



WELCOME TO GLOUCESTER

After a season of upheaval at Kingsholm, Gloucester Rugby's 2012-13 season is off to a promising start.

The changes are probably nothing compared to the activity that must have taken place here at London Welsh over the summer, but it's a new look Gloucester Rugby that approached this season.

Nigel Davies was appointed Director of Rugby in early June and the former Scarlets supremo had to move quickly to assemble his back room staff with only Carl Hogg remaining from last season.

In came Paul Moriarty as Defence Coach, Tony Windo as Scrum Coach and Mike Tindall was offered a new contract which saw the World Cup winner take his first steps into the world of coaching.

There was also the small matter of integrating a number of new signings into the squad and restoring confidence after 2011-12 finished with a series of defeats.

It's a cliché, but everyone at the club is taking things one game at a time. It's a new look coaching set up, a new look side and it's going to take some time for Gloucester to reach its undoubted potential.

The Aviva Premiership is obviously a tough place to learn and develop but the Cherry and Whites are making a good fist of it so far.

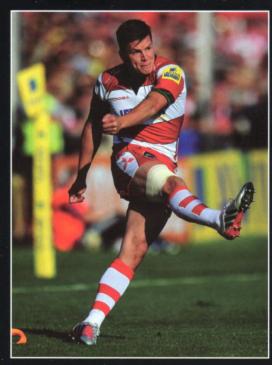
A slow start in the season opener at home to Northampton meant that there was just too much ground to claw back and a losing bonus point was the only reward.

A rare victory at the Madejski Stadium got Gloucester off and running in the win column, followed by a tense draw at Sixways against Worcester.

And last weekend saw Gloucester take another step forward with an exciting 29-22 victory over London Wasps.

It means Gloucester come to the Kassam Stadium today in sixth place in the table and in good heart.

However, they know that it will be a battle against a side who have won their last two games and are rapidly showing that they've got the stomach for the Aviva Premiership fight.



Freddie Burns



JIM HAMILTON

Big Jim Hamilton is now in his third season playing his trade in the Gloucester Rugby boiler room, and this season has taken on the role of club captain. The 29 year old Scotland international started his career in the Leicester Tigers Academy, making his Premiership debut in 2003.

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He represented England at U21 level but opted to pursue a senior international career with Scotland, for whom he qualified courtesy of his Glasgow born father.

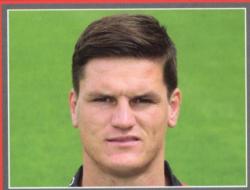
Has now won nearly 40 caps for his country and become a real favourite with the Kingsholm crowd.



DAN ROBSON

20 year old scrum half Robson is one of the most exciting talents to emerge from the Gloucester Rugby Academy in recent seasons.

Although he wears the number nine shirt for Gloucester, he is versatile enough to turn out at fly half as he did regularly last season for Hartpury RFC. Has played for England through the respective age groups including featuring for England U20s at the 2011 and 2012 IRB Junior World Championships. Now a member of the first team, has started the first four matches of the 2012-13 Aviva Premiership Rugby season.



FREDDIE BURNS

Burns is another product of the Gloucester Rugby Academy and one of the most promising young fly half talents in English club rugby. Made his first team breakthrough in 2009-10 and

Made his first team breakthrough in 2009-10 and represented England U20s in the IRB Junior World Championship in June 2010. He has established himself in the number ten shirt over the past two seasons, earned selection for the England Saxons and also trained with the full England squad. Capable of turning a game in an instant, has worked hard on his goal kicking ahead of this season and is currently joint second in the Aviva Premiership try scoring charts.



TOM SAVAGE

Tom Savage is making a big name for himself in only his second season in professional rugby. Formerly captain of Hartpury RFC, the 23 year old asked to train with Gloucester Rugby in the summer of 2011 and impressed enough to quickly be offered a full contract.

Capable of playing in the second row or on the blindside flank, he went on to make 18 first team appearances in total in his first full season with the club and has started all four Aviva Premiership matches to date in 2012-13.



SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2012 KASSAM STADIUM OXFORD KICK OFF 3.00PM



LONDON WELSH		V		GLOUCESTER RUGBY
SEB JEWELL	15	FULL BACK	15	ROB COOK
TOM ARSCOTT	14	RIGHT WING	14	JONNY MAY
SONNY PARKER*	13	OUTSIDE CENTRE	13	HENRY TRINDER
HUDSON TONGA'UIHA*	12	INSIDE CENTRE	12	BILLY TWELVETREES
NICK SCOTT	11	LEFT WING	11	JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL*
GORDON ROSS*	10	OUTSIDE HALF	10	FREDDIE BURNS
TYSON KEATES	9	SCRUM HALF	9	DAN ROBSON
FRANCK MONTANELLA*	1	LOOSE HEAD	1	NICK WOOD
NEIL BRIGGS	2	HOOKER	2	HUIA EDMONDS*
PAULICA ION*	3	TIGHT HEAD	3	RUPERT HARDEN
JON MILLS ©	4	LOCK	4	TOM SAVAGE
MATT CORKER	5	LOCK	5	JIM HAMILTON* ©
DANIEL BROWNE	6	BLINDSIDE	6	SIONE KALAMAFONI*
MICHAEL HILLS	7	OPENSIDE	7	ANDY HAZELL*
ED JACKSON	8	NO 8	8	BEN MORGAN*
0.7		REPLACEMENTS		
DAN GEORGE	16		16	TOMMASO D'APICE*
TOM BRISTOW	17		17	DAN MURPHY
ARTHUR JOLY	18		18	SHAUN KNIGHT
KIRILL KULEMIN*	19		19	WILL JAMES*
ALFIE TO'OALA*	20		20	AKAPUSI QERA*
NICK RUNCIMAN	21		21	DAVE LEWIS
RYAN DAVIES	22		22	MIKE TINDALL*
PHIL MACKENZIE*	23		23	MARTYN THOMAS

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REFEREE: LLYR APGERAINT-ROBERTS **TOUCH JUDGE 1: PETER HUCKLE TOUCH JUDGE 2: KEVIN STEWART**

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TODAY'S MASCOTS EVAN & OSIAN JONES London Welsh

U7s and U9s