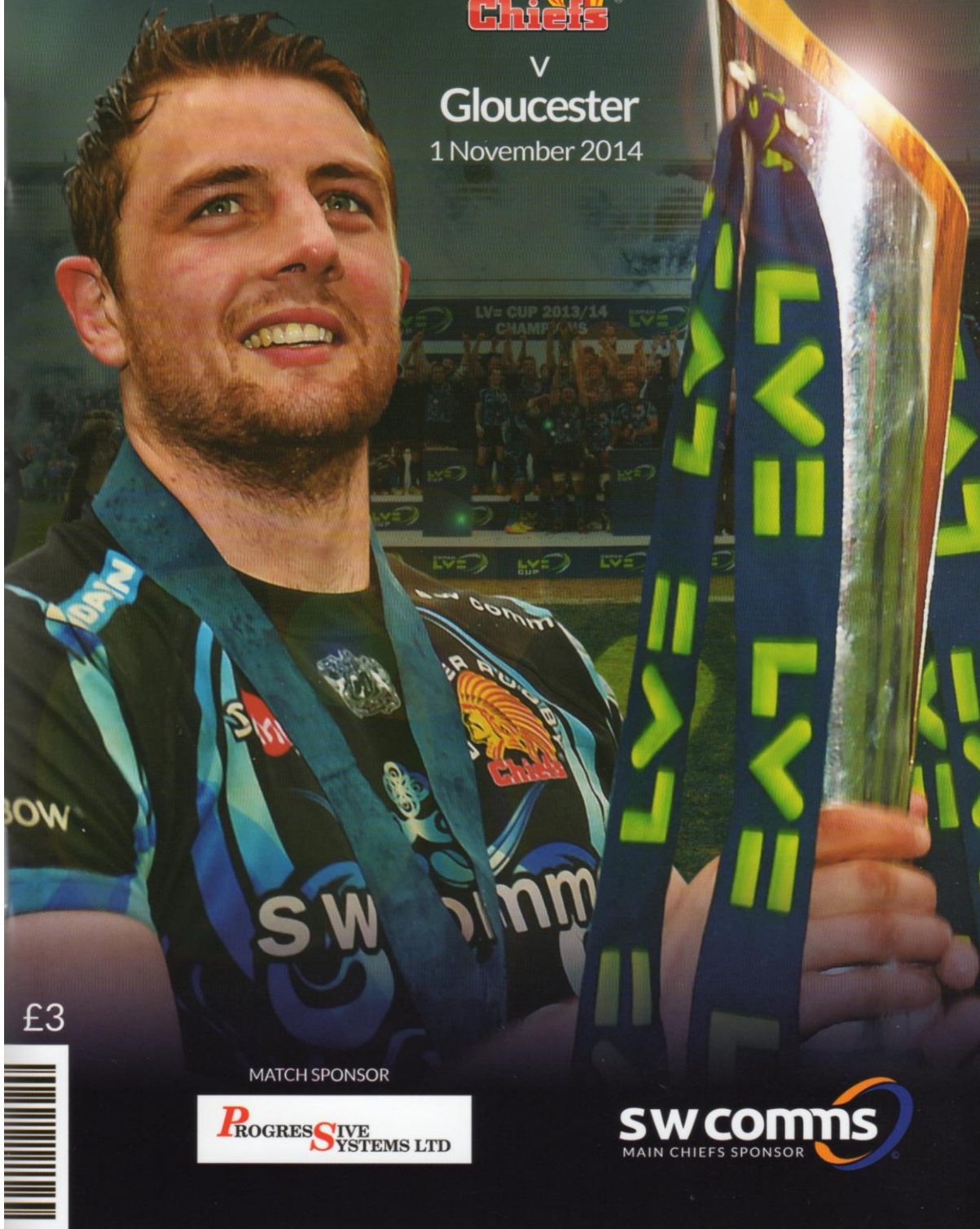
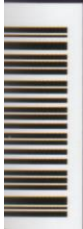




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Founded: **1873** Ground: **Kingsholm Stadium** Capacity: **16,500**

Coach: **David Humphreys** Captain: **Billy Twelvetrees** Website: **www.gloucester rugby.co.uk**

Anglo Welsh Record **P 22 W 11 D 0 L 11**

Total points for: **572** Top points against: **458** Total tries for: **73**

Top points scorer: **Freddie Burns (94 points)**

Top try scorer: **Charlie Sharple (9 tries)**

Biggest win: **58-277 v Sale Sharks (2011/12)** Heaviest defeat: **40-14 v Leicester Tigers (2011/12)**

WINNERS: 2010/11

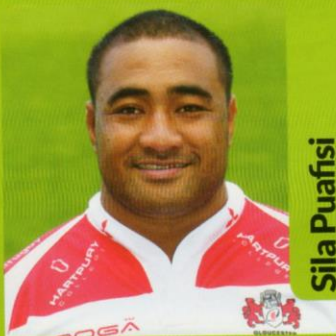


Darren Dawiduk

Hooker

Nationality: **English**
Year of Birth: **1987**
Height: **1.80m (5'11")**
Weight: **106kg (16st 9lbs)**

Premiership Appearances **62**
Premiership Points **15**
International Caps **0**

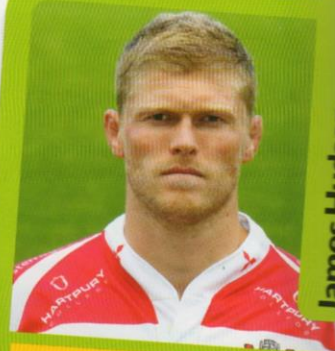


Sila Puafisi

Prop

Nationality: **Tongan**
Year of Birth: **1988**
Height: **1.85m (6'1")**
Weight: **122kg (19st 2lbs)**

Premiership Appearances **17**
Premiership Points **0**
International Caps **10**



James Hudson

Lock

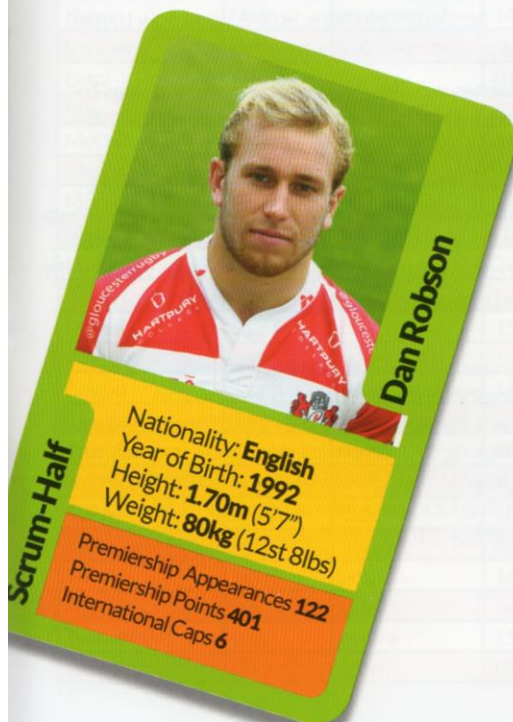
Nationality: **English**
Year of Birth: **1981**
Height: **2.01m (6'7")**
Weight: **106kg (16st 9lbs)**

Premiership Appearances **62**
Premiership Points **15**
International Caps **0**



In one of the quirks of the modern rugby calendar, Exeter and Gloucester will face off this afternoon in their third different competition in four weeks – Aviva Premiership, European Rugby Challenge Cup and the LV= Cup.

As a result, it's phase three of Gloucester Rugby's current competitive season, one which has been eventful to say the least.



After the many changes in personnel during the close season, both on and off the field, the main message from Kingsholm was a plea for patience. Everything will take time to gel was the predominant theme.

After all, incoming Director of Rugby David Humphreys didn't take up his post until August 1st, and new Head Coach Laurie Fisher didn't arrive until after the Brumbies' Super Rugby season came to an end.

In hindsight, perhaps winning the Premiership Rugby 7s season for a second season running didn't help with the tempering of expectations!

Even then, "...judge us after the first phase of the Premiership is over..." was the Gloucester mantra, even after the heavy opening night defeat at reigning champions Northampton Saints.

Indeed, Gloucester have got steadily better. Premiership wins over Sale, London Welsh and Leicester have followed in addition to two narrow defeats against Saracens and today's opponents, the Chiefs.

And the development has continued through the first two weeks of European action. A 55-0 victory over CA Brive at Kingsholm was followed by a hard fought win in France over Oyonnax.

Due to international call-ups, it will be a different looking Gloucester team this afternoon. But the LV= Cup is all about developing young talent. Both today's teams boast former LV= Breakthrough winners in Jonny May and Jack Nowell.

So, the next couple of weeks will see a number of the club's young guns get a chance to shine, individuals who have been chomping at the bit to show what they can do in the first team.

It should make for an entertaining encounter!

Opposition



Both the Cherry and Whites and the Exeter Chiefs boast a serious appetite for the LV= Cup as a showpiece for the talent of their respective squads.

With England internationals and LV= Breakthrough Players of the Year, Jonny May and Jack Nowell, in their dual armoury the importance of this competition is clear to see.

This year's competition is no different, with the conveyor belt of exciting talent and potential rolling into a new campaign.

One member of the Gloucester Rugby squad has tasted plenty of first team action so far this season, and Henry Purdy is relishing his rugby in Cherry and White.

Speaking this week, the Oxfordshire-born flyer made his first start at Kingsholm against the Chiefs in Round Three, and his adventures so far this season have definitely exceeded his expectations.



"When you come to a club like Gloucester, and the likes of Henry Trinder and the class in the back three hold my position, I wanted to come in and pitch myself against the likes of these guys.

"I've had a bit of mixed development in terms of position and I started my career at centre and sort of fitted in where I was needed from there. So it is good now to nail down a position and develop in that area.

"The coaches will like you if you have a few strings to your bow, and if I can offer this squad more than one thing, then I will be more than happy to do so."

Team-mates of several of the Exeter Chiefs' squad in their exploits for England Under-20s during the past two summers of success, Purdy and his Gloucester mates will be pushing their claim over the next two weeks with a trip to London Welsh after today's game at Sandy Park.

January sees the LV= Cup return with Kingsholm playing host to Ospreys and Harlequins in back to back weeks and the visitors today will be looking to build on last weekend's impressive victory against Top 14 side Oyonnax before the Aviva Premiership kicks back into action against Harlequins on November 14th.



Gloucester Squad

Surname	Christian	Position	DOB	Height (metric)	Height (Imp)	Weight (metric)	Weight (Imp)	Honours
Afoa	John	prop	16.10.83	1.83m	6ft	118kg	18st 8lb	New Zealand
Atkinson	Mark	centre	8.3.90	1.91m	6ft 5in	106kg	16st 8lb	
Burns	Billy	fly half	13.6.94	1.80m	6ft	84kg	13st 3lb	
Cook	Rob	full-back	07.07.84	1.83m	6ft	95kg	15st	
Dawidiuk	Darren	hooker	21.9.87	1.80m	5ft 11in	106kg	16st 8lb	
Evans	Gareth	back row	19.09.91	1.91m	6ft 3in	114kg	18st	
Galarza	Mariano	lock	11.12.86	2.03m	6ft 7in	118kg	18st 8lb	Argentina
Hibbard	Richard	hooker	13.12.83	1.83m	6ft	112kg	17st 9lb	Wales
Hook	James	fly half	27.06.85	1.85m	6ft 1in	96kg	15st 2lb	Wales
Hudson	James	lock	28.10.81	2.01m	6ft 7in	113kg	17st 10lb	
Isaacs	Tom	centre	18.2.87	1.83m	6ft	93kg	14st 9lb	
Kalamafoni	Sione	back row	18.05.88	1.91m	6ft 3in	118kg	18st 8lb	Tonga
Knight	Shaun	prop	19.02.90	1.83m	6ft	117kg	18st 6lb	
Kvesic	Matt	back row	14.04.92	1.88m	6ft 2in	105kg	16st 8lb	England
Laidlaw	Greig	half back	12.10.85	1.76m	5ft 8in	80kg	12st 8lb	Scotland
Lutui	Aleki	hooker	01.07.78	1.83m	6ft	110kg	17st 5lb	Tonga
May	Jonny	centre	01.04.90	1.88m	6ft 2in	92kg	14st 7lb	England
McColl	Steve	full-back	16.08.88	1.83m	6ft 1in	100kg	15st 6lb	
Monahan	Shane	wing	28.04.87	1.88m	6ft 2in	103kg	16st 3lb	
Morgan	Ben	number eight	18.02.89	1.91m	6ft 3in	115kg	18st 7lb	England
Moriarty	Ross	back row	18.4.94	1.88m	6ft 2in	103kg	16st 2lb	
Murphy	Dan	prop	27.10.85	1.90m	6ft 3in	115kg	18st 1lb	
Palmer	Tom	lock	27.03.79	2.00m	6ft 7in	118kg	18st 8lb	England
Puafisi	Sila	prop	15.04.88	1.85m	6ft 1in	120kg	18st 13lb	Tonga
Robson	Dan	scrum half	14.03.92	1.71m	5ft 8in	80kg	12st 8lb	
Rowan	Jacob	back row	14.01.90	1.85m	6ft 1in	102kg	16st	
Savage	Tom	lock/ back row	18.04.89	1.93m	6ft 5in	113kg	17st 12lb	
Sharples	Charlie	wing	17.08.89	1.84m	6ft	89kg	14st	England
Simpson-Daniel	James	wing	30.05.82	1.75m	5ft 9 1/2in	93kg	14st 8lb	England
Stooke	Elliott	lock	10.09.93	1.98m	6ft 6in	130kg	20st 7lb	
Thomas	Aled	fly half	02.01.85	1.83m	6ft 1in	92kg	14st 7lb	
Thomas	Yann	prop	16.04.90	1.88m	6ft 2in	120kg	18st 11lb	
Trinder	Henry	centre	14.04.89	1.85m	6ft 1in	93kg	14st 8lb	
Twelvetrees	Billy	centre	15.11.88	1.91m	6ft 3in	103kg	16st 3lb	England
Wood	Nick	prop	09.01.83	1.86m	6ft 1in	112kg	17st 5lb	

On the pitch today

The Teams



starting XV

Jack Arnott	15	Steve Mccoll
 Fetu'u Vainikolo	14	Steph Reynolds
Max Bodilly	13	Mark Atkinson
Adam Hughes	12	Tom Isaacs
 Tom James	11	Shane Monahan
 Ceri Sweeney	10	Aled Thomas
Dave Lewis	9	Dan Robson
Brett Sturgess	1	Yann Thomas
Luke Cowan-Dickie	2	Darren Dawidui
Alex Brown	3	Sila Puafisi 
 Dean Mumm (Capt)	4	Elliott Stooke
Jerry Sexton	5	James Hudson (Capt)
James Scaysbrook	6	Ross Moriarty
Sam Simmonds	7	Dan Thomas
Sam Skinner	8	Gareth Evans

on the bench

Greg Bateman	16	 Aleki Lutui
Carl Rimmer	17	James Gibbons
Jack Stanley	18	Shaun Knight
Will Carrick-Smith	19	Tom Hicks
Joel Conlon	20	Lewis Ludlow
Stuart Townsend	21	Callum Braley
Laurence May	22	Billy Burns
Tom Hendrickson	23	Lloyd Evans



The Officials

Referee: Simon Harding
 Touch Judges: Andrew Pearce
 & Ross Campbell
 4th Official: Tom Foley
 TK: Laurie Bryant



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