



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY**

VERSUS



BARBARIANS

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KINGSHOLM STADIUM

£2.50



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GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO KINGSHOLM THIS EVENING FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION.

I'm reliably informed that tonight's game will represent only the sixth time that the Barbarians have visited Kingsholm and the first time they'll have taken on Gloucester since 1900.

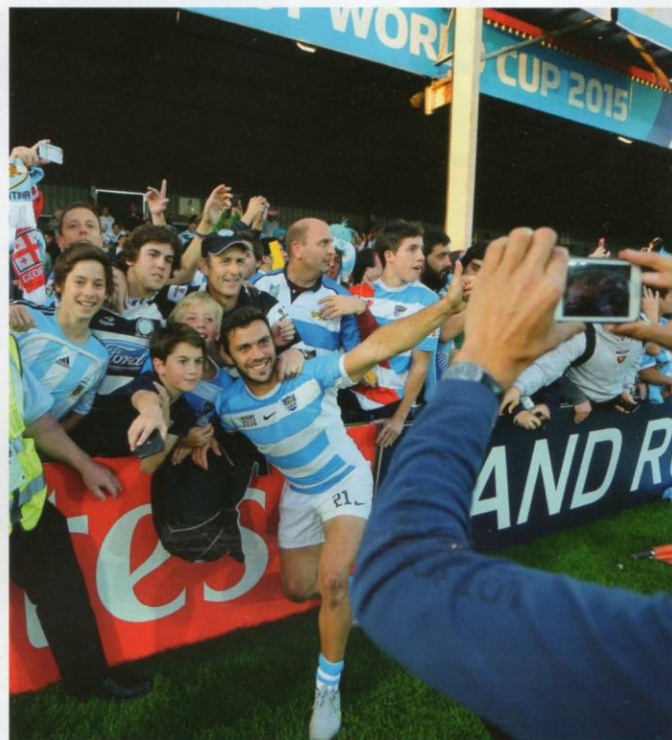
When you factor in the quality of the squad that they are set to bring with them this evening, you can understand why the excitement levels have been building in recent days.

Having the Barbarians play here tonight in a way draws a line neatly under what has been a tremendous few weeks of international rugby here at Kingsholm, with the four Rugby World Cup games that were played here still very fresh in the memory.

Each one of those games was memorable for a different reason. We were fortunate to witness Georgia win their very first World Cup game and to experience the wave of emotion that followed Japan after their historic victory over South Africa, a game that also saw our very own Greig Laidlaw skipper Scotland to the win.

Hordes of Argentina fans then turned Kingsholm sky blue and white for the evening as their fans joyfully roared Los Pumas on to a win over Georgia before we rounded off the pool stages with a hard fought win for Japan under the Kingsholm lights against the USA.

Although the followers of all the national teams followed their teams en masse and helped to create four incredibly colourful matchday occasions, they were joined at all these games by a vast number of local rugby supporters.



The knowledge of the Gloucester crowd and their passion for rugby is world renowned, and that's one of the reasons why we seek to bring these games to Kingsholm and why they are always such a huge success.

Whether you're here tonight to see the South African lock due of Botha and Matfield packing down together in the twilight of their international careers, or hope to see the attacking prowess of the likes of Nehe Milner-Skudder, there promises

to be something for everyone here this evening.

Kingsholm is a magnificent stage for games of this nature and that is why we will continue to strive to bring them here. They are superb events for players and supporters alike and tonight's game will write another exciting chapter into Gloucester Rugby's already long and rich history.

Enjoy the game.



WELCOME BARBARIANS

FOUNDED IN 1890 WITH THE OBJECT OF SPREADING GOOD FELLOWSHIP AMONGST ALL RUGBY PLAYERS, THE BARBARIANS PLAYED THEIR FIRST MATCH AGAINST HARTLEPOOL ROVERS AT FRIARY FIELD HARTLEPOOL ON 27 DECEMBER THAT YEAR.

THE legendary Easter tour of South Wales began a few years later and continued until the advent of professionalism, with the later addition to the annual fixture list of the Boxing Day match at Leicester and the Mobbs Memorial match at Northampton.

In 1948, a fixture against the current touring international side was added to the list and became an eagerly anticipated tour finale. Throughout the amateur era, Barbarians selection was a great honour and places on the Easter tour were like gold dust.

THE FIRST GLOUCESTER BARBARIAN

FORWARD Francis Oswald (Frank) Poole (Gloucester 1891-1894) was the first Gloucester player to put on the black and white Barbarians shirt when he played against Hartlepool Rovers on 1 April 1893 in the Barbarian club's third season. He went on to make five more appearances.

Frank played for Gloucester while studying theology at Keble College, Oxford. He won blues in 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894 and, less than a year after playing his last match for Gloucester, won international caps against Scotland, Ireland and Wales in 1895. He was also a water polo international.



• FRANK STOUT

MOST BARBARIAN CAPS

FLANK forward Frank Stout (Gloucester 1895-1908), born in Gloucester and educated at The Crypt School, was a local hero who played 22 games for the Barbarians between 1897 and 1906.

He played three of his games in 1897-98 alongside his brother, the threequarter Percy Stout who also played alongside him for Gloucester (1895-1901) and England.

Frank captained his country in 1904 while a Richmond player and won 14 international caps. He won the MC in 1916 as a lieutenant in the 20th Hussars.

PETER Hordern (Gloucester 1929-1937), a flanker, brother of the actor Sir Michael Hordern, was renowned for his sense of humour and therefore the ideal tourist.

He played 19 times for the Barbarians, taking part in five Easter tours of South Wales where he played in both the front and back rows and, in an emergency, turned out at full back against Newport. He played 4 times for England and toured Argentina with the Great Britain team in 1936.

DURSLEY-BORN prop George Hastings (Gloucester 1947-1960) played 20 games for the Barbarians between 1955 and 1959. He toured South Africa and Canada with them in 1957-58 and played on four Easter tours of South Wales, captaining them against Swansea in 1957.

George played for Old Patesians and Cheltenham before making 260 1st XV appearances for Gloucester and won 13 international caps for England, playing throughout the 1956-57 Grand Slam season.

THE BARBARIANS AT KINGSHOLM

TONIGHT the Barbarians visit Kingsholm for only the sixth time in 123 years. Let's take a quick look at the previous five matches:

**Gloucester 10
Barbarians 9,
28th March 1892**

THERE were plans for the Barbarians to come to Gloucester at Easter 1891, but this fell through when





rugby ceased on the Spa as a result of damage to the pitch. It was only a postponement and the match came off at the end of Gloucester's first season at Kingsholm.

Just 15 months after the Baa-Baas' first game at West Hartlepool, Gloucester became their first club opponents from the South and Midlands. They were advertised as "15 members of a crack combination of the country" and included eight internationals (five English, two Welsh and one Scot).

The points system at the time, with two points for a try and three for a conversion, secured a narrow victory for Gloucester. Although outscored by three tries to two, the home side kicked both conversions whilst the visitors managed only one.

**Gloucester 13
Barbarians 0,
12th April 1900**

THE Barbarians added this fixture onto the start of their Easter tour. It was a match arranged to alleviate the financial problems of the Gloucester Club following their losses over the England v Wales international match held at Kingsholm three months earlier. Wet weather, a Thursday afternoon kick-off, and the presence of only 4 internationals in the Barbarians side (as opposed to the 11 fielded against Cardiff and Newport later in the tour), contributed to a poor attendance.

Gloucester won easily, scoring three tries to nil with two converted, but although they claimed a famous scalp, the takings amounted to about £35, which did little to help their balance sheet. Despite these financial woes, the prestige of Kingsholm as a venue was significantly enhanced as a

result of hosting both England and the Barbarians.

**Combined Services 26
Barbarians 45,
9th November 1999**



• PHILIPPE SAINT-ANDRÉ

THIS was the third Remembrance Match played between these teams, and Kingsholm was chosen as the venue because it was also the home of Royal Air Force rugby at the time.

Barbarian Philippe Saint-André, the Gloucester coach, playing in his last match at Kingsholm, was greeted with a roar every time he touched the ball, even though his first touch was to kick the ball dead behind his own goal-line to save a try. He later scored a try to rapturous acclaim.

Gloucester's Brian Johnson, an army captain, played on the left wing for the opposition. Scottish Amicable, sponsors of the Barbarians, promised to donate £300 for English youth rugby for every try they scored, so £2,100 was raised with a final try count of 7-4 to the Barbarians.

**Barbarians 14
Ireland 39,
27th May 2008**

IRELAND used this match to warm up for their tour of Australia and New Zealand the following month, although no Munster players were available due to European commitments. An Ireland XV, led by Shane Horgan, beat the Barbarians 39-14 thanks to a positive approach in which Horgan scored two tries.

A try before half-time by Craig Newby, the New Zealand back-row forward who was joining Leicester the following season, roused the Barbarians, but two more tries after the interval by Jamie Heaslip, the Leinster back-row forward, made sure of Ireland's win. But for stout Baa-Baa defence, Ireland might have hit the half-century mark.

**Barbarians 29
Ireland 28,
29th May 2012**

IRELAND again fielded a strong XV, using the match to warm up for a forthcoming tour of New Zealand, although on this occasion no Leinster players were available. With Gloucester players featuring in the Barbarians side, 11,654 turned up to watch on another sun-drenched evening.

The scoring was opened with a try by Iain Balshaw, still a Kingsholm favourite, and an open game saw four more tries before half-time – by Cornelius van Zyl and Paul Sackey for the Barbarians, and Craig Gilroy and Keith Earls for Ireland – to leave the Barbarians with a 19-14 advantage.

Simon Zebo and Mike Tindall swapped tries, before a dramatic late try appeared to have won the game for Ireland, only for Felipe Contepomi to kick an even later penalty to snatch the win for the Barbarians.





RANDALL ON RUGBY

OVER THE 125 YEARS OF THE BARBARIANS, IT'S REMARKABLE TO THINK THAT NEARLY 4,000 DIFFERENT PLAYERS HAVE REPRESENTED THE FAMOUS INVITATIONAL CLUB, WITH AT LEAST 50 OF THEM HAVING ALSO PLAYED FOR GLOUCESTER DURING THEIR CAREERS.

MOST were capped for their country at some stage, but I can remember the warmth of Andy Deacon's reaction when he knew he had been selected.

As an uncapped player, he said it was almost like an international call-up, and one of the proudest moments of his career.

Here, then, is a personal selection of a balanced Gloucester team, all of whom are also Barbarians. I have seen all of this side play, and they offer a blend between the amateur and professional era.

Together, they can boast more than 350 international appearances, and the forwards alone can tot up more than 2000 games for Gloucester between them.

The choices were difficult here - names like Sargent, Windo, Fortey and Gadd didn't make the cut, and I'm not old enough to remember Tom Voyce.

Among the backs, Don Rutherford missed out for the same reason. Phillipe Saint-Andre will be seen as an important figure in Gloucester's history as the first overseas player in the professional era, but Richard Mogg's volume of games could not be ignored. I'm sure you will have your own personal memories of them all.

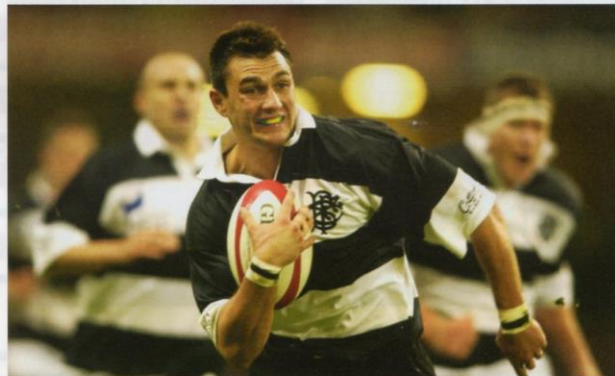
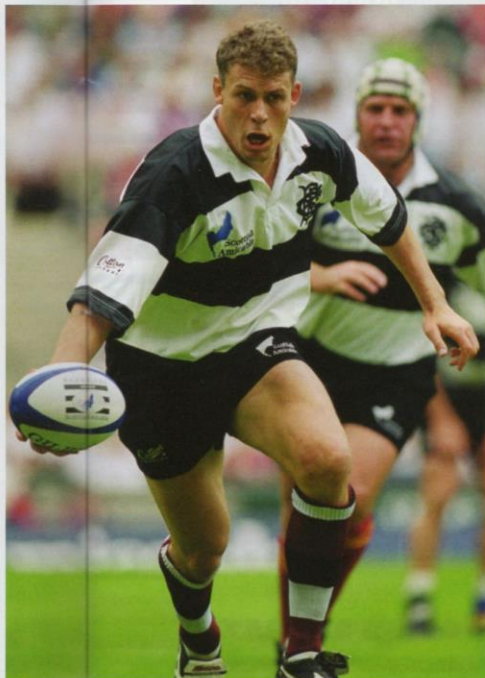


GLOUCESTER-BARBARIANS XV

IN POSITION ORDER
(NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL
CAPS IN BRACKETS)

15. THINUS DELPORT (18)
14. IAIN BALSHAW (38)
13. MIKE TINDALL (75)
12. JASON LITTLE (75)
11. RICHARD MOGG
(UNCAPPED)
10. MARK MAPLETOFT (1)
9. RORY LAWSON (31)
1. PHIL BLAKEWAY (19)
2. OLIVIER AZAM (10)
3. MIKE BURTON (17)
4. JOHN ORWIN (4)
5. STEVE BOYLE (3)
6. JOHN WATKINS (6)
7. IAN SMITH (25)
8. MIKE TEAGUE (27)





It's good to see the tight head prop in this team - now a long serving member of the Barbarian committee - pull together such a strong squad for tonight's game.

Six of them appeared in the recent World Cup final, including World Rugby's Young Player of the Year Nehe Milner-Skudder.

With the Barbarians having another game on Saturday, we may not see them all this evening,

but whatever side runs out it is sure of a warm Kingsholm welcome.

In many ways it will be a throwback to previous generations, where there was no tension over Premiership points or European qualification, and supporters turned up to enjoy the match for what it was.

Just occasionally, it's nice to remember what that was like.



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BOTH TEAMS CORRECT
AT TIME OF PRINT

MAT PROTHEROE	FULLBACK	15
HARRY ROBINSON	RIGHT WING	14
OLLIE THORLEY	OUTSIDE CENTRE	13
ELLIOTT CREED	INSIDE CENTRE	12
STEPH REYNOLDS	LEFT WING	11
BILLY BURNS (C)	FLY HALF	10
CALLUM BRALEY	SCRUM HALF	9
DAN MURPHY	LOOSEHEAD PROP	1
TOM LINDSAY	HOKKER	2
NICKY THOMAS	TIGHTHEAD PROP	3
JOE LATTA	LOCK	4
TOM HICKS	LOCK	5
LEWIS LUDLOW	BLINDSIDE FLANKER	6
DAN THOMAS	OPENSIDE FLANKER	7
WILL SAFE	NUMBER 8	8
JOE MULLIS	REPLACEMENT	16
JAMES GIBBONS	REPLACEMENT	17
JOSH MCNULTY	REPLACEMENT	18
ELLIOTT STOOKE	REPLACEMENT	19
ALEX CRAIG	REPLACEMENT	20
BEN VELLACOTT	REPLACEMENT	21
LLOYD EVANS	REPLACEMENT	22
JACK EVANS	REPLACEMENT	23



BARBARIANS

REFEREE

DEAN RICHARDS

ASSISTANT REFEREES

FERGUS KIRBY,
JOHN HEALY

NEHE MLNER-SKUDDER	FULLBACK	15
JOE TOMANE	RIGHT WING	14
TEVITA KURIDRANI	OUTSIDE CENTRE	13
RYAN CROTTY	INSIDE CENTRE	12
WAISAKE NAHOLO	LEFT WING	11
PAT LAMBIE	FLY HALF	10
COBUS REINACH	SCRUM HALF	9
JAMIE MACKINTOSH	LOOSEHEAD PROP	1
JAMES HANSON	HOOKER	2
TOBY SMITH	TIGHTHEAD PROP	3
LOOD DE JAGER	LOCK	4
VICTOR MATFIELD	LOCK	5
STEPHEN HOILES	BLINDSIDE FLANKER	6
JARRAD BUTLER	OPENSIDE FLANKER	7
SCOTT FARDY	NUMBER 8	8
STEPHEN MOORE	REPLACEMENT	16
COENIE OOSTHUIZEN	REPLACEMENT	17
CHARLIE FAUMUINA	REPLACEMENT	18
BAKKIES BOTHA	REPLACEMENT	19
ARDIE SAVEA	REPLACEMENT	20
TAWERA KERR-BARLOW	REPLACEMENT	21
LIMA SOPOAGA	REPLACEMENT	22
NEMANI NADOLO	REPLACEMENT	23