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vs Gran Parma

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Coach's Corner

[Philippe Saint-André]

I would like to first of all, welcome G.R.A.N Parma to Kingsholm and all our supporters to the first home game of 2002.

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I hope that this year we will continue to challenge in the League, in the European Shield and in the Cup and that 2002 will be the year in which Gloucester can win a trophy.

Today's game will give me another opportunity to develop some players, and give some of the younger players the opportunity to play first team rugby. I did the same with Andy Hazell and Adam Eustace. I gave them ten minutes, or twenty minutes in games so they got ready to play at this high level and I will do the same now with all the young players.

It is a shame that, for the European Shield, we have to name a squad of thirty players.

We named our squad at the start of the season and players like Marcel Garvey can't play in this tournament. It is a shame because Mannix and Stoica were in the squad but have left the club so we have only twenty-eight players in the squad. For me, I think that we should be allowed to name all our thirty-six players in the Shield squad because this competition is a great opportunity to watch young players play at this level.

We have some younger players in the team today but each week, whatever team takes the field, I want the players to have the same profile. I want them to be hard working, disciplined, fit, have a positive mental attitude in the game and respect the other team. When we play Parma today, we must respect them. We must be focused on our performance but we must respect our opponents because their are no easy games or hard games. We must have the same mental approach to every game we play. Rugby is a hard job. It is a fight and the players must put their bodies on the line. Today, as always, the guys must be ready for this.

Each game we play, whether it is a league game against Bath, or Newcastle, a Cup game or a Shield game we must prepare the same. We must respect our opponents, but we must also respect ourselves, the jersey of the Gloucester club and the fans that come to watch us. I expect nothing less today. We are at home again and we must try to do a good job and play good rugby.

We are always trying to improve as a team. If you want success and you want to be the best, you must always aim for perfection. If you are happy with your performance at any level, and want to just win a game, then that is the wrong message. Today is another important step in the improvement of this squad.

Many of the players who will play today, have not played that much first team rugby. They were all told before Christmas that they would be involved today. I asked them all to remain focused and to prepare as if this was a European Shield final and not just a group game. I hope they all have the confidence to go out and show what they can do and play a good game of rugby.





D.O.B: 14/03/76
Position: Tight Head
Height: 1.91m
Weight: 125kg
Former Club: Bude/Redruth
Int'national Honours:
England 15 – Caps,
British Lions

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Match Captain

[phil vickery]

First of all, welcome to the first home game of 2002. I hope you all had a good Christmas, but are now ready for the second half of the season.

Today we play G.R.A.N Parma and it will be another opportunity to see some of the younger or less experienced members of our squad. Much has been said and written about the qualities of these younger players, but it really has not come as a surprise to me that they have done so well.

When you have trained and played with these guys all season, you get glimpses of what they are capable of. I have said all season how impressed I have been with James Forrester, Simpson-Daniel, Josh Frape, all of them. They are all good players. It is encouraging that they have been given the chance to play and they have done well. They have had the chance to express themselves on the pitch, which is where it matters. It can only be good for the club and I hope they continue to do well.

It is still a learning curve for all of them, and they will find out that a week is a long time in rugby. They may play today or next week and not perform and then they will find themselves back to square one. They have good heads on their shoulders and I hope

that as a club, we can help them avoid too many pitfalls.

Focusing on today's game, we have put ourselves in a strong position in our group and I think everybody knows that it will come down to between La Rochelle and us to qualify. That is what makes today's game so important. It is our last home game in the group and we need to have a good performance to take some confidence over to France next weekend. La Rochelle are a very difficult team to beat; they don't lose many games at home so we will need to be at the top of our game.

We need to hit Parma early today. They will come here today with nothing to lose and I'm sure they will relish playing here in front of a good crowd. I have spoken to many players in the Premiership and Gloucester at Kingsholm is one match in the calendar they all look forward to. Kingsholm creates a wonderful atmosphere that brings the best out of good players and I am sure Parma will be no exception.

I'm sure Parma will come here and look to throw the ball about a bit and it is up to

us as individuals to make sure that we are in the right frame of mind to take them on. We have had a very busy Christmas period, before last weekend's game. We then had a few days off but all the boys have had individual work to do between then and today, so I hope that as soon as we run across the whitewash, we will all be prepared mentally and physically to do our jobs.

Looking forward to the rest of the year, I hope that we can maintain our interest on all fronts. No one ever goes out to lose a game of rugby. I would like to win the league, win the European Shield and win the Powergen Cup. We just have to keep going, we have a great squad as we have shown already and I want us to keep going on two or three fronts not just focus on one.

I don't think we can say we will field our strongest team on certain occasions. We have a good squad with a lot of quality in it and have the ability to challenge on all fronts. With that in mind I hope you all enjoy a prosperous New Year and can continue to enjoy great rugby each time Gloucester take the field.

The 12 days of Christmas are almost over. The players have enjoyed a lighter week on the training ground after a long run of Premiership games in the build-up to today, which ought to be the afternoon when Gloucester tie up the group.

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A big win should also make the boys warm favourites for a home draw, assuming there are no disasters in La Rochelle next weekend.

As the year starts, I wonder if Philippe's stock is higher now than it was 12 months ago. With his third anniversary in charge approaching, there are still three chances of silverware this season, though confidence away from home still seems fragile - the character of the win at Bristol is by no means the norm. But what do you remember

from 2001 ? Here are some "choice cuts" from our many Kingsholm interviews.

Feb 10. Philippe after the defeat by Wasps. "I think this was our worst performance for 2 years. I am very sick and sad for the supporters because it is not acceptable to play this type of rugby. We made so many basic mistakes. We are in the semi final of the Heineken Cup yet today were completely switched off in the second half."

Apr 25. Phil Vickery on his Lions selection. "This is the pinnacle of anyone's career. I never thought that just because England have been successful I would be picked. Graham Henry obviously has his own ideas, but I'm just glad to be part of the squad. I don't know what to expect - I'm just looking forward to putting my case forward for a Test place."

May 3. Ian Jones on leaving Gloucester. "You're a long time retired, and this was a difficult decision. I've never considered rugby to be a job.

I've loved playing the game. I had to ask myself if I was staying at Gloucester for the right reasons. Would I have the same commitment for another twelve months ? I've had a wonderful two years at Gloucester, I'm 34 now, and it's been a great place to end a rugby career."

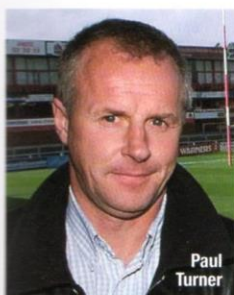
July 25. Tom Walkinshaw on signing Henry Paul. "We've tried to re-structure everything on a two to three year perspective, and Henry could be the last piece in the jigsaw. He's an international superstar, but we won't put a lot of pressure on him in the first months he's with us. It's important he learns the union game properly."

Aug 18. Andy Deacon on his Testimonial. "When I first came here my first objective was just to get into the United side, and here I am having played over 200 games for the first team. It was a great honour to captain Gloucester for a season, even though it was a difficult time, and no-one can take that away from me. If it was up to me I'd keep playing until I was in a wheelchair."



Tom Walkinshaw and Philippe Saint-Andre

Aug 28. Andy Keast on leaving Gloucester. "There is no animosity between me and the club, but I'm deeply disappointed to be going. Compared to when I signed the contract, I felt my role was being diminished day by day. I wish I was still working with the players. I'm a coach, but that's not something I was allowed to do."



Oct 1. Paul Turner on his appointment as Backs coach. "I've been coaching now for 12 years, and Philippe called me and said he wants me to help with the backs. That's fine because the main job isn't one I particularly want. There's still an element of the game that needs a kicking strategy, but I think I can help with an expansive game as well. We've

got to get a good mix, and if we do I think we can challenge for trophies this season."

Nov 11. Philippe after the derby win over Bristol. "The discipline wasn't great, but the guys were sharp in the last 20 minutes and we got the extra bonus point. You ask me if I felt under pressure if we lost today. I spoke with Tom Walkinshaw, and he is confident about what I do. The team is improving, the skills are improving. I don't feel the pressure at all. I don't understand where the bad rumours come from."

What will 2002 hold? The next assessment point comes at the end of January. SEMI final places in the two Cups later in the season will widen Gloucester's options for European qualification, but defeats would put all the Cherry & White eggs into the Premiership basket. Time to nail one of the QUARTER final spots today with a bit of style.

C'mon Glaws !

Phil Vickery



Junior Paramore

[player focus]



As the season of indulgence and then resolution is upon us, one role model that might be worth looking to for inspiration is Junior Paramore.

The 'talisman-like' figure that holds the giant Gloucester pack together is in determined mood this year. The only thing he is gorging himself on is rugby and is content to indulge himself in his two vices, confrontation and physical contact. All you understand within the confines of the rugby field.

"I like the confrontation and the contact, I really love it", says the big Western Samoan. "To me, the first thing I try and do is get the ball in my hand and run straight at somebody, or tackle somebody, then I know I am in a game".

Off the field, however, the persona of this all action hero could not be more different. He is a very shy, softly spoken, family man who enjoys his faith in God as much as he enjoys his rugby. Paramore plays the game with a smile that could warm the coldest day and that is the way he likes it. Once the match starts Paramore is as sharp as a

knife. Once the final whistle has blown however, he moves on to the next game, then the next he is not one to dwell on past mistakes or glories.

"You play the game to enjoy it. If you are too focused and too serious about the game, you make mistakes. If you relax and enjoy it you have a good time.

We must also remember that we play the game for the spectators. We must try to make it entertaining for them. We must always be focused on winning but at the back of our minds we must always remember to enjoy the game".

"I do take it seriously, but also on the pitch I like to have fun. A smile is also good for all the little kids who come to watch the game and see that rugby isn't so bad after all. I like to show kids that rugby players are not always mean. I like to think the kids look at me and see they can be like Junior who is always smiling".

Paramore joined the club from Bedford after the 1999 World Cup. His efforts in that tournament hindered his progress with his new club as injuries sustained representing his country got the better of him. This year though, he is back fitter than ever and hungry for success.

The fitness regime imposed by Bernard Faure has had visible results. The team are top point scorers in the division and where last year Gloucester were accused of succumbing in the final stages of a match, this year they keep getting stronger. The military like training does not suit everyone but Paramore, in true humble style just keeps his head down and puts in the work.

"I am very, very fit", Paramore exclaims proudly. "I am fitter than last year - as are most of the boys in the squad. Most of them don't like the running but it's paying off. Training is part of

[Junior Paramore] Back Row

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our job, so we can moan and groan about it, but the training is paying off on the field where it matters. We have lost games through bad decisions and missed kicks but we are so fit we are able to score so many tries".

It is no coincidence that Gloucester's improved first half of the season reflected the form of the huge number eight. Gloucester's game plan has been built on a strong forward pack. This obvious strength though, would be useless without control. At number eight Paramore acts as the rudder that steers the good ship Gloucester. Few would underestimate his importance to the team but any talk to him of a talisman is quickly and modestly dismissed.

"I don't see myself as a talisman. I'm the old man of the pack if you like and I'm just trying to bring the experiences I got with Western Samoa to help out Vicks in the forwards. Our strength is in the forwards and I never want to let our supporters down. We always like to go out and dominate teams in the

forwards we always like to beat teams upfront".

"Vicks is captain, but we can't leave it up to him to do all the talking. We are all professionals and it's up to us to front up and get out there and win games".

Gloucester have managed (Leicester apart) to dominate up front in each encounter. The good work in the forwards is also being converted into points. According to Paramore however, this squad is by no means the finished article.

"We have started the season really well, better than last year. The squad we have though is still young, really young. If we can build on that next year, then we will be even stronger".

"The season is half way through and we are second which is not too bad. But if we want to compete with Leicester, we must learn to win away. I think the boys would like to take the Shed with us, but we cant. So we have to focus and pretend and say, this is Kingsholm wherever we are so go out and play".

Paramore's experience is also being used to great effect off the field. As a devout Christian, he likes to conduct his life as a man of God. Before entering the field of play he will raise his eyes skyward and then perform a signation of crossing himself.

"I do that to thank the Lord for the talent he has given me. The ability is not mine, the Lord gave it to me, so I thank him for being able to play rugby and get paid for something I love doing".

At a dinner table before a meal Paramore, along with other members of the squad, will pause for a second as he thanks the Lord once again "for the food that has been provided".

The most famous reborn Christian is Jason Robinson. As a young player Robinson has admitted to abusing his body with alcohol, until another of Junior's Western Samoan colleagues, Vai iga Tuigamala took him under his wing and taught him the error of his ways.

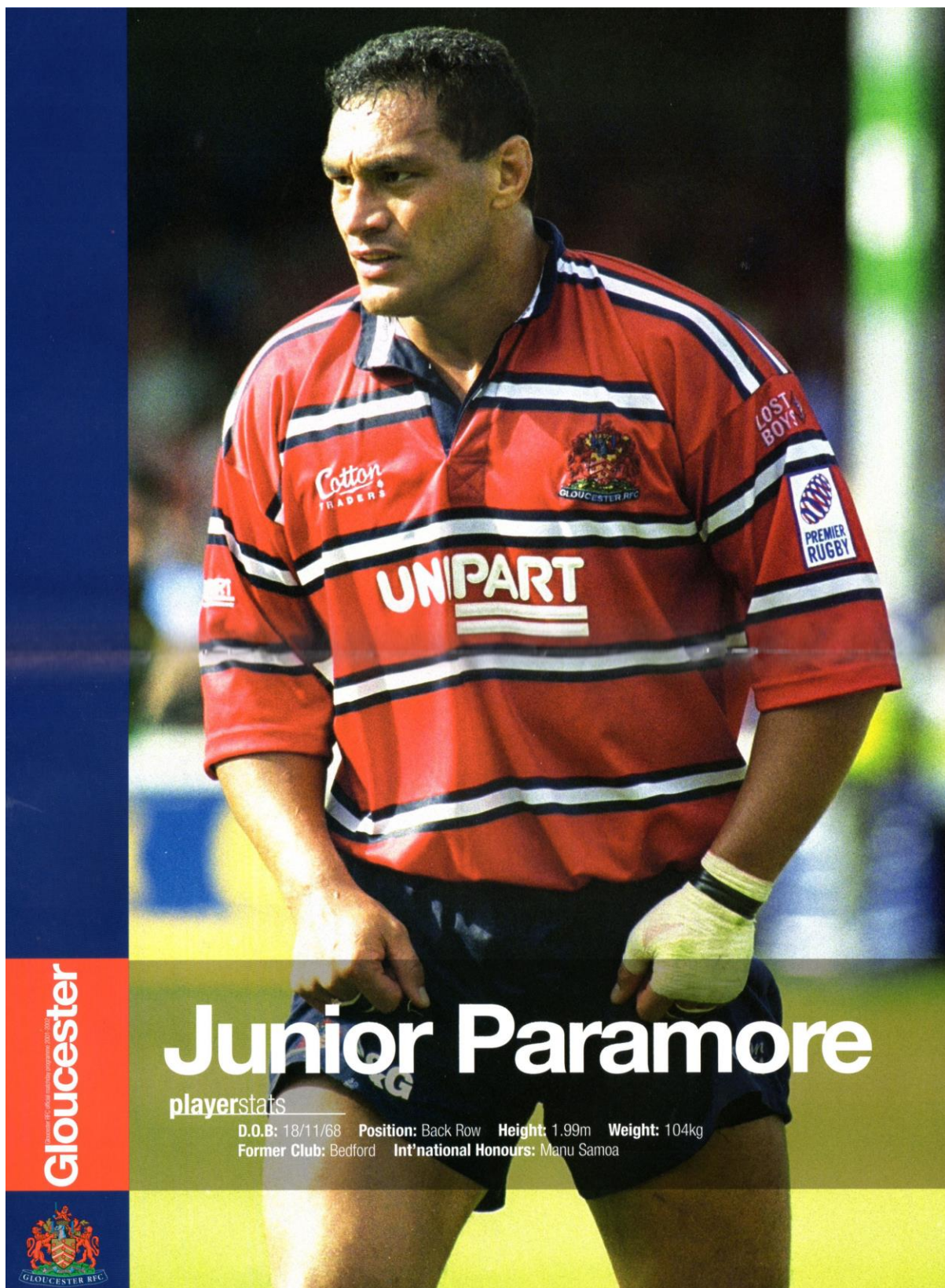
"Its good what Tuigamala did for Jason. I don't tell players what

they should or shouldn't do; it's all up to the individual. But if you want to be an international player you have to take care of yourself. I'm not a preacher, but if young players can look and see what we do, then that might be enough for them to say that's not such a bad idea".

His altruistic motives apart, Junior Paramore still has many personal goals he has set himself.

"I want to win things before I finish at Gloucester. To do that we need to win more away games. That is something I would like. For me every game is crucial. I don't like it when the newspapers say that Gloucester can never win away. It's up to us to put that right. We need the mental toughness to win, wherever we are".

In this festive season Junior Paramore will get the chance to enjoy the things that are so important in his life. The Christmas season is all about faith and families and in this congested fixture list, there is also much rugby for him to continue to gorge himself on.



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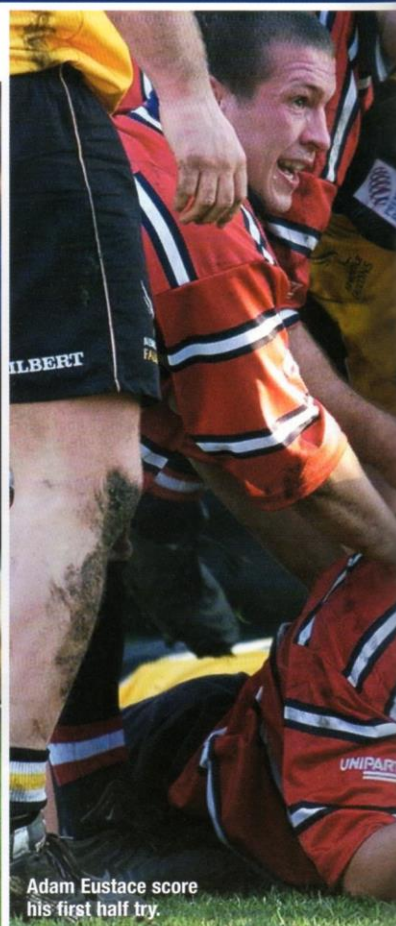
Junior Paramore

playerstats

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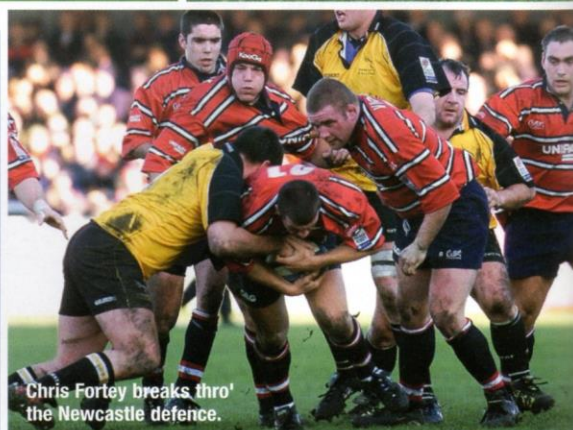
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	25	Newcastle Falcons: 25 Tries: Noon, Penalty Try, Wilkinson Conversions: Wilkinson (2) Penalties: Wilkinson (2)

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Olivier Azam
see's red.

Henry Paul prepares
for a conversion.



LET'S WIN IT FOR DEAKS

The best, and most imaginative, piece of news I've heard from Kingsholm lately concerns Philippe St. André's decision to confer the captain's armband on Andy Deacon for the remainder of the Powergen Cup campaign.



At first sight it looks a bit odd, because if 'Deaks' is playing, the chances are that Phil Vickery won't be, even if he has been named in the Zurich World XV again this year. After all, the Raging Bull is the official club captain, an office which seems to have been usurped by his evergreen colleague.

Closer inspection, however, shows just what a good move this is. Andy certainly skipped the side against Bristol in the previous round with great distinction, and Phil did take the field to rub salt into the wounds of the Shoguns on that day, at just the point when his formidable presence was likely to do most good.

The Cup captaincy is a very appropriate honour for a guy who has done more for Gloucester than any other player still in active participation. No one deserves it more, and it's a great fillip for his Testimonial Year. The move will also be highly popular.

We must congratulate 'Le Patron' for his imagination, but

there's more to it than just thanks for past services. Philippe St. André is not, if he'll forgive me for saying so, noted for making decisions for sentimental reasons. I'm sure that it will have crossed that Machiavellian mind of his that playing for Deaks is one thing which will inspire the lads to give 150% on the day, rather than the mere 120% they demonstrated during the demolition of Bristol. Against London Irish it might just make the difference.

It's going to be tough to beat the Irish at their Reading fortress, no doubt about that. Philippe is right to say that we can beat anyone if we play to our full potential, but we don't have the best of records at the Madejski Stadium. However, two thoughts occur. First, I thought that a strangely inept Bath side flattered London Irish during their defeat at the 'Rec.' Second, we could, and probably should, have beaten them on our last visit to Reading.

The balls are all in the air. But it would be nice to win it for 'Deaks'.

YOU GOT TO LAUGH

Did you notice that a group from Hertfordshire has conducted some very erudite research to find Britain's funniest joke* ?

It must have been a highly enjoyable project, and I'd like to suggest that they follow it up by doing some more specialised investigations. What, for example, is the nation's funniest rugby joke ? The problem in doing so could be that we're spoilt for choice.

There's the one about the full-back who kept shooting glances up into the stand while preparing to take kicks at goal. The captain noted this, and strolled over to ask him why he was departing from his usual kicking routine. "Well,

skip," replied the kicker. "My mother-in-law is sitting up there, somewhere, today." "Don't be an idiot !" retorted the skipper, "You'll never hit her from there !"

Or if you like your witticisms a bit more concise and crisp, there's the one that goes, "I hear he's a good hooker." "No, Mate. You're thinking of his sister !"

Or there's a good old one about the Irish Catholic who decided he wanted to be converted. So they sat him

down on the 22 and got Ludo Mercier to belt him over the crossbar.

I could go on. And on. So could you, I expect. Why not send me your favourite for possible inclusion on these pages ? If it's printable, of course. Drop me a line at 74 Victoria Street, Gloucester GL1 4EW, or Email me on PeteArnold@aol.com.

Have a fun-filled New Year.

*Just for interest, the joke which came out on top

concerns Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson, out on a camping trip. Holmes lay back and gazed at the stars. "What do you deduce from those Watson, ?" he asked.

"Well, Holmes," replied the Doctor "Among all those millions of stars, there must be a very large number with planets. It would be strange indeed if some of them didn't have inhabitants like ourselves."

"No you fool," said Holmes. "It means someone has stolen our tent !"

THEY'RE BACK

The BBC have given us a nice New Year present by announcing the imminent return of 'Rugby Special' Well - not all that imminent, actually, because it doesn't hit our screens until March.

It will then run until the end of the season, and I get the impression that there is a sense of 'trial run' about the project.

We always had our criticisms of the old 'Rugby Special', of course, not least about the way they used to fiddle about with the timing of the programme. You just got used to one particular time to sit

down with the odd can, and they then swapped the timing next week, just to confuse you. Or that's how it seemed, anyway.

However, the programme may not have been perfect, but it was far better than nothing. Which was precisely what we got on terrestrial TV when the BBC chopped it. I have nothing whatever against Sky's 'The

Rugby Club', which I don't think is bad at all, but it isn't everyone who has cable or a mini dish, and of those who have, quite a lot can't afford a package which includes the sports channels.

There is, therefore, a crying need for a rugby magazine programme on old-fashioned steam telly.

I do note one regrettable omission in the description I have read of the new Rugby Special. There is no mention of our old sparring partner, old boy of Barnwood C of E School, Nigel Starmer Smith.

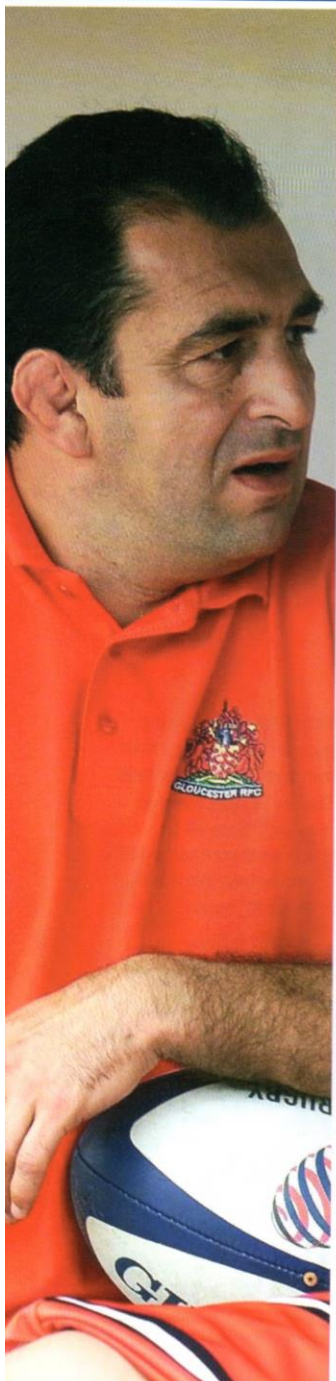
That's a pity. We shall have to find someone else from whom to extract the Michael.

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Forward Think



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It is no secret that Gloucester's successes this season have yet again been built on the platform, laid by one of the most formidable packs in the league.

This season the man charged with making this hardened machine work is Laurent Seigne. He joined the club in a full time capacity this season after acting as somewhat of a forward's consultant on previous occasions.

Under Seigne's guidance, at times this year, Gloucester have been accused of reverting to an old fashioned, ten-man style of rugby. Seigne though is quick to deflect that stigma and points out that the backs have had their fair share of plaudits too this season.

"If you look at the tries we are scoring, there are more scored by the backs than the forwards. Of course, we had to do extra work on set pieces because if you do not have a good set piece, it is difficult to play rugby. To win any game of rugby it is important to have a good foundation".

"This year there are new players like Collazo, Pucciariello, Sewabu and Forrester and we have players at the club who did not play so much last year, so it was important to find a good unit. I believe we are beginning to find a better balance between slow ball and quick ball. Half way through the season we are top point scorers. The backs have scored more tries but if we want good backs, we must have good ball, so the forwards must win good ball".

Any game plan is based on the ability of the forwards to secure the necessary ball. It was not lost on Seigne though that at Gloucester, almost like no other club, the forwards are expected to be more than just ball winners. They are also expected to become part of the folklore that surrounds the club.

"In rugby, the front five is very important". Seigne agrees, "But we must also respect the history of the club and the history of this club is in its forwards like Mike Teague, Phil Blakeway, and Jon Fidler. If you are the coach of Harlequins, it is not the same, but I don't think I would be happy coaching a team where the front five only cleaned out the ball and gave quick ball to the backs all the time".

Seigne has also been praised for breathing new life into careers that were flagging. Ed Pearce was the forgotten man last season, this year as a second row he is revitalised and in fine form. Adam Eustace has been transformed from an able squad member to a player that has held down a first team place in two positions. Seigne is happy with the response from his new charges but assures us they are not the finished articles yet.

"Yes I am happy, but I think that a lot of players still don't know their full potential. These players will be surprised and will surprise a lot of supporters and players in other teams. This year we have improved the skills and the fitness of the players, but we have also attended to their confidence. Rugby is all about confidence".

The key, Seigne tells us, is all about making sure that all the players feel they play a very important part in the squad.

"All the players are very important to this team. The team is more important than any player but at the same time it is important that all the players feel involved. This year, everyone has had the opportunity to play in easy games, but also in the

tough ones. The competition has improved as the players have all tried to improve their game. It is difficult for one player to be the best in his position in September, October, and November through to February. Players peak at different times and they all know this".

This year the management has also had a holistic approach to team selection. Players are in the team to do a job, not just wear a number. This is a philosophy that Philippe says Laurent has helped bring to the club. The most obvious beneficiaries have been Adam Eustace and Ed Pearce. Both players endured a fragmented season last year. This season though both are proving their worth to the squad.

"For a coach I think the best thing is to use the qualities of everybody to try to make the team better" Philippe Saint Andre revealed.

The new team spirit engendered by this philosophy was epitomised by the performance of the largely inexperienced Gloucester team that won so well at Bristol. The result may have surprised a few, but the attitude that was shown at the Memorial ground was no shock to Seigne.

"When a young guy has the chance to play, he will play at 100% and more, because for him it is like his test match.

When James Forrester took to the pitch at Bristol it was like Phil Vickery playing against New Zealand at Twickenham. It can be bad but it can also raise their game. These young players then push the other's to perform even higher".

The management have also gone out of their way to ensure that players, young or old, know that whoever they are, if they perform on the day, they have a chance of retaining their place. No one at Gloucester receives a starting shirt without earning it.

"Forrester played well against Bristol so he started last week against Newcastle. Philippe and I agree that you do not pick a team on paper. If they are the best players at the time, no matter who they are, they will play".

He adds, "It is a fair way to pick the team. Everyone knows that they have a chance to play so it pushes them all to try harder".

With time, the battle-hardened frame has become a little more portly, and the facial expression less stern and warmer. One suspects though that he is still a very hard taskmaster. He does admit to changing his legendary motivational tactics as he realises that what worked in France may not work in England.

"I have different methods in England to the ones I used in France. I talk to the players



Gloucester's formidable pack line up against Leicester.

throughout the week not just before the match. Also we try to listen to the players and not treat them as children. We must use their ideas too. We must take what is good and leave what is bad".

Seigne will not rest on his laurels. He has a forward pack that is dominating opponents but still he is not satisfied. The away defeats at Newcastle, London Irish and Bath, for example, blot an otherwise pristine copybook.

Seigne and Saint-Andre have a two-year plan. The games that have been lost by two or three points this year Seigne assures us will be won by ten points next year.

This week he focuses on GRAN Parma and hopes the forwards can provide sufficient ball for the backs to score as many points as possible. He will not be happy though unless the pack asserts their authority as well.





Line-ups



Gloucester VS Gran Parma

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i	Junior Paramore	8	Diego Colli	c

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Dimitri Yachvili	16	Pietro Carra	<input type="checkbox"/>
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i	Andy Hazell	19	Gonzalo Rodriguez	<input type="checkbox"/>
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i [denotes international]
c [denotes captain]

[today's officials]

[referee] Gareth Simmons **Welsh RFU**
[touch judges] K. Evans **Welsh RFU**, N. Ballard **Welsh RFU**