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# TODAY'S TEAMS AT WELFORD ROAD



Sam Vesty 15	<b>FULL BACK</b>	15. Jon Goodridge
Austin Healey 14	<b>RIGHT WING</b>	14. Marcel Garvey
Seru Rabeni 13	<b>OUTSIDE CENTRE</b>	13. Nathan Mauger
Daryl Gibson 12	<b>INSIDE CENTRE</b>	12. <b>Terry Fanolua</b>
Geordan Murphy 11	<b>LEFT WING</b>	11. James Bailey
Andy Goode 10	<b>FLY HALF</b>	10. <b>Henry Paul</b>
Harry Ellis 9	<b>SCRUM HALF</b>	9. <b>Andy Gomarsall</b>
Graham Rowntree 1	<b>LOOSE HEAD PROP</b>	1. <b>Christo Bezuidenhout</b>
James Buckland 2	<b>HOOKER</b>	2. Chris Fortey
Julian White 3	<b>TIGHT HEAD PROP</b>	3. <b>Phil Vickery</b>
(c) Martin Johnson 4	<b>SECOND ROW</b>	4. Adam Eustace
Ben Kay 5	<b>SECOND ROW</b>	5. Alex Brown
Henry Tuilagi 6	<b>BLINDSIDE FLANKER</b>	6. Jake Boer (c)
Lewis Moody 7	<b>OPENSIDE FLANKER</b>	7. Andy Hazell
Martin Corry 8	<b>NO. 8</b>	8. James Forrester

### REPLACEMENTS

Richard Cockerill 16
Darren Morris 17
Brett Deacon 18
<b>Neil Back 19</b>
Scott Bemand 20
Matt Cornwell 21
John Holtby 22

### MATCH OFFICIALS

**REFEREE:**  
Tony Spreadbury

**TOUCH JUDGES:**  
Ashley Reay  
Rob Mullis

INTERNATIONALS ARE DENOTED IN BOLD

### REPLACEMENTS

16. <b>Olivier Azam</b>
17. Gary Powell
18. Mark Cornwell
19. Peter Buxton
20. Adam Balding
21. Alex Page
22. Simon Amor

MATCH RECORD												
TIGERS POINTS												
GLOUCESTER POINTS												
TIME												
SCORER												

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TODAY'S OPPOSITION

# GLOUCESTER



BY JUSTIN HOPWOOD

**Gloucester return to Zurich Premiership action today at Welford Road after a well-worked 55-13 win over Ulster at Kingsholm last Saturday in the Heineken Cup.**

The Irish province was demolished last weekend, and the West Country side were unlucky to not take any points from their visit to Stade Francais in the European opener the previous weekend.

But today sees the return to league action, and prior to the



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Heineken Cup clashes, Gloucester had six wins from seven in the opening two months of the Zurich Premiership campaign.

The strong run of results took Gloucester to third position going in to today's game, just two points behind the Tigers.

Nigel Melville's team had good wins over Worcester and Quins before the European action, and added to the four point tallies from the Leeds, London Irish, Northampton and Newcastle fixtures, the season has started well.

After a strong defensive performance against Leeds at Headingley on the first weekend of the season (5 September), Gloucester opened their home account with a win against London Irish (11 September) in front of a then record Premiership crowd of 11,265 for the Kingsholm club.

The London Irish clash also saw the opening of the impressive new 3,000 capacity Buildbase Stand at Kingsholm.

The new facility has increased the capacity at Kingsholm from 11,000 to 13,000, and offers a host of new facilities for supporters including bars, a new shop and toilets.

After the visit of the Exiles, Gloucester bagged the points at arch-rivals Northampton (18 September), with a

CHRISTO BEZUIDENHOUT



superb showing that destroyed the home side's 100 per cent league record.

The following week (25 September) saw a record 13,000 crowd at Kingsholm welcome Jonny Wilkinson and the Newcastle Falcons. Again, the defence was strong and the offence took their chances, ending in four points in the bag.

Boosted by four wins from four Gloucester travelled to West Country neighbours Bath on 2 October, but their bad luck at their local rivals continued and Bath ran out the victors.

The wins over Quins and Worcester kept Gloucester in a top three slot, and the team will be keen to offer a repeat of last season's win

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at Welford Road when the game kicks off this afternoon.

Prior to the new campaign's kick off, the Kingsholm camp saw a good pre-season following the arrival of former All Blacks fitness expert Mike Anthony.

The Kiwi conditioning expert was working the Gloucester players hard from the beginning of July, and the pre-season fixture card saw some rich rewards with a 100 per cent record against Coventry, Llanelli Scarlets and Calvisano.

The new guys, including James Bailey (Bristol Shoguns), Terry Sigley (Pertemp Bees), James Parkes (Saracens), Nathan Mauger (Crusaders), Olivier Azam (Montferrand), Gary Powell (Leeds Tykes), Christo Bezuidenhout (Pumas, South Africa) and of course, former Leicester man Adam Balding, have all settled in well.

As well as these seven, director of rugby Nigel Melville has also added Tongan wing Seti Kiole to the ranks in recent weeks.

Off-the-field, as well as the new Buildbase Stand, season ticket sales have also increased. The Club has currently sold 7,200 season tickets for the 04/05 season, a 700 increase on last year's 6,500 total.

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