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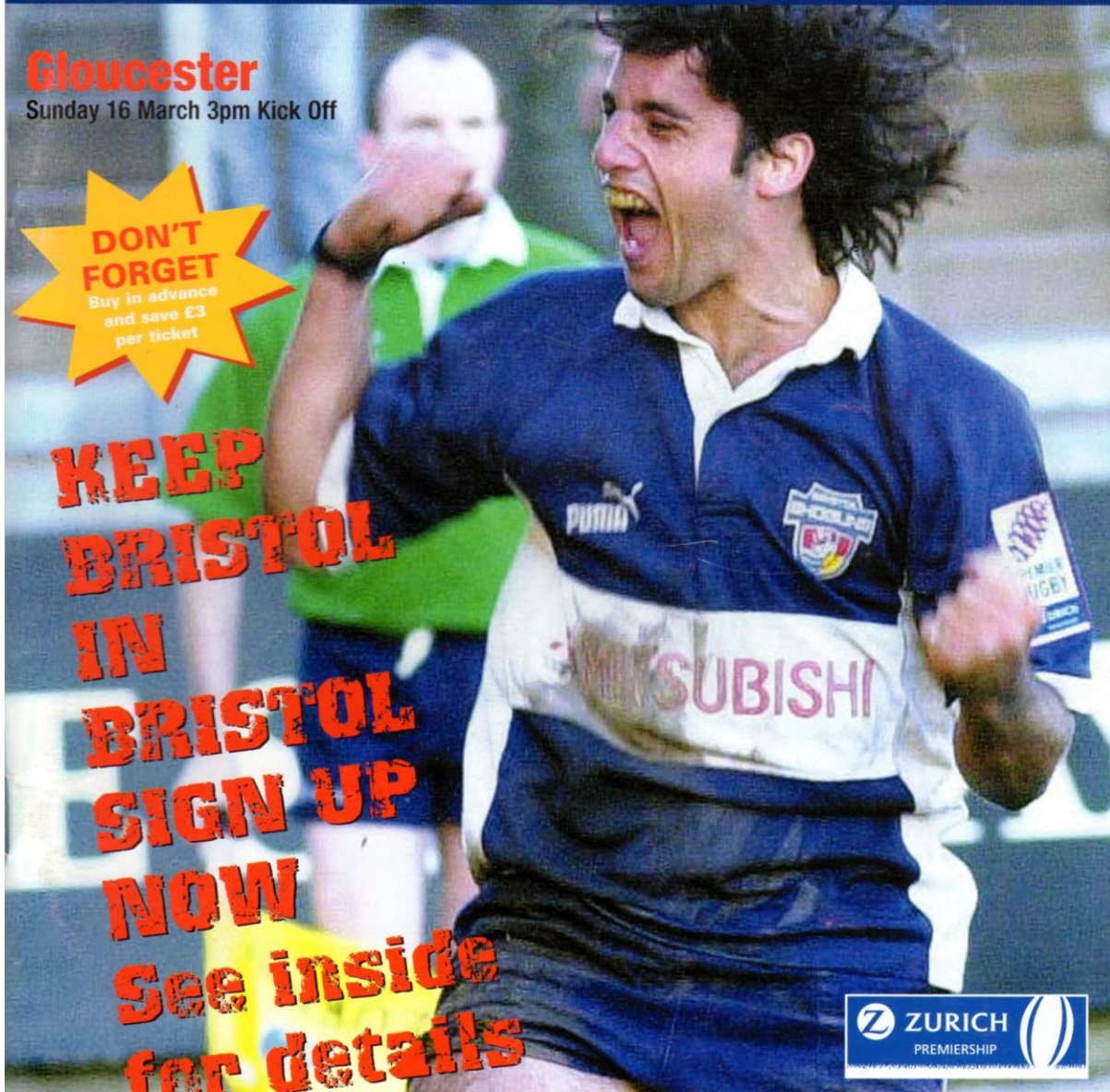
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Opposition

The Powergen Cup are we, aren't we? Will they won't they? saga rumbled on for much of last week.



The whole of Gloucester waited anxiously to see what action the Leicester Tigers would take after the result of the match between the two clubs in the semi final at Franklin's Gardens was thrown into doubt.

By now every Gloucester supporter, and many who don't have a season ticket for Kingsholm or Welford Road, will be an expert on law 12.3 of the RFU rule-book and the rules and regulations surrounding front row replacements.

Thankfully, for the team in Cherry and White today, their efforts on 1st March have not been in vain as Peter Tom, chairman of Leicester Football Club PLC, released a statement outlining why the Tigers had deliberated for four days but decided not to appeal against the result.

Nigel Melville and the Gloucester team breathed a collective sigh of relief and can now turn their attention to a Twickenham showdown with Northampton Saints on April 5th.

The Powergen Cup has always been one of Gloucester's priorities this season but today the team will be fully focused on the immediate matter of taking four Zurich Premiership points back up the M5, and taking one step closer to another Twickenham date with the Zurich Premiership final.

There is also the small matter of West Country bragging rights and at present Gloucester are enjoying their status as the best in the West.

A West Country derby is always certain to stir the emotions of both sides and both sets of supporters. Whilst the Bath-Gloucester rivalry has received top billing in recent years, as the oldest and most traditional match up in the country a Bristol-Gloucester fixture still demands much attention.

At Kingsholm in September, the Cherry and Whites took the spoils as a young Gloucester winger by the name of Marcel Garvey announced his arrival to the Premiership with a devas-

tating hat-trick of tries that showed a dazzling array of attacking skills.

Today, the Avon side will be keen to end a recent run of results that saw the visitors win here twice last season. Both games, in the Powergen Cup, when James Forrester notched up a hat-trick of touchdowns, and last season's Zurich Premiership fixture that Gloucester scrapped by a point, were closely fought battles of the highest calibre that had fans on the edge of their seats until the final whistle.

With the Zurich Premiership, Powergen Cup, and European competitions all entering key stages in the season, every try, goal and point is eagerly accepted and remorseless earned it doesn't get much better than this.

Today will also be very special for Gloucester lock Mark Cornwell. 'Pasty' will step out of the tunnel to play his one hundredth league match for the Cherry and Whites this afternoon.

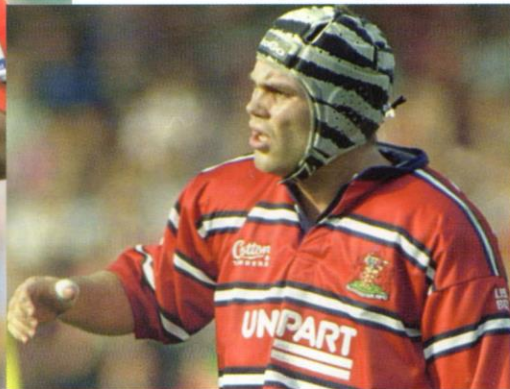


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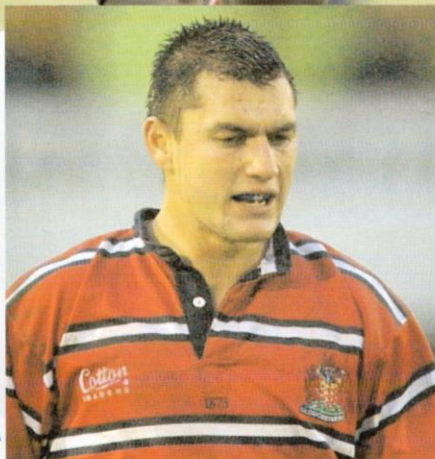
Marcel Garvey

Marcel Garvey started this year as a relative unknown. In six months however, he has now risen to the fringes of the full England squad. His hat-trick of tries against the Shoguns at Kingsholm in September demonstrated his full array of attacking skills. He can be at full pace within seconds, and with a low centre of gravity added to his ability to change direction in a single stride, he is a very dangerous weapon.



Andy Hazell

Described as the only true open side in the Gloucester squad, Andy Hazell has become one of the top players in his position in the Premiership. Cruel injuries have kept him on the sidelines for much of the last year, but he has impressed in recent months, leading to an England 'A' call-up.



Thinus Delport

The 12 times capped Springbok joined Gloucester in the summer of 2002. He has vast experience of Super 12 rugby and is now starting to show some of the form that helped him dominate the Springbok number fifteen jersey. Delport was Gloucester's star man in the recent Powergen Cup semi final against Leicester.



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SHOGUNS

Top Tackles
Matt Salter 135
Top Ball Carries
Felipe Contepomi 91
Top Metres
Brendon Daniel 662
Top Line Outs Won
Alex Brown 58
Top Defs. Beaten
Felipe Contepomi 47
Top Place Kicks
Felipe Contepomi
53 from 78 (68%)

PLAYER HEAD-TO-HEAD

Felipe Contepomi		Ludovic Mercier
13	Matches	16
85	Tackles	92
28	Misses	26
91	Ball Carries	43
583	Metres	348
212	Passes	276
47	Defenders Beaten	19
8	Penalties Conceded	7
14	Turnovers Conceded	18
4	Lineouts Won	3

GLOUCESTER

Top Tackles
Jake Boer 215
Top Ball Carries
Robert Todd 135
Top Metres
Henry Paul 672
Top Line Outs Won
Mark Cornwell 86
Top Defs. Beaten
Marcel Garvey 41
Top Place Kicks
Ludovic Mercier
66 from 92 (72%)





ORANGE OPTA FACTS

- Felipe Contepomi** has beaten more defenders than any other fly-half in the Zurich Premiership (47)
- Bristol's** match against Harlequins was the highest scoring match this season, and had the most tries (11)
- Matt Salter** was Bristol's most effective tackler against Quins, not missing any of his 11 tackle attempts
- Andy Gomarsall** has made the joint most offloads in the Zurich Premiership this season (21)
- Gloucester** win the fewest breakdowns on average per match in the Zurich Premiership (56)
- Jake Boer** has made the second most tackles in the league so far this season (215)

THE QUARTERMASTER

Bristol		1/4		Gloucester	
Scored	Conceded		Scored	Conceded	
7.2	4.6	1st	5.6	5.2	
6.3	7.6	2nd	6.6	4.8	
5.6	5.4	3rd	6.5	3.4	
5.0	9.9	4th	8.8	3.3	

NB: Figures given are average points per match quarter

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

Date	Home	v	Away	KO
16th Apr	Northampton	v	Bristol	20:00
20th Apr	Bristol	v	Wasps	15:00
29th Apr	Saracens	v	Bristol	19:30
4th Apr	Gloucester	v	Newcastle	19:30
18th Apr	Sale	v	Gloucester	15:00
26th Apr	Gloucester	v	Harlequins	15:00



TEAM HEAD TO HEAD

Bristol		Gloucester
93	Tackles	94
18	Missed Tackles	13
69	Ball Carries	76
427	Metres	452
17	Defenders Beaten	18
104	Passes	110
4	Clean Breaks	6
13	Penalties Conceded	13
12	Turnovers Conceded	14
57	Breakdowns Won	56
77%	% Lineouts Won	83%
89%	% Scrums Won	89%

NB: Stats Average per match 2002/03

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The Teams

Bristol Shoguns				Gloucester	
1	Andrew Sheridan	Loosehead	Trevor Woodman	1	
2	Saul Nelson	Hooker	Olivier Azam	2	
3	Darren Crompton	Tighthead	Andy Deacon	3	
4	Garath Archer (C)	Lock	Adam Eustace	4	
5	Alex Brown	Lock	Mark Cornwell	5	
6	Matt Salter	Blindside	Jake Boer (C)	6	
7	Michael Lipman	Openside	Andy Hazell	7	
8	Ross Beattie	No.8	James Forrester	8	
9	Agustin Pichot	Scrum Half	Andy Gomersall	9	
10	Felipe Contepomi	Fly Half	Ludovic Mercier	10	
11	Phil Christophers	Left Wing	Tom Beim	11	
12	Daryl Gibson	Centre	Henry Paul	12	
13	Andrew Higgins	Centre	James Simpson-Daniel	13	
14	David Rees	Right Wing	Marcel Garvey	14	
15	Lee Best	Fullback	Thinus Delpont	15	
16	Paul Johnstone	REPLACEMENT	Clive Stuart-Smith	16	
17	Chris Rowland	REPLACEMENT	Simon Amor	17	
18	Rhys Oakley	REPLACEMENT	Chris Catling	18	
19	Scott Morgan	REPLACEMENT	Chris Fortey	19	
20	Jamie Williams	REPLACEMENT	Darren Molloy	20	
21	Peter Richards	REPLACEMENT	Ed Pearce	21	
22	Shane Drahm	REPLACEMENT	Junior Paramore	22	

FINAL SCORE

Referee:
Steve Lander

Touch Judges:
Ashley Rowden,
Huw Jones-Williams

4th Official:
Mark Doran



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