



THE SAINTS

Matchday
Programme
Northampton
v
Gloucester
May 17, 1998
Kick off: 3pm
Season 1997/98
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Visitors

FRANKLIN'S Gardens has become almost like a second home for Gloucester's players, officials and fans.

This afternoon, as the curtain comes down on another season, the Cherry & Whites will be making their FOURTH competitive visit to the Gardens!

It all started back in November with the Cheltenham & Gloucester Cup. The Saints won 30-5 on the night – but Gloucester went on to take the cup (rather appropriately bearing in mind its name) in a thrilling final against Bedford at Northampton in March.

In between those games, Richard Hill brought his men here on January 24 for a fifth round tie in the Tetley Bitter Cup, the Saints again triumphing 30-11 on their way to the semi finals before losing to eventual winners Saracens.

There is likely to be an outbreak of bonhomie on the terraces today because Gloucester and Saints fans bonded prior to the Cheltenham & Gloucester Cup final in a mutual desire to see the other finalists, Bedford, beaten.

The Internet was red-hot as Saints fans introduced the Cherry & White Army to the words of Gordon Terrace songs.

The victory over Bedford produced a rare away victory for the notoriously bad travellers from the west country.

Gloucester fans shrug their shoulders and put their lamentable away form down to tradition: 'it's been going on for 100 years'.

GLOUCESTER

This season they have just a one point victory at Bristol to show for their efforts in league action,

although it was a different story in the European Conference. In that they won at Beziers and Padova.

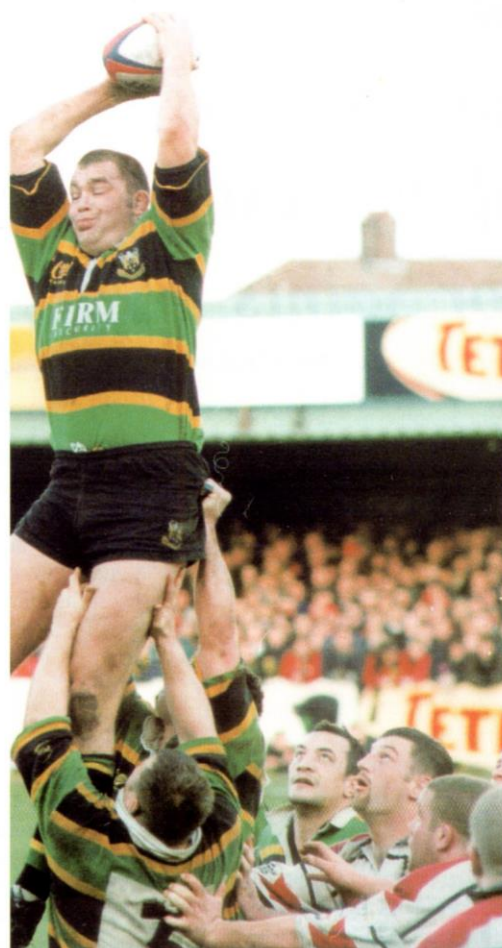
In the past, Gloucester's pack has always taken the plaudits. They are still powerful, but now the balance is being redressed.

Despite signing French ace, Phillippe Saint-Andre, it is the two centres, who have mostly caught the eye – Western Samoan Terry Fanolua and Australian Richard Tombs.

Director of Rugby Richard Hill carefully vetted his overseas signings, and Tombs, when asked by a reporter how long it had taken him to adjust to a close-knit group like Gloucester RFC, replied: "About 30 minutes." It was just the sort of team-player attitude that Hill was looking for. In the summer, he will be trying to bring two more

players to Kingsholm to see if Gloucester can improve on mid-table.

Dave Sims & Co. can only watch as Jon Phillips takes a catch in the Tetley Bitter cup tie





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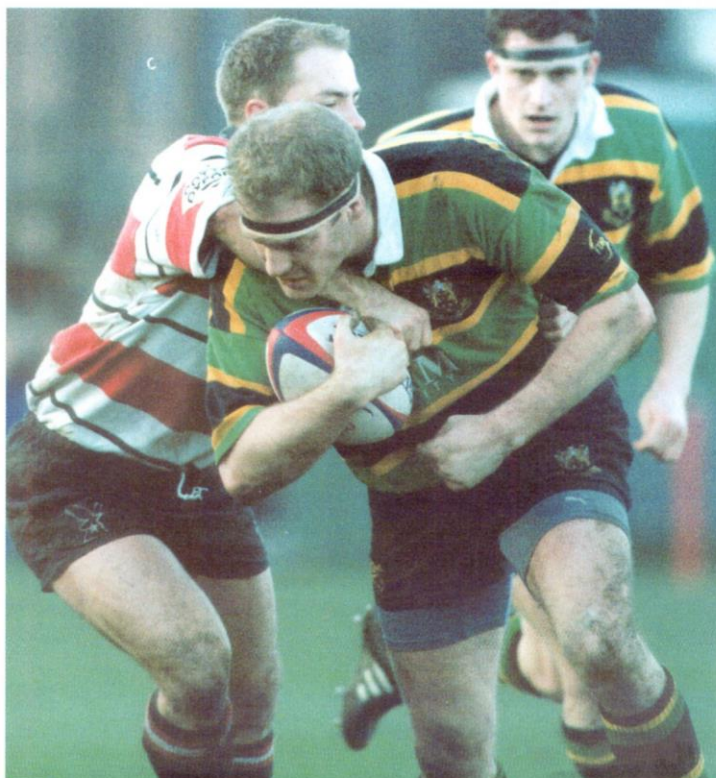


SAINTS V GLOUCESTER

9/3/91	Franklins	6-7	1	Steele 2P	Jones T Smith P
14/3/92	Kingsholm	17-10	1	Hunter T Thorneycroft T Packman T Steele CP	Hawker T Smith 2P
13/3/93	Franklins	16-21	1	Packman T Steele CP Tubb 2P	Holford T Morris T Beech CP Smith 2P
20/11/93	Kingsholm	14-19	1	Beal T Grayson 3P	Deacon T Johnson C2P Smith 2P
9/4/94	Franklins	19-3	1	Rodber T Beal C4P	Cummins DG
22/10/94	Franklins	9-6	1	Grayson 3P	Mapletoft 2P
15/4/95	Kingsholm	13-14	1	Dawson T Grayson C2P	Sims T Smith 3P
4/3/97	Kingsholm	6-19	1	Dods 2P	Benton T Mapletoft C4P
3/5/97	Franklins	25-27	1	Penalty T Hephher C6P	Catling T Lumsden T Mapletoft C3P
14/2/98	Kingsholm	15-20	1	Seely T Thorneycroft T Grayson CP	Fanolua T, Lumsden T Mapletoft 2C2P

The Saints have a few old scores to settle with Gloucester in league matches as the Cherry & Whites have proved to be something of a jinx side. Gloucester have won the last four league encounters, starting with that dramatic one point victory at Kingsholm on April 15, 1995, that virtually condemned Saints to relegation, a fate that was sealed when Harlequins won at Kingsholm in the final game, while Saints were winning at West Hartlepool. Kingsholm is a graveyard for visiting team, but in recent years there was one glorious exception for Saints. In March 1992, the Saints scored three tries to one in a 17-10 victory in the season that so nearly brought the league title to Franklin's Gardens.

Pictured is Matt Allen doing battle with Mark Mapletoft in the Tetley Bitter cup tie earlier this year.



Big Match Squads

REFEREE:
NIGEL YATES
(Manchester
Society)

Touch Judges:
Trevor Fisher &
Mike Hamlin
(both Manchester
Society)

Saints



Gloucester

Team
Sponsor:
Firm
Security

Club
House
Sponsor:
Carlsberg
-Tetley

Kit
Sponsor:
Cotton
Traders

Boot
Sponsor:
Pittards

15 IAN HUNTER

14 Craig Moir

13 JONATHAN BELL

12 Andy Northey

11 Harvey Thorneycroft

10 GREGOR TOWNSEND

9 MATT DAWSON (capt)

1 GARRY PAGEL

2 ALLEN CLARKE

3 Martin Hynes

4 Simon Foale

5 Jon Phillips

6 Dave Merlin

7 Budge Pountney

8 SHEM TATUPU

Replacements

16 NICK BEAL

17 Matt Allen

18 Dom Malone

19 Chris Allen

20 Steve Walter

21 Justyn Cassell

15 Chris Catling

14 Brian Johnson

13 TERRY FANOLUA

12 RICHARD TOMBS

11 PHILIPPE SAINT-ANDRE

10 MARK MAPLETOFT

9 Laurie Beck

1 Tony Windo (capt)

2 Neil McCarthy

3 PHIL VICKERY

4 Rob Fidler

5 Dave Sims

6 STEVE OJOMOH

7 Nathan Carter

8 Simon Devereux

Replacements

16 Audley Lumsden

17 Ian Sanders

18 Andy Deacon

19 PHIL GREENING

20 Mark Cornwell

21 Andrew Hazell

CAPITALS denotes Full International

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