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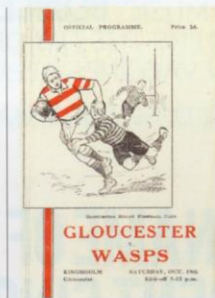
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# HOW IT ALL STARTED

**Founded in 1867, Wasps pre-date Gloucester by six seasons, but failed to become a founder member of the RFU in 1871 – they were invited to the meeting, but their man went to the wrong pub, settled in there, and never made it to the meeting.**

The fashion in London at that time was to name clubs exotically, and Frank Hartley, captain of the Flamingoes (Battersea) did make it to that first RFU meeting, and was elected



For many years, Wasps were a peripatetic club playing a restricted and local fixture list on rented pitches, but they purchased their own ground at Sudbury in 1923.

Seeking to improve their fixture list after World War Two, they engaged Gloucester, who won the first fixture 8-5 at Kingsholm on 19th October 1946.

Charlie Crabtree scored a try early on, but the match was won near the end when a young Ken Daniell, playing at stand-off in place of Willie Jones, "captured an opponent's pass, cut through finely, and raced away to the fullback, when he punted ahead and over the line to score a grand try near the posts", which Bill Hook converted.

The following season Gloucester won 17-0 on their first visit to Sudbury, Crabtree and Daniell again scoring tries, whilst Willie Jones scored a try, a drop goal and two conversions.

## A RECORD OF TWO HALVES

**The clubs then played once a season, alternately home and away.**

Gloucester had much the better of the results for some 40 years, although, in 1961, Gloucester visited Wasps and lost 10-6, the referee explaining that "the match was played 35 minutes each way at the request of the Gloucester skipper who stated on arrival that they wished to catch an early train home".

Wasps had to wait until 1988 for their first win at Kingsholm, in a match which controversially doubled as both a league and cup game.

Since the introduction of leagues and professional rugby, the boot has been on the

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<i>Three-quarters</i> (2) C. CRABTREE Left Wing (3) S. DANGERFIELD Left Centre (4) S. H. DAVIES Right Centre (5) W. D. KEAR Right Wing	<i>Three-quarters</i> (2) R. R. SEEL Right Wing (3) G. R. EVANS Right Centre (4) P. H. TILL Left Centre (5) J. DOUBLEDAY Left Wing
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onto the committee which drew up the laws of the game.

In 1873, he came to Gloucester to work, was instrumental in the formation of the Gloucester Club, and became its first captain. Gloucester first played a London side in 1876, against Frank's old team, the Flamingoes.

A page from the programme for the first match in 1946 listing the teams.



Ken Daniell Charlie Crabtree Bill Hook Willie Jones

other foot, to the extent that the overall record has evened up.

Today's encounter is the 85th between the clubs, Gloucester still having the edge with 43 wins against Wasps 40, but the points advantage is with Wasps 1,516 – 1,403.

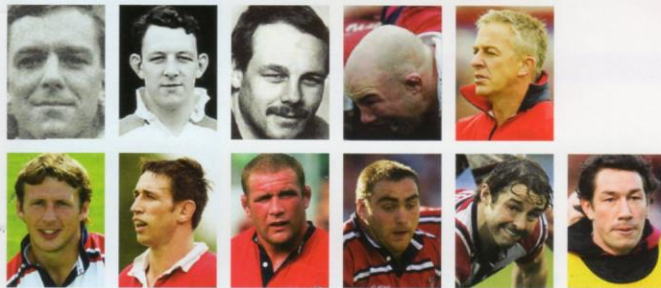
The scorers of all of Gloucester's points, which won the first two matches played against Wasps.

performance by the Gloucester pack. Olivier Azam, at his peak, scored two tries of tremendous power, the first when he blasted off the side of a maul, brushing aside Phil Greening, and the second when he ploughed across the line taking half the Wasps pack with him.

Gloucester's forward power was further demonstrated when Jake Boer wrestled away possession to score, and again when Ian Jones was harassed into a deliberate knock-on under his posts to concede a penalty try which gave Gloucester the bonus point.

## CONNECTIONS

Pictured here are players/coaches who have been associated with both Gloucester and Wasps – can you name them? (Answers at bottom of page)



2003 Premiership Final at Twickenham  
Wasps 39 Gloucester 3

A game which Gloucester supporters will never forget however hard they try.

Wasps had finished 15 points behind Gloucester, top of the league in the regular season, but this counted for nothing in the first ever Zurich Premiership Final.

Gloucester had a 3-week break before the Final, and played as though they were already on their summer holidays.

On the day, Wasps thoroughly deserved their win. Alex King at outside half controlled the game and Simon Shaw and Lawrence Dallaglio dominated up front.

Gloucester, disorganised behind the scrum and sluggish in the forwards, could find no answer in what, for them, was a game too far.

## MEMORABLE MATCH

1990 Pilkington Cup at Adams Park  
Wasps 19 Gloucester 23

Tim Smith played a blinder and kicked 3 penalties, while John Gadd and Jim Breeze scored tries, before Richard Mogg scored the winning try with 90 seconds to go, which Tim Smith converted from the touch line.

The Times said of Gloucester: "Their red-blooded assaults, launched from almost every corner of the pitch, helped produce one of the most exciting cup games seen at Sudbury in years."

## BIGGEST WINS BY EACH CLUB

2001 Zurich Premiership at Kingsholm  
Gloucester 43 Wasps 13

This impressive win featured a dynamic

Connections answers: Top Row (L-R): Don Rutherford, Tony Davis, Kevin Dunn, Phil Greening, Nigel Melville. Bottom Row (L-R): Simon Amor, Ian Jones, Phil Vickery, Trevor Woodman, Andy Gomersall, Tom Voyce.



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