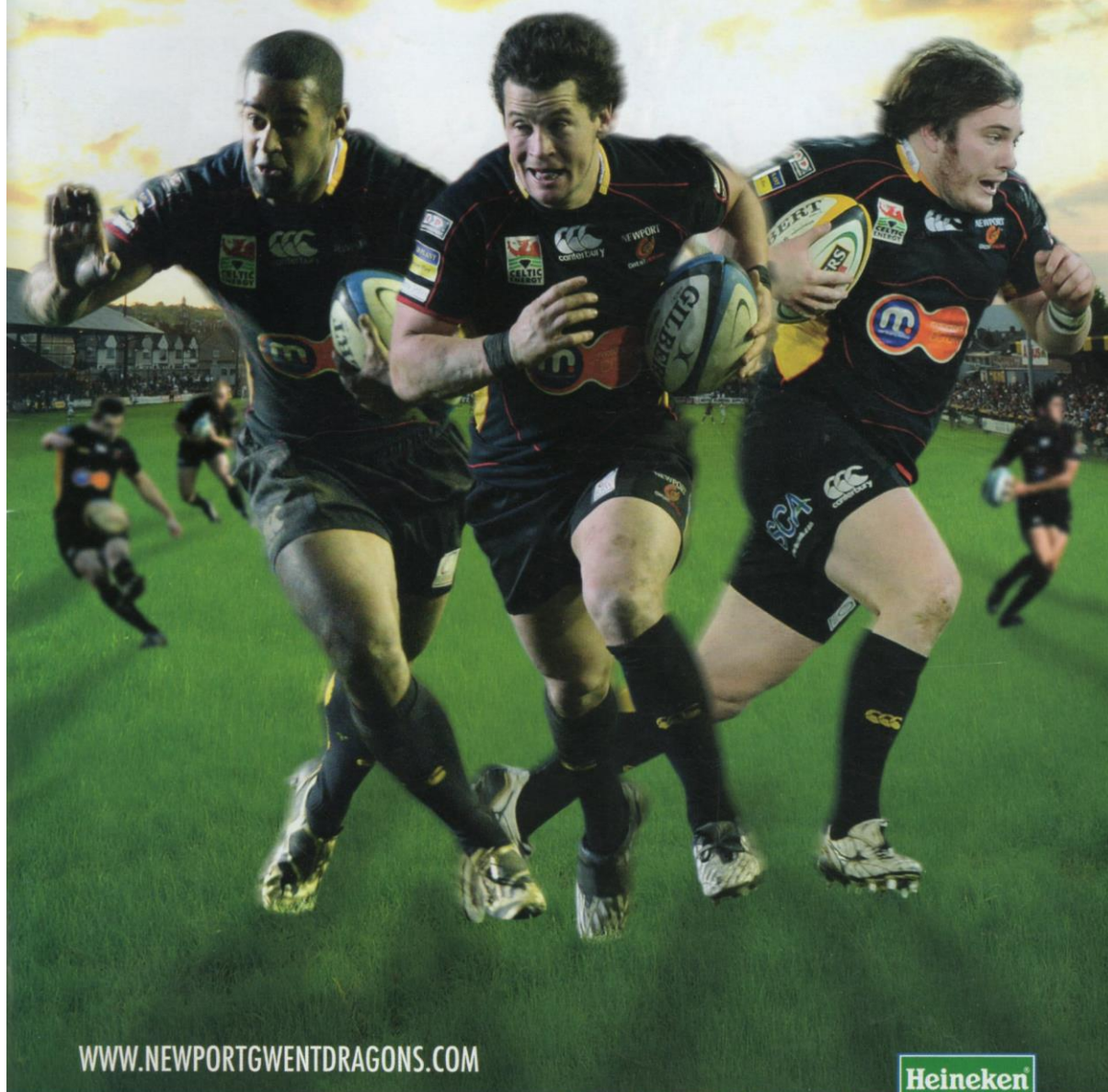


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# NEWPORT GWENT DRAGONS V GLOUCESTER

SUNDAY 24 JANUARY 2010, RODNEY PARADE KICK-OFF 12.45PM



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Heineken Cup Round 6



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## HEAD TO HEAD SUMMARY (HEINEKEN CUP)

Played	1
Won	0
Drawn	0
Lost	1
Points For	17
Points Against	19

**RECENT RESULTS (HEINEKEN CUP)**  
**GLOUCESTER RUGBY 19 - 17 NEWPORT GWENT DRAGONS**  
**09 OCTOBER 2009, KINGS HOLM**

**REFEREE:** Peter Fitzgibbon

**TRIES:**

Akapusi Qera

**CONVERSIONS:**

Nicky Robinson

**PENALTIES:**

Nicky Robinson (4)

**TRIES:**

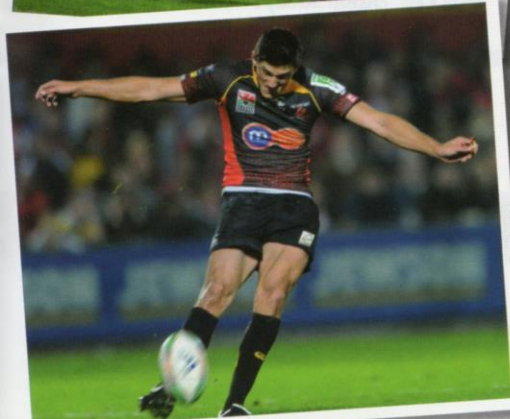
James Arlidge,  
Joe Bearman

**CONVERSIONS:**

James Arlidge (2)

**PENALTIES:**

James Arlidge



PLAYER	POS	CM	KG	DOB
Dave Attwood	Lock	200	115	05/04/1987
Olivier Azam	Hooker	183	115	21/10/1974
Jake Boer	Back Row	189	108	01/11/1975
Marco Bortolami	Lock	196	111	12/06/1980
Alex Brown	Lock	201	110	17/05/1979
Freddie Burns	Centre	185	80	13/05/1990
Peter Buxton	Back Row	191	112	21/08/1978
Pierre Capdevielle	Prop	186	120	30/03/1974
Darren Dawiduk	Hooker	180	95	21/09/1987
Gareth Delve	Back Row	190	101	30/12/1982
Alasdair Dickinson	Prop	186	103	11/09/1983
Paul Dóran-Jánes	Prop	185	111	02/05/1985
Adrian Duncan	Hooker	178	96	07/05/1988
Adam Eustace	Lock	193	110	09/01/1979
Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu	Flyhalf	183	103	21/10/1980
Rupert Harden	Prop	191	118	09/05/1985
Andy Hazell	Back Row	183	93	25/04/1978
Will James	Lock	198	120	22/12/1976
Shaun Knight	Prop	183	112	19/02/1990
Rory Lawson	Scrumhalf	176	83	12/03/1981
Scott Lawson	Hooker	172	100	28/09/1981
Dave Lewis	Scrumhalf	170	80	29/04/1989
Jonny May	Centre	182	92	01/04/1990
Tim Molenaar	Centre	193	109	19/02/1981
Ollie Morgan	Fullback	188	89	03/11/1985
Luke Narryway	Back Row	191	100	07/09/1983
Jordi Pasqualin	Scrumhalf	182	85	28/03/1990
Ben Phillips	Hooker	176	90	05/09/1981
Akapusi Qera	Back Row	187	107	24/04/1984
Tristan Roberts	Flyhalf	170	77	23/03/1987
Nicky Robinson	Flyhalf	186	91	03/01/1982
Apolosi Satala	Centre	193	105	14/08/1978
Charlie Sharples	Wing	185	92	17/08/1989
James Simpson-Daniel	Wing	183	80	30/05/1982
Greg Somerville	Prop	187	115	28/11/1977
Carlos Spencer	Flyhalf	180	95	14/10/1975
Alasdair Strokosch	Back Row	191	111	21/02/1983
Yann Thomas	Prop	191	120	16/04/1990
Mike Tindall	Centre	185	100	18/10/1978
Henry Trinder	Centre	183	85	14/04/1989
Lesley Vainikolo	Wing	188	113	04/05/1979
Tom Vayce	Wing	185	95	05/01/1981
Andy Williams	Scrumhalf	178	89	07/02/1981
Dan Williams	Back Row	196	104	01/02/1989
Nick Wood	Prop	185	108	09/01/1983

Sunday 24th January 2010, KICK OFF 12.45PM Rodney Parade, Newport

## NEWPORT GWENT DRAGONS

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|----|---------------------|
| 15 | Martyn Thomas       |
| 14 | Aled Brew           |
| 13 | Tom Riley           |
| 12 | Rhodri Gomer Davies |
| 11 | Richard Fussell     |
| 10 | James Arlidge       |
| 9  | Wayne Evans         |
| 1  | Hugh Gustafson      |
| 2  | Tom Willis (C)      |
| 3  | Gethin Robinson     |
| 4  | Hoani MacDonald     |
| 5  | Luke Charteris      |
| 6  | Danny Lydiate       |
| 7  | Lewis Evans         |
| 8  | James Harris        |

## REPLACEMENTS

- 16 Ali McKenzie  
17 Steve Jones  
18 Ben Castle  
19 Gavin Thomas  
20 Rob Sidoli  
21 Ashley Smith  
22 Jason Tovey  
23 James Leadbeaters

**TEAM CHANGES:**

**MAN OF THE MATCH:**

Referee: Christophe Berdos

AR1: Eric Gouzins

AR2: Jean-Luc Rebollal

**GLOUCESTER**

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|------------------------|----|
| Olly Morgan            | 15 |
| James Simpson-Daniel   | 14 |
| Tim Molenaar           | 13 |
| Eliota Fuimaono-Sapulu | 12 |
| Lesley Väinikö         | 11 |
| Nicky Robinson         | 10 |
| Rory Lawson            | 9  |
| Alasdair Dickinson     | 1  |
| Scott Lawson           | 2  |
| Greg Somerville        | 3  |
| Dave Attwood           | 4  |
| Alex Brown             | 5  |
| Alasdair Strakosch     | 6  |
| Akapusi Qera           | 7  |
| Gareth Delve (C)       | 8  |

## REPLACEMENTS

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|--------------------|----|
| Olivier Azam       | 16 |
| Nick Wood          | 17 |
| Pierre Capdevielle | 18 |
| Adam Eustace       | 19 |
| Luke Narryaway     | 20 |
| Dave Lewis         | 21 |
| Freddie Burns      | 22 |
| Tom Voyce          | 23 |



**TEAM CHANGES:**

VOYCE FOR VAINIKOLO

NARRAWAY FOR STROKOSCH

**MAN OF THE MATCH:**

AKAPUSI GERA

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# TODAYS OPPOSITION

**Gloucester Rugby come into this afternoon's game knowing that they have to win against the Newport Gwent Dragons to have any chance of continuing to compete in Europe this season.**

The win over Biarritz Olympique last weekend sees Bryan Redpath's men currently occupy second place in Pool 2 with 12 points from their five fixtures so far.

Qualifying for the Heineken Cup quarter finals as one of the two best second place finishers would appear to be unlikely at best but qualification for the same stage of the Amlin Challenge Cup remains a possibility.

At least one result elsewhere would have to go Gloucester's way but business first needs to be taken care of at Rodney Parade this afternoon and that will be far from easy.

The Dragons showed when they travelled to Kingsholm in Round One of the Heineken Cup back in October that they



are a side that cannot be underestimated. In fact, the Dragons could well have left Gloucester with a victory that evening as, on a damp and gloomy night at Kingsholm, tries from Joe Bearman and James Arledge had the Dragons in the box seat until Nicky Robinson's late penalty secured the win for Gloucester.

So, absolutely nothing will be taken for granted as Gloucester seek to keep their European ambitions alive and build on some recent good form and a flurry of positive press releases emanating from Kingsholm.

When the two sides last met, Gloucester were in the middle of an injury crisis that left them unable to play fifteen against fifteen on the training paddock due to a lack of healthy bodies.

That situation has eased somewhat in recent weeks and Head Coach Bryan Redpath finally has the luxury of competition for places in the starting line up.

In addition, several of the first team squad have put pen to paper on contract extensions in recent weeks adding to the feelgood factor at Gloucester.

It's a welcome change in fortunes given that the 2009-10 season was shaping up to be a difficult first one in charge for new Head Coach Redpath.

The afore mentioned injury situation, coupled with a number of suspensions for disciplinary reasons, left the Scot desperately short of resources and a number of close results went against Gloucester. Several narrow defeats could so easily have been victories.





# TODAYS OPPOSITION cont.

Throughout it all, however, Redpath has remained admirably positive and maintained that his side are more than capable of delivering big performances.

That was in evidence in impressive home Guinness Premiership victories over the Leicester Tigers and Newcastle Falcons prior to Christmas as well as Heineken Cup triumphs over the Glasgow Warriors and Biarritz.

The self belief in the side has been visibly rising in recent weeks and the two most recent displays, against Worcester Warriors and Biarritz, could have seen an absolute hatful of tries but for some untimely errors at key moments and a modicum of bad luck.

The challenge now is to maintain that good form and translate it into a victory on the road.

That is a big ask in itself. The Dragons have a formidable home record having only lost once at Rodney Parade this season (their home defeat in this competition to Biarritz was played at Parc y Scarlets) and they have taken some notable scalps along the way.

They also expect several players back from injury this afternoon and, although their European ambitions may be over for this season, I'm sure nothing would give them more pleasure than to make things difficult for Gloucester this afternoon.

May the best team win!

