



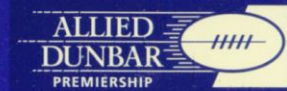
A HIGHER CLASS OF RUGBY

BATH VS GLOUCESTER

Wednesday 11th February '98
Kick-Off 7.15pm



Federico
MENDEZ



**OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME
£2.00**



BATH



GLOUCESTER



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MAIN CLUB SPONSOR



2-0
 10-0
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REPLACEMENTS	No.	PLAYER	POSITION	PLAYER	No.	REPLACEMENTS
<i>pppcc</i>	16	Jon Callard	Full Back	Ardley Lumsden	15	
	15	Ieuan Evans	Right Wing	Bryan Johnson	14	
<i>T</i>	14	Phil de Glanville	Centre	Terry Fanolua	13	
	12	Matt Perry	Centre	Richard Tombs	12	
<i>T</i>	11	Adedayo Adebayo	Left Wing	Craig Emmerson	11	
	10	Mike Catt	Fly Half	Mark Mapletoft	10	<i>f</i>
	9	Andy Nicol Capt.	Scrum Half	Laurie Beck	9	
	1	Dave Hilton	Prop	Tony Windo	1	
	2	Federico Mendez	Hooker	Chris Fortey	2	
	3	Victor Ubogu	Prop	Phil Vickery	3	
	4	Martin Haag	Lock	Rob Fidler	4	
	5	Nigel Redman	Lock	Mark Cornwell	5	
	6	Russell Earnshaw	Flanker	Pete Glanville Capt.	6	
<i>T</i>	7	Richard Webster	Flanker	Nathan Carter	7	
	8	Dan Lyle	No. 8	Steve Ojomoh	8	

OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER



OFFICIAL BALL SUPPLIER



OFFICIAL KIT SUPPLIER



REFEREE

Ed Morrison

TOUCH JUDGES

Geoff Warren

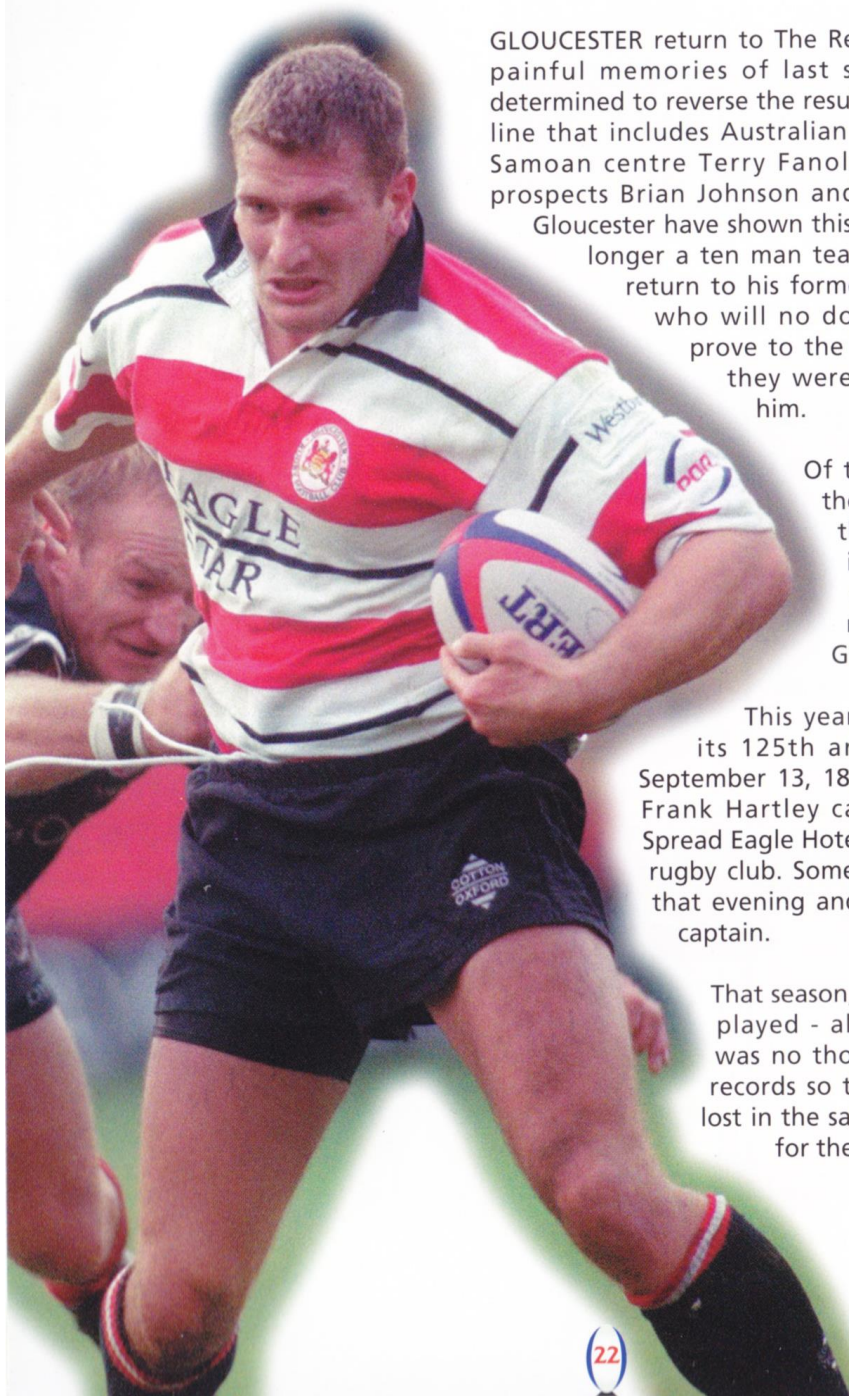
Laurie Bryant

No.	PLAYER	REPLACEMENTS	PLAYER	No.
17	Ricky Pellow		Nigel Cane	16
18	Andy Long		Nick Osman	17
19	John Mallett		Richard Ward	18
20	Rich Butland		Adey Powles	19
21	Iain Balshaw		Neil McCarthy	20
22	<i>fff</i> Eric Peters		Simon Devereux	21

OFFICIAL CAR SUPPLIER



GLOUCESTER



GLOUCESTER return to The Recreational Ground with painful memories of last season's 71-21 defeat determined to reverse the result. With a new look back line that includes Australian centre Richard Tombs, Samoan centre Terry Fanolua and hot new wing prospects Brian Johnson and teenager Rob Jewell, Gloucester have shown this season that they are no longer a ten man team. Also making a rapid return to his former club is Steve Ojomoh who will no doubt be determined to prove to the Bath management that they were too hasty in releasing him.

Of the "big three" clubs in the West Country - Bath is the oldest club, founded in 1865. Bath, formally Aquae Sulis, beat its neighbour Roman city of Glevum by eight years!

This year, Gloucester celebrates its 125th anniversary - it was on September 13, 1873 that London solicitor Frank Hartley called a meeting in the Spread Eagle Hotel in Gloucester to form a rugby club. Some 45 "gentlemen" joined that evening and Hartley was elected as captain.

That season, just three matches were played - alas in those days, there was no thought given to historical records so the definitive results are lost in the sands of time, as are those for the 1874 and 1875 seasons.

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But even without those first three season's results, the Gloucester club can claim to be the number one club in the West Country over the past 100 years. The main West Country rivalry was the Bristol-Gloucester matches. It is only relatively recently that the "daddy" (in age terms) of the West Country clubs entered the frame with Bristol and Gloucester for the big "rock 'em and sock 'em" derbies of this part of the land.

Those rugby supporters north of Watford and west of Reading look to the big three of the West Country together with Northampton and Leicester as being where it is all at.

While The Rec is today a ground where most teams fear to tread, Kingsholm, over the past 106 years, is the same - just ask the Leicester fans after the results of the past two seasons!

One area where the Bath and Gloucester clubs are on an equal footing is in the number of internationally capped players - going into this season it is 45 for each club. But then a certain Mr Perry put Bath ahead by one as of today... (unless Mr Vickery managed to get on at Stade Francais last weekend!)

Long may Bath v Gloucester (or a Gloucester v Bath) fixture get the adrenalin going in the two West Country Roman cities.

