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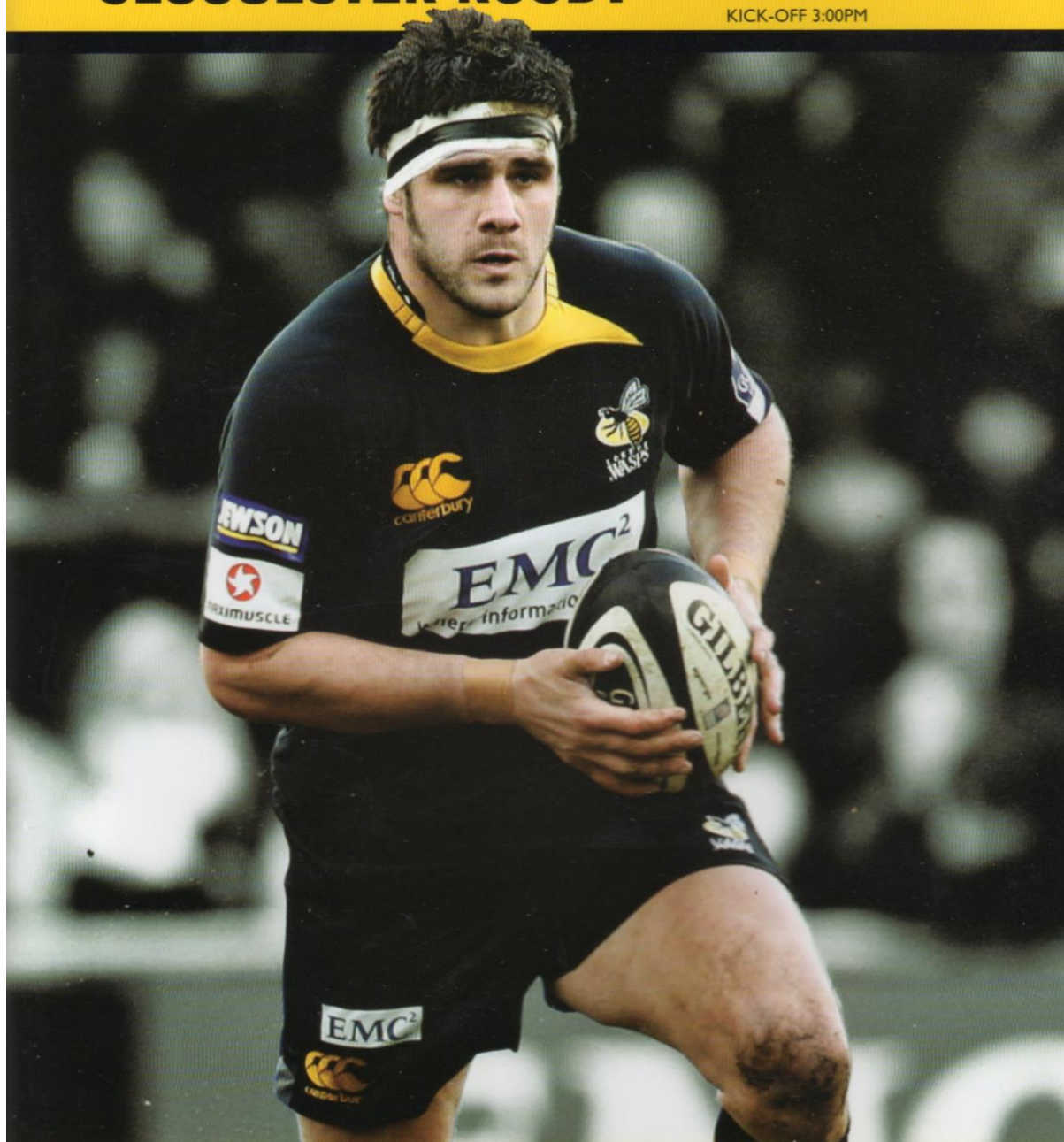
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Guinness Premiership 2009/2010
Sunday 07 March 2010 15:00
Adams Park, High Wycombe

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London Wasps

- 15 Mark van Gisbergen
- 14 Paul Sackey
- 13 Ben Jacobs
- 12 Steve Kefu
- 11 David Lemi
- 10 Dave Walder
- 9 James Honeyben
- 1 Sakaria Taulafo
- 2 Rob Webber (Capt.)
- 3 Ben Broster
- 4 Marty Veale
- 5 Daniel Leo
- 6 John Hart
- 7 Serge Betsen
- 8 Dan Ward-Smith

Replacements

- 16 Tom Lindsay
- 17 Gabriel Bocca
- 18 Bob Baker
- 19 Hugo Ellis
- 20 Warren Fury
- 21 Danny Cipriani
- 22 Dominic Waldouck
- 23 Tom Varndell

Gloucester Rugby

- 15 Ollie Morgan
- 14 James Simpson-Daniel
- 13 Mike Tindall
- 12 Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu
- 11 Lesley Vainikolo
- 10 Tim Taylor
- 9 Andy Williams
- 1 Nick Wood
- 2 Olivier Azam
- 3 Pierre Capdevielle
- 4 Will James
- 5 Alex Brown
- 6 Alasdair Strokosch
- 7 Akapusi Qera
- 8 Gareth Delve (Capt.)

Replacements

- 16 Scott Lawson
- 17 Alasdair Dickinson
- 18 Paul Doran-Jones
- 19 Adam Eustace
- 20 Jake Boer
- 21 Rory Lawson
- 22 Nicky Robinson
- 23 Tim Molenaar

Referee	Andrew Small (England)
Assistant Referee	Roy Maybank (England)
Assistant Referee	Kevin Stewart (England)
TV Match Official	John Burtenshaw (England)



TODAY'S VISITORS

Gloucester Rugby come into this afternoon's game, the last in a sequence of four Guinness Premiership fixtures, looking to maintain their recent good form.

Last weekend's 47-3 victory over Sale Sharks means that Gloucester have now scored 93 points and 13 tries in their last two home fixtures. Indeed, the only setback so far in 2010 was the 33-11 defeat away to Leicester Tigers. It's a welcome change in fortunes, given that the 2009-10 season was shaping up to be a difficult first one in charge for new Head Coach Bryan Redpath. The turn of the year had a magical effect on Gloucester Rugby and it's been one positive story after another in 2010.

A dozen of the current squad have signed new contracts for next season, and the club made its first new signing for next season when it recently announced that Brett Deacon

of Leicester would be moving to Kingsholm.

Things look settled off the pitch as well, with Redpath confirmed as Head Coach until at least the end of next season, his coaching team in place and under contract and the announcement that Sir Ian McGeechan, a well known figure in these parts, is acting as an advisor to the former Scotland international scrum half.

As alluded to above, despite the opening day victory over local rivals Bath, it was a difficult few months in the run up to Christmas. A crippling injury list, in addition to a number of suspensions, meant that Gloucester couldn't even field fifteen against fifteen on the training paddock at one point. A number of close results went against Gloucester. Several narrow defeats could so easily have been victories.

Throughout it all, however, Redpath

remained admirably positive and maintained that his side were more than capable of delivering big performances.

Gloucester's injury situation has eased somewhat in recent weeks, although Redpath has been deprived of the services of a host of players recently due to various international call ups – a scenario Wasps will have little sympathy for given that they have been in exactly the same situation!

However, with more resources at Redpath's disposal, the performances and, more importantly, the results have steadily improved.

The self belief in the side has been visibly rising in recent weeks and recent displays against Biarritz, the Newport Gwent Dragons, Worcester Warriors, Harlequins (twice!) and Sale have resulted in six wins and an increasing try count. The challenge, now, is to maintain that



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good form and translate it into another victory on the road.

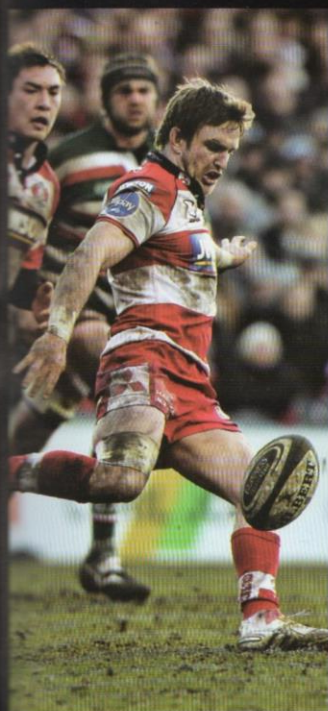
That is a big ask in itself. London Wasps have a formidable home record and, without doubt, will be looking to bounce back after the disappointing defeat at Leeds Carnegie last weekend.

This afternoon represents a very tough assignment, and the team will have to operate at 100% to be in with a chance of leaving Adams Park with the points today.

Wasps will no doubt be welcoming several players back from international duty this weekend, and are bound to be naming a strong line up, so they'll be gunning for the win.

It's the first of two key meetings between the two sides over the next few weeks, with the Amlin Challenge Cup quarter final to follow.

It could well be a titanic tussle this afternoon. May the best team win!



HEAD COACH BRYAN REDPATH

The former Scotland scrum half retired from playing in May 2005 after a successful professional career that saw him represent Sale, Narbonne, Edinburgh and Melrose with distinction. He also won 60 international caps and appeared in two Rugby World Cups.

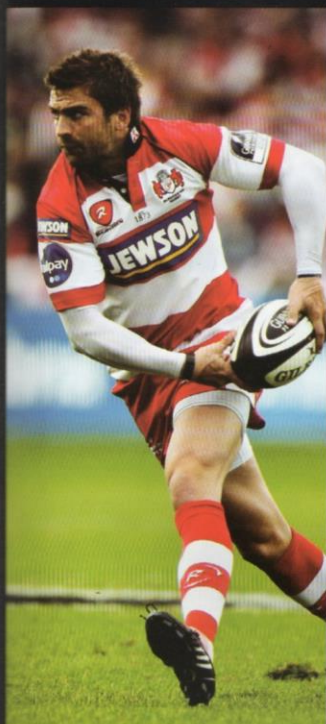
The 33-year-old initially signed a two-year contract as backs coach at Gloucester Rugby but, following the departure of Dean Ryan, he was named Head Coach in June 2009.

Redpath has made a quick impact at Kingsholm, placing a huge emphasis on the importance of the relationship between an individual player, his club, its supporters and the city they represent.



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NICKY ROBINSON

The Welsh international made a dream start to his Guinness Premiership career with a Man of the Match performance in the televised victory over Bath. The fly half joined Gloucester Rugby in the summer, having spent his entire career to date with the Cardiff Blues.

His performance on the opening weekend against Bath, which included 14 points with the boot, has gone a long way to making Gloucester supporters forget about his performances against them for Cardiff last season!

He has been a regular fixture in the fly half position so far this season and is closing in on 200 points.

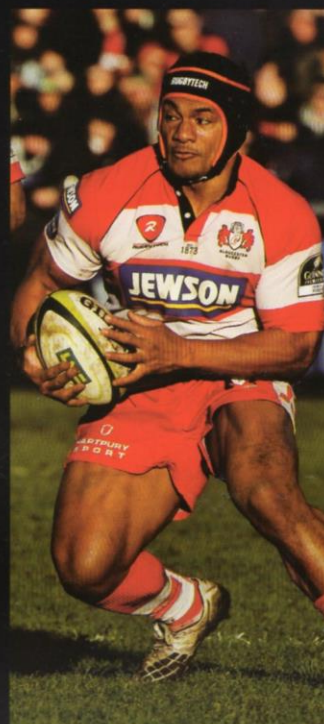


DAVE ATTWOOD

Attwood's signing from Bristol Rugby didn't create back page headlines, unlike those of Nicky Robinson or Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu, but the big second rower has started his Gloucester career in a similarly impressive manner.

Impressive during preseason, he has gone on to form a promising second row partnership with Alex Brown and scored his first Guinness Premiership try against the Worcester Warriors back in January.

Already capped by England at U19 and U20 levels, his fine form this season was rewarded with an England Saxons call up and he made his debut against Ireland A at the Rec.



ELIOTA FUIMAONO-SAPOLU

Eliota became an instant hero with the Shed, following his summer move from local rivals Bath Rugby, with his passionate display against his former club on the opening day of the Guinness Premiership season.

Capable of playing fly half or inside centre, Eliota brings the kind of solid defence to the Gloucester backline that you'd expect from a Samoan international but he also has soft hands and an eye for a gap.

His presence was missed in the Gloucester midfield, when he was away on international duty in the autumn, but he has been in sparkling form recently.

He has settled in so well that he recently extended his contract until the end of the 2011-12 season.



TODAY'S TEAMS



MARK VAN GISBERGEN	15: FULL-BACK	OLLY MORGAN
TOM VARDELL	14: WING	JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL
BEN JACOBS	13: CENTRE	MIKE TINDALL
STEVE KEFU	12: CENTRE	ELIOTA FUJIAONO-SAPOLU
DAVID LEMI	11: WING	LESLEY VAINIKOLO
DAVE WALDER	10: FLY-HALF	NICKY ROBINSON
JAMES HONEYBEN	9: SCRUM-HALF	RORY LAWSON
SAKARIA TAULAFO	1: PROP	NICK WOOD
ROB WEBBER	2: HOOKER	OLIVIER AZAM
BEN BROSTER	3: PROP	PAUL DORAN-JONES
MARTY VEALE	4: LOCK	WILL JAMES
GEORGE SKIVINGTON	5: LOCK	ALEX BROWN
JOE WORSLEY	6: FLANKER	ALASDAIR STROKOSCH
DAN WARD-SMITH	7: FLANKER	AKAPUSI QERA
SERGE BETSEN	NO: 8	GARETH DELVE

SUBSTITUTES

TOM LINDSAY	16	SCOTT LAWSON
GABRIEL BOCCA	17	ALASDAIR DICKINSON
BOB BAKER	18	PIERRE CAPDEVIELLE
DAN LEO	19	PETER BUXTON
WILL MATTHEWS	20	ANDREW HAZELL
WARREN FURY	21	DAVE LEWIS
DANNY CIPRIANI	22	TIM TAYLOR
DOMINIC WALDOUCK	23	TIM MOLENAAR

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4TH OFFICIAL: ROGER BAILEFF
TIME KEEPER: JOHN BURTENSHAW



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