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110 NOT OUT

RECORD TO DATE

Today's match will be the 110th occasion on which Gloucester and Harlequins have done battle.

There is an unusual statistical quirk in the overall record between the teams, in that Gloucester are ahead on games won, with 60 victories against 45 losses, whilst Harlequins lead on points scored by 1791 to 1725.

Of the 44 league games which have been played, Gloucester have won 22 and lost 19, but are again behind on points scored by 939 to 1027.

Gloucester suffered a dreadful run of nine straight defeats in league games during the 1990s, but have not lost to Quins at Kingsholm since 13th February 1999.

EARLY ENCOUNTERS

THE FIRST MATCH: 29TH MARCH 1913 AT KINGSHOLM

Gloucester were delighted to secure a fixture against Harlequins, and regarded it as the match of the season.

Harlequins were particularly strong in their back division, which contained four internationals, including Adrian Stoop, after whom the present Harlequins ground is named, and Ronnie Poulton (later known as Poulton-Palmer).

Poulton-Palmer captained England to their 1914 Grand Slam and also captained a side

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containing ten Gloucester players in a match behind the British lines at Nieppe during World War One.

Unfortunately, he was killed by a sniper's bullet within two weeks of the match and two of the Gloucester players, Sidney Sysum and Sydney Millard, were killed later in the war.

Harlequins scored first with a try by A H Hudson, which Lambert converted, but Gloucester surged back to level the match when Lionel Hamblin sold a dummy to score a wonderful try, which he converted himself.

Gloucester took the lead before half-time, when Arthur Hudson pounced on a fumble to dash in for a try. Heavy rain spoilt the second half, and the only score came when Poulton cut through to score under the posts. The attempted conversion was charged down, and the match was drawn 8-8.

The following season, Gloucester visited Twickenham for the first time, and gained a famous victory, 8-0, with two dropped goals by Lionel Hamblin. When matches resumed after WW1, the first three games were played at Twickenham, and Gloucester won them all. Thereafter the teams continued to meet once a season with few breaks, alternately home and away, until the advent of league rugby.

**29 SEPTEMBER 1923 AT KINGSHOLM
Gloucester won the match 14-10, with tries by Norman Daniell, Tom Voyce and**

Tom Millington (2). It was a tremendous game, watched by a large crowd and played at great pace.

The Cheltenham Chronicle and Gloucestershire Graphic published a photo montage of the match from which these photographs are taken. The new grandstand



which was under construction at the time only lasted ten years before it burnt down in 1933.

Clockwise from top left: England international Adrian Stoop was the Harlequins touch judge; a section of the crowd; Tom Voyce changes his jersey at half time as usual; Norman Daniell, father of Ken Daniell, scores the first try for Gloucester; the new grandstand under construction; half back Collins makes a fine opening.

BIGGEST WIN

13TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT KINGSHOLM GUINNESS PREMIERSHIP

This was a great performance by



Gloucester who totally dominated in difficult conditions on a very wet and heavy Kingsholm.

James Simpson-Daniel ran in a hat trick of

tries, and others came from Tim Molenaar, Tom Voyce and Lesley Vainikolo, with Nicky Robinson converting three of them and Tim Taylor two. Nicky Robinson added a couple of penalties to complete a rout, 46-6.

BIGGEST LOSS

31ST AUGUST 1996 AT THE STOOP COURAGE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION 1

Gloucester's biggest loss to Harlequins came when Richard Hill, with limited resources at his disposal, decided to target certain games and sent a weakened team to the Stoop.

The side included a young prop, Phil Vickery, playing his second game for the Club. He must have wondered what he was getting into as Gloucester were sent packing 19-75.

MEMORABLE MATCH

7TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE STOOP LV= CUP

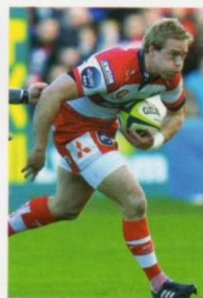
Only 6 days before Gloucester's biggest win recorded above, the teams had met at the Stoop in an LV cup match, which was a real nail-biter.

Both sides needed to win with maximum points to progress to the semi-finals but the match seemed lost when Gloucester were 20 points down after 24 minutes.

However, they made a great comeback. A brace of tries from James Simpson-Daniel, Tom Voyce providing the final pass on both occasions, a powerful thrust to the line from Tim Molenaar and a solo effort from Tim Taylor who weaved his way over unopposed, gave Gloucester the four try bonus and paved the way to a rousing climax.

24-29 down with only five minutes to go, Gloucester played Barbarians rugby and with thirty seconds left Tom Voyce went over for the try to level the scores. Tim Taylor, on his first start for Gloucester, slotted the conversion and the semi-final place was secured by 31 points to 29.

Gloucester went on to win their semi-final 29-18 against Cardiff and progress to a memorable final at Worcester where they went down to Northampton by 30 points to 24.



▲ Tim Taylor

▼ Tom Voyce



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