

# **GLOUCESTER RUGBY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013**

**SANDY PARK – AVIVA PREMIERSHIP**

**GLOUCESTER NAME STRONG SIDE FOR EXETER CHIEFS FINALE**

**PRELIMINARY**

Gloucester Rugby end their 2012-13 Aviva Premiership campaign at Sandy Park against the Exeter Chiefs on Saturday. Director of Rugby Nigel Davies selects the same starting XV that defeated Saracens a fortnight ago.

Fifth-placed Gloucester will take on sixth placed Exeter in Devon on Saturday afternoon. The Cherry and Whites have already clinched their Heineken Cup place for next season, but the Chiefs need a win to be sure of doing likewise.

With his starting XV unchanged, Davies only makes changes amongst the replacements. Hooker Darren Dawidiuk is back after suspension and Mike Tindall and Shane Monahan come in for Ryan Mills and Martyn Thomas.

Speaking to the media this week, Gloucester's Director of Rugby insisted that it was important for his side to finish this season on a positive note:

"When you look at the fixture, you'd say there is everything for Exeter to play for, to get that all important European qualification, and nothing for us.

"But that's certainly not how we're looking at this game. We're very much looking at this as the start to our next season.

"We've failed to get into the top four, probably because we haven't been able to go to places like Exeter and get a result. It's very important that we establish the right mindset and focus to be able to do that.

"They're a very competitive side, play some good rugby, score lots of tries. From what they say, they were frustrated by the result up here and will be looking to make amends for it. So, it will be a tough afternoon for us."

Gloucester Rugby:

Rob Cook; Charlie Sharples, Henry Trinder, Billy Twelvetrees, Jonny May; Freddie Burns, Dan Robson; Nick Wood, Koree Britton, Shaun Knight; Tom Savage (capt), Lua Lokotui; Sione Kalamafoni, Akapusi Qera, Ben Morgan

Replacements:

Darren Dawidiuk, Dan Murphy, Yann Thomas, Peter Buxton, Andy Hazell, Dave Lewis, Mike Tindall, Shane Monahan

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