cornish Pirates, having played his youth rugby at Truro. He made four appearances for the Cornish Pirates in his first season, and followed this with 14 in 2007-08 and 27 total appearances in 2008-9.

GARETH DELVE

At only 26, Delve has brought physicality and brutal ball carrying to the Gloucester pack and after overcoming a knee injury suffered playing for



Wales last summer bounced back in style last season. Was named by Bryan Redpath as joint captain of the side with Mike Tindall this season.

ALASDAIR DICKINSON

Alasdair made his Scotland debut against New Zealand at RWC 2007 and has gone on to win 13 caps to date. 2008-9 really saw him force his way into the Gloucester first team on a regular basis as he made 20 appearances in total.

PAUL DORAN-JONES

Capable of playing on both sides of the scrum, Doran-Jones' career started at Lansdowne Rugby Club in Dublin whilst he was at University in the city. Joined Gloucester from London Welsh in the summer of 2009 and made his full debut against Saracens last weekend.

ADAM EUSTACE

The second row returned to Gloucester for the 2008-9 season following a year spell at Llanelli. With considerable experience, Eustace was one of the longest serving players before he left the club and made more than 180 appearances for the club as a front jumper and good scrummager.

ELIJAH FUJIMAONO-SAPOLU

Eli made his international debut against Scotland in 2005 and caught the eye with exceptional performances against England and Argentina. He usually plays at inside centre but can also play as a fly-half and started all Samoa's matches in the 2007 Rugby World Cup in the number ten shirt including a Man of the Match performance against the USA.

RUPERT HARDEN

Formerly part of the Newcastle Falcons Academy, tighthead Harden spent 2008-9 with National League 2 side Tynedale where he had spent time on loan. He caught the eye of the Gloucester coaching set up whilst playing against Cinderford and will be looking to

further his rugby development at Kingsholm.

ANDREW HAZELL

The longest serving player in the current squad, Hazell is a huge hitting openside flanker with years of top-flight Premiership experience. He signed a new three-year contract extension that will run until 2011, was named in Sky TV's Dream Team of the year in 2007 and runner up in Community Player of the Season in 2008-9.

WILL JAMES

The Welsh international second row joined Gloucester for the 2006-7 season from Cornish Pirates. At 6ft 6in he has become a crucial member of the Gloucester squad thanks to his work-rate, fitness and physicality. As a front jumper, James also combines his line-out contribution with power at the scrum and ball carrying qualities.

RORY LAWSON

Rory is the son of former Scotland star Alan Lawson and the grandson of the commentator Bill McLaren. With an outstanding pass and high work rate, Lawson is one of the most consistent scrum-halves in the country and his leadership skills will be key to Gloucester this season.

SCOTT LAWSON

Scott is a Scottish international hooker, capped 16 times, who joined Gloucester Rugby in September 2008. In the absence of Olivier Azam this season, has made the number two shirt his own.

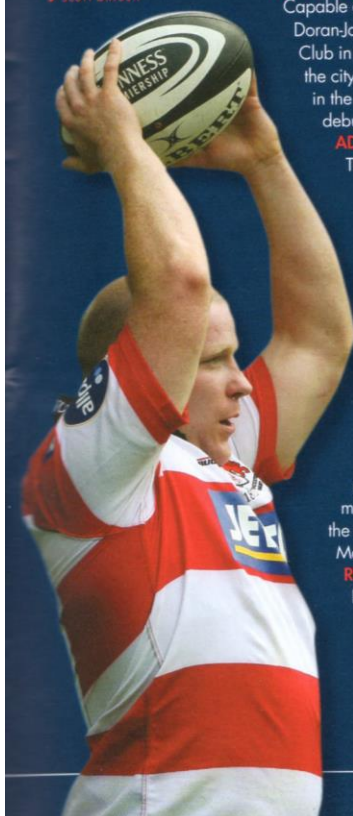
DAVE LEWIS

The 20 year old scrum half has combined his rugby development with a course in Sports Coaching and Conditioning at Hartpury College - Gloucester's training base. From a playing perspective, he forced his way into the first team reckoning and made 11 appearances in total despite suffering a serious ankle injury at one point. Was named in the England U20 squad for the Junior World Championship in Japan last June.

TIM MOLENAAR

Tim joined Gloucester Rugby from Nottingham Rugby in August 2009. He played in over 100 league games for Nottingham from January 2005 onwards. At 6ft 2ins and weighing in at over 17 stones, he will provide a physical presence in the Gloucester midfield.

➤ SCOTT LAWSON



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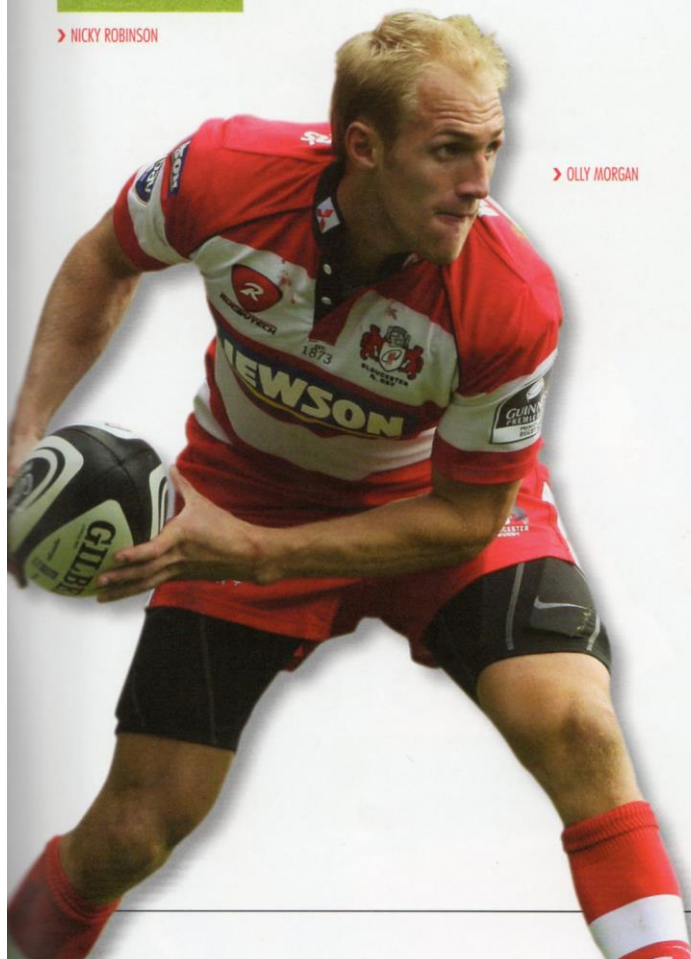
➤ NICKY ROBINSON

OLLY MORGAN

The talented full-back, a former pupil at Millfield, signed his first professional contract with Gloucester in 2004. His ability under the high ball and his gameline breaking are two of his very best attributes and he made the number 15 shirt his own in 2008-9 and was named in the Sky Sports Dream Team for 2008-9. Olly was named in the England 2009 summer squad for the matches against the Barbarians and Argentina.

LUKE NARRAWAY

He made his debut away at Leeds in 2003 and has since developed into a devastating ball carrier who loves to run in open space. He represented England at Under 18, Under 21 level and played for the Saxons before making his full England debut against Wales at Twickenham in the 2008 Six Nations Championship.



➤ OLLY MORGAN

JORDI PASQUALIN

19 year old scrum half Jordi Pasqualin is another product of the Gloucester Rugby Academy. Made his senior debut as a replacement against Bristol in November 2008 and has been capped by England at U18 and U20 level. He is currently a member of the England U20s squad.

AKAPUSI QERA

The Fijian openside signed from Pertemps Bees after the 2007 World Cup, where he made a considerable impression and put in many man of the match performances. Suffered a serious knee injury playing for Fiji in summer 2008 which kept him out of Gloucester action until March 2009 but his game-breaking qualities, monstrous tackling power and eye for the try line have marked him out as a real star for the future.

TRISTAN ROBERTS

Tristan, a fly half by trade, is another young player to have graduated from the Gloucester Rugby Academy. Joined Gloucester from Bristol Rugby and has benefitted from the club's dual registration links with Championship side Moseley.

NICKY ROBINSON

Nicky joined Gloucester Rugby from Cardiff Blues in the summer of 2009 and will be a key player for the Cherry and Whites. Nick has toured to North America, and Argentina twice with Wales earning 13 caps and is the top points scorer for the Cardiff Blues.

APO SATALA

Although he had previous experience with Leeds, Apo caught Gloucester's eye playing for the British Army in the Middlesex Sevens in the summer of 2008 and immediately joined the club on trial quickly earning a full contract. He has also represented Fiji in Sevens competitions and at full international level.

CHARLIE SHARPLES

Charlie, a member of the Gloucester Rugby Academy, made a dramatic impact on the first team squad in 2008-9. He was set to represent England U20s against Wales but was recalled by Dean Ryan and went on to make 9 first team appearances and scored a memorable first senior try against Bath. Was named in the England U20 squad for the Junior World Championship in Japan in June.

JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL

Sinbad joined Gloucester as a teenager and is fast-becoming a legend of the club. His England chances have been limited due to injuries, and although he made his debut against the All Blacks in 2002, he only has 10 caps. Was named Guinness Premiership Player of the Season in 2007-8.

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GREG SOMERVILLE

All Black prop Greg Somerville joined Gloucester on a two and a half year contract in December 2008. The versatile prop, who can play either loose-head or tight-head, has a wealth of experience as one of the most distinguished front row forwards in the southern hemisphere. Somerville, 31, became the most decorated prop in New Zealand history with 59 caps when he appeared for the All Blacks against England in the second Test in Christchurch in 2008.

CARLOS SPENCER

Carlos Spencer, the former All Blacks stand-off, joined Gloucester Rugby in Spring 2009 on a 17-month contract. He made his All Blacks debut in 1995 and up to 2004 made 34 appearances, scoring 291 points. Spencer also represented Auckland from 1993 until 2004 and in 2006 was named in the Guinness Premiership Dream Team.

ALASDAIR STROKOSCH

The Scottish international blindside is renowned for his huge tackling and groundwork, and was highly impressive in his debut season for Gloucester.

His energy, work-rate and physicality have

added greatly to Gloucester's forward arsenal. Was mentioned as a possible for the 2009 British and Irish Lions but was sidelined by injury at the tail end of the 2008-9 season which effectively ruled him out of contention.

YANN THOMAS

The 19 year old prop joined the Gloucester Rugby Academy from West Country rivals Bristol before the 2008-9 season and impressed enough to earn a senior deal.

MIKE TINDALL

The World Cup winning centre has become one of Gloucester's most influential and consistent performers during his time with the Kingsholm club. His hard tackling and strong runs have added a physical dimension to Gloucester's midfield, having been signed from West Country rivals Bath.

HENRY TRINDER

Henry is one of the most promising of Gloucester Rugby's Academy graduates. 2008-9 saw him play regularly for Moseley in National League Division One, represent England U20s in the Six Nations and also make his first team breakthrough for Gloucester. Was named in the England U20 squad for the Junior World Championship in Japan in June.

LESLEY VAINIKOLO

The bulldozing former Rugby League winger announced his arrival to Rugby Union by scoring 5 tries on debut against Leeds Carnegie. His strength and damaging runs make him one of the most explosive wingers in the Guinness Premiership. 2008-9 saw Les in typical try scoring form with 8 from 17 appearances until suffering a season ending injury in January.

TOM VOYCE

England international winger Tom joined Gloucester Rugby from London Wasps where he had played since 2003 in the summer of 2009. Capable of playing wing and full back, his experience and versatility will be crucial in 2009-10.

DAN WILLIAMS

Dan is another of the Gloucester Rugby contingent who were on duty for England in the 2009 U20 Junior World Cup in Japan. Is capable of playing in the second row or in the back row.

NICK WOOD

Wood joined Gloucester's Academy from Radley College and fast became a first team regular. He has represented England at Under 21 level and Saxons level. Due to injuries, he was called into the full England touring party of South Africa and was due to start, but succumbed to an injury himself. Nick was named in the England 2009 summer squad for the matches against the Barbarians and Argentina.

► LESLEY VAINIKOLO CELEBRATES WITH AKAPUSI QERA

