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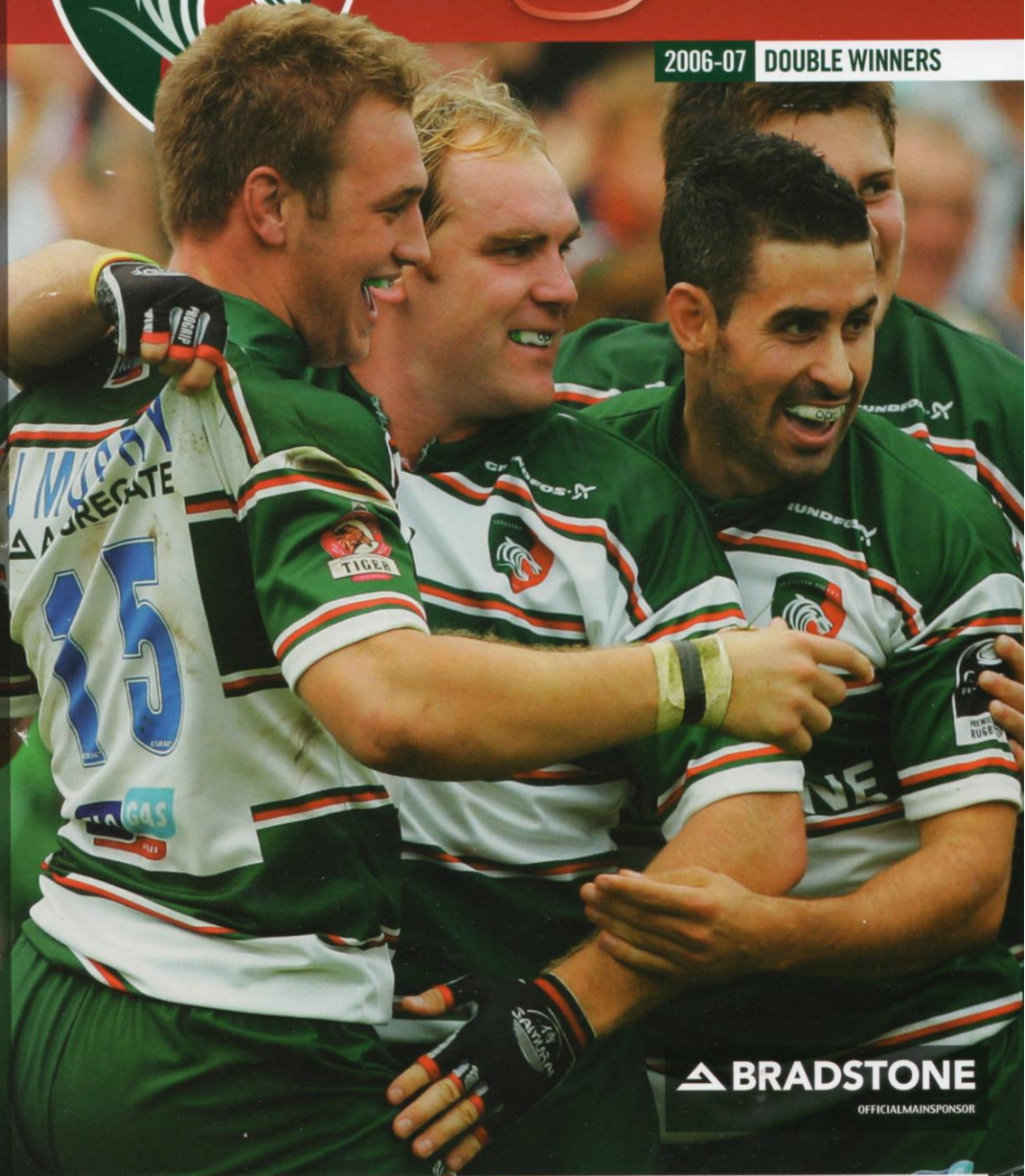


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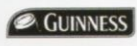
2006-07 **DOUBLE WINNERS**

LEICESTER TIGERS vs GLOUCESTER RUGBY • SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 2007, 6PM

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SATURDAY,  
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KICK-OFF 6pm

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

REFEREE: Mr Roy Maybank

TOUCH JUDGES: Mr Stuart  
Terhegge and Mr Bob Mullis

# today's teams

**TIGERS**



**VS**



**GLOUCESTER**

GEORDAN MURPHY	15	FULL BACK	15	OLLY MORGAN
JOHNE MURPHY	14	RIGHT WING	14	JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL <i>Hoyl</i>
OLLIE SMITH	13	OUTSIDE CENTRE	13	MIKE TINDALL
MATT CORNWELL	12	INSIDE CENTRE	12	ANTHONY ALLEN
TOM VARNDELL	11	LEFT WING	11	JAMES BAILEY
ANDY GOODE	10	FLY HALF	10	RYAN LAMB <i>walker</i>
FRANK MURPHY	09	SCRUM HALF	09	MIKE PRENDERGAST
BORIS STANKOVICH	01	LOOSE HEAD PROP	01	NICK WOOD <i>Calog</i>
BENJAMIN KAYSER	02	HOOKER	02	OLIVIER AZAM
JULIAN WHITE	03	TIGHT HEAD PROP	03	CARLOS NIETO
LOUIS DEACON (C)	04	SECOND ROW	04	PETER BUXTON (C)
MARCO WENTZEL	05	SECOND ROW	05	ALEX BROWN
BRETT DEACON	06	BLINDSIDE FLANKER	06	ALASDAIR STROKOSCH
LUKE ABRAHAM	07	OPENSIDE FLANKER	07	ANDY HAZELL
JORDAN CRANE	08	NO. 8	08	LUKE NARRAWAY

MEFIN DAVIES	16	SCORECARD	16	ANDY TITTERRELL
MARTIN CASTROGIOVANNI	17	TIGERS SCORERS:	17	CHRISTIAN CALIFANO
RICHARD BLAZE	18		18	JONATHAN PENDLEBURY
TOM CROFT	19		19	ADAM BALDING
BEN YOUNGS	20	GLOUCESTER SCORERS:	20	DAVE LEWIS
PAUL BURKE	21		21	WILLIE WALKER
TOM YOUNGS	22		22	LEON LLOYD

**It could not have gone much better for Gloucester ahead of today's little get-together at Welford Road.**

Last season's losing Guinness Premiership finalists have made almost the perfect start to the season with three wins from three – and with two bonus points.

But if there is a real examination of credentials, of warrior spirit and the determination to tough it out, it will be against the Tigers – nobody's idea of a soft touch at the sharp end of the table.

Following their defeat at Twickenham in May, Gloucester head coach Dean Ryan moved heaven and earth to strengthen what was already a tremendously-gifted squad.

While the likes of the brilliantly precocious Ryan Lamb, the rapidly emerging Anthony Allen and England international full-back Olly Morgan had another season under their belts, heavyweights arrived in numbers.

Lesley Vainikolo, the try-hunting giant from Bradford's rugby league club, was the most high-profile arrival alongside the likes of Scotland international Chris Paterson, Wallabies hooker Jeremy Paul and Fiji back-rower Akapusi Qera.

#### GLOUCESTER RUGBY

**FOUNDED:** 1873

**STADIUM ADDRESS:** Kingsholm Stadium, Kingsholm Road, Kingsholm, Gloucester GL1 3AX

**STADIUM CAPACITY:** 16,000

**HEAD COACH:** Dean Ryan

**COACH:** Bryan Redpath

**CAPTAIN:** Marco Bortolami

#### HONOURS

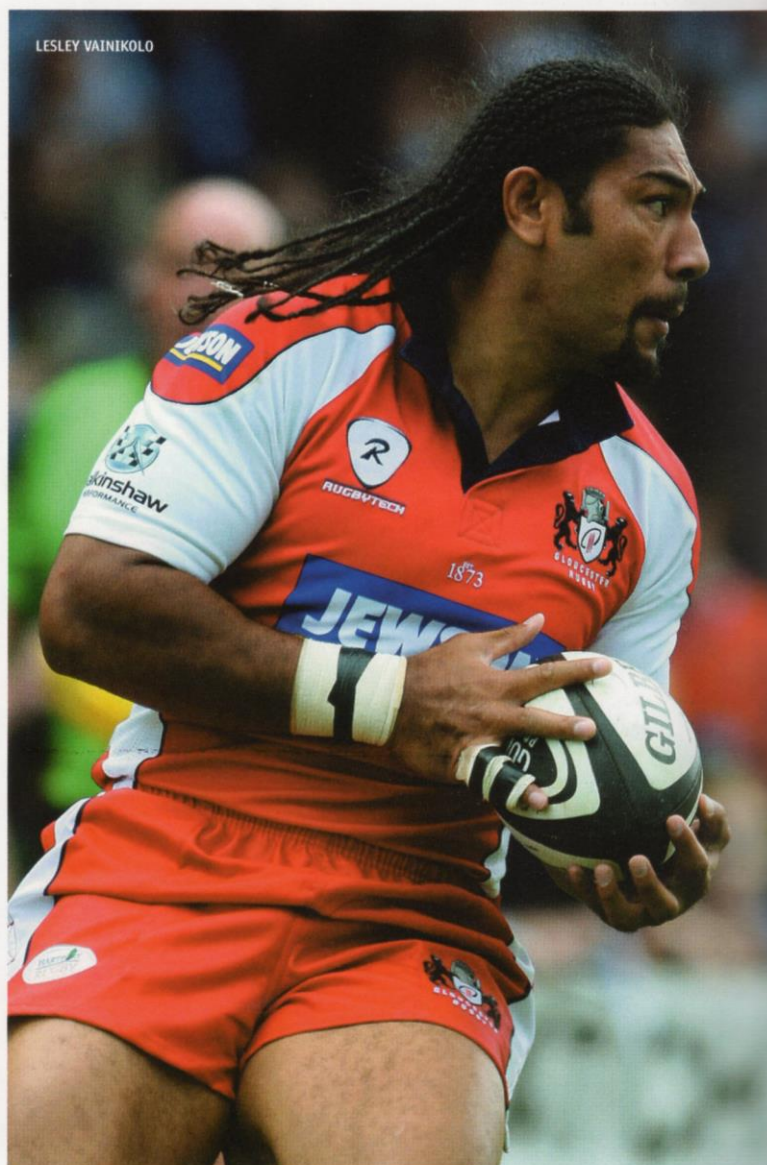
**CUP:** Winners 1972, 1978, 1982 (shared), 2004

**PREMIERSHIP:** Runners-up 2004, 2007

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WELCOME TO TODAY'S OPPONENTS GLOUCESTER

LESLEY VAINIKOLO





There have been other additions too. Alasdair Strokosch is a tackle-hungry, workaholic back-row forward, Leon Lloyd made the switch from the Tigers after a decade at Welford Road and Andy Titterrell has added versatility to the hooking options. All three have made definitive contributions already.

Gloucester got up and running with successive away games against Leeds Carnegie and Saracens as the finishing touches to the new C&G Grandstand were being put to Kingsholm's summer redevelopment.

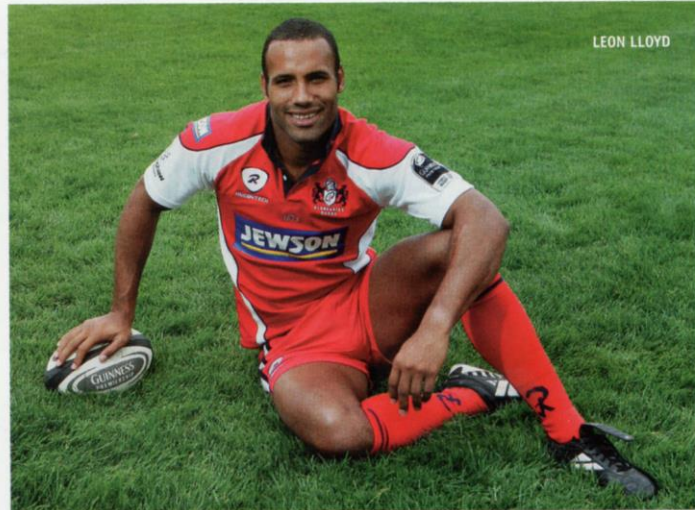
Vainikolo announced his arrival in the Guinness Premiership with a debut record of five tries at Headingley as Gloucester ran riot in the second half to claim a 49-24 victory with eight tries in all.

"Some of the tries were very special," said coach Ryan. "Lesley was on the end of some good attacking play and scored some tries which any winger could have scored. But the one try he scored straight from the kick-off was pure Lesley. He was happy with that and I am happy for him."

"Simply by being on the field, he creates space for others. I thought Anthony Allen had one of his best-ever games thanks to the space created by Lesley. I'm delighted for him."

Gloucester followed up

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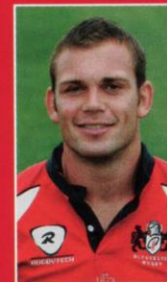


#### GLOUCESTER RUGBY SQUAD

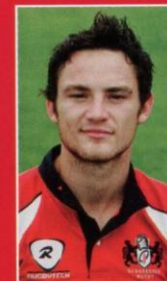
NAME	POS	AGE	HONOURS
Jack Adams	C	21	-
Anthony Allen	C	21	England
Olivier Azam	H	32	France
James Bailey	W	24	-
Adam Balding	No8	27	-
Iain Balshaw	FB/W	28	England/Lions
Marco Bortolami	L	27	Italy
Alex Brown	L	28	England
Peter Buxton	BR	29	-
Christian Califano	P	35	France
Patrice Collazo	P	33	France
Gareth Cooper	SH	28	Wales/Lions
Mark Davies	FH	18	-
Gareth Delve	BR	24	Wales
Alasdair Dickinson	P	24	-
James Forrester	No8	26	England
Jack Forster	P	20	-
Mark Foster	W	24	-
Andy Hazell	FI	29	England
Ali James	C	27	-
Will James	L	30	Wales
Ryan Lamb	FH	21	-
Rory Lawson	SH	26	Scotland
Dave Lewis	SH	18	-
Leon Lloyd	C/W	30	England
Ross McMillan	H	20	-
Olly Morgan	FB	21	England
Luke Narraway	BR	24	-
Carlos Nieto	P	30	Italy
Dan Norton	W	19	-
Chris Paterson	FB/W	28	Scotland
Jeremy Paul	H	30	Australia
Jonathan Pendlebury	L	24	-
Mike Prendergast	SH	30	-
Karl Pryce	W	21	-
Akapusi Qera	FI	23	Fiji
Charlie Sharples	W	18	-
James Simpson-Daniel	W/C	25	England
Alasdair Strokosch	FI	24	Scotland
Andrew Titterrell	H	26	England/Lions
Mike Tindall	C	28	England/Lions
Henry Trinder	C	18	-
Dan Tuohy	L	22	-
Lesley Vainikolo	W	28	New Zealand RL/Tonga RL
Willie Walker	FH/FB	29	-
Dan Williams	BR	18	-
Nick Wood	P	24	-



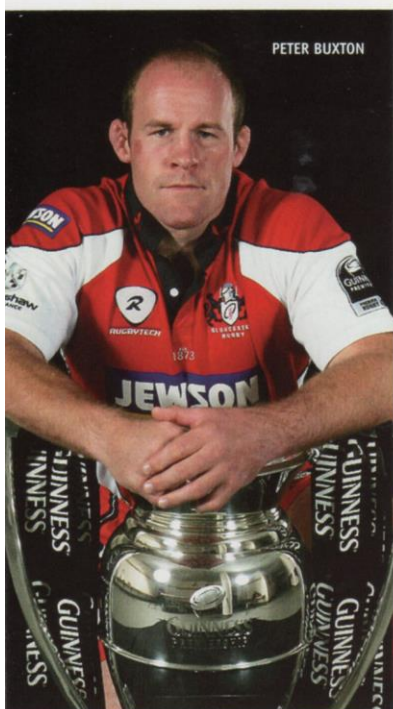
JAMES FORRESTER



ANDY HAZELL



RYAN LAMB



PETER BUXTON

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with a hard-earned victory away to Saracens that put them under greater scrutiny.

Although Vainikolo suffered a neck injury during the game and missed last weekend's win over Worcester, Gloucester plundered tries from Allen, Lamb, Morgan and back-rower Luke Narraway to record a 38-31 victory.

It gave them maximum points after two rounds and last week they opened up at Kingsholm with a 29-7 success over neighbours Worcester Warriors.

It was, though, tougher than the scoreline suggests. Worcester attacked the set-piece and attempted to be a threat in the wide channels. But, thanks to a brilliant individual try from James Simpson-Daniel, a punishing drive and score from hooker Olivier Azam and

a returning try from England's Mike Tindall, Gloucester eased to victory in front of almost 16,000 supporters.

"That was the toughest contest we have had so far," Ryan said of last Saturday's win. "Worcester had a slightly different approach from what we've seen from them in the past and they're playing with a lot more ambition.

"Worcester were very robust in defence and we just needed something to break to build from. Ironically it came off of a mistake by them which allowed Sinbad (Simpson-Daniel) to run in from 60 metres. That changes the dynamic of the second half and freed the game up a little."

Now something has to give, with Leicester and Gloucester both chasing their fourth successive win. It should be some game.

#### LAST THREE SEASONS - vs GLOUCESTER

##### May 2007

TIGERS 44 GLOUCESTER 16

TIGERS SCORERS: A Tuilagi (2T), Corry (T), Jennings (T), Moody (T), F Murphy (T), Goode (T,3C, P)

GLOUCESTER SCORERS: Lamb (T), Walker (C/3P)

##### March 2007

GLOUCESTER 28 TIGERS 24

GLOUCESTER SCORERS: Hazell (T), Richards (T), Walker (6P)

TIGERS SCORERS: A Tuilagi (2T), G Murphy (T), Varndell (T), Humphreys (2C)

##### September 2006

TIGERS 27 GLOUCESTER 27

TIGERS SCORERS: Hipkiss (T), Rabeni (T), Goode (C/5P)

GLOUCESTER SCORERS: Forrester (T), Allen (T), Walker (C/2DG/2P), B Davies (P)

##### February 2006

GLOUCESTER 34 TIGERS 16

GLOUCESTER SCORERS: Bailey (T), Penalty (T), Foster (T), Mercier (2C/5P)

TIGERS SCORERS: W Johnson (T), Taukafa (T), Humphreys (2P)

##### November 2005

TIGERS 25 GLOUCESTER 20

TIGERS SCORERS: Holford (T), Varndell (2T), Goode (2C/2P)

GLOUCESTER SCORERS: Allen (T), Morgan (T), Mercier (2C/2P)

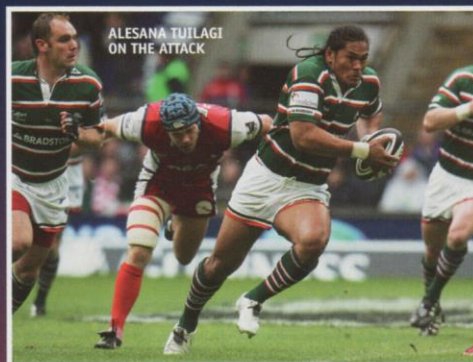
##### January 2005

GLOUCESTER 13 TIGERS 28

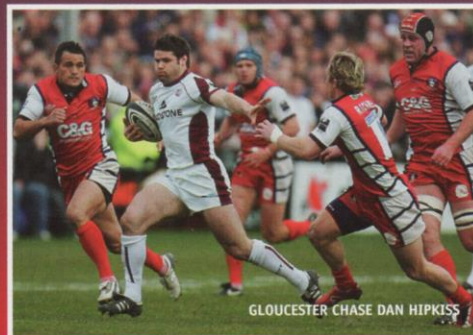
GLOUCESTER SCORERS: Mauger (T), Eustace (T), Paul (T)

TIGERS SCORERS: Lloyd (T), Smith (T), Gibson (T), Goode (2C/D/2P)

\*Guinness Premiership fixtures only



ALESANA TUILAGI ON THE ATTACK



GLOUCESTER CHASE DAN HIPKISS