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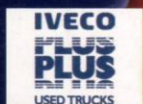
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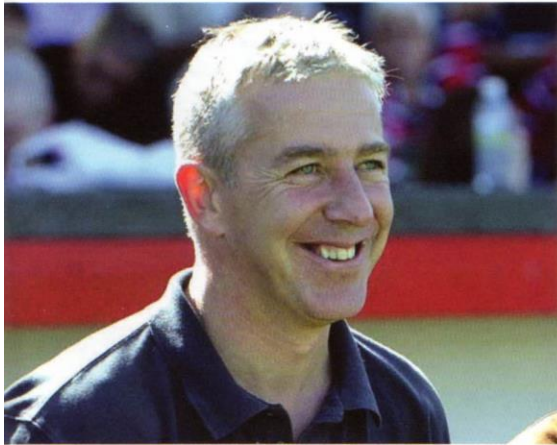
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**ROUND UP OF THE
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NIGEL'S NOTES...

Nigel Melville

Director of Rugby

"It is always a pleasure to welcome Dean Richards and his Leicester team..."

Good afternoon and welcome to Kingsholm for this afternoon's Zurich Premiership action. It is always a pleasure to welcome Dean Richards and his Leicester team, such are the traditions of these two great Clubs, any fixture between Gloucester and Leicester is keenly awaited in these parts, it matters not who is on the field and who is not!

Whilst we are all looking forward to the World Cup, it is a testament to the Club game and the Zurich Premiership in England that attendances throughout the Premiership are continuing to rise. There is no doubt in my mind that the success of the English game is in no small part due to the competitive nature and quality of the Zurich Premiership.

Whilst the 2003 World Cup gets underway in Australia, it must be re-assuring for the RFU to know that while they are preparing to watch England make a serious challenge to become 'World Champions', a new generation are back in England competing for Premiership places in the hope of making the next World Cup squad in 2007.

Last weekend, we travelled to Newcastle, and returned empty handed. Gifting Newcastle three tries in 10 minutes and losing two players in to the bargain certainly didn't help the cause.

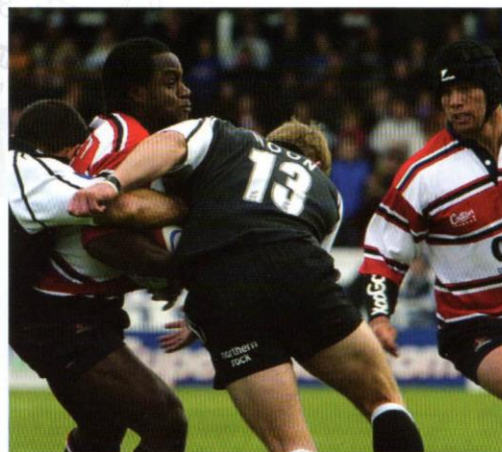
We fought back bravely in the second half, but the gap was simply too wide. Newcastle are one of the least effected squads by the World Cup and have an excellent home record. I would expect them to be somewhere in the top half of the table at the end of November.

Leicester's season has started in much the same way

as our own, whilst both squads come to terms with the loss of some significantly influential players they will continue to pick up points without setting the world alight. What both Clubs know is that come December their squads will be stronger and more competitive, the second half of the season will undoubtedly bring some sensational ties as teams make a run on those European and play-off places.

Finally, I would like to welcome both sets of fans to Kingsholm for this afternoon's match. I am sure you would all join me in wishing Clive Woodward and his England team every success in Australia, it is hard to imagine the massive boost victory in a World Cup Final would bring to the game in England. What we will see this afternoon are a number of young players who will be tasked with defending that title in 2007, what a fantastic prospect!

Have a great afternoon's rugby!





CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Jake Boer

Club Captain

"Leicester have had a similar start to us and we always love to play them."

Welcome to everyone for today's game. It's set to be another great occasion at Kingsholm. Not only do we have Leicester, one of our biggest rivals, but also Sky Sports are back.

It's great to be on television, not only does it provide great viewing, but it also helps us and the Premiership reach a wider audience. People may watch it in a pub or at home and decide to come along the following week, it's a great platform for new as well as regular supporters.

Anyway, back to this week. Last Sunday was a big disappointment and of course we're hoping to bounce back. But there's no need to panic. The Falcons played well and also got the luck of the bounce on a couple of occasions.

But this is what sport is all about. It's about both sides, winning and losing, and as a player and a team you have to be able to deal with it all.

Leicester have had a similar start to us and we always love to play them. They've got a good strong side, and Dean Richards' team will be looking for a big result as well after losing at home against Sale Sharks last weekend.

People keep saying how wide open the Zurich Premiership is this year. Yes it is, but it was last year as well. Any team can beat another on a given day, but that just shows how competitive the tournament is. There have been some strange results across the Premiership so far this year, and I'm sure that those kind of results will continue.

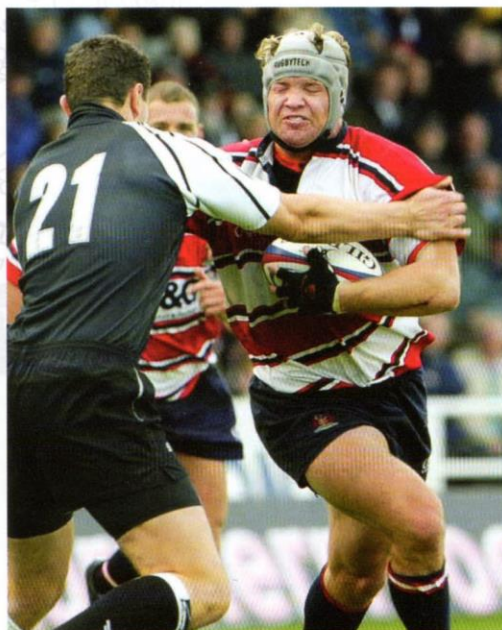
Bath are top of the table at the moment, and I'm sure in their own admission, that they wouldn't have

predicted such a position, but fair play to them.

As well as the game this weekend, we also have the start of the World Cup. Everyone at Gloucester Rugby Club is wishing Phil, Trevor and Andy all the best for England as well as Rodrigo, Thinus and Terry with their teams.

And I'll be keeping my fingers crossed for South Africa. Some people have ruled them out, but I think there could be a few surprises, but to beat England they will have to pick up their game.

It's a great weekend for rugby and I hope you all enjoy today.



Kingsholm Supporters Mutual Update

The Kingsholm Supporters Mutual is building momentum and the Gloucester matchday programme caught up with Bob Rumble, one of the main men behind the organisation.

KSM Application Form

Please use this application form to apply for membership of the KSM. It is a personal document in the sense that it is your own and it is not to be shared with anyone else.

one I wish to apply to become a member of the Kingsholm Supporters Mutual. (A full copy of the KSM rules is available on request.)

two I wish to make a personal donation of £_____ to the Project Kingsholm Fund. (Please attach my credit/debit card details to this form.)

three I wish to make a monthly donation - please send me a standing order form.

four I wish to make a one-off donation of £_____ to the Project Kingsholm Fund. (Please attach a bank transfer slip.)

Please attach my Kingsholm Supporters Mutual card (if applicable) to this form.

Please complete this section for ALL applications.

Full name: _____

Address: _____

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To this: _____

By email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



It's certainly been a busy few weeks for everyone concerned with the Kingsholm Supporters Mutual and there is some great work going on behind the scenes to ensure that targets are met.

One of the key points following the launch has been communication and Bob Rumble was quick to highlight the efforts taking place.

"We know how important this club is to the city of Gloucester. But sometimes people don't realise how much support there is for the Cherry and Whites in the surrounding areas and regions.

"We are taking the KSM to them. I've spoken to a number of people who are keen to know more, but they aren't located in the city.

"The KSM will be delighted to come to you.

If supporters want us to come to a local rugby club, pub or school, then we'll be happy to talk people through the process.

"In partnership with GRFC we'll be able to promote the event and ensure that we make the most of it. Alternatively, it can be quite a small event, everyone is important and we want to ensure that as many people are behind us as possible."

Rumble added: "Every day we're correcting a misunderstanding. It is a big project and there is a lot to understand and people want to know everything before they sign up."

The enthusiasm, both for information and to get involved has been superb. The KSM hotline has been busy, the emails have flooded in and completed membership forms are being processed as you read this.



However, the KSM and Project Kingsholm is a long-term project and the Club and the supporters mutual still need more support.

"We're organising a number of events and themes over the next few weeks, including a memorabilia auction and showcase, as well as special fixtures, a quiz, and a number of affinity projects that will offer members great deals, but also benefit the KSM," added Bob.

There is certainly a lot going on and the matchday programme will be bringing you updates throughout the next few weeks.

Visit www.gloucester rugby club.com for more details and latest updates on the KSM and new stadium development



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GLOUCESTER 30

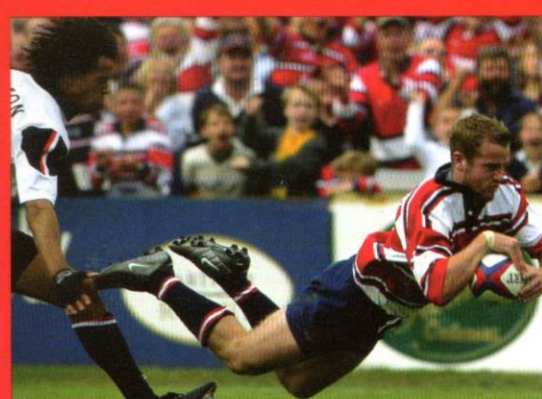
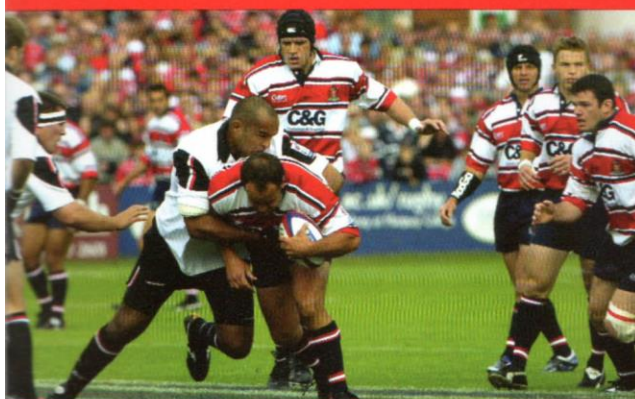
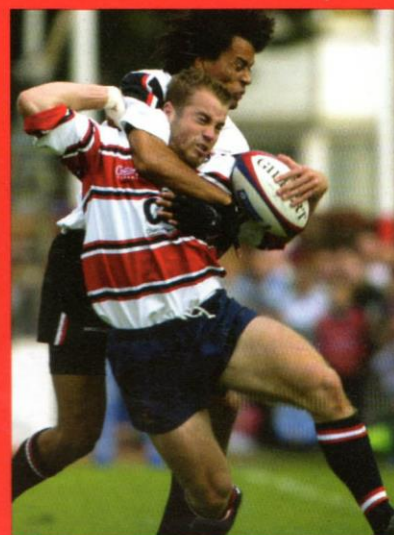
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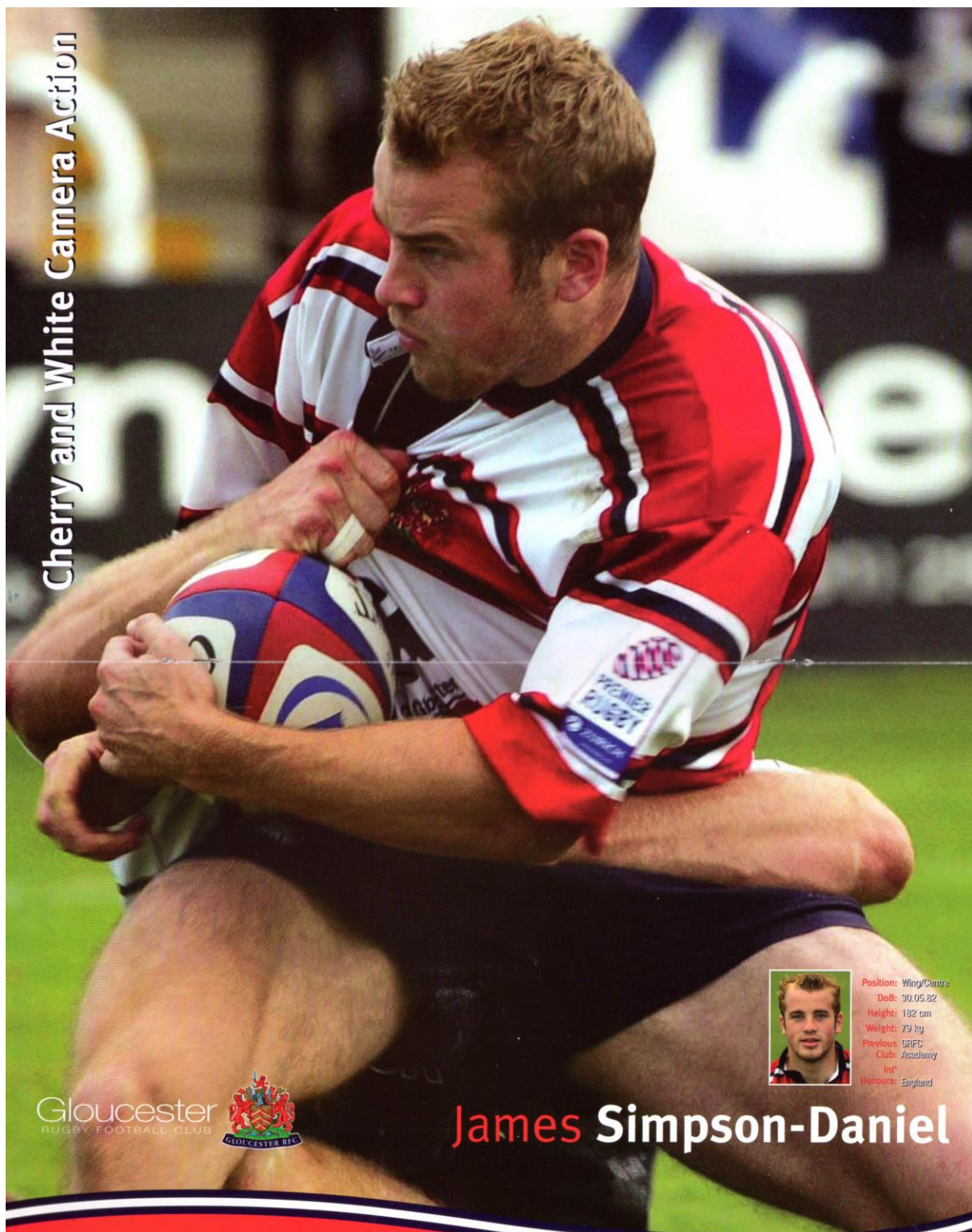
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top left: Andy Hazell is tackled by Saracens Ben Johnstone. top right: Henry Paul dodges the Saracens pack.
middle: James Simpson-Daniel is tackled by Saracens Richard Haughton. bottom left: Paul Johnstone is tackled by Saracens Simon Raiwalui.
bottom right: James Simpson-Daniel crosses for his second half try.

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Cherry and White Camera Action



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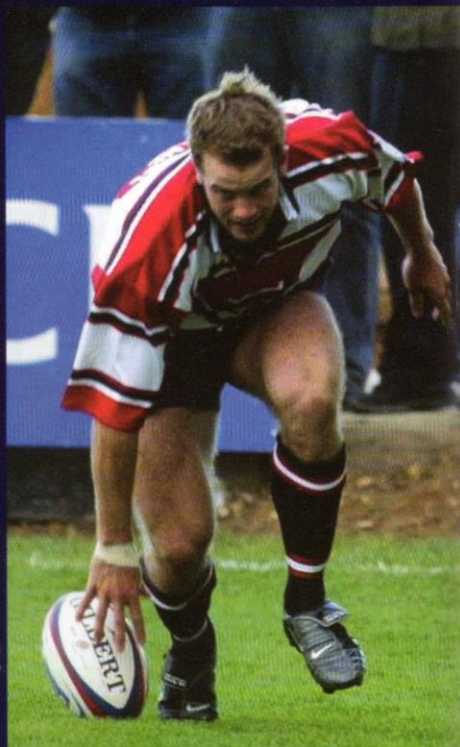
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Weight: 79 kg
Previous Club: Academy
Int'l Honours: England

James Simpson-Daniel

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N'CASTLE FALCONS 42

TRIES: MAY (3), NOON, STEPHENSON

CONVERSIONS: GOLLINGS (4)

PENALTIES: GOLLINGS (3)



GLOUCESTER 22

TRIES: GOODRIDGE, SIMPSON-DANIEL, BOER

CONVERSIONS: PAUL (2) PENALTIES: PAUL



top left: Marcel Garvey is tackled by Newcastle's Mark Mayerhofer and Jamie Noon (right). top right: James Simpson-Daniel scores his second half try.
bottom left: Newcastle's James Grindal tackles Jake Boer. bottom right: Henry Paul.

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Peter Arnold

Resident historian and 'info-man' Peter Arnold talks about Stuart Barnes, welsh rugby, the KSM and an article written about himself last week.

FIREPROOF

It must be nice to be fireproof. That thought was prompted by a remark made by our old friend, Stuart Barnes, during the excellent Sky Sports coverage of the Saracens game the other week.

Apparently, he disagreed forcefully about the two yellow cards awarded to Sarries forwards during the second half. He readily conceded that both incidents were penalty offences, but didn't much like the ten-minute rest which was conferred on the offenders. It seems he may have been justified. I read that one of the sentences has been expunged from the record, and the other has been reversed on appeal.

As it happened, both resulted after advice from the touch judges. "You might just as

well pull in a couple of chaps from the Shed to run the line!", he pontificated. A good 'Barnsism' if ever there was one, but let's just think about it.

In my book, it amounts to accusing the touch judges of either incompetence or bias. In fact, it constitutes the same offence that got our new outside-half, Duncan McRae, suspended for a month in Australia. That incident deprived us of his considerable services for a couple of weeks at a fairly vital part of the season. In fact, he might otherwise have been playing today.

The following weekend, the Bridgend coach was exiled to the stand for a similar offence. No such sanction can be imposed on TV commentators, sitting up there in their ivory tower, crenellated by microphones and TV monitors.

Which is as it should be. I don't think any of us would deny a commentator his right to disagree vociferously with an official's decision, but come on Barnsey, don't you think that one was a bit over the top?

Anyway, what makes you think that 'a couple of chaps from the Shed' would be anything less than scrupulously fair? They're a pretty knowledgeable bunch, after all, and love the game with a passion equalled only by their love of the team.

ON THE OTHER HAND...

... I suppose there are limits. I am reminded of a game, under lights, years ago, when the awesome Pontypool pack was steamrollering everybody, aided and abetted by the formidable Dave Bishop at No.9.

We beat them, that evening, a result that sent ripples throughout the Welsh rugby world. It even reduced Max Boyce to silence when the news was relayed to him on the radio the following morning.

But it had been one hell of a battle, culminating in a final fifteen minutes when 'Pooler' were hammering the Gloucester line with all they had. We held them out, though, and won the match by the odd three points or so.

Jim Jarrett was running the line that night, if memory serves, himself a former Pontypool player and Captain, who



James Forrester crosses for his second half try.

defected to Gloucester and performed sterling service in cherry-and-white.

In the bar afterwards, I did hint to him that he might have pinched a couple of yards, on our behalf, in the odd lineout or two. "What do you mean, Peter" he replied. "I've never done that in my life!"

Then he paused, grinned, and said, "Unless it's been critical!"

SENT YOUR MONEY OFF YET ?

If I haven't said much about KMS here today, it isn't because I disapprove or anything, just that I'm sure much will have been written on other pages, and the deadliest thing which can happen to any appeal is to allow the boredom factor to creep in. There is, after all, such a thing as overkill.

Personally, I don't think that raising two million quid should be too much of a problem. However, to do it in around four months is a big challenge. Could any other Premiership club do it, I wonder? I don't know, but I'm sure that if anyone can - we can.

Just one minor glitch. Twice, I have managed to type 'KFC' rather than 'KSM'. Am I growing dyslexic in my old age? Or is it some Freudian reflection on my eating habits?

TON UP

I had a call from my old mate, Norman Partridge the other day. For those who don't know him) and there can't be all that many), Norman is President of the Gloucester Old Boys RFC. He is an ex-athlete, who also played an awful lot of rugby, and indeed, turned out for Bristol on the wing before coming to Gloucester.

He played his last game, right here at Kingsholm, at the age of 50, and claims to have scored the slowest try ever seen



Paul Johnstone is tackled by Saracens Simon Raiwalui.

on the ground during the process. That's another story, one which you should get Norman to tell himself - if you've got an hour or so to spare.

The point of Norman's call was to tell me that the Old Boys are celebrating their Centenary this year, and even in Gloucester, there can't be many local clubs who can claim that.

Ever since their foundation, the club has produced a long string of very fine players, starting, in the early days, with 'Dai' Gent, who played for England and virtually invented scrum-half play.

Since then, there have been stars like John Gadd, Viv Woolley, Eddie Pinkney, and those are just the first three who spring to my mind.

I imagine that there will be all sorts of shenanigans held to celebrate the event, and I did hear the possibility of some commemorative merchandise, but I don't have firm information yet. You can bet Norman Partridge will keep me

posted. When he does, I'll pass the gen on to you.

WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE...

It was nice of my old friend, author and journalist Martin Kirby, to mark my 25 years of writing for this programme in his weekly Citizen column recently. I thank him for that, and point out that the phrase 'witty and informative' could be used about his Monday feature with equal justice. It is certainly one of the highlights of my newspaper-reading week, and, I suspect, that of many others.

However, I thought it was a bit rich for a bloke, who is himself a grandfather, to infer that I am rapidly approaching my 100th birthday. Still, what else should I have expected? Martin does, after all, run his own company called 'Pony and Trap', which, as he freely admits, is rhyming slang for - well, you work it out.

One of my favourite people is Martin Kirby. Pity he knows damn-all about rugby.

Fans Zone

with
Bob Fenton

In this issue of the Gloucester matchday programmer Cherry and Whites supporter Bob Fenton, and former Shed Head editor, talks of his enthusiasm for the new stadium project.

These are exciting times to be a supporter of Gloucester rugby club. Not only have we great things happening on the pitch in front of us, but we also have things starting to move off it.

I've already sent a cheque off for me, and another for the boy, and once the new stand is completed we can both stand there and say 'We helped to make that happen'.

The plans unveiled a few weeks ago to replace the old grandstand with a new modern structure as phase one of the

ground redevelopment were pleasing enough, the fact that supporters are being given the chance to be part of it is the icing on the cake.

The foundation of the Kingsholm Supporters Mutual is a great step forward, and is something that many people have been quietly suggesting for some time now. Everyone agrees that Gloucester has one of the greatest, biggest and most loyal fan bases in professional rugby anywhere in the world, now we can put our money where our mouth is, and take a stake in the club.

I've already sent a cheque off for me, and another for the boy, and once the new stand is completed we can both stand there and say 'We helped to make that happen'. What can be greater than that?

The artist's impression showing the rest of the ground should also cause great



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excitement, a new shed – and not all-seater as some had feared – with a roof that doesn't leak.

With all that extra space we won't have the usual problems when Westy and Tom arrive a nano-second before kick off. Odd that when they hove into view the announcement that "...The Shed is now full..." booms – okay croaks – over the tannoy system. Are the two connected – I think we should be told...

The only fly in the ointment has been the number of negative comments that have appeared that seek to rubbish the proposals or the motives of those involved.

It's odd, isn't it, that the people who post or write these comments do so only when they can hide behind the anonymity of an internet message board moniker, or some unidentifiable initials. It's childish, cowardly and pathetic.

If you have something to say or a point to make use your name, what have you got to hide? It's a free country and you can say what you like. There has been, and

will continue to be, ample opportunities to make your point – the recent open evening at Kingsholm, and the numbers of questions being answered directly by KSM officials on the official website, the Kingsholm Chronicle or Shedweb being a case in point.

Turn up, ask your question, get your answer. If you don't like what you hear and don't want to be involved no one is going to force you. But if you make that decision then just keep your negative prattle to yourself, the rest of us don't want to hear it.

Rant over. Let's talk about other things. Two more games, one win and one loss. The Saracens result was a great one, considering how we were being written off in some quarters before the game, no doubt given the Newcastle result the same people will be spouting the same stuff again.

Some of these comments were a bit close to home, maybe some supporters have short memories and don't remember the dour relegation battles or scrapping to

achieve mediocrity that existed not so long ago.

Come on guys, four games into a season and the doom and gloom merchants are saying it's the end of the world, remember sport is about winning and losing, if you can't deal with that take up knitting or something.

Anyway this is a league – well actually it isn't is it, more of a qualifying stage for a knock-out cup – so insert your own 'marathon not a sprint' analogy here and wait until April before complaining. Oops, ranting again... must be something in the water this evening.

Talking of Newcastle, I was a bit surprised to read Nigel Melville's quote about Gloucester playing a sort of "...rugby terrorism..." prior to the visit to the frozen north. Err... correct me if I am wrong here, but I don't think this is a good time to be talking about being a terrorist!

Maybe my mate Alistair Downey just got his pile of adjectives in a muddle (not for the first time huh, A!?), but whatever was

said there can be no argument that Squeaky got his anti-terrorist brigade in place and turned us over good and proper.

I didn't make the trip - yeah I know, fair-weather supporter - but Geordie-land is so far away for a Sunday fixture. Dragging myself out of bed to go to work is hard enough on a Monday, but after a 600-odd mile round trip it would be nigh-on impossible.

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Tell you one thing though, you have to admire the inventiveness of some people who went. We all know of one 'legend' who managed to find an Easy Jet flight out of Bristol to Newcastle for just .99p (plus tax)! That's a thought though, maybe if the KSM over-achieve their fund

raising they could get us a ShedAir airplane to take us to away games...

So it's Leicester today then, like us shorn of more than a few players on world cup duty. Leicester hold a record that is unique in English rugby, and maybe even the world. No, forget all that stuff about winning the league or the European cup a few hundred times, were talking cuddly toys here.

of 'em!' - Hey, I can do a cockney accent, OK - I lived their long enough...

Walking into Welford Road is like going to Winnie the Pooh convention, Tiggers everywhere - not to mention the big stuffed one who wanders around the pitch. Do these people have no pride??? Do they not realise how silly they look??? Obviously not.

The only other club that used to have a travelling teddy population was Bath, but even they have toned it down now, and you only spot the occasional saddy with a cuddly toy under his or her arm.

Actually I suppose I could be accused of jealousy, after all we don't have a mascot (thank goodness) and we'd look pretty stupid wandering into the ground with a stuffed elver under our arm. Not only would no one have a clue what they were, it would look like we had all been on a shopping trip to Anne Summers up in Kings square on the way to Kingsholm...

And with that image fixed firmly in your mind I'll leave you to enjoy the game!



TRY
CONVERSION
PENALTY
DROP GOAL

GLOUCESTER



Jon Goodridge	15
Marcel Garvey	14
Robert Todd	13
Henry Paul	12
James Simpson-Daniel	11
Simon Amor	10
Alex Page	09
Paul Johnstone	01
Chris Fortey	02
Andy Deacon	03
Alex Brown	04
Mark Cornwell	05
Jake Boer (c)	06
Andy Hazell	07
James Forrester	08
Nick Wood	16
Adrian Olver	17
Adam Eustace	18
Peter Buxton	19
Steve Brotherstone	20
Josh Frape	21
Rory Teague	22

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LEICESTER TIGERS

TRY
CONVERSION
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DROP GOAL

Tim Stimpson	15
Ollie Smith	14
Leon Lloyd	13
Daryl Gibson	12
John Holtby	11
Ramiro Pez	10
Austin Healey	09
Darren Morris	01
George Chuter	02
Ricky Nebbett	03
James Hamilton	04
Louis Deacon	05
Brett Deacon	06
Josh Kronfeld (c)	07
Will Johnson	08
Jim Richards	16
Michael Holford	17
Tom Ryder	18
Henry Tuilagi	19
Harry Ellis	20
Sam Vesty	21
Will Skinner	22

ZURICH PREMIERSHIP 2003/04

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	TB	LB	PTS
Bath Rugby	4	4	0	0	102	66	1	0	17
NEC Harlequins	4	3	0	1	124	91	1	1	14
Northampton Saints	4	2	1	1	112	91	2	0	12
Newcastle Falcons	4	2	0	2	92	83	1	2	11
Leicester Tigers	4	2	1	1	92	81	0	1	10
Gloucester	4	2	0	2	84	73	1	1	10
London Irish	4	2	0	2	76	70	0	1	9
Sale Sharks	4	1	1	2	76	76	1	2	9
Saracens	4	2	1	1	90	102	0	0	8
London Wasps	4	1	0	3	96	90	0	2	6
Leeds Tykes	4	1	0	3	81	121	1	0	5
Rotherham Titans	4	0	0	4	49	130	0	0	0

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