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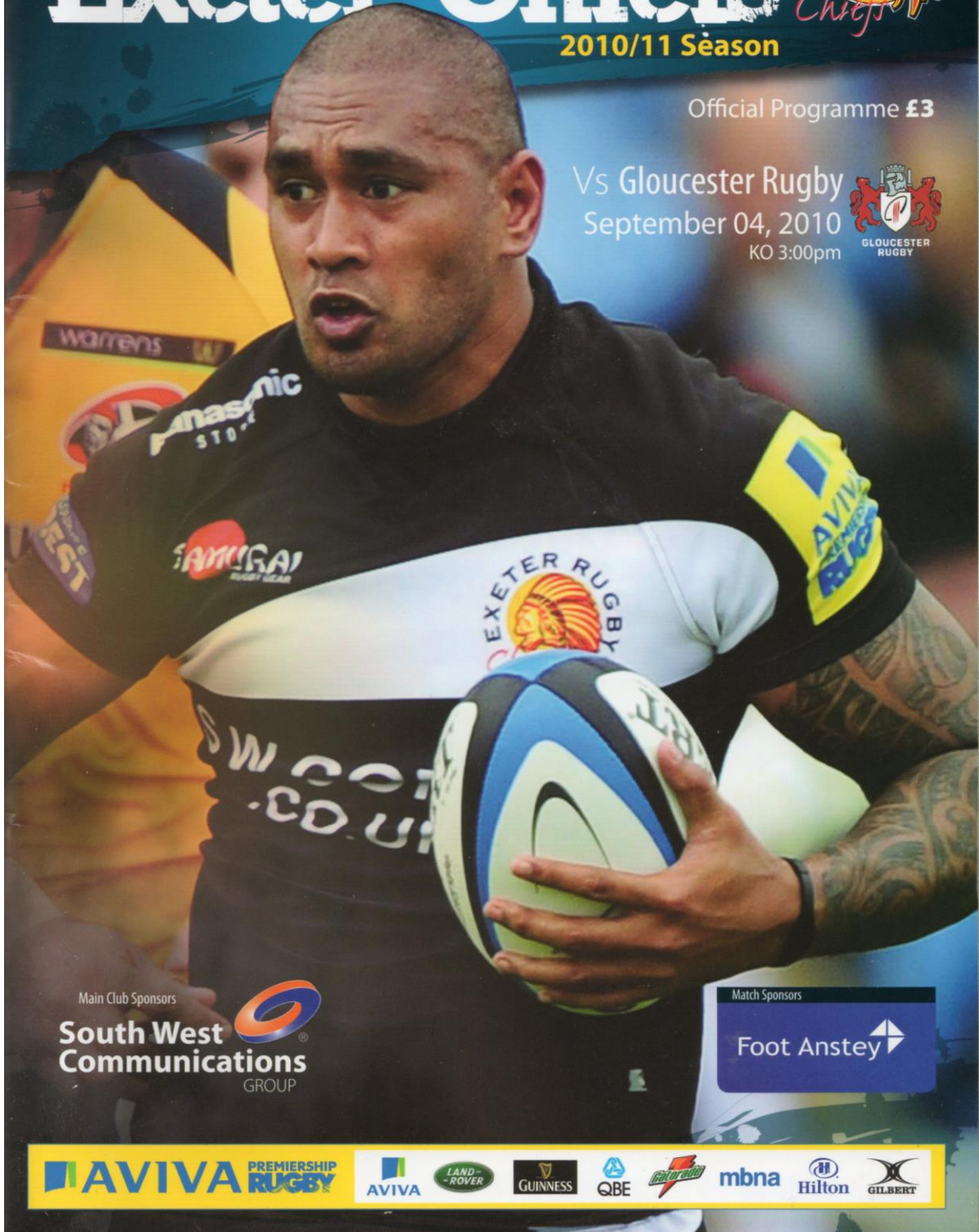
# Exeter Chiefs

2010/11 Season



Official Programme £3

Vs Gloucester Rugby  
September 04, 2010  
KO 3:00pm



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# The Opposition

## Gloucester

**Gloucester Rugby come into this afternoon's opening fixture of the Aviva Premiership Rugby season looking to play the role of party poopers on the Chiefs' big day.**



Bryan Redpath's side are, of course, the first ever Premiership visitors to Sandy Park with Exeter having clinched their place in the top flight following their dramatic play-off win over Bristol.

It's sure to be an exciting, and emotional, occasion here this afternoon and the Chiefs will be straining every sinew to show that they well and truly belong in the highest level of English club rugby.

However, Gloucester are here to do a job and there will be absolutely no room for sentiment as they look to get their own season off to a flier.

It's been a reasonably settled close season at Kingsholm, particularly compared to just over a year ago when there had been significant turnover on the playing front and Head Coach Bryan Redpath was entering his first season at the helm.

Just three new faces have arrived to join the playing squad this summer with only a handful of departures so continuity has been the name of the game for Gloucester which could be significant in the opening weeks of the season when other teams may still be in that 'getting to know you' phase.

The pre-season friendlies that Gloucester have played to date have seen the side working on a couple of things ahead of the new season.

The first has been defence. Gloucester were amongst the great entertainers last season, they scored a lot of tries, but also conceded a lot as well!

The desire to play attacking rugby, when it's appropriate, is still there. But a lot of work has been done over the summer to tighten things up when the opposition has the ball.

And, this was certainly evidenced in the club's first two pre-season friendlies when the Scarlets and the Ospreys were restricted to six points and 14 points respectively. Admittedly, it's tricky to read too much into pre-season performances, but the signs were promising.

Similarly, Redpath has been quite open in his desire to see his team secure more victories on the road. In the Premiership last season, Gloucester won just twice away from Kingsholm – at Leeds and at Worcester – although away wins were achieved in other competitions.

As a result, testing pre-season fixtures at the likes of the Ospreys and Munster were scheduled in order to fine tune performances on the road ahead of this afternoon's big opener.





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With it being Exeter's first game in the Aviva Premiership, many pundits will be expecting the 'new boys' to find it tough making the step up.

However, in the latter stages of last year's Championship, Rob Baxter's side showed that they possess a core of steel and are more than capable of performing under pressure on the big occasion.

Everyone at Gloucester Rugby will be well aware of that fact and will be well prepared for the task in hand.

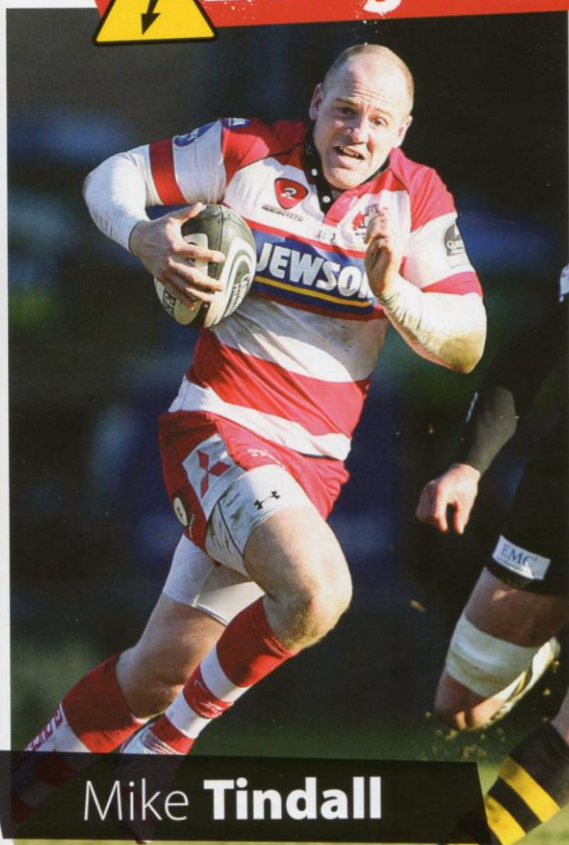
It's great to see the Chiefs in the Premiership but, in the nicest possible way, hopefully they'll have to wait another week for their first win.

### GLOUCESTER'S PREMIERSHIP RECORD

| Season                                | Final Position | Points |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------|
| 1997-1998 - Allied Dunbar Premiership | 6th            | 23     |
| 1998-1999 - Allied Dunbar Premiership | 10th           | 19     |
| 1999-2000 - Allied Dunbar Premiership | 3rd            | 30     |
| 2000-2001 - Zurich Premiership        | 7th            | 48     |
| 2001-2002 - Zurich Premiership        | 3rd            | 67     |
| 2002-2003 - Zurich Premiership        | 1st            | 82     |
| 2003-2004 - Zurich Premiership        | 4th            | 63     |
| 2004-2005 - Zurich Premiership        | 6th            | 47     |
| 2005-2006 - Guinness Premiership      | 5th            | 59     |
| 2006-2007 - Guinness Premiership      | 1st            | 71     |
| 2007-2008 - Guinness Premiership      | 1st            | 74     |
| 2008-2009 - Guinness Premiership      | 6th            | 57     |
| 2009-2010 - Guinness Premiership      | 7th            | 48     |



# Bangerman



**Mike Tindall**

**WITH his father Phil the captain of hometown club Otley, Mike Tindall was always destined to follow in his stud marks and turn his hand to the sport of rugby union.**

Educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield, Tindall's talents with ball in hand were captured at an early day by top flight side Bath, who recruited him as an 18-year-old in 1997.

Although first team chances were somewhat limited for Tindall in his early years at the Recreation Ground – former England internationals Phil de Glanville and Jeremy Guscott were the mainstays at the time – the Yorkshireman began to make his mark following the 1999 Rugby World Cup, establishing himself as not only a regular start within the Bath ranks, but also that of the England national team for whom he made his a try-scoring debut in 2000 against Ireland.

Brushing aside criticism from certain sections of the national media about his game play, the hard-running centre was still very much part of Clive Woodward's plans as he teamed up alongside Will Greenwood to form a formidable midfield partnership.

It was a well-crafted and workmanlike partnership which worked a treat as the duo teamed up for much of England's World Cup winning campaign of 2003. Indeed, Tindall missed just one game during the success Down Under – that coming in the semi-final when Woodward opted for the kicking game of Mike Catt against France instead.

Sadly, injuries began to curtail his progress in the intervening years and he was forced to miss out on the British & Irish Lions tours of New Zealand (2005) and South Africa (2009), as well as the Rugby World Cup in 2007 because of a broken leg.

His eight-year stay at Bath was also coming to an end in 2005 and following a falling out with then club owner Andrew Brownsword, Tindall joined local rivals Gloucester on an initial three-year deal.

Now entering into his sixth season with the Kingsholm club, Tindall is widely regarded as an integral part of the Cherry and Whites back division, where he has now amassed 96 games for the club, scoring 83 points in the process.

However, the player himself admits he is just happy to still be alive following a potential life-threatening ordeal back in February 2008. Playing for England against Wales at Twickenham, Tindall was seriously injured after diving onto the foot of Lee Byrne as he looked to collect a loose ball. Although he was stretchered from the field at the time, it was not until later that he was rushed to hospital.

Following extensive tests, it was soon revealed Tindall had punctured his lung and torn two inches of his liver. It was a sickening injury and he was placed in intensive care for almost a week before eventually being released home to recuperate.

Two years on from that incident, Tindall is happily back doing what he loves best out on the field. As well as his rugby life, he is also a keen poker player and horse-racing enthusiast, whilst his partner is Zara Phillips, the daughter of HRH Princess Anne, the Princess Royal.

## Factfile

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>D.O.B</b>      | 18/10/78          |
| <b>Birthplace</b> | Otley             |
| <b>Height</b>     | 1.88m (6ft 2ins)  |
| <b>Weight</b>     | 102kg (16st)      |
| <b>Position</b>   | Centre            |
| <b>Clubs</b>      | Bath, Gloucester  |
| <b>Honours</b>    | England (63 caps) |

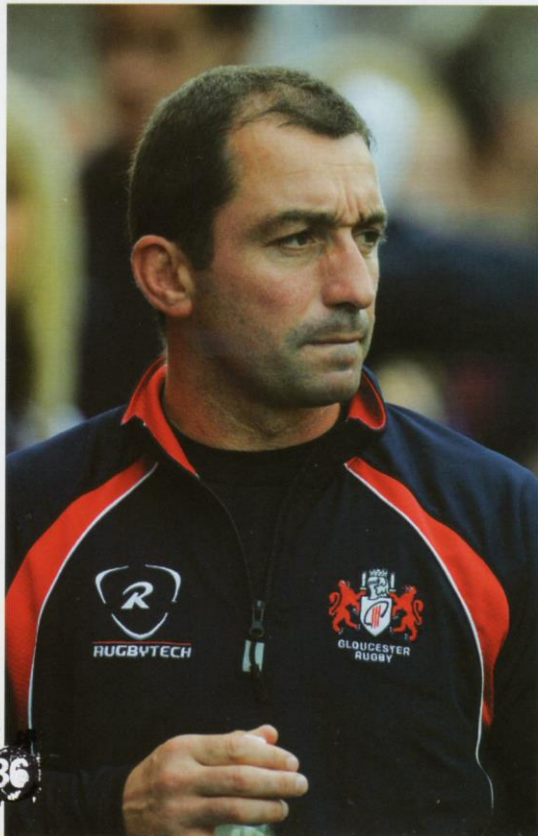
# The Opposition

## Gloucester



**Scotsman Bryan Redpath is the man once again entrusted with leading Gloucester's assault on the Aviva Premiership this season.**

Born in Galashiels, the 39-year-old initially joined the Cherry & Whites in 2007 when he signed a two-year contract to become the club's backs coach.



It was a position the former Scottish international, who won 60 caps for his country, held until he was elevated to the role of head coach in June 2009 following the departure of Dean Ryan.

Before joining Gloucester he previously played for Sale Sharks in the Premiership and also appeared in the 1999 and 2003 Rugby World Cups.

Ahead of today's Premiership opener against Exeter Chiefs, Redpath is in upbeat mood regarding his side's chances this term.

Following a narrow 15-10 loss to Munster in their final pre-season friendly last Friday, he said: "We are where we want to be, most definitely. We have done a lot of good things, we made 11 changes to the starting side and that always has a little bit of disruption along the way.

"We have done that in every game, so I think we will take some confidence and belief out of this game and really push hard for Exeter."

Redpath bolstered his squad during the close season with the captures of Brett Deacon from Leicester, Matt Cox (Worcester Warriors) and Jim Hamilton (Edinburgh). Out of Kingsholm, however, went Adam Eustace (Northampton), Semi Tadulala (Leeds), Andy Williams (Worcester), Greg Somerville, Gareth Delve (both Melbourne Rebels) and Marco Bortolami

## GLoucester's PREMIERSHIP RECORD

**GAMES PLAYED:** 294  
**BIGGEST WIN:** 68-12 (v Bath, 2002)  
**TOTAL POINTS SCORED:** 6,938  
**MOST POINTS IN A MATCH:** 68 (v Bath, 2002)  
**TOTAL TRIES SCORED:** 709  
**MOST TRIES IN A MATCH:** 9 (v Bath, 2002)  
**TOTAL CONVERSIONS:** 474  
**MOST CONVERSIONS IN A MATCH:** 7 (v Bedford Blues, 2000)  
**TOTAL PENALTY GOALS SCORED:** 766  
**MOST PENALTY GOALS IN A MATCH:** 9 (v Harlequins, 2000)  
**TOTAL DROP GOALS SCORED:** 49  
**MOST DROP GOALS IN A MATCH:** 3 (v Sale Sharks, 2001)  
**MOST APPEARANCES:** Adam Eustace 161 appearances  
**HIGHEST ATTENDANCE:** 59,400  
**TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE:** 2,835,282  
**TOP POINTS-SCORER:** Ludovic Mercier 855 points  
**TOP TRY-SCORER:** James Simpson-Daniel 53 tries



| NAME                   | D.O.B.     | BIRTHPLACE       | POSITION        | HEIGHT          | WEIGHT             | PREVIOUS CLUB       | HONOURS  |
|------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Dave Attwood           | 4/5/1987   | Bristol          | Lock            | 2.01m (6ft 7in) | 115kg (18st)       | Bristol             |          |
| Olivier Azam           | 10/21/1974 | Tarbes           | Hooker          | 1.85m (6ft 1in) | 120kg (18st 12lbs) | Clermont Auvergne   | France   |
| Alex Brown             | 5/17/1979  | Bristol          | Lock            | 2.01m (6ft 7in) | 116kg (18st 3lbs)  | Bristol             | England  |
| Freddie Burns          | 5/13/1990  | Bath             | Fly-Half/Centre | 1.85m (6ft 1in) | 80kg (12st 8lbs)   |                     |          |
| Pete Buxton            | 8/21/1978  | Cheltenham       | Back-Row        | 1.93m (6ft 4in) | 115kg (18st)       | Newport             |          |
| Pierre Capdevielle     | 3/30/1974  | Oldron           | Prop            | 1.85m (6ft 1in) | 123kg (19st 4lbs)  | Brive               |          |
| Matt Cox               | 3/6/1988   | Redditch         | Back-Row        | 1.91m (6ft 3in) | 98kg (15st 5lbs)   | Worcester Warriors  |          |
| Darren Dawiduk         | 9/21/1987  | Truro            | Hooker          | 1.80m (5ft 7in) | 95kg (14st 12lbs)  | Cornish Pirates     |          |
| Brett Deacon           | 3/7/1982   | Leicester        | Lock            | 1.95m (6ft 4in) | 110kg (17st 4lbs)  | Leicester Tigers    |          |
| Alasdair Dickinson     | 9/11/1983  | Dundee           | Prop            | 1.83m (6ft)     | 112kg (17st 8lbs)  | Edinburgh           | Scotland |
| Paul Doran-Jones       | 5/2/1985   | Enfield          | Prop            | 1.88m (6ft 2in) | 116kg (18st 3lbs)  | London Welsh        | England  |
| Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu | 10/31/1980 | Apia             | Centre          | 1.85m (6ft 1in) | 102kg (16st 1lb)   | Bath                | Samoa    |
| Jim Hamilton           | 11/17/1982 | Swindon          | Lock            | 2.03m (6ft 8in) | 124kg (19st 7lbs)  | Edinburgh           | Scotland |
| Rupert Harden          | 5/9/1985   | Melbourne        | Prop            | 1.91m (6ft 3in) | 118kg (18st 7lbs)  | Tynedale            |          |
| Andrew Hazell          | 4/25/1978  | Gloucester       | Back-Row        | 1.83m (6ft)     | 95kg (14st 12lbs)  |                     | England  |
| Will James             | 12/22/1976 | Plymouth         | Lock            | 1.98m (6ft 6in) | 120kg (18st 12lbs) | Cornish Pirates     | Wales    |
| Shaun Knight           | 2/19/1990  | Gloucester       | Prop            | 1.83m (6ft)     | 111kg (17st 7lbs)  | Cinderford          |          |
| Rory Lawson            | 3/12/1981  | Dunfermline      | Scrum-Half      | 1.73m (5ft 8in) | 85kg (13st 5lbs)   | Edinburgh           | Scotland |
| Scott Lawson           | 9/28/1981  | Lanark           | Hooker          | 1.73m (5ft 8in) | 96kg (15st 2lbs)   | Sale Sharks         |          |
| Dave Lewis             | 4/29/1989  | Manchester       | Scrum-Half      | 1.70m (5ft 7in) | 80kg (12st 8lbs)   |                     |          |
| Jonny May              | 4/1/1990   | Swindon          | Centre          | 1.85m (6ft 1in) | 90kg (14st 2lbs)   |                     |          |
| Tim Molenaar           | 2/19/1981  | Masterton        | Centre          | 1.88m (6ft 2in) | 111kg (17st 7lbs)  | Nottingham          |          |
| Olly Morgan            | 11/3/1985  | London           | Full-Back       | 1.88m (6ft 2in) | 94kg (14st 10lbs)  |                     | England  |
| Luke Narraway          | 9/7/1983   | Worcester        | Back-Row        | 1.91m (6ft 3in) | 108kg (17st)       |                     | England  |
| Jordi Pasqualin        | 3/28/1990  | Sheffield        | Scrum-Half      | 1.83m (6ft)     | 81kg (12st 10lbs)  |                     |          |
| Akapusi Qera           | 4/24/1984  | Suva             | Back-Row        | 1.93m (6ft 4in) | 103kg (16st 2lbs)  | Birmingham-Solihull | Fiji     |
| Nicky Robinson         | 1/3/1982   | Cardiff          | Fly-Half        | 1.85m (6ft 1in) | 93kg (14st 8lbs)   | Cardiff Blues       | Wales    |
| Charlie Sharples       | 8/17/1989  | Hong Kong        | Wing            | 1.83m (6ft)     | 93kg (14st 8lbs)   |                     |          |
| James Simpson-Daniel   | 5/30/1982  | Stockton-on-Tees | Wing            | 1.83m (6ft)     | 92kg (14st 6lbs)   |                     | England  |
| Alasdair Strokosch     | 2/21/1983  | Paisley          | Back-Row        | 1.91m (6ft 3in) | 107kg (16st 11lbs) | Edinburgh           | Scotland |
| Tim Taylor             | 10/4/1982  | Derby            | Fly-Half        | 1.83m (6ft)     | 88kg (13st 12lbs)  | Nottingham          |          |
| Yann Thomas            | 4/16/1990  | Bristol          | Prop            | 1.88m (6ft 2in) | 120kg (18st 12lbs) |                     |          |
| Mike Tindall           | 10/18/1974 | Otley            | Centre          | 1.88m (6ft 2in) | 102kg (16st 1lb)   | Bath                | England  |
| Henry Trinder          | 4/14/1989  | Swindon          | Centre          | 1.83m (6ft)     | 85kg (13st 5lbs)   |                     |          |
| Lesley Vainikolo       | 5/4/1979   | Nuku'alofa       | Wing            | 1.88m (6ft 2in) | 112kg (17st 8lbs)  | Bradford Bulls      | England  |
| Tom Voyce              | 1/5/1981   | Truro            | Wing            | 1.85m (6ft 1in) | 95kg (14st 12lbs)  | London Wasps        | England  |
| Dan Williams           | 2/1/1989   | Rugby            | Back-Row        | 1.96m (6ft 5in) | 104kg (16st 5lbs)  |                     |          |
| Nick Wood              | 1/9/1983   | Swindon          | Prop            | 1.85m (6ft 1in) | 112kg (17st 8lbs)  |                     |          |

# Team line up

15 Fullback  
**Luke Arscott**

11 Left Wing  
**Mark Foster**

14 Right Wing  
**Nic Sestaret**

13 Outside Centre  
**Phil Dollman**

12 Inside Centre  
**Bryan Rennie**



10 Fly Half  
**Gareth Steenson**

9 Scrum Half  
**Haydn Thomas**

- 16 Simon Alcott
- 17 Ben Moon
- 18 Chris Budgen
- 19 Dave Gannon
- 20 Chad Slade
- 21 Garrick Cowley
- 22 Ryan Davis
- 23 Matt Jess

8 Number 8  
**James Phillips**

7 Blindside Flanker  
**James Scaysbrook**

6 Opposite Flanker  
**Tom Johnson**

5 Second Row  
**James Hanks**

4 Second Row  
**Tom Hayes (c)**

3 Loosehead Prop  
**Hoani Tui**

2 Hooker  
**Neil Clark**

1 Tighthead Prop  
**Brett Sturgess**

1 Loosehead Prop  
**Nick Wood**

2 Hooker  
**Scott Lawson**

3 Tighthead Prop  
**Pierre Capdevielle**

4 Second Row  
**Dave Attwood**

5 Second Row  
**Alex Brown**



6 Blindside Flanker  
**Alasdair Strokosch**

8 Number 8  
**Akapusi Qera**

7 Opposite Flanker  
**Luke Narryway**

9 Scrum Half  
**Rory Lawson**

- 16 Olivier Azam
- 17 Alasdair Dickinson
- 18 Rupert Harden
- 19 Will James
- 20 Brett Deakon
- 21 Dave Lewis
- 22 Tim Taylor
- 23 Tim Molenaar

10 Fly Half  
**Nicky Robinson**

12 Inside Centre  
**Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu**

11 Left Wing  
**Lesley Vainikolo**

13 Outside Centre  
**Mike Tindall (c)**

**Match Officials**  
 Referee: Rob Debney (RFU)  
 Touch Judge 1: Ashley Rowden  
 Touch Judge 2: Paul Burton  
 Fourth Official: Luke Pearce

15 Fullback  
**Ollie Morgan**

14 Right Wing  
**James Simpson-Daniel**

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