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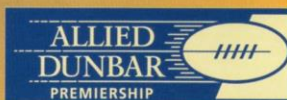
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Gloucester

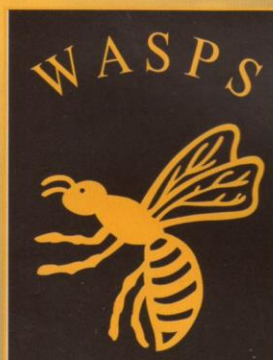
Sunday 27th
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Kick-off 3pm



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Buzz Words

TICKET SURPRISE FOR SHEDHEADS



Action from THAT game in October

You may remember our last game with today's opponents Gloucester – the thrilling 13-12 defeat of the home side at Kingsholm back in October.

Will Green's last minute try turned what was looking like defeat into a well-earned away win for the Men in Black. It certainly was a passionate affair – both on the pitch and off it!

It was the kind of game you would just hate to lose and Nigel Melville was quick to realise this when he spied two very miserable looking young Gloucester fans in the members bar at Kingsholm after the game. He got chatting to them and by way of a consolation offered them some complimentary tickets for today's game!

We all hope you have a good time at today's game boys – but then again, perhaps not too good a time!

Gloucester



Renowned throughout Britain for generating perhaps the most vociferous following in rugby union – Gloucester are doing everything they can to build a team that can match the passion of their fans.

For too long now, they have been the nearly men in English rugby – a title that offers respect to their efforts – but little else.

They have failed to win a national league title in ten years of trying and have not won the national knock-out cup competition since they shared the honour with Moseley in 1982.

This is a matter of supreme concern for one of England's rugby powers and their vociferous and loyal supporters.

For the Cherry-and-Whites, whose teams for so long have been built on players from the immediate area, the downturn in

fortunes after their pre-eminence in the Seventies and Eighties had to be halted and the financial and playing strength of the club has been overhauled.

Last season, there were some changes in the squad and there were further moves during the summer to the extent that skipper Dave Sims was able to say before this campaign began: "We have now got a squad at Kingsholm with the back-up in nearly every position that people around the country will be jealous of."

Sims, who was one of the few successes of England's ill-fated tour to the Southern Hemisphere during the summer, believes there is much to come. He says: "A lot of experience was gained last season. There was a lot more confidence in the side and we have to build on that."

"Now the supporters have seen the quality of the players we have they are expecting results and you can't blame them."

In fact, if Gloucester could only

travel as well as they play at home, they would be in close touch with the Allied Dunbar Premiership leaders. As it is, they are only just off the pace and, given the volatility of results this season, they may well be running close come next spring and in with the chance of the cup as well.

They will of course be desperate to avenge the defeat at the hands of Wasps earlier in the season – when Will Green's last gasp score snatched victory from Gloucester's grasp.



Richard Hill

Wasps on the Web

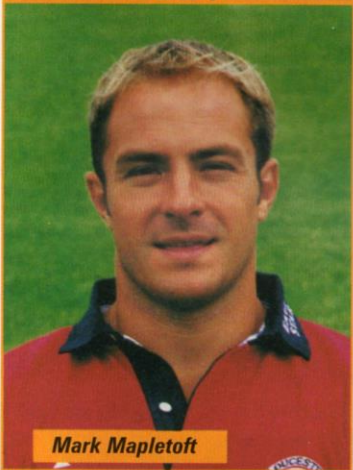
Meet the opposition



THE SQUAD



Terry Fanolua



Mark Mapletoft

Brian Johnson

Wing

26, 5ft 11, 85.2k

Has collected five England A caps having joined Gloucester from Newbury.

Philippe Saint-André

Wing

31, 6ft, 91.5kg

Capped 69 times by France and a favourite at Kingsholm since his debut in 1997-98.

Rob Jewell

Wing

21, 6ft 2, 94.3kg

Another promising member of Gloucester's back division, previously with Gordon League.

Terry Fanolua

Centre

24, 6ft, 86kg

Western Samoan international and sevens captain. Back after a month of World Cup qualifiers.

Richard Tombs

Centre

27, 6ft, 93kg

Capped five times by Australia although born in New Zealand and previously played for Northern Suburbs in Sydney.

Rory Greenslade-Jones

Centre

25, 6ft 2, 13st

Another former Newbury man, enjoying his first season in the Gloucester first XV squad.

Simon Mannix

Fly-half

26, 6ft 1, 83.5kg

Once capped by his native New Zealand and previously with Sale before joining Gloucester in the close season.

Mark Mapletoft

Fly-half

27, 5ft 7, 83kg

Has one England cap to his name, and previously played for Rugby Lions.

Ian Sanders

Scrum-half

27, 5ft 9, 85.8kg

Busy half back who began his career with Bath before moving to Kingsholm.

Scott Benton

Scrum-half

24, 6ft, 89kg

Half back with one appearance for England having previously played for Morley.

The Backs

Audley Lumsden

Full-back

Age 31, Height 6ft, Weight 93.9kg

Moved to Gloucester having previously been with west country neighbours Bath.

Chris Catling

Full back

22, 6ft 1, 89.9kg

Promising number 15 who previously played for Exeter before his move to Kingsholm.



Philippe Saint-André

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Gloucester

The Forwards

Andy Deacon

Prop

33, 6ft 2, 107.8kg

Now in his 10th season at Gloucester having made his debut back in 1989 after joining from Longlevens RFC.

Phil Vickery

Prop

23, 6ft 3, 124kg

Five times capped by England, having previously played for Bude and Redruth in Cornwall.

Tony Windo

Prop

29, 6ft, 125kg

Previously with Longlevens and part of England's tour party to the southern hemisphere in the summer.

Chris Fortey

Hooker

23, 5ft 11, 107kg

Another player formerly with Widden Old Boys and Gordon League before coming to Kingsholm.

Neil McCarthy

Hooker

24, 6ft, 102kg

Previously at Bath and made

Gloucester debut in 1997 against Begles Bordeaux in the European Conference.

Rob Fidler

Lock

24, 6ft 5, 112kg

Two England caps to his name having been one of few successes in the Southern Hemisphere this summer.

Mark Cornwell

Lock

25, 6ft 7, 130kg

Formerly with Old Richians and with appearances for England at A level.

Dave Sims

Lock

29, 6ft 6, 115kg

Three times capped by England and has been with Gloucester since 1988 having previously played for Longlevens. This season's captain.

Ed Pearce

Flanker/No 8

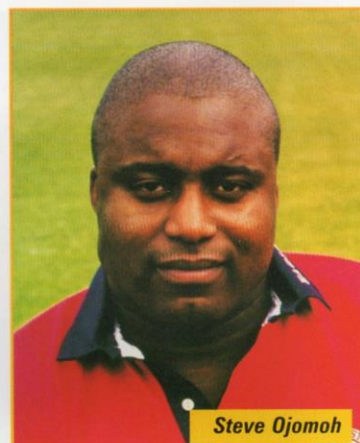
23, 6ft 6, 118kg

Previously at Bath before signing for Gloucester in 1996.

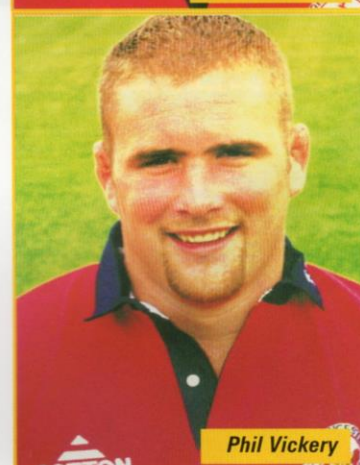
Nathan Carter

Flanker

26, 6ft, 100.3kg



Steve Ojomoh



Phil Vickery



Ed Pearce

Another who previously starred for local side Gordon League and now in his third season at Kingsholm

Steve Ojomoh

Flanker/No 8

28, 6ft 2, 120kg

12 times capped by England while with Bath and aims to be in the squad for the World Cup.

Peter Glanville

Flanker

27, 6ft 2, 102.4kg

Joined from Longlevens, made debut in 1992 and was club captain last season.

Line Ups

Player No.	WASPS	POSITION	GLOUCESTER	Player No.
15	Josh Lewsey (I)	Full Back	Chris Catling	15
14	Shane Roiser	Wing	Brian Johnson	14
13	Laurence Scrase	Centre	Terry Fanoula (I)	13
12	Rob Henderson (I)	Centre	Richard Tombs (I)	12
11	Kenny Logan (I)	Wing	Philippe Saint-Andre (I)	11
10	Alex King (I)	Fly Half	Simon Mannix (I)	10
9	Mike Friday	Scrum Half	Ian Sanders	9
1	Darren Molloy	Prop	Tony Windo	1
2	Trevor Leota (I)	Hooker	Chris Fortey	2
3	Will Green (I)	Prop	Andy Deacon	3
4	Simon Shaw (I)	Lock	Rob Fidler	4
5	Mark Weedon	Lock	Mark Cornwell	5
6	Lawrence Dallaglio (I)	Flanker	Peter Glanville	6
7	Paul Volley	Flanker	Steve Ojomoh (I)	7
8	Joe Worsley	Number Eight	Nathan Carter	8

REPLACEMENTS

16	Andy Gomarsall (I)	Rob Jewell	16
17	Nick Greenstock (I)	Mark Mapletoft (I)	17
18	Jonny Upton	Scott Benton	18
19	Simon Mitchell	Neil McCarthy	19
20	Peter Scrivener	Phil Vickery	20
21	Andy Reed (I)	Dave Sims	21
22	Florent Rossigneux	Ed Pearce	22

Referee: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Touch Judges: TO BE ANNOUNCED