



GLOUCESTER RUGBY

Founded 1873

PRESIDENT: P.N. GLANVILLE



GLOUCESTER

V

EXETER

at

Kingsholm, Gloucester

Sunday April 25th, 2026

Kick Off - 3.30pm

Heritage Programme - £3

THE ORIGINS OF GLOUCESTER RUGBY HERITAGE

The main stand at Kingsholm was constructed in 2007, made possible by the destruction of the wooden stand which had stood on the south side of the ground for more than 70 years. As the demolition proceeded, boxes of papers were found in the bowels of the old stand - a convenient, and fortunately dry, place in which to store things. All was headed for the skip, but fortunately one of the demolition contractors queried whether this material should really be thrown away and the club asked the Gloucestershire Archives, round the corner in Alvin Street, if there might be anything of interest. They performed an immediate rescue and 31 large boxes of material were hastily transferred into the Archive's safe keeping.

The County Archivist, Heather Forbes, knew that Malc King, Secretary of the Friends of Gloucestershire Archives, was a keen Gloucester Rugby supporter, so asked him to review whether the contents of these boxes warranted long term storage. He recruited a couple of friends, John Theyers and John Cowen, who were also season ticket holders at Kingsholm. Many days were spent engrossed in what they found - a wealth of documents and photographs going right back through the Club's history, including a lot of material relating to the purchase of the Kingsholm ground in 1891.

The Club agreed that this material was best kept in Gloucestershire Archives (now known as the Heritage Hub), where it could be preserved in archive conditions, catalogued and available to future generations. An archive devoted to Gloucester Rugby was started and continues to expand with donations from well over a hundred individuals, both former players and supporters of the Club - it now contains more than 4,000 items. If you want to browse through them, the relevant references are D10800 (for items from the Club) and D11873 (for items donated by others). Further donations are always welcome.

Close to a thousand artefacts such as caps, jerseys and blazers are kept at Kingsholm, many of which are on display, along with information boards on the history of the Club, which have been mounted all over the stadium.

THE ORIGINS OF GLOUCESTER RUGBY HERITAGE

The project quickly grew, received important financial support from the National Heritage Lottery Fund and Ecclesiastical Insurance, and became a charity. This enabled educational use of the GRH material and the creation of a website – www.gloucesterrugbyheritage.org.uk – where much of the heritage material has been digitised. It also contains interviews and profiles of former players.

Gloucester Rugby Heritage is a charity the objective of which is to “advance the education of the public in the history of Gloucester Rugby Club and the part it has played in the life of the City of Gloucester and the County of Gloucestershire, by collecting, preserving and sharing its heritage”. Books have been written with this in mind - the first was a richly illustrated but brief account of the history of the Club, entitled “Gloucester Rugby Heritage”, and the second, written by Martin and Teresa Davies detailed the wartime exploits of Gloucester Rugby players, entitled “They Played for Gloucester and Fought for their Country” – now out of print, but it led to the memorial outside the Club reception listing those Gloucester players who died in the two World Wars and the Boer War.

It was then decided to embark on a series of five more substantial books designed to present a fully researched history of Gloucester Rugby and Kingsholm. The first, entitled “Kingsholm: Castle Grim, Home of Gloucester Rugby”, charts the history of the ground. The second, entitled “Representative Rugby at Gloucester” recounts representative matches played at Kingsholm, featuring international, county and touring sides. The third, entitled “Gloucester Up for the Cup” reviews all the matches played by Gloucester in cup competitions. The fourth book, “Gloucester Rugby: the Players”, lists every player who represented the Gloucester Club 1873-2025, with individual profiles of the most notable. The fifth book, “150 Years of Gloucester Rugby”, records the full playing record with a chapter on each season, giving details of every one of the more than 5,000 fixtures played by the Club, 1873-2023.

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Where did the Season go?

It only seems a week or two ago, that I was battering my typewriter, welcoming the start of a new season. Yet, here we are, welcoming our old friends from Exeter — the second time this year we've had that pleasant duty to perform.

You'll remember that the previous visit was to try conclusions, with a further run in the John Player as the prize. That day, today's visitors went back to Devon as runners up in a 34-3 scoreline — but that was another matter altogether. Today, there is nothing more at stake than a good game of Rugby. (At least, I hope there isn't. At the time of writing, the Bath match hasn't been played yet).

Somehow, Exeter seem to have a habit of being in Gloucester at the climax of a John Player Cup run. You'll remember that emotional occasion, when we last won the Cup, and when John Watkins paraded the Trophy around the ground at the end of the Exeter match. Anyone who saw Mike Burton's last farewell to the Kingsholm crowd, that day, won't easily forget it.

So we have many reasons to welcome today's opponents. Indeed, we could not have wished for better visitors at this momentous time in the Club's history.

There is more to Rugby Football than match results, and Exeter have never yet let us down, in terms of entertainment and sheer, honest effort.

Which isn't to say, in today's circumstances, that we're in for an easy ride, this afternoon. It would be easy to come unstuck, and Exeter are just the boys to help us do it.

So, we're glad, as always, to see you Exeter.

What a Season!

These notes have had to be written, before the Bath match, so I'm taking a bit of a chance. I hope, however, that I am congratulating the lads on becoming the first English team since 1977, to win the 'Daily Mail' Anglo-Welsh Pennant, and on achieving a record 40 wins in a season.

One very senior supporter told me, the other day, that he considered this season to be the greatest one he ever watched. He doesn't miss many games, and has been coming to Kingsholm since just after the First World War. Who am I to argue with that?

However, let's take the opportunity publicly to thank all the players, who have given we mere mortals in the crowd such a memorable few months. Whether we win on May 1st, or today for that matter, or not, is beside the point. We have had Rugby to savour, and should be duly grateful for it.

I am thanking, particularly, those Club stalwarts — such as Bob Clewes and Gordon Sargeant — who haven't been able to command a regular First Team place, but who have leapt into the breach when needed — sometimes at critical moments, as Adrian Turton did at Coventry. You can't have a season like this one, without strength in depth over the whole squad, and the loyalty of all players is something of which we can be just as proud, as of the record itself.

Thanks again, chaps — you've been a joy to watch.

Exeter Sevens

Even after today, we haven't quite finished with Exeter. In spite of the fact that most of the side will be in South Africa, Gloucester is entering a side in the Graham-Reeves Sevens tournament, to be held at Exeter again this year. Kick-off is at 12.00, and the opposition includes all our local major teams, including Bath and Bristol, plus sides from Plymouth, Redruth and St. Ives.

We, after all, were founder members of this particular tournament, so it's only right that we continue to support it, if at all possible. So, if May 1st hasn't done dreadful things to your ulcers, why not nip down to the Devon County Ground, St. Thomas's, Exeter, on Bank Holiday, Monday May 3rd?

Last Chance

You can still get tickets for Twickenham, by contacting Terry Tandy and shelling out £5, £4, £3 or £2, just as you like. British Rail can still take your bookings, at £5.50, but emphasise

that it's essential you book up in advance.

So popular has the 'Severn Sound' special proved, that our local radio pundits have found it necessary to do a deal with BR, allowing them to share yet another train with British Rail.

So, there's really no excuse for not going and cheering your — well — head off, is there? After all, there's nothing else we can do for the boys now.

By the neck

Don't forget our special Twickenham scarves, at the miserly sum of £1 each. If the 500 ordered runs out, there might even be time to get some more in before The Day, so buy yours quickly.

Lottery

This is also my last chance to remind you about the major Club Lottery, on the stocks for next season. The promotion company, Raisden Limited, are still needing Agents, especially for the initial, get-it-off-the-ground exercise. Remember, 10% of any takings are yours as expenses. Also, if one of your punters wins the £1,000 prize, you get £100.

Makes our weekly £5 for a lucky programme look a bit sick, doesn't it? The numbers to ring are 021 501 2716 or 0633 842615.

Remember the old song!

"We are the Gloucester Boys . . ."

"We mind our manners,"

"We spend our tanners,"

"We are respected, wherever we may go!"

If you're going to Twickenham (and who isn't?) just think about the words of the famous Kingsholm Anthem, as you attempt to deafen any member of the Rugby Football Union, who may be present.

Especially the line about "We mind our manners!". There are too many people willing to run Gloucester down, at any time, so we don't want to hand them ammunition by misbehaving ourselves in the crowd.

The conduct of the supporters at Coventry was absolutely marvellous, and it would be a good thing to let it carry on that way.

So if, at 'Twickers' or on the way there, you see anyone who looks likely to overstep the mark — and with the beer and general excitement, it's entirely possible — do us a favour. Give him the address of the nearest soccer ground.

Thanks!

This is the time of year when thanks are in order. I've already expressed our gratitude to the players, but I'm thinking, now, of everyone else, who contributes to this, the greatest Rugby Club in England. Somebody has to keep the Sacred Turf in good nick. Somebody has to serve behind the bar. Somebody has to prepare nosh for the players. Somebody has to man the turnstiles, the scoreboard, and the stand. And, if you knew the amount of sheer administration necessary, you would be slightly mind-boggled.

If I could add a personal note: after I've finished scribbling my nonsense, somebody has to print the programme, deliver it on time, twice a week, often, and then somebody has to sell it.

To all of you, from all of us, "Many thanks. And have a good Cricket season."

Tailpiece

'Be sure your sins will find you out' department. I was out delivering local election literature the other evening, and handed a leaflet to a guy I don't think I'd met before. His response?

"O.K. Pete. As long as you don't expect me to pay 15p for this!"

Fame at last!

Summer well, everyone.

PETER ARNOLD

Cordial Greetings— and Sad Farewell!

The extremely warm welcome we extend to Exeter this afternoon must of necessity be tinged with sadness for all our fervent rugger supporters, for it heralds the end of yet another remarkable season for the Cherry and Whites.

Last year Gloucester travelled to the County Ground on Saturday, April 23, and after a keen struggle defeated Exeter by 14 - 6, but the previous season our Devon friends visited Kingsholm twice and the results make interesting reading.

For on their first visit, on Saturday, November 8, 1975, Gloucestershire were playing Devon at Bristol; and despite the fact that as usual the Cherry and Whites supplied the majority of the County side and were sadly weakened, they romped to victory by the remarkable margin of 76 - 6. When Exeter came again the following February and Gloucester were virtually at full strength, no doubt some supporters confidently forecast a cricket score. But the Devon men were not to be fooled again and after an entertaining game the margin was more than halved as Gloucester won by 32 - 10.

This season has indeed been a highly successful one for Exeter, who arrive this afternoon with 38 victories from 45 matches, having scored 988 points while conceding 422. They are in second place to Gloucester in the South-West merit table and only last week beat Bristol convincingly enough at the County Ground. We look forward to yet another absorbing game with them today to conclude a memorable season!

Kingsholm Kackle Worthy Champions

After that unforgettable day at Twickenham a fortnight ago, with the greatest crowd ever to watch a John Player Cup, or English club match, what else can be added to the many congratulations and eulogies bestowed upon the lads? Truly they can be called the "team of the season" and all that may be said in these notes on behalf of their thousands of supporters—indeed, the city of Gloucester—is "Well done, every one of you!"

No doubt our supporters will make their feelings known this afternoon in their own vociferously inimitable way as Gloucester appear at Kingsholm for the first time since winning the coveted John Player Cup. But again, there is a tinge of sadness, for it will be the last game for the club of genial Mike Burton, perhaps the most controversial figure in rugger today. He will be a difficult player to replace, for, as Cassius said, "He doth bestride the narrow world like a Colossus." Thank you, Mike, and may you not be lost to our world of rugby!

1,000 Points?

For several seasons Gloucester have topped 1,000 points, on most occasions being the first top-class club to do so. Cancelled matches, especially during the Arctic spell in February, have made the task more difficult this season and they still require 19 points to reach the magic figures. But it will be seen from their impressive record that Exeter need only 12 points for their 1,000.

Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations to six of our great cup-winning side — Richard Jardine, Richard Mogg, Gordon Sargent, Steve Mills, John Fidler and Steve Boyle — on selection for the England "B" side which leaves for Rumania this week-end and, of course, will be out of the team for this afternoon's game. Good luck to all six of them!

Good Luck, Matson!

Best wishes, also, to our formidable local club, Matson, who meet Camborne, the Cornish champions, at Red Well Road this afternoon in the preliminary round of the John Player Cup. May they join Gloucester in next season's national competition!

Generous Gesture

The club wishes to extend grateful thanks and appreciation to Mr. F. J. Colley, a regular supporter, of 8 The Laurels, Tredworth, for his very generous gesture in purchasing the ball to be used in this afternoon's match. A senior citizen, Mr. Colley was so delighted with Gloucester's great cup win that he wished to express his feelings in this way. Thank you, Sir!

300 Club

Last night the final draw for the highly popular — and remunerative — "300 Club" was made in the Social Club. It was too late to be able to announce the winners in these notes, but their names may be seen on the notice board at the Social Club bar.

Valediction

As Rosalind remarked in "As You Like It," a good play needs no epilogue, so how better to end another wonderful season by merely quoting the poet Milton — "Farewell happy fields, where joy for ever dwells," — at least until next September.

Club officials, committee men and players join in tendering their very sincere thanks to all of you who have given such tremendous and invaluable support throughout the season. The players in particular will not readily forget the essential part you played towards the winning of the John Player Cup.

We in turn thank the players of both the senior and United teams who have devoted so much of their time, energy and unbounded skills in providing such exciting and excellent fare yet again!

ARTHUR RUSSELL.

Club Personalities

With a spate of away matches recently and the magnificent achievements in the John Player Cup which have demanded so much space in our programmes, the popular feature of Club Personalities too often had to be put in that imaginary basket which civil servants term "In Abeyance."

We apologise to those, among them several prominent members of the great Cup side, who have not yet been spotlighted, and it is hoped to continue the feature next season.

Were an award to be made each year for the most improved player few would disagree that it would be deservedly won this season by that hirsute and industrious No. 8, JOHN FREDERICK SIMONETT, who has made the position so much his property, as it were, that the Scottish selectors have earmarked him for consideration for their next season's internationals.

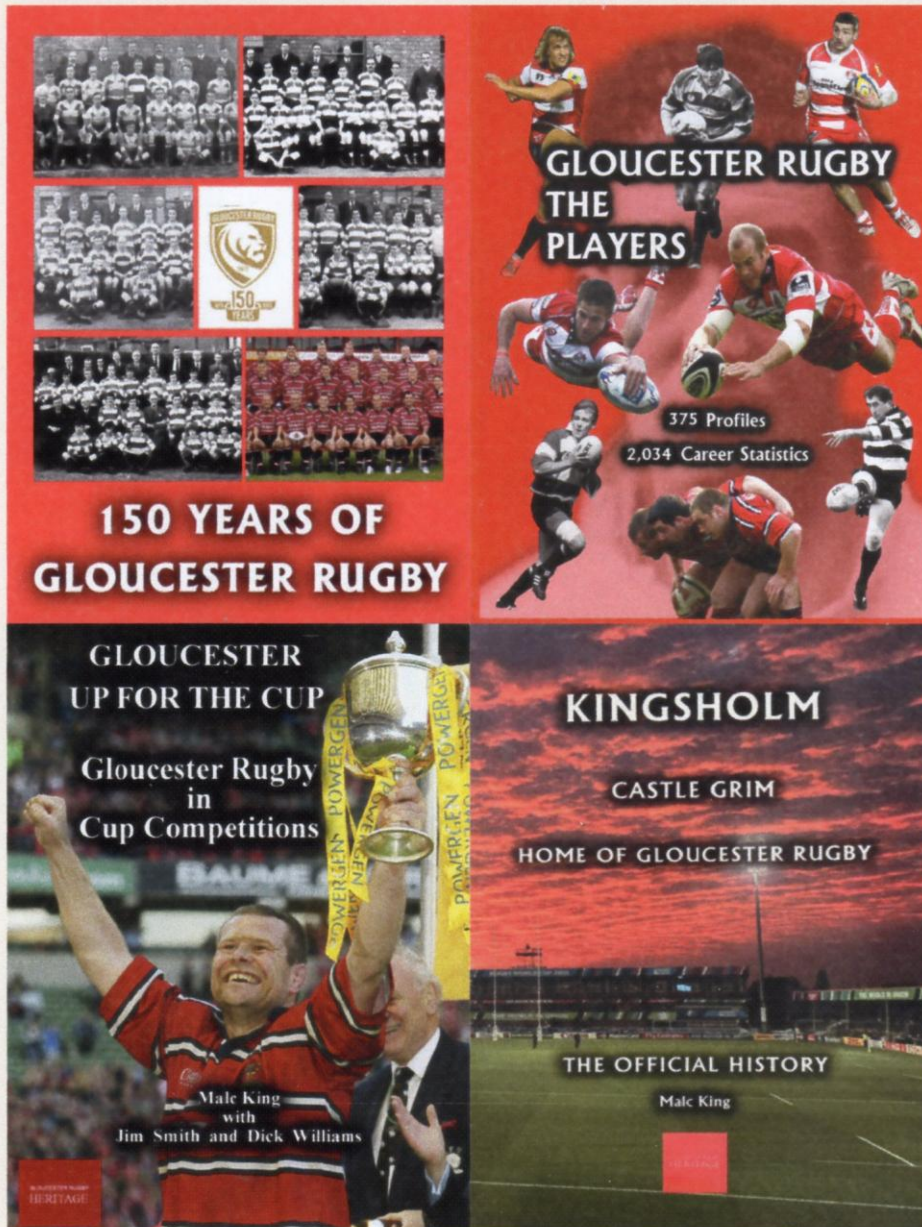


Yet John, although educated at Fettes College, Edinburgh, before completion of his training at St. Paul's College, was born in *Trinidad*. He skippered the Scotland Schools (Under 19) nine years ago, when included in the same team were Andy Irvine and Lewis Dick.

A physical education teacher at Beaufort, he is married, though has not yet become a progenitor. His proficiency as an amateur prestidigitator—(magician to you, mate!)—never ceases to astonish his colleagues and he appears to extend some of that legerdemain to his ploys at the back of the line-out.

John played for St. Paul's College for four years, during which time he was appointed captain; he also skippered the British Colleges in 1975, yet oddly enough, has made only one non-championship appearance for Gloucestershire. He joined Gloucester at the beginning of last season and has played over 50 times for the senior side, including the tour of America last summer.

John is currently playing basketball for a Stroud side, Ebley Tyres, and his versatility and height have contributed richly to their success—for they are top of Division 1 in the West of England League.



Gloucester Rugby Heritage books are on sale now in the club shop.

Gloucester v Exeter

What a *professional era legends* match could look like.

This Gloucester XV has been selected by Chris Collier (GRH), and the visiting XV with the support of Tony Rowe, Chairman of Exeter Rugby Group PLC.

GLOUCESTER

Cherry & White

Full Back

15. **O.Morgan ***

Three Quarters

14. **J.May ***

13. **M.Tindall ***

12. **B.Twelvetrees *L**

11. **J.Simpson-Daniel ***

Half Backs

10. **S.Carreras ***

9. **W.Heinz ***

Forwards

1. **T.Woodman ***

2. **R.Hibbard * L**

3. **P.Vickery * L**

4. **A.Brown ***

5. **I.Jones ***

6. **J.Boer (c)**

7. **J.Forrester ***

8. **B.Morgan ***

Replacements

**N.Wood, A.Deacon, O.Azam*,
F.Clarke, A.Qera*, G.Laidlaw*,
T.Fanolua*, C.Sharples ***

EXETER

Black

Full Back

15. **P.Dollman**

Three Quarters

14. **J.Nowell * L**

13. **H.Slade ***

12. **I.Whitten ***

11. **O.Woodburn**

Half Backs

10. **G.Steenson ***

9. **N.White ***

Forwards

1. **B.Moon ***

2. **L.Cowan-Dickie * L**

3. **H.Williams ***

4. **D Mumm ***

5. **G.Parling * L**

6. **D.Ewers**

7. **S.Simmonds * L**

8. **T.Waldrom * (c)**

Replacements

**A.Hepburn*, H.Tui, J.Yeandle,
T.Hayes, T.Johnson*, H.Thomas,
O.Devoto*, S.Naqelevuki***

Referee: A.SPREADBURY (Somerset Society)

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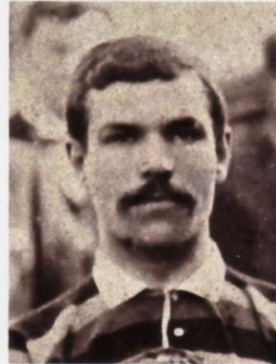


GLOUCESTER RUGBY HERITAGE

Gloucester v Exeter - The History

There is a very long history between the Gloucester and Exeter clubs. Although the Exeter club was founded in 1871-72, their first recorded match was against Exeter Training College, later known as St Luke's, on 26th October 1873, whereas Gloucester was formed in 1873 and played their first match three weeks earlier against the College (King's School).

Gloucester travelled to Exeter on 4th October 1890 for the first match between the clubs and came away with a 6-3 win, thanks to tries by Tommy Bagwell and Trevor Powell, both converted by A F Hughes (at that time a try counted only one point and a conversion two). In the return match at the Spa on 6th December, Gloucester won again, scoring ten tries from Walter Taylor (4), Trevor Powell (3), Sammy Ball, Walter Jackson and Albert Collins, but only two were successfully converted by C Williams and A H Hughes, thus making the score 14-0 (rather different to the 54-0 which would have been scored using today's values!).



Walter Taylor



Rob Baxter

The teams played irregularly up to WW1, and not at all between the World Wars. Fixtures were resumed in 1946-47 and played alternately home and away in successive seasons. The away fixtures in Exeter normally formed part of Gloucester's end-of-season tours to the West Country. Gloucester were not renowned for their sobriety on these tours, but they still continued to have the better of these fixtures and it was not until 29th April 1963 that Exeter recorded their first win, 5-3, in the 22nd game between the clubs.

We particularly welcome Rob Baxter back to Kingsholm, a place he knows well from early in his playing career, when he had a season as a Gloucester player in 1993-94. He played mostly for the United XV, but made six appearances for the First XV, all of which were won and he scored a try against Stroud.

GLoucester Rugby Heritage

When the National Leagues were inaugurated in 1987, the Chiefs were placed in National League 3, but by 1995 had fallen into National League 4. After that, things looked up for them. There were successive promotions in 1996 and 1997, but the advent of professional rugby in 1996 saw the cessation of fixtures between Gloucester and Exeter, except for a Powergen Cup match in 2002-03, which Gloucester won 35-6. Tries were scored by Chris Catling (2), Jake Boer, Pete Buxton and Daren O'Leary, with Henry Paul kicking five conversions.

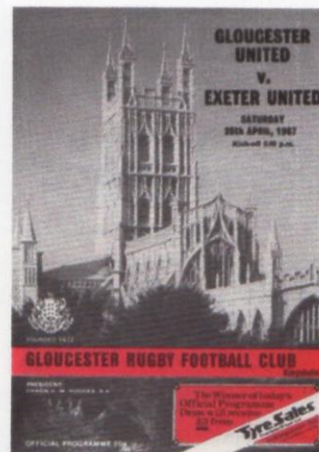


Chris Catling

For many years Exeter had played their home games at the County Ground, but in 2006 they moved to a purpose-built stadium on the outskirts of the city – Sandy Park. Meanwhile Rob Baxter had returned home to play for Exeter for 14 years, and on retirement turned his hand to coaching. He was appointed head coach of the Chiefs in 2009, and promotion to the Premiership followed in 2010. Exeter's first game at this level was at home against Gloucester, who started the game as clear favourites, but were well beaten 22-10. Exeter's first win at Kingsholm may not have come until as recently as 24 March 2012, after 122 years of trying, but they were embarked on great things, winning the Premiership in 2016-17 and 2019-2020 and becoming European Champions in 2020.

GLoucester United

In the amateur era the Utd XV would usually play Exeter on the same day as the First XV at the opposite venue. Twice Exeter were the visitors on historic days. Firstly on April 23rd 1983, when Gloucester Utd racked up the highest score ever recorded by a Gloucester XV, beating Exeter A 138-6 at Kingsholm. Then on April 25th 1987, Dave Pointon's Utd team beat Exeter A 68-6, in front of a large Kingsholm crowd, to complete their unbeaten season.



Utd v Exeter Programme



TALKING RUGBY with....

Gloucester Rugby Heritage Statistician Chris Collier

**Gloucester v Exeter
OVERALL RECORD**

There have been 102 Gloucester v Exeter matches, of which Gloucester have won 64 and Exeter 34, with four matches drawn; Gloucester have scored 2277 points and Exeter 1506. The record in the professional era has been very different to the preceding amateur era, with 42 games, of which Gloucester have won 17 and Exeter 24, with one draw; Gloucester have scored 991 points and Exeter 1038.

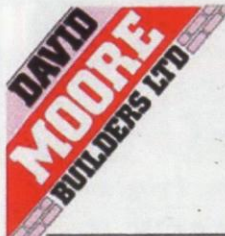
**1975 - 8th November
BIGGEST WIN IN AMATEUR ERA
Gloucester 76 Exeter 6.**

Tries were scored by John Dix (5), Bob Clewes (4) John Haines (2), Ron Etheridge (2), Mike Curran, Richard Jardine, Steve Clewes, Phil Winnell and Rod Correia, who also kicked 2 conversions. The total of 18 tries equalled the best ever in a game by Gloucester, but only 2 conversions from 18 attempts must be one of their worst returns.

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Full Back	15. R. Etheridge	Full Back	15. F. Arbuckle (Capt.)
Three Quarters	14. R. J. Clewes 13. R. Jardine 12. S. P. Clewes 11. J. Dix	Three Quarters	14. R. Farrell 13. P. Gilbert 12. S. Webb 11. S. Evans
Half Backs	10. M. Curran 9. P. Kingston	Half Backs	10. F. Lewis 9. R. Greenwood
Forwards	1. K. Hutchinson (Capt.) 2. R. W. Nicholls 3. M. A. Curran 4. P. J. Worral 5. S. B. Steyle 6. J. H. Haines 8. J. S. Jernett 7. R. Smith	Forwards	1. C. Mills 2. P. Price 3. R. Dean 4. C. Drewin 5. T. Woodman 6. A. Cole 8. S. Webber 7. P. Greenhalgh

**2025- 27th April
BIGGEST WIN IN PROFESSIONAL ERA
Gloucester 79-17 Exeter**

Tries were scored by Jack Singleton (2), Seb Atkinson (2), Jack Clement, Seb Blake, Lewis Ludlow, Chris Harris, Gareth Anscombe, Tomos Williams, Jamal Ford-Robinson, and Christian Wade; Santi Carreras kicked six conversions and Gareth Anscombe two.



You can view a large number of programmes, dating back to the 1920's, on the Gloucester Rugby Heritage website - scan the QR code.

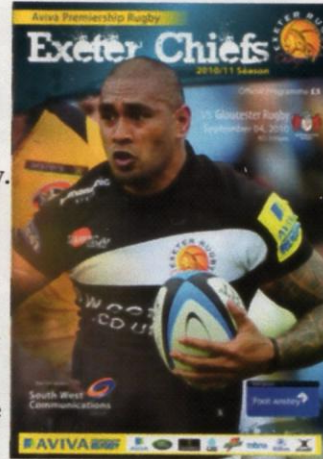


NOTABLE MATCHES IN RECENT SEASONS

4 September 2010: Premiership:

Exeter 22 Gloucester 10

The Chiefs very first Premiership game was against Gloucester at Sandy Park. Not surprisingly Exeter, and their crowd, were really pumped up for this game, and thoroughly outplayed Gloucester. Exeter were on the scoreboard after five minutes, when ex-Gloucester player Mark Foster crossed for a try. Gareth Steenson converted and proceeded to have a perfect day. He kicked three first half penalties, another in the second half, and not content with that, added a drop goal. Gloucester did at least score two tries through James Simpson-Daniel and Tim Taylor. Unfortunately, Nicky Robinson had an off day with his boot and missed all five kicks at goal, although he did hit a post twice! There were no two ways about it, Gloucester were well beaten. This result made the rugby world sit-up and take notice and Exeter quickly established themselves as a force to be reckoned with, which contrasted with all other “new” clubs which gained promotion from the Championship and quickly went back down again.



18 April 2015: European Challenge Cup Semi-Final:

Gloucester 30 Exeter 19

The game started at pace, and soon both sides had scored penalties through Greg Laidlaw and Henry Slade. A clever kick ahead by James Hook caused problems for the Exeter defence, and Bill Meakes took advantage of the confusion to collect and score; Laidlaw converted, for a half-time lead of 13-6. Slade kicked two penalties to narrow the gap to one point. Tom Savage drove over for a try following an attacking line-out; Laidlaw converted and added a penalty for a 23-12 lead. Exeter fought back with a try from Elvis Taione, which Slade converted, but Jonny May intercepted and ran in to quash any chance of a late Exeter come-back. Gloucester went on to win the final against Edinburgh.

TODAY'S TEAMS
GLOUCESTER RUGBY - EXETER CHIEFS

1	CHARLIE SHARPLES	17	PHIL DOLAN	22
2	HENRY PUGH	18	IAN WHITTEN	23
3	BILL MEAKES	19	IAN HOPWELL	24
4	BILLY TWISSETTER (C)	20	GAYTON	25
5	JOHN HOOK	21	HENRY SLADE	26
6	JAMES HOOK	22	MARK SARGENT	27
7	GRANT LAIDLAW	23	KEVIN PROSS	28
8	RICK WOOD	24	LUCK VERMEER	29
9	MICHAEL HIRSHAGE	25	RONALD FRANKS	30
10	JOHN ANTON	26	SEAN MURPHY (C)	31
11	TOM SAVAGE	27	WYCHALEE	32
12	TOM PALMER	28	MARK EVANS	33
13	SCOT BALGARDIN	29	MIKE WOODS	34
14	MIKE WOODS	30	MARCO MALDONADO	35
15	GARETH EVANS	31		
16	GARETH EVANS	32		
17	DARREY DAVENPORT	33	ELVIS TAIONE	36
18	JOHN HURSEY	34	IAN JONES	37
19	JOHN HURSEY	35	ALEX BRIDGES	38
20	MARCO MALDONADO	36	IAN SPENCER	39
21	MIKE WOODS	37	ALL WORTHMAN	40
22	JOHN HURSEY	38	JOHN LEWIS	41
23	MIKE WOODS	39	GARETH STEENSON	42
24	MIKE WOODS	40	IAN JONES	43
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32	MIKE WOODS	48		
33	MIKE WOODS	49		
34	MIKE WOODS	50		

Full statistics for every season are available in the 150 Years of Gloucester Rugby book and on the Gloucester Rugby Heritage website.





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"Your team didn't just give him an experience, it gave him belief in himself. You made a difference that words will never really capture."

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"Your grant gave us a chance to escape for a few days. It gave my daughter memories to look back on and remember no matter how hard it got, I never gave up on our life together."



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FIRST XV FIXTURES

2025		
SEPT	12	Exeter 29-15
	19	Bristol 24-40
	25	Sale 10-27
OCT	5	Northampton 35-37
	11	Bath 17-38
	17	Bristol 34-49
	25	Exeter 12-39
NOV	2	Sale 29-28
	19	Bath 19-17
	29	Harlequins 26-15
DEC	7	Castres 34-14
	13	Munster 3-31
	19	Leicester 14-45
	27	Saracens 21-30
2026		
JAN	2	Newcastle 19-25
	9	Edinburgh 24-26
	17	Toulon 14-31
	24	Bath 26-30
FEB	1	Bristol 16-8
	14	Exeter 14-48
	20	Sale 43-17
	28	Bath 26-38
MAR	21	Harlequins 26-19
	28	Leicester 17-36
APR	18	Bristol 12-53
	26	Exeter
MAY	8	Sale
	16	Saracens
	30	Northampton
JUN	6	Newcastle

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WOMEN'S XV FIXTURES

2025		
OCT	26	Saracens 40-15
NOV	1	Exeter 47-31
	9	Harlequins 33-26
	15	Sale 40-24
	30	Bristol 54-14
DEC	6	Trailfinders 29-28
	21	Leicester 75-12
2026		
JAN	'31	Loughborough 45-26
FEB	7	Sale 22-7
	14	Harlequins 45-22
MAR	7	Exeter 38-20
	14	Saracens 22-17
	21	Loughborough 43-38
	28	Leicester 51-14
MAY	30	Trailfinders
JUN	6	Bristol

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9. T. Williams * (c)

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3. A. Fasogbon
4. A. Clark *
5. M. Alemanno *
6. F. Thomas *
7. L. Ludlow *
8. W. Trenholm

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 D. Eite, J. Clement, J. Basham,
 J. Venter, C. Englefield, O. Thorley *

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- 10. H. Skinner**
9. S. Varney *

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3. J. Roots
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Good luck to one special team from another!



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