



## Zurich Premiership Trophy

Season	Final Position	Points
1997-1998 - Allied Dunbar Premiership	6th	23
1998-1999 - Allied Dunbar Premiership	10th	19
1999-2000 - Allied Dunbar Premiership	3rd	30
2000-2001 - Zurich Premiership	7th	48
2001-2002 - Zurich Premiership	3rd	67
2002-2003 - Zurich Premiership	1st	82
2003-2004 - Zurich Premiership	4th	63
2004-2005 - Zurich Premiership	6th	47
2005-2006 - Guinness Premiership	5th	59
2006-2007 - Guinness Premiership	1st	71
2007-2008 - Guinness Premiership	1st	74
2008-2009 - Guinness Premiership	6th	57

The re-branding of the league to the Zurich Premiership at the start 2000/01 season also brought with it a re-vamping of the season structure. In 2000-2001 an 8-team play-off system was implemented, but the regular season champion was still considered English champion ("Zurich Premiership title") with the playoff champion claiming the "Zurich Championship".

From 2002-2003 season the English Champion team has been the one winning the Championship Final.

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### Scorecard from 2002 - 2003 season play off final

Gloucester Score Card					
Name	Tries	Conv	Pen	Drop	Pts
Ludovic Mercier	0	0	1	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>

London Wasps Score Card					
Name	Tries	Conv	Pen	Drop	Pts
Alex King	0	3	5	1	24
Joe Worsley	1	0	0	0	5
Josh Lewsey	2	0	0	0	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>

Gloucester RFC reached the inaugural Championship final 15 points clear of their nearest rival, however under the new league system Gloucester RFC were 'rewarded' with a 3 week lay-off, while Wasps played regular rugby during the 3 weeks. As a result, Gloucester RFC lost their momentum and were crushed emphatically by Wasps at Twickenham.

#### Questions:

- 1) How much did the Zurich premiership trophy cost to make?
- 2) Why have Gloucester got the trophy and not Wasps?