

2010/2011 SARACENS OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

# STAND UP



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# ROUND-UP

**A TRY BY ELIOTA FUIMAONO-SAPOLU IN THE DYING SECONDS SECURED GLOUCESTER A RECORD-BREAKING 41-41 DRAW AT WELFORD ROAD.**

Olly Morgan grabbed an early try for the visitors which was swiftly cancelled out by Scott Hamilton.

Fuimaono-Sapolu gave Gloucester the interval lead but a

17-minute hat-trick from Alesana Tuilagi had appeared to put Leicester in charge.

The visitors hit back through Andy Hazell and Tim Molenaar with Billy Twelvetrees going over for the hosts.

Leicester stay top of the table after the highest-scoring draw since the Premiership began. It was also the most points the

Tigers have conceded in a home league game.

London Irish kept up their bid for a top-four place with a hard-fought 34-20 win against Sale at the Reebok Stadium.

Irish took the lead when Topsy Ojo intercepted Charlie Hodgson's pass. Hooker David Paice scored his third try in as many games and a marvellous





# TODAY'S VISITORS



GLOUCESTER ARE ARGUABLY THE UNLUCKIEST TEAM TO NEVER WIN THE PREMIERSHIP TROPHY. IN THE 2001-02 SEASON, THE FORMAT OF THE PREMIERSHIP DICTATED THAT THERE WOULD BE A SERIES OF PLAY-OFFS, BUT THE TEAM THAT FINISHED TOP OF LEAGUE AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SEASON WOULD STILL BE CROWNED CHAMPIONS.

In that year, Gloucester won the playoffs but didn't get the trophy. The following season brought about a change in formula where the winner of the play-offs would take the trophy. That year Gloucester finished at the top of the table and lost in the play-off, again losing out on the trophy.

They had back-to-back seasons of misfortune in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 campaigns. In the 2006-07 season they topped the table again but ended up losing to Leicester in the final at Twickenham after defeating Sarries in the semi-final.

Then, the following year after again finishing the league portion

of the competition on top, they lost in heartbreaking fashion to Leicester thanks to a last-gasp drop goal from Andy Goode to become the first side in the Premiership to lose a home semi-final since they were introduced to the competition.

After two seasons where they didn't quite manage their usual form, this year Gloucester have bounced back and they now sit firmly in the top four after suffering a poor start to the season before turning it around to claim the scalps of Bath at the Rec and Northampton at Franklin's Gardens. In particular their form on home turf has been impressive - they have not lost

any of the nine Premiership games at Kingsholm this season.

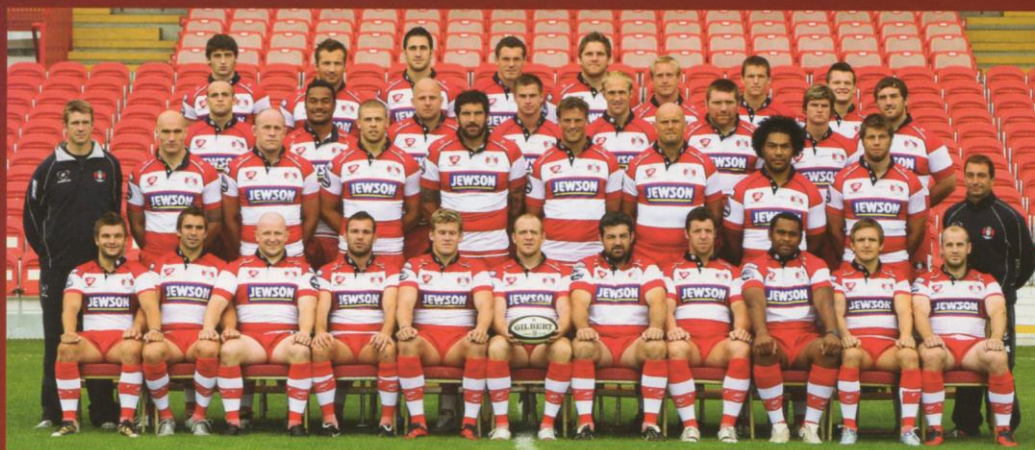
Gloucester have already secured silverware this season. After losing their first game of the LV= Cup to the Newport Gwent Dragons, they put their campaign back on track and ended up on top of their group. They swept aside the Dragons in the semi-final of the competition then found themselves in the final against Newcastle Falcons which they won 34-7. It was pure relief for Bryan Redpath's men who had lost the previous two finals of the competition against Cardiff in 2008-09 and Northampton in 2009-10.





## GLOUCESTER SQUAD

NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HONOURS	
Dave Attwood	second row	05.04.87	2.01m	115kg	
Olivier Azam	hooker	24.10.74	1.85m	120kg	France
Alex Brown	lock	17.05.79	2.01m	116kg	England
Freddie Burns	fly half	13.5.90	1.85m	80kg	
Peter Buxton	back row	21.08.78	1.92 m	115kg	
Pierre Capdevielle	prop	30.3.74	1.86m	123kg	
Matt Cox	back row	06.03.88	1.91m	98kg	
Darren Dawidiuk	hooker	21.9.87	1.80m	95kg	
Brett Deacon	back row	07.03.82	1.93m	110kg	
Alasdair Dickinson	prop	11.09.83	1.84m	112kg	Scotland
Paul Doran-Jones	prop	02.05.85	1.88m	116kg	England
Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu	centre	31.10.80	1.85m	102kg	Samoa
Jim Hamilton	lock	17.11.82	2.03m	124kg	Scotland
Rupert Harden	prop	09.05.71	1.91m	118kg	
Andrew Hazell	back row	25.04.78	1.83m	95kg	England
Will James	lock	22.12.76	1.99m	120kg	Wales
Shaun Knight	prop	19.02.90	1.83m	111kg	
Rory Lawson	scrum-half	12.03.81	1.73m	85kg	Scotland
Scott Lawson	hooker	28.09.81	1.73m	96kg	Scotland
Dave Lewis	scrum-half	29.04.89	1.70m	80kg	
Jonny May	centre	01.04.90	1.86m	90kg	
Tim Molenaar	Centre	19.02.81	1.88m	111kg	
Olly Morgan	full-back	03.11.85	1.89m	94kg	England
Luke Narraway	back row	07.09.83	1.90m	108kg	England
Jordi Pasqualin	scrum half	28.03.90	1.83m	81kg	
Akapusi Qera	back row	24.04.84	1.94m	103kg	Fiji
Nicky Robinson	fly half	03.01.82	1.85m	93kg	Wales
Charlie Sharples	wing	17.08.89	1.84m	93kg	
James Simpson-Daniel	wing	30.05.82	1.82m	92kg	England
Alasdair Strokosch	back row	21.02.83	1.91m	107kg	Scotland
Tim Taylor	Fly half	04.10.82	1.83m	88kg	
Yann Thomas	prop	16.04.90	1.88m	120kg	
Mike Tindall	centre	18.10.78	1.88m	102kg	England
Henry Trinder	centre	14.04.89	1.83m	85kg	
Lesley Vainikolo	wing	04.05.79	1.88m	112kg	England
Tom Voyce	wing	05.01.81	1.85m	95kg	England
Dan Williams	number eight	01.02.89	1.97m	104kg	
Nick Wood	prop	09.01.83	1.86m	112kg	





## DIRECTOR OF RUGBY BRYAN REDPATH



Boasting an international career that spanned 10 years and earning him 60 caps for his country which included two World Cups, Bryan Redpath is no stranger to rugby's big stage.

One of the initial members of Scotland's recent line of highly talented scrum-halves, Redpath played his final match for Scotland against Australia in the 2003 World Cup but kept playing for Sale Sharks up until his retirement from all forms of the game in 2005.

He had a two year break from the sport before joining Gloucester as their backline coach in 2007 and in his first season he helped the Cherry and Whites to the top of the Premiership. In 2009, Gloucester parted ways with then-coach Dean Ryan, and Redpath was handed the top job.

He led Gloucester to their first silverware in five years when his side won the 2010-11 LV= Cup at Franklins Gardens earlier this year.

## CAPTAIN MIKE TINDALL

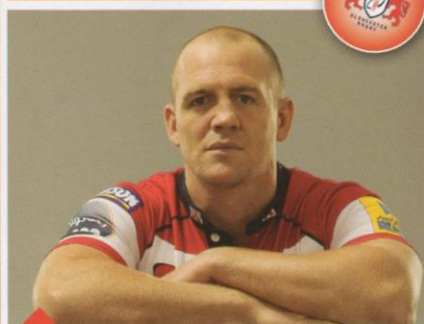
Born in Otley to father Phil who played for his hometown club, Mike Tindall's career for England began in 2000 when he made his debut in the opening game of that year's Championship against Ireland. England made a winning start to their victorious campaign and Tindall made an impressive start to his career with a try on debut.

Tindall's initial experience in the Premiership was with fellow West Country side Bath where he came through the club's academy and remained with them from 1997 until signing with Gloucester in 2005.

He played for England at Under 18 level alongside current England team mate Jonny Wilkinson and went on to link up with the Toulon fly-half in England's victorious 2003 World Cup campaign in Australia in which he starred in all but one of the games.

Having built a wealth of knowledge and experience both domestically and internationally, Tindall was handed the captaincy of Gloucester at the beginning of the current season and Martin Johnson turned to him to lead England when regular captain Lewis Moody was ruled out of the 2011 6 Nations. Tindall led the side to their first Championship win since 2003.

Mike Tindall



KEY STATS

**Position:** Centre

**Date of Birth:** 18/10/1978

**Height:** 1.88m

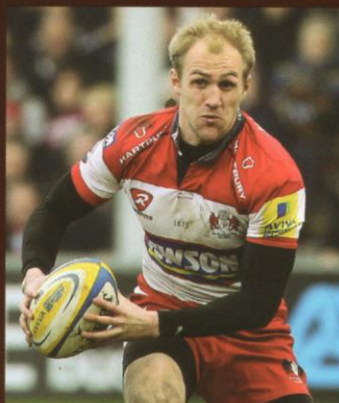
**Weight:** 102kg

**Honours:** England



# TRIO TO WATCH...

OLLY MORGAN

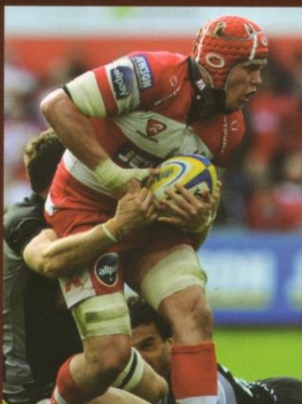


Ollie Morgan's first taste of international rugby came when he represented England at Under 16 and then Under 18 levels before being selected for the Under 21 side in 2005, culminating in the IRB Junior World Championships in Argentina. The following year he was a member of the Grand Slam winning squad at the Under 21 Six Nations.

But Morgan has struggled to stamp his mark on the England senior side, having been selected only twice for duty in the 2007 6 Nations.

Having made his Gloucester debut on the wing against Saracens in 2005, Morgan is a pedigree fullback whose ability under the high ball has earned him many accolades in rugby circles and in the 2008-09 season, he was named at fullback in the Sky Sports Dream Team. A highly talented athlete, Morgan took part in the pentathlon in English Schools Athletics Championships as well as playing hockey for England Under 16s.

LUKE NARRAWAY

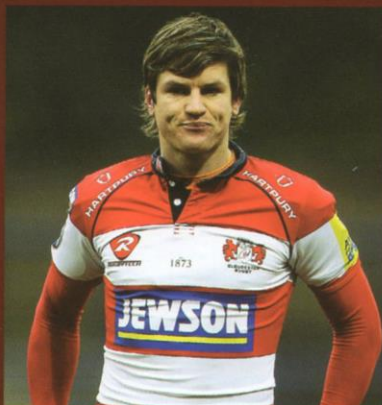


Luke Narraway was born in Worcester where his initial playing days took place, ending with a stint for Kings School before signing for Gloucester in 2003. He made his debut for the club against Leeds in May 2003 and has now amassed 139 caps with the Cherry and Whites.

He moved through the England ranks by playing for the national Under 18 side before representing the Under 21 side in the 2004 Junior 6 Nations - a Grand Slam winning competition for the young English team. He moved on to play for the England 7s side before being selected for the England Saxons squad.

He played in the 2006, 2009 and 2010 Churchill Cups and in the 2010 showpiece he put in a Man of the Match performance to help England to victory in the final against Canada. To date he has represented England seven times under Martin Johnson's regime, making his first start in the 2008 6 Nations against Wales.

FREDDIE BURNS



Still only 20 years old, Freddie Burns' introduction to senior rugby has been notably impressive. In 2008 he switched academies to Gloucester from their west country rivals Bath and the following year he moved into the senior squad which led to him being selected for the Gloucester side that took on Australia in November 2009, with Burns scoring his team's only try in that game.

Having already earned 31 caps for the Cherry and Whites, Burns has tasted plenty of top flight rugby for such a young player. He has already played in the Premiership, the Amlin Challenge Cup and the Heineken Cup as well as being a part of Gloucester's trophy win in this season's LV= Cup. Burns has turned heads with his natural ability to perform in high pressure situations and many are already tipping him for full England honours.



## Saracens v Gloucester

Date: 24th April  
Kick Off: 13:30

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### Top Performers

#### Total Metres

Chris Wyles	747
David Strettle	629
Schalk Brits	605

#### Total Carries

Schalk Brits	166
Bradley Barritt	142
Ernest Joubert	134

#### Total Tackles

Steve Borthwick	139
Bradley Barritt	134
Jaques Burger	124

#### Lineouts Won

Ernest Joubert	61
Steve Borthwick	43
Hayden Smith	38



Bradley Barritt Eliota Sapolu

142	Total Carries	126
330	Total Metres	553
134	Tackle	75
7	Missed Tackle	12
9	Clean Breaks	13
21	Defender Beaten	11
13	Total Pens	3
4	Turnover Won	4
2	Try Scored	4

### Top Performers

#### Total Metres

Charlie Sharples	691
Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu	553
James Simpson-Daniel	480

#### Total Carries

Luke Narraway	148
Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu	126
Scott Lawson	80

#### Total Tackles

Luke Narraway	118
Andy Hazell	116
Alex Brown	98

#### Lineouts Won

Alex Brown	65
Luke Narraway	46
Dave Attwood	21

## Team Stats

Scrums			Lineouts			Tries			Open Play		
152	Put Ins	151	279	Throw Ins	269	30	Scored	43	97	Av. Tackles	91
130	Won	120	255	Won	226	9	No. 1st Phase	22	9	Av. Misses	8
86	% Won	79	91	% Won	84	8	No. Own Half	14	95	Av. Carries	88
36	Pen Won	45	3	Not Straight	8	16	No. In 1st Half	22	304	Av. Metres	310
26	Won Opp Feed	20	11	Quick Throw	17	14	No. In Second Half	21	9	Av. Def Beaten	8
19	% Opp Feed	15	42	Won Opp Throw	46	15	From Set Piece	20	13	Av. T'Overs Con	13
17	Pen Opp Feed	17	16	% Stolen	19	7	From Turnover	8	9	Av. Pens Con	9

TODAY'S

# TEAMS



## SARACENS

ALEX GOODE 15: FULL-BACK  
 DAVID STRETTLE 14: WING  
 CHRIS WYLES 13: CENTRE  
 BRAD BARRITT 12: CENTRE  
 JAMES SHORT 11: WING  
 OWEN FARRELL 10: FLY-HALF  
 NEIL DE KOCK 9: SCRUM-HALF  
 MATT STEVENS 1: PROP  
 SCHALK BRITS 2: HOOKER  
 CARLOS NIETO 3: PROP  
 © STEVE BORTHWICK 4: LOCK  
 MOURITZ BOTHA 5: LOCK  
 KELLY BROWN 6: FLANKER  
 JACQUES BURGER 7: FLANKER  
 ERNST JOUBERT NO: 8

### REPLACEMENTS

JAMIE GEORGE 16  
 RHYS GILL 17  
 PETRUS DU PLESSIS 18  
 HUGH VYVYAN 19  
 ANDY SAULL 20  
 RICHARD WIGGLESWORTH 21  
 RODD PENNEY 22  
 NOAH CATO 23



## GLOUCESTER RUGBY

OLLY MORGAN  
 JONNY MAY  
 HENRY TRINDER  
 ELIOTA FUIMAONO-SAPOLU  
 TOM VOYCE  
 FREDDIE BURNS  
 DAVE LEWIS  
 ALASDAIR DICKINSON  
 SCOTT LAWSON  
 RUPERT HARDEN  
 WILL JAMES  
 DAVE ATTWOOD  
 MATT COX  
 ANDY HAZELL  
 BRETT DEACON ©

OLIVIER AZAM  
 NICK WOOD  
 PAUL DORAN-JONES  
 ALEX BROWN  
 ALASDAIR STROKOSCH  
 RORY LAWSON  
 TIM TAYLOR  
 TIM MOLENAAR

Referee: Dave Pearson Touch Judges: Nigel Carrick; Dean Richards

