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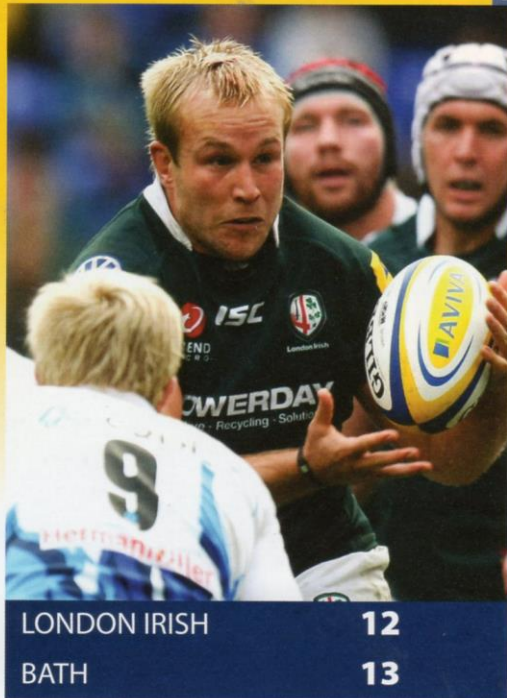
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AVIVA PREMIERSHIP RUGBY



Premiership Roundup



LONDON IRISH 12
BATH 13

Bath grabbed victory over London Irish thanks to Sam Vesty's late penalty at the Madejski Stadium.

In-form Irish had gone into the match looking for a fifth win in six Aviva Premiership Rugby outings, but it was the visitors who left with the spoils after a tense encounter.

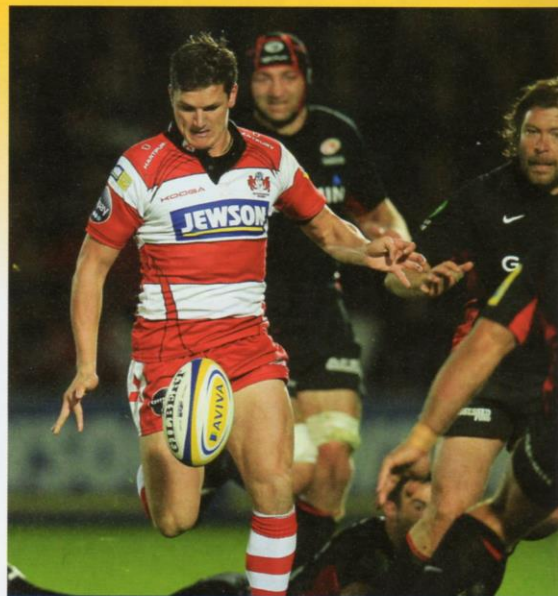
Bath dominated the early exchanges and Vesty claimed a try after a quick passing move created a gap in the Irish line. Moments earlier Delon Armitage had been handed a yellow card for a high tackle on Tom Biggs.

Bath led 5-0 at half-time but Irish started the second half strongly and Tom Homer landed two penalties to edge them ahead 6-5.

Bath, though, regained the lead when lock Dave Attwood went over in the corner for their second try.

However, Homer booted over his third and fourth penalties to give Irish a 12-10 lead and it was beginning to look as though Bath would rue their missed conversions.

Vesty, though, had the final word with the penalty in the closing minutes following an infringement by former Bath player Shontayne Hape.



GLOUCESTER 17
SARACENS 19

Gloucester's run of 22 unbeaten Aviva Premiership games at home was brought to an end by Saracens.

A late try from Brad Barritt, converted by Owen Farrell, sealed a hard-fought victory for the reigning champions at Kingsholm.

In an ill-tempered clash, Gloucester bossed the first half with Freddie Burns landing two penalties to go alongside a try from full-back Olly Morgan.

The only response from the visitors during the first 40 minutes was a penalty from England international Charlie Hodgson.

After the break Farrell and Tim Taylor exchanged penalties before Barritt latched onto a clever grubber kick to score the vital try, which was awarded following checks with the TV match official.

Gloucester Rugby



Gloucester Rugby come to Sandy Park this afternoon looking to bounce back from the disappointment of losing narrowly at home to Saracens last weekend.

This marked the first time that the Cherry and Whites had lost at home in the Aviva Premiership for over two years and they'll be keen to bounce back before attention turns to European matters for the next couple of weeks.

It's been a testing season so far for Bryan Redpath and his squad. With a smaller sized squad in terms of numbers than in seasons gone, and with seven players away on World Cup duty, the hope was that injuries wouldn't feature too much in the opening few weeks.

However, even before the preseason friendlies were played, club captain Luke Narryway underwent surgery on a bulging disc in his back and centre Tim Molenaar tore a pectoral muscle.

And when Andy Hazell broke a thumb and Alex Brown injured a shoulder in the season opener at Northampton, it could be assumed that lady luck definitely wasn't looking kindly on the Gloucester physio room.

However, Gloucester have dug deep and battled hard although overall results have perhaps not quite reflected the effort invested. Away defeats at Northampton and Sale Sharks could so easily have been victories and left Gloucester in a far higher position in the table.

Until last weekend, Kingsholm was continuing to provide its usual home comforts and wins over Worcester, Bath and London Irish were duly achieved.

Redpath is well aware though that, to repeat last season's top four finish, points must be picked up on the road and will appreciate more than most the challenge of taking on the Chiefs on their own patch.

After all, Gloucester were the Chiefs' very first Premiership scalp and the memory of that opening day defeat last season should provide the Cherry and Whites with plenty of motivation this afternoon.

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◀ DARREN DAWIDIUK

The Cornishman, now in his third season with Gloucester having joined from the Cornish Pirates, is enjoying his best season yet.

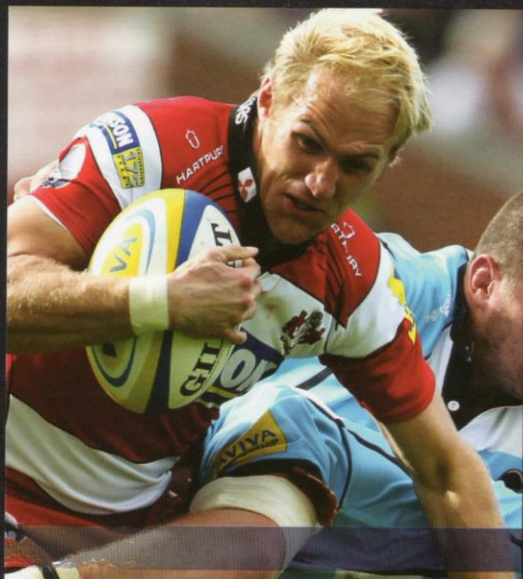
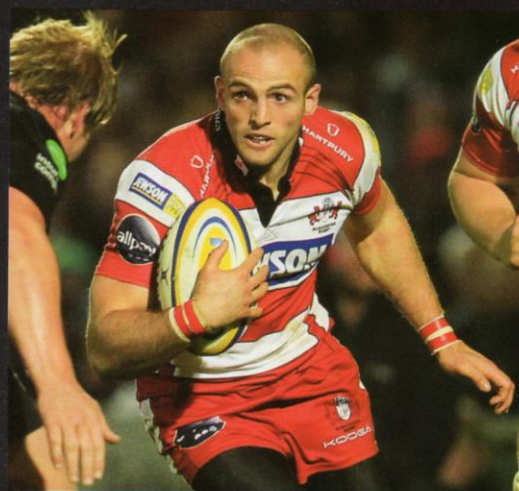
He has made the most of Scott Lawson's presence in the Scotland World Cup squad to start six of Gloucester's Aviva Premiership fixtures to date also showing an eye for the line, scoring his first two Premiership tries in the process.

CHARLIE SHARPLES ▶

The 22 year old winger has quickly shrugged off the disappointment of not making England's World Cup squad by getting back to what he does best – scoring tries for Gloucester.

Sharples boasts an impressive strike rate for Gloucester, scoring 34 tries in fewer than 60 starts in all competitions.

He's best known as a winger but is also more than capable of filling in at full back.



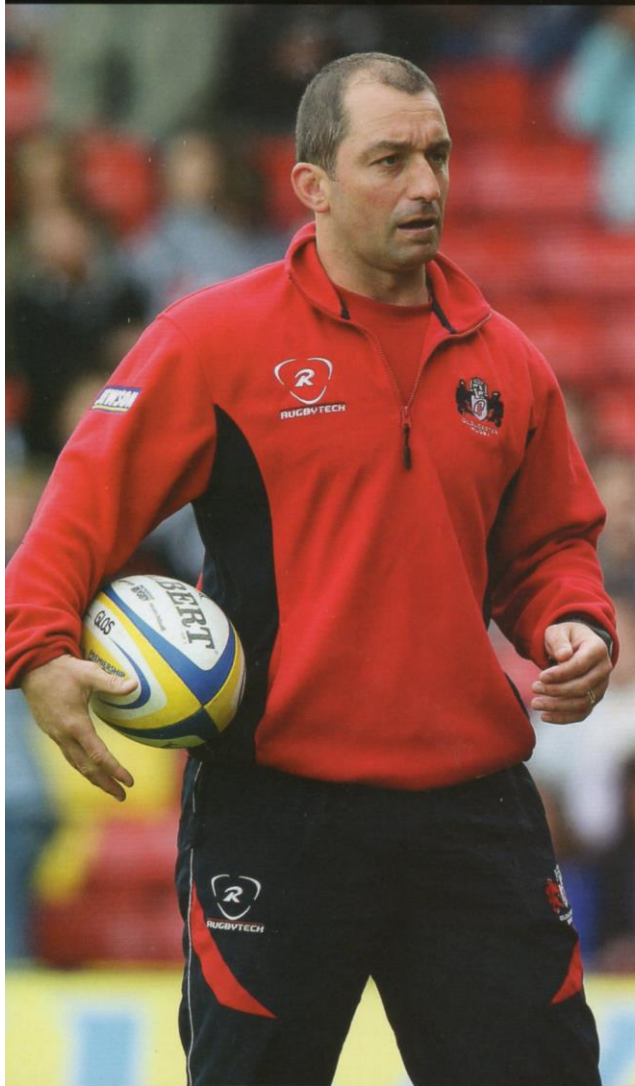
◀ OLLY MORGAN

The twice capped England international has been back to his best this season after a couple of seasons disrupted by a variety of niggling injuries.

The London born full back, who turned 26 this week, is vital to the Gloucester defensive effort due to his ability under the high ball.

However, he can also be a devastating runner in attack as he showed last weekend when he scored a memorable try against Saracens.

The Opposition



Head Coach Bryan Redpath

The former Scotland scrum half retired from playing in May 2005 after a successful professional career that saw him represent Sale, Narbonne, Edinburgh and Melrose, and win 60 international caps, representing his country at three World Cups.

The 39 year old signed a two year contract as backs coach at Gloucester Rugby in the summer of 2007 and was named Head Coach in June 2009 following the departure of Dean Ryan.

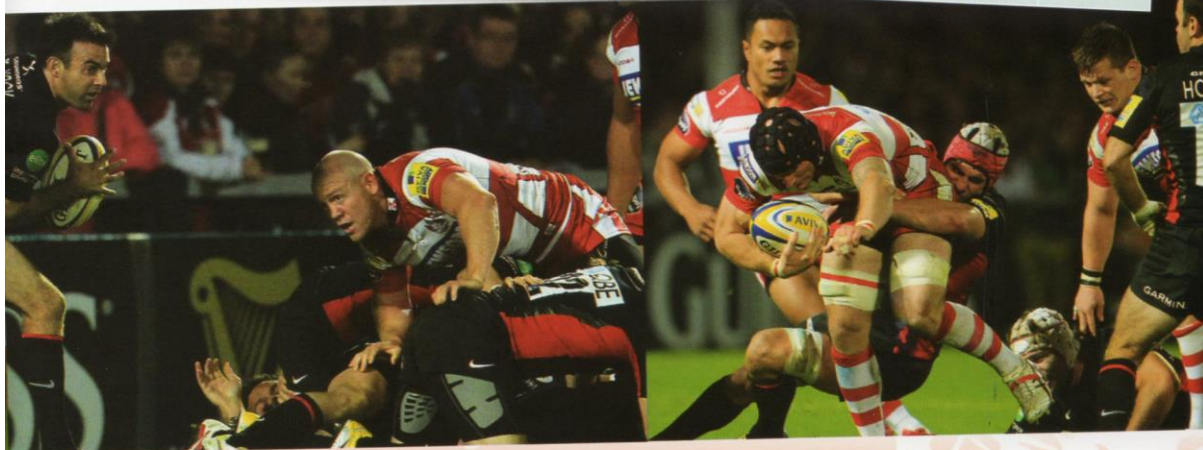
In his first season in charge, Redpath guided Gloucester to seventh place in the Guinness Premiership and to the final of the LV= Cup where his side pushed Northampton Saints all the way and were desperately unlucky to finish on the wrong end of the result.

2010-11 saw Gloucester go one better as they lifted the LV= Cup with a 34-7 victory over the Newcastle Falcons, a win which guaranteed Heineken Cup rugby this season as well as finishing third in the Aviva Premiership table before losing narrowly to eventual champions Saracens in the semi final.



Player Stats

NAME	POSITION	DOB	HEIGHT (metric)	HEIGHT (Imp)	WEIGHT (metric)	WEIGHT (Imp)	HONOURS
Alex Brown	Lock	17.05.79	2.01m	6ft 7in	116kg	18st 1lb	England
Freddie Burns	Fly half	13.5.90	1.85m	6ft 1in	80kg	12st 8lb	
Peter Buxton	Back row	21.08.78	1.92m	6ft 4in	115kg	18st 1lb	
Nathan Charles	Hooker	9.1.89	1.83m	6ft	106kg	16st 9lb	
Dario Chistolini	Prop	14.09.88	1.80m	5ft 11in	110kg	17st 4lb	
Matt Cox	Back row	06.03.88	1.91m	6ft 3in	98kg	15st 5lb	
Matias Cortese	Hooker	1.10.85	1.83m	6ft	107kg	16st 11lb	Argentina
Darren Dawidiuk	Hooker	21.9.87	1.80m	5ft 11in	95kg	14st 12lb	
Brett Deacon	Back row	07.03.82	1.93m	6ft 4in	110kg	17st 4lb	
Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu	Centre	31.10.80	1.85m	6ft 1in	102kg	16st 1lb	Samoa
Jim Hamilton	Lock	17.11.82	2.03m	6ft 8in	124kg	19st 8lb	Scotland
Rupert Harden	Prop	09.05.86	1.91m	6ft 3in	118kg	18st 8lb	
Andrew Hazell	Back row	25.04.78	1.83m	6ft	95kg	14st 13lb	England
Will James	Lock	22.12.76	1.99m	6ft 6in	120kg	18st 11lb	Wales
Shaun Knight	Prop	19.02.90	1.83m	6ft	111kg	17st 7lb	
Rory Lawson	Scrum-half	12.03.81	1.73m	5ft 8in	85kg	13st 5lb	Scotland
Scott Lawson	Hooker	28.09.81	1.73m	5ft 8in	96kg	15st 2lb	Scotland
Dave Lewis	Scrum-half	29.04.89	1.70m	5ft 7in	80kg	12st 8lb	
David Lyons	Lock	10.07.85	1.98m	6ft 6in	115kg	18st 0lb	
Jonny May	Centre	01.04.90	1.86m	6ft 1in	90kg	14st 2lb	
Tim Molenaar	Centre	19.02.81	1.88m	6ft 2in	111kg	17st 7lb	
Olly Morgan	Full-back	03.11.85	1.89m	6ft 2in	94kg	14st 2lb	England
Dan Murphy	Prop	27.10.85	1.90m	6ft 3in	115kg	18st 1lb	
Luke Narryway	Back row	07.09.83	1.90m	6ft 3in	108kg	17st	England
Akapusi Qera	Back row	24.04.84	1.94m	6ft 4in	103kg	16st	Fiji
Nick Runciman	Scrum-half	01.09.85	1.73m	5ft 8in	85kg	13st 5lb	
Charlie Sharples	Wing	17.08.89	1.84m	6ft	93kg	14st 9lb	England
James Simpson-Daniel	Wing	30.05.82	1.82m	6ft	92kg	14st 6lb	England
Alasdair Strokosch	Back row	21.02.83	1.91m	6ft 3in	107kg	16st 11lb	Scotland
Tim Taylor	Fly half	04.10.82	1.83m	6ft	88kg	13st 12lb	
Yann Thomas	Prop	16.04.90	1.88m	6ft 2in	120kg	18st 11lb	
Mike Tindall	Centre	18.10.78	1.88m	6ft 2in	102kg	15st 12lb	England
Henry Trinder	Centre	14.04.89	1.83m	6ft	85kg	13st 5lb	
Lesley Vainikolo	Wing	04.05.79	1.88m	6ft 2in	112kg	17st 8lb	England
Tom Voyce	Wing	05.01.81	1.85m	6ft 1in	95kg	14st 13lb	England
Nick Wood	Prop	09.01.83	1.86m	6ft 1in	112kg	17st 5lb	



teams line-up

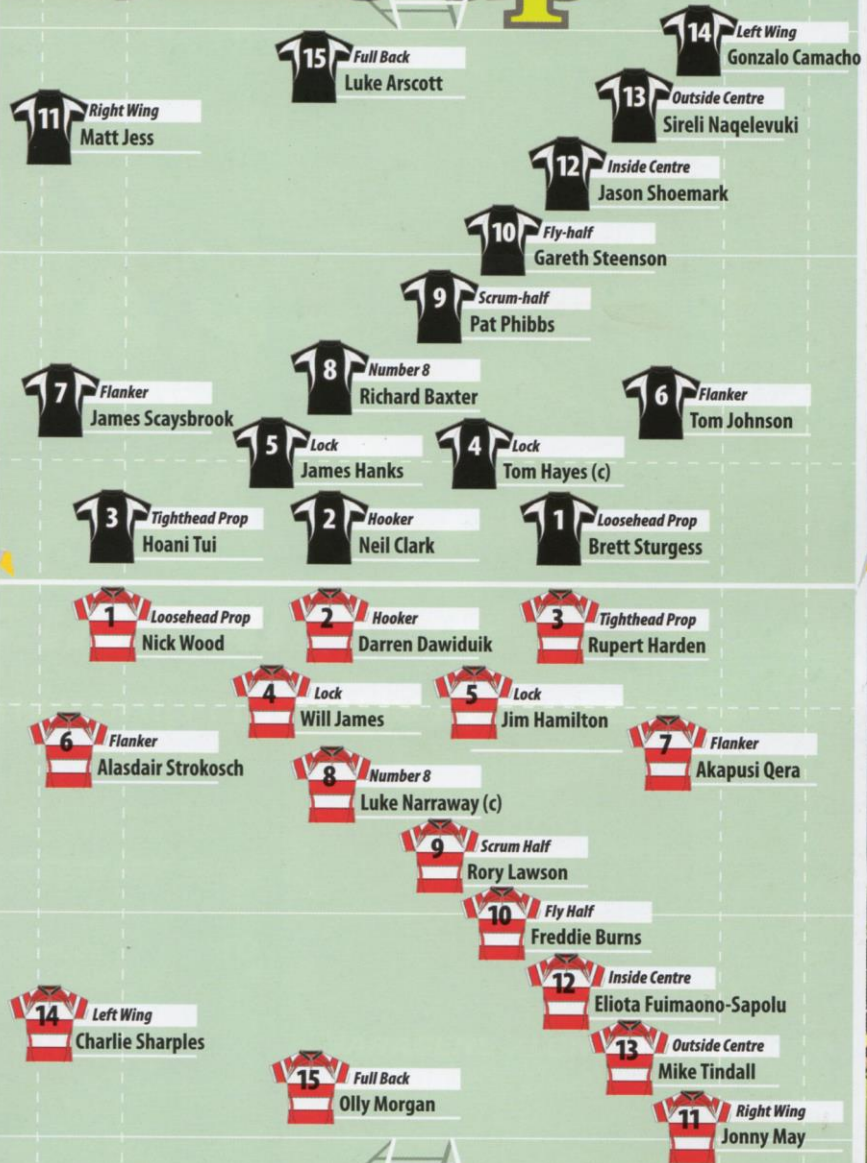
Replacements

- 16 Simon Alcott
- 17 Ben Moon
- 18 John Andress
- 19 Chris Bentley
- 20 Ben White
- 21 Kevin Barrett
- 22 Ignacio Mieres
- 23 Josh Tatupu



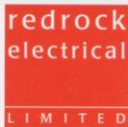
Replacements

- 16 Scott Lawson
- 17 Dan Murphy
- 18 Dario Chistolinni
- 19 Tom Savage
- 20 Pete Buxton
- 21 Dave Lewis
- 22 Tim Taylor
- 23 Henry Trinder



Match Officials Referee: Andrew Small Touch Judge 1: Paul Burton Touch Judge 2: Stuart Terhegge
Fourth Official: David Rose Time Keeper: Laurie Bryant

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Last Time Out

EXETER CHIEFS 22
GLOUCESTER 10

Life in the Aviva Premiership began with a bang for Exeter Chiefs as they kicked off their maiden season in English rugby's top flight with a memorable victory over Gloucester at Sandy Park.

Having won promotion just months earlier against Bristol in the Championship Play-Off final, Rob Baxter's side defied the pre-season doom-mongers by sinking the famous Cherry & Whites on a sun-drenched afternoon in Devon.

As was the case at Bristol's Memorial Stadium the night they won promotion, it was once again the laser guided boot of Irish fly-half Gareth Steenson which did much of the damage.

The Irishman helped himself to a 17-point haul, whilst former Gloucester winger Mark Foster wasted little time in announcing his arrival back on the big stage as he claimed Exeter's first-ever Premiership try when he crossed with just five minutes played.

Gloucester responded with a try in either half from James Simpson-Daniel and Tim Taylor, but it was not enough to prevent the Chiefs from claiming a famous scalp on their seasonal bow.



Chiefs: L Arcsott; N Sestaret, P Dollman (M Jess 47-58), B Rennie (M Jess 58), M Foster; G Steenson, H Thomas (G Cowley 80); B Sturgess (B Moon 76), N Clark (S Alcott 53), H Tui (C Budgen 61); T Hayes (capt), J Hanks (D Gannon 75); T Johnson, J Scaysbrook, J Phillips (C Slade 53).

Replacement (not used): R Davis

Try – Foster; **Conversion** – Steenson;

Penalty – Steenson (4); **Drop-Goal** – Steenson

Gloucester: O Morgan (T Taylor 22); J Simpson-Daniel, M Tindall (capt, T Molenaar 66), E Fuimaono-Sapolu, L Vainikolo; N Robinson, D Lewis (J Pasqualin 70); N Wood (A Dickinson 58), S Lawson (O Azam 76), P Capedevielle; D Attwood, A Brown (W James 76); P Buxton (A Strokosch 50), A Qera, L Narraway.

Replacement (not used): R Harden

Tries – Simpson-Daniel, Taylor

Referee: R Debney

Attendance: 9,562

Exeter v Gloucester

Date: 5th November
Kick Off: 15:00



Top Performers

Total Metres

Matt Jess	525
Sireli Nagelevuki	421
Jason Shoemark	224

Total Carries

Tom Johnson	93
Sireli Nagelevuki	92
Richard Baxter	73

Total Tackles

James Scaysbrook	79
Tom Hayes	60
Richard Baxter	51

Lineouts Won

Tom Hayes	29
Tom Johnson	11
James Scaysbrook	10



Sireli Nagelevuki Henry Trinder

92	Total Carries	14
421	Total Metres	116
30	Tackle	20
3	Missed Tackle	2
17	Defender Beaten	4
29	Total Passes	8
7	Initial Break	2
3	Total Pens	3
2	Try Scored	1

Top Performers

Total Metres

Charlie Sharples	274
Jonny May	248
Olly Morgan	222

Total Carries

Peter Buxton	46
Jonny May	38
Charlie Sharples	37

Total Tackles

Peter Buxton	62
Nick Wood	60
Will James	52

Lineouts Won

Will James	19
Tom Savage	14
Brett Deacon	13

Team Stats

Scrum			Lineouts			Tries			Open Play		
51	Put Ins	54	91	Throw Ins	84	12	Scored	11	101	Av. Tackles	101
42	Won	45	75	Won	66	2	No. 1st Phase	7	10	Av. Misses	11
82	% Won	83	82	% Won	79	4	No. Own Half	4	124	Av. Carries	69
22	Pen Won	18	3	Not Straight	7	4	No. In 1st Half	7	403	Av. Metres	232
10	Won Opp Feed	16	2	Quick Throw	1	8	No. In Second Half	4	10	Av. Def Beaten	7
19	% Opp Feed	34	15	Won Opp Throw	9	3	From Set Piece	5	12	Av. T'Overs Con	10
9	Pen Opp Feed	13	22	% Stolen	9	1	From Turnover	5	10	Av. Pens Con	12