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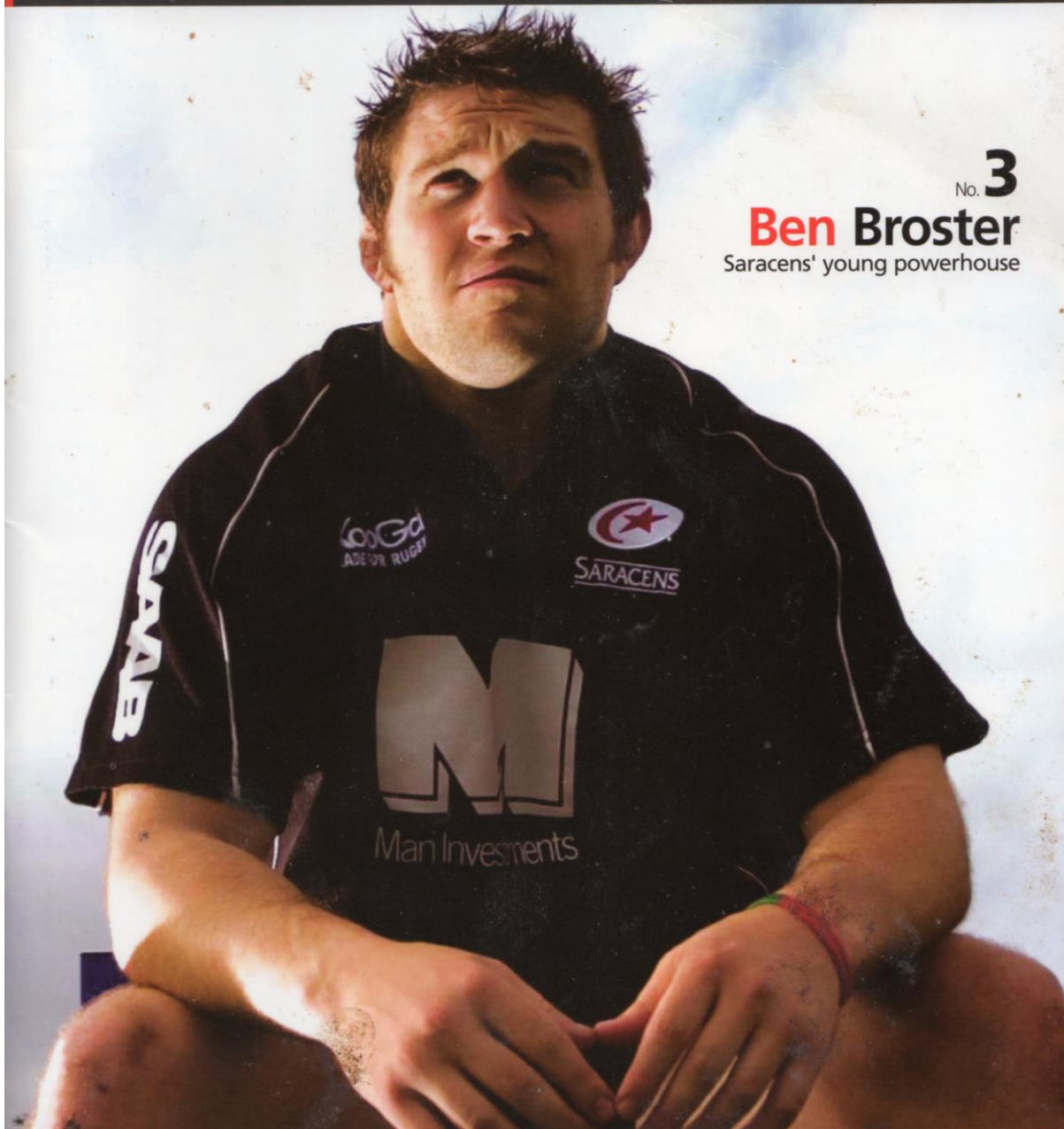


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Ben Broster
Saracens' young powerhouse



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As we move into 2006, the Gloucester fans will be pleased that their beloved team are starting to rediscover some of the form that has made them such a consistent performer in the Premiership in recent seasons.

After missing out to Saracens in the Wildcard Final on a place in the Heineken Cup, the club parted company with Director of Rugby Nigel Melville with Dean Ryan taking over the reins.

One area that was looked back on with much discussion last season was the goalkicking.



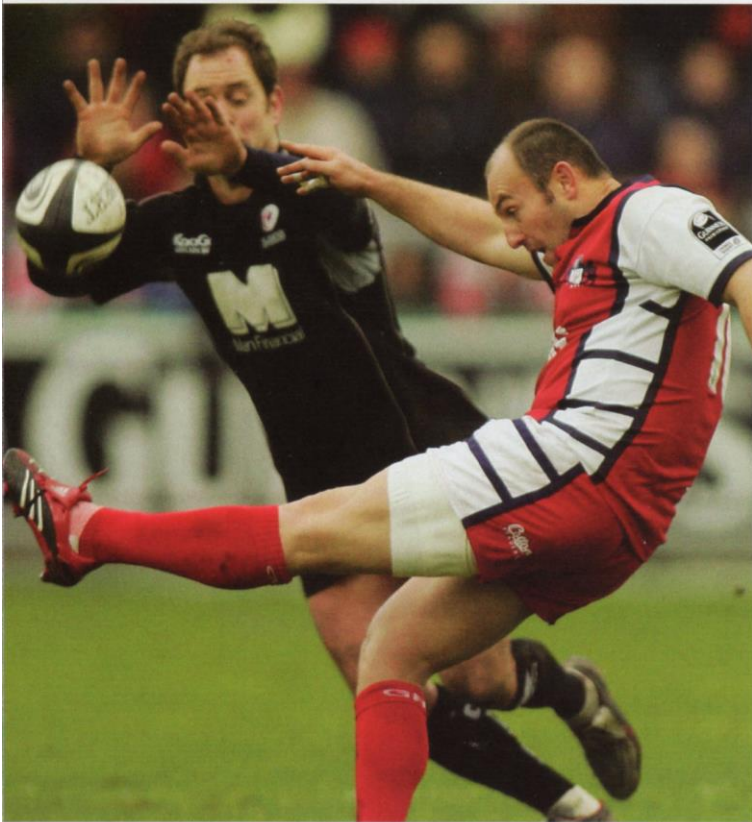
Without Henry Paul for much of the season run-in, Gloucester turned to Duncan McRae but the Australian never found the consistency that was needed each week despite giving it his best shot, the former Saracen has now taken up a coaching role at the club.

This season the West Country club have now solved their kicking problems with former favourite Ludovic Mercier returning to Kingsholm after his sojourn in Pau.

The other big-name signing to arrive in the close season, although he didn't have far to travel, was centre Mike Tindall.

Peter Richards made the move from Wasps and he can operate anywhere in the backline and Patrice Collazo adds some power at prop to an already impressive front row.

Early season form saw the Kingsholm outfit near the top of the Guinness Premiership table with only one defeat in their opening four matches, mixed form since then sees them operate a mid-table spot in the league just above Saracens, but with Mercier and Tindall returning to form and the likes of James Forrester and Adam Balding starting to earn international honours, the future looks bright.



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Intro/Key Battles

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James Forrester



The 24-year-old number eight is a regular try scorer from the base of the scrum after scoring a number of hat-tricks over the last couple of seasons. His last two seasons have been interrupted through injury with an elbow operation in 02/03 followed by a dislocated shoulder in 03/04. Again blighted by injury last season to his wrist and ankle, Forrester was named in England's 45-man elite player squad for the first time this season.

Ben Skirving



James Simpson-Daniel



Simpson-Daniel joined Gloucester from Sedbergh School and has established himself at home on either the wing or in the centres. His Gloucester debut was against Rotherham in 2001 when he scored a superb individual try. He has gone on to make an impression at international level and his first England try came against Italy in the Six Nations in 2003 and he played in the opening game against New Zealand on the tour of 2004.

Thomas Castaignede



Today's **Visitors**





Andy Hazell

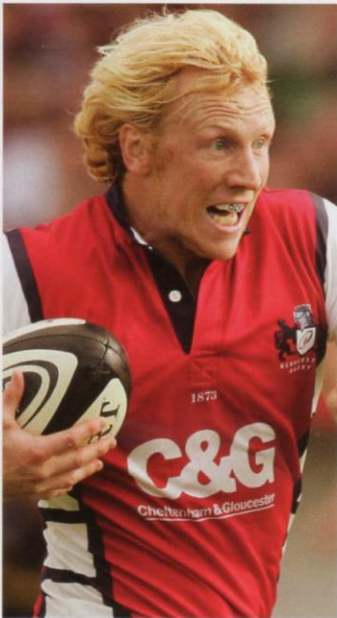


Hazell made his Gloucester debut during the 1997/98 season and established himself as a regular in the back row. Injuries have hampered his appearances both in the 2002/03 season and to some extent during the 2003/04 campaign, but he was a member of the England squad that toured for the Churchill Cup in the summer of 2004. A powerful and quick runner, he is also a strong tackler.

Ben T Russell

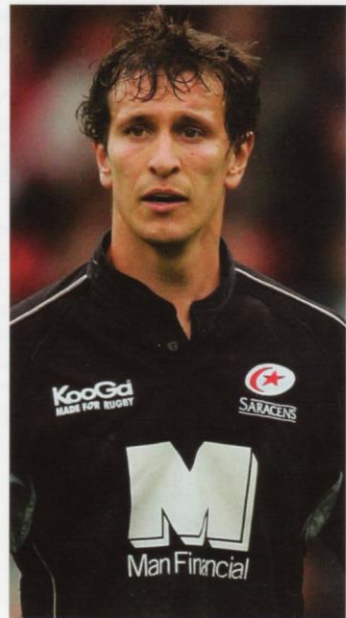


Peter Richards



Scrum-half Richards played the majority of last season in the centre for his former club Wasps and joined Gloucester on a two-year contract. The 27-year-old was a member of England's Churchill Cup squad and moved to Kingsholm to replace Andy Gomarsall. Richards has made 89 Premiership appearances and joined Wasps in the summer of 2003 after leaving relegated Bristol, and has represented England at various levels up to England 'A' and England Sevens.

Alan Dickens



Key Battles/Squad List

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Surname	Christian Name	Position	Height (Metric)	Height (Imp)	Weight (Metric)	Weight (Imp)	DOB	Honours
Adams	Jack	Centre	1.82m	6ft 0in	95kg	16st 5lb	17/09/86	
Allen	Anthony	Centre	1.80m	5ft 10in	90kg	14st 3lb	01/09/86	
Amor	Simon	Half back	1.69m	5ft 7in	75kg	12st 0lb	25/04/79	
Azam	Olivier	Hooker	1.85m	6ft 0in	115kg	18st 2lb	21/10/74	France
Bailey	James	Wing	1.80m	5ft 10in	83kg	13st 2lb	05/08/83	
Balding	Adam	Number 8	1.88m	6ft 2in	111kg	17st 7lb	07/12/79	
Boer	Jake	Flanker	1.87m	6ft 1in	105kg	16st 8lb	01/11/75	
Brown	Alex	Lock	2.00m	6ft 7in	113kg	17st 5lb	17/05/79	
Buxton	Peter	Back row	1.92m	6ft 3in	112kg	17st 9lb	21/08/78	
Collazo	Patrice	Prop	1.85m	6ft 1in	110kg	17st 3lb	27/04/74	France
Cornwell	Mark	Lock	2.01m	6ft 7in	117kg	18st 2lb	22/03/73	
Davies	Brad	Outside half	1.77m	5ft 9in	89kg	14st 1lb	13/02/83	
Davies	Mefin	Hooker	1.78m	5ft 10in	95kg	16st 5lb	02/09/72	Wales
Elloway	Rob	Hooker	1.83m	6ft 0in	98kg	15st 4lb	09/11/83	
Eustace	Adam	Lock	1.95m	6ft 4in	108kg	17st 0lb	09/01/79	
Fanolua	Terry	Centre	1.83m	6ft 0in	94kg	14st 12lb	03/07/74	Samoa
Forrester	James	Number 8	1.95m	6ft 5in	99kg	15st 9lb	09/02/81	England
Foster	Mark	Wing/Centre	1.83m	6ft 0in	91kg	14st 3lb	02/09/83	
Garvey	Marcel	Wing	1.73m	5ft 8in	89kg	13st 7lb	21/04/83	
Goodridge	Jon	Full back	1.86m	6ft 1in	87kg	13st 8lb	26/02/81	
Hazell	Andy	Flanker	1.83m	6ft 0in	94kg	14st 9lb	25/04/78	England
Lamb	Ryan	Fly half	1.76m	5ft 9in	81kg	12st 10lb	18/05/86	
Matthews	Will	Back row	1.88m	6ft 2in	99kg	15st 6lb	14/01/85	
McRae	Duncan	Outside half	1.72m	5ft 7in	81kg	12st 10lb	27/09/74	
Mercier	Ludovic	Fly half	1.80m	5ft 10in	90kg	14st 0lb	01/11/76	
Merriman	James	Flanker	1.83m	6ft 0in	95kg	14st 7lb	17/01/84	
Morgan	Olly	Full back	1.89m	6ft 3in	89kg	14st 1lb	03/11/85	
Narraway	Luke	Back row	1.90m	6ft 3in	100kg	15st 8lb	07/09/83	
Parkes	James	Hooker	1.78m	5ft 10in	98kg	15st 5lb	30/11/80	
Paul	Henry	Centre	1.80m	5ft 11in	97kg	14st 10lb	10/02/74	England
Pendlebury	Jonathan	Second row	1.94m	6ft 5in	104kg	16st 5lb	15/01/83	
Powell	Gary	Prop	1.82m	6ft 0in	112kg	17st 7lb	30/10/79	
Richards	Peter	Scrum half	1.75m	5ft 9in	94kg	14st 12lb	10/03/78	
Sigley	Terry	Prop	1.88m	6ft 2in	123kg	19st 2lbs	12/10/78	
Simpson-Daniel	James	Wing/Centre	1.82m	6ft 0in	79kg	12st 7lb	30/05/82	England
Thirlby	Rob	Wing	1.86m	6ft 2in	89kg	14st 0lb	02/03/79	
Thomas	Haydn	Scrum half	1.73m	5ft 8in	78kg	12st 4lb	17/09/82	
Tindall	Mike	Centre	1.88m	6ft 2in	100kg	15st 8lb	18/10/78	England
Vickery	Phil	Prop	1.91m	6ft 3in	120kg	18st 4lb	14/03/76	England/Lions
Wood	Nick	Prop	1.86m	6ft 2in	108kg	17st 0lb	09/01/83	



Today's Visitors



Gloucester Memories

The first time Saracens played Gloucester was 1968 when the two sides met at Kingsholm, certainly one of the most daunting grounds in England, for the first time.

Playing in front of the vociferous crowd, especially the famous 'Shed', and in typical wet West Country conditions Saracens did well to battle it out to a 3-3 draw but little did the visitors know that they would have to wait for another 36 years before their first victory at the home of rugby in Gloucestershire.

Several of the side on that opening day, Roger Weaver, George Sherriff, John Lockwood, and Geoff Hunt, are still involved with the club - but none of them can recall the game in detail. However Roger does recall having to buy some new studs for his boots in a sports shop in Gloucester on the morning of the game due to the heavy conditions!

It must be admitted that Gloucester have usually had the edge over Saracens in the years past but there have nevertheless been some memorable matches. In 1988 when in Courage National League Division 2 Saracens lost away 26-25. Then

in 1989 in Division 1, the Men in Black visited Kingsholm again and were down 17 pts to 6 at half time.

However in the second half Saracens staged a massive fight back with tries from John Buckton, Sean Robinson and Ben Clarke. The draw was secured by Saracens' full back Andy Kennedy with his third conversion.

As **Richard Andrews** one of Saracens props remembers it: *"I will never forget how quiet it went at Kingsholm! A great feeling, if you were wearing black."*

In 1996 Saracens won a vital home match 19 - 16 thanks to Andy Lee's kicking - four out of four - and a David Gregory try - but lost the return at Kingsholm when the Gloucester pack ground out a 17 - 10 victory.

This was the last season before professionalism and Saracens future depended on a decision as to whether the First Division for the following season would be twelve or ten clubs. Fortunately the decision went in favour of twelve!

In 1997 the first year of the Premiership Saracens scored a famous victory at home 42 - 24 thanks to tries by Greg Botterman, George Chuter, Michael Lynagh (who was in accurate kicking form), Phillippe Sella and Paul Wallace. However Saracens lost one of only three games during that season when

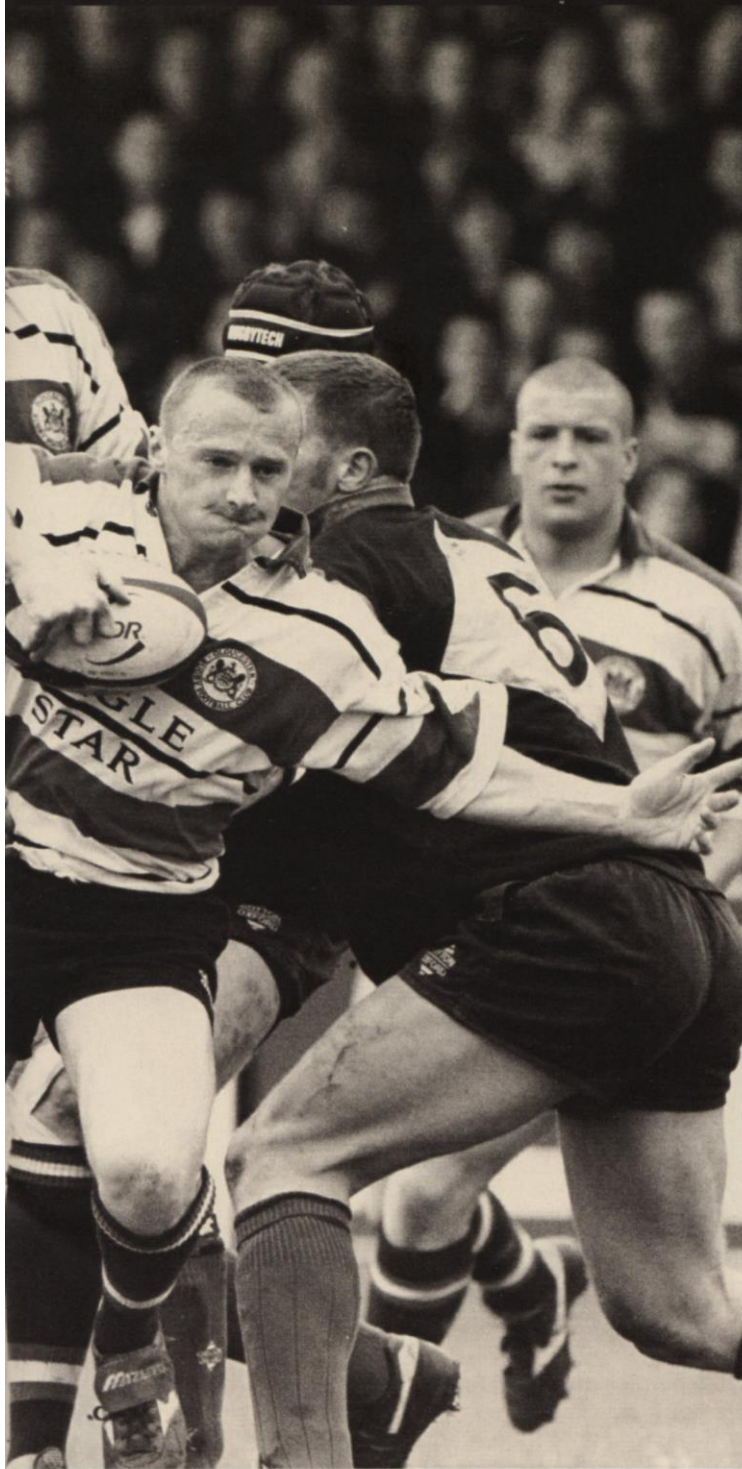


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they traveled to Kingsholm as they crashed 36-15.

Since the move to Watford Saracens have only lost twice to Gloucester at Vicarage Road and last season they managed their first ever victory at Kingsholm.

The closest they had come to victory after the draw back in 1968 was a narrow 16-15 loss in 2000 where two Paul Wallace tries and kicks from Duncan McRae weren't enough to topple them but in 2005, with McRae now wearing the Cherry and White jersey, Saracens reversed their fortunes with a reverse winning 13-14 thanks to tries from Ben Johnston and Nicky Little.



Previous fixtures

Saracens v Gloucester



Head to Head recent meetings

						
Date	Comp	Venue	S	G	Saracens scorers	Gloucester scorers
Tue 25 Jan 00	E-PR	Vicarage Road	35	21	Ben Cole(T) Tony Diprose(T) Thierry Lacroix(2C/2D/5P)	Richard Tombs(T) Elton Moncrieff(T) Steve Ojomoh(T) Simon Mannix(D/P)
Sun 20 Aug 00	E-PR	Vicarage Road	50	20	Thomas Castaignede(4C/4P) Kyran Bracken(T) Bill Davison(T) Kevin Sorrell(T) Scott Murray(T) Dan Luger(T) Ben Johnston(T)	Byron Hayward(2C/2P) Serge Simon(T) Chris Catling(T)
Sat 18 Nov 00	E-PR	Kingsholm	15	16	Duncan McRae(C/P) Paul Wallace(2T)	Byron Hayward(C/3P) Tom Beim(T)
Sat 8 Sep 01	E-PR	Vicarage Road	34	30	Luke Smith(C/9P) Tim Horan(T)	Ludovic Mercier(C/6P) Patrice Collazo(T) Daren O'Leary(T)
Sat 30 Mar 02	E-PR	Kingsholm	13	36	Gerald Arasa(T) Kevin Sorrell(C/2P)	Robert Todd(T) Terry Fanolua(T) Andy Gomarsall(T) Ludovic Mercier(2C/5P) Henry Paul(C)
Sat 5 Oct 02	E-PR	Kingsholm	14	44	Ben Johnston(T) Andy Goode(2P) Nicky Little(P)	Jake Boer(T) Olivier Azam(2T) Terry Fanolua(T) Ludovic Mercier(T/5C/3P)
Sat 25 Jan 03	SC/QF	Kingsholm	20	51	Adryan Winnan(T) Tom Shanklin(T) Nicky Little(C/P) Richard Haughton(T)	Thinus Delport(2T) Terry Fanolua(T) Henry Paul(C) Ludovic Mercier(3C/P) Andy Gomarsall(T) Rodrigo Roncero(T) Adam Eustace(T) James Forrester(2T)
Sun 2 Feb 03	E-PR	Vicarage Road	22	29	Richard Hill(T) Nicky Little(C/5P)	Terry Fanolua(T) Ludovic Mercier(T/2C/D/4P)
Sat 27 Sep 03	E-PR	Kingsholm	7	30	Taine Randell(T) Andy Goode(C)	Jon Goodridge(2T) James Simpson-Daniel(T) James Forrester(T) Henry Paul(2C/2P)
Sat 3 Apr 04	E-PR	Vicarage Road	8	16	Morgan Williams(T) Nicky Little(P)	Marcel Garvey(T) Henry Paul(C/3P)
Sun 21 Nov 04	E-PR	Vicarage Road	14	9	Robbie Kydd(T/3P)	Simon Amor(3P)
Sat 30 Apr 05	E-PR	Kingsholm	14	13	Ben Johnston(T) Penalty Try(T) Nicky Little(C) Glen Jackson(C)	Olly Morgan(T) Duncan McRae(C/2P)
Sat 14 May 05	E-WPTF	Twickenham	24	16	Hugh Vyyan(T) Glen Jackson(3C/P) Ben Johnston(T) Tevita Vaikona(T)	Duncan McRae(2P) Adam Eustace(T) Brad Davies(T)
Sat 26 Nov 05	E-PR	Kingsholm	8	19	Matt Cairns(T) Glen Jackson(P)	Mark Foster(T) James Bailey(T) Ludovic Mercier(D/2P)

Tournament key: E-PR Premiership, E-WP Wildcard, ZC-Zurich Championship, SC-English Cup, EC-European Cup, ES-European Shield.

Previous Fixtures

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Saracens

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Gloucester

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Touch Judge: Andrew Pearce

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