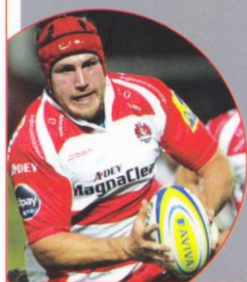


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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

TOM SAVAGE

Good afternoon and welcome to Kingsholm, and welcome to everyone connected to Edinburgh Rugby.

Round four of the Heineken Cup and it seems to have flown by. For a squad, and a young squad like we are, to be pitting our wits against some of the best teams in Europe is a very unique challenge.

Today we're obviously taking on Edinburgh, the same opponent as last week. These back to back games are always slightly strange, facing the

against Quins and Leicester, but the result in Edinburgh is both a huge confidence boost and a way of putting smiles back on faces.

It was a fine reward for our loyal support. The players have told me that the following in Cherry and White that swarmed all over Murrayfield was a real sight to behold. As a captain I must thank every single supporter who took time to follow the boys and I promise you, it really does make a difference.

It was a win against a strong

"I MUST THANK EVERY SINGLE SUPPORTER WHO TOOK TIME TO FOLLOW THE BOYS..."

same team twice in a week.

I missed out last weekend, but I gained plenty of positives from following the action from Murrayfield and hearing the boys



Thumbs Up The boys put in a cracking performance last week

putting in a cracking performance and recording the win.

Before that, it had been a tough few weeks, coming up just short

and experienced Edinburgh side and this weekend the challenge will be exactly the same. Back to back games is a unique experience but it focuses the mind within the changing room and we will have to regain our top form again to come out on top this afternoon.

I've spoken a lot with Billy Twelvetrees and we have both embraced the captaincy role that Nigel has bestowed upon us this season and, when we get the result after a hard fought effort from the squad, it's the best feeling in the game.

We know that in the next few weeks we have some massive games coming up and, as always, every cheer and chant from the stands will make the difference as we all pull together to get the results, starting again at home this afternoon in the Heineken Cup.

Enjoy the game,

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NIGEL DAVIES DIRECTOR OF RUGBY



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COACH'S NOTES

After the long trip north to Scotland last weekend to take on Edinburgh, it's good to be back home at Kingsholm this afternoon in front of our own supporters for the return fixture.

commitment. But our execution still wasn't quite where we know it can be, and that cost us.

We are however making small strides forward and even though the execution was not to the level required, we had still done enough

been going our way, and that can have an impact upon confidence.

And Murrayfield is not an easy place to go to and win. I've been there many times over the years in the Celtic League and Edinburgh can be a tough nut to crack at home.

We didn't start well, but we stayed positive and tried to play the game on our terms. We took the game to them and I was very pleased with the outcome.

We weren't perfect, there's still a lot to come from this group of players. But, on a difficult surface at Murrayfield, I thought we played some good rugby at times.

The important thing now, of course, is to carry that momentum into this weekend's game. These back to back games are always a bit tricky to prepare for, and Edinburgh will be hoping to immediately make amends for last week's result.

But we'll take a lot from that performance. It's been a tough few weeks and we've still a way to go. But, with two home games in a row, we'll be looking to finish 2013 on a high.

It would be wrong of me though to finish these notes without making reference to our support at Murrayfield last weekend.

I have to admit that I was genuinely taken aback by the amount of Gloucester Rugby supporters at the game last weekend. It felt as though we had taken over the place!

To run out to that sort of reception when you're playing away from home, makes a massive difference to the players and is genuinely appreciated by everyone at the club.

Cheers,

Nigel



There's a famous old saying that a week is a long time in politics. Well, a lot can happen in a week in rugby union and there's rarely been a dull moment at Gloucester Rugby recently.

The last time we were here at Kingsholm, just over a fortnight ago, we were in Premiership action taking on the Leicester Tigers.

It was another pulsating encounter between the two sides under the lights, and I couldn't question our attitude and

to win the game!

We were better in so many aspects of our game up at Murrayfield last weekend against today's opponents, Edinburgh.

Firstly, I was very pleased with the mental approach that the squad showed. We didn't have the easiest trip up there following the air traffic control issues, but we stayed tight as a group, didn't let that affect us and focused on the job in hand.

Everyone has been working incredibly hard. Results have not



VIEW FROM The Citizen

with **MIKE BROWN**

Mike talks to speedster Jonny May about his international ambitions and his reaction to the man-of-the-match performance against Edinburgh last weekend.

IN WITH A SHOUT



Jonny May enhanced his claims for an England place with an electric performance against Edinburgh, but insists his focus is firmly on Gloucester.

The centre turned wing mesmerised with a man-of-the-match performance at Murrayfield as Gloucester secured a 23-12 victory and set up Martyn Thomas' second try with a dazzling break.

Despite making his England Test debut during the summer tour of Argentina, May missed out on a place in the England EPS and was instead selected for the Saxons.

But with Stuart Lancaster facing an injury crisis out wide, with Christian Wade, Marland Yarde and Ben Foden all sidelined, May proved he can answer a Six Nations SOS.

He said: "It was probably my best game of the season and hopefully it will be a turning point for the team.

"I would be lying if I said I didn't know anything about the situation because you always want to be within a shout of the Test team.

"Everyone is telling me that such and such is out and I will be in with a shout, but all I've got to do is concentrate on my own game and put that to the back of my head.

"It's important to focus on how I am playing now because, from experience, I know I can't control whether I get picked for England or not.

"All I can control is going out and playing as well as I can and hope that an opportunity comes my way.

"I'm quite happy with my season so far and if I'm doing okay on the wing, in a team that hasn't been doing great, then that's not so bad."

The Kingsholm faithful are well aware that May possesses pace to burn, and if the Heineken Cup is the measuring stick for international rugby, he passed his latest test with flying colours.

In the 46th minute, the 23-year-old fielded a clearance and launched a scintillating counter-attack. He stepped inside Aleki Lutui before scorching past four more defenders and sending Thomas over the whitewash on the switch.

Reflecting on the try he said:

"I never know exactly what I am doing, I try to be instinctive to what's in front of me.

"It's hard to think back but I knew I wanted to run as fast as possible – I could sense that they

bundled into touch"

The victory keeps the Cherry and Whites in the hunt in Pool Six and just two points adrift of pace setters Munster ahead of this weekend's round of European fixtures.

matter of time. Everyone at the club – including the players, the coaches, the staff behind us – we were all desperate for a win.

"It was the biggest buzz I have had running round the



"I NEVER KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I AM DOING, I TRY TO BE INSTINCTIVE TO WHAT'S IN FRONT OF ME."

were all coming up behind me.

"I kept yelling to Martyn to come on the switch and it was only on the third call that he did. Thank God he did because, if he didn't, it could've looked a bit rubbish and we would've been

And May reckons the victory proves Gloucester's stuttering season is heading in the right direction as they welcome Edinburgh back to Kingsholm today.

He added: "We knew with the quality in our team that it was just a

pitch because there was so much Gloucester support. It felt like a home game and I am glad to give the win that we needed.

"I feel like things are improving, which is the most important thing so far this season."

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GLOUCESTER SCOTS

In the professional era we've been used to seeing Scottish internationals at Kingsholm. Rory Lawson, Alasdair Dickinson, Chris Paterson, Alasdair Strokosch, Scott Lawson and Jim Hamilton have all worn the Cherry and White shirt.

In the amateur era the list is topped by the Gloucester born Anglo-Scottish back row Ian Smith, who was capped 25 times for Scotland, played in the 1995 World Cup and captained Gloucester from 1991-94.



Ian Smith securing the ball

Pete Jones, the prop who was born in Arbroath but brought up in Gloucester, was capped by Scotland against Wales in 1992.

Winger Lewis Dick had been capped 14 times by Scotland when he came to Gloucester in 1978 and full back Ron Etheridge, No 8 John Simonett, and centres Don Caskie and Ruari Maclean all featured in Scottish trials or divisional games. But it all started with...

DONALD CRICHTON-MILLER

Gloucester's first Scottish international

The Gloucester club was approaching its Diamond Jubilee

when Donald Crichton-Miller took the field for Scotland against Wales in Cardiff in February 1931. He became the fifteenth player to be capped for his country while playing for Gloucester, but the first for a country other than England.

Crichton-Miller was born in 1906, in San Remo, Italy where his father, the eminent psychiatrist Hugh Crichton-Miller had a practice. Hugh Crichton-Miller went on to develop a treatment for shell shock victims while serving as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the 1914-18 war and, in 1920, founded the Tavistock Clinic.

Donald attended Fettes College, Edinburgh from the age of thirteen and eventually became head of school and a leading member of the first XV.

He went up to Pembroke College Cambridge in 1925 and played for London Scottish after the Varsity match, having failed to break into the university side. Competition for places was fierce and although he played a number of 1st XV games against leading club sides it was not until 1928 that he won his blue, following an outstanding performance in a 20-3 Cambridge win over Leicester.



Ian Smith



Donald Crichton-Miller

After another fine performance in the Varsity Match, which Cambridge won 14-10, he was selected to play for Scotland versus The Rest in the final trial at Murrayfield. Scotland won 27-3, but he missed out on selection for the Home Internationals.

On leaving Cambridge, Donald Crichton-Miller took a teaching post at Monmouth High School and joined the Gloucester club at the start of the 1928-29 season.

He proved a great asset and, after a string of good performances, was chosen to tour South Wales with the Barbarians on their annual Easter tour. The Times said, "Donald Crichton-Miller at his best has few equals as a quick-moving forward who can use hands or feet effectively in the loose."

His second season with Gloucester was the climax of his rugby career. A fine performance for Scotland against The Rest in the final Scottish trial at Hawick in which The Rest held Scotland to an 11-11 draw ensured his selection against Wales in Cardiff. He scored both Scotland's tries in that game and was selected to play in all four internationals, although eventually missing the French game through injury. He also went on a second Barbarians Easter tour.

Crichton-Miller left Monmouth

High School in 1931 to take up a post at Bryanston School. He joined the Bath club and played for Hampshire in the County Championship.

As a Bath and Hampshire player he played for London Counties against South Africa that October at Twickenham, but never again hit the heights that he had reached while at Kingsholm.

Donald Crichton-Miller went on to become headmaster of Taunton, Fettes and Stowe public schools and while headmaster continued to coach successive generations of schoolboys.

And then there was...

DAVID GILBERT-SMITH

A Boys Own Story

David Gilbert-Smith was born in Poona, India in 1931, the son of a doctor in the Indian Medical Service and was educated at St Edwards School, Oxford.

He was a talented wing forward who, when he won his only cap for Scotland against England at Murrayfield in March 1952, provoked the Times comment that "...mere southerners have wondered for a long time why no place could be found for Gilbert-Smith in a moderate Scottish pack". He was a 20 year old army Lieutenant on National Service at the time!

Earlier that season, he had played for London Scottish against Gloucester and had played for the Army in the Services tournament at Twickenham.

The following year while serving with the 1st battalion of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment he won the Military Cross in Korea, fighting alongside his lifelong friend British Lions captain Mike Campbell-Lammerton. Only one MC could be awarded and Gilbert-Smith received the award based on his seniority.

He returned to captain London Scottish and gained a final Scottish trial playing for the Whites versus the Colours in January 1955.

Later that year, while serving in

Northern Ireland, he persuaded a group of his fellow subalterns to canoe across the Irish Sea in home made canoes. When asked why they were doing it, he said:

"Because it's dangerous, because it's strictly forbidden and because it's never been done before."

Six years later, between 1961 and 1963, while serving as an instructor with the SAS, Gilbert-Smith played two seasons for Gloucester when his army duties would allow.

Despite limited opportunities to play he impressed the Kingsholm crowd. He retired from the army with the rank of major and went into industry. In 1975 he founded the Leadership Trust.



INTERVIEW WITH JOHN SIMONETT

An interview with John Simonett, the Scot who played No 8 for Gloucester in the 1977-78 cup campaign, will shortly be available on the Gloucester Rugby Heritage website: www.gloucester rugbyheritage.org.uk





A DEFENDER'S WORST NIGHTMARE

ALL ACTION TONGAN WRECKING BALL
SIONE KALAMAFONI IS ENJOYING LIFE
AS AN AVIVA PREMIERSHIP PLAYER.

Whole-hearted in everything he does, Sione is back in Gloucestershire after a mini whirlwind tour around Europe with Tonga and his return to the Gloucester squad is a very welcome one.

Kalamafoni hadn't featured for Tonga since the 2011 Rugby World Cup, when he played a big part in their memorable win over France, and enjoyed his return to international action.

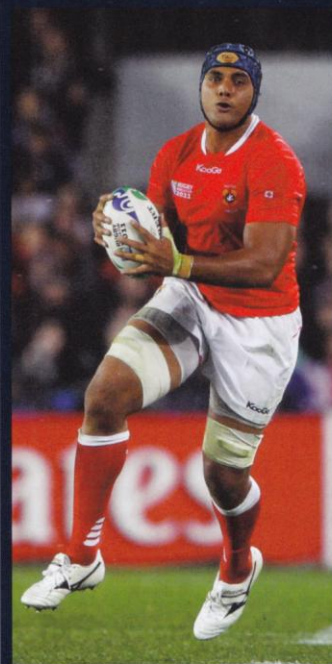
"It was a really good time, especially for me to see all the boys and get some good performances with Tonga. It's a great team to play with and we had some really tough games but we performed excellently.

"It was good for me to play against Wales and France and, although we didn't get the win, the experience was really special."

Three Tongans now call Gloucester home and, with the majority of the Pacific Islanders' squad now residing in Europe, Rugby World Cup 2015 will be staged in familiar surroundings for a number of their squad, especially with Kingsholm in line to host a Tongan pool stage match.

"I think our coaches are looking forward and looking to develop a team for 2015, and it's good that we have players playing in Europe in the top leagues so that can bode well for our game in 2015."

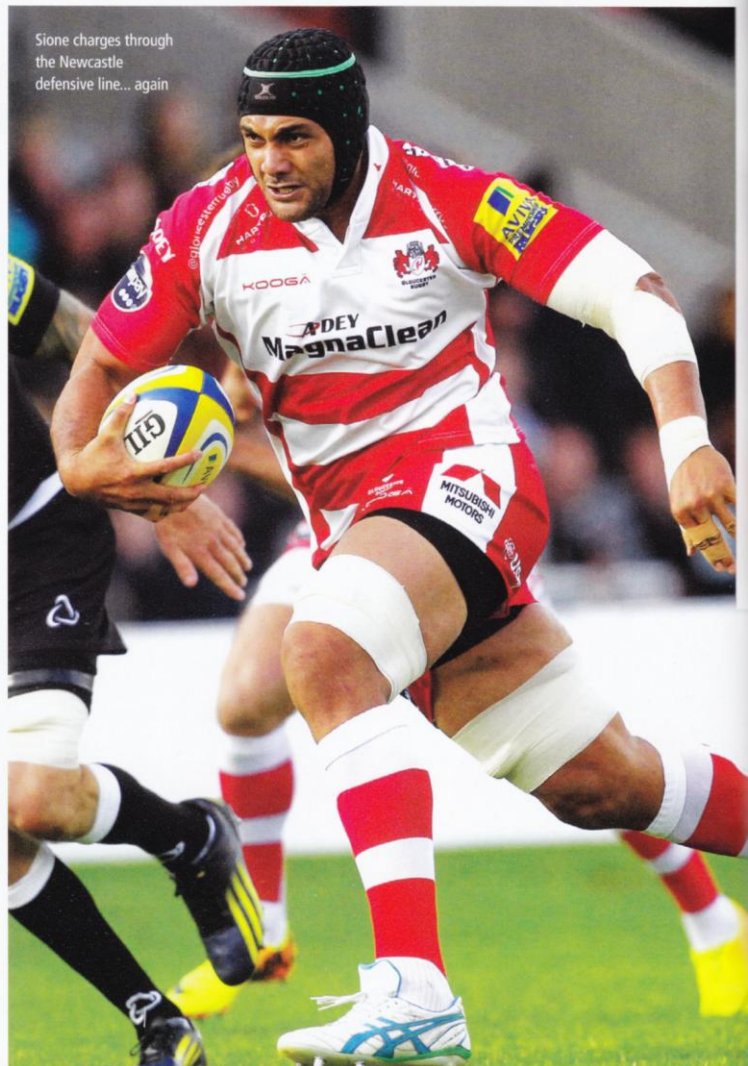
The Tongan trio are a popular part of the changing room and, with Sione joined by Lua Lokotui





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Sione charges through
the Newcastle
defensive line... again

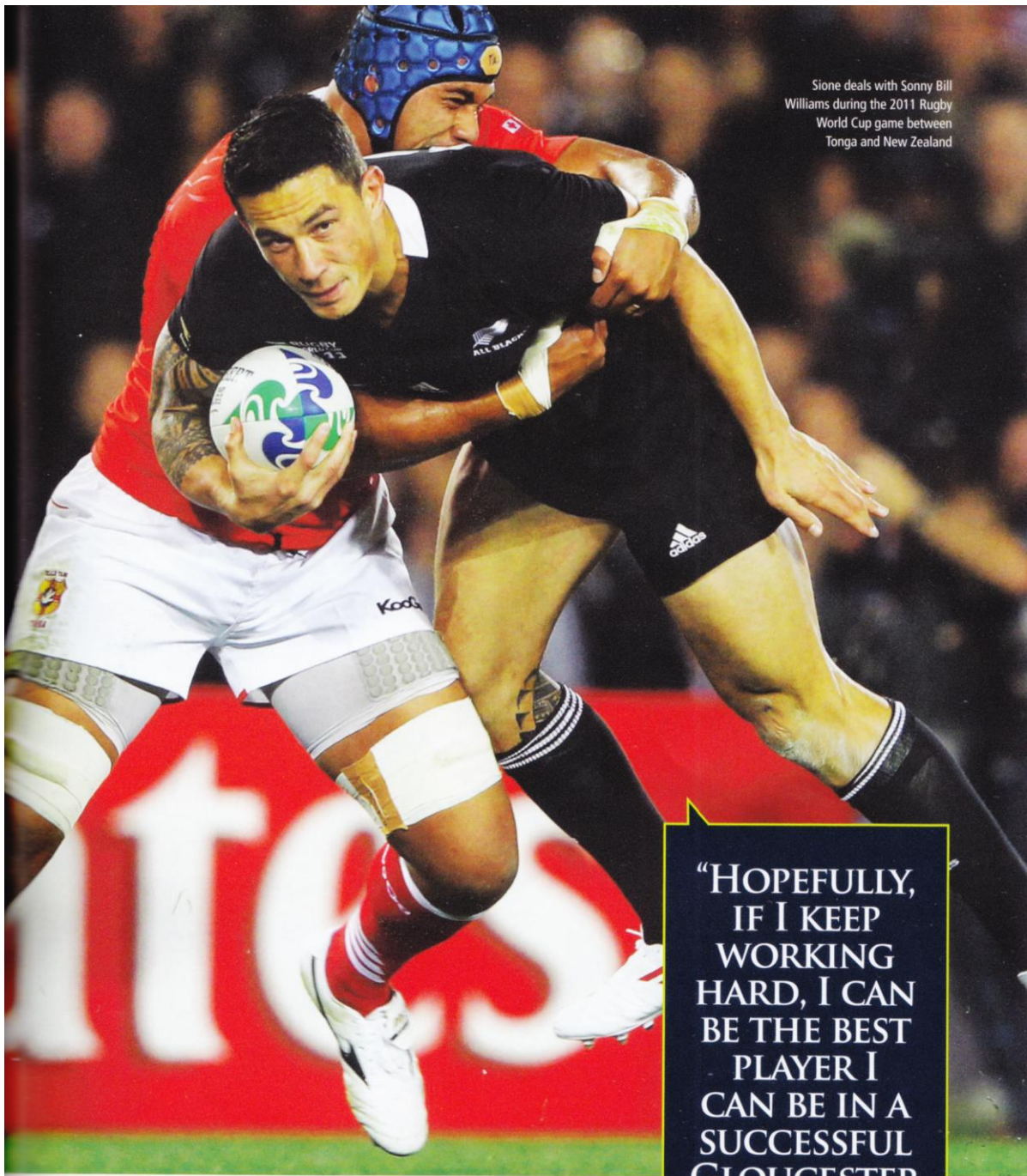


and the recent addition of prop Sila Puafisi, Sione admits it's a really comforting element to be surrounded by his countrymen.

"It's always good to have friends over here and play together. I'm just happy to be playing otherwise and playing with my friends is an added bonus and allows me to be really comfortable with my life and my rugby."

With Gloucester already building for next season, Sione put pen to paper on a contract extension to stay at Kingsholm recently, despite plenty of attention from the other side of the channel and he admits he's been delighted to secure his future in Gloucestershire.

"I'm really pleased to have got the contract signing out the way and I am really happy that it is done and I can concentrate on my



Sione deals with Sonny Bill Williams during the 2011 Rugby World Cup game between Tonga and New Zealand

“HOPEFULLY, IF I KEEP WORKING HARD, I CAN BE THE BEST PLAYER I CAN BE IN A SUCCESSFUL GLOUCESTER SQUAD.”

rugby and enjoying what I do. To be staying here as well is such a great honour and I want to keep improving with my rugby.”

Forging a partnership with back row partners Ben Morgan and Matt Kvesic has also been another element that has pleased Sione.

“It’s been really good since I’ve been here, playing with Morgs and playing with Matt. Hopefully we’ll continue to push towards our

goal of getting a good run of form together, and our partnership in that area can only help the squad get to where we want to be.

“It’s definitely a time where we need to turn things around. Wins turn into momentum, especially with the amount of losses we have had here, and I’m delighted to be back and in the mix and helping the team go forward.

“I’ve grown a lot, massively since

my move from Nottingham. I learnt a lot at Nottingham and now I’m here, I am learning every day from the squad and the coaches over here.

“Hopefully, if I keep working hard, I can be the best player I can be in a successful Gloucester squad.”



KINGSHOLM NEWS with BOB FENTON

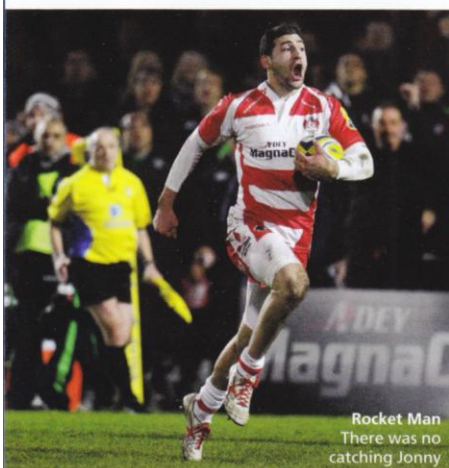
A friend texted me after the Afoa signing was announced wondering whether he could bring Israel Dagg along with him... Not sure he would want to come along to be Cookie's understudy at full back though!

Well, this has been an interesting couple of weeks... had a bit of everything, despair at another home defeat, elation at a great signing and the relative rarity of an away win. Let's look at them in turn.

Firstly two weeks ago, Leicester at home: never the easiest of fixtures and most teams struggle to come second when the Tigers come to town.

This one was a case of if only... Two great tries for us, Freddie's interception and then some smart thinking from Henry Trinder to hoof the ball into space for the rocket assisted Jonny May to run on to.

From the moment he kicked that ball the only thing that was going to stop Jonny scoring would have been an odd bounce. Fortunately it was the right one, and he sailed



Rocket Man
There was no catching Jonny

away from the Leicester defenders as though they were standing still.

The 'if only's'? One of those days when the goals wouldn't go over for any of our kickers – it wasn't quite on the scale of that match against Bath a few seasons back when every man and his dog had a crack, but still couldn't get the ball between the sticks. But not far off.

It happens though, and the vilification of Freddie afterwards left a bit of a stale taste in the mouth. I couldn't quite believe that that there were some people who seriously seemed to believe we should let Burns senior leave the camp, talk about short memories – how many matches has he won for us with his kicking in the past?

He just had one of those days,

we all have them at work – when nothing seems to go right and it's one disaster after another. The difference is we don't have to play them out in front of a live audience of around 14,000 and a TV audience of a heck of a lot more. I don't think anyone of us really understands that kind of pressure, so perhaps we should cut a little slack to those who have to go out there and do it.

Leaving aside the kicks, small margins cost us that game – an odd decision to try to run out of defence when we were leading rather than hoofing the ball to touch and safety, an over-thrown line out, and at least one penalty decision that has still got me scratching my head... such are the fine margins between victory



Strong Signing Afoa is a world class prop

and defeat.

Then at the end of last week Santa arrived early with a pretty large sack on his shoulders, one big enough to carry a rather heavy – just short of 19 stone – prop by the name of John Afoa.

What a great signing and one I

don't think any of us saw coming. Capped 36 times by his country, he's bringing with him a boat load of experience at the very highest level, plus the added benefit that his time at Ulster will mean he is up to speed with the way the game is played up here in the north.

His signing is a great statement of intent by the club. We know we have got it wrong up front this year, but what a way to put it right! And if he has the same galvanising impact on the squad as he did when he got settled in Ulster then happy days cannot be all that far off.

And if rumours are to be believed he's not the only player likely to be turning up at Kingsholm in the near future. The message boards are alive with the chatter that Richard Hibbard may be making the short journey over the bridge in the near future.

I'm not one to get too carried away with possibilities before ink is dry on contracts but, suffice to say,

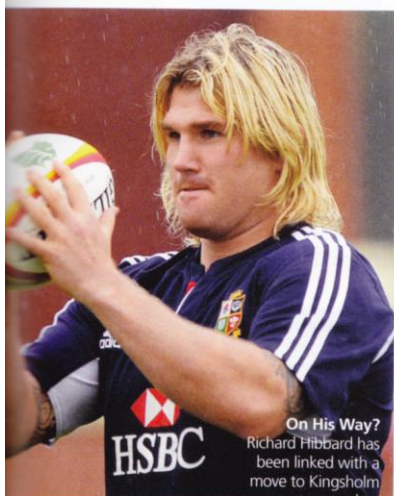
I have so many things crossed that walking is now becoming difficult!

Will it end there? Who knows... A friend texted me after the Afoa signing was announced wondering whether he could bring Israel Dagg along with him... Not sure he would want to come along to be Cookie's understudy at full back though!

Then last weekend, a good away win up at Edinburgh didn't quite get to the four try point but an away win in the competition is always a good thing. Qualification from the group is now a possibility.

We could do with Perpignan doing us a bit of a favour when Munster visit (yesterday when you read this) and not letting them score a point. But let's not get ahead of ourselves, we have a game to win here today!

Edinburgh will be more than keen to rescue a bit of pride after last weekend's defeat, so let's not start counting those chickens just yet!



On His Way? Richard Hibbard has been linked with a move to Kingsholm



I DON'T THINK I WOULD BE OVER-EGGING THE PUDDING TO SAY KINGSHOLM WAS A PRETTY LOW PLACE AFTER THE HOME DEFEAT BY LEICESTER.

THERE was a sense of inevitability about the last 15 minutes, given Gloucester's form and Leicester's dogged nature which we have seen repeatedly in those situations,

But what a difference a week makes.

An All Black prop signed for next season, speculation - unconfirmed at the time of writing - that a Lions hooker is also heading in

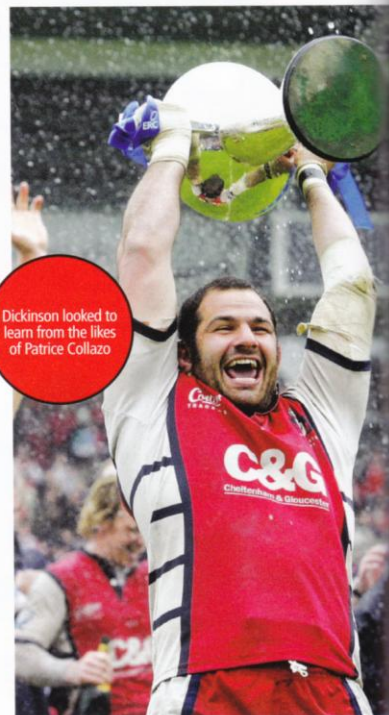
this direction, and an away win at Edinburgh that displaced the previous equilibrium in Pool 6 of the Heineken Cup.

I wasn't at Murrayfield, but BBC Radio Gloucestershire summariser Richard Martin made two really good points in commentary.

Firstly, as we've known for a while, Gloucester CAN at times score quickly given the ball in the

right areas, as was proven in the first half.

Secondly, that having established a lead and not been chasing the game as has been the case on several occasions this season, the defence was capable of holding



Dickinson looked to learn from the likes of Patrice Collazo



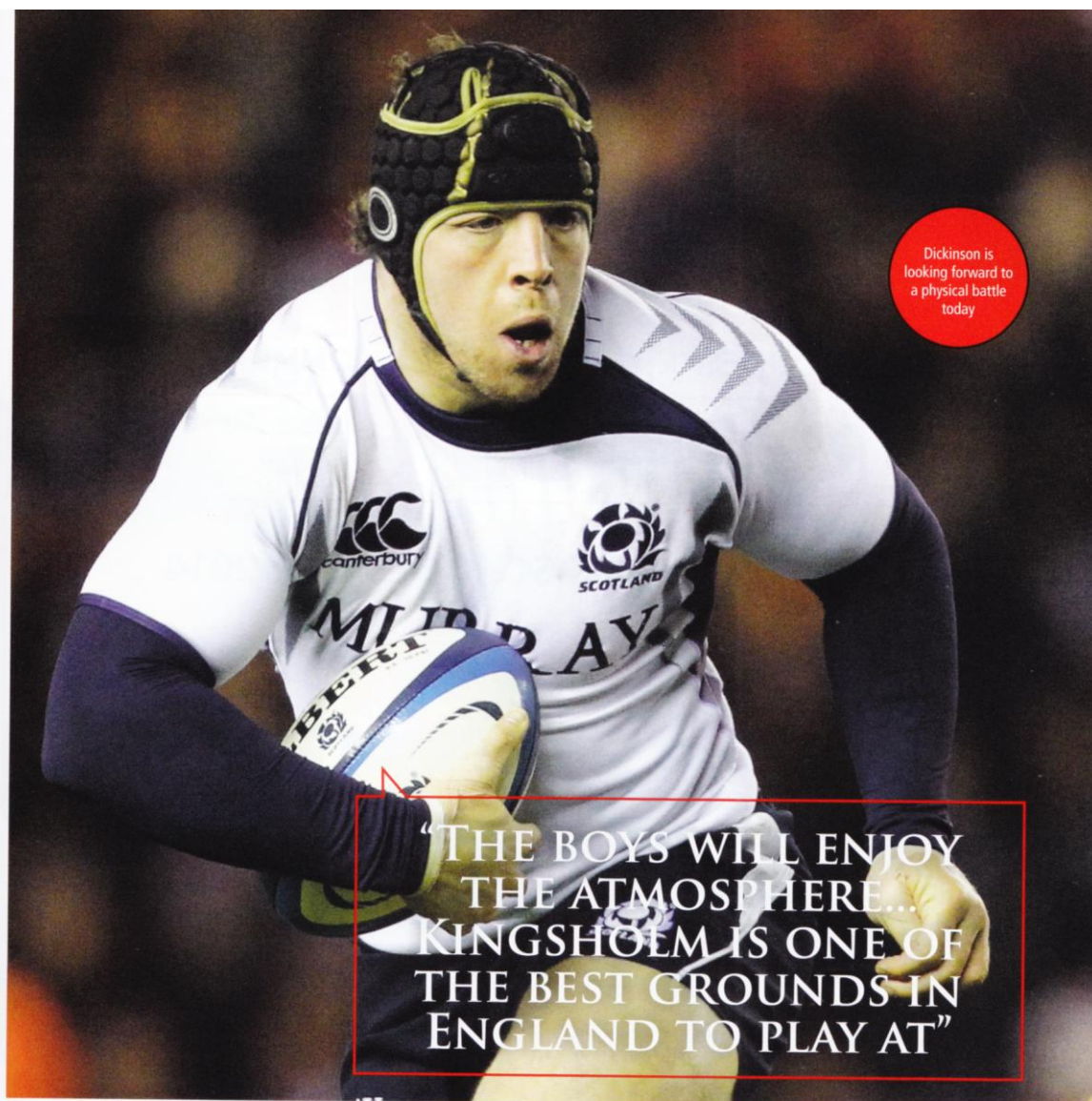
John Afoa will become a Gloucester player next season

firm. Even with a man in the bin in the second half, the net score over the second 40 minutes was only 7-5 to Edinburgh.

Today we have the return fixture, and one which sees Edinburgh now as outsiders in the group having lost a home match. They are not out of contention completely however, and former prop Alasdair Dickinson is looking forward to coming back to a club where he spent four seasons between 2007 and 2011.

"I was a fairly fresh faced youngster at the time and my first impression was the size of the club and the volume of the crowd, both in numbers and noise" he told me.

"I signed the season after we had played Gloucester in Europe and I wanted to improve my game. Collazo, Califano and Nieto were all



class props so it was great for me to learn from them, and of course Nick Wood is still there.

"It was tough for me in the first season but you only become better by challenging yourself and by going to Gloucester from Edinburgh that's what I did."

The crowd this afternoon is likely to be at least double that at Murrayfield last week, but while their league form has been mixed, there is no reason to think that with a sprinkling of full internationals, Edinburgh will be overawed.

"The boys will enjoy the atmosphere" Dickinson went on. "Kingsholm is one of the best grounds in England to play at. Every home ground has its advantages but rugby has a funny way of things

turning when you least expect it."

Connacht's 16-14 win in Toulouse was no better example, and the sort of result that will give Edinburgh heart coming here today, even if Dickinson concedes that their away form has to be rectified if they are to go any further than the pool stages.

"This is a huge game" he said. "Gloucester will want to put a marker down in the group and get their season on track before going back into the Premiership.

"Confidence is a big thing and we acknowledge there is a jump between league games and the Heineken Cup so we expect nothing less than a big physical battle."

Pool 6 is now intriguingly poised. What happened at the Stade Aime Giral yesterday will have a big

bearing on Gloucester's chances.

A Perpignan win would present Gloucester with an opportunity to put themselves in pole position with back to back home victories.

A Munster win would potentially set up a terrific occasion here early in the new year, but let's not get ahead of ourselves. It's certainly something Alasdair Dickinson doesn't do.

"I try not to look too far ahead into what might happen" he said. "There is still everything to play for and no team is down and out so I'm just aiming to get a victory today."

ExtraMEDIA   

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Who has the best dog in the squad?

Obviously me, I've got Jax, a Hungarian Vizsla.

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What is your golf handicap?

I don't officially have a golf handicap, but when I play with the boys it's probably around 12 or 14.

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What is your ideal golf foursome?

Tiger Woods has got to be in there, probably put Rory McIlroy in there too, and probably last will be with Miguel Angel Jimenez.



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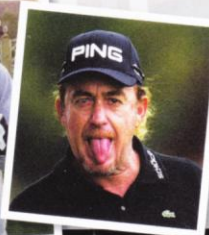
Why do you dress your dog up in a shirt and scrum cap?

Purely because I know it annoys Shaun Knight!

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What's it like to face the Haka?

It's brilliant, front row seats to watch that is special. I don't think it's that intimidating but it's great to watch.





NEXT TIME...



We have scrum-half, **Dan Robson**, poised and ready for your tweets to feature in the matchday programme against Worcester Warriors

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Who has the best banter in the squad and who has the worst?

Worst banter is probably, let me think, Nick Wood is pretty low down there, he just recycles other people's chat. Huia Edmonds just jumps on what Jimmy says. Best, I don't think anyone can claim best banter, it's all pretty bad!



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Do you think that not being signed up for a club's academy system has helped your career?

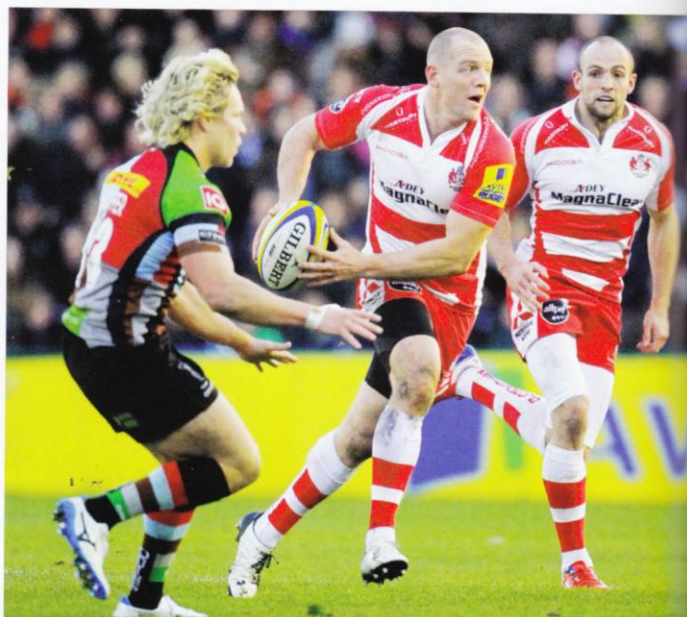
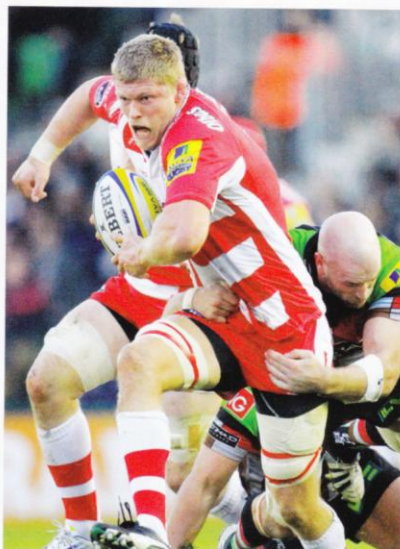
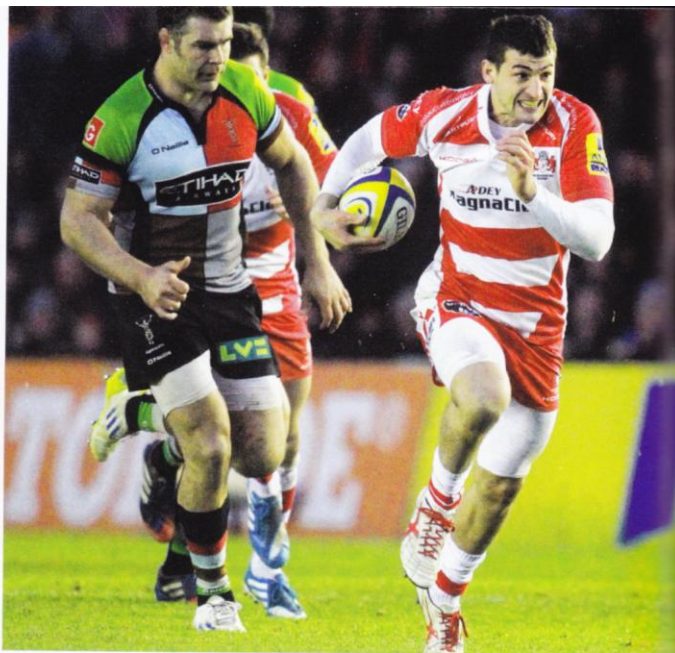
I definitely wouldn't change the way I came into professional rugby. It's different, having to go out and work when I was 16, gives me that perspective and lets me know what's out there outside the world of rugby. It's allowed me to appreciate what I've got and continue to work hard for it.

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2	H	Huia Edmonds
3	P	Shaun Knight
4	L	Elliott Stooke
5	L	James Hudson
6	F	Tom Savage (c) ■
7	F	Matt Kvesic
8	N8	Ben Morgan
16	H	Darren Dawidiuk
17	P	Yann Thomas
18	P	Rupert Harden
19	L	Will James
20	F	Matt Cox
21	SH	Dan Robson
22		Billy Burns
23	W	Martyn Thomas ■

HARLEQUINS

#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Mike Brown
14	W	Tom Williams
13	C	Matt Hopper
12	C	Tom Casson
11	W	Ugo Monye
10	FH	Nick Evans
9	SH	Danny Care
1	P	Joe Marler
2	H	Dave Ward
3	P	Will Collier
4	L	Nick Easter (c)
5	L	George Robson ■
6	F	Joe Trayfoot
7	F	Luke Wallace
8	N8	Tom Guest
16		Harry Allen
17	P	Mark Lambert
18		Nic Mayhew
19	F	Charlie Matthews
20		George Merrick
21		Sam Stuart
22	FB	Ben Botica
23	W	Charlie Walker



HARLEQUINS

TRIES: Easter (30), Care (36), Wallace (43) CONS: Evans (31, 37, 44) PENS: Evans (1, 15)

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

TRIES: Twelvetrees (9, 74), May (50) CONS: F. Burns (51, 74)

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IT WAS ANOTHER CASE OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN FOR THE CHERRY AND WHITES IN SOUTH LONDON, COMING UP AGAINST A HARLEQUINS SIDE HITTING FORM AND A REFEREE WITH A PENCHANT FOR A YELLOW CARD.

Indiscipline was sadly again the buzzword - three yellow cards is suicidal in most matches but, in the presence of a team like Harlequins, the punishment can be critical. Referee Matthew Carley was a busy man and, with both sides fiercely competitive at the breakdown, had a big influence in the outcome.

With Jimmy Cowan and Tom Savage both already cautioned, Martyn Thomas can count himself the unluckiest man in the capital, when he also saw yellow and joined Quins' George Robson on the crowded naughty steps.

Gloucester shipped 21 points whilst reduced in numbers and, although the signs of a spirited comeback were obvious in abundance, the damage had already been done with the hosts capitalising on their numerical advantage.

Nigel Davies' side travelled to The Stoop with two wins on the bounce, and welcomed back Billy Twelvetrees and Ben Morgan fresh from their exploits over the road at Twickenham. It was the former who opened the try scoring with a neatly worked score in the first quarter.

Huia Edmonds threw a show stopping dummy to opposite number Dave Ward who bought it hook, line and sinker, and the Aussie hooker played in Twelvetrees for a simple score.

Quins were making errors but Gloucester failed to turn pressure into points and the hosts soon

found their groove. With Danny Care making a sniping break, he was upended by Cowan for yellow card number one and, from the resulting attack, Nick Easter wriggled over. That was shortly

something seemingly only he could see. Martyn Thomas did well to bring down the marauding Ugo Monye and, as he was cleared out from the breakdown, all rules were adhered to, there was no

Champagne Moment:

Billy Twelvetrees opens the scoring, an impressive rolling maul sees Huia Edmonds peel off, then throw a great dummy to step past Dave Ward and play in the England centre for the opening try.



followed by Care who typically dived over from short range.

Down to fourteen, the Cherry and Whites were reeling and, with Burns missing a regulation penalty on the cusp of half time, the pendulum was well and truly with the hosts.

Eager to make a big start of the second half, things got worse for Gloucester. Quins were streetwise and held George Robson up in the lineout long enough for Tom Savage to infringe and defend the maul a split second too early. Carley again delved into his pocket and the skipper sat down.

Again from the maul, Quins put the ignition into another rolling maul and Luke Wallace emerged the scorer for try number three.

Surely things couldn't get much worse, but then Carley spotted

disadvantage to anyone.

But mysteriously, Thomas was then carded and Gloucester were down to thirteen and chasing the game in some style against a Quins side hunting the bonus point.

Gloucester did then begin to hit their stride, a stray pass was picked off by Jonny May and the flyer pinned his ears back and raced away from 60m.

Hunting a consolation of a losing bonus point of their own, the Cherry and Whites were on top of possession and territory but with time running out.

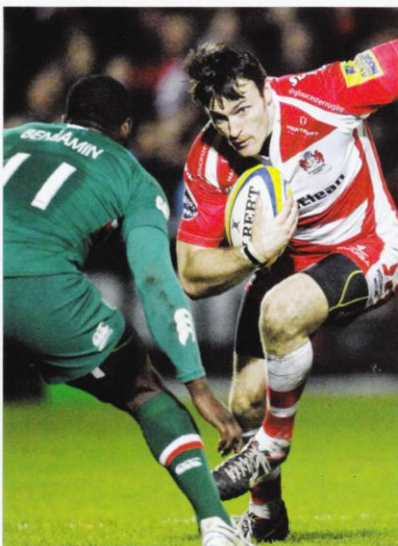
Twelvetrees crossed for his second late on from Burns' neat chip, but the damage had been done and, despite another hugely spirited late fightback, the Cherry and Whites were defeated again.

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Rob Cook
14	W	Shane Monahan
13	C	Henry Trinder
12	C	Billy Twelvetrees
11	W	Jonny May
10	FH	Freddie Burns
9	SH	Dan Robson
1	P	Nick Wood
2	H	Darren Dāvidiuk
3	P	Shaun Knight
4	L	Lua Lokotui
5	L	James Hudson
6	F	Tom Savage (c)
7	F	Matt Kvesic
8	N8	Ben Morgan
16	H	Huia Edmonds
17	P	Yann Thomas
18	P	Rupert Harden
19	L	Elliott Stooke
20	F	Matt Cox
21		Jimmy Cowan
22		Mike Tindall
23		Martyn Thomas

LEICESTER TIGERS

#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Scott Hamilton
14	W	Blaine Scully
13	C	Adam Thompstone
12	C	Dan Bowden
11	W	Miles Benjamin
10	FH	Toby Flood (c)
9	SH	Ben Youngs
1	P	Marcos Ayerza
2	H	Tom Youngs
3	P	Dan Cole
4	L	Louis Deacon
5	L	Graham Kitchener
6	F	Jamie Gibson
7	F	Julian Salvi
8	N8	Thomas Waldrom
16	H	Neil Briggs
17		Boris Stankovich
18		Fraser Balmain
19		Sebastian de Chaves
20		Jordan Crane
21	FB	Sam Harrison
22		Owen Williams
23		Javiah Pohe



GLOUCESTER RUGBY

TRIES: Burns (8), May (40) CONS: Burns (9), Cook (40) PENS: Twelvetrees (51)

LEICESTER TIGERS

TRY: Bowden (31) CON: Flood (32) PENS: Flood (13, 23, 64, 70, 75)

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FRIDAY NIGHTS AND THE KINGSHOLM LIGHTS, A PERFECT COMBINATION FOR A CRACKING NIGHT FOR ALL IN CHERRY AND WHITE BUT INSTEAD, IT WAS A COMBINATION OF BRUTE FORCE AND STRENGTH, WHICH SAW THE VISITORS LEAVE GLOUCESTER WITH THE WIN.

It wasn't a night for the boot, with England's finest pivots going toe-to-toe and finding bisecting the posts a difficult proposition.

The Cherry and Whites impressed early on - the intensity was high and the tempo fraught and the Friday night atmosphere electric. But it was the Tigers from the East Midlands who juggernauted away from Kingsholm, leaving a bumper crowd thoroughly flat.

Gloucester struck first, Burns picked off an errant Flood pass, juggled and hit the gas to run in from halfway and complete the first part of the script. But slowly Tigers gained superiority in the mind of whistle master Greg Garner, and Flood chipped away at the score line despite a few wayward efforts.

The set-piece was under plenty of focus, neither side were giving a yard in the tug-of-war until Ben Youngs stole a yard at the base to intercept a pass from Dan Robson. Moments later centre Dan Bowden crossed from a neat offload from Flood to see the Tigers wrestle control of the score line.

With both sides looking highly likely to return to the changing rooms without further score - the Cherry and Whites crossed for a try in a way only they could conjure up.

Miles Benjamin threw an enthusiastic offload when well-placed, and via Darren Dawidiuk and Lua Lokotui the ball was collected by Henry Trinder with a handful of Leicester forwards grazing in front of him and acres of space behind.

The centre spotted Gloucester's most potent of weapons outside him and chipped forward. Jonny May fired up the afterburners and the

responsibility for the kicking tee.

But then, the Tigers slowly worked their way back into the game. With Gloucester's defence brave and fierce,

Champagne Moment:

Gas from Jonny May - the sprint training from Marlon Devonish paid dividends, as the flyer pinned his ears back to race onto Henry Trinder's kick and end the first half with a blockbuster of a score.



winger was not going to be touched as he blazed down the left wing to gather on the bounce and run in from halfway.

The roar of celebration was deafening as Gloucester went back into the haven of the changing room narrowly in front. But for a difficult half from the tee for kicker Burns the score line could have been slightly more comfortable.

The threatening element from a Gloucester point of view was that Tigers seemed fairly subdued, the scrum was getting frustrating and the teams had both strangled their opposition into a territory battle.

With Rob Cook's radar similarly finding the same accuracy troubles as Burns', the scoring in the second half was started by Billy Twelvetrees who chipped over a penalty after assuming

the visitors resorted to their trusty weapon of up front brutality.

Any side with Dan Cole, Marcos Ayerza and Tom Youngs as their front row, will put their efforts into shoving and the penalties began to come.

Flood, was more than happy to sit back and accept the chances for points when they came and, as the life was beginning to be sucked out of Gloucester's game, the Tigers seized the lead with time running out.

Scrum were taking four minutes each, the experience of how to close out games was evident and the game ended with minimal excitement.

The Cherry and Whites were forced to run it from deep and the inevitability of a soft penalty to end the game was clearly going to happen and left a bumper and passionate Kingsholm crowd feeling very flat.

Teams correct at time of print: 12th December 2013



TODAY'S TEAMS



GLOUCESTER RUGBY

ROB COOK	FULLBACK	15
MARTYN THOMAS	RIGHT WING	14
HENRY TRINDER	CENTRE	13
BILLY TWELVETREES (C)	CENTRE	12
JONNY MAY	LEFT WING	11
FREDDIE BURNS	FLY HALF	10
JIMMY COWAN	SCRUM HALF	9
YANN THOMAS	PROP	1
DARREN DAWIDIUK	HOOKER	2
SILA PUAFISI	PROP	3
ELLIOTT STOOKE	LOCK	4
JAMES HUDSON	LOCK	5
SIONE KALAMAFONI	FLANKER	6
MATT KVESIC	FLANKER	7
BEN MORGAN	NO.8	8
HUIA EDMONDS	REPLACEMENT	16
DAN MURPHY	REPLACEMENT	17
SHAUN KNIGHT	REPLACEMENT	18
MATT COX	REPLACEMENT	19
AKAPUSI QERA	REPLACEMENT	20
DAN ROBSON	REPLACEMENT	21
MIKE TINDALL	REPLACEMENT	22
CHARLIE SHARPLES	REPLACEMENT	23

EDINBURGH RUGBY

FULLBACK	GREIG TONKS
RIGHT WING	DOUGIE FIFE
CENTRE	NICK DE LUCA
CENTRE	BEN ATIGA
LEFT WING	JACK CUTHBERT
FLY HALF	HARRY LEONARD
SCRUM HALF	GREIG LAIDLAW
PROP	ALASDAIR DICKINSON
HOOKER	ALEKI LUTUI
PROP	WP NEL
LOCK	GRANT GILCHRIST
LOCK	IZAK VAN DER WESTHUIZEN
FLANKER	CORNELL DU PREEZ
FLANKER	ROSS RENNIE
NO.8	DAVID DENTON
REPLACEMENT	JAMES HILTERBRAND
REPLACEMENT	WICUS BLAAUW
REPLACEMENT	GEOFF CROSS
REPLACEMENT	OLIVER ATKINS
REPLACEMENT	RODDY GRANT
REPLACEMENT	GRAYSON HART
REPLACEMENT	JOAQUIN DOMINGUEZ
REPLACEMENT	TOM BROWN

IN CHARGE TODAY: Referee: Romain Poite (Fra) Assistant Referees: Cyril lafon (Fra), Stéphane Boyer (Fra)

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