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**HARLEQUINS**



**Friday 15**  
**October 1999**  
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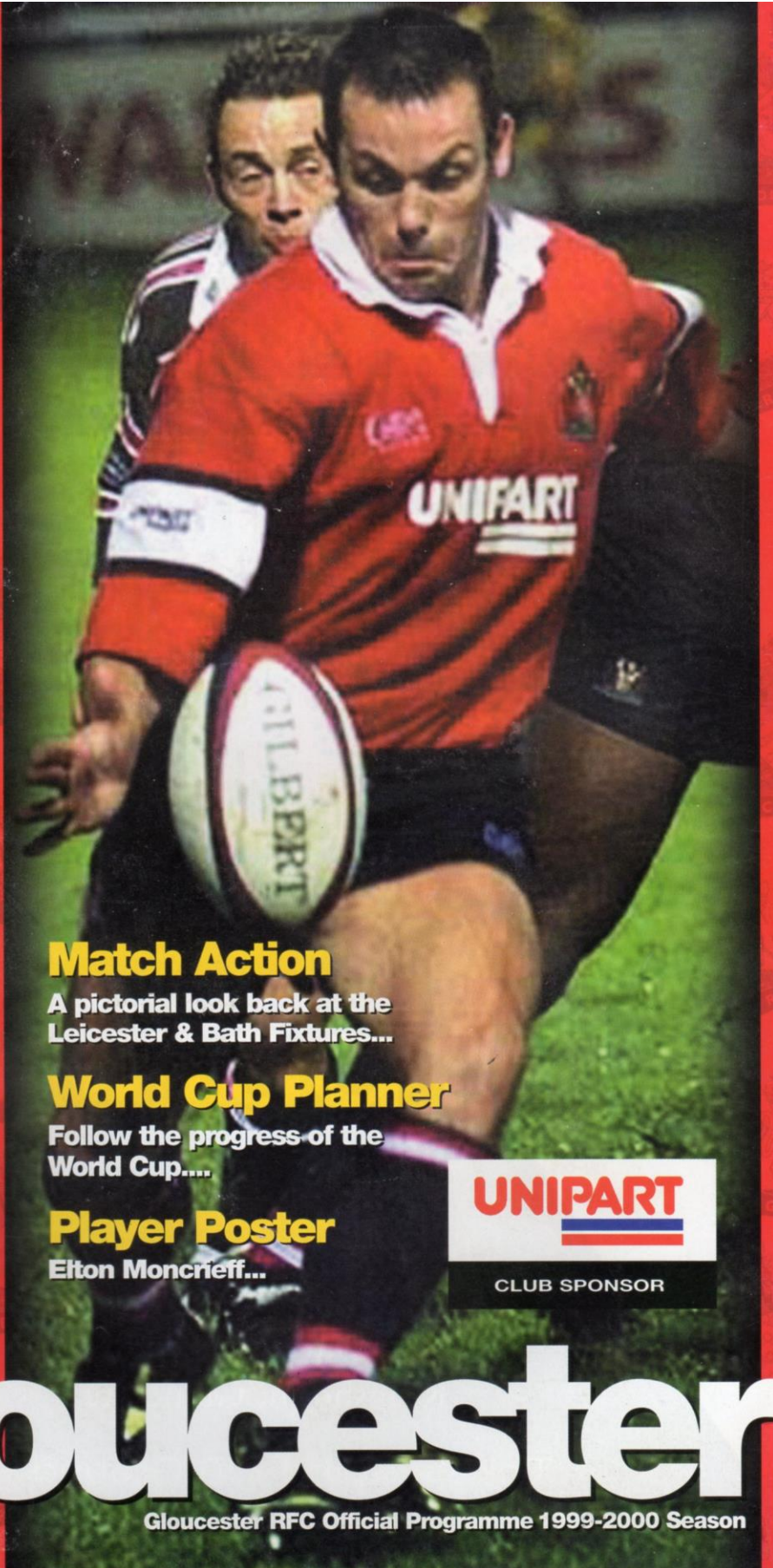
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# Welcome from The Editors

"Remember, remember, the fifth of November". So runs the children's nursery rhyme celebrating the Gunpowder Plot of 1605. And it seems almost as long since Gloucester last beat tonight's visitors in a league encounter. Actually it is only five years since the Cherry and Whites secured victory over the united colours of Middlesex.

Since that day – yes, November 5, 1994 – when Gloucester pipped the 'Quins 14-10 in their own backyard, there have been five encounters between the sides here at Kingsholm.

Did anyone say something about a "fortress"?

Not included in the calculations is, of course, the matter of a minor little cup quarter final played, we seem to remember, sometime last spring! Obviously, the 'Quins would like to forget that visit when not for the first time Gloucester were trailing by a couple of points in the dying moments only to steal the game at the last moment.

That match is remembered in our "Flashback" feature. New in this programme is the first in a regular series by a guest sports columnist. We kick off with Dave Barton who you might well have read while eating your cornflakes – he is the rugby writer for the Western Daily Press.

In this issue he writes about our latest signing, Ian Jones. And his words are accompanied by an action photo taken by Dave Rogers of Allsport, arguably the worlds leading sports photographic agency. Our thanks to Dave and Allsport for permission to use the photo!

Gloucester supporter Clive Field wrote to the programme concerning "ill-mannered catcalling". His letter is published in full as food

for thought. Perhaps we should say here that we welcome letters for publication. We do ask that they are accompanied with a telephone number so that if for space reasons there have to be cuts, then the writer can do the cuts, not us!

Elton Moncrieff is our player "In The Spotlight" – he has a few surprises for the reader! And Longlevens, the junior home of Deacs and Glanners, is our featured local club.

A date for your diaries ... On the evening of Wednesday November 3, captain Kingsley Jones is hoping to get together a few of our "overseas" players to take part in a forum in the clubhouse – the first of many. This will take the form of a moderated "questions and answers" session. The emphasis will be on the World Cup final, the 3/4 place final the following day, and the whole gambit of the Cup.

There's no charge, so make a note of the date. Further details will be published in the local press, on local radio and on the club's internet site.

## Finally, a sad note ...

You are asked to join the players of both teams and the match officials by standing in silence for a minute before the start of tonight's match to remember all those who lost their lives in last week's tragic rail disaster near Paddington.

The tragedy was made more poignant for us in this part of the world as one of the trains involved was the 6.03 a.m. from Cheltenham which called here in Gloucester and then at three other Gloucestershire stations.





# Coach's Viewpoint

John Brain

**“Quins won’t be worried about coming down here and we’re not under any illusions. They must consider this place as more of a ‘Fun Palace’ than a ‘Fortress’.”**

We’ve analysed the Bath match video and we consider that we were competitive in the game for long periods but we did the Santa Claus act and gave our opponents a couple of gift scores – you do that away from home and chances are that you will lose.

We were 11 points down at the break and two minutes after the restart we were 18 points down and it was game over.

If we had been playing at Kingsholm then we would have had a chance but down there its a problem because its not your ground, the referee will give a couple of penalties to the home side and we need to play with mental toughness to cope with that.

We may think we’re a good team but until we win away then we’re not. You have to have the ability to reproduce your best game in a hostile

environment. Most of the players did that but you only need four or five who are underperforming and your chances are reduced.

The players are fitter and the basic game plan that we’re employing is good, we create a lot of opportunities and get a lot of ball in and around the opponent’s 22. We know we have a good plan that will work and the players generally did show they have what it takes.

**“We were Masters of our own downfall.”**

We’re not very far from being where we need to be – against Wasps we went down but fought back. We need to cut down on the mistakes, there’s not a great volume, maybe three or four, but they come at crucial times in the game. Against Bath our line-out was very disappointing when its usually so

strong. We were Masters of our own downfall. The improvements required are marginal not fundamental and we don’t have to go back to the drawing board – the margin for error is so little if you want to win.

Tactically our game plan will not differ. We are aware of a couple of weaknesses in the Harlequins play and we’ll design a few ploys to exploit them. Their team is strong on paper but they have underperformed. Quins won’t be worried about coming down here and we’re not under any illusions. They must consider this place as more of a ‘Fun Palace’ than a ‘Fortress’. We’re all looking to doing a good job on them and gear ourselves up for the crunch game away to Northampton. We must win our next three games.

*[John Brain was talking to Steve Hawker]*



Coach's Viewpoint



# Captain's Comment

Kingsley Jones



**"We have 15 days to prepare for our trip to Franklin's Gardens and Northampton Saints."**

It goes without saying that we were all very disappointed at our performance on Sunday at Bath.

While we got a lot of possession, we just could not get our line-out game going and this cost us dearly.

Again, we fell asleep for ten minutes either side of the half and gave away soft tries. It is simply not good enough away from home. The mistakes that you could "afford" to make at home cannot be made away.

We started well and we finished quite well. It is the 'in between' where we failed. There is, of course, a lot of work to do.

Philippe was right when he said that Sunday was like Christmas for Bath. We gave them a couple of presents, gift wrapped in Cherry and White.

I know it was not good enough - and all the players know as well.

The past is the past - it cannot be altered. So we are looking to the coming weeks and looking to put things right.

There is still a long season ahead. We have targeted five wins out of seven matches played before the World Cup final. So we have had our two losses, which means that we have to win tonight and the two following games to be on target.

We have 15 days to prepare for our trip to Franklin's Gardens and Northampton Saints. Now, if ever there was a big match, it's that one. There are no ifs or buts - we have to win it.

As you know, there are a few changes in the side tonight. That means there is the chance for some of the boys in the squad to bid for a place - and I am sure they will be doing that.

On a personal note, I feel that I am somewhat away from my best. I said

at the beginning of the season I had set a target of being back on top form in the middle of October. And here we are virtually in the middle of October!

My body is getting used to the bumps. But unfortunately I picked up some stitches on my face on Sunday and missed the last ten minutes of the game.

Oh, and to clear up any doubts ... the cuts above and below my right eye came as a result of an accidental collision with another player.

Yes, it was Steve Ojomoh. So you can imagine the banter!

Seriously, the wound is healing and it won't prevent me from playing tonight - thanks to the nifty needlework of 'Docs' Curwen and McKay!

*(Kingsley Jones was talking to Andrew Harley)*



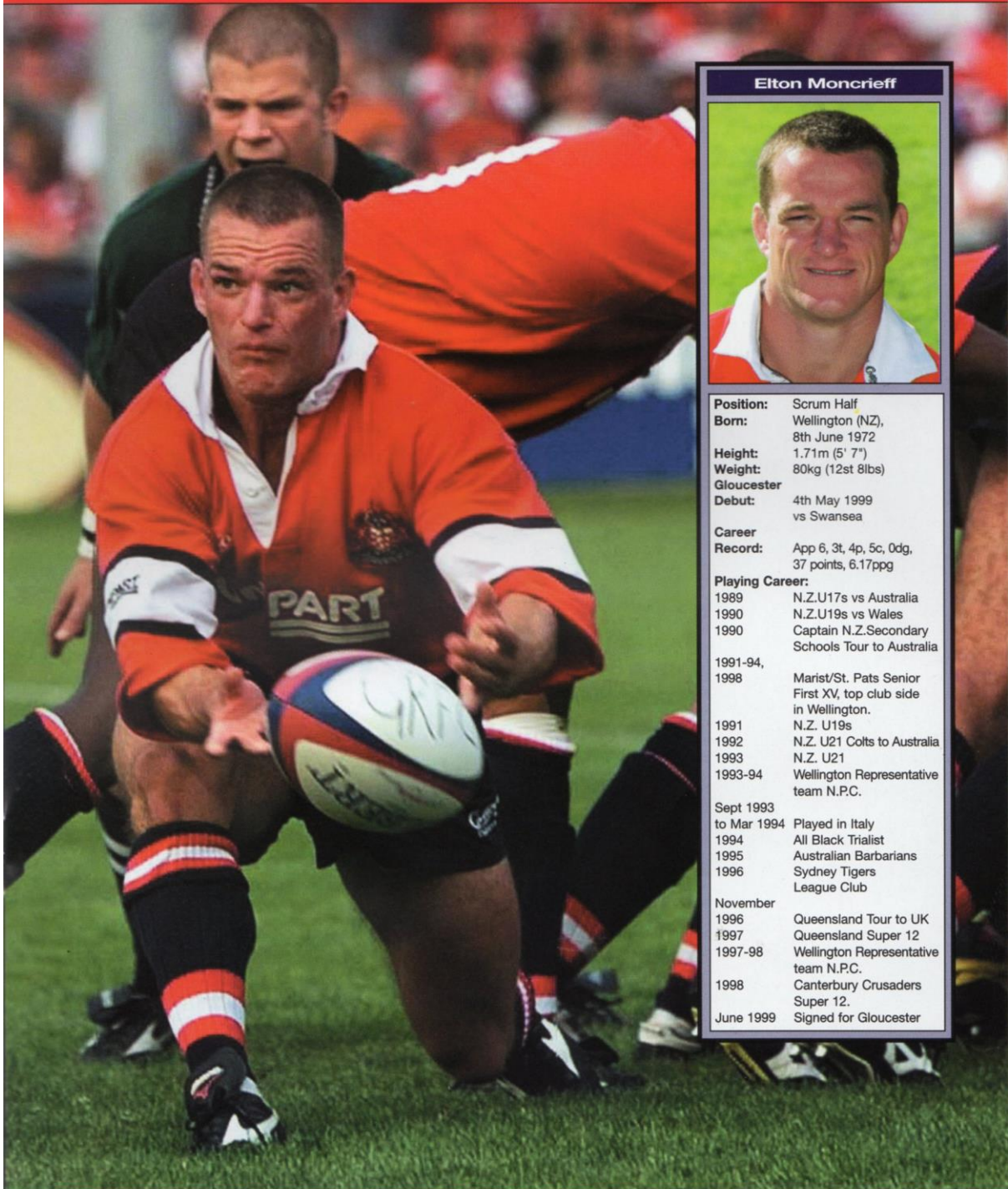
**Double teamed: Chris Yates**

Captain's Comment



# Player Profile

## Elton Moncrieff



**Elton Moncrieff**



**Position:** Scrum Half  
**Born:** Wellington (NZ), 8th June 1972  
**Height:** 1.71m (5' 7")  
**Weight:** 80kg (12st 8lbs)  
**Gloucester Debut:** 4th May 1999 vs Swansea

**Career Record:** App 6, 3t, 4p, 5c, 0dg, 37 points, 6.17ppg

**Playing Career:**  
 1989 N.Z.U17s vs Australia  
 1990 N.Z.U19s vs Wales  
 1990 Captain N.Z.Secondary Schools Tour to Australia

1991-94, 1998 Marist/St. Pats Senior First XV, top club side in Wellington.

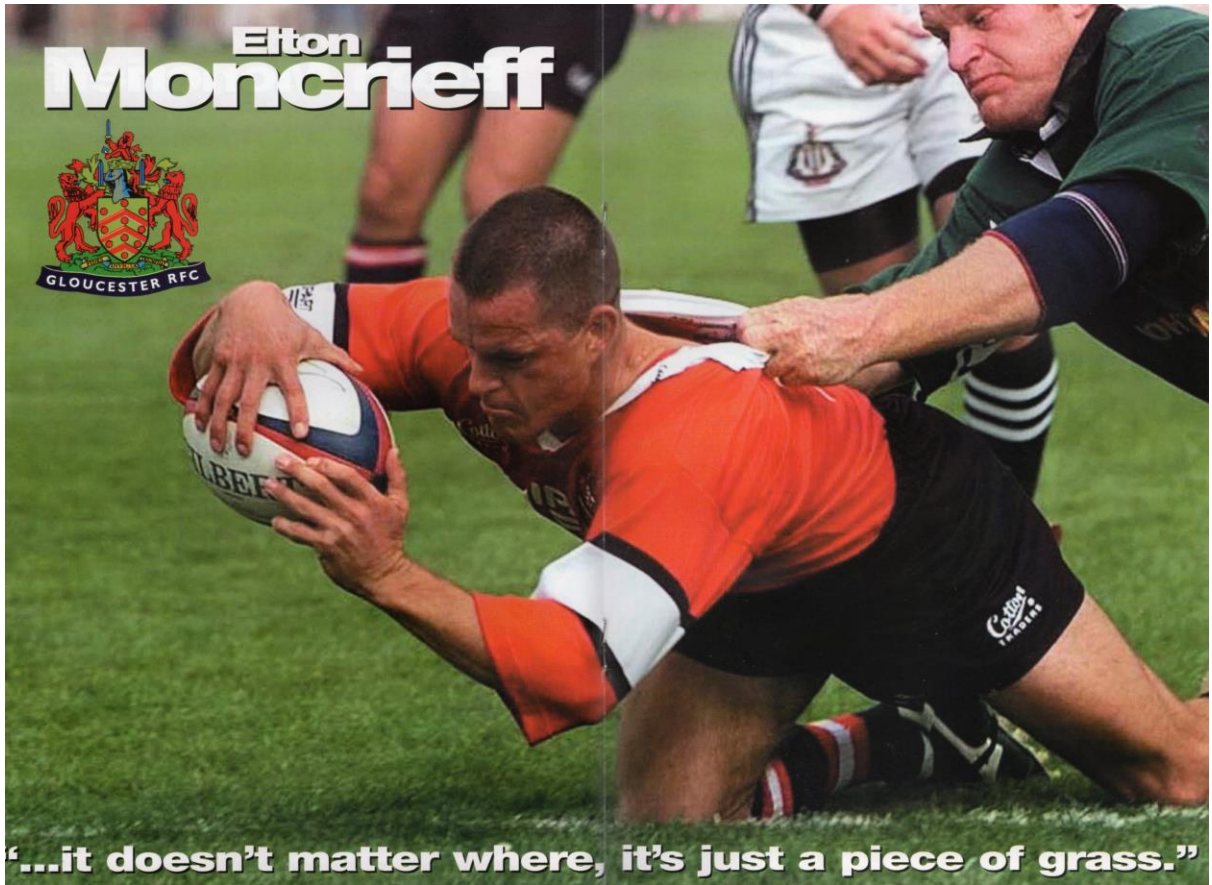
1991 N.Z. U19s  
 1992 N.Z. U21 Colts to Australia  
 1993 N.Z. U21  
 1993-94 Wellington Representative team N.P.C.

Sept 1993 to Mar 1994 Played in Italy  
 1994 All Black Trialist  
 1995 Australian Barbarians  
 1996 Sydney Tigers League Club

November 1996 Queensland Tour to UK  
 1997 Queensland Super 12  
 1997-98 Wellington Representative team N.P.C.

1998 Canterbury Crusaders Super 12.  
 June 1999 Signed for Gloucester

# Elton Moncrieff



**“...it doesn’t matter where, it’s just a piece of grass.”**



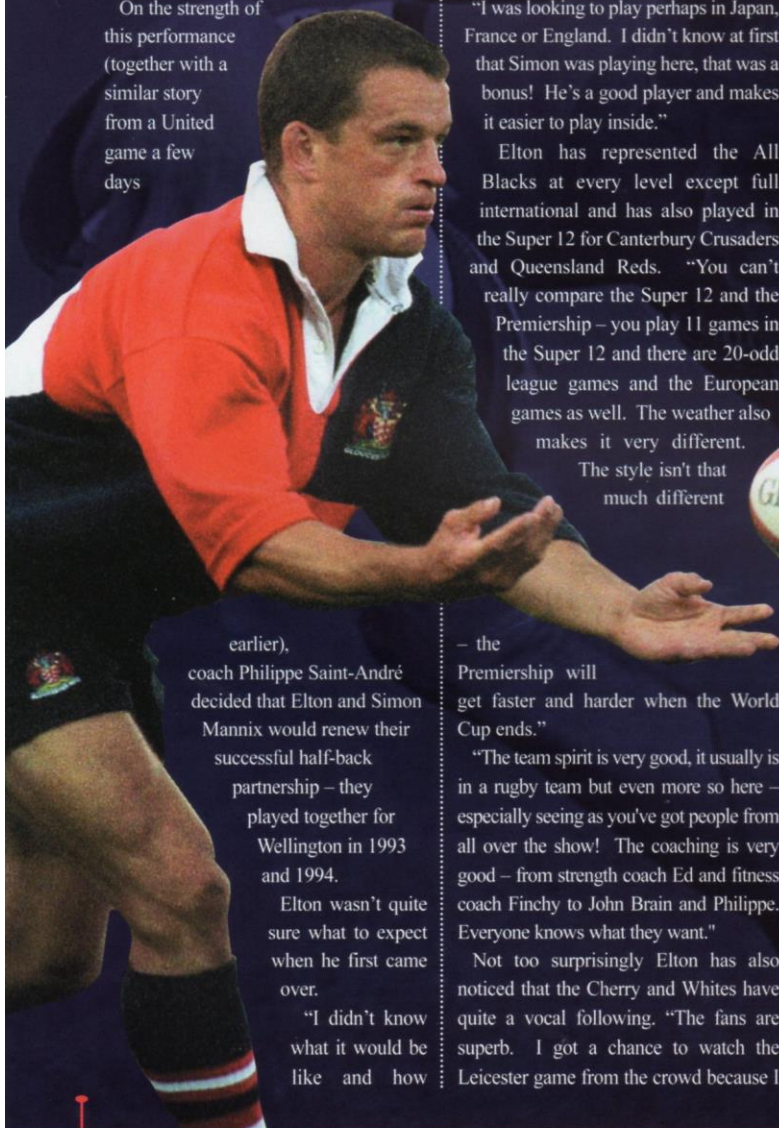
# Player Profile

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THE FIRST time the Gloucester faithful got a real opportunity to see Elton Moncrieff was last May in an Anglo-Welsh friendly with Swansea.

Not content with dominating the plays, he also scored a try, three penalties and four conversions and went agonisingly close with a penalty attempt from the half-way line!

On the strength of this performance (together with a similar story from a United game a few days



earlier), coach Philippe Saint-André decided that Elton and Simon Mannix would renew their successful half-back partnership – they played together for Wellington in 1993 and 1994.

Elton wasn't quite sure what to expect when he first came over.

"I didn't know what it would be like and how

much I'd have to adapt. We won both the games I played in and everyone went out there determined to enjoy themselves – and that definitely helped!"

He had been looking to play overseas and the Gloucester connection was made through his manager. By coincidence it gave him the chance to reacquire himself with his former playing partner.

"I was looking to play perhaps in Japan, France or England. I didn't know at first that Simon was playing here, that was a bonus! He's a good player and makes it easier to play inside."

Elton has represented the All Blacks at every level except full international and has also played in the Super 12 for Canterbury Crusaders and Queensland Reds. "You can't really compare the Super 12 and the Premiership – you play 11 games in the Super 12 and there are 20-odd league games and the European games as well. The weather also makes it very different.

The style isn't that much different

– the Premiership will get faster and harder when the World Cup ends."

"The team spirit is very good, it usually is in a rugby team but even more so here – especially seeing as you've got people from all over the show! The coaching is very good – from strength coach Ed and fitness coach Finchy to John Brain and Philippe. Everyone knows what they want."

Not too surprisingly Elton has also noticed that the Cherry and Whites have quite a vocal following. "The fans are superb. I got a chance to watch the Leicester game from the crowd because I

was out injured. It's a huge crowd and it was amazing! I have noticed it from the pitch as well – people are pretty supportive. All they want is to see the boys put in a decent effort. They're paying money to watch after all."

Elton is another player who pours water on the 'can't win away' problem. "It's all about the players' attitude towards the other team, home or away. The boys can get themselves up and not struggle at home, it doesn't matter where, it's just a piece of grass. If we lose and we've given it our best shot then that's all you can ask for."

The well-travelled Kiwi does not know how long he will be staying at Kingsholm. "At this stage I have a contract for two years. I hope to stay on longer, I'm keen to stay on longer and I'm just getting into the swing of things."

By yet another coincidence, Elton and his wife Andrea were born in the same hospital and were delivered by the same doctor, although five days apart. They also attended the same primary school – St Theresa's in Wellington. They have two boys, Hayden aged five and Matthew aged two.

Elton's talents are not confined to the rugby pitch – he is also a pretty mean artist and enjoys making his own furniture. "Rather than buying, I reckoned I should make it. So I got hold of some wood and away I went. I like making coffee tables, TV cabinets and bookcases – that sort of thing."

We know that all Gloucester supporters will enjoy Elton's handiwork tonight.

Interview by Steve Hawker



# Every Programme Has A Memory!

Ian Randall

I have to admit it. The Official Programme is an essential part of any matchday. Long before I started needing one in a working capacity, the trip to the sellers immediately beside the Worcester Street turnstiles was essential before every game.

Today's magazine is a far cry from the single sheet I remember from my early visits to Kingsholm. Fold it in half, and you'd have a pencil drawing of an opponent tackling a Gloucester player on the front, and some Kingsholm Kackle on the back. What became the inside page had the teams on one side, and the record of the results for the season on the other. Everything you needed to know for just 3p.

The change to the glossy publication you're reading now has been immense. More editorial content, greater depth of coverage on Gloucester's opponents, and more idea of what the Coaches and Management think of recent performances.

As luck would have it the Quins visit to Kingsholm in October 1974 was Dick Smith's 500th match for Gloucester. Arthur Russell acknowledged it in just six lines. Such a feat now would probably be given at least a double page spread, with career facts, comments from the player and action photographs of memorable moments. The depth of coverage for you, the supporter, is on a totally different level.

Sadly last week's programme from the match at Bath - steeply priced at £2.50 - won't have any great historical value. Hopes that it might signify Gloucester's first League win at the Rec were effectively ended 60 seconds after half time when Shaun

Berne capitalised on a dropped pass to kick through for his third try. Philippe Saint-André's view that Gloucester showed more invention had some merit, but Bath were more clinical. A familiar tale. Apart from the one I've already mentioned, the prized matchday programme from matches against Quins is from April 29, 1995.

I can still remember the players lining up to form a guard of honour as Mike Teague made his final first team appearance, and the excitement as a young Gloucester hooker made his League debut against England International Brian Moore, who was also retiring. Moore's prediction that the lad would play for his country has, of course, come true. His name? Phil Greening.

Just as Gloucester's record against Bath remains poor, Quins also seem to have something of a hoodoo over us. You've got to go back to a Paul

Holford try sealing victory at The Stoop in November 1994 to find the last time we tasted victory in a League match, although last season's Tetley Bitter Cup win was as dramatic as they come.

That result apart, Quins have won at Kingsholm on each of their last five visits, and if Philippe Saint-André's target of 10 points from the matches during the World Cup is to be achieved, a victory tonight is essential. For the second time this week, we're playing a side beaten by Sale in their previous match.

Repetition of last Sunday's errors would surely see Quins' run of victories here continue - something Gloucester cannot afford.

C'mon Glaws !

*Ian Randall is Sports Producer at BBC Radio Gloucestershire, and sometimes "calls the action" at Gloucester games with Peter Butler or Andy Wyman.*



Gloucester showed more invention, but Bath were more clinical.



# Mike Weaver Reviews....

**Although Bath may not have been boasting a 'star-studded' side, they certainly proved that even in the absence of some 'stars', than can more than compensate by less sophisticated means.**

Gloucester will accept that they were not the best side on the day – it was just such a pity that they were defeated by a combination of their own unforced errors and Bath's 'physical approach' to the game.

By the time tonight's match kicks off, the Gloucester forwards should be heartily sick and tired of going through their line-out drills. In the first half, Gloucester's own line-outs were never won with any comfort and on four or five occasions they were penalised for not throwing in straight. The players would be the first to admit that such errors are inexcusable at this level and we saw yet again that it does not take too many basic mistakes away from home to put a game out of reach.

A familiar story replayed itself as far as Gloucester's defensive organisation was concerned. Solid for most of the game, and yet outrageously beaten on other occasions.

Two of Bath's tries resulted from some very ordinary moves which fooled the visitors' defence. With half time approaching, new centre Shaun Berne scored the first of his hat-trick after no fewer than four of Gloucester's defenders bought his dummy in front of the posts. Then, with less than 30 seconds gone of the second half, a low, skidding pass from Mannix to

Tombs allowed Berne to kick ahead and charge to the line.

Philippe and Andy Robinson both gave credit to Gloucester's efforts to force themselves back into the reckoning during the final 20 minutes, just as they had done at Loftus Road. Unfortunately they did themselves few favours by moving the ball laterally and not bursting into the line at pace nearly often enough. The major exception came in the imposing form of Chris Yates who wasted no opportunity to run at the Bath midfield. Yet, despite consistently managing to take out three defenders at a time and still stay on his feet, Gloucester were never able to attack the open spaces keenly enough to make any overlap count.

On the evidence of the two away fixtures played so far, I don't think that the players are suffering from any sort of 'psychological block' when it comes to playing beyond the county line. They certainly haven't accepted defeat when the balance has started to tip in their opponents' favour and on both occasions have fought back bravely until the final whistle.

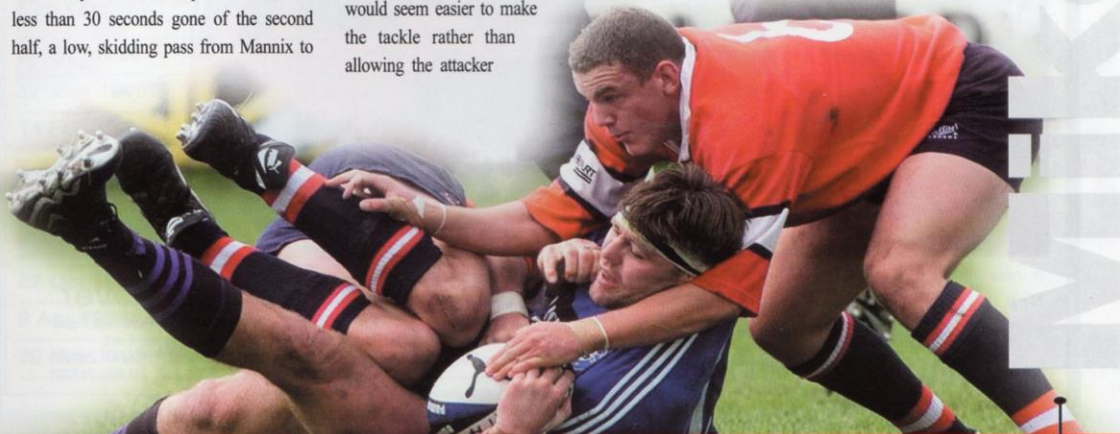
But why must they always give themselves such mountains to climb when it would seem easier to make the tackle rather than allowing the attacker

to storm through midfield and run deep into the 22?

Kingsley Jones pointed out afterwards that he wanted the side to work on their concentration during the ten minutes either side of half-time. Whilst acknowledging that most sides seem to have a weakness during this period, he admitted that 'we are worse than most.'

Both coaches put the large amount of foul play down to the fact that this was just another hard-fought derby. Fair enough. Yet, for me, the enduring image from that game will be the sight of our captain's right eye surrounded by no fewer than 12 stitches, caused by a collision with Ojomoh. Of course, he will accept it as just another occupational souvenir, commenting that the match was 'tough, but I've played in worse.'

Still, I'm sure that like their hosts last weekend, Gloucester will waste no time in demonstrating that they too can play 'physical rugby.' For my part, I just hope and pray that no member of last week's Bath pack will shirk from kindly making themselves available for next Spring's trip to Kingholm.





# After Our Own Heart

# Peter Arnold

**I've felt for some time that there are more similarities between today's welcome visitors than might appear at first sight. I couldn't have said that a few years ago.**

You remember the image: Gloucester was seen as the working-man's club, down to earth and forthright in their approach to the game with an insistence on fielding a side composed of home-grown talent.

Harlequins, on the other hand, were perceived as a side for toffs, based in the Big City and a home for a polyglot selection of players arriving in London from all over the rugby-playing world.

It's not like that now, of course. The professional era has been a great leveller in that respect, ensuring that all the top-flight sides draw players from wherever they can afford them. It has also meant that the London sides can no longer be regarded as 'soft', in the way that they were. In fact, it's doubtful if that image was ever a true one: possibly it was just one of those myths which we liked to perpetuate.

So where do the similarities come in?

Well, to start with, both sides play on 'real' rugby grounds rather than echoing soccer stadia. Neither has succumbed to appending a hopefully intimidating addendum to their names in the way that, say, Newcastle Falcons and Sale Sharks have. Admittedly, we now have to get used to talking about 'NEC Harlequins' rather than the former 'Harlequin Football Club', but they certainly still answer to the universally respected 'Quins' title. Indeed, I suspect that they're rather proud of it. The other respect in which the two clubs are

alike is in the fact that they are both something of an enigma resultwise. Both teams win where no one expects them to, and lose to sides they really should beat. I, for one, didn't expect Quins to lose to Sale last Sunday, in spite of the Manchester side's defeat of Bath the week before.

I could go on, but you get the idea. For these reasons alone Harlequins are always very welcome to Kingsholm, where they have developed a nasty habit of winning. You can probably recall two games in reasonably recent years where Gloucester won the last seventy minutes, having conceded fourteen

points in the first ten. And you can't expect to get away with a deficit of that sort against a quality side. Another reason why Quins are always so welcome is that they are one of the dwindling band of opponents who have been coming to Kingsholm since well before living memory. As a matter of fact, they were the first side I ever saw play against Gloucester as a little lad in short trousers. Just to give you an idea, Harold Boughton was playing in that game.

Harlequins are one of the nearest things we have to a solid rock in a continuously changing world. Long may that continue.

## FIELD OF AGREEMENT

You might have seen the letter from Clive Field that appears on page 11. You know, I've seldom received a piece of correspondence with which I more wholeheartedly agree. As we all know there have always been more than enough people out there very willing to denigrate Gloucester and its supporters, on whatever pretext they can. Handling them ammunition in this way isn't really very clever is it?

In fact, the whole syndrome, which Mr Field describes in such a literate fashion, isn't very intelligent at all. Experienced professional kickers aren't going to be put off by it, and the practise may even be counter-productive, because opposing players could well be spurred on to greater efforts on the "We'll show the rotters" principle. And as for the bad manners - well, we wouldn't want to be compared to American golf fans, would we?

Incidentally, Clive Field tells me that the "used to wobble around in the front row for Gloucester Old Boys, and sometimes Gloucestershire Constabulary", so he's not just an armchair critic.

Actually, I don't think he does himself enough credit, there. As I recall, he was quite a formidable performer on the field. And he may remember that we forgathered, rather bibulously, at one or two of the legendary Gloucester Old Boys Dinners, at around that period. Nice to hear from him.

*Did you notice that, according to the new edition of The Good Beer Guide, a pint of bitter will cost us £359 at the end of next century if present trends continue? Cor blimey, We'll have to drink in halves!*

Peter Arnold



# Flashback

by Mike Weaver

## Traditional Strengths Secure Place in the Semis

Saturday February 27, 1999 - Tetley's Bitter Cup

Gloucester 15 Harlequins 13

Gloucester prevented Harlequins from becoming the only English side to have completed a record six successive home defeats with a dogged, if not sparkling display. The Gloucester defenders managed to rein in the Quins backs for much of the game and when the visitors did break, the Cherry and Whites always managed to find a desperate tackle from somewhere.

It wasn't pretty, but it was effective. After the game, John Gallagher said that none of his players had played badly, but that Gloucester had simply taken their chances and come away victorious. Nevertheless, there was an element of frustration in his post-mortem as he explained how he "couldn't understand the referee's interpretations of the laws" but added that Gloucester "were hard done by at times as well."

Philippe, for his part, refused to be drawn into making any extreme statements about Graham Hughes' performance. He summed matters up concisely: "We didn't play good rugby, but played with a lot of spirit. Our organisation in defence was a lot better but we must find solutions for the centres and the back-row." Nevertheless, he said we'd "have to wait and see" concerning the possible arrival of reinforcements.

His preparations were upset right at the start as the Public Address announcer summoned Laurie Beck from the bar to take his place on the bench as Benton injured his groin during the warm-up. Nevertheless, Sanders stepped in and did an excellent job, with quick, crisp accurate passing to make Mapletoft's life easier. He did, however,

come very close to undoing all his hard work as half-time approached, when an attempted grubber kick out of defence ricocheted against Liley's boot and putting Gloucester under pressure.

From the start, Keith Wood adopted a curious fly-half role, standing off and kicking for touch on a couple of occasions. However, the man who had so much time to give the Shed his broadest grins before the game will not have been pleased with his woeful throw-ins where the referee penalised him 3 times for crooked throws. A hooker who thinks he's a back and forgets how to do the basics ... sounds familiar?

Mapletoft had the chance to put Gloucester into an early lead but, kicking into a strong wind blowing from behind the Hospitality boxes, hit his penalty to the right of the posts. He would make up for it later in dramatic style, however!

Gloucester were then hit shortly afterwards by the departure of Tombs to a knee injury on 10 minutes so they played most of the game with two non-specialist centres, Greenslade-Jones and Mannix. Both did well, holding the defensive line well and Greenslade-Jones managed to make a couple of excellent breaks.

Schuster then missed what should have been a simple three points, but Quins were soon on the attack again as the speed and fluency of their backs began to threaten with O'Leary and Keyter prominent. Gloucester held firm and came very close to scoring as the forwards battered their way through the middle, advancing one body-length at a

time towards the line. Quins came offside and after 26 minutes, Mapletoft punished them from right of the posts.

Schuster put them straight back level three minutes later as Gloucester returned the favour, themselves caught offside at a scrum on their own 22. Quins then put some excellent passages of play together, with the forwards and backs combining superbly at times, but ultimately letting themselves down with knock-ons or succumbing to Carter's and Catling's excellent tackling. In fact it was the full-back who rescued Gloucester twice in the closing moments of the half with some flying tackles.

The half ended after 6 minutes of injury-time with a Quins penalty attempt which Schuster hooked inside the left upright. With that man off-form, could this be Gloucester's day?

### Half-Time: Gloucester 6 Harlequins 3

The half got off to an explosive start as Quins' lock Davison decided to swing his elbows around at a ruck, raining blows onto Fidler's back! The referee surely had no option ... but which option do you think he took out of sin-bin, red card or 'a very stern talking to?' Well, it didn't involve a card!

Quins then went ahead through a very soft try. From a ruck 5 metres from the Gloucester line, scrum-half Harries darted round the fringe to score under the posts. He almost seemed embarrassed by the ease of it all. Schuster's conversion made it 6-10.

Luger and Schuster became increasingly dangerous in open play and on many occasions Quins were able to threaten through running from deep positions - their backs really did look the business at times.



# Flashback

Still, they never had a telling overlap and Gloucester defended well – one highlight being Mannix's courageous tackle on the tiring Wood. Schuster then extended the Quins lead with a penalty for offside well inside the 22 and Gloucester were now 4 points adrift.

With four substitutes now on the pitch, Gloucester did not look like tiring. Again, after some good strong running from Ojomoh and Philippe making yet another darting run into midfield (no wonder he said he was so tired at the end!) Quins encroached offside inside their 22 and Tofty set Gloucester up for a big finish – one point behind with 8 minutes to go!

Gloucester went for the kill, with four or five players making huge dents in the Quins defence as they edged forward to bring Tofty into drop-goal range. He had a go from outside the 22, but it drifted agonisingly wide! Was this to be a repeat of the infamous defeat against Newcastle?

It seemed that Gloucester had stolen it with Johnson scoring in the corner, but were called back for offside. Typically, it could not be otherwise, yet another offside decision, but this time in Gloucester's favour led to the decisive penalty kick. Again inside their own 22 Quins gifted Tofty his chance, and I'd swear the wind dropped completely for him! He slotted it home with that almost worrying coolness and the crowd went absolutely wild! There was no way Gloucester were going to let go and, thankfully, they didn't.

Afterwards, the players came across to the Shed and gave them a standing ovation! Philippe said the match demonstrated how the "guys were very strong in the mind and this is important!" Yet despite his expressed happiness for the players and the supporters at the result, he still recognises that he has a lot of work to do to achieve his aim of organising a very strong squad for next season which can challenge for a place in the top six and even the Heineken Cup in two years' time! The new coach's emphasis on the

## Gloucester:

Chris Catling; Brian Johnson, Simon Mannix, Richard Tombs (Rory Greenslade-Jones, 10th), Philippe Saint-Andre; Mark Mapletoft, Ian Sanders; Trevor Woodman (Tony Windo, 74th), Neil McCarthy (Chris Forrey, 61st), Andy Deacon, Rob Fidler - capt (Dave Sims 55th), Mark Cornwell, Ed Pearce (Andy Hazell, 70th), Nathan Carter, Steve Ojomoh.

### Replacements not used:

Audley Lumsden, Laurie Beck.

**Scorers:** Penalties: Mapletoft (5).

**Kicking:** Penalties: Mapletoft 5 of 6 (83%) Drop Goals: Mapletoft 0 of 1 (0%)

**Cards:** nil

## Harlequins:

Daren O'Leary; Jason Keyter, Peter Mensah (Will Carling, 70th), John Schuster, Dan Luger; Rob Liley, Huw Harries; David Barnes, Keith Wood, Gary Halpin, Gareth Llewellyn, Bill Davison (Garrick Morgan, 61st); Rory Jenkins, Adam Leach, Chris Sheasby.

### Replacements not used:

Chris Wright, Thierry Lacroix, Tom Murphy, Alan Yates, Ricky Nesbett.

### Scorers:

**Tries:** Harries. Conversion:

Schuster. Penalties: Schuster (2).

**Kicking:** Conversions: Schuster 1 of 1 (100%). Penalties: Schuster 2 of 4 (50%)

**Cards:** nil

## Scoring Sequence:

Min	Gloucester	Score	Harlequins
26	Mapletoft (p)	3 - 0	-
29	-	3 - 3	Schuster (p)
38	Mapletoft (p)	6 - 3	-
<b>HALF TIME</b>			
52	-	6 - 10	Harries (t), Schuster (c)
61	Mapletoft (p)	9 - 10	-
69	-	9 - 13	Schuster (p)
72	Mapletoft (p)	12 - 13	-
80	Mapletoft (p)	15 - 13	-

**Referee:** Graham Hughes (RFU)

**Attendance:** 6,755 (62.5% capacity)

'collective' obviously has rubbed off on Rob Fidler, who wouldn't be drawn into praising individual performances over the team. He would admit though that "there was a little bit of luck involved, but everyone got stuck in and kept going. Our heads never went down and we were able to grind out a good victory." The operative word being 'grind' methinks.

Philippe also revealed that he only plans to play between 5 and 10 matches next season when he wishes to concentrate on breaking away from the 'too traditional' style of rugby Gloucester play. He said Gloucester are still too forward-orientated

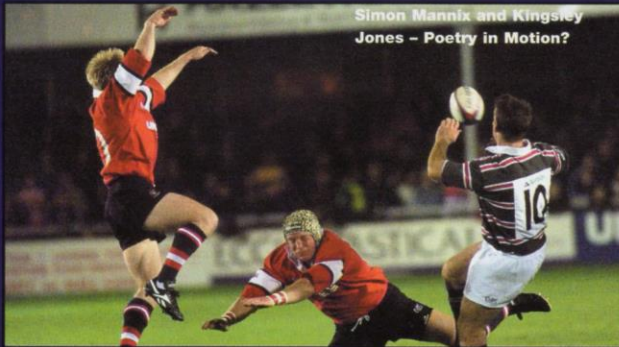
and rely on kick-and-chase tactics too much. After being here for 21 months he said "We never win easily and when we are a better side we should win easily and a better side must keep the ball and play. New rugby is not about kicking and chasing, we must go forward and find another solution ..."

**Final score:**  
**Gloucester 15 Harlequins 13**

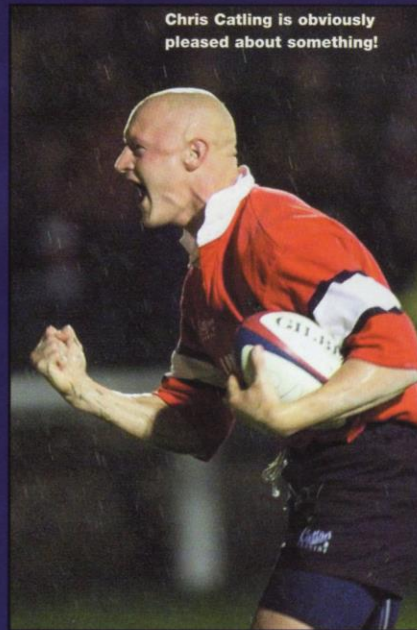


**Gloucester vs Leicester**  
October 1 1999

# Match Action



Simon Mannix and Kingsley Jones - Poetry in Motion?



Chris Catling is obviously pleased about something!



"Just look at that scoreboard, lads!"

**Bath vs Gloucester**  
October 10 1999



"Welcome back, Steve!"



"No worries, mates - he's mine!"



"Don't just lie there...."





## Today's Officials

### Referee:

Trevor Fisher

### Touch Judges:

David Matthews

John Burtenshaw

### Today's Mascot:

#### PAUL STERRY

Paul is seven years old and lives in Armada Close, Churchdown. A first-year pupil at Churchdown Junior School, Paul has two older brothers - Mark and Neil. He likes to try all sports and particularly enjoys swimming. Paul's other interests are reading, drawing/colouring and playing with his friends.



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# Today's Line-Ups

## Gloucester

15	Richard Tombs ¶
14	Chris Catling
13	Joe Ewens
12	Chris Yates
11	Tom Beim ¶
10	Simon Mannix ¶
9	Elton Moncrieff
1	Serge Simon ¶
2	Jawad Djoudi ¶
3	Trevor Woodman ¶
4	Rob Fidler ¶
5	Richard Ward
6	Adam Eustace
7	Kingsley Jones ¶ (C)
8	Steve Ojomoh ¶

## NEC Harlequins

Daren O'Leary	●
Jason Keyter	●
Nick Greenstock	●
David Pears	●
Brendan Daniel	●
Rob Liley	●
Peter Richards	●
David Barnes	●
Colin Ridgeway	●
Paul Graham	●
Steve White-Cooper	●
Garrick Morgan	●
Adam Leech	●
Pat Sanderson	●
Chris Seasby	●

## Replacements

16	Ian Sanders	Sean MaCahill	16
17	Rob Jewell	Tom Murphy	17
18	Tai Glassie	Kevin Nepia	18
19	Adey Powles	Rory Jenkins	19
20	Chris Fortey/Chris Collins	Zinzan Brooke	20
21	Pete Glarville		21
22	Andrew Hazell		22

(¶) Denotes International

There will be a one minute silence prior to the kick-off in memory of those who lost their lives in last week's rail disaster outside Paddington.