

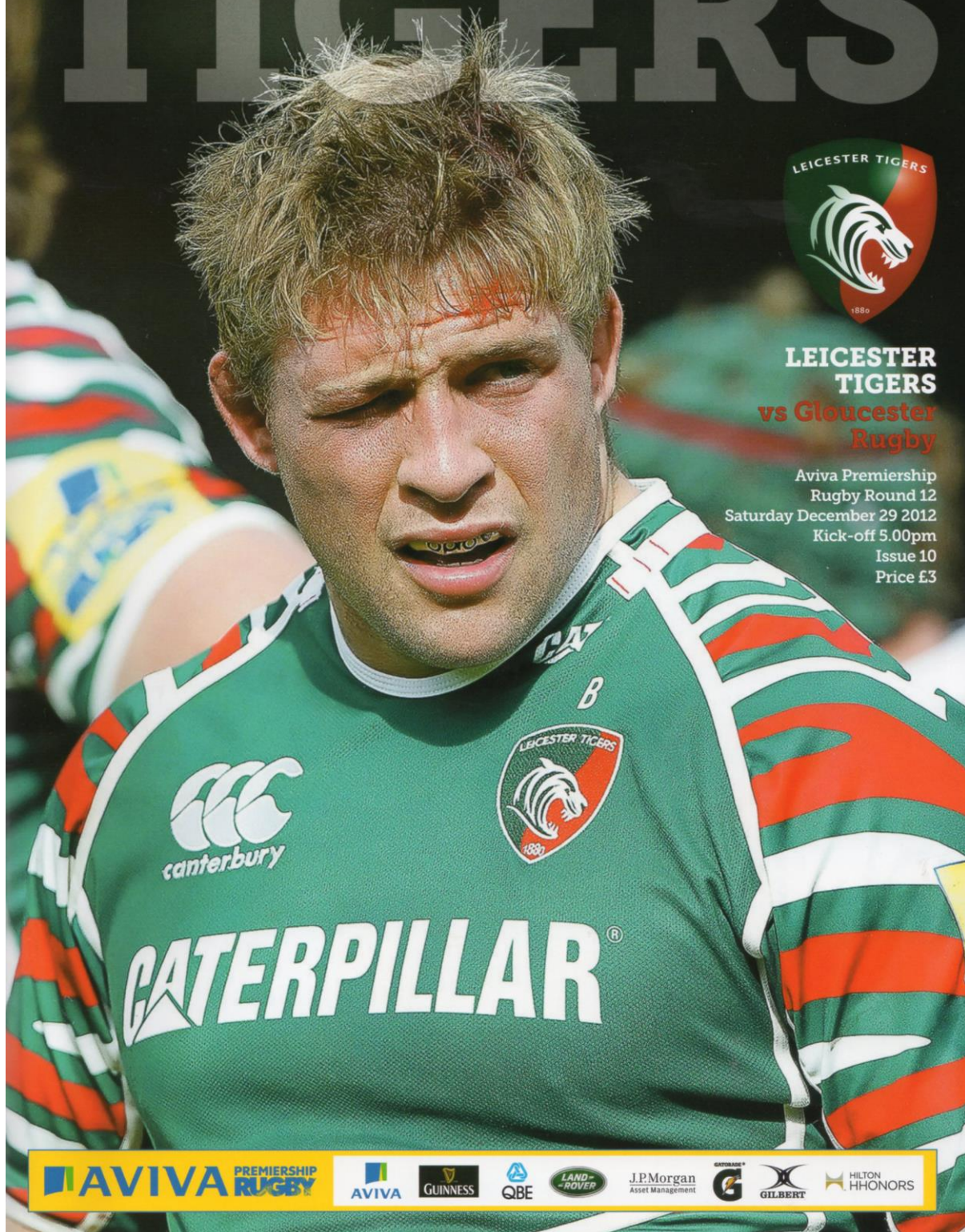
LEICESTER

# TIGERS



**LEICESTER  
TIGERS**  
**vs Gloucester  
Rugby**

Aviva Premiership  
Rugby Round 12  
Saturday December 29 2012  
Kick-off 5.00pm  
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# WELCOME TO GLOUCESTER RUGBY

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

Following what can best be described as a disappointing end to 2011-12, the club was rocked by the sudden, and unexpected, departure of head coach Bryan Redpath, which was followed by the tragic death of John Brain.

The Gloucester board needed to act quickly and identify a new figurehead to lead the club into a new era.

That man was Nigel Davies, who was appointed director of rugby in June, and the former Scarlets boss had to act fast to assemble his backroom staff with only Carl Hogg remaining from last season.

In came Paul Moriarty as defence coach, Tony Windo as scrum coach and

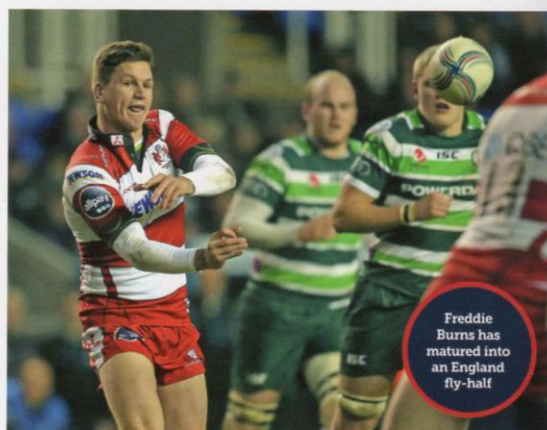


Mike Tindall was offered a new contract which saw the World Cup winner take his first steps into the world of coaching as well as continuing to play.

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 started out taking things one game at a time.

There was a new-look coaching set up, a new-look team and no one was under any illusions as the



Freddie Burns has matured into an England fly-half

season kicked off. This was a long-term project and it would take time.

The Aviva Premiership, though, 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 Saints meant that there was

just too much ground to claw back and a losing bonus point was the only reward.

It was a disappointing start, but Gloucester have since battled to some memorable victories.

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

Gloucester took another step forward with an exciting 29-22 victory over London Wasps to chalk up their first home win of the season and this was backed up by another win on the road against London Welsh.

The first set of Aviva Premiership fixtures came to a close with one of the sweetest wins for Gloucester fans - a home victory against local rivals Bath.

It sent the team into European action on the back of a five-match unbeaten run and this was extended by Armlin Challenge Cup wins over Mont de Marsan and Bordeaux-Mégès.



Billy Twelvetrees moved to Kingsholm last summer



One criticism had been levelled at Nigel Davies's side at this point - that they hadn't beaten a side in the top four of the Aviva Premiership.

This was duly remedied in fine style as Gloucester outlasted today's opponents, the Leicester Tigers, taking the spoils in a 27-21 thriller

at Kingsholm in October. It set things up beautifully for a top-of-the-table clash against Harlequins at The Stoop but, despite a courageous effort, Gloucester came up just short, losing 28-25.

The LV= Cup campaign got off to a disappointing start with a last-gasp defeat

on a wet and windy night at the Ospreys, but this was counter-balanced by a comfortable win over London Welsh at home.

The return to Kingsholm of former head coach Redpath saw Sale Sharks dispatched back up the M5/M6 on the back of a 29-3 defeat, but Gloucester

couldn't quite finish the job at Saracens and fell 28-23 the following week.

Back-to-back Amlin Challenge Cup wins over London Irish then saw the Cherry and Whites take a firm grip of Pool One, and send the team into the festive period in good spirits.

#### GLoucester Rugby Squad 2012-13

NAME	POSITION	AGE	HONOURS	NAME	POSITION	AGE	HONOURS
Koree Britton	H	20	-	Jonny May	C	22	-
Alex Brown	L	33	England	Ryan Mills	C	20	-
Freddie Burns	FH	22	England	Tim Molenaar	C	31	-
Peter Buxton	BR	34	-	Shane Monahan	C	25	-
Dario Chistolini	P	24	-	Ben Morgan	No8	23	England
Rob Cook	FB	28	-	Olly Morgan	FB	27	England
Jimmy Cowan	SH	30	New Zealand	Dan Murphy	P	27	-
Matt Cox	BR	24	-	Akapusi Oera	FL	28	Fiji
Darren Dawiduk	H	25	-	Dan Robson	SH	20	-
Huia Edmunds	H	31	Australia	Tom Savage	L	23	-
Gareth Evans	BR	21	-	Charlie Sharples	W	23	England
Jim Hamilton	L	30	Scotland	James Simpson-Daniel	W/C	30	England
Rupert Harden	P	26	-	Tim Taylor	FH	30	-
Andrew Hazell	FL	34	England	Martyn Thomas	FB	25	-
Will James	L	36	Wales	Yann Thomas	P	22	-
Sione Kalamafoni	BR	24	Tonga	Mike Tindall	C	34	England
Shaun Knight	P	22	-	Henry Trinder	C	23	-
Dave Lewis	SH	23	-	Billy Twelvetrees	C	24	-
Drew Locke	C	26	-	Nick Wood	P	29	-

LAST LEAGUE VISIT

# GLOUCESTER RUGBY

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MARCH 4 2012

Heavy rain made for a tough pitch and difficult handling conditions as Tigers hosted Gloucester Round 17 of last season's Aviva Premiership campaign, but the home side made the most of their opportunities to run in five tries and claim five vital points.

The game was just a minute old when Gloucester took the lead thanks to a penalty from Freddie Burns after Tigers had been penalised at a tackle on full-back Jonny May.

Burns missed a second chance when Alesana Tuilagi failed to release in the tackle, and Tigers



quickly fought back to get their first points on the board.

Lineout pressure forced Gloucester behind their own line and then Tigers were awarded a penalty at the resulting scrum. Thomas Waldrom was the first to make an attempt on the tryline and, when he was stopped just short, Logovi'i Mulipola picked up and powered over for his first score for the club. Toby Flood converted to give Tigers a 7-3 lead after 14 minutes.

**Tigers:** Geordan Murphy (c), Horacio Agulla, Matt Smith, Billy Twelvetrees, Alesana Tuilagi, Toby Flood, Ben Youngs; Marcos Ayerza, George Chuter, Logovi'i Mulipola, George Skivington, Graham Kitchener, Steve Mafi, Julian Salvi, Thomas Waldrom. **Replacements:** Rob Hawkins, Boris Stankovich, Julian White, Ben Pienaar, Craig Newby, James Grindal, George Ford, Scott Hamilton

**Gloucester:** Jonny May, Ollie Phillips, Mike Tindall (c), Tim Molenaar, Tom Joyce, Freddie Burns, Dave Lewis; Nick Wood, Darren Dawidiuk, Rupert Harden, Will James, Alex Brown, Tom Savage, Matt Cox, Brett Deacon. **Replacements:** Scott Lawson, Dan Murphy, Shaun Knight, Jim Hamilton, Akapusi Qera, Nick Runciman, Ryan Mills, Peter Buxton

Ten minutes later Flood opted to kick for touch with a penalty 40 metres out and the decision paid dividends as Steve Mafi won lineout possession and somehow squeezed through a gap in the Gloucester defence to

score and increase the lead to nine points.

Flood added a penalty in the 30th minute and then scrum-half Ben Youngs wriggled his way over the tryline for a score confirmed by the TMO. The conversion stretched the Tigers lead to 19 points, to the delight of the 21,699 crowd.

The bonus-point score followed a kick in behind the Cherry and Whites defence from centre Billy Twelvetrees which allowed midfield partner Matt Smith the time to pick up and score. Flood added the extras.

A fifth try arrived three minutes later as May's attempted kick in behind the Tigers defence went straight to Alesana Tuilagi and he broke away down the left to score his sixth of the season - nudging ahead of Horacio Agulla, Niall Morris, Twelvetrees and Waldrom in the club's scoring list. The conversion from Flood completed the scoring on a good afternoon's work.
















































Alesana Tuilagi  
dives in for a  
vital score

TIGERS V GLOUCESTER

# TODAY'S LINE-UPS

## OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr Andrew Small  
Assistants: Mr Kevin Stewart  
& Mr Paul Burton

LEICESTER TIGERS			GLOUCESTER RUGBY		
	MATHEW TAIT	15	ROB COOK		
	NIALL MORRIS	14	CHARLIE SHARPLES		
	MANUSAMOA TUILAGI	13	MIKE TINDALL		
	ANTHONY ALLEN	12	BILLY TWELVETREES		
	ADAM THOMPSTONE	11	JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL		
	TOBY FLOOD	10	FREDDIE BURNS		
	BEN YOUNGS	9	JIMMY COWAN		
	MARCOS AYERZA	1	DAN MURPHY		
	TOM YOUNGS	2	DARREN DAWIDUIK		
	DAN COLE	3	RUPERT HARDEN		
	LOUIS DEACON (C)	4	WILL JAMES		
	GEOFF PARLING	5	JIM HAMILTON (C)		
	BRETT DEACON	6	TOM SAVAGE		
	JULIAN SALVI	7	AKAPUSI QERA		
	JORDAN CRANE	8	BEN MORGAN		
REPLACEMENTS					
	GEORGE CHUTER	16	KOREE BRITTON		
	LOGOVITI MULIPOLA	17	NICK WOOD		
	MARTIN CASTROGIOVANNI	18	SHAUN KNIGHT		
	GRAHAM KITCHENER	19	MATT COX		
	STEVE MAFI	20	SIONE KALAMAFONI		
	SAM HARRISON	21	DAN ROBSON		
	GEORGE FORD	22	SHANE MONAHAN		
	GEORDAN MURPHY	23	MARTYN THOMAS	