

# LV= CUP BULLETIN

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## ROUND 2 – PREVIEW

### **Sale Sharks (Pool 1) v Leeds Carnegie (Pool 4)**

*At Edgeley Park, Friday 7.45pm. Referee: Leighton Hodges (WRU).*

The home side on the day has won the last five matches that Sale Sharks have played. The Sharks have won just one of their last eight Anglo-Welsh tournament ties: 25-10 at home to Bath on 2 November 2007.

Leeds Carnegie have won three of their last four games in all competitions. Leeds' 28-17 victory over Leicester Tigers last Sunday in the LV= Cup was their first victory in the history of the Anglo-Welsh Cup.

Leeds have never beaten Sale in 15 previous encounters in all competitions, and have gained just one draw: 29-all at Headingley in the Premiership on 20 September 2002.

### **Scarlets (Pool 2) v Worcester Warriors (Pool 3)**

*At Parc y Scarlets, Saturday 3pm. Referee: David Rose (RFU).*

Scarlets have lost just one of their last five matches in all competitions: 10-16 at Connacht in the Magners League on 30 October. The Welshmen have also won four of their last five games at Parc y Scarlets. Scarlets have won all six previous home matches they have played in the history of the Anglo-Welsh Cup but all were played at the old Stradey Park.

Worcester Warriors' only away win in their last six trips was 38-5 against Olympus Madrid in the European Challenge Cup on 17 October. The Warriors have won just one of their four previous encounters with Welsh teams: 23-10 at home to Newport Gwent Dragons on 2 December 2006. The two sides' have never met before.

### **Northampton Saints (Pool 4) v Saracens (Pool 1)**

*At Franklin's Gardens, Saturday 1pm. Referee: Gwyn Morris (WRU).*

Northampton Saints have won their last nine home matches at Franklin's Gardens in all competitions, since Newcastle won there, 19-13, in the Premiership on 28 February. The Saints have suffered just one previous home defeat in the history of the Anglo-Welsh tournament: 12-24 against Worcester on 30 September 2006.

Saracens have lost just one of their ten matches played so far this season in all competitions: 23-31 in Toulon in the European Challenge Cup on 15 October. Sarries have won their last three games in the Anglo-Welsh tournament, including their 30-22 home victory over Bath in the LV= Cup on Sunday.

The two teams have already met once this season: at Wembley Stadium in the Premiership on 12 September with Saracens victorious 19-16.

### **Bath Rugby (Pool 4) v Ospreys (Pool 1)**

*At The Rec, Saturday 12.30pm. Referee: Sean Davey (RFU). Live on S4C*

Bath Rugby have won just one of their last eleven matches in all competitions: 25-12 at Sale in the Premiership on 18 September. Bath have not won at The Rec since a 33-18 victory over Saracens in the Premiership on 25 April. Bath have won two of their last three matches against Welsh opponents.

Ospreys are now winless in their last three encounters in all competitions following their narrow 17-19 home defeat to Northampton in the LV= Cup last Thursday. Ospreys have recorded three successive defeats in the Anglo-Welsh tournament.

The two teams have met twice before, both in this competition in October 2005 and October 2006 with each side winning once away from home.

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## **Leicester Tigers (Pool 1) v Newport Gwent Dragons (Pool 4)**

*At Welford Road, Saturday 3pm. Referee: Tim Wigglesworth (RFU).*

Leicester Tigers are unbeaten in their last twenty matches at Welford Road in all competitions since Wasps won there in the Premiership on 26 September 2008. The Tigers have never lost a home game in the five year history of the Anglo-Welsh tournament, winning all six home encounters so far.

Leicester have not beaten a Welsh side in their last four matches, whilst a team from Wales has not won at Welford Road against the Tigers since Swansea were victorious, 20-7, in a friendly on 20 November 1998.

Newport Gwent Dragons have won three of their last four matches in all competitions. Dragons have made 13 previous visits to England in all competitions and lost them all.

The Dragons and the Tigers have met on four previous occasions with the men from Gwent victorious just once: 24-15 at Rodney Parade in the Anglo-Welsh tournament on 30 Sep 2005.

## **Newcastle Falcons (Pool 2) v Harlequins (Pool 3)**

*At Kingston Park, Sunday 3pm. Referee: Greg Garner (RFU).*

Newcastle Falcons' 6-32 defeat at the hands of Worcester in the LV= Cup on Saturday ended a four game winning run in all competitions. The Falcons have now lost their last five games in the Anglo-Welsh tournament since a 29-24 home victory over the Dragons on 3 November 2007.

Harlequins 15-all draw at home to Scarlets on Sunday in the LV= Cup made it two successive ties for the Londoners. Quins' only victory in their last six Anglo-Welsh Cup encounters was 27-14 at Worcester on 2 November 2008.

The teams have met once before in the Anglo-Welsh tournament, on 2 December 2006 when the Falcons won 21-18 at Kingston Park. Quins have not won at Kingston Park since a 14-3 victory in the Premiership on 10 November 2006.

## **London Wasps (Pool 3) v Gloucester Rugby (Pool 2)**

*At Adams Park, Sunday 3pm. Referee: Martin Fox (RFU).*

London Wasps have lost just one of their last six matches in all competitions: 9-15 at home to Leeds in the Premiership on 1 November. Following Wasps 24-20 victory at London Irish in the LV= Cup on Sunday the Londoners have now won their last three Anglo-Welsh tournament matches.

Gloucester Rugby have lost their last five games in all competitions, whilst Gloucester's only away victory in 2009 was 26-10 at Leeds in the Premiership on 4 October.

The two teams have already met this season with Wasps winning 35-6 at Kingsholm in the Premiership on 24 October.

## **Cardiff Blues (Pool 3) v London Irish (Pool 2)**

*At City Stadium, Sunday 1.45pm. Referee: JP Doyle (RFU). Live on Sky Sports*

Cardiff Blues have won two of their last three matches, and have also won three of their last four games at the City Stadium. The reigning Anglo-Welsh cup holders have won their last seven games in the competition since a 20-42 defeat at Leicester on 3 November 2007. Cardiff have won all six previous home matches they have played in the history of the Anglo-Welsh Cup.

London Irish have won just one of their last four matches. Irish have lost just one of their last seven away games: 14-18 to Saracens at Twickenham in the Premiership on 5 September. The Exiles won their most recent away game in the Anglo-Welsh tournament (32-17 at Quins), their first ever away win in the competition, to end a five game away losing streak. Irish have won just two of their nine previous competitive matches in Wales in all tournaments. The teams have met twice before – in this competition in 2005 and 2006 – with each side winning at home.

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## ROUND 1 SYNOPSIS

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER	
<b>(b) OSPREYS (7)17</b> Richard Hibbard(37) Jonathan Spratt(58) Gareth Owen(2C/P)	<b>NORTHAMPTON SAINTS (13)19</b> James Cannon(16) Stephen Myler(C/4P) Att: 4,322
FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER	
<b>NEWPORT GWENT DRAGONS (7)20</b> Adam Greendale(C/P) Shaun Connor(2/C/P) Danny Lee(63)	<b>SALE SHARKS (6)9</b> Charlie Hodgson(3P) Att: 4,539
SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER	
<b>(B) WORCESTER WARRIORS (8)32</b> George Crook(C) Willie Walker(2C/D/P) Miles Benjamin(23) Tom Wood(55) Ollie Frost(67) Jake Abbott(75)	<b>NEWCASTLE FALCONS (6)6</b> Rob Miller(2P) Att: 6,704
SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER	
<b>LEEDS CARNEGIE (25)28</b> Joe Ford(24/2C/3P) Scott Armstrong(30) Scott Mathie(40) Att: 3,893	<b>LEICESTER TIGERS (3)17</b> George Ford(2C/P) Tom Armes(51) Will Hurrell(69)
<b>SARACENS (14)30</b> Glen Jackson(C/6P) Justin Melck(28) Richard Haughton(42) Att: 6,654	<b>BATH RUGBY (15)22</b> Ryan Davis(C) Nicky Little(C/P) Jonny Fa'amatua'inu(9/56) Scott Hobson(24)
<b>(b) GLOUCESTER RUGBY (16)25</b> Freddie Burns(2P) Nicky Robinson(P) Carlos Spencer(2P) Dave Attwood(16) Gareth Delve(18)	<b>CARDIFF BLUES (13)26</b> Ceri Sweeney(2C/4P) Xavier Rush(27) Sam Norton-Knight(58) Att: 6,099
<b>(b) LONDON IRISH (10)20</b> Jamie Lennard(C/P) Peter Hewat(8/58/C/P) Att: 10,010	<b>LONDON WASPS (18)24</b> Dave Walder(C/3P) David Lemi(1/D) Mark van Gisbergen(36)
<b>HARLEQUINS (7)15</b> Rory Clegg(C/P) David Strettle(4) George Robson(55) Att: 9,653	<b>SCARLETS (10)15</b> Rhys Priestland(C/P) Gareth Maule(26) Andrew Fenby(45)
Key: winning team shown in green, losing team in red, a draw marked in amber Note: (B) denotes a try bonus point and (b) a losing bonus point	

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## LV= CUP : HOW THEY STAND

POOL 1		Record				Points			Attack					Defence							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD
1	Saracens	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	6	0	30	3	2	1	0	22	0	0	8
2	Ospreys	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	17	1	1	4	0	19	0	0	-2
3	Leicester Tigers	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	17	3	2	3	0	28	0	0	-11
4	Sale Sharks	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	9	2	2	2	0	20	0	0	-11

POOL 2		Record				Points			Attack					Defence							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD
1	Scarlets	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	15	2	1	1	0	15	0	0	0
2	Gloucester Rugby	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	5	0	25	2	2	4	0	26	0	0	-1
3	London Irish	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	20	2	1	3	1	24	0	0	-4
4	Newcastle Falcons	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	4	3	1	1	32	1	0	-26

POOL 3		Record				Points			Attack					Defence							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD
1	Worcester Warriors	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	4	3	1	1	32	0	0	2	0	6	0	0	26
2	London Wasps	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	3	1	24	2	2	2	0	20	0	1	4
3	Cardiff Blues	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	4	0	26	2	0	5	0	25	0	1	1
4	Harlequins	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	15	2	1	1	0	15	0	0	0

POOL 4		Record				Points			Attack					Defence							
Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD
1	Leeds Carnegie	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	2	3	0	28	2	2	1	0	17	0	0	11
2	Newport Gwent Dragons	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	2	0	20	0	0	3	0	9	0	0	11
3	Northampton Saints	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	4	0	19	2	2	1	0	17	0	1	2
4	Bath Rugby	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	22	2	1	6	0	30	0	0	-8

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## RELATIVE STANDINGS

		Record				Points			Attack					Defence					PD			
		P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst		TB	LB	
1	Saracens (1)	▶	7	7	0	0	0	0	28	12	8	15	4	133	4	2	22	2	96	0	6	37
2	London Irish (2)	▶	7	5	1	1	2	1	25	15	10	25	2	176	6	4	14	0	80	0	2	96
3	London Wasps (3)	▶	7	5	0	2	1	1	22	14	8	17	3	146	6	2	19	2	97	0	2	49
4	Leicester Tigers (5)	▲	7	4	1	2	0	2	20	5	5	28	1	122	4	1	25	0	97	0	2	25
5	Northampton Saints (4)	▼	7	4	0	3	1	2	19	13	8	20	1	144	9	7	20	2	125	0	2	19
6	Newcastle Falcons (6)	▶	7	2	3	2	1	1	16	8	5	18	0	104	7	3	18	1	98	0	0	6
7	Sale Sharks (10)	▲	7	2	1	4	0	3	13	6	4	24	1	113	12	6	18	2	132	0	2	-19
8	Harlequins (8)	▶	7	2	2	3	0	1	13	6	4	20	0	98	8	5	21	3	122	0	2	-24
9	Worcester Warriors (7)	▼	7	2	0	5	0	3	11	8	5	17	3	110	11	9	14	4	127	0	1	-17
10	Gloucester Rugby (9)	▼	7	2	0	5	0	2	10	12	7	14	1	119	14	11	23	1	164	2	0	-45
11	Bath Rugby (11)	▶	7	1	1	5	0	3	9	11	3	13	1	103	15	10	10	0	125	1	0	-22
12	Leeds Carnegie (12)	▶	7	1	1	5	0	1	7	4	4	14	1	73	18	11	21	1	178	2	1	-105
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>42</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1441</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1441</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>	

		Record				Points			Attack					Defence					PD			
		P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst		TB	LB	
1	Leinster (2)	▲	7	5	0	2	0	2	22	9	8	24	4	145	6	3	15	1	84	0	2	61
2	Edinburgh Rugby (3)	▲	7	4	0	3	1	2	19	15	13	15	1	149	10	7	16	1	115	1	3	34
3	Glasgow Warriors (4)	▲	7	4	1	2	1	0	19	10	9	22	2	140	9	4	17	2	110	1	0	30
4	Ulster (1)	▼	7	4	0	3	2	1	19	16	9	14	0	140	14	7	12	1	123	1	2	17
5	Munster (6)	▲	7	4	0	3	2	1	19	14	8	9	0	113	8	8	18	0	110	0	1	3
6	Newport Gwent Dragons (7)	▲	7	4	0	3	1	0	17	10	5	14	1	105	8	4	19	2	111	1	1	-6
7	Ospreys (5)	▼	7	3	1	3	1	2	17	12	8	14	2	124	7	5	17	3	105	0	1	19
8	Scarlets (8)	▶	7	2	0	5	0	3	11	10	6	18	0	116	12	10	19	1	140	1	1	-24
9	Cardiff Blues (9)	▶	7	2	0	5	0	2	10	8	6	15	1	100	15	9	14	0	135	0	1	-35
10	Connacht (10)	▶	7	2	0	5	0	1	9	6	4	18	1	95	21	19	16	1	194	3	2	-99
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1227</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1227</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	

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## TOP POINTS SCORERS

TOP LV= CUP POINTS GETTERS						
Name	Team	Try	Conv	PG	DG	PTS
Glen Jackson	Saracens	0	1	6	0	<b>20</b>
Joe Ford	Leeds Carnegie	1	2	3	0	<b>18</b>
Ceri Sweeney	Cardiff Blues	0	2	4	0	<b>16</b>
Peter Hewat	London Irish	2	1	1	0	<b>15</b>
Stephen Myler	Northampton Saints	0	1	4	0	<b>14</b>
Dave Walder	London Wasps	0	1	3	0	<b>11</b>
Jonny Fa'amatuaunu	Bath Rugby	2	0	0	0	<b>10</b>
Shaun Connor	Newport Gwent Dragons	1	1	1	0	<b>10</b>
Willie Walker	Worcester Warriors	0	2	1	1	<b>10</b>
Charlie Hodgson	Sale Sharks	0	0	3	0	<b>9</b>
David Lemi	London Wasps	1	0	0	1	<b>8</b>
Gareth Owen	Ospreys	0	2	1	0	<b>7</b>
George Ford	Leicester Tigers	0	2	1	0	<b>7</b>
Freddie Burns	Gloucester Rugby	0	0	2	0	<b>6</b>
Rob Miller	Newcastle Falcons	0	0	2	0	<b>6</b>
Carlos Spencer	Gloucester Rugby	0	0	2	0	<b>6</b>

**Best in an Anglo-Welsh Cup Season: 63pts by Ben Blair (Cardiff Blues) in 2008/09**

## BEST KICKERS

BEST LV= CUP KICKERS				
Name	Team	Good	Att	Kick%
Ceri Sweeney	Cardiff Blues	6	7	85.71%
Joe Ford	Leeds Carnegie	5	6	83.33%
Glen Jackson	Saracens	7	9	77.78%
Charlie Hodgson	Sale Sharks	3	4	75.00%
Willie Walker	Worcester Warriors	3	4	75.00%
Stephen Myler	Northampton Saints	5	7	71.43%
Dave Walder	London Wasps	4	6	66.67%
Gareth Owen	Ospreys	3	5	60.00%
Nicky Little	Bath Rugby	2	4	50.00%
Rory Clegg	Harlequins	2	5	40.00%
Peter Hewat	London Irish	2	5	40.00%
Rhys Priestland	Scarlets	2	6	33.33%

*Qual: 4 place kicks at goal*

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## TOP TRY SCORERS

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Name	Team	TOT
Peter Hewat	London Irish	2
Jonny Fa'amatua'inu	Bath Rugby	2
Joe Ford	Leeds Carnegie	1
Tom Armes	Leicester Tigers	1
Scott Armstrong	Leeds Carnegie	1
Miles Benjamin	Worcester Warriors	1
Ollie Frost	Worcester Warriors	1
George Robson	Harlequins	1
Jake Abbott	Worcester Warriors	1
Sam Norton-Knight	Cardiff Blues	1
Dave Attwood	Gloucester Rugby	1
James Cannon	Northampton Saints	1
Gareth Delve	Gloucester Rugby	1
Andrew Fenby	Scarlets	1
Will Hurrell	Leicester Tigers	1
Scott Hobson	Bath Rugby	1
Scott Mathie	Leeds Carnegie	1
Richard Haughton	Saracens	1
Danny Lee	Newport Gwent Dragons	1
Gareth Maule	Scarlets	1
Justin Melck	Saracens	1
David Lemi	London Wasps	1
Xavier Rush	Cardiff Blues	1
Tom Wood	Worcester Warriors	1
Jonathan Spratt	Ospreys	1
David Strettle	Harlequins	1
Mark van Gisbergen	London Wasps	1
Shaun Connor	Newport Gwent Dragons	1
Richard Hibbard	Ospreys	1

**Best in an Anglo-Welsh Cup Season: 7 by Shane Williams (Ospreys) in 2007/08**

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## PLAYING CARDS IN THE LV= CUP RED CARDS (0)

## YELLOW CARDS (12)

Bath (0)	
Blues (0)	
Gloucester (1)	Alasdair Strokosch
Harlequins (1)	Tom Guest
Leeds (2)	Alejandro Moreno, Calum Clark
Leicester (0)	
London Irish (0)	
London Wasps (2)	Simon Shaw, Joe Simpson
Newcastle (2)	Rob Vickers, Brent Wilson
Dragons (1)	Duane Goodfield
Northampton (1)	Jon Vickers
Ospreys (0)	
Sale Sharks (1)	Sisa Koyamaibole
Saracens (0)	
Scarlets (0)	
Worcester (1)	Sam Tuitupou

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## LV= CUP RECORD STORE

### INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS

	All-Time	Best in 2009/10
<b>Most points</b>	25 – Ben Blair (Blues v Gloucester, 18 Apr 09)	20 – Glen Jackson (Saracens v Bath, 8 Nov)
<b>Most tries</b>	3 – Oriol Ripol (Sale v Leeds, 7 Oct 05)	2 – Johnny Fa'amatua (Bath at Saracens, 8 Nov)
	3 – Marko Stanojevic (Bristol v Ospreys, 4 Dec 05)	2 – Peter Hewat (Irish v Wasps, 8 Nov)
	3 – Shane Williams (Ospreys v Irish, 4 Nov 07)	
<b>Most conversions</b>	8 – Stephen Jones (Scarlets v Leeds, 2 Nov 07)	2 on five occasions
<b>Most penalty goals</b>	6 – Gordon Ross (Saracens v Saints, 26 Oct)	6 – Glen Jackson (Saracens v Bath, 8 Nov)
<b>Most drop goals</b>	1 on 25 occasions	1 – Willie Walker (Worcester v Newcastle, 7 Nov)
		1 – David Lemi (Wasps at Irish, 8 Nov)
<b>Fastest try</b>	33 secs – Mathieu Bourret (Northampton v Leicester, 2 Dec 06)	57 secs – David Lemi (Wasps at Irish, 8 Nov)
<b>Quickest bonus point try</b>	30 mins – Xavier Rush (Blues v Sale, 26 Oct 07)	75 mins – Jake Abbott (Worcester v Newcastle, 7 Nov)

### TEAM RECORDS

	All-Time	Best in 2009/10
<b>Most points in a home game</b>	63-25 Gloucester v Bristol (Kingsholm, 7 Oct 06)	32-6 Worcester v Newcastle (Sixways, 7 Nov)
<b>Most points in an away game</b>	47-16 Ospreys at Worcester (Sixways, 27 Oct 07)	26-25 Blues at Gloucester (Kingsholm, 8 Nov)
<b>Highest aggregate of points in game</b>	88pts – Gloucester 63, Bristol 25 (Kingsholm, 7 Oct 06)	52pts – Saracens 30, Bath 22 (Vicarage Road, 8 Nov)
<b>Biggest home win</b>	40pts – Scarlets 59, Leeds 19 (Stradey Park, 2 Nov 07)	26pts – Worcester 32, Newcastle 6 (Sixways, 7 Nov)
<b>Biggest away win</b>	31pts – Worcester 16, Ospreys 47 (Sixways, 27 Oct 07)	4pts – Irish 20, Wasps 24 (Madejski Stadium, 8 Nov)
<b>Highest attendance (pool game)</b>	17,172 – Leicester v Sale (Welford Road, 30 Nov 07)	10,010 – Irish v Wasps (Madejski Stadium, 8 Nov)

Note: 2008/09 Season bests set or equalled this past round shown in *italics*.