

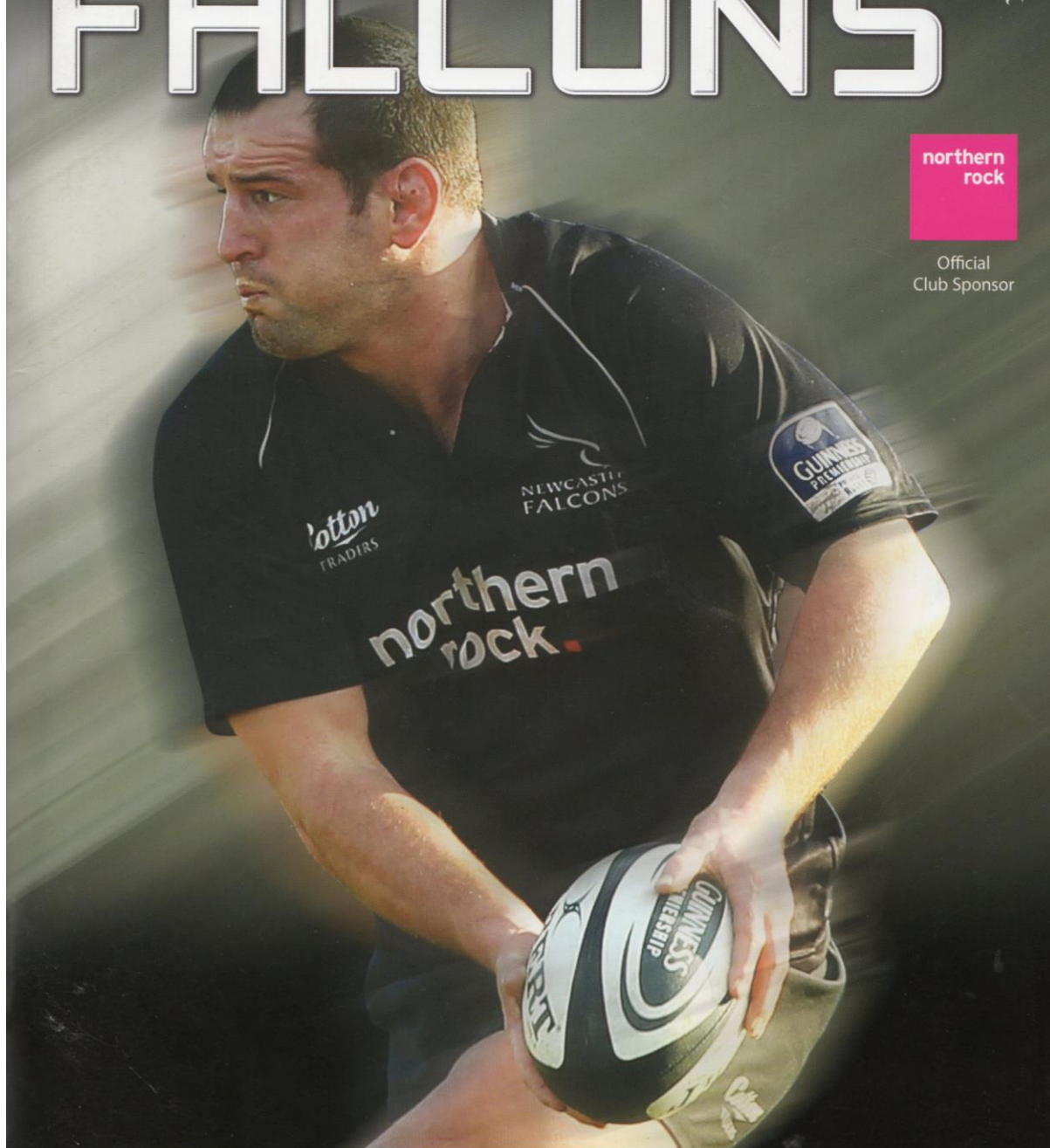
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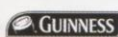
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Wednesday March 31, 2010

Kick-Off: 8.00pm

Referee: Tim Wigglesworth
Touch judges: Robin Goodliffe, Paul Emerson

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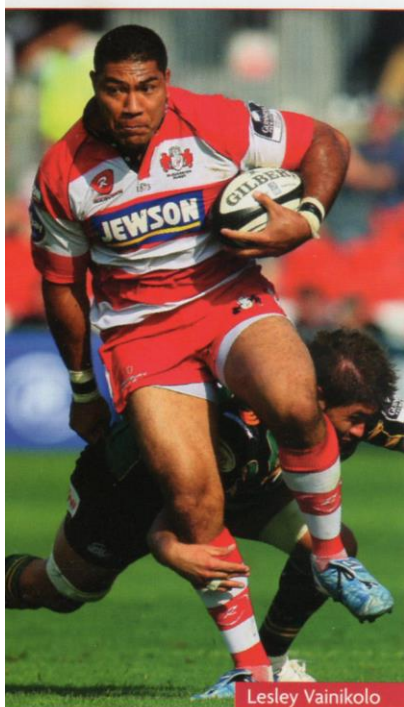
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Rob Vickerman	13	CENTRE	13	Mike Tindall
Tane Tu'ipulotu	12	CENTRE	12	Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu
Charlie Amesbury	11	LEFT WING	11	Lesley Vainikolo
Jimmy Gopperth	10	FLY HALF	10	Nicky Robinson
Micky Young	9	SCRUM HALF	9	Rory Lawson
Jon Golding	1	PROP	1	Nick Wood
Rob Vickers	2	HOOKEER	2	Olivier Azam
Carl Hayman (captain)	3	PROP	3	Pierre Capdevielle
James Hudson	4	LOCK	4	Will James
Tim Swinson	5	LOCK	5	BAlex Brown
Brent Wilson	6	FLANKER	6	Peter Buxton
Will Welch	7	FLANKER	7	Akapusi Qera
Filipo Levi	8	NO. 8	8	Adam Eustace
Alex Walker	16	REPLACEMENT	16	Darren Dawidiuk
Micky Ward	17	REPLACEMENT	17	Alasdair Dickinson
Laurence Ovens	18	REPLACEMENT	18	Rupert Harden
Mark Sorenson	19	REPLACEMENT	19	Apo Satala
Josh Afu	20	REPLACEMENT	20	Andrew Hazell
Hall Charlton	21	REPLACEMENT	21	Dave Lewis
Rob Miller	22	REPLACEMENT	22	Tim Molenaar
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PLEASE NOTE: team line-ups may change before kick-off



TODAY'S OPPONENTS



Lesley Vainikolo

GLOUCESTER

Gloucester make the long trip to the north east this evening facing quite a challenge.

Coming to Kingston Park to take on Newcastle is always a tough one as the Falcons have succeeded in turning their home ground into quite a fortress.

However, tonight is the middle fixture in a series of three games in seven days which will test Gloucester's resources to the max.

Last Saturday saw Gloucester take on Leeds Carnegie at Kingsholm and they will entertain Saracens this coming weekend in a televised fixture. It's no time for faint hearts or weak legs.

It's faintly reminiscent of the tail end of last season when Gloucester had to play the EDF Energy Cup Final on a Saturday, Worcester on the following Tuesday and London Wasps on the Saturday. It was a brutal way to sign off a campaign.

Ironically, Gloucester are a victim of their own success. Had the side not made the semi final and, subsequently, final of the LV= Cup then this fixture would already have been played.

It's testimony, of course, to the progress made by Bryan Redpath's side after a difficult Autumn threatened to make 2009-10 a very difficult first season on charge for the former Scotland scrum half.

The optimism generated by the opening day win over local rivals Bath quickly dissipated as a number of suspensions and injuries forced Gloucester into a constant reshuffling of resources. Confidence dipped as a number of close results went against Gloucester.

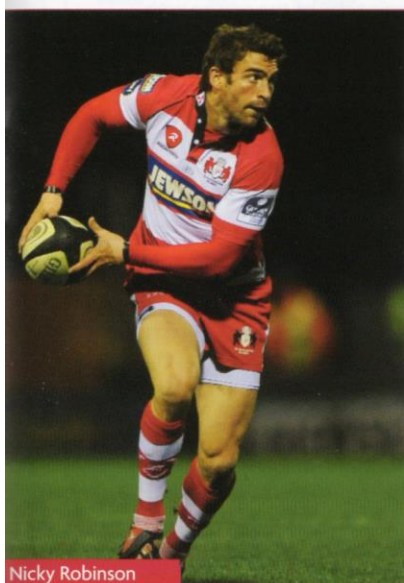
However, the turn of the year heralded a change in fortunes as Redpath was finally able to start selecting from a fairly full squad and the results started to come.

The Heineken Cup was actually the

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catalyst for a series of positive results. The Kingsholm ground staff worked miracles to render the pitch playable with Britain gripped by snow and ice and a memorable victory over Biarritz was the result.



Nicky Robinson

The side then went to Newport and scored their first try scoring bonus point of the season against the Dragons to clinch a spot in the Amlin Challenge Cup quarter finals.

LV= Cup wins followed against the Worcester Warriors and Harlequins and a semi final place was achieved despite having lost the opening two group matches!

On a roll, Gloucester then scored a total of 93 points in their next two home matches in the Guinness Premiership as Harlequins and Sale Sharks were duly despatched although wins on the road proved to be more difficult to come by.

More recently, a bogey was laid to rest as a run of four successive defeats in various competitions against the Cardiff Blues was reversed as Gloucester celebrated their first ever visit to the Cardiff City Stadium with a 29-18 LV= Cup semi final win.

The final itself saw a great spectacle for the neutral as Gloucester and Northampton served up a feast of end to end, running rugby with the lead

swapping hands several times and the result remaining in the balance until the very last whistle.

Gloucester will count themselves unlucky as several key decisions went against them, not least the try that Nicky Robinson claimed to have scored which would have given them the lead going into the final quarter.

However, Northampton deserved the trophy and no-one will begrudge them that.

Gloucester still have a number of key matches left this season, tonight included, and an awful lot to play for.

The fight for Heineken Cup qualification continues and every single league point gained will be crucial. With both teams gunning for the victory this evening, it could be an entertaining one!



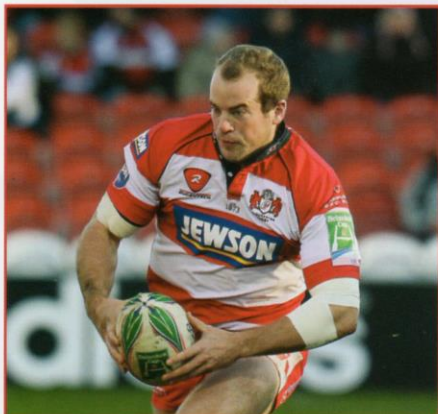
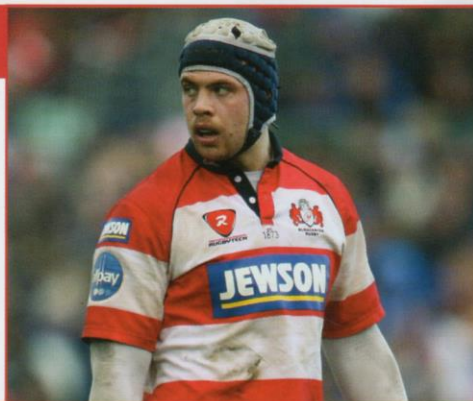


THREE TO WATCH

AHEAD OF THIS EVENING'S KINGSTON PARK CLASH AGAINST GLOUCESTER, WE TAKE A LOOK AT THREE OF THE CHERRY AND WHITES' MAIN MEN.

DAVE ATTWOOD

Attwood's signing from Bristol Rugby didn't create back page headlines unlike those of Nicky Robinson or Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu, but the big second row has started his Gloucester career in a similarly impressive manner. Capped by England at U19 and U20 level, Attwood has also been a Saxons call up before his summer move up the A38. Impressive during pre-season, he has gone on to form a promising second row partnership with Alex Brown.



JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL

Sinbad joined Gloucester as a teenager and is fast-becoming a legend of the club. His talent was clear on his debut as he scored a superb individual try against Rotherham in 2001. 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 to date. Voted Guinness Premiership Player of the Year in 2007-8, he enjoyed a good preseason and got off to a flying start on the opening day of the season with two tries against Bath.

ELIOTA FUIMAONO-SAPOLU

Eliota became an instant hero with the Shed following his summer move from local rivals Bath Rugby with his passionate display against his former club on the opening day of the Guinness Premiership season. Capable of playing fly half or inside centre, Eliota brings the solid defence to the Gloucester backline that you'd expect from a Samoan international but also soft hands and an eye for a gap.





SQUAD LIST

Surname	Christian	Position	Height (metric)	Height (imperial)	Weight (metric)	Weight (imperial)	DOB	Honours
Attwood	Dave	second row	05.04.87	2.01m	6 ft 7in	115kg	18st 11lb	
Azam	Olivier	hooker	24.10.74	1.85m	6ft 1in	120kg	19st	France
Boer	Jake	back row	01.11.75	1.88m	6ft 2"	108kg	17st	
Bortolami	Marco	lock	12.06.80	1.95m	6ft 5in	112kg	17st 5lb	Italy
Brown	Alex	lock	17.05.79	2.01m	6ft 7in	116kg	18st 11lb	England
Burns	Freddie	fly half	13.5.90	1.85m	6ft 1in	80kg	12st 8lb	
Buxton	Peter	back row	21.08.78	1.92 m	6ft 4in	115kg	18st 11lb	
Capdevielle	Pierre	prop	30.3.74	1.86m	6ft 1in	123kg	19st 5lb	
Dawiduk	Darren	hooker	21.9.87	1.80m	5ft 11in	95kg	14st 12lb	
Delve	Gareth	back row	30.12.82	1.91m	6ft 3in	115kg	18st 11lb	Wales
Dickinson	Alasdair	prop	11.09.83	1.84m	6ft	112kg	17st 5lb	Scotland
Doran-Jones	Paul	prop	02.05.85	1.88m	6ft 2in	116kg	18st 3lb	England
Eustace	Adam	lock	09.01.79	1.95m	6ft 5in	107kg	16st 12lb	
Fuimaono-Sapolu	Eliota	centre	31.10.80	1.85m	6ft 1in	102kg	16st 11lb	Samoa
Harden	Rupert	prop	09.05.71	1.91m	6ft 3in	118kg	18st 8lb	
Hazell	Andrew	back row	25.04.78	1.83m	6ft	95kg	14st 13lb	England
James	Will	lock	22.12.76	1.99m	6ft 6in	120kg	18st 11lb	Wales
Lawson	Rory	scrum-half	12.03.81	1.73m	5ft 8in	85kg	13st 5lb	Scotland
Lawson	Scott	hooker	28.09.81	1.73m	5ft 8in	96kg	15st 2lb	Scotland
Lewis	Dave	scrum-half	29.04.89	1.70m	5ft 7in	80kg	12st 8lb	
May	Jonny	centre	01.04.90	1.86m	6ft 1"	90kg	14st 2lb	
Molenaar	Tim	Centre	19.02.81	1.88m	6ft 2in	111kg	17st 7lb	
Morgan	Olly	full-back	03.11.85	1.89m	6ft 2in	94kg	14st 2lb	England
Narraway	Luke	back row	07.09.83	1.90m	6ft 3in	108kg	17st	England
Pasqualin	Jordi	scrum half	28.03.90	1.83m	6ft	81kg	12st 10lb	
Phillips	Ben	hooker	05.09.81	1.75m	5ft 9"	95kg	15st	
Qera	Akapusi	back row	24.04.84	1.94m	6ft 4in	103kg	16st	Fiji
Roberts	Tristan	fly half	23.03.87	1.70m	5ft 7in	77kg	12st 2lb	
Robinson	Nicky	fly half	03.01.82	1.85m	6ft 1in	93kg	14st 9lb	Wales
Satala	Apo	back row	14.08.78	1.93m	6ft 4in	105kg	16st 8lb	Fiji
Sharples	Charlie	wing	17.08.89	1.84m	6ft	93kg	14st 9lb	
Simpson-Daniel	James	wing	30.05.82	1.82m	6ft	92kg	14st 6lb	England
Somerville	Greg	prop	28.11.77	1.86m	6ft 1in	115kg	18st 2lb	New Zealand
Spencer	Carlos	fly half	14.10.75	1.85m	6ft 1in	98kg	15st 5lb	New Zealand
Strokosch	Alasdair	back row	21.02.83	1.91m	6ft 3in	107kg	16st 11lb	Scotland
Tadulala	Semi	Wing	03.03.78	1.85m	6ft 1in	93kg	14st 10lb	Fiji
Thomas	Nathan	back row	22.01.76	1.91m	6ft 3in	112kg	17st 8lb	Wales
Thomas	Yann	prop	16.04.90	1.88m	6ft 2in	120kg	18st 11lb	
Tindall	Mike	centre	18.10.78	1.88m	6ft 2in	102kg	15st 12lb	England
Trinder	Henry	centre	14.04.89	1.83m	6ft	85kg	13st 5lb	
Vainikolo	Lesley	wing	04.05.79	1.88m	6ft 2in	112kg	17st 8lb	England
Voyce	Tom	wing	05.01.81	1.85m	6ft 1in	95kg	14st 13lb	England
Williams	Andy	scrum half	07.02.81	1.78m	5ft 10in	89kg	14st	Wales
Williams	Dan	number eight	01.02.89	1.97m	6ft 5in	104kg	16st 7lb	
Wood	Nick	prop	09.01.83	1.86m	6ft 1in	112kg	17st 5lb	