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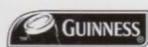
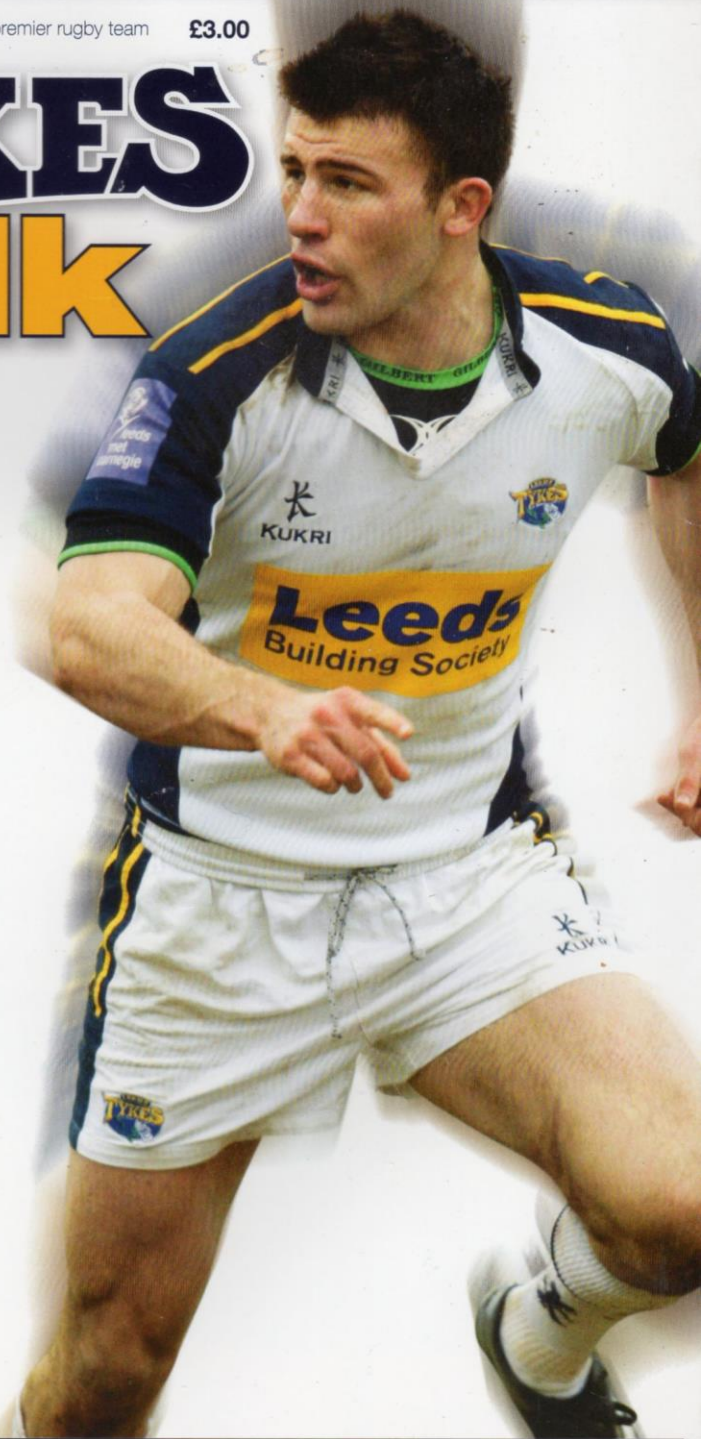
Andre Snyman on  
the pull of the  
Springboks jersey

## CHERRY & WHITES

Gloucester look to end  
the season on a high

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Phil Davies goes under the  
spotlight in XV Questions



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# At Headingley Carnegie

## Leeds Tykes v Gloucester

Today's game is the tenth meeting between the Tykes and Gloucester in the Premiership with Gloucester having won six of the previous nine meetings.

The two teams met on New Years Eve earlier this season when Gloucester ran out 31-7 winners at Kingsholm in controversial circumstances.

The Tykes had three players sin binned during the game by referee Rob Debney, and Gloucester scored all four of their tries whilst they had a numerical advantage. When the game was 15 versus 15 the Tykes actually outscored the hosts 7-3.

Rob Rawlinson and Gordon Ross were both sin binned within minutes of each other in the first half and then after Jordan Crane had scored his first

ever Premiership try, the young number eight was sin binned with two minutes remaining for hands in at the ruck as Leeds defended their own line.

Gloucester recorded their first win at Headingley Carnegie in their last visit on the opening day of the 2004-05 season. Hopes were high for both teams at the start of the new campaign and it was the men in Cherry and White who got off to the best possible start with a 21-16 win.

Terry Fanolua and James Simpson-Daniel both crossed for the visitors, whilst Henry Paul kicked a conversion and two penalties to seal the win. That game was also not without controversy with Gloucester this time feeling the wrath of the official Olivier Azam and Duncan McRae both having spells in the sin bin.

Simpson-Daniel has always been a thorn in the side of the Tykes having scored eight tries in just six meetings with Leeds.

Today's game will be the final appearance at Headingley Carnegie for a number of players who have announced they will be leaving the club at the end of the season.

Rayno Gerber joined the Tykes in 2004 from Free State Cheetahs and has gone on to make 37 appearances for the club in all competitions. He will join Blue Bulls.

Another player on their way back to South Africa is Andre Snyman who will return to try and stake a claim for a place in the Springboks side for





# Today...

next season's World Cup. Andre made his debut for Leeds on the same day England won the last World Cup in November 2003 and has gone on to score 17 tries in 70 appearances in all competitions. Today's game will be his 50th start in the Premiership since his arrival. He has scored some spectacular tries for the club, including the club's first ever try in the Heineken Cup against the Ospreys in 2003, the winning 80 metre interception try against Bath in the Powergen Cup Final and the try that beat Quins at the death at Headingley Carnegie last season.

Gavin Kerr will return to Scotland with 30 caps to his name having arrived at the Tykes back in 2001 as a little known 23 year old. However, through his hard work and determination he has gone on to become a mainstay of the resurgent Scotland side under Frank Hadden and leaves Leeds having made 103 appearances in all competitions scoring three tries, one in each game against Gloucester last season and a memorable score against Leicester at home back in 2001.

Finally, the greatest Tyke in the history of the club will bring down the curtain on his illustrious career at Headingley Carnegie this afternoon. Since his debut against Otley on 31st August 1996, he has made 243 appearances in all competitions for the club, a record for the club since formation in 1992. In fact of all league fixtures played by the club since its formation Mike Shelley has featured in over two-thirds. Undoubtedly the crowning moment of Mike's career was lifting the Powergen Cup at Twickenham and his record will remain for a long time in the record books at Headingley Carnegie.

## LEEDS V GLOUCESTER LEAGUE HISTORY

Played	9	
Leeds Won	3	33%
Gloucester Won	6	66%
Drawn	0	0%
Biggest Win for Leeds Tykes	33 - 15	9 April 2005
Biggest Win for Saracens	58 - 17	1 Dec 2001
Gloucester top try scorer vs Leeds Tykes	James Simpson-Daniel	8 tries
Gloucester top points scorer vs Leeds Tykes	Ludovic Mercier	65 points
Leeds Tykes top try scorer vs Gloucester	Gavin Kerr	2 tries
Leeds Tykes top points scorer vs Gloucester	Gordon Ross	24 points

## LAST HOME MEETING

**TYKES: 16** (Kerr T1, Hodge P2, Ross P1 C1)

**GLOUCESTER: 21** (Fanalou T1, Simpson-Daniel T1, Paul C1 P2, McRae DG1)

**Date:** 5th September 2004 • **Competition:** Zurich Premiership • **Attendance:** 4,079

**Leeds:** M Cardey; D Rees, C Bell, A Snyman, T Biggs; D Hodge (G Ross 33), M McMillan (A Dickens 44); G Kerr, R Rawlinson (M Regan 44), M Holt (M Cusack 50); C Murphy, T Palmer (capt, S Morgan 63); P Uys, R Parks (J Dunbar 63), A Popham (Dunbar 32-36).

**Gloucester:** J Goodridge; M Garvey, T Fanolua, H Paul, J Simpson-Daniel; D McRae, S Amor; T Sigley (N Wood 10), O Azam (C Fortey 71), G Powell; A Eustace (P Buxton 53), A Brown; A Balding (M Cornwell 67), J Boer (capt), J Forrester (Fortey 28-39).

**Referee:** S Lander (RFU)

## LEEDS AND GLOUCESTER PREMIERSHIP RECORD



Played: 108  
Won: 39  
Lost: 66  
Drawn: 3



Played: 200  
Won: 110  
Lost: 84  
Drawn: 6

## OPTA STATS

MATCH AVERAGES	LEEDS	GLOUCESTER
Tackles	97	97
Missed tackles	14	13
Ball carries	99	74
Metres	431	361
Defenders beaten	11	11
Turnovers	16	13
Penalties conceded	9	10

LINEOUT STATS	LEEDS	GLOUCESTER
Throws	346	364
Won	273	300
% Won	79	82
Not straight	13	12
Quick throws	18	14
Won on oppo. ball	44	53
% Stolen	14	17

SCRUM STATS	LEEDS	GLOUCESTER
Put-ins	225	193
Won	197	173
% Won	88	90
Pens won	26	28
Won on oppo. ball	12	25
% Won on oppo. ball	6	11
Pens won on oppo. ball	6	13

## OPTA TOP PERFORMERS

### Top tackler for Tykes

Richard Parks 175  
Tom Palmer 149  
Andre Snyman 143

### Top Total metres for Tykes

Tom Biggs 974  
Andre Snyman 863  
Justin Marshall 792

### Top Total carries for Tykes

Justin Marshall 176  
Andre Snyman 146  
Roland De Marigny 146

### Top tackler for Gloucester

Andy Hazell 219  
James Forrester 127  
Peter Buxton 125

### Top Total metres for Gloucester

Peter Richards 651  
Mark Foster 623

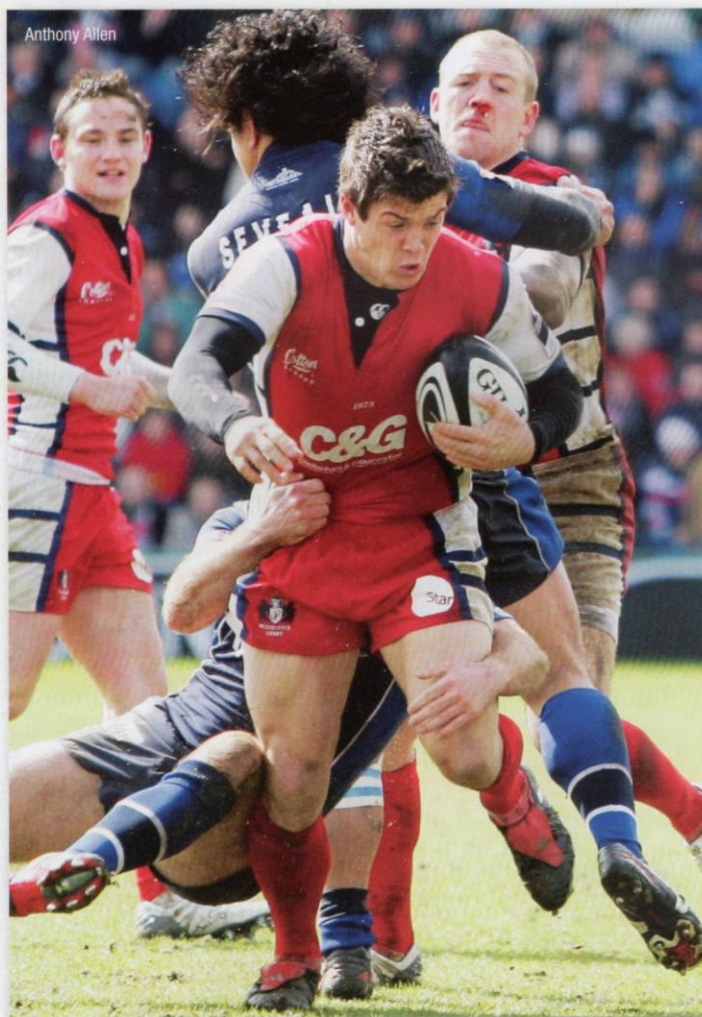
### Top Total carries for Gloucester

James Simpson-Daniel 618  
James Forrester 106  
Mike Tindall 93  
Peter Richards 91



# Gloucester

Gloucester arrive at Headingley Carnegie this afternoon for their penultimate Guinness Premiership match of the season knowing a victory will guarantee them a place in the Heineken Cup next season.



Last weekend they also progressed into the final of the European Challenge Cup after defeating local rivals Worcester 31-23 which will now give them a shot at silverware next month.

It means Gloucester's season is finishing on a potentially high note. Head coach Dean Ryan has already taken great strides in accelerating the development of key individuals who will play a significant role next season.

Youngsters such as the sumptuously gifted Anthony Allen, a centre who has already made a major impact alongside Mike Tindall, full-back Olly Morgan, unruffled and cool under pressure and Ryan Lamb, the stand-off who completes the England Under-21 Grand Slam winning trio, are central to Ryan's plans.

All three have made contributions at crucial times this season and Ryan has said: "We have kept the ambition, the belief and kept playing and eventually these guys have started to get their rewards which I felt they deserved a lot earlier.

"We are not going to take nine out of 10 chances at this stage but the important thing for me is the enthusiasm, invention and instinct they bring to our game. I have been thrilled to see their development over the last three or four months and we are beginning to see next season now.

"I don't think I would be doing my job properly if I didn't include these guys now - I cannot wait for 12 or

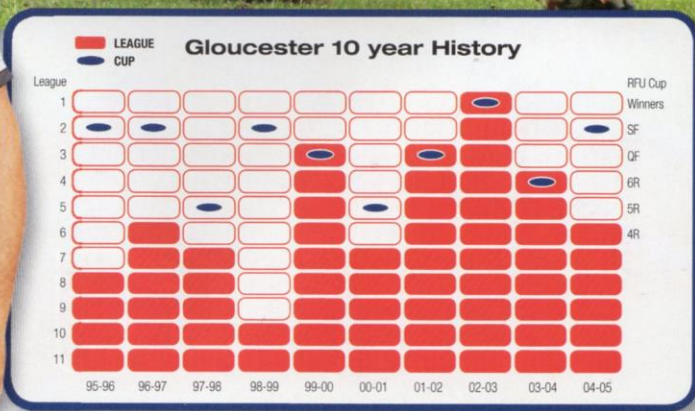
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Peter Richards



Gary Powell





# Gloucester

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James Simpson-Daniel



Olly Morgan

15 months to see if they are good enough."

Gloucester have hovered around the top four or five in the Guinness Premiership all season. Between the autumn and Six Nations internationals they developed a good head of momentum and are slowly regaining that level of consistency following a period of poor form and injuries.

Their first defeat of the season did not come until October when they lost away to Bath and since then they have picked up points consistently, if not spectacularly. Four successive defeats to Bath, Northampton, Bristol and Sale took the wind from their sails but they are now capable of ending the season on a high.

If the youngsters have come into the side and galvanised the effort, the

## Gloucester Statistics

**Most Points Scored:**  
68 v Bath 04.05.02

**Most Points Conceded:**  
75 v Harlequins 31.08.96

**Most tries scored in a game:**  
11 v Sale 16.04.88

**Most tries conceded in a game:**  
11 v Harlequins 31.08.96  
v Bath 30.04.97

**Top Try Scorer:** 24 - Chris Catling

**Top Drop Goal Scorer:**  
16 - Ludovic Mercier

**Top Penalty Scorer:**  
183 - Mark Mapletoft

**Top Points Scorer:**  
848 - Mark Mapletoft

**Most Consecutive Victories:** 8

**Most Consecutive Defeats:** 7

## Honours

**Premiership Runner Up:**  
1988-89, 1989-90, 2002-03

**Cup Winners:** 1972, 1978, 1982, 2003

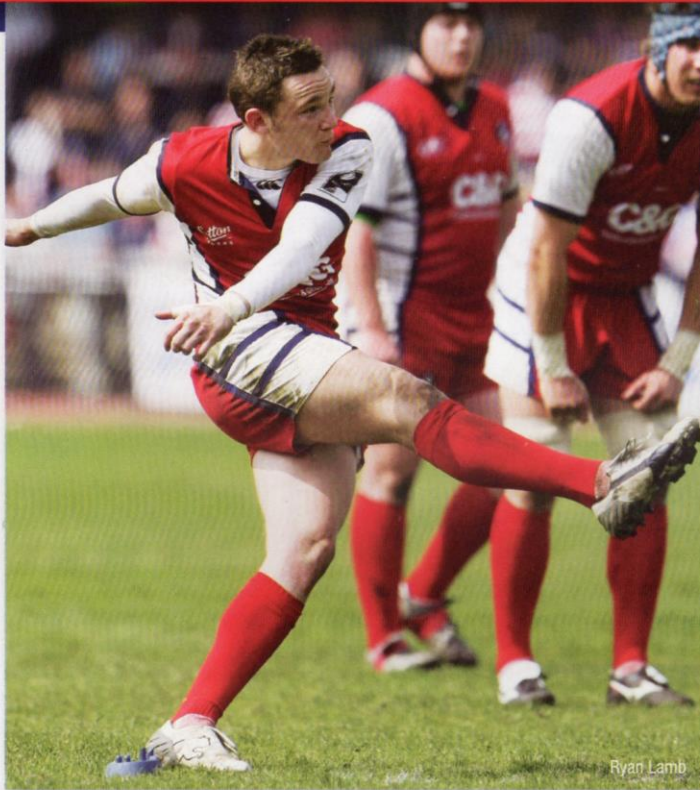
**Cup Runners Up:** 1990

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# Gloucester

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Ryan Lamb

backbone has been provided by a group of individuals who are emerging as the new senior player group at Kingsholm.

Andy Hazell has been outstanding all season. The openside flanker is currently in rich form – his workaholic attitude backed up by thunderous commitment and endeavour, while Alex Brown has marshalled a front five that has been short of players like Phil Vickery and Olivier Azam.

Gloucester have also been without Jake Boer and Adam Balding for long periods this season which has asked more of the game-management skills of the uniquely gifted James Forrester and scrum-half Peter Richards, who have responded with energy and determination.

“We have to put pressure on the whole squad to get results over the next few weeks and maintain that fifth spot and try to push for higher,” Ryan added.

“I have been impressed with the attitude and effort of everybody and now we want to push for the top four.”

Alastair Downey

## Meet the Coach - Dean Ryan

Dean Ryan stepped into the role of Head Coach at Gloucester at the beginning of this season following the departure of their director of rugby Nigel Melville. Ryan had worked under Melville for three seasons and was his natural successor. An experienced player Dean previously played for Saracens, Wasps, Newcastle and Bristol.

At Wasps he won his first league title in the 89-90 season and six years later he captained Newcastle to their first league title, after being an almost ever present during the campaign and scoring seven tries. He first gained international recognition in 1990 when he made his England debut in the 25-12 win over Argentina, he won a further cap that year and in 1992 gained his third against Canada at Wembley.

He then spent a number of years out of the England squad and it appeared as though his international career was over, however after his terrific form for Newcastle he won one more cap against Scotland in the 34-20 win at Murrayfield in 1998. Aged 32 Dean joined Bristol as a player-coach, taking over the coaching of the forwards after the departure of Dave Egerton and from here he set out his intentions to stay in the game once he had retired from playing.

After two years with Bristol he joined the cherry and whites and in his first season saw Gloucester win the Powergen Cup at Twickenham and finish top of the regular Zurich Premiership season, only to lose out to his former club Wasps in the final.





### How the Team was Built

**1997-98:** Phil Vickery, Andy Hazel, Terry Fanolua, Mark Cornwell,

**1998-99:** Adam Eustace

**2000-01:** James Simpson-Daniel, Jon Goodridge, James Forrester, Jake Boer

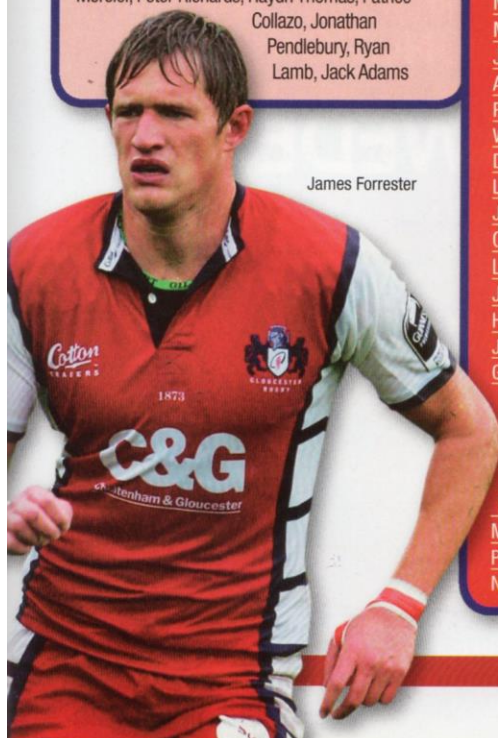
**2001-02:** Henry Paul, Marcel Garvey,

**2002-03:** Luke Narryway, Peter Buxton, Simon Amor

**2003-04:** Nick Wood, James Merriman, Duncan McRae, Will Matthews, Mark Foster, Brad Davies, Alex Brown

**2004-05:** Gary Powell, James Parkes, Olivier Azam, James Bailey, Adam Balding, Terry Sigley, Olly Morgan, Rob Elloway, Mefin Davies

**2005-06:** Mike Tindall, Rob Thirlby, Ludovic Mercier, Peter Richards, Haydn Thomas, Patrice Collazo, Jonathan Pendlebury, Ryan Lamb, Jack Adams



James Forrester

### Gloucester Team

Player	Position	D.O.B	Height	Weight
Jack Adams	Centre	17.09.86	1.82 M	95 KG
Anthony Allen	Centre	01.09.86	1.80 M	90 KG
Simon Amor	Half Back	25.04.79	1.69 M	75 KG
Olivier Azam	Hooker	21.10.74	1.85 M	115 KG
James Bailey	Wing	05.08.83	1.80 M	83 KG
Adam Balding	Number 8	07.12.79	1.88 M	111 KG
Jake Boer	Flanker	01.11.75	1.87 M	105 KG
Alex Brown	Lock	17.05.79	2.00 M	113 KG
Peter Buxton	Back Row	21.08.78	1.92 M	112 KG
Patrice Collazo	Prop	27.04.74	1.85 M	110 KG
Mark Cornwell	Lock	22.03.73	2.01 M	117 KG
Brad Davies	Outside Half	13.02.83	1.77 M	89 KG
Mefin Davies	Hooker	02.09.72	1.78 M	95 KG
Rob Elloway	Hooker	09.11.83	1.83 M	98 KG
Adam Eustace	Lock	09.01.79	1.95 M	108 KG
Terry Fanolua	Centre	03.07.74	1.83 M	94 KG
James Forrester	Number 8	09.02.81	1.95 M	99 KG
Mark Foster	Wing/Centre	02.09.83	1.83 M	91 KG
Marcel Garvey	Wing	21.04.83	1.73 M	89 KG
Jon Goodridge	Full Back	26.02.81	1.86 M	87 KG
Andy Hazell	Flanker	25.04.78	1.83 M	94 KG
Ryan Lamb	Fly Half	18.05.86	1.76 M	81 KG
Will Matthews	Back Row	14.01.85	1.88 M	99 KG
Duncan McRae	Fly Half/Full Back	27.09.74	1.72 M	81 KG
Ludovic Mercier	Fly Half	01.11.76	1.80 M	90 KG
James Merriman	Flanker	17.01.84	1.83 M	95 KG
Olly Morgan	Full Back	03.11.85	1.89 M	89 KG
Luke Narryway	Back Row	07.09.83	1.90 M	100 KG
James Parkes	Hooker	30.11.80	1.78 M	98 KG
Henry Paul	Centre	10.02.74	1.80 M	97 KG
Jonathan Pendlebury	Second Row	15.01.83	1.94 M	104 KG
Gary Powell	Prop	30.10.79	1.82 M	112 KG
Peter Richards	Scrum Half	10.03.78	1.75 M	94 KG
Terry Sigley	Prop	12.10.78	1.88 M	123 KG
James Simpson-Daniel	Wing/Centre	30.05.82	1.82 M	79 KG
Rob Thirlby	Wing	02.03.79	1.86 M	89 KG
Haydn Thomas	Scrum Half	17.09.82	1.73 M	78 KG
Mike Tindall	Centre	18.10.78	1.88 M	100 KG
Phil Vickery	Prop	14.03.76	1.91 M	120 KG
Nick Wood	Prop	09.01.83	1.86 M	108 KG



# Flashback

Every issue this season in *Tykes Talk* we have looked back on a memorable day from the history of our opposition. This week we recall the day when the Cherry and White army travelled up to Twickenham for the Powergen Cup Final back in 2003 and were part of one of the most exiting Cup Finals in years.

Talented youngsters James Forrester, James Simpson-Daniel and Marcel Garvey provided the cutting edge as Gloucester won a Powergen Cup final thriller at Twickenham.

Simpson-Daniel scored the first and last of Gloucester's four tries with Forrester slicing through the Northampton defence to lay-on Garvey's try, before scoring his own in the second half.

Although Gloucester eventually secured victory by an 18-point margin they had to survive a spirited assault by Northampton in a pulsating clash in which the lead changed hands eight times.

Fly-half Ludovic Mercier's trusty boot also provided 21 points as Northampton finally succumbed to their third final defeat in four years.

Gloucester, despite starting favourites, never had it easy, in arguably the best national knockout final since they overcame Moseley 16-6 to win in the first one back in 1972.

To win this match the West Country club had to overcome a virtuoso first-half display by Paul Grayson, a bit part player in England's Grand Slam victory in Ireland six days earlier, who threatened to dominate centre-stage here.

Grayson's considerable contribution consisted of five penalties, a conversion and a break which provided full-back Nick Beal with Northampton's only try as they led during the first half.

Grayson kept his head to clinically kick his goals as all around him contributed to a hectic, thrill-a-minute first half in which the glorious rugby matched the sunny weather.

After Grayson kicked Northampton into the lead with a third minute penalty it took England scrum-half Matt Dawson less than a minute to literally throw away the advantage.

His pass, apparently aimed for England team-mate Steve Thompson, floated into no-man's-land and Simpson-Daniel gratefully scooped the gift try

which Mercier converted before landing an 11th minute drop-goal to put his side 10-3 ahead.

Northampton, humbled 38-7 by outsiders London Irish 12 months ago, after losing to Wasps two years earlier, looked to be sliding to a third defeat but they refused to go down without a fight.

Saints cut the deficit to 10-9 courtesy of two penalties from Grayson before the fly-half made the break through the Gloucester defence to send Beal arrowing on a straight line for the post for his try.

Grayson added the conversion to make it 16-10 with Northampton capitalising as Gloucester played a 10-minute spell with 14 men after second row Rob Fidler, only called up at short notice when Mark Cornwell reported sick, was shown the yellow card.

Gloucester fired straight back with Garvey's try, converted by Mercier, to restore their one-point lead before Grayson made it 19-17 to Northampton.

Mercier edged Gloucester 20-19 in front and Grayson established Northampton's 22-20 half-time lead as the sides swapped penalties.

The sheer thrills and spills could not continue like that and Northampton failed to score again as Gloucester imposed a grip on the game which has seen them emerge, under Nigel Melville, as England's team of the season.

Simpson-Daniel sparked the 42nd minute attack, which saw them move the ball the full width of the pitch for Forrester's try, converted by Mercier, and, after Grayson was dispatched to the sin-bin in the 65th minute for tackling Henry Paul without the ball, there was no way back for Northampton.

Mercier added two more penalties and then had the final say, grabbing an interception and running half the length of the pitch before sending Simpson-Daniel in for his second try to which he added the inevitable easy conversion.

**Gloucester:** Delpert, Garvey, Fanolua, Paul, Simpson-Daniel, Mercier, Gomarsall, Woodman, Azam, Deacon, Eustace, Fidler, Boer, Hazell, Forrester.

**Replacements:** Todd for Paul (75), Paramore for Hazell (62), Pearce for Paramore (75). **Not used:** Fortey, Roncero, Stuart-Smith, Amor.

**Northampton:** Beal, Reihana, Jorgensen, Leslie, Cohen, Grayson, Dawson, Smith, Thompson, Morris, Lord, Williams, Connors, Pountney, Blowers.

**Replacements:** Hyndman for Jorgensen (64), Stewart for Morris (55), Fox for Williams (77). **Not Used:** Richmond, Seely, Howard, Brooks.

**Att:** 75,000

**Ref:** Tony Spreadbury (RFU)





## GLOUCESTER - STAR MAN

# Mike Tindall

Despite all the obvious disappointment at Leeds' relegation from the Premiership this season, one thing that Tykes fans can draw warm consolation from is the fact the pathway has now been well established for young Yorkshiremen to make their way to the top in their home county.

Unfortunately the formation of the Tykes highly successful Academy came too late to capture one of the star attractions on display for Gloucester this afternoon. Mike Tindall MBE was born in Wakefield and educated at QEGS before having to leave the county to play top class rugby with Bath.

After the retirement of England centre Jeremy Guscott and Phil de Glanville after the 1999 Rugby World Cup, Tindall stepped up to become a regular fixture, making his debut against Ireland at Twickenham in 2000 alongside Mike Catt. He cemented the outside centre position as his own with a partnership with Will Greenwood, playing in the 2003 Rugby World Cup. Despite being dropped for the semi-final in favour of Mike Catt, whose kicking was required in the rainy weather, he was reinstated for the final and was an integral part of the side that defeated the Aussies with his dominant defensive style and tough hard running.

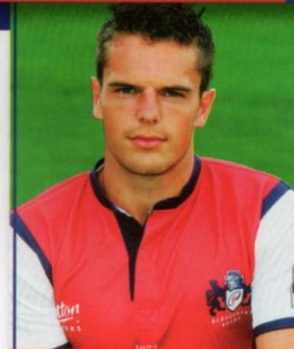
Tindall missed the 2005 Six Nations with a foot injury and subsequently failed to regain fitness for

the British Lions tour to New Zealand. Described by England's head coach, Andy Robinson as the 'heartbeat' of the side, Tindall is gradually finding his way back to form following a lengthy absence from the game during 2005, a time when he ended his eight-year association with Bath and joined their West country rivals Gloucester.

After returning from injury in the Autumn of 2005 Mike regained his England place, this time switching to inside centre to partner Newcastle's Jamie Noon.

He has made 97 appearances in the Premiership including five as a replacement and this season has made 12 appearances in the Cherry and White. His first try for Gloucester came in the European Challenge Cup win over Brive although he did cross the whitewash twice for England during the Six Nations with tries against Wales and Italy. Remarkably, in Gloucester's last outing in the Premiership,

against Worcester a fortnight ago, Tindall also kicked two penalties, having previously only managed one penalty in eight seasons at the Recreation Ground.



## One to watch: Mark Foster

**Mark Foster booked Gloucester's place in the European Challenge Cup Final against London Irish with two tries in the win over Worcester last weekend.**

The 22 year old joined the Gloucester England Academy in the summer of 2002 at the age of 18. He has progressed through the U21 ranks and put in some good performances for the reserve side over the last two seasons, including a 70 metre try against London Irish in the Zurich 'A' League. With a number of players missing through international commitments Foster started a handful of games for Gloucester during the Six Nations last season.

He has re-established himself in Dean Ryan's squad during pre-season with a series of excellent displays. This season he has scored an impressive nine tries in 25 games in all competitions and has put a clear marker down for future progress.





