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HISTORY LESSON

Sale has a long history as a club - founded in 1861, it pre-dates Gloucester, but the two clubs first played one another in 1933.

Today will be the 80th encounter. Gloucester have won 44, and Sale 33, with just 2 matches drawn; Gloucester are ahead on points by 1791 to 1299.

The home advantage is marked, Gloucester having recorded 34 wins and 14 losses at Fortress Kingsholm.

EARLY MATCHES

Sale travelled south for an Easter tour in 1933, with a fine record for the season behind them.

They played at Kingsholm on 15th April and Gloucester won 18-7, with 2 tries from Vernon Sheppard on the right wing, one of which was converted by full-back Harold Boughton, who also kicked a penalty, while centre Roy James added a dropped goal.

Sale scored first with a try from Wilf Wooller, and almost added a second, but for a saving tackle by Don Meadows, before Boughton relieved the pressure with some long touch kicks, and kicked a penalty to level the scores.

Sheppard then scored a great try, described by WB in the Citizen - "...the right wing was partly tackled by three different men in succession, but he shook himself free on each occasion, and with a brilliant burst at the finish touched down in the corner for a grand try".

He added another in the second half - "At the centre Fifield served Meadows, who slipped an inside pass to Sheppard, who was playing centre now. With a tremendous burst of speed, Sheppard cleared Davey and rounding Hart



Vernon Sheppard, scorer of 2 tries in the first fixture against Sale

The programme for the 1935 match

finished a glorious run by scoring behind the posts".

During that Easter weekend, Gloucester played 3 matches in 4 days, and then took part in two 7-a-side tournaments before the end of the week.

This match started a tradition of an Easter visit by Sale, which continued almost unbroken until the early 1980s. Most of the matches were played on Easter Monday.

Two years later, Sale returned to Kingsholm with similar result - Gloucester won 17-6.

Sale's first win, 14-13, came in the third match on 29th March 1937.

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RECORD SCORES

In the first year of national leagues, Sale were demolished 61-7 at Kingsholm on 16th April 1988.

On an afternoon when everyone performed well, centre Ruari Maclean, prop Malcolm Preedy and full back Paul Mansell were the pick of Gloucester's line up.

Gloucester ran in 11 tries from Marcus Hannaford (2), Paul Ashmead (2), Jim Breeze, Ruari McLean, Richard Mogg, Richard Pascall, Nigel Scrivens, Ian Smith and Paul Mansell, who also kicked a penalty and 6 conversions, with Mike Hamlin adding a seventh.

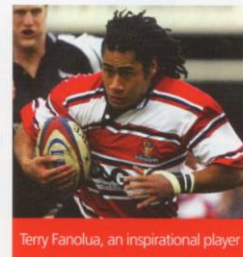
Sale lost all 11 league games that season and were relegated. When they returned to the top flight in 1994-95, they did the double over Gloucester for three successive seasons, including their record score of 52-12 on 12th April 1997.



Bob Hook, right wing, and scorer of 2 of Gloucester's tries in 1935; Ivor Williams, Tom Stephens and Ken Smith also scored tries, and Harold Boughton converted one of them

all converted by Hodgson.

Back came the Gloucester pack, creating tries for Jamie Forrester and Fanolua from short range to take the score to 27-28.



Terry Fanolua, an inspirational player

A penalty in the final minute provided a chance for Mercier, but it was missed, and Sale deservedly won the game.

GUINNESS PREMIERSHIP

**27th February 2010
GLOUCESTER 47 - SALE 3**

Gloucester played 30 minutes of superb rugby in appalling conditions at the start of this Premiership game.

The Sale pack was completely outplayed and the Gloucester backs ran the ball at will. Penalties were turned down in front of the posts in the first ten minutes, so complete was the domination. The result was a four try bonus point in the first half hour as the pressure told.



Malcolm Preedy and Ruari Maclean, try scorers against Sale in 1988



Lesley Vainikolo, not to be tackled lightly

A penalty try in the seventh minute for a collapsed scrum was followed by two tries for Lesley Vainikolo, the first after the ball had passed through six pairs of hands, and one for the equally powerful Akapusi Qera, Nicky Robinson kicking three conversions.

As the conditions worsened, Gloucester lost some of their momentum and Sale scored through a Charlie Hodgson penalty.

But Sale began to tire late on, and the tries started to flow for Gloucester again, first Robinson and then James Simpson-Daniel kicking through and hacking on to touch down.

Robinson's replacement Tim Taylor made the break for the seventh try, which Andy Hazell touched down. All three tries were converted.

MEMORABLE MATCHES

**PARKER PEN SHIELD
SEMI-FINAL, 28th April 2002
SALE 28 - GLOUCESTER 27**

Gloucester started the semi-final of the Parker Pen Shield (since renamed the Amlin Challenge Cup) as strong favourites on a neutral ground at Northampton, and after 17 minutes, were 13-0 up thanks to a storming run by Terry Fanolua and a conversion, penalty and drop goal by Ludovic Mercier.

For the next 40 minutes Sale dominated the game with superb handling resulting in tries for Cueto, Hanley, Marais and Harris,



Philippe Saint-André, successful Director of Rugby at Sale, 2004-09, after he had left Gloucester

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