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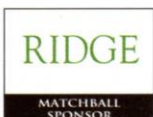
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GLOUCESTER RFC OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

2000-2001 SEASON



WELCOME TO THE NEW SEASON

**KEN NOTTAGE,
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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WELCOME BACK TO KINGSHOLM AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT. WE ARE ALL HOPING WE CAN BUILD ON THE FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF LAST SEASON AND WORK TOWARDS MAJOR LEAGUE AND EUROPEAN SUCCESS.

As you are probably aware, we have invested considerably in the playing squad, recruiting eight new players during the close season, thereby adding to the team's strength and depth.

We have also restructured our young player development programme with a view to creating home grown players for future places in the first team. Our investment in this area is now second to no other club and we will all see the fruits of this endeavour very soon.

Team development has not been the only area of investment during the close season. Last

year we asked you what improvements you considered important in and around the stadium and we have acted on this valuable feedback.

New toilets are now in place around the ground along with additional portable facilities. We have extended the stadium's bar facilities to ease congestion in the existing areas. We have also spent more money than ever on improving the pitch in an attempt to ensure that we have the best possible playing surface throughout the season and new hospitality facilities have been built in response to an increase in demand. You will also notice that the existing gymnasium is being remodelled. This is to create an external sports injuries clinic which will be open in November.

Once again, thank you for your continued and unparalleled support, let's hope our first home game of the season results in a resounding victory and paves the way for an exciting, triumphant season.

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Above: Gloucester's Byron Hayward is swept off his feet against the Saracens victory.



COACH'S CORNER

WITH PHILLIPE SAINT-ANDRÉ

THIS PRE-SEASON HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT; WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF PLAYERS WHO HAD SURGERY AND OPERATIONS AT THE END OF THE SEASON.

This new season has come around very quickly and we have had very little time to recover. Also we thought that the first game would be this weekend and not last week as the league was brought forward. We played in Ireland one game and picked up 6 injuries, we then played our first league match and got two more against Saracens.

We now have Woodman, Vickery, Fortey and Sanchez injured, they are all in the front row, also we have Kingsley Jones out. In Gomersall and Moncrieff we have two scrum-halves out, also Tom Beim, Franck Schizano, Brian Johnson Robert Todd and Rory Greenslade-Jones that is five backs plus Chris Catling and now Simon Mannix these are all injuries in very key positions.

Last year we had a smaller squad of 31 full-time professionals but we had very few injuries, this year we have 36 players, a much bigger stronger squad, I think but so many injuries.

We have to be positive though, this is a good opportunity for the younger players at the club to be a part of the squad and they have a possibility of playing on the pitch.

For the game against Saracens I was both pleased and disappointed. We played very good rugby for 35 minutes of the game, then for three minutes before half time we made some silly basic mistakes. When individuals make basic mistakes against such world class opposition it will be game over.

The players though, played with a lot of heart and commitment, putting their bodies on the line and giving 100%. It was difficult because the players did not get together until Saturday one day before the match, because I did not have enough fit backs. This made preparation more difficult and gave the players less time to bond as a team.

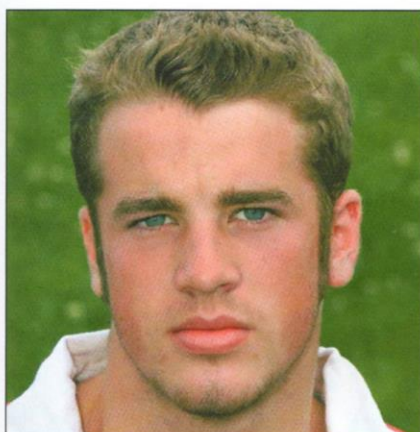
The players have a lot of pride and will keep doing everything possible to make sure we win. I can still promise a season of great rugby here at Kingsholm, but I think the fans must be patient and get behind the team. My goals for the team have not changed it is now possible to get 5 points for a win this season, so things will change a lot. I think we must win at home this weekend. I think we always have a chance at Kingsholm we have the qualities to beat Sale and whichever 15 I put out on the pitch they will give 100% always to try and win for themselves and the fans. We are still confident.

Phillipe was talking to James Bennett

GLOUCESTER RUGBY CLUB ACADEMY

"THE AIMS OF THE ACCADEMY ARE TO DEVELOP PLAYERS FOR THE FIRST TEAM SQUAD. THE CLASS AND STRENGTH OF THE PLAYERS HAS TO SUCH THAT IN TIMES OF LOSS OF FORM OR INJURY, SUCH AS IS THE CASE AT GLOUCESTER NOW, THE CLUB HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PICK FROM THE YOUNGER POLAYERS KNOWING THEY CAN DO A JOB".

JOHN HAINES ACCADEMY MANAGER



PLAYER: James Simpson-Daniel.
POSITION: Outside half.
NICKNAME: Sinbad.
D.O.B: 30/05/82
HEIGHT: 5ft.9ins.
WEIGHT: 78Kg.
BORN: Stockton-on-Tees, Cumbria.

EDUCATED: Sedbergh school. Starting a Sports & Science course at the Cheltenham & Gloucester College of Higher Education in September.

HOBBIES: Playing Chess and Ornithology.

AMBITION: To play for Gloucester and gain recognition at senior England level.

HONOURS: Represented England U18 schools in all three matches season 1999-2000.

PLAYER: Duncan Murray
POSITION: Centre
NICKNAME: Red
D.O.B: 22.10.81
HEIGHT: 6ft 1ins
WEIGHT: 94kgs
BORN: Gloucester.

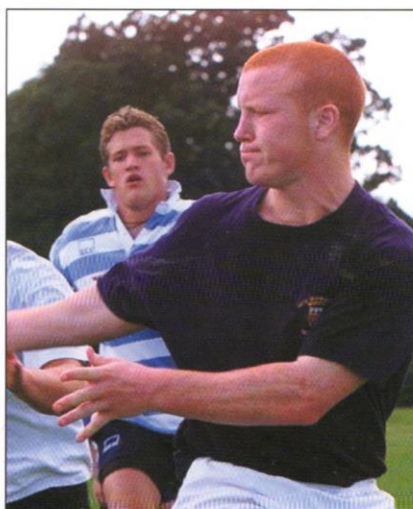
EDUCATED: Kings school Gloucester.
Christ College, Brecon.

HOBBIES: Music & sport in general.

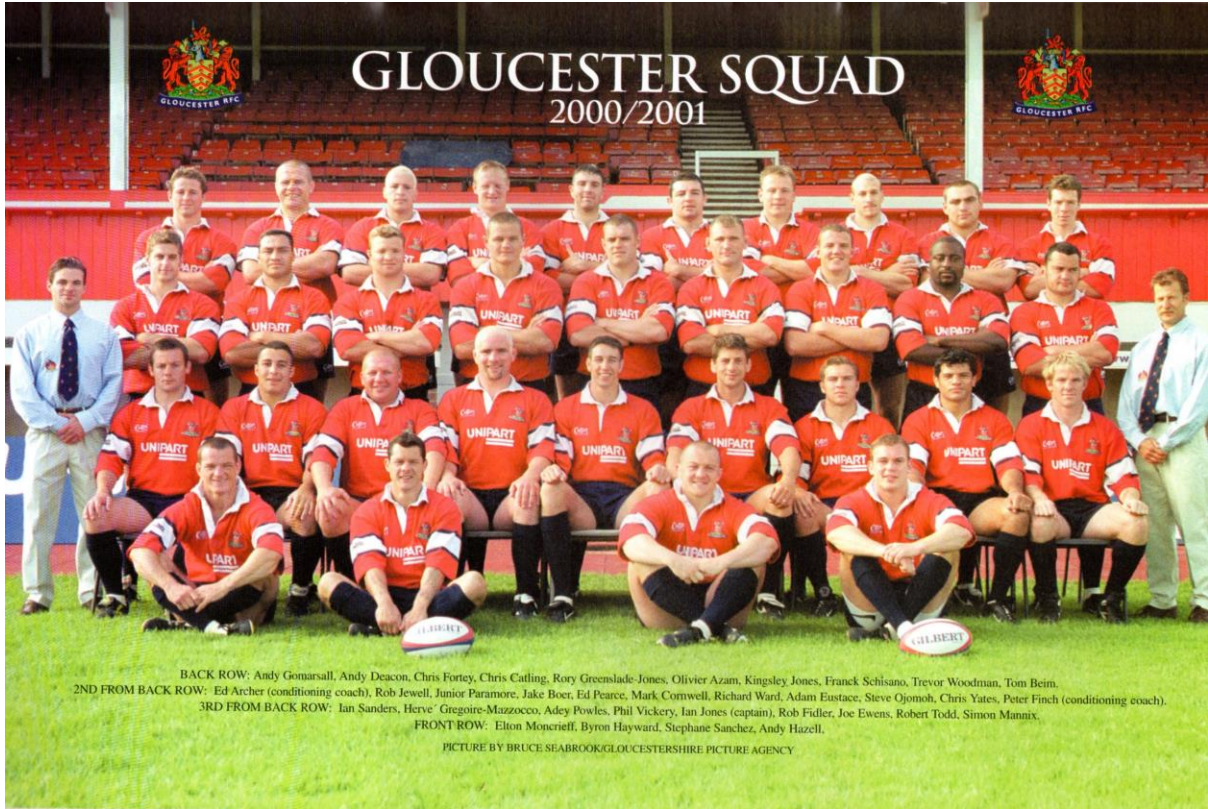
AMBITION:. To succeed!.

HONOURS: Welsh Youth U18. Captain Welsh schools U18. Welsh FIRA "A" U19.

NOTES: Duncan qualified to play for Wales whilst at College in Brecon, but is a fully committed Gloucester player keen to push for with recognition with England.



Any players who consider themselves good enough to be considered for the Gloucester Rugby Club should contact John Haines on 01452 831649 or 07775 642881



GLOUCESTER SQUAD

2000/2001

BACK ROW: Andy Gomersall, Andy Deacon, Chris Fortey, Chris Catling, Rory Greenslade-Jones, Olivier Azam, Kingsley Jones, Franck Schisano, Trevor Woodman, Tom Beim.
 2ND FROM BACK ROW: Ed Archer (conditioning coach), Rob Jewell, Junior Paramore, Jake Boer, Ed Pearce, Mark Comwell, Richard Ward, Adam Eustace, Steve Ojomoh, Chris Yates, Peter Finch (conditioning coach).
 3RD FROM BACK ROW: Ian Sanders, Herve Gregoire-Mazzocco, Adey Powles, Phil Vickery, Ian Jones (captain), Rob Fidler, Joe Ewens, Robert Todd, Simon Mannix.
 FRONT ROW: Elton Moncrieff, Byron Hayward, Stephane Sanchez, Andy Hazell.

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ROY "DIGGER" MORRIS 1911-2000

AN APPRECIATION BY PETER ARNOLD

IT MAY BE A TERRIBLE CLICHÉ,
BUT WE REALLY WON'T SEE HIS
LIKE AGAIN, YOU KNOW.

When Digger Morris died at the respectable age of 89, it seemed as though a whole era of rugby, and indeed of amateur sport in general passed with him. He played the game hard because he loved it, and because he loved it, he talked about it, at great length, sometimes astringently, but always entertainingly. His opinions were forthright, and sometimes at odds with those of everyone else.

I recall bumping into him outside the betting shop in Barton Street, where you could expect to find him at around midday on most days. After our usual chat about recent results, he described one young player who had just won a game for us, and went on to win a couple of England Caps, as "bloody useless".

That was the Digger. If he thought it, he said it, and was right more often than not.

Digger was larger than life in all senses of the word. At 6'4" I'm a fairly elongated individual myself, but when talking to him he always seemed so much bigger than me. He fairly loomed at you, with a grin as wide as wide as the Horseshoe Bend and a fund of stories that was impossible to resist, even if you had heard most of them before. If you prodded a little, he could, however, come up with an unfamiliar gem.

I once asked him which of all the games he played in did he most fondly remember. After lengthy consideration, he opined: "I think it's the one when that bloody Kiwi outfit came here just after the War." It should be noted that 'that

bloody Kiwi outfit' was a New Zealand Services side which was, in all but name. A full All Blacks side.

"I got kicked in the yud early on," explained the Digger. "So I don't remember too much about the first half. But during the second half, I dropped one of their blokes on his yud, and I had four of 'em on to me arter that. It was a bloody smashing game!"

No accounting for taste, I suppose.

Roy 'Digger' Morris was the absolute personification of the 'old', pre-professional, Gloucester Rugby Football Club. His large frame fairly oozed all the qualities for which the amateur Elver Eaters were famous, and indeed, infamous. While not famed for high skill levels in modern terms, both club and man were immensely strong, forthright, genial, determined and just kept coming at you, whatever the occasion, whatever the scoreline, whatever the opposition, until the final whistle went.

As it has, now, for the Digger. The rest, as the Bard wrote, is silence.

ROY "DIGGER" MORRIS
GLOUCESTER
AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE

GLOUCESTER RFC CAREER:

Played 1932 - 1949.

311 Appearances, 17 Tries

MATCH ACTION



TOP LEFT:
Terry Fanolua with Saracens Thomas Castaignede.

MIDDLE RIGHT:
Serge Simon scores his try in the second half.

MIDDLE LEFT: Chris Yates scores a try.

BOTTOM:
Ian Jones manoeuvres around Saracens captain Kyran Bracken.



SARACENS 50 - 20 GLOUCESTER



TOP:
Serge Simon scores his try in the second half as Saracens Dan Luger moves in.

BOTTOM LEFT:
Rory Greenslade-Jones breaks away.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Chris Catling evades Saracens Scott Murray

BY IAN RADALL

SO, WELCOME BACK! DESPITE ALL THE TALK OF A SHORTER THAN USUAL CLOSED SEASON, IT'S ACTUALLY 16 WEEKS SINCE THERE WAS A MATCH AT KINGSHOLM - ONLY marginally less than in the club's illustrious past. The only difference is the amount of effort that's been put into the training over the summer.

Conversation among Cherry and White supporters who have spent the (sunny?) last few months following the fortunes of Gloucestershire's cricketers seems to have been concentrated on the salary cap (and how Gloucester intend to split up their budget) and latterly the muddle regarding the fixtures. At least we didn't get a series of lists this time, only one - but when it arrived on Friday July 14th it most certainly was not to Gloucester's liking!

To quote Tom Walkinshaw, the concept of "habit

forming rugby once a fortnight" could not be further from the truth. With 14 guaranteed home games this season in the Premiership and the pool stages of the Heineken Cup, Gloucester found 9 were before the New Year. The imbalance will be even more acute should the Tetley Cup bring an early exit - with a huge gap between early January and mid-March.

Ken Nottage's towering influence brought the bosses of the clubs together but the sands of time meant the white flag was raised on THIS season. Gloucester will have to reach the latter stages of all the competitions if the fixture schedule is to be balanced up - and we wouldn't grumble about that.

Name one other significant day these past 4 months, and it was probably a Saturday, July 29. I was at Worcester watching Glenn McGrath knock over Gloucestershire as Jason Little's name became the missing piece in Philippe's squad jigsaw. If the other top sides wondered how serious Gloucester are about winning something this season, here was their answer.

FROM THE COMME



Little's status in the game ranks alongside that of the new skipper, Ian Jones. Both have over 70 international caps, with Little twice a World Cup winner to boot. At 30, he's young enough to sign for 2 years and still stay a bit longer. His arrival will certainly demand greater efforts from the likes of Fanolua and Yates if they're to get a place.

Elsewhere, Philippe's been busy raiding the talent available from two clubs in particular. From his old club Montferrand come Olivier Azam, that rarity in the front row, a man who can play anywhere, and HervÉ Gregoire-Mazzocco, who with intense competition in the back row may find himself, at least initially, on the fringes.

Robert Todd and Jake Boer left London Irish for Kingsholm - with Todd and Little surely Gloucester's first choice centre partnership once Little arrives and Todd is fit again. Narbonne's Franck Schizano will offer more options on the wing, and England international Andy Gomersall would appear to put a question

mark over Ian Sanders' prospect of much first XV rugby this season. At least Gomersall IS English, giving Philippe extra permutations with his clutch of overseas players.

Sale, it has to be said, look one of the lighter weights in the Premiership this season.. This is the sort of fixture Gloucester ought to be winning, and winning well if they're to be genuine title contenders, and don't forget, however Gloucester perform, home or away, you now have the chance to comment on the BBC Radio Gloucestershire Message Board.

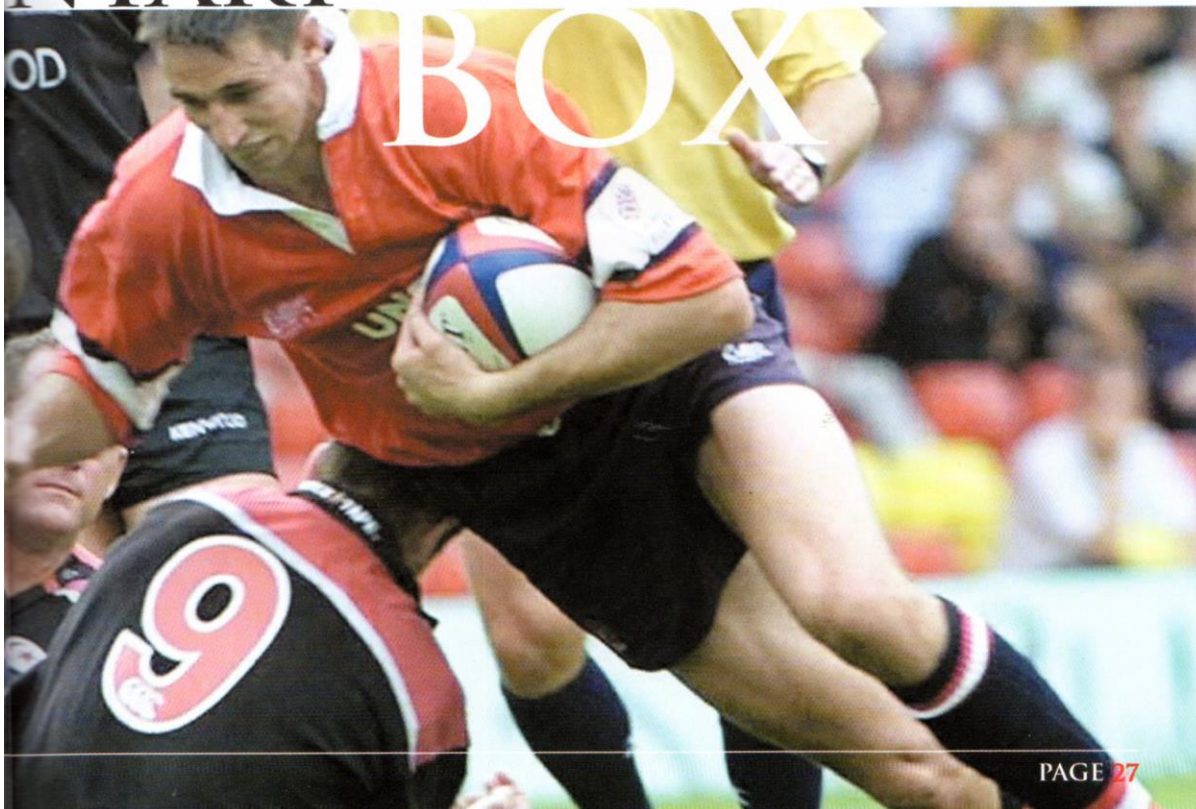
We're opening the phone lines after each game for you, the supporters, to give us the gut feeling of the rank and file fans, which on a Saturday means we'll take calls in the final hour of our programme between 5 and 6. The number you need to remember is a simple one - **01452 307575**.

Do give us a call.

C'mon Glaws !



NTARY



WHERE ARE DIGGER'S SCRAPBOOKS ?

YOU'LL FIND A FEW WORDS OF APPRECIATION OF THE LATE ROY 'DIGGER' MORRIS ELSEWHERE IN THIS PUBLICATION, BUT WHILE WRITING THEM, IT OCCURRED TO ME TO WONDER WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HIS SCRAPBOOKS.

I once had the privilege of being invited into his Coney Hill living room, which appeared to be carpeted by wall-to-wall greyhounds, to view them. It took hours, with Digger's pithy comments about just about every page, punctuating the whole process.

He told me that, back in the early 1930's, he was so proud of pulling on the famous cherry-and-white jersey, that he cut the ensuing report out of the 'Citizen' and kept it. It was the start of a wonderful collection of mementoes, covering

his long and distinguished playing career plus his war experiences in the RAF, serving in Africa and Italy.

It is to be hoped that the family has them safe and sound, and if they wish to keep them, then that is, of course, their right and no one would argue with that. However, they do represent a unique record of a unique man and a unique club spanning the War years. I can't help thinking that they should be professionally preserved and looked after. I'm sure that either the County Library Reference Department, or the County Record Office, right here in Kingsholm, would be delighted to accept them - perhaps on permanent loan.

If whoever has them now agrees, I would be happy to arrange things for them. All they need do is ring me on **01452 537880**.

HAS THERE BIN A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING ?

IT WAS NICE TO LEARN THAT ANDY DEACON HAS BEEN AWARDED A TESTIMONIAL THIS SEASON NONE OF US CAN THINK OF A PLAYER WHO DESERVES IT MORE.

Quite a little welter of law changes again this season. We ought to give most of them a little while to work themselves out, I suppose, but one proposal did make me cock a quizzical eyebrow.

Apparently, in a move suggested in part, we are told, by the Paddy Johns incident at Lydney last season, the sin-bin now has to be located in the dead ball area, immediately behind the posts.

I can see the theory, but I wonder if it will really stand up under the harsh glare of actual experience. Put it this way. If you were a visitor to Kingsholm and unfortunate enough to get spotted by the touch judge and suspended, where would you rather spend your ten-minute

penance ? Around the dug out and 'tunnel' entrance in front of the Stand, or in close proximity to the denizens of the Tump or the Worcester Street end ? There isn't a lot of room at either spot.

KEEP WALKING

I EXPECT YOU WERE AS INTERESTED AS I TO NOTE THAT SOCCER HAS NOW ADOPTED A VERSION OF RUGBY'S 10-METRE YOU KEEP TALKING, I LL KEEP WALKING RULE CONCERNING DISPUTES OVER PENALTY DECISIONS.

It will be intriguing to see how it works for them. Some of the free kick situations I have seen on football matches on the telly would have resulted in kicks being taken out through the turnstiles and into the club car park.

TODAY'S TEAMS

SATURDAY AUGUST 26, 2000

GLOUCESTER*

TERRY FANOLUA (I)	15
CHRIS CATLING	14
JO EWENS	13
CHRIS YATES	12
ROB JEWELL	11
BYRON HAYWARD (I)	10
IAN SANDERS	9
ADEY POWLES	1
OLIVIER AZAM (I)	2
ANDY DEACON	3
ROB FIDLER (I)	4
IAN JONES (I)	5
STEVE OJOMOH (I)	6
JAKE BOER	7
JUNIOR PARAMORE (I)	8

SALE SHARKS*

V GOING
M MOORE
M SHAW
M DEANE
S HANLEY (I)
N LITTLE (I)
B REDPATH (I)
A BLACK
J CLARK
J THIEL
G MANSON-BISHOP
A WHITTLE
P ANGLESEA
A MORRIS
A SANDERSON

REPLACEMENTS

TBA	16	S HATLEY
	17	C HODGSON
	18	D HARRIS
A BAND CALLED THE 'SHY-TEDS'	19	R APPLEYARD
WILL BE IN THE MEMBERS BAR	20	D BALDWIN
AT 5:30PM AFTER THE	21	D BELL
MATCH V SALE	22	B JACKMAN

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE: GERAINT ASTON-JONES
 TOUCH JUDGES: TREVOR FISHER, MIKE RAMSDEN
 FOURTH OFFICIAL: TBA

Ball boys now sponsored by: **Marlborough Stirling**



MARK SHIPWAY 26/11/90

Last season I was scrum-half for the U9's A team at Aldro School near Godalming, Surrey. I like most sports, including Football, Cricket, Squash and of course, my favourite, rugby. On Sunday mornings I play scrum-half for the Guildford and Godalming RFC U9's A team. The best way to spend Saturday afternoon is watching Gloucester win by driving the opposition towards their try line in the rain in the dying seconds!

DENOTES

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