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# EXETER CHIEFS vs GLOUCESTER

SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 1.00PM

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# TODAY'S LINE-UP



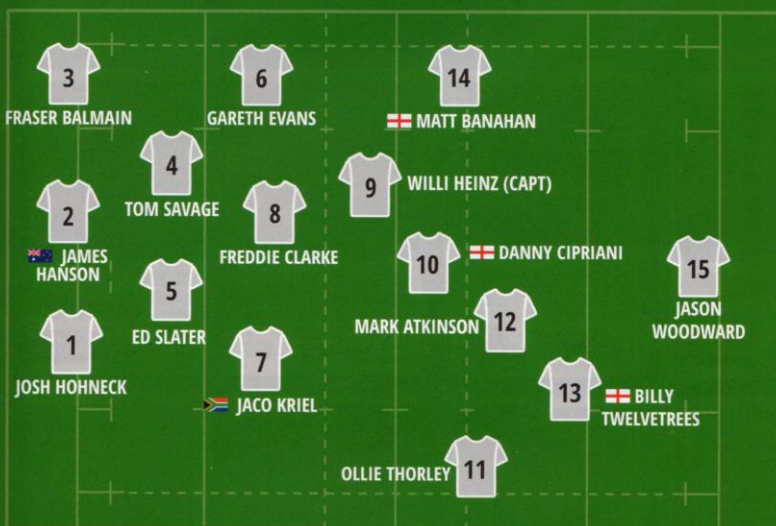
Replacements  
 16 🇫🇷 ELVIS TAIONE | 17 BILLY KEAST | 18 MARCUS STREET  
 19 WILHELM VAN DER SLUYS | 20 TOM LAWDAY  
 21 🇩🇪 JACK MAUNDER | 22 JOE SIMMONDS | 23 SAM HILL



REFEREE MATTHEW O'GRADY TOUCH JUDGES HAMISH SMALES & PAUL DIX



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Replacements  
 16 HENRY WALKER | 17 VAL RAPAVA RUSKIN | 18 CIARAN KNIGHT  
 19 GERBRANDT GROBLER | 20 🇩🇪 BEN MORGAN  
 21 CALLUM BRALEY | 22 HENRY TRINDER | 23 TOM HUDSON

4TH OFFICIAL NEIL CHIVERS TK LAURIE BRYANT TMO GEOFF WARREN



# GLOUCESTER RUGBY

## PREMIERSHIP RUGBY RECORD

PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST
478	247	18	213



Founded: 1873  
Ground: Kingsholm Stadium, Kingsholm Road,  
Kingsholm, Gloucester GL1 3AX  
Capacity: 16,121  
Head Coach: Johan Ackermann  
Captain: Willi Heinz  
Website: [gloucesterrugby.co.uk](http://gloucesterrugby.co.uk)



## HEAD COACH Johan Ackermann

- Born in Benoni, South Africa on June 3 in 1970.
- During a 12-year playing career, the imposing lock started his career with the Blue Bulls and went onto feature for the Golden Lions, Cats, Northampton Saints, Griquas and Sharks.
- He won 13 Test caps for the Springboks, becoming their oldest player to play for the national side at 37 back in 2007.
- Having retired from playing in 2008, Ackermann was appointed as Forwards Coach of the Lions in Super Rugby in 2010, where he worked alongside Head Coach John Mitchell, before taking on the top job himself in 2013.
- Named South African coach of the year in 2014, 15 and 16, he moved to Gloucester in 2017, where he led the Cherry and Whites to the European Challenge Cup Final in his first season, narrowly going down to Cardiff Blues in Bilbao.



## CAPTAIN Willi Heinz

- Born on November 24, 1986 in Christchurch, New Zealand.
- Heinz started his senior career playing for Canterbury in the ITM Cup, before featuring over 50 times for the Crusaders in Super Rugby.
- He moved to Kingsholm ahead of the 2015/16 season, offering a proven scrum-half option to the Cherry and Whites.
- With 65 appearances to his name and nine tries for Gloucester, Heinz has proved a shrewd acquisition and was made captain last season, taking over the leadership role from Billy Twelvetrees.
- The former New Zealand Under-21s international was in 2017 invited to train with the England squad by Eddie Jones.



# HEAD TO HEAD IN THE PREMIERSHIP

## 16 GAMES PLAYED



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**8** WINS (50%) **7** (44%)

**1** DRAW (6%)

**396** POINTS SCORED **340**

**39** TRIES SCORED **37**

THOMAS WALDROM  
& MATT JESS  
(4 TRIES)

**MOST TRIES**

JONNY MAY  
(5 TRIES)

GARETH STEENSON  
(105 POINTS)

**MOST POINTS**

FREDDIE BURNS  
(46 POINTS)

## BIGGEST ATTENDANCE AT SANDY PARK AGAINST GLOUCESTER

# 12,760



*Whilst he may be surplus to requirements for England Head Coach Eddie Jones, Danny Cipriani remains very much the 'main man' for Gloucester as they look to push forward on all fronts this season.*

Brought in during the summer from rivals Wasps, it's certainly been a headline-making start to life for the 31-year-old playmaker at Kingsholm.

Seen as the key cog in the new-look Cherry and Whites machine, Cipriani has produced man of the match performances and was the Gallagher Premiership Player of the Month in September, all of which following him being arrested during a pre-season tour to Jersey and being axed by Jones for national service this autumn.

Throw into the mix a controversial red card for a high tackle in the Heineken Champions Cup game at Munster last month - and it all makes for some interesting reading for those who follow the game closely.

Suspension served, Cipriani wasted little time in getting back into the groove last Friday, producing a stellar showing as Gloucester brushed aside the attentions of Leicester Tigers 36-13 to keep themselves firmly in the picture behind Exeter Chiefs and Saracens at the top of the Premiership.

With Jones seemingly content to continue to operate with Owen Farrell and George Ford moving into next year's Rugby World Cup, Cipriani insists his sole focus remains that of producing each week for his club.





"I think it's consistency, just doing what you're doing," he said. "I've prided myself on that and all I can do is put my best foot forward for Gloucester. As a player I'm just doing everything I can to drive this team forward and take the responsibility I have here very seriously and show as much respect for the boys as I can by preparing right, that's all I can do."

"That's my excitement, that's what gets me up, that's what I love right now so I've just got to keep doing that."

Certainly, Cipriani has played a significant part in Gloucester's impressive start to the new season, but equally the renewed vigour and drive around the club is evident and the arrival of Matt Banahan from Bath, coupled with the recruitment of some serious South African beef in the pack, has made today's visitors a powerful pool of talent.

All of this has come under the gaze of Head Coach Johan Ackermann, who has clearly made his mark on the club since his arrival last year. However, the former Springbok is quick to acknowledge there is still plenty to do.

"Credit to the guys they've stepped up, but we've not won anything yet," he said. "We can't get carried away at this stage because there is a lot of hard work ahead of us."

That hard work begins this afternoon for Gloucester in the first of three meetings between them and the Chiefs in the next month. The two clubs are poised for back-to-back clashes in the Heineken Champions Cup, but today's encounter will offer the perfect opportunity to lay down a significant marker.





# THE NUMBERS



TOTAL POINTS FOR:

**11,096**



TOTAL POINTS AGAINST:

**10,438**



TOTAL TRIES SCORED:

**1,136**



TOTAL TRIES AGAINST:

**1,050**



MOST CONSECUTIVE WINS:

**8**



MOST CONSECUTIVE DEFEATS:

**8**



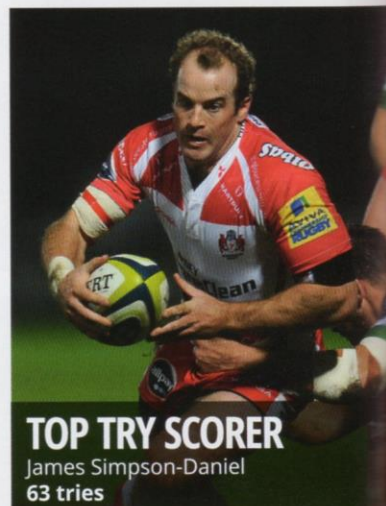
BIGGEST WIN:

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



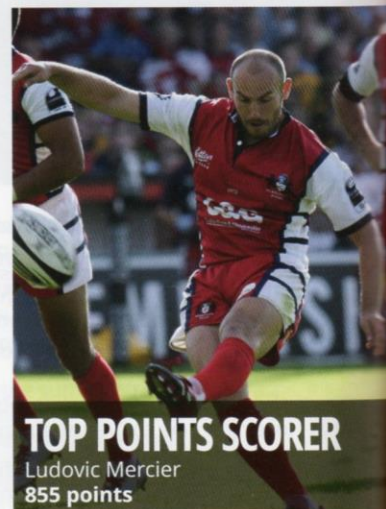
HEAVIEST DEFEAT:

**6-53**  
**v Northampton Saints**  
(2014)



**TOP TRY SCORER**

James Simpson-Daniel  
63 tries



**TOP POINTS SCORER**

Ludovic Mercier  
855 points



**MOST APPEARANCES**

Nick Wood  
204 appearances



# THE OPPOSITION SQUAD

## PROP

Olly Adkins  
Fraser Balmain  
Gareth Denman  
Ruan Dreyer   
Josh Hohneck  
Ciaran Knight  
Paddy McAllister  
Val Rapava-Ruskin  
Kyle Traynor 

## HOOKER

Todd Gleave  
James Hanson   
Franco Marais  
Joe Mullis  
Henry Walker

## LOCK

Callum Allen  
Gerbrandt Grobler  
Franco Mostert  
Tom Savage  
Ed Slater  
Jeremy Thrush 

## BACK-ROW

Ruan Ackermann  
Freddie Clarke  
Gareth Evans  
Jaco Kriel   
Lewis Ludlow  
Ben Morgan   
Jake Polledri   
Will Safe

## SCRUM-HALF

Callum Braley  
Willi Heinz  
Ben Vellacott

## FLY-HALF

Danny Cipriani   
Lloyd Evans  
Owen Williams 

## CENTRE

Mark Atkinson  
Tom Hudson  
Henry Trinder   
Billy Twelvetrees 

## WING

Matt Banahan   
Henry Purdy  
Tom Seabrook  
Charlie Sharples   
Ollie Thorley

## FULL-BACK

Tom Marshall  
Jason Woodward

## LAST FIVE MEETINGS

8/4/2018 (Aviva Premiership, Sandy Park)

**EXETER CHIEFS 46**  
**GLOUCESTER 10**

1/9/2017 (Aviva Premiership, Kingsholm)

**GLOUCESTER 28**  
**EXETER CHIEFS 21**

6/5/17 (Aviva Premiership, Kingsholm)

**GLOUCESTER 20**  
**EXETER CHIEFS 24**

8/10/16 (Aviva Premiership, Sandy Park)





**EXETER CHIEFS 27**  
**GLOUCESTER 27**

15/4//2016 (Aviva Premiership, Kingsholm)

**GLOUCESTER 16**  
**EXETER CHIEFS 9**

## THE FORM GUIDE

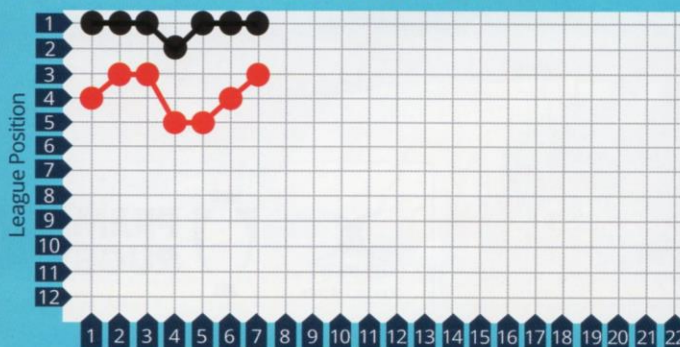


-  BRISTOL BEARS (A) 29-31
-  HARLEQUINS (H) 29-13
-  BATH (H) 25-18
-  NEWCASTLE FALCONS 22-22



-  LEICESTER TIGERS (H) 36-13
-  NORTHAMPTON SAINTS (H) 14-12
-  BRISTOL BEARS (A) 21-13
-  WASPS (H) 31-7

## LEAGUE PERFORMANCE



Gallagher Premiership Rounds - 2017/2018 Season