

Gallagher Premiership Preview



Final

Date	Time	Match	Venue
08 June 2024	15:00	Northampton Saints v Bath Rugby	Twickenham Stadium

● Twickenham Stadium



How They Finished

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	PD	TB	LB	Points
1	Northampton Saints	18	12	0	6	102	10	2	60
2	Bath Rugby	18	11	0	7	98	11	5	60
3	Sale Sharks	18	12	0	6	26	7	1	56
4	Saracens	18	11	0	7	135	10	2	56
5	Bristol Bears	18	11	0	7	144	8	2	54
6	Harlequins	18	9	0	9	-34	11	4	51
7	Exeter Chiefs	18	10	0	8	75	9	1	50
8	Leicester Tigers	18	9	0	9	27	5	4	45
9	Gloucester Rugby	18	5	0	13	-195	8	4	32
10	Newcastle Falcons	18	0	0	18	-378	1	4	5

Semi Final Results

Date	Time	Match	H	A	Winner	Referee	Att
31 May 2024	19:45	Northampton Saints v Saracens	22	20	Northampton Saints	Christophe Ridley	
01 June 2024	15:30	Bath Rugby v Sale Sharks	31	23	Bath Rugby	Luke Pearce	

Premiership Records



Premiership Rugby Finishers

Player	Team	Apps	Tries
Ollie Sleightholme	Northampton Saints	11 + 2	14
Alex Lewington	Saracens	10 + 3	10
Immanuel Feyi-Waboso	Exeter Chiefs	13 + 1	10
Tom Roebuck	Sale Sharks	18 + 0	10
Alex Dombrandt	Harlequins	17 + 0	8
Ben Spencer	Bath Rugby	15 + 2	8
Magnus Bradbury	Bristol Bears	16 + 0	8
Ollie Hassell-Collins	Leicester Tigers	14 + 0	8
Arron Reed	Sale Sharks	14 + 2	7
Curtis Langdon	Northampton Saints	11 + 4	7
Harry Thacker	Bristol Bears	8 + 4	7
Jacques Vermeulen	Exeter Chiefs	16 + 1	7
Joe Cokanasiga	Bath Rugby	15 + 0	7
Rus Tuima	Exeter Chiefs	9 + 4	7
Thomas du Toit	Bath Rugby	11 + 7	7
Tom Parton	Saracens	10 + 5	7
Will Muir	Bath Rugby	15 + 0	7
Alex Mitchell	Northampton Saints	9 + 2	6

The record for the most tries scored over a single season is held by Sam Simmonds (Exeter Chiefs) who scored 21 tries in 2020/21

Premiership Rugby Accumulators

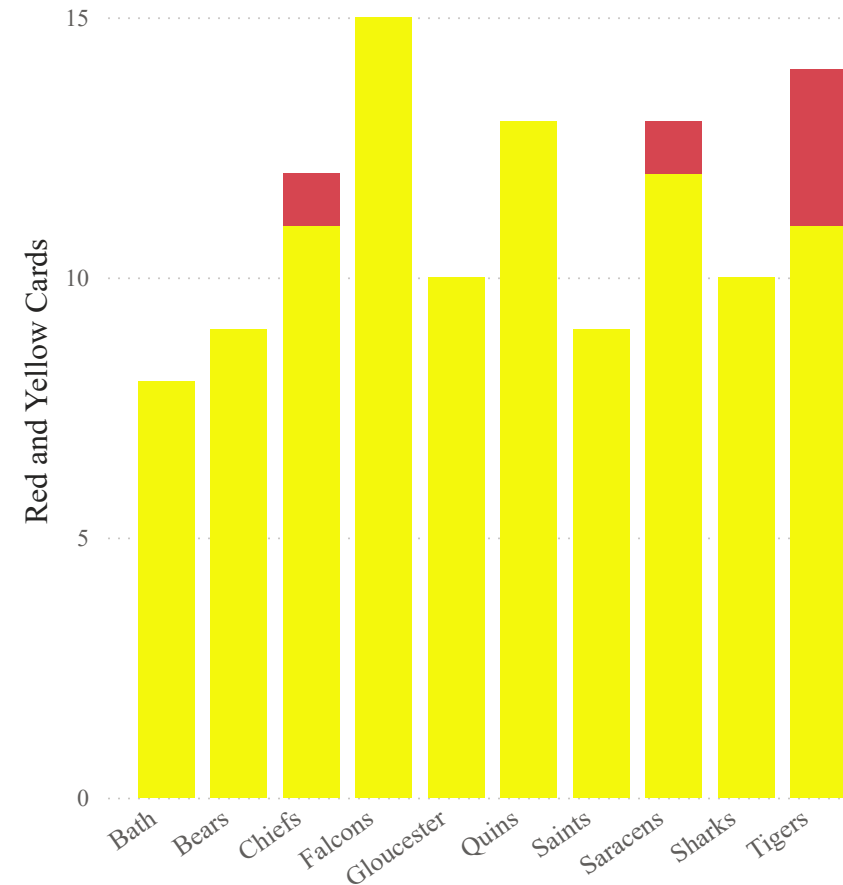
Player	Team	Apps	Tries	Conv	PG	DG	Points
Henry Slade	Exeter Chiefs	16 + 0	5	44	13	0	152
Fin Smith	Northampton Saints	15 + 1	0	43	20	1	149
Finn Russell	Bath Rugby	14 + 1	0	36	23	1	144
George Ford	Sale Sharks	13 + 0	0	30	13	2	105
Handre Pollard	Leicester Tigers	13 + 0	0	30	15	0	105
Owen Farrell	Saracens	13 + 0	1	28	13	1	103
Marcus Smith	Harlequins	12 + 1	3	32	2	1	88
Callum Sheedy	Bristol Bears	10 + 0	0	23	11	0	79
AJ MacGinty	Bristol Bears	8 + 0	1	29	5	0	78
Ollie Sleightholme	Northampton Saints	11 + 2	14	0	0	0	70
Brett Connon	Newcastle Falcons	12 + 2	1	12	13	0	68
Robert du Preez	Sale Sharks	19 + 0	5	13	4	0	63
Ben Spencer	Bath Rugby	15 + 2	8	7	1	0	57
Santiago Carreras	Gloucester Rugby	10 + 0	3	13	5	0	56
Jamie Shillcock	Leicester Tigers	7 + 8	2	8	9	0	53

The record for the most points scored over a single season is held by Barry Everitt (London Irish) who scored 343 points in 2001/02

Premiership Rugby Marksmen

Player	Team	Attempts	Kicked	Conv	PG	Kick %
Santiago Carreras	Gloucester Rugby	21	18	13/15	5/6	85.71
Jarrod Evans	Harlequins	24	20	13/16	7/8	83.33
Handre Pollard	Leicester Tigers	54	45	30/38	15/16	83.33
Elliot Daly	Saracens	12	10	4/5	6/7	83.33
AJ MacGinty	Bristol Bears	41	34	29/34	5/7	82.93
Fin Smith	Northampton Saints	76	63	43/51	20/25	82.89
Henry Slade	Exeter Chiefs	75	57	44/61	13/14	76.00
James Williams	Bristol Bears	20	15	10/12	5/8	75.00
Robert du Preez	Sale Sharks	23	17	13/16	4/7	73.91
Finn Russell	Bath Rugby	80	59	36/53	23/27	73.75
Brett Connon	Newcastle Falcons	34	25	12/18	13/16	73.53
Adam Hastings	Gloucester Rugby	11	8	6/8	2/3	72.73
Callum Sheedy	Bristol Bears	47	34	23/31	11/16	72.34
Alex Lozowski	Saracens	18	13	8/11	5/7	72.22
Jamie Shillcock	Leicester Tigers	24	17	8/14	9/10	70.83
Owen Farrell	Saracens	58	41	28/44	13/14	70.69
Rory Jennings	Newcastle Falcons	10	7	2/3	5/7	70.00
Manu Vunipola	Saracens	10	7	5/8	2/2	70.00
George Ford	Sale Sharks	62	43	30/42	13/20	69.35
George Barton	Gloucester Rugby	29	20	11/16	9/13	68.97
George Furbank	Northampton Saints	19	13	10/16	3/3	68.42
Marcus Smith	Harlequins	52	34	32/48	2/4	65.38
Ben Spencer	Bath Rugby	13	8	7/12	1/1	61.54

Premiership Rugby Playing Cards



Northampton Saints v Bath Rugby



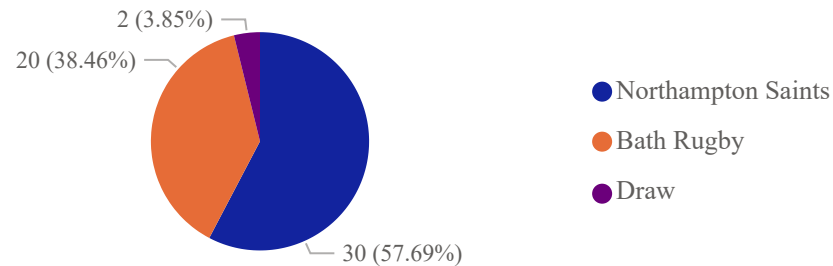
Referee: Christophe Ridley (79th game) AR: Anthony Woodthorpe AR: Luke Pearce TMO: Tom Foley Citing: John Byett

Northampton Premiership Form

Date	Opposition	Venue	Result	F	A
29 March 2024	Saracens	cinch Stadium @ Franklin's Gardens	won	41	30
20 April 2024	Leicester Tigers	cinch Stadium @ Franklin's Gardens	won	40	17
27 April 2024	Harlequins	Twickenham Stadium	lost	32	41
11 May 2024	Gloucester Rugby	cinch Stadium @ Franklin's Gardens	won	90	0
18 May 2024	Bath Rugby	The Rec	lost	12	43
31 May 2024	Saracens	cinch Stadium @ Franklin's Gardens	won	22	20

Bath Premiership Form

Date	Opposition	Venue	Result	F	A
30 March 2024	Harlequins	Twickenham Stoop	lost	36	40
20 April 2024	Exeter Chiefs	Sandy Park	won	26	14
26 April 2024	Saracens	The Rec	lost	12	15
10 May 2024	Newcastle Falcons	Kingston Park	won	28	17
18 May 2024	Northampton Saints	The Rec	won	43	12
01 June 2024	Sale Sharks	The Rec	won	31	23



- Northampton Saints won a Gallagher Premiership Rugby semi-final fixture for only the third time last weekend beating Saracens 22-20. The Saints' two previous appearances in the Final ended in a defeat to Leicester in 2013 and a victory against Saracens after extra time a year later.
- The Saints have lost on their last five visits to Twickenham Stadium since beating Harlequins 30-25 in the 'Big Game' in December 2014.
- Bath Rugby won only their second Premiership semi-final fixture when beating Sale on Saturday. Bath's two previous appearances in the Gallagher Premiership Rugby Final both ended in defeat, to Wasps in 2004 and to Saracens in 2015.
- Bath are bidding to become English Champions for the first time since 1996.
- Bath have won on five of their last seven visits to Twickenham Stadium.
- Northampton have lost just two of their last six fixtures against Bath in Premiership Rugby, both at the Recreation Ground, in October 2022 and in Round 18 this year.
- The two clubs have met in one previous final, in the EPCR Challenge Cup at Cardiff Arms Park in 2014 where the Saints won 30-16.
- This is the first time the two clubs have met at Twickenham Stadium.

Premiership Record

Team	P	W	Win %	L	D
Bath Rugby	600	310	51.67	269	21
Northampton Saints	583	318	54.55	256	9

Recent Premiership Meetings

Date	Match	Venue	Home	Away
04 December 2021	Northampton Saints v Bath Rugby	cinch Stadium @ Franklin's Gardens	40	19
23 April 2022	Bath Rugby v Northampton Saints	The Rec	31	36
22 October 2022	Bath Rugby v Northampton Saints	The Rec	27	14
10 March 2023	Northampton Saints v Bath Rugby	cinch Stadium @ Franklin's Gardens	45	26
04 November 2023	Northampton Saints v Bath Rugby	cinch Stadium @ Franklin's Gardens	24	18
18 May 2024	Bath Rugby v Northampton Saints	The Rec	43	12



Finals Records



Individual Match Records

Record	Holder
Most points	26 – Mark van Gisbergen (Wasps v Leicester, 2005)
Most tries	2 – Josh Lewsey (Wasps v Gloucester, 2003) 2 – Alesana Tuilagi (Leicester v Gloucester, 2007) 2 – Ernst Joubert (Saracens v Leicester, 2010) 2 – Chris Wyles (Saracens v Exeter, 2018) 2 – Chris Wyles (Saracens v Exeter, 2018) 2 – Louis Lynagh (Harlequins v Exeter, 2021)
Most conversions	5 – Joe Simmonds (Exeter v Harlequins, 2021)
Most penalty goals	6 – Charlie Hodgson (Sale v Leicester, 2006) 6 – Toby Flood (Leicester v Saracens, 2011) 6 – Nick Evans (Harlequins v Leicester, 2012)
Most drop goals	1 – on seven occasions
Quickest score	21secs – Peter Hewat (DG) (London Irish v Leicester, 2009)
Quickest try	25secs – Nick White (Exeter v Saracens, 2019)
Youngest Finalist	17y 249d – Ben Youngs (Leicester v Gloucester, 2007)
Youngest Starter	19y 71d – George Ford (Leicester v Harlequins, 2012)
Youngest Captain	23y 309d – Joe Simmonds (Exeter v Wasps, 2020)
Youngest Points Scorer	19y 71d – George Ford (Leicester v Harlequins, 2012)
Youngest Try Scorer	20y 205d – Louis Lynagh (Harlequins v Exeter, 2021)
Oldest Finalist	39y 9d – Richard Wigglesworth (Leicester v Saracens, 2022)
Oldest Starter	39y 9d – Richard Wigglesworth (Leicester v Saracens, 2022)
Oldest Captain	35y 249d – Lawrence Dallaglio (Wasps v Leicester, 2008)
Oldest Points Scorer	37y 117d – Jimmy Gopperth (Wasps v Exeter, 2020)
Oldest Try Scorer	34y 256d – Chris Wyles (Saracens v Exeter, 2018)
Most finals refereed	10 – Wayne Barnes

Team Match Records

Record	Holder
Highest Score	45 – Sale 45, Leicester 20 (2006)
Biggest Victory	36pts – Wasps 39, Gloucester 3 (2003)
Lowest Score	3 – Gloucester 3, Wasps 39 (2003)
Most Combined Points	78 – Harlequins 40, Exeter Chiefs 38 (2021)
Most Combined Tries	11 – Harlequins 40, Exeter Chiefs 38 (2021)
Lowest Combined Points	16 – Wasps 10, Bath 6 (2004)
Largest Attendance	81,779 – Harlequins 30, Leicester 23 (2012)
Most 1st half points	38 – Exeter 22, Saracens 16 (2019)
Least 1st Half Points	3 – Wasps 0, Bath 3 (2004)
Most 2nd Half Points	45 – Harlequins 19(40), Exeter (14)38 (2021)
Least 2nd Half Points	9 – Exeter (13)19, Wasps (10)13 9 – Leicester (12)15, Saracens (6)12
Most Tries (Team)	7 – Leicester 44, Gloucester 16 (2007)
Most Conversions (Team)	5 – Exeter 38, Harlequins 40 (2021)
Most Penalty Goals (Team)	6 – Sale 45, Leicester 20 (2006) 6 – Leicester 18, Saracens 22 (2011) 6 – Harlequins 30, Leicester 23 (2012)
Most Drop Goals (Team)	1 – on seven occasions



Finals Records



Individual Career Records

Record	Holder
Most Starts	9 – Alex Goode (Saracens)
	8 – Owen Farrell (Saracens)
	7 – George Chuter (Leicester)
	7 – Geordan Murphy (Leicester)
	7 – Brad Barritt (Saracens)
Most appearances	9 – Alex Goode (Saracens)
	8 – Owen Farrell (Saracens)
	7 – Richard Wigglesworth (Sale, Saracens & Leicester)
Most appearances as a Rep	5 – Jack Yeandle (Exeter)
Most minutes played	740 – Alex Goode (Saracens)
Most points	95 – Owen Farrell (Saracens)
Most tries	4 – Chris Wyles (Saracens)
Most conversions	12 – Owen Farrell (Saracens)
Most penalty goals	22 – Owen Farrell (Saracens)
Most drop goals	3 – Alex King (Wasps)
Most Winners Medals	7 – Richard Wigglesworth (Sale, Saracens & Leicester)
Most Losers Medals	3 – Alesana Tuilagi (Leicester)

Scored a Try in three finals

Chris Wyles (Saracens) - 2015, 2016 & 2018 (2 tries)

Scored a Try in two finals

Josh Lewsey (Wasps) - 2003 (2 tries) and 2008

Lewis Moody (Leicester) - 2006 and 2007

Ben Foden (Northampton) - 2013 and 2014

Jack Nowell (Exeter) - 2016 and 2017

Jamie George (Saracens) - 2015 and 2019 (2 tries)

Henry Slade (Exeter) - 2019 and 2020

Elliot Daly (Saracens) - 2017 and 2023

Premiership Final Winner with three clubs

Richard Wigglesworth – Sale (2006), Saracens (2011, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019) and Leicester (2022)

Premiership Final Winner with two clubs

Ayoola Erinle – Wasps (2003, 2004 & 2005) and Leicester (2008)

Jeremy Staunton – Wasps (2008) and Leicester (2010)

Christian Day – Sale (2006) and Northampton (2014)

Ben Foden – Sale (2006) and Northampton (2014)

Charlie Hodgson – Sale (2006) and Saracens (2015 & 2016)

Geoff Parling – Leicester (2010 & 2013) and Exeter (2017)

Chris Ashton – Saracens (2015 & 2016) and Leicester (2022)

Brothers in Same Final

Delon & Stefon Armitage (London Irish) - 2009

Brett & Louis Deacon (Leicester) - 2007

Martin & Will Johnson (Leicester) - 2005

Ben & Tom Youngs (Leicester) - 2012 & 2013

Alex & Manu Tuilagi (Leicester) - 2012

George & Ken Pisi (Northampton) - 2013 & 2014

Billy & Mako Vunipola (Saracens) - 2015, 2018 & 2022

Sam & Joe Simmonds (Exeter) - 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021

Jack & Tom Willis (Wasps) - 2020

Robert & Jean-Luc du Preez (Sale) - 2023



The Peter Deakin Medal

Awarded to the Man of the Match at the Premiership final, to honour the memory of Peter Deakin, one of the professional game's great marketeers.

Born in Oldham, Deakin was influenced by the approach to sports marketing he found in America and on his return to the UK transformed the Bradford Northern rugby league club into the Bradford Bulls, trebling attendances at Odsal and laying the foundations for the club's success.

At the onset of professionalism in rugby union, Saracens owner Nigel Wray brought Deakin south to work his magic on the London club, investing much of his energy in providing supporters with much more than just 80 minutes of rugby. The club's recent matches at Wembley provide echoes of Deakin's influence over a decade later.

Rugby league was his first love and Warrington tempted him back north, but Peter crossed the divide again when he returned to union with Sale Sharks, before a second stint at Saracens. Sadly, Peter died of a brain tumour on 1 February 2003 at the age of 49.



Year	Winner
2003	Alex King (London Wasps)
2004	Lawrence Dallaglio (London Wasps)
2005	Lawrence Dallaglio (London Wasps)
2006	Charlie Hodgson (Sale Sharks)
2007	Alesana Tuilagi (Leicester Tigers)
2008	Simon Shaw (London Wasps)
2009	Geordan Murphy (Leicester Tigers)
2010	Jordan Crane (Leicester Tigers)
2011	Schalk Brits (Saracens)
2012	Chris Robshaw (Harlequins)
2013	Anthony Allen (Leicester Tigers)
2014	Stephen Myler (Northampton Saints)
2015	Owen Farrell (Saracens)
2016	Alex Goode (Saracens)
2017	Don Armand (Exeter Chiefs)
2018	Mako Vunipola (Saracens)
2019	Maro Itoje (Saracens)
2020	Henry Slade (Exeter Chiefs)
2021	Joe Marler (Harlequins)
2022	Jasper Wiese (Leicester Tigers)
2023	Owen Farrell (Saracens)



Seasons Best



Individual Records

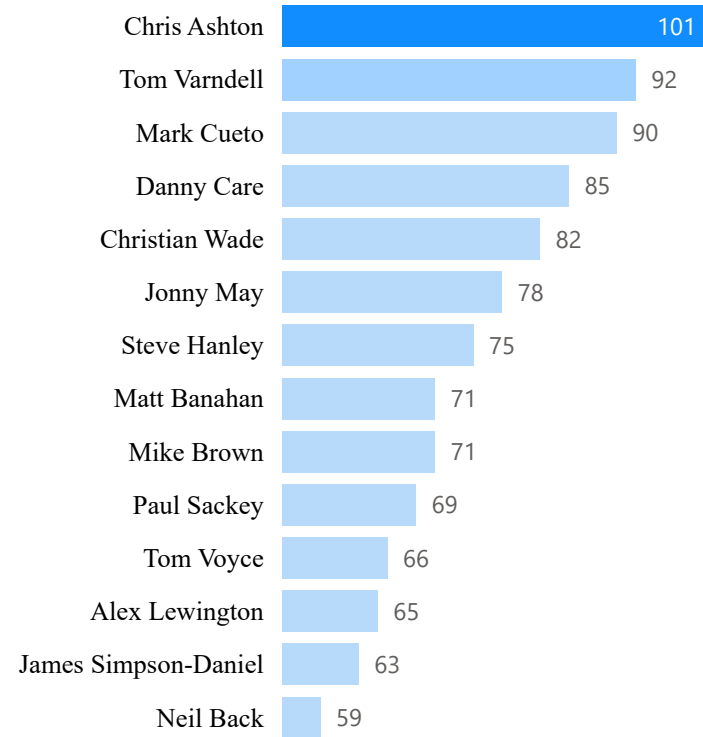
Record	All-Time	Best in 2023/24
Most points	33 – Andy Goode (Wasps v Irish, 21 Dec 14)	26 - Henry Slade (Chiefs v Quins, 11 May)
Most tries	6 - Ryan Constable (Saracens at Bedford, 16 Apr 00) 6 – Christian Wade (Wasps @ Warriors, 16 Apr 16)	3 - on nine occasions (Ollie Sleightholme twice)
Most conversions	13 - Richie Butland (Richmond at Bedford, 16 May 99)	8 - Fin Smith (Saints v Gloucester, 11 May)
Most penalty goals	9 on seven occasions	6 - Jamie Shillcock (Tigers @ Bath, 28 Oct)
Most drop goals	3 - Ludovic Mercier (Gloucester at Sharks, 22 Sep 01) 3 – Mark Mapletoft (Irish v Saints, 27 Dec 04)	1 - on six occasions (George Ford twice)
Fastest try	8.28 secs – Lee Blackett (Leeds v Falcons, 21 Mar 08)	35 secs - Immanuel Feyi-Waboso (Chiefs at Falcons, 26 Nov)

Team Records

Record	All-Time	Best in 2023/24
Most points in a home game	90-0 Saints v Gloucester (cinch Stadium, 11 May 2024)	90-0 Saints v Gloucester (cinch Stadium, 11 May)
Most points in an away game	106-12 Richmond at Bedford (Goldington Road, 16 May 99)	50-12 Saracens at Falcons (Kingston Park, 12 Nov)
Highest aggregate of points in game	118pts – Bedford 12, Richmond 106 (Goldington Road, 16 May 99)	101pts – Bears 57, Bath 44 (Ashton Gate, 27 Jan)
Biggest home win	90pts – Saints 90, Gloucester 0 (cinch Stadium, 11 May 2024)	90pts – Saints 90, Gloucester 0 (cinch Stadium, 11 May)
Biggest away win	94pts – Bedford 12, Richmond 106 (Goldington Road, 16 May 99)	38pts - Falcons 12, Saracens 50 (Kingston Park, 12 Nov)
Best attendance (regular season)	84,068 – Saracens v Quins (Wembley Stadium, 28 Mar 15)	76,813 - Quins 32, Gloucester 26 (Twickenham, 30 Dec)



All Time Try Scorer



All Time Points Scorers

Player	Apps	Tries	Conv	PG	DG	Points
Charlie Hodgson	226 + 28	39	333	550	38	2625
Andy Goode	203 + 33	28	318	465	38	2285
George Ford	159 + 20	15	310	358	16	1817
Stephen Myler	175 + 42	9	304	372	3	1778
Owen Farrell	147 + 14	13	310	351	4	1750
Jimmy Gopperth	174 + 32	24	288	344	3	1737
Nick Evans	151 + 2	22	221	366	2	1656
Gareth Steenson	145 + 50	9	329	313	3	1651
Olly Barkley	174 + 22	19	173	386	2	1605
Freddie Burns	157 + 61	18	208	329	13	1532
Jonny Wilkinson	129 + 9	25	196	302	22	1489
Toby Flood	151 + 17	31	199	247	2	1300
Danny Cipriani	198 + 32	27	213	239	7	1299
Barry Everitt	95 + 36	7	100	319	25	1267
Tim Stimpson	107 + 14	22	160	269	2	1243

All Time Appearances

