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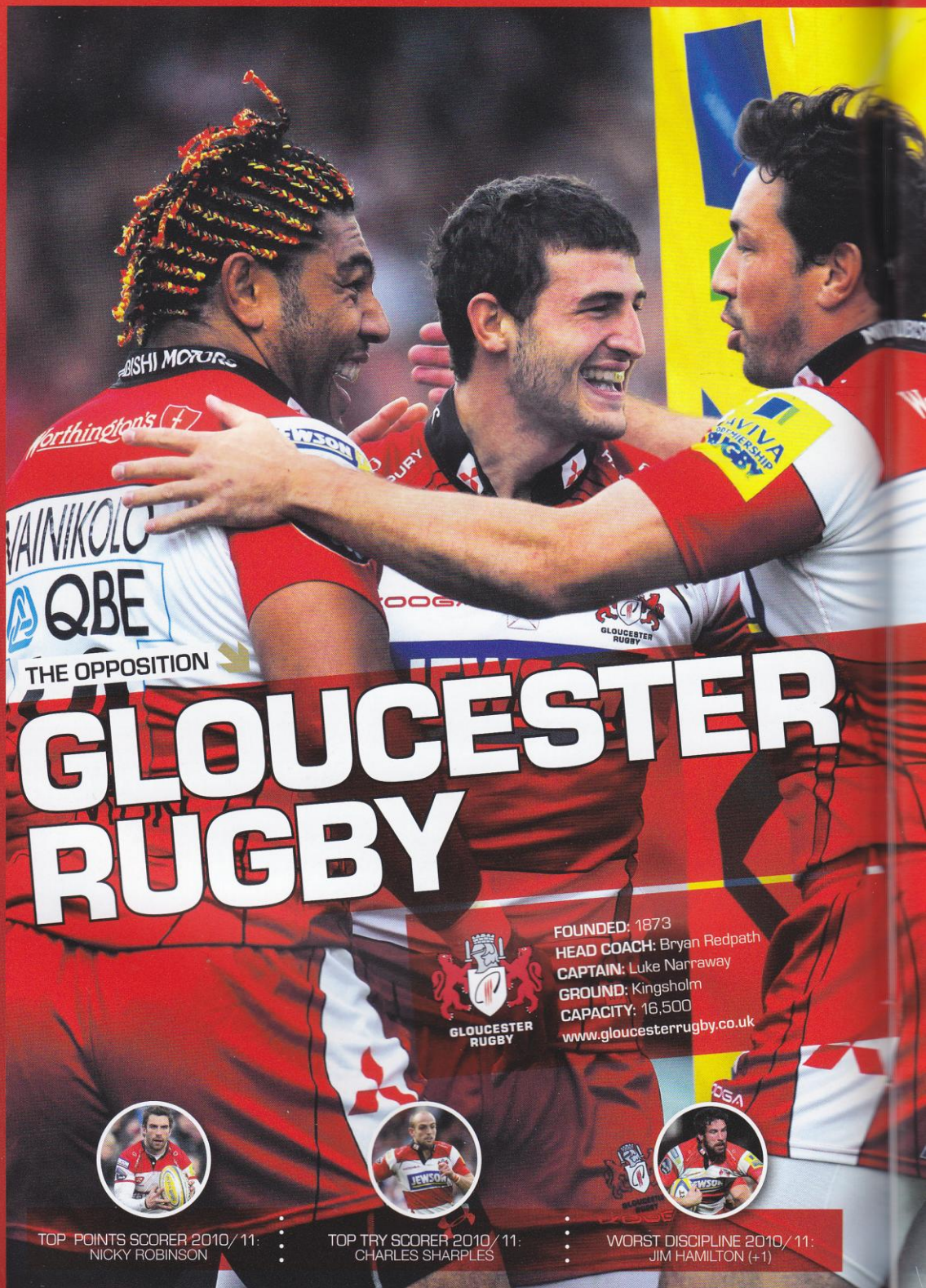
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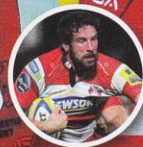
FOUNDED: 1873
HEAD COACH: Bryan Redpath
CAPTAIN: Luke Narryway
GROUND: Kingsholm
CAPACITY: 16,500
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TOP POINTS SCORER 2010/11:
NICKY ROBINSON



TOP TRY SCORER 2010/11:
CHARLES SHARPLES



WORST DISCIPLINE 2010/11:
JIM HAMILTON (+1)

GLOUCESTER ALL SET FOR DERBY DAY

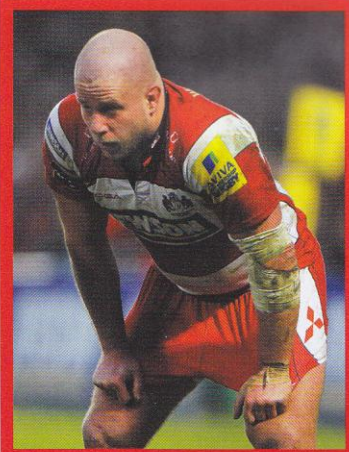
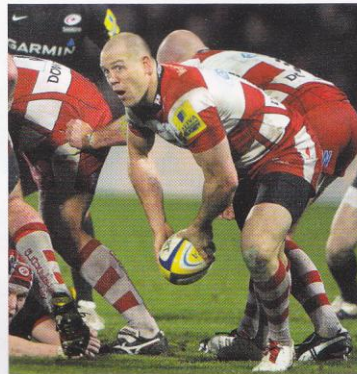
BY DUNCAN WOOD

Gloucester Rugby enter 2012 with an awful lot still to play for. Qualification for the knockout stages of the Heineken Cup looks to be beyond Bryan Redpath's side but Gloucester are still defending their LV= Cup with pride and in the hunt for an Aviva Premiership play off place.

It's been quite a testing season so far for Redpath and his squad. With a smaller sized squad in

front in recent weeks, however. Brown made his comeback in an Aviva Premiership A League fixture earlier this week and Molenaar has a few A League outings under his belt.

On the pitch, a frustrating number of results went narrowly against Gloucester. 2010-11 saw the Cherry and Whites edge a number of close encounters on their way to a third place finish in the Aviva Premiership table. This time around, those tight tussles have been going



3TOWATCH: NICK WOOD

The Swindon born loose head prop is now in his ninth season with the club and closing in on 200 appearances.

He joined the Gloucester Rugby Academy from Radley College, quickly became a regular in the first team squad and in recent seasons has made the number one shirt his own.

Season after season he has delivered a consistent level of performance as well as proving to be incredibly durable.

Wood has represented England at U21 level and been a frequent member of the Saxons set up. He toured South Africa with England in 2007 and was selected to make his full debut only to have to withdraw due to injury.

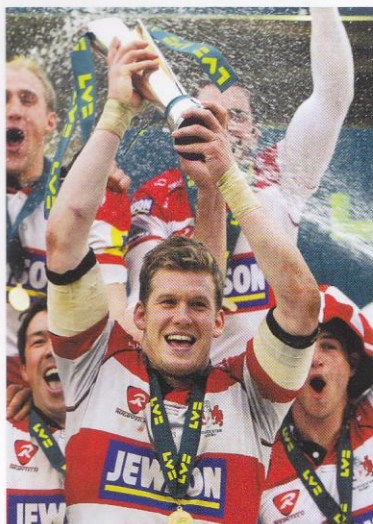
He also toured Argentina with England in the summer of 2009, was part of the Saxons successful Churchill Cup defence last year and is being widely tipped by many members of the rugby writing fraternity to earn a place in the England EPS squad this spring.

terms of numbers than in seasons past, and with seven players away on World Cup duty as the Aviva Premiership kicked off, the club also suffered with injuries.

Even before the preseason friendlies were complete, club captain Luke Narryway had to undergo surgery on a bulging disc in his back and centre Tim Molenaar tore a pectoral muscle.

And when Andy Hazell broke a thumb and Alex Brown injured a shoulder in the season opener at Northampton, it's fair to say that lady luck definitely wasn't looking kindly on the Gloucester physio room!

Things have improved on that



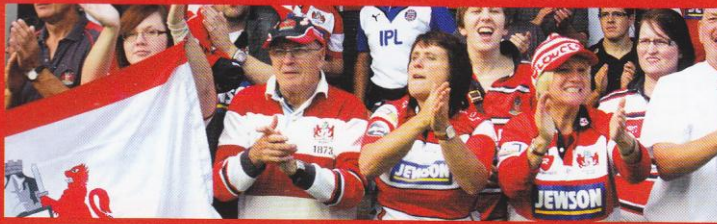
the wrong way.

That said, there's been something of a resurgence in recent weeks with back to back wins over Connacht in the Heineken Cup before the team really hit their straps and ran in six tries against London Wasps on Boxing Day.

And last weekend saw the team dog out a hard fought 15-15 draw against Saracens at Vicarage Road – no mean achievement.

So, there's plenty to play for this afternoon as if a Worcester vs Gloucester fixture needed anything more to spice it up!

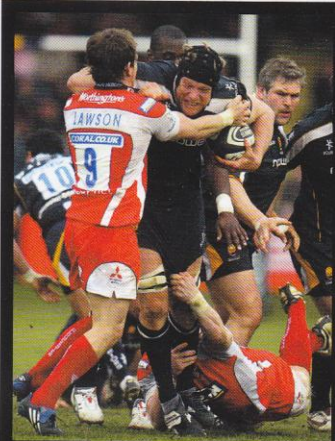
Gloucester triumphed earlier in the season at Kingsholm but Sixways has always proved to be a



GLoucester RUGBY

SQUAD

NAME	DOB	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HONS
Britton, Koree	04/03/92	19	5' 11"	16 st 9 lb	
Brown, Alex	17/05/79	32	6' 7"	18 st 3 lb	■ ■
Burns, Freddie	13/05/90	21	6' 1"	12 st 8 lb	
Buxton, Peter	21/08/78	33	6' 4"	18 st 1 lb	
Charles, Nathan	09/01/89	22	6' 0"	16 st 9 lb	
Chistolini, Dario	14/09/88	23	5' 11"	17 st 3 lb	
Cortese, Matias	01/10/85	26	6' 0"	16 st 11 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Cox, Matt	06/03/88	23	6' 3"	15 st 5 lb	
Dawidiuk, Darren	21/09/87	24	5' 11"	14 st 12 lb	
Deacon, Brett	07/03/82	29	6' 4"	17 st 4 lb	
Evans, Gareth	19/09/91	20	6' 3"	17 st 4 lb	
Fuimaono-Sapolu, Eliota	31/10/80	31	6' 1"	16 st 1 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Hamilton, Jim	17/11/82	29	6' 8"	19 st 7 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Harden, Rupert	09/05/86	25	6' 3"	18 st 7 lb	
Hazell, Andrew	25/04/78	33	6' 0"	14 st 12 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
James, Will	22/12/76	34	6' 6"	18 st 12 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Knight, Shaun	19/02/90	21	6' 0"	17 st 7 lb	
Lawson, Rory	12/03/81	30	5' 8"	13 st 5 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Lawson, Scott	28/09/81	30	5' 8"	15 st 2 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Lewis, Dave	29/04/89	22	5' 7"	12 st 8 lb	
Lyons, David	10/05/85	26	6' 6"	18 st 0 lb	
May, Jonny	01/04/90	21	6' 1"	14 st 2 lb	
Mills, Ryan	30/05/92	19	6' 0"	14 st 11 lb	
Molenaar, Tim	19/02/81	30	6' 2"	17 st 6 lb	
Morgan, Olly	03/11/85	26	6' 2"	14 st 10 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Murphy, Dan	27/10/85	26	6' 3"	18 st 0 lb	
Narraway, Luke	07/09/83	28	6' 3"	17 st 0 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Qera, Akapusi	24/04/84	27	6' 4"	16 st 2 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Robson, Dan	14/03/92	19	5' 7"	11 st 13 lb	
Runciman, Nick	01/09/85	26	5' 8"	13 st 5 lb	
Savage, Tom	18/04/89	22	6' 5"	18 st 1 lb	
Sharples, Charlie	17/08/89	22	6' 0"	14 st 8 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Simpson-Daniel, James	30/05/82	29	6' 0"	14 st 6 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Strokosch, Alasdair	21/02/83	28	6' 3"	16 st 11 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Taylor, Tim	04/10/82	29	6' 0"	13 st 12 lb	
Thomas, Yann	16/04/90	21	6' 2"	18 st 12 lb	
Tindall, Mike	18/10/78	33	6' 2"	16 st 0 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Trinder, Henry	14/04/89	22	6' 0"	13 st 5 lb	
Vainikolo, Lesley	04/05/79	32	6' 2"	17 st 8 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Voyce, Tom	05/01/81	30	6' 1"	14 st 13 lb	■ ■ ■ ■
Wood, Nick	09/01/83	28	6' 1"	17 st 8 lb	



WALKER SINKS PARENT CLUB IN DERBY

March 22, 2009
WARRIORS 14
Gloucester Rugby 10

Worcester's on-loan fly-half Willie Walker kicked three penalties to stop his parent club from returning to the top of the table.

The Cherry and Whites dominated but it was their former winger, Marcel Garvey, who danced his way through the forwards to open the scoring for Worcester.

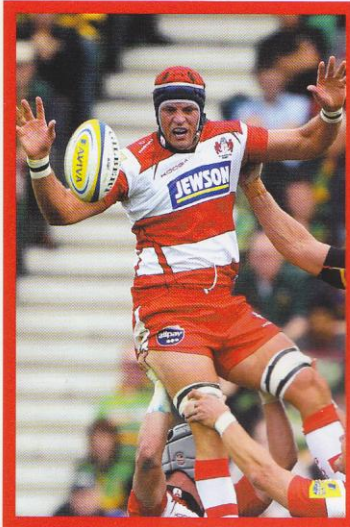
But the home side were penalised at three consecutive five-metre scrums and Gloucester were awarded a penalty try.

Walker added nine points while the home defence kept the second-half scoreless.

The only disappointment for the home side was a season-ending injury to full-back Chris Latham. The former Australian international fractured his shoulder blade while making a try-saving tackle on Luke Narraway.

"We took a bit of a gamble this week and gave the guys a bit more time out," revealed Mike Ruddock after the game. "In fact we had a barbecue and bit of a get-together on Monday afternoon so I might have to make it a regular thing. We didn't leave it on the training pitch we transferred it onto the park."

FIXTURE
Flashback



3TOWATCH: ALEX BROWN

Having successfully come through an Aviva Premiership A League game last Monday following a lengthy absence due to injury, second row Alex Brown is back in contention for selection this weekend.

He was initially injured during the season opener at Northampton Saints, finally opted for surgery on his shoulder after the week three defeat at Harlequins and has been sorely missed ever since.

Regarded as one of the best line out takers in the country, Brown signed from arch rivals Bristol Shoguns in 2003, and soon became a regular in the Gloucester line up.

Not only is Brown superb in the line-out, but he is one of Gloucester's biggest hitters in defence and a willing ball carrier.

One of the most consistent performers in the Premiership, he won two more England caps on the summer tour to South Africa in the summer of 2007 to add to the one he won on debut against Australia.

Alex has continued to be one of the Premiership's most consistent performers and signed a new contract with the club in Spring 2011.

tough venue to visit.

Redpath's side did gatecrash Chris Latham's leaving party on their last visit as they shaded a 23-22 result back in May 2010 but the two previous meetings saw Worcester earn the bragging rights thanks to 17-14 and 14-10 scorelines.

The Warriors will be in good spirits having clinched a morale boosting win on the road at London Wasps last weekend which moves them up to 10th place in the table and, crucially, ten points clear of the floundering Falcons at the foot of the table.

A local derby with plenty riding on the outcome? Couldn't be a better recipe for a passionate, hard fought encounter between two sides desperate for a win could there?

BRYAN REDPATH:

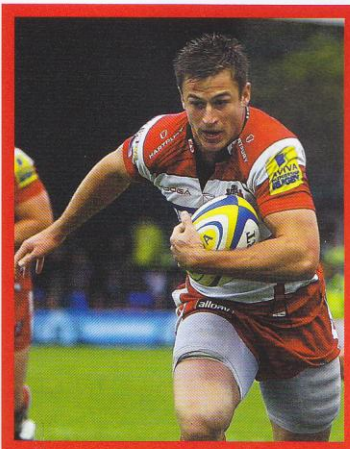
The former Scotland scrum-half retired from playing in May 2005 after a successful professional career that saw him represent Sale, Narbonne, Edinburgh and Melrose, and win 60 international caps in addition to appearing at two Rugby World Cups. He arrived as backs coach at Gloucester Rugby in the summer of 2005 and was named Head Coach in June 2009 following the departure of Dean Ryan.

In his first season in charge, he guided Gloucester to seventh place in the Guinness Premiership table and to the final of the LV= Cup.

2010-11 saw an even better return as Gloucester finished third



in the Aviva Premiership table and won the LV= Cup as they defeated Newcastle Falcons at Franklin's Gardens.



3TOWATCH: HENRY TRINDER

22 year old centre Trinder is one of Gloucester Rugby's current crop of sparkling young English qualified backs.

He progressed through the Academy and also benefitted from a loan spell with Championship side Moseley before really catching the eye in England U20s Junior World Cup Championship campaign in Tokyo in 2009.

2010-11 was his breakthrough season in the first XV as he scored 13 tries from 15 starts across all competitions, form which caught the eye of the England selectors.

He represented England against the Barbarians at Twickenham in the non cap international before linking up with the Saxons in their Churchill Cup defence.

A cultured runner with ball in hand, he also possesses a more than useful kicking game of his left foot and is another widely fancied to make the England EPS squad for the RBS Six Nations.

BURNS NOT FAZED BY DERBY DAY

It's a sign of the growing maturity of Gloucester Rugby's young fly half Freddie Burns that neither the opposition nor the conditions fazed him last weekend at Saracens.

The Men in Black are always a pugnacious opponent to come up against. Dogmatic? Pragmatic? Yes, but also a side that wins more often than it loses. It may not always be pretty but it's effective.

So, when the heavens opened an hour or so before kick off at Vicarage Road last Sunday, you could have forgiven the Gloucester side for assuming that the ideal weather had

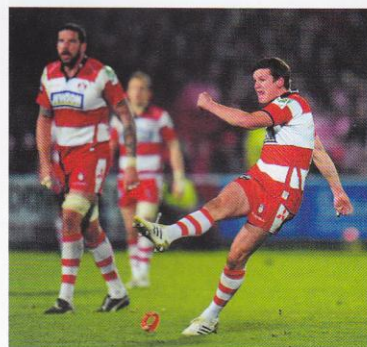
Burns explained.

"We pride ourselves as a movement team so in those conditions it was always going to be tough.

"It was hammering down through the game and then stops as soon as it finishes, but we're happy enough with that draw to be honest.

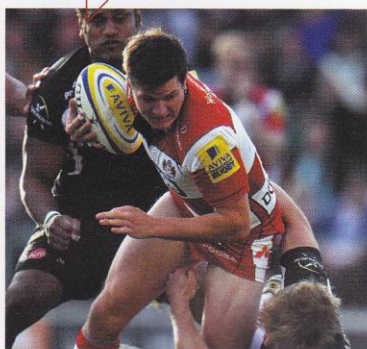
"I sat in the changing room talking to some of the backs and we were wondering whether we'd even played any rugby.

"But sometimes you have to go away from that, sometimes you've just got to kick the corners and put the ball in the air, especially if you've got someone like Morgs (Olly Morgan)



lessons learned and it's now all about Worcester this afternoon and Gloucester are under no illusions about the size of the task in hand.

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arrived right on cue for Saracens.

Gloucester have established a reputation in recent times as a side that likes to play rugby. Its back line is littered with young, exciting English talent who like nothing better than running with ball in hand and taking on the opposition.

That approach paid off handsomely against London Wasps at Kingsholm on Boxing Day but it's horses for courses in first class rugby and the game plan had to change last week as

chasing."

As well as executing the Gloucester game plan, the 21 year old also had the responsibility of taking the kicks at goal but he stressed that it's a challenge that he enjoys and result was a five penalty goal haul in the 15-15 result.

"That's one thing I've learnt this year, especially early on, that it was not so much as though I was letting the situation get to me, but goal kicking is a very isolated skill.

"Sometimes you just have to take it away from the game and, even if you've got frustrations throughout the game, when it comes to goal-kicking you've got to put that to one side and just focus on repetition and doing the same thing every time.

"Fortunately enough, today I was striking them well, and I was just happy enough to land them when it mattered really."

That result, however, is already history. It's been analysed and the

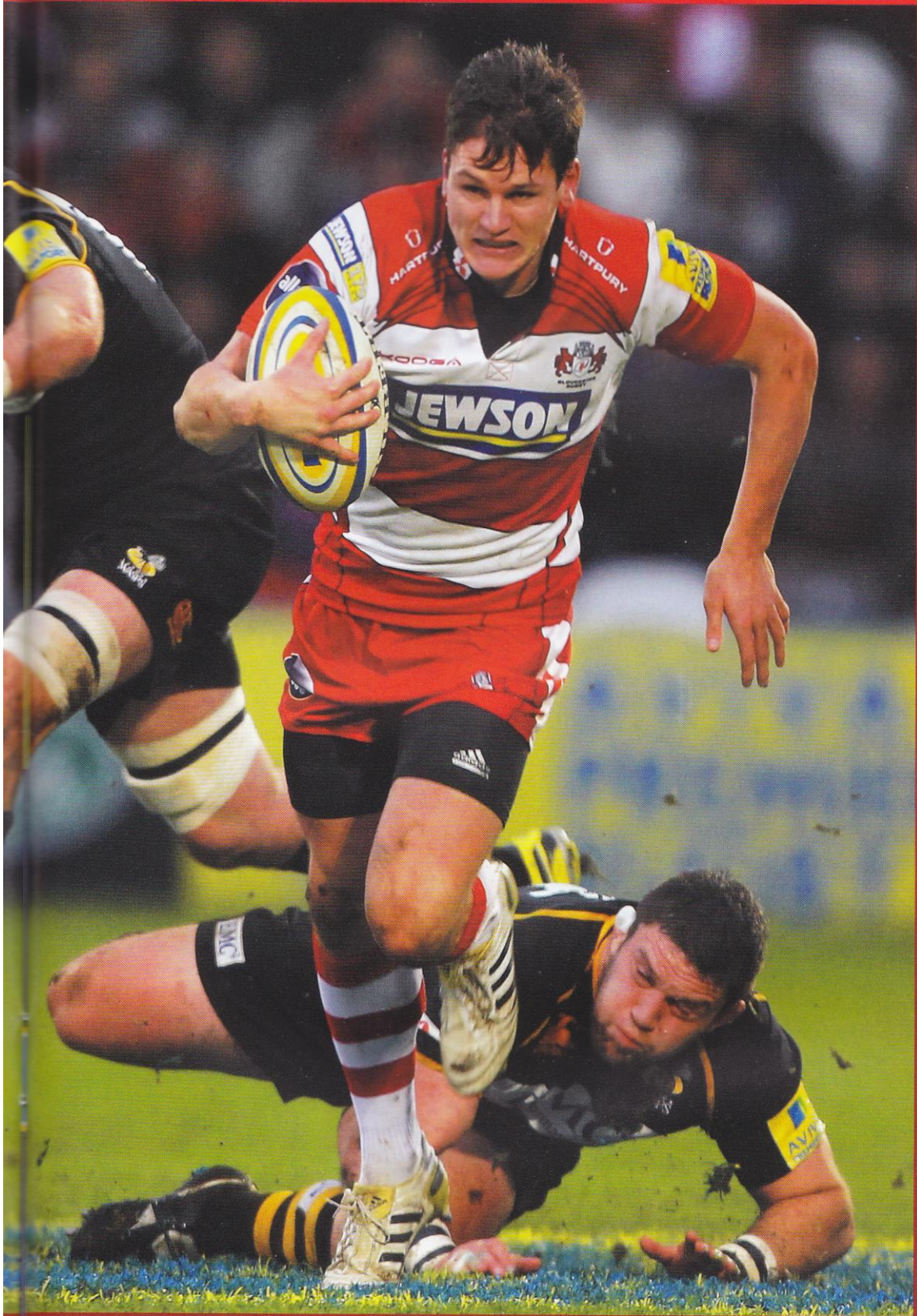
"Look at the Premiership table and there's so few points between teams that one win can push you up while one defeat can bump you right back down.

"It's going to be hard as they'll be full of confidence from their win last weekend. So they'll be a tough team, and we've just got to play the conditions again.

"If it's dry we'll run it, if it's wet we'll have to sit back and kick. But it was just pleasing to get that result in bad conditions, to prove that we can play that way.

"We can't use the fact that we are a running team as an excuse for losing the game. We've proved now can go to places like Saracens, play the kicking game and still come out with a good result.

"You've got to simplify the game and go back to basics. And to be honest in conditions like that I'll probably learn more than I would if it was a dry day."



0-3 10-6 10-21
 3-3 10-13 15-21
 10-3 10-16

TODAY'S TEAMS

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WARRIORS VS GLOUCESTER RUGBY

15	CHRIS PENNELL (C)	OLLY MORGAN	15
14	T MARCEL GARVEY	JONNY MAY ^{SHARPLES T}	14
13	ALEX GROVE	HENRY TRINDER	13
12	DALE RASMUSSEN	^{TINDALE} ELIOTA FUJIMONO-SAPOLU	12
11	MILES BENJAMIN	JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL	11
10	P JOE CARLISLE	FREDDIE BURNS ^{PC}	10
09	JONNY ARR	RORY LAWSON	09
01	MATT MULLAN	NICK WOOD	01
02	ALEKI LUTUI	SCOTT LAWSON	02
03	TEVITA TAUMOEPEAU	RUPERT HARDEN	03
04	JAMES PERCIVAL	PETER BUXTON ^{Brown}	04
05	CHRIS JONES	JIM HAMILTON	05
06	SAM BETTY	ALASDAIR STROKOSCH	06
07	JAKE ABBOTT	AKAPUSI QERA	07
08	MATT KVESIC	LUKE NARRAWAY (C)	08
16	BRUCE DOUGLAS	MATIAS CORTESE	16
17	ED SHERVINGTON	DAN MURPHY	17
18	OLIVER TOMASZCZYK	DARIO CHISTOLINI	18
19	BEN GULLIVER	BRETT DEACON	19
20	RICHARD MUAGUTUTIA	MATT COX	20
21	SHAUN PERRY	DAVE LEWIS	21
22	TEP ANDY GOODE	RYAN MILLS	22
23	RAVAI FATIAKI	CHARLIE SHARPLES ^{MAY T}	23