



# ABU DHABI HARLEQUINS RUGBY CLUB



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## Harlequins eye Double Crown glory in season-ending title decider

NBAD Abu Dhabi Harlequins are on the brink of clinching an historic double crown, as they prepare to take on Dubai Hurricanes in the final game of the season on Friday evening.

Having already won this season's Super 5 title, the Harlequins will win the Arabian Gulf League championship if they can knock over their bitter rivals from Dubai.

The Harlequins have not won the league title for seven years, and the club is eager to emulate the success of their womens' side, who have already been crowned premiership champions.

"Victory this weekend would be huge for the Harlequins," said club chairman Richard Harris.

"It's fantastic that the way the fixtures have worked out mean that we will be playing what is effectively a championship decider in the final game of season - and it's a home game, too.

"The boys have trained really hard this week and we're pumped up to go out and win the title in front of our home crowd and sponsors. It's a big occasion and it's been a long, hard season.

"We find ourselves up against our familiar foes, the Hurricanes. It's never an easy match against these guys but we're relishing the challenge of fighting for the title against one of the league's consistently top sides."

The match is at Al Ghazal Golf Club and kickoff is scheduled for 18:00 on Friday, 8 May 2009.

## About Abu Dhabi Harlequins

NBAD Abu Dhabi Harlequins rugby club was established in 1969 and is a founding member of the Arabian Gulf Rugby Football Union. Also known as 'The Bats', Abu Dhabi Harlequins have more than 600 registered players, including one women's team and 500 players who make up the club's junior division. Abu Dhabi Harlequins' headquarters and homeground are based at Al Ghazal Golf Club, Abu Dhabi.

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