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Tom Voyce



Regarded as one of the game's greatest back row specialists, he began his playing career at the local Gordon League club. The flank forward made 218 appearances for Gloucester in which time he scored 54 tries.

Tom appeared in every match of England's Grand Slam winning teams of 1921, 1923 and 1924, and also represented the Army and the Barbarians. Tom was captain of Gloucester from 1924-1927 and was a member of the British touring side to South Africa in 1924.

His career was an amazing achievement because of the serious eye injury he sustained whilst serving for the Gloucestershire Regiment in World War I. During World War II Tom served as a major in the Royal Army Signal Corps. He was Chairman of the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association and President of the St John Ambulance Brigade in the County. In 1960 he became President of the Rugby Football Union and was awarded an OBE in 1962. From 1970-1978 he was President of Gloucester RFC.

Harold Boughton



Born 7th September 1910, Harold captained Gloucester when they returned to playing following the end of the Second World War, although it was in the inter-war period that he first came to national recognition.

He won 3 international caps, making his debut against Wales on 19th January 1935 at Twickenham. Regarded as a reliable kicker, Harold contributed three penalty goals and a conversion for England against Ireland on his 2nd international appearance and is recorded as kicking 401 conversions for Gloucester. He worked as a bus driver in Gloucester.





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Mike Burton

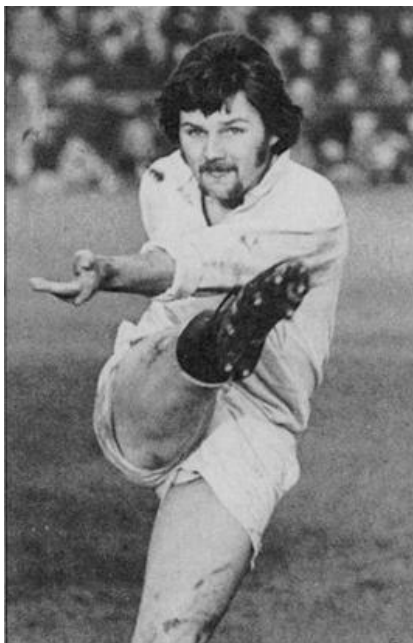


Together with Phil Blakeway, tight-head prop Mike Burton formed one of the most formidable front-row partnerships at Kingsholm. Mike was one of a number of players to be nurtured by local club Longlevens.

He made his debut in 1964 versus Moseley and eventually played for more than a decade at Kingsholm with 360 appearances. He was a member of the Club's national cup teams who reached the final in 1972 and 1978.

He was capped on 17 occasions by England and was a member of the British Lions team to tour South Africa in 1974.

Peter Butler



'Butler the Boot' was one of the most prolific goal kickers to have represented Gloucester. Like most of Gloucester's players he was a local lad educated at the local Crypt Grammar School and used to catch the bus to Kings Square and walk to Kingsholm. He scored an incredible 2,961 points for the club.

On his international debut versus Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground, 24th May 1975, he kicked a penalty goal and a conversion in a 16 points to 9 defeat. At international level it was a mystery that he never represented England on more than two occasions.

For the Gloucestershire County team, Peter scored 367 points in 31 matches, scoring all 24 points in a county cup final against Richmond. He was a member of the Gloucester team that defeated Leicester 6 points to 3 in the 1978 RFU National Knock-Out Competition.



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Phil Blakeway



Loose-head prop Phil Blakeway was widely regarded as one of the finest prop forwards to represent Gloucester. He began his playing career with Cheltenham RFC in 1968 before joining Gloucester RFC in 1971. He was a familiar figure in the City of Gloucester as he worked for the family fruit and vegetable merchants.

He played many games for Gloucester and was a member of the National Cup final team of 1982. He made 19 international appearances for England. Playing in an era when Welsh opposition provided the greatest test, Blakeway recalls one of his finest days was when Gloucester visited Pontypool who had been unbeaten at home for three seasons; he said, *'we went down and did a job on them. It was a performance full of pride in the shirt - which was what Gloucester were all about.'*

John Watkins



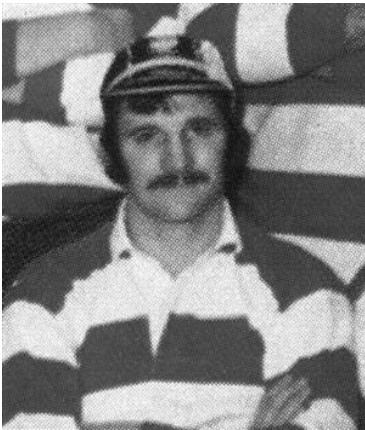
Watkins was an outstanding wing forward who, at a mere 14 stone, also packed down for his Country at tight head. This memorable moment occurred when Stack Stevens had to leave the field with an injury during a tour of South Africa.

Born 28th November 1946 in Gloucester, John was educated at Linden Secondary Modern School and played for local club Gordon League before moving to Kingsholm. John went on to make 386 1st XV appearances for Gloucester scoring 104 tries and appeared in the XV that won the RFU National Cup Competition in 1972 beating Moseley at Twickenham. A seven times England international, Barbarian and member of the Gloucestershire County team that won the championship in 1974, 1975 and 1976.



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John Bayliss



A player who suffered a broken neck but recovered from this setback to achieve representative honours when selected for an England 'B' tour to Romania.

John joined Gloucester in 1960 and made 366 1st XV appearances, and during that time recorded 88 tries.

One of the hardest tackling three-quarters of his time, he represented Gloucestershire, winning the county championship in 1974 against Lancashire.

Terry Fanolua



Fanolua was one of the very first overseas players to represent Gloucester, playing alongside Frenchman Philippe St Andre and Australian Richard Tombs.

Born in Moto'otwa, Samoa, he became a cult figure at Kingsholm, appearing in every position across the club's back line apart from scrum-half.

He made a total of 215 1st XV appearances and scored 51 tries.

The highlight of his career at Kingsholm came in 2003 when the team defeated Northampton in the EDF Cup Final at Twickenham. Fanolua was a member of the 1999 and 2003 Samoan International World Cup squads and made a total 29 international appearances for his Country between 1996 and 2005



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Phil Vickery



Affectionately known as the 'Raging Bull', Vickery was born of farming stock on 14th March 1976 at Kilkhampton, Cornwall and educated at Bude Haven Secondary School.

He was a tight head prop who carved out a significant rugby career at the highest level.

He joined Gloucester from Bude RFC where he had already been recognised for his potential having appeared for England Colts.

Philip then graduated up through the England ranks from U16s, U21s and to full England honours, making his debut against Wales at Twickenham on 21st February 1998.

During his time at Gloucester he was awarded three test caps with the British Lions during their tour of Australia in 2001 and went on to become a World Cup Winner at the Telstra Stadium, Sydney, Australia, 22nd September 2003, after being part of the team that won an epic match against the hosts 20-17.

Phil was awarded an MBE and was also granted Freedom of Gloucester in 2004. In 2011 he won the BBC 'Celebrity MasterChef' competition.