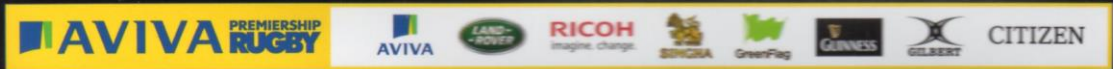


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v  
Gloucester  
9 January 2016



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# Today's opposition

## Premiership Record

P	W	D	L
413	219	14	180

## Current Form

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## In the League

Pos	P	W	D	L	Pnts
6	8	4	1	3	20

## Totals

Total Points	For	9,613
	Against	8,898

Total Tries	For	964
	Against	869



**GLOUCESTER  
RUGBY**



## for the record

**Most Appearances**  
Nick Wood (195 appearances)

**Top Points Scorer**  
Ludovic Mercier (855 points)

**Top Try Scorer**  
James Simpson-Daniel (63 tries)

**Biggest Win**  
68-12 v Bath (2002)

**Heaviest defeat**  
6-53 v Northampton Saints

**MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS:** 8

**MOST CONSECUTIVE DEFEATS:** 8

**HIGHEST ATTENDANCE:** 70,718

**TOTAL HOME ATTENDANCE:** 4,381,604

Founded  
**1873**

Ground  
**Kingsholm Stadium**  
Kingsholm Road, Gloucester, GL1 3AX

Capacity  
**16,121**

**The Cherry and Whites headed into this season's Aviva Premiership campaign with a greater sense of familiarity than in recent years, with a much quieter and settled summer setting the squad up well ahead of the new season.**

As Gloucester kicked off 2014-15 at Northampton, a whole host of new players were finding their feet and the coaching team had literally just arrived. It was little surprise that the season got off to a shaky start away at the then defending champions.

Wind the clock forward and Director of Rugby David Humphreys and Head Coach Laurie Fisher embarked on their second season at the helm, with the only new face seeing Jonny Bell join as Defence Coach alongside the Senior Coaching Team of Nick Walshe and Trevor Woodman.

With All Black Jeremy Thrush and stand out Super Rugby performer Tom Marshall two new high profile signings, the Cherry and Whites are trying to build a strong squad as well as focusing on continuing to utilise the efforts of the Gloucester Rugby Academy following impressive debut seasons from a number of their young stars.

DIRECTOR OF RUGBY: David Humphreys  
CAPTAIN: Greig Laidlaw  
WEBSITE: [www.gloucesterrugby.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterrugby.co.uk)



# Ones to watch

## John Afoa

**Country:** New Zealand

**Twitter:** John\_Afoa

**Premiership Appearances:** 27

**Premiership Points:** 5

**International Caps:** 36



## Richard Hibbard

**Country:** Wales / British & Irish Lions

**Twitter:** richardhibbard2

**Premiership Appearances:** 24

**Premiership Points:** 10

**International Caps:** 38



## James Hook

**Country:** Wales

**Twitter:** hookjameshook

**Premiership Appearances:** 26

**Premiership Points:** 98

**International Caps:** 81



## Billy Twelvetrees

**Country:** England

**Twitter:** Billy\_12trees

**Premiership Appearances:** 88

**Premiership Points:** 386

**International Caps:** 22



Meanwhile, Paul Doran Jones returned to the club for a second spell, joined as new front row resources by fellow props Paddy McAllister and Nicky Thomas, while former Wasps Tom Lindsay adds considerable experience to the hooking ranks.

The challenge for Gloucester is to build on the progress made last season. The team may well have lifted the European Rugby Challenge Cup, but no-one was happy with the team's finishing position in the Aviva Premiership.

To date, it's been a steady start for the Cherry and Whites. An efficient opening day win at Newcastle, traditionally a tough venue for Gloucester, was followed by a narrow home defeat at home to Saracens.

However, Gloucester bounced back with a hard-fought victory over today's opponents Worcester Warriors before away defeats at Wasps and Northampton Saints and a tough home victory over Sale Sharks.

The defence of the European Rugby Challenge Cup got off to a decent start with wins over Zebre and La Rochelle setting up a double-header against the Worcester Warriors.

Gloucester have come through that test against their local rivals and are currently second seeds going into the final two rounds.

The Festive period was also a fruitful one for Gloucester as they so nearly tasted victory against Harlequins at Twickenham in Big Game 8, leading by 10 points with only 10 minutes to go before Quins hit back to snatch a 39-39 draw.

And, last weekend, in front of a sold out Kingsholm, the Cherry and Whites chalked up a hard-fought 27-14 victory over London Irish in testing conditions.

So, as Gloucester head down the M5 today to take on the Chiefs, they find themselves in 6th place in the Aviva Premiership table and hoping to consolidate that position before resuming their European campaign.

And that will no easy task against a Chiefs side who are probably enjoying their best every season in the top flight, despite missing several key players at the moment due to injury.

Since Exeter and Gloucester first met following the Chiefs promotion to the top flight in the summer of 2010, there have very rarely been more than one score between the two sides at the end of 80 minutes.

Last season was a case in point. Exeter won in the Premiership at Kingsholm by 25 points to 22 and then won the LV= Cup encounter between the two teams at Sandy Park, 28-27.

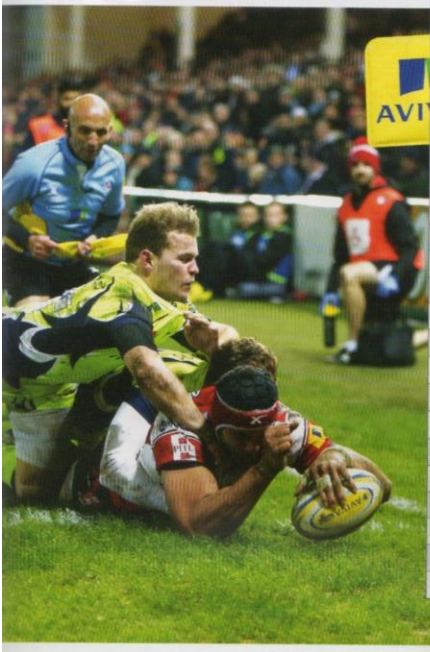
Gloucester then emerged triumphant here at Sandy Park in the second league encounter, again it was a nail-biter but the Cherry and Whites edged it by a margin of 26 points to 25.

The only really 'comfortable' margin of victory was Gloucester's 30-19 win in the European Rugby Challenge Cup, but that game was far closer than the scoreline suggests.

So, it all points to it being a close one this afternoon. One thing is for sure, the Gloucester supporters always enjoy their trips to Sandy Park - will they enjoy the result?

Only time will tell...

# Squad



Surname	First Name	Position	DOB	Height	Weight	Honours
Afoa	John	Prop	18/10/1983	1.83m	118kg	New Zealand
Atkinson	Mark	Centre	08/03/1990	1.96m	108kg	
Braleigh	Callum	Scrum-Half	23/03/1994	1.78m	86kg	
Brooker	Chris	Hooker	31/05/1986	1.80m	108kg	
Burns	Billy	Fly-Half	13/06/1994	1.83m	86kg	
Cole	Luke	Hooker	07/11/1993	1.75m	96kg	
Cook	Rob	Full-Back	07/07/1984	1.83m	94kg	
Creed	Elliott	Centre	19/10/1996	1.80m	86kg	
Dawidiuk	Darren	Hooker	21/09/1987	1.78m	108kg	
Doran-Jones	Paul	Prop	02/05/1985	1.85m	121kg	England
Evans	Gareth	Back-Row	19/09/1991	1.91m	110kg	
Evans	Jack	Full-Back	24/03/1997	1.83m	89kg	
Evans	Lloyd	Fly-Half	14/12/1995	1.83m	84kg	
Galarza	Mariano	Lock	12/11/1986	2.03m	115kg	Argentina
Gibbons	James	Prop	21/09/1983	1.85m	116kg	
Halaifonua	David	Wing	06/07/1987	1.88m	104kg	Tonga
Heinz	Willie	Scrum-Half	24/11/1986	1.80m	94kg	
Hilbard	Richard	Hooker	13/12/1983	1.83m	112kg	Wales & British Lions
Hicks	Tom	Lock	25/10/1991	2.03m	119kg	
Hook	James	Fly-Half	27/06/1985	1.85m	96kg	Wales
Hudson	James	Lock	28/10/1991	2.01m	114kg	
Kalamafoni	Sione	Back-Row	18/05/1988	1.91m	121kg	Tonga
Kvesic	Matt	Back-Row	14/04/1992	1.88m	105kg	England
Laidlaw	Greig	Scrum-Half	12/10/1985	1.75m	80kg	Scotland
Latta	Joe	Lock	07/04/1992	1.96m	115kg	
Lindsay	Tom	Hooker	18/11/1987	1.88m	108kg	
Ludlow	Lewis	Back-Row	11/09/1994	1.88m	106kg	
Marshall	Tom	Centre	05/07/1990	1.83m	91kg	
May	Jonny	Wing	01/04/1990	1.88m	92kg	England
McAllister	Paddy	Prop	20/07/1989	1.83m	122kg	
McCull	Steve	Full-Back/Wing	16/08/1988	1.85m	98kg	
Meakes	Billy	Centre	23/02/1991	1.85m	100kg	
Morgan	Ben	Back-Row	18/02/1989	1.91m	115kg	England
Moriarty	Ross	Back-Row	18/04/1994	1.88m	103kg	Wales
Murphy	Dan	Prop	27/10/1985	1.88m	119kg	
Protheroe	Mat	Fly-Half	10/10/1996	1.80m	73kg	
Purdy	Henry	Wing	21/05/1994	1.88m	97kg	
Reynolds	Steph	Wing	23/10/1993	1.75m	83kg	
Rowan	Jacob	Back-Row	14/01/1990	1.85m	105kg	
Savage	Tom	Lock	18/04/1989	1.96m	118kg	
Sharples	Charlie	Wing	17/08/1989	1.83m	90kg	England
Stooke	Elliott	Lock	10/09/1993	2.01m	125kg	
Thomas	Dan	Back-Row	11/10/1993	1.83m	100kg	
Thomas	Nicky	Prop	26/08/1994	1.88m	116kg	
Thomas	Yann	Prop	16/04/1990	1.85m	117kg	
Thorley	Ollie	Centre	11/09/1996	1.85m	97kg	
Thrush	Jeremy	Lock	19/04/1985	1.98m	118kg	New Zealand
Trinder	Henry	Centre	14/04/1989	1.85m	93kg	
Twelvetrees	Billy	Centre/Fly-Half	15/11/1988	1.93m	103kg	England
Vellacott	Ben	Scrum-Half	28/03/1995	1.68m	78kg	
Wilson	Harry	Lock	08/02/1997	1.88m	106kg	
Wood	Nick	Prop	09/01/1983	1.85m	107kg	England

# Previous Meetings

## v Gloucester Rugby

EXETER CHIEFS

WON 7

| DRAWN 0

| LOST 3

**2014/15**

Gloucester **22** Exeter Chiefs **25**  
 Exeter Chiefs **25** Gloucester **26**

**2013/14**

Gloucester **12** Exeter Chiefs **29**  
 Exeter Chiefs **13** Gloucester **14**

**2012/13**

Gloucester **18** Exeter Chiefs **16**  
 Exeter Chiefs **40** Gloucester **39**

**2011/12**

Exeter Chiefs **19** Gloucester **24**  
 Gloucester **27** Exeter Chiefs **28**

**2010/11**

Exeter Chiefs **22** Gloucester **10**  
 Gloucester **37** Exeter Chiefs **23**

### TOP TRIES

Exeter Chiefs – Matt Jess (4 Tries)  
 Gloucester – Freddie Burns, Jonny May, James Simpson-Daniel (3 Tries)



### TOP POINTS

Exeter Chiefs – Gareth Steenson 112 points;  
 Matt Jess 20 points;  
 Ignacio Mieres 11 points

Gloucester – Freddie Burns 77 points; Greig Laidlaw 15 points,  
 Jonny May 15 points,  
 James Simpson-Daniel 15 points



## Performance Chart



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Round

# Today's Line Up



Honours	Name	Position	Name	Honours
	Phil Dollman	15	Rob Cook	
	Olly Woodburn	14	Charlie Sharples	
	Jack Nowell	13	Bill Meakes	
	Ian Whitten	12	Billy Twelvetrees	
	James Short	11	Henry Purdy	
	Gareth Steenson	10	James Hook	
	Will Chudley	9	Greig Laidlaw (capt)	
	Ben Moon	1	Nick Wood	
	Jack Yeandle (capt)	2	Richard Hibbard	
	Tomas Francis	3	John Afoa	
	Ollie Atkins	4	Tom Savage	
	Geoff Parling	5	Jeremy Thrush	
	Don Armand	6	Ross Moriarty	
	Julian Salvi	7	Matt Kvesic	
	Thomas Waldrom	8	Ben Morgan	
<b>Replacements</b>				
	Elvis Taione	16	Tom Lindsay	
	Alec Hepburn	17	Dan Murphy	
	Moray Low	18	Paddy McAllister	
	Jonny Hill	19	Sione Kalamafoni	
	Kai Horstmann	20	Jacob Rowan	
	Dave Lewis	21	Willi Heinz	
	Will Hooley	22	Billy Burns	
	Michele Campagnaro	23	Mark Atkinson	

Referee: Ian Tempest Touch Judges: Peter Huckle & Ross Campbell  
 4th Official: Tom Foley TMO: Stuart Terhegge TK: Laurie Bryant

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