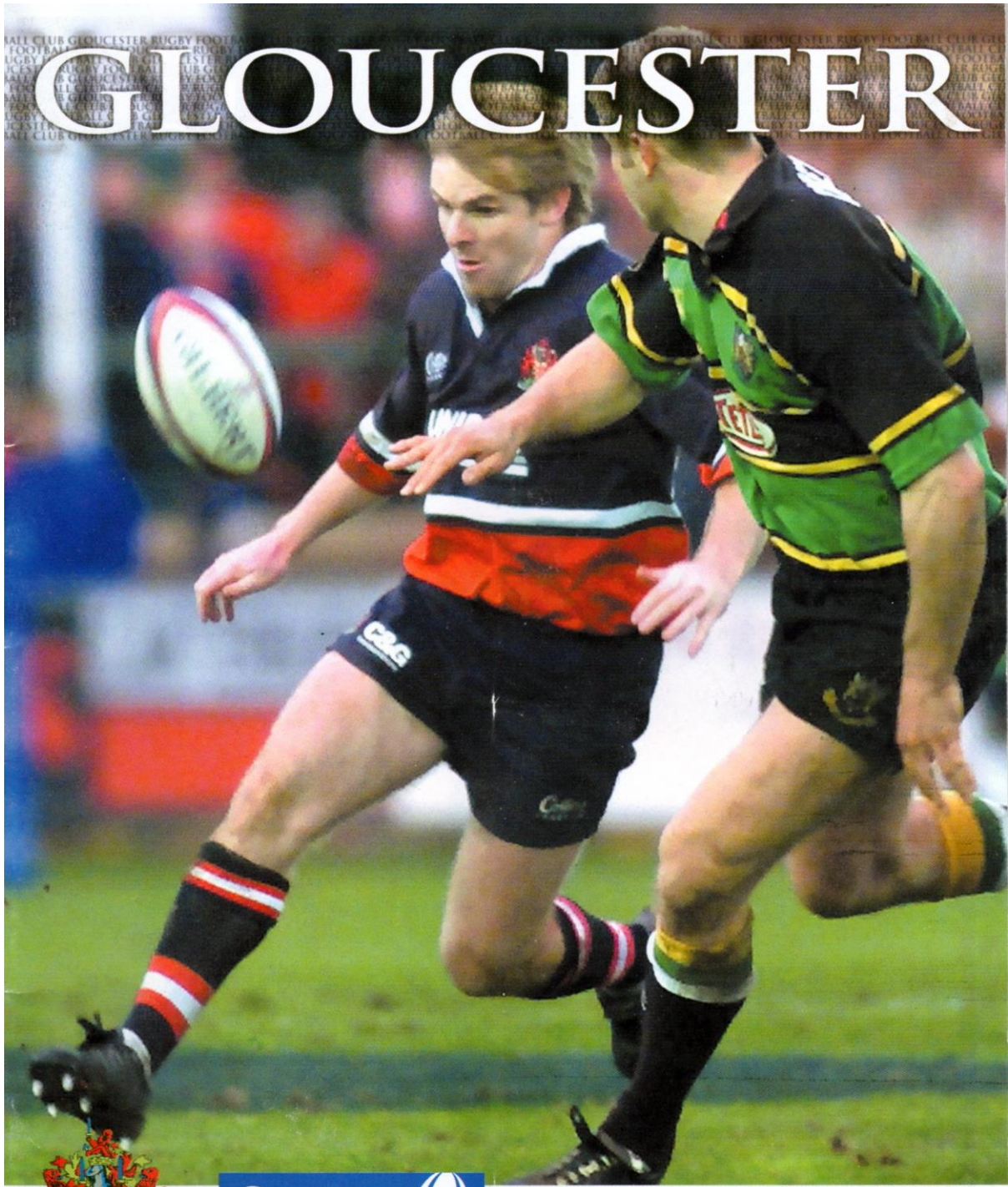


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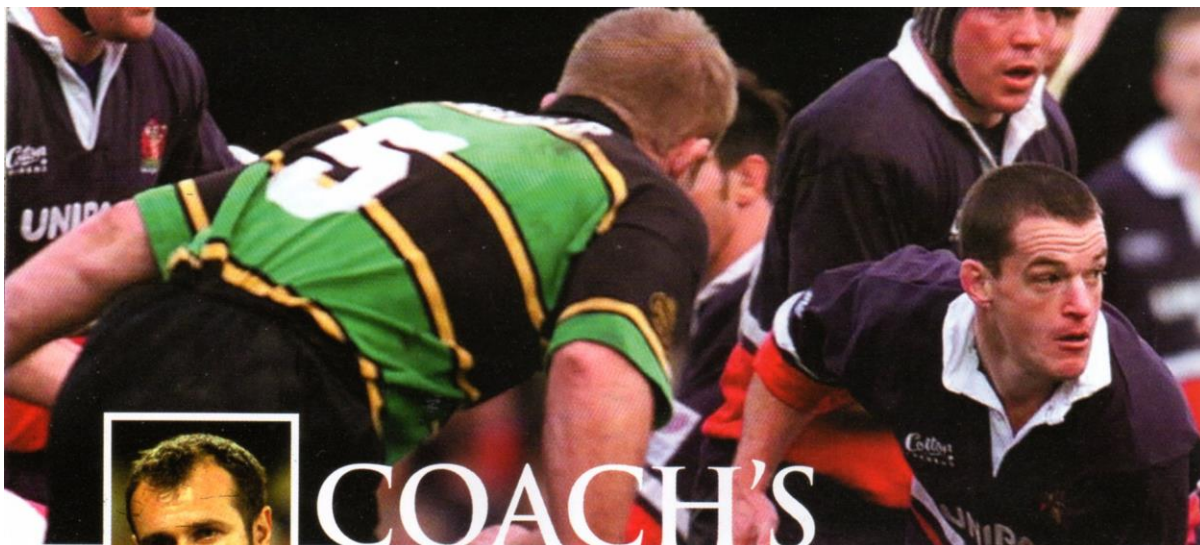
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# COACH'S CORNER

WITH PHILIPPE ST ANDRE

**A**FTER THE LAST GAME WITH NORTHAMPTON I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED.

ABOVE: ELTON MONCRIEFF IN ACTION AGAINST NORTHAMPTON 16/12/00

I think the referee made some decisions that were awful, if you see the game again he penalised always against Gloucester. When we had the ball in attack we were penalised, when we were defending, again we were penalised. Sometimes we were penalised and we were not offside and I think towards the end the referee lost control of the game.

In the scrum we were always in control and Northampton were not penalised for standing up. At one point we could have been awarded a penalty try or if we had the advantage we would have scored ourselves. This didn't happen and we did not take the try that would have made the score 19-19.

**"THE GAME IN NORTHAMPTON WAS VERY PHYSICAL AND WE MUST EXPECT TODAY'S GAME TO BE PHYSICAL ALSO."**

But after this we had a lot of opportunities to score points and we didn't take them. We played very well but we have a lot of work to do. This week we must improve the discipline, and we must improve the ball retention. We must concentrate for the full eighty minutes or even eighty-five minutes of the game.

We had the problem against Leicester, we had a lot of phases of play close to their line and we scored three tries. But we lost in injury time. Against Northampton we worked hard in the drive and the scrum, and our drive and our scrum was very good, but we forgot about ball retention. This is our problem, in each game we have one area or areas that work well but always we have one area that doesn't work well.

Over the Christmas period we have had two games at home last Saturday and today and I will have been telling the players that we must win, we have no other solution.

I am pleased when we win. This season there is a problem I must solve. In our squad we have a lot of talent, but we must take this potential out and prove it on to the pitch. We think we are strong so we take scrums when three points are on offer. In rugby if you do not respect a chance to score and take all the points that are on offer you will lose the game.

In each game we have played this season we have had chances to win the game but we have not taken all our opportunities. Against Northampton we had the opportunities to score two tries but we didn't, we should have taken the three points but we didn't and in the last five minutes Northampton scored two tries.

The game in Northampton was very physical and we must expect the game today to be physical also. I just hope the referee will be consistent. Any referee can make a mistake but he must be consistent with his decisions. At Northampton he was not

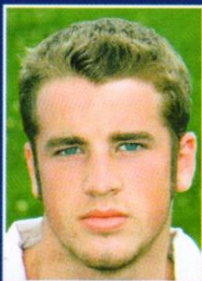
Today we are in front of the Shed and must win this very important game. Between the second placed team and the ninth placed team it is very close. It is only five or six points.

We must take all our ability from the training ground on to the pitch, and we must win. To do this we must work on all areas of our game and we must be consistent during eighty-five minutes of play.



# PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

## JAMES SIMP



JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL

Date of Birth 30/05/82  
Height 5ft9  
Weight (kg) 78kgs  
Rep hon's U18 England sch  
Position Outside Half

" I REMEMBER PAT LAMB STANDING ON THE BLIND SIDE ABOUT TEN METRES FROM THE LINE OPPOSITE ME. I COULD SEE HE FANCIED HIS CHANCES."



**J**AMES SIMPSON-DANIEL BECAME THE SECOND OF OUR UP AND COMING ACADEMY STARS TO MAKE HIS FIRST TEAM DEBUT THIS SEASON.

Entering the fray in the fifty-eighth minute against Northampton he took the place of none other than Jason Little.

**This is it's inaugural year so what have you made of the Gloucester Rugby Club Academy?**

I think in this first year John Haines and the Academy staff have done really well. They have brought in some really good players, I think there are currently four International players here which is a good start. Some teams like Bristol and Bath have had good Academies for years, I don't think the Bristol Academy have lost a game this year, and I think you can see the benefits of having a strong Academy.

**Rugby world tipped you as 'One for the Future', after your England Schools season last year, you mention Bristol and I imagine lots of clubs would have been very happy to have you on the books so, what made you chose Gloucester?**

I looked at a lot of clubs, I looked at Bath, Bristol, and then I came to Gloucester. As a seventeen-year-

old I was looking for somewhere to spend the next four years and I guess I just felt really comfortable here, everyone I met was really nice. At the end of the day it has to feel right.

**You've been here for six months now, you've made your first team debut at eighteen, albeit as a winger, have things happened faster than you would have expected?**

I think I got my first shock when I first joined. I came in and there was an injury crisis, there weren't enough backs to make up a full line at one point and I went over to France and I went straight in and played at several positions just to fill the line. That was a big shock. Coming here having just turned Eighteen and going straight in to the squad on a pre-season tour.

I've since played in the Academy set up whilst training with the first team and so yes it was a bit of a shock especially the speed of the game, coming up from schoolboy level. But I think I've adapted quite well.

**You mention the speed of the game, is there any particular part of your game that you have had to work on?**

When I first started playing second team games, and training with the first team, I was quite quiet. I was playing with great big professionals, and I just let them get on with it. We have a great mentor scheme here though and Simon Mannix has been mine. He has talked to me a lot about the game. He has said that I have to control the game more, especially in my position. If the forwards are in the way I have to move them. Since then I've gained a lot more confidence, and now, wherever I play I talk a lot more.

**So after all the Fly half tutelage you end up on the left wing with thirty minutes to go and come on for Jason Little. How was your first team debut?**

I think I've benched now for about eight or nine games. I've warmed up lots of times ready to go on and getting very nervous but the chance never

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# SON-DANIEL



came. Then on Saturday John Brain told me to warm up as I was going on for Jason. Then the nerves hit me, and my heartbeat was starting to pound. I got my tracksuit off and Gomers was really good, he said, "Come on Simbad let's get on there and get stuck in to it".

**Coxy said the first thing he wanted to do was hit a ruck, obviously this is not a wise move for a winger so what did you do to calm yourself down?**

One thing I decided to do was to talk, really talk. I started getting people around me to help in defence. I only had two things to do in the end. I made a tackle and had one little run. Apparently I was on in the fifty-fourth minute but in only felt like two or three minutes. I remember Pat Lamb standing on the blind side about ten metres from the line opposite me, I could see he fancied his chances and was calling for the ball off Dawson, I was screaming for someone to help me in defence. I think Trevor Woodman came across but in the end Lamb didn't get it.

**What were the lads like after the game?**

Well we were all down but they were really good. They all congratulated me and in the clubhouse after the game Philippe came over and said well done for your first Premiership game. I felt I didn't do too much but also I didn't do anything wrong. I remember Cohen hitting me. It looked bad but at the time I didn't feel it I was too engrossed in the game.

**Your brother Chris plays as a scrum half for Worcester, has there been any sibling rivalry or would you like to team up in the future?**

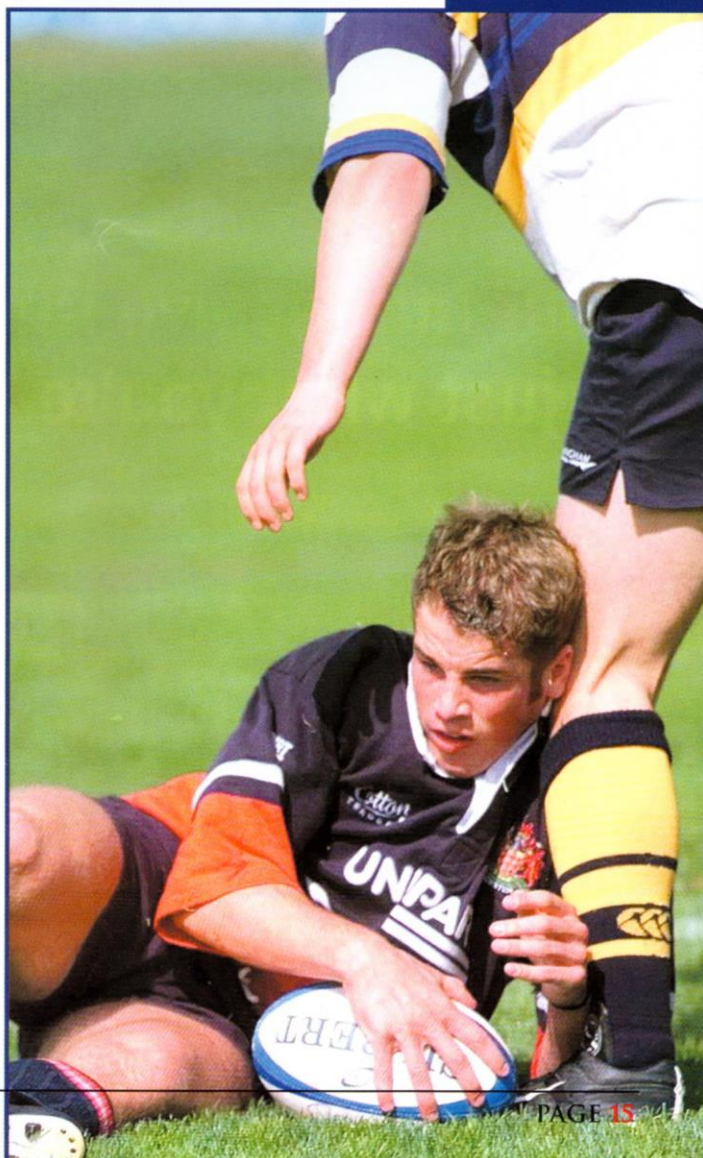
Well he captained the England U16's then went to Newcastle and benched the season they won the league. He has since been to Wakefield and now Worcester. Worcester made an offer to have me as well to get the Simpson-Daniel brothers paired up at half back, it's something I might like to do in the future, but not at this point not while I'm still quite young. I would like to make a head start in my own career before that happens.

**This is the time of year when people make resolutions and set new targets. Have you set yourself any for the next year?**

When I first came to the club I was looking to press the first team after a full season in the Academy. I think my goals are still the same. I want to get as much contact with the first team as I can but concentrate on the Academy. We still have a lot of injuries so anything else this year is a bonus.

**RIGHT: PAT LAMB ON A CHARGE DURING OUR AWAY FIXTURE FOR THE SAINTS.**

**BELOW: JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL IN ACTION FOR THE ACADEMY**





# SEASONS GREETINGS

**S**EASONS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL, WHICHEVER TEAM YOU SUPPORT.

**"FANS FROM BOTH TEAMS STILL MIX AND SHARE VIEWS ON THE GAME, AND ALTHOUGH IT'S BEEN SAID A MILLION TIMES BEFORE, BUT IT'S WORTH SAYING AGAIN, WHAT A PITY IT IS THAT SOCCER DOESN'T HAVE THE SAME ATMOSPHERE ON THE TERRACES."**

**BELOW: JAKE BOER IN ACTION AGAINST ROTHERHAM EARLIER THIS SEASON.**



Yes, hard as it is to believe, not everyone here today at Kingsholm is supporting Gloucester. Take the Lewis family from Cheltenham for example. There'll have been some fairly animated discussion over the lunch table today about the match, as husband Simon is a big Saints fan, while wife Penny supports the Cherry & Whites. Six-year-old daughter Jenny goes along with Mum - three-year-old Emma is still to be convinced either way.

I first met the Lewis' a few years ago when my wife Sue and I co-presented the Sunday morning programme on BBC Radio Gloucestershire. We ran a competition called "THE SUNDAY SIX PACK" in which Simon and Penny took part...and when I asked them if they had any interest in sport, that was it. With such split loyalties you might see some friction on the odd occasion, but both are first and foremost rugby fans, and they appreciate quality play from both teams.

Their love of the game led them to arrange for daughter Jenny to be the Gloucester mascot for the home game with the Saints two seasons ago. There could not have been two more proud parents in the county...though Dad was probably more than a little disappointed at the ultimate result.

Things were no better for the Saints in the tug-of-war that day. As is becoming the norm, the Northampton supporters were pretty backward in coming forward to take on unbeaten Gloucester...and it took a sprint across Kingsholm by none other than Simon Lewis - dressed in his Northampton shirt - to persuade his colleagues to pick up the rope. They lost, of course.

The Lewis' will be in the crowd tonight, as will Richard and Chris, two of the most committed Gloucester supporters you could ever wish to meet. I bumped into them recently at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, when we were all there to watch the Wales/South Africa international. Conversation inevitably moved away from the match we were watching towards matters Gloucester, and they both confirmed that support for the team in "The Shed" is as strong as ever, despite some lower attendance's this season. Fans from both teams still mix and share views on the game, and although it's been said a million times before, but it's worth saying again, what a pity it is that soccer doesn't have the same atmosphere on the terraces.

So, what of tonight's game? This is the second meeting between the teams in less than a fortnight, and Gloucester supporters won't need reminding about what happened at Franklin's Gardens. Three tries to nil, some indifferent refereeing, and Gloucester losing valuable ground to the other teams pursuing Heineken Cup qualification for next season. A win tonight is a must.

Finally, a few half-term thoughts on Gloucester's new recruits for this season, and I must stress these are merely my opinions. Azam has been a tower of strength in the front row, and Boer has also done well with more limited opportunities. Schizano, of course, has already returned to France, while hopefully we'll see more of Little and Gomarsall at their best in the New Year. Remember there's Robert Todd too, some supporters might have forgotten he's here....

I hope we see a great game today, a spirited tug-of-war competition....and that Simon Lewis isn't too disappointed when the Saints go marching into the changing rooms after 80 minutes having lost !!

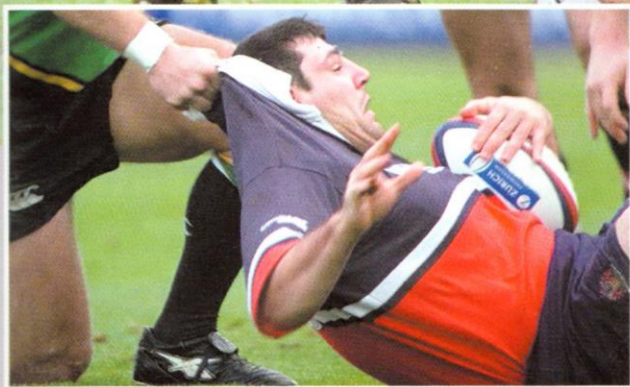
**HAPPY NEW YEAR, AND C'MON GLAWS !**

**BY**  
**PETE WILSON**



BELOW:  
STEVE OJOMOH AND SIMON  
MANNIX BRING DOWN  
NORTHAMPTON'S PAT LAM.

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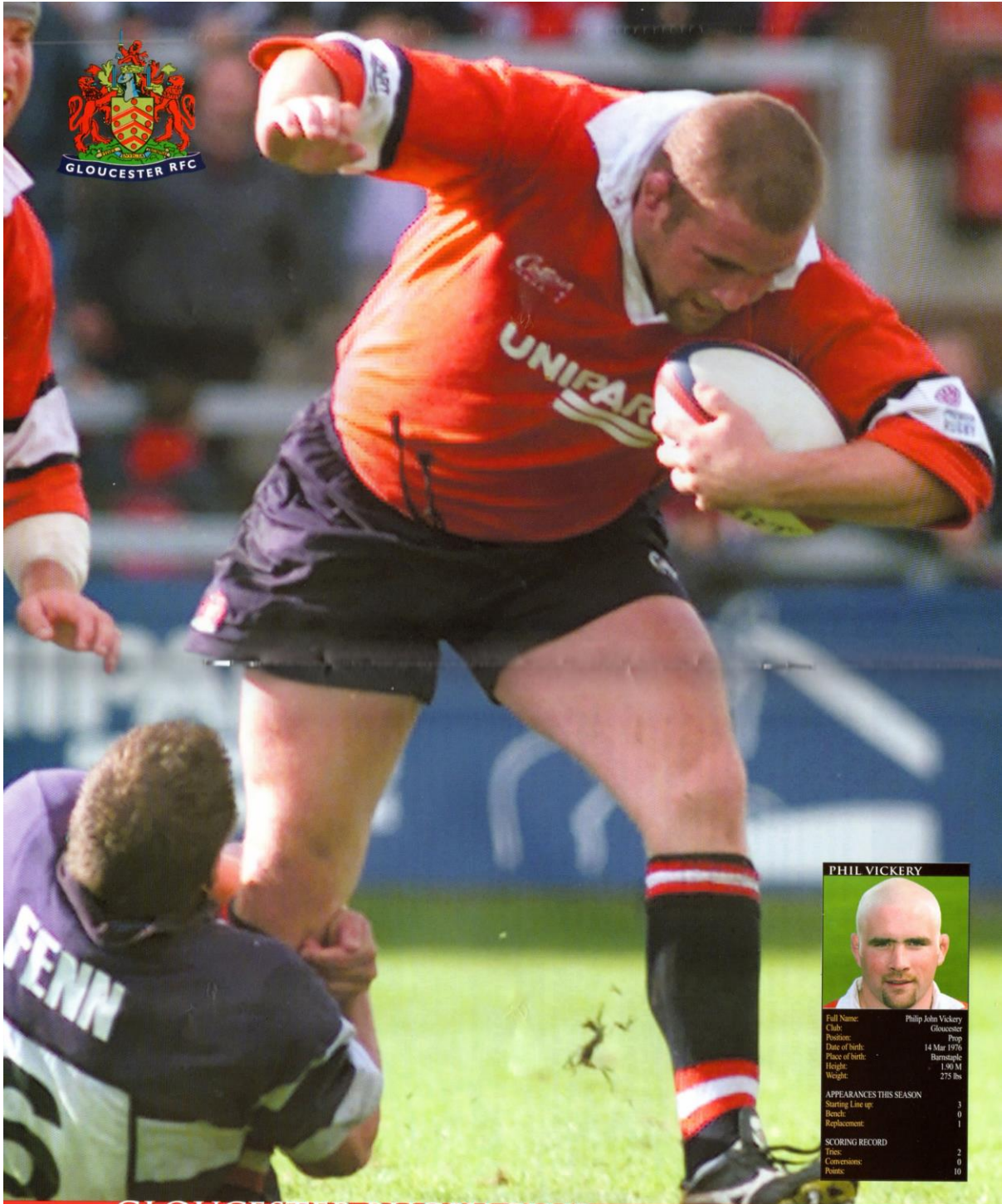


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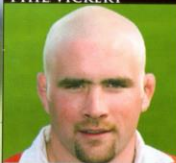
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LEFT:  
OLIVIER AZAM IS HELD  
BY NORTHAMPTON'S  
HARVEY THORNEYCROFT.





**PHIL VICKERY**



Full Name:	Philip John Vickery
Club:	Gloucester
Position:	Prop
Date of birth:	14 Mar 1976
Place of birth:	Barnsley
Height:	1.98 M
Weight:	275 lbs

**APPEARANCES THIS SEASON**

Starting Line up:	3
Replacements:	0
Replacements:	1

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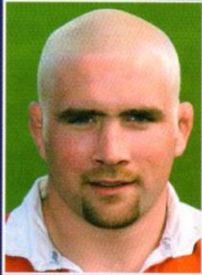
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GLOUCESTER RUGBY CLUB  
**PHIL VICKERY**



# PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

## PHIL



### PHIL VICKERY

Full Name Philip John Vickery  
Place of Birth Barnstaple  
Date of Birth 14/3 /76  
Height (m) 1.91  
Weight (kg) 125  
Former Club Bude/Redruth  
Position Tight head prop

BELOW: PHIL VICKERY IN ACTION AGAINST BATH.



**T**HE PLAYER SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK FALLS ON OUR ENGLAND HERO, THE RAGING BULL HIMSELF, PHIL VICKERY.

We caught up with him after the very successful autumn international series in which England remained unbeaten in all three games against Australia, Argentina and the Spring Boks.

**You missed a very successful England tour to South Africa in the summer. It must have been very satisfying to get a call up as soon as you were fit again.**

It's always nice to be involved with your national team. To be out injured when they did so well in the summer, and then get back in, was a big boost for me. Something everyone aspires to is to play for their country.

**Have you been training with England since the start of the season?**

We have trained a lot, we have met up every Monday, and done our session which was always hard work. We had a good build up to the Internationals, we stayed together throughout the three weeks whilst the games were on which was very intense but also enjoyable. It was good that we were all together. During the Six Nations, there are breaks in between each game when you

come back and play for your club. That can be very difficult.

**How do you prepare yourself mentally, when after playing in front of seventy thousand people at Twickenham one weekend, you go straight back into the toil and grind of the Premiership?**

The league has become stronger year on year. Every team now has quality players, on the day it's a case of whoever plays better. It sounds silly, but there are no weak teams now, every game is a test. I don't think it makes a difference whichever game you are preparing yourself for. For Gloucester at home with all the intensity and noise that is generated, all you want to do is win the game of rugby. It's great when things go well, if you have seventy thousand people cheering you on, but when things don't go well, you have seventy thousand people booing at you! It's great playing in front of a sell out crowd like that, when they're behind you it's a massive boost, but when things go wrong it's not so nice.

**What is a standard week in the build up to a big international?**

For the Australia game we met up on the Monday prior to match day, that's the way we always work. We do most of our work on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday like here at Gloucester. We have a day off on Thursday, a team run on Friday and the match on Saturday.

**When does Clive Woodward name his squad?**

It all depends. If the other team have named parts of their squad, then he'll tell us. If we have injuries, he waits. He usually tells us early in the week to give us time to prepare and practice. Sometimes it's kept in camp before the press get it. It varies.

**And what did it feel like when first game up against Australia, Mr Woodward calls out the names and Phil Vickery is in the starting line up?**

It was a great feeling. To be honest I was quite surprised I was starting the first game, especially after the summer. I was on the bench for the second two, which



# VICKERY



was obviously disappointing but I got on the second half and the management have been saying some very positive things and Julian White is a very nice bloke. At the end of the day if someone is doing well for England there is no one happier than me. I hope we can work together and do the job for England.

**What was it like, the game is deep into injury time, we are still trailing and then in the eighty-seventh minute we score the try. At Kingsholm the boxes and bars went ballistic, so what was it like in the stadium?**

It was just a fantastic feeling. Some say it was lucky, but so many games are decided on points scored in the last minute or in injury time. When I think my last game against Australia was in Brisbane three years ago and that ended seventy-six nil, it's a big step forward.

**Then before the Argentinean game the whole strike thing blew up, that must have been a very testing time for you mentally?**

It was, it was a horrible situation from start to finish and one I hope will never happen again. It wasn't something you like to talk about or think about. At the end of the day players would play for England for nothing, as we said. I'm just glad that common sense prevailed and it all got sorted out.

**The game itself was billed as a disappointing affair, how would you react to that?**

I think people always underestimate Argentina. They are big powerful men, they have talent throughout and are very proud. I find it very frustrating when people say 'only' Argentina this weekend. No one goes out and rolls over. The conditions were a great leveller, and I thought the way we coped was excellent.

**What about South Africa. Was it even more physical than the others?**

I think every game is physical. The South Africans are always hard to play against. My first game against them was in Cape Town and it was a very bruising battle. They will always try and run through you not round you. Added

to that the game against England was the one they all wanted to win.

**For the Six Nations we are favourites with France, do you think it will come down to the game between those two teams?**

No, not at all. If you saw the autumn games Ireland could have, and I think should have beaten South Africa. Wales played very well, and on their day, as they showed last year, Scotland can beat anyone. Having said that, if come the last game of the season England are not in with a chance of the Championship, whether it be a Grand Slam or not, I would be bitterly disappointed.

**The Lions are touring at the end of the season. Is that something you have thought about?**

The Lions tour is the pinnacle of any player's career but before that you have to be in your club first team, then get selected for your country, and then if the Lions selectors don't like you, it doesn't matter. There are many great players who haven't been on a Lions tour, so it's not something that I pin my hopes on. There's also an England tour this summer, which would be great to go on. I just want to concentrate on playing for Gloucester, get the Six Nations out of the way and see what happens.

**Talking of playing for Gloucester, then playing for England. Chris Fortey got called up as cover, Trevor is fit and looking to get back into the England team, what odds are there on a Vickery, Fortey, Woodman front row lining up for England?**

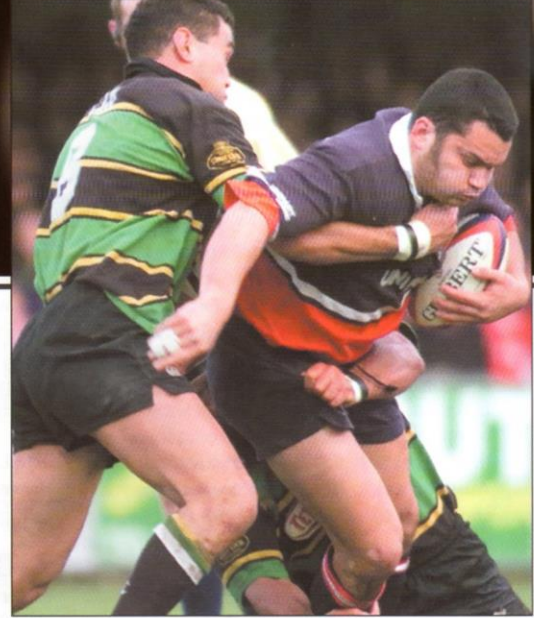
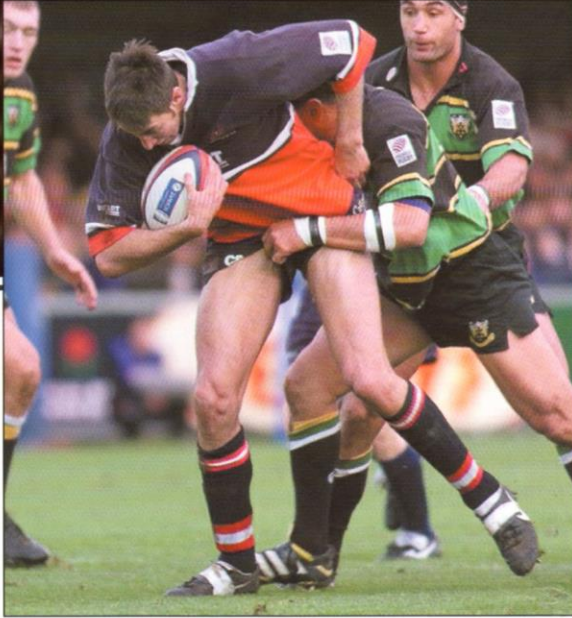
I wouldn't say it's impossible but there is a long way to go. Dougie (Woodman), has worked very hard and it's good to have him back. He has to work hard for Gloucester, and hopefully someone will have faith in him. If getting into the England team means getting up a six in the morning and doing weight sessions like he does then that's what he's got to do!

**"THERE ARE MANY GREAT PLAYERS WHO HAVEN'T BEEN ON A LIONS TOUR, SO IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT I PIN MY HOPES ON."**



# MATCH ACTION

GLOUCESTER 15-34 NORTHAMPTON





# MATCH ACTION



**FAR TOP LEFT:** Ian Jones struggles to break away.  
**FAR TOP RIGHT:** Chris Yates pulls away from a tackle by Northampton's captain Pat Lam.  
**FAR BELOW:** Olivier Azam tackled by Northampton's Harvey Thorneycroft.  
**LEFT:** Steve Ojomoh has his run stopped by Northampton's Andrew Blowers and Budge Pountney.  
**BELOW:** Andy Gomarsall tackles Northampton's Pat Lam as Steve Ojomoh moves in to assist.





# ALL THE BEST FOR 2001 - ESPECIALLY MR AND MRS ADEY

**"GLOUCESTER  
ISN'T THE SAME  
WITHOUT YOU,  
ADEY, BUT WE'LL  
UNDERSTAND IF  
YOU DECIDE TO  
CALL IT A DAY."**

**I** HOPE, MOST SINCERELY, THAT YOU AND EVERYONE CLOSE TO YOU HAS AN ABSOLUTELY, SPECTACULAR NEW YEAR.

Having said that, I'm sure you will allow me to give priority to Mr and Mrs Adey Powles, who today's welcome visitors should know, were involved in a very serious road accident a few weeks before Christmas, and according to reports, were lucky to escape with their lives.

So the New Year isn't starting well for the Powles family. Of course, we all very much hope that things get better for them very rapidly, that their recovery from the injuries received is speedy and complete, and that they will soon be able to resume their lives in the way they would wish.

Obviously, rugby isn't the first thing on Adey's mind at the moment. I'm sure we can all understand that, and equally sure that we would like to see him operating in the front

row again soon, with all the forthright determination that he has never lacked.

All teams need players like Adey; the unsung and unheralded workhorses who get on with the job, not asking for either quarter or praise. Gloucester isn't the same without you, Adey, but we'll understand if you decide to call it a day.

Somewhat ironically, I suppose our favourite memory of Mr. Powles is the time he did step up into the limelight. You may remember that he, never having scored a try for Gloucester before, bullied his way over to score two vital ones in that pulsating, last-gasp win at Saracens right at the end of last season. Not a bad way to be remembered, at that.

Again, best wishes from all of us Adey, to you, and I'm sure you would say more importantly, to your wife who, at the time of writing, is still in hospital.

We're all here if you need us, Adey.

ABOVE:  
ADEY POWLES IN  
ACTION AGAINST  
BATH HELPING  
GLOUCESTER TO THE  
BEST RESULT OF  
THE SEASON





# WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT SO FAR?

**ONE OF MY PROBLEMS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR IS THAT PRINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES ARE ENTITLED TO THEIR FESTIVE BREAK.**

That means that, this year, I have had to write two pieces at the same time, from the same available information, and an uncomfortably long time ahead of the match. In fact, as I labour away at the old Iron Maiden here, we haven't even played the away fixture against Northampton yet, so you mustn't expect anything topical from me this time round.

It does give me the chance, however, to reflect on the season so far, and while freely admitting the point that this time last year we were riding high at the top of the table, I think that we have seen a pretty intriguing campaign so far, all things considered.

The diabolically disruptive injury list, which isn't quite behind us yet, has made it extremely difficult to pick a consistent squad, quite apart from reducing the strength of the side week by week. Even so, we have had some happy surprises.

For example, BEST RESULT of the season has to be the Cup win at Bath, and that was won with a side decimated by injury and the need to rest a few people. WORST RESULT, for my money has been the last-second loss to Leicester in the Premiership. All right, we only had 14 men on the field, at the time, which probably explains why we ran out of cover when the final try was scored, but the Tigers should never have been allowed to be in a position to win by then. Some of the old Gloucester sides would have spent the last half-hour hoofing the ball into the enemy 22. That might be simplistic, but it could well have won the game.

It was great to see Tom Beim winning the Premiership Player of the Month Award this time round, and the judges weren't even

considering his five tries in one game in the European Cup. He would certainly be my PLAYER OF THE SEASON, so far. He also perpetrated the TRY OF THE SEASON when his mazy running killed off Bath in the Cup win.

There are two blokes in contention as my UNLUCKIEST player. First, I would nominate Andrew Hazell. He has taken the flank forward union by storm this season, impressing excellent judges wherever he goes, but he's very unfortunate to have the motivational captain, Kingsley Jones barring his path. Super player though Andy is, I think that many people would agree with me that Gloucester look a different side when Kingsley is in charge, and that situation must be a perpetual headache for Philippe.

My second choice for this unenviable title would be Simon Mannix. When he's had a chance, he's been playing like a dream, but to have managed to break both of his hands in two separate incidents in two separate matches is downright fiendish luck.

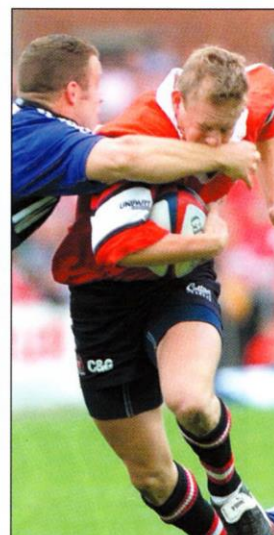
Finally, I'm going to propose a POT CALLING KETTLE BLACK award. It wouldn't be won by anyone at Kingsholm, but by the South African coach.

After the England game he was reported as complaining that England played the game more physically than South Africa does.

Really ? SOUTH AFRICA ? It wasn't Springboks who were running off the field with blood injuries like competitors in a relay race, or South African players who received more stitches than you'll see in the average WI embroidery exhibition. The mind, as they say, boggles.

Finally for this year, may I wish you everything you would wish for yourself and your nearest and dearest for 2001.

See you then.



ABOVE: CHRIS CATLING IN ACTION AGAINST BATH

"BEST RESULT OF THE SEASON HAS TO BE THE CUP WIN AT BATH."

BY PETER ARNOLD



# MATCH CAPTAIN

## KINGSLEY JONES



**A**S TODAY'S GAME WILL BE THE LAST HOME FIXTURE OF THIS MILLENNIUM YEAR WE ASKED THE 1ST TEAM CAPTAIN KINGSLEY JONES FOR HIS THOUGHTS OF THE YEAR JUST GONE.

I think finishing third at the end of last season was a great achievement. We had set ourselves the target of fourth or fifth and so finishing higher was fantastic. And of course the way in which we achieved it was very satisfying.

We had a good run up to Christmas last year, but fell away in February and March. We lost to London Irish in the Cup, which was very disappointing, and this set us on a bit of a losing streak. I think Philippe learnt a lot as a coach after this game, but it shaped our play for the next month or so. After that we lost our shape and a bit of confidence and this all contributed to the league loses to Bath and Northampton. Towards the end of the season however, we showed a lot of spirit and to beat London Irish at London Irish and the manner in which we did it, battling to the death was very satisfying. We went up there with a lot of pride and had a thrilling climax to the season.

Unfortunately the start to this season was very difficult. People had injuries, people had surgery and I think the season started a month too early for us. And not just us but also Northampton and one or two other clubs.

We managed to turn it around though, we got an excellent win up at Stradey Park, the first time in forty-two years I think, that has to be a high point for the club. To beat Welsh opposition in Wales is a great achievement. We faltered a little against Colomiers but after the game in France we beat Bath at the Rec in the cup, and it showed how strong a squad we have.

To boost this squad we have developed an Academy and even in this first year it has done tremendously. A lot of young players have made the subs bench, James, and Coxy have made appearances and I think that is a great achievement. I made my debut at nineteen but it's totally different in this professional era. There are definitely players in the Academy who will go on to represent Gloucester and England.

The Zurich Premiership this season is more evenly balanced. Leicester are still the side to beat but with six points covering nine places it's all up for grabs. We have seen that any team on their day can beat any other team, home or away. I would like to finish in the top four again, to qualify for the European Cup but first I'd like to concentrate on this year's competition. We set ourselves the target of a home draw in the European Cup quarterfinals, but personally I would like to get us to the Semi's. That is only one game away from a European Cup final and anything can happen on the day. I think that would be a great occasion for both myself, and the team, but also the supporters. I hope that in 2001 they give us the same level of support and we can deliver the goods.

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**BELOW: ANDY HAZELL  
HOLDING A CHARGE BY  
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# TODAY'S TEAMS

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27TH, 2000

## GLOUCESTER\*

	CHRIS CATLING	15
	JOE EWENS	14
(I)	JASON LITTLE	13
(I)	TERRY FANOLUA	12
(I)	TOM BEIM	11
(I)	SIMON MANNIX	10
(I)	ANDY GOMARSALL	9
(I)	TREVOR WOODMAN	1
	CHRIS FORTEY	2
(I)	PHIL VICKERY	3
(I)	ROB FIDLER	4
	MARK CORNWELL	5
	JAKE BOER	6
(I) (C)	KINGSLEY JONES	7
(I)	JUNIOR PARAMORE	8

## NORTHAMPTON\*

	JOE SHAW	
	LUCA MARTIN	(I)
	ALLAN BATEMAN	(I)
	JON LESLIE	(I)
	BEN COHEN	(I)
	ALI HEPHER	
	MATT DAWSON	(I)
	GARY PAGEL	(I)
	STEVE THOMPSON	
	MATT STEWART	
	OLIVIER BROUZET	(I)
	TIM RODBER	(I)
	ANDREW BLOWERS	(I)
	BUDGE POUTNEY	(I)
	GRANT SEELY	



## REPLACEMENTS



	JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL	16		KELVIN TODD	
(I)	BYRON HAYWARD	17		STEVE BROTHERSTONE	(I)
(I)	JAWAD DJOUDI	18		JON PHILLIPS	
	ADAM EUSTACE	19		MARK SODEN	
	ANDY DEACON	20		DOM MALONE	
(I)	STEVE OJOMOH	21		PAUL GRAYSON	(I)
	CHRIS YATES	22		MATT TUCKER	

## TODAY'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE:	ROBIN GOODLIFE	RFU
TOUCH JUDGES:	ED MORRISON	RFU
FOURTH OFFICIAL:	FRED SPONG	RFU



(I) DENOTES INTERNATIONAL  
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