



SATURDAY 3RD JANUARY 2004

TODAY'S TEAMS AT WELFORD ROAD



Jaco van der Westhuyzen	15
Neil Baxter	14
Leon Lloyd	13
Ollie Smith	12
Freddie Tuilagi	11
Andy Goode	10
Austin Healey	9
Graham Rowntree	1
Jim Richards	2
Darren Morris	3
Martin Johnson	4
Ben Kay	5
Martin Corry	6
(c) Neil Back	7
Henry Tuilagi	8

FULL BACK
RIGHT WING
OUTSIDE CENTRE
INSIDE CENTRE
LEFT WING
FLY HALF
SCRUM HALF
LOOSE HEAD PROP
HOOKER
TIGHT HEAD PROP
SECOND ROW
SECOND ROW
BLINDSIDE FLANKER
OPENSIDE FLANKER
NO. 8

15	Jon Goodridge
14	Marcel Garvey
13	Robert Todd
12	Henry Paul
11	James Simpson-Daniel
10	Duncan McRae
9	Andy Gomarsall
1	Trevor Woodman
2	Chris Fortey
3	Andy Deacon
4	Adam Eustace
5	Alex Brown
6	Jake Boer (c)
7	Peter Buxton
8	Junior Paramore

SUBSTITUTES: MATCH OFFICIALS

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	George Chuter	16
	Ricky Nebbett	17
	Louis Deacon	18
	Will Skinner	19
	Will Johnson	20
	Luke Myring	21
CERTIFIE	Sam Vesty	22

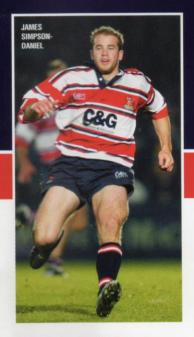
REFEREE: **ROY MAYBANK TOUCH JUDGES:** PAUL EMERSON DON HELME

INTERNATIONALS ARE DENOTED IN BOLD

- Chris Collins 16
- Rodrigo Roncero
- 18 Paul Johnstone
- 19 Mark Cornwell
- 20 James Merriman
- Alex Page 21
- **Terry Fanolua** 22

MATCH RECORD															
TIGERS POINTS															
GLOUCESTER POINTS															
TIME															
SCORER															

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Today is the final Zurich
Premiership outing for Gloucester
before returning to four weeks of
Heineken Cup adventures, and
the Cherry and Whites will be
keen to take their record to eight
wins from 14.

Last weekend saw some great festive entertainment at Kingsholm with Gloucester edging a close encounter against NEC Harlequins 18-17.

The four points saw Nigel Melville's team receive a big confidence boost after a disappointing result at Headingley against Leeds the previous week.

Results in the last month have picked up after a disappointing November. December saw victories over Northampton, Treviso, Bourgoin and Harlequins, and one poor result away at Leeds.

In addition to the recent run of results, there has also been the bonus of seeing the likes of Trevor Woodman and James Simpson-Daniel setting the pitch alight with some superb performances.

Simpson-Daniel scored again last weekend to take his season's try tally to nine, including what could be the try of the season against Treviso in Italy, when he ran rings around the Italian side from his own 22 line.

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The talented wing-man has put his World Cup disappointment behind him and made the best possible statement, by showing everyone what he is capable of through pace, power and rugby ability.

But Simpson-Daniel isn't the only one to be touching down regularly. Trevor Woodman has also started to get accustomed to the smell of the try line

The 27 year-old prop scored a scintillating try against Northampton on his return to Cherry and Whites action at the beginning of December. That 30-metre solo effort was backed up with another last weekend against Ouins.

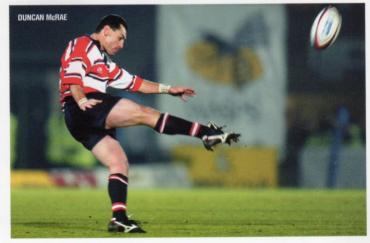
Woodman was on hand after Delport picked up a kick in his own half, Simpson-Daniel combined and the England loose-head powered over.

Just like Leicester, the Cherry and Whites were without a number of World Cup players during the Autumn. Phil Vickery, Trevor Woodman and Andy Gomarsall were with the England set-up and Terry Fanolua came back from Samoa duties with a broken thumb. Argentine prop Rodrigo Roncero saw action with the Pumas, and Thinus Delport was key in South Africa's campaign.

However, their absence gave a number of players the opportunity to impress from the start of the 2003/04 Zurich Premiership campaign.

The season started with a 22-8 win over newly promoted Rotherham at Kingsholm, but was then followed by a narrow loss to London Irish at the Madejski Stadium. The home form continued the following week with a good win against Saracens in front of the Sky Sports cameras.

A journey to Newcastle saw the Falcons come out on top in round four of the Zurich Premiership, before the Cherry and Whites returned to



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winning ways against Leicester, again in front of the Sky cameras.

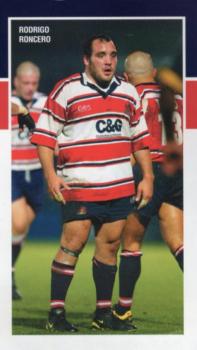
Nigel Melville's team got its first away win of the campaign in a 16-0 victory against Quins at the Stoop in the middle of October. This was followed up by a 24-19 win at home against Leeds that saw Simpson-Daniel touch down twice.

The beginning of November saw Gloucester narrowly miss out against Northampton in a passionate affair that saw one red card and a number of yellow shown at Franklin's Gardens.

The defeat at Saints was followed by two defeats, to Bath and Wasps respectively, before the team got back to winning ways in December.

Off the field stadium developments have taken a leading role. The Club teamed up with its loyal supporters to launch the Kingsholm Supporters Mutual (KSM), a new supporters trust established to raise funds towards stadium development plans.





Although the new development was put back just before Christmas, with the intended target of this coming summer postponed, the next two months will prove key as the KSM and management plan for the summer of 2005.

The new stadium development is set to offer the Club and the city a great facility that will help the Cherry and Whites grow as a club both on and off the field.

Looking back at the last 12 months, prior to the 2003/04 kick off, it has been some of the most memorable times in the 130-year history of the Club, with a successful Powergen Cup campaign and a superb ninemonth control on the regular Zurich Premiership season.

This is the second meeting between Gloucester and Leicester Tigers this season. The first meeting saw the Cherry and Whites run out 24-3 winners at Kingsholm.

After last Saturday's showing, Gloucester come into today's game hoping to build on their current standing in the Zurich Premiership.