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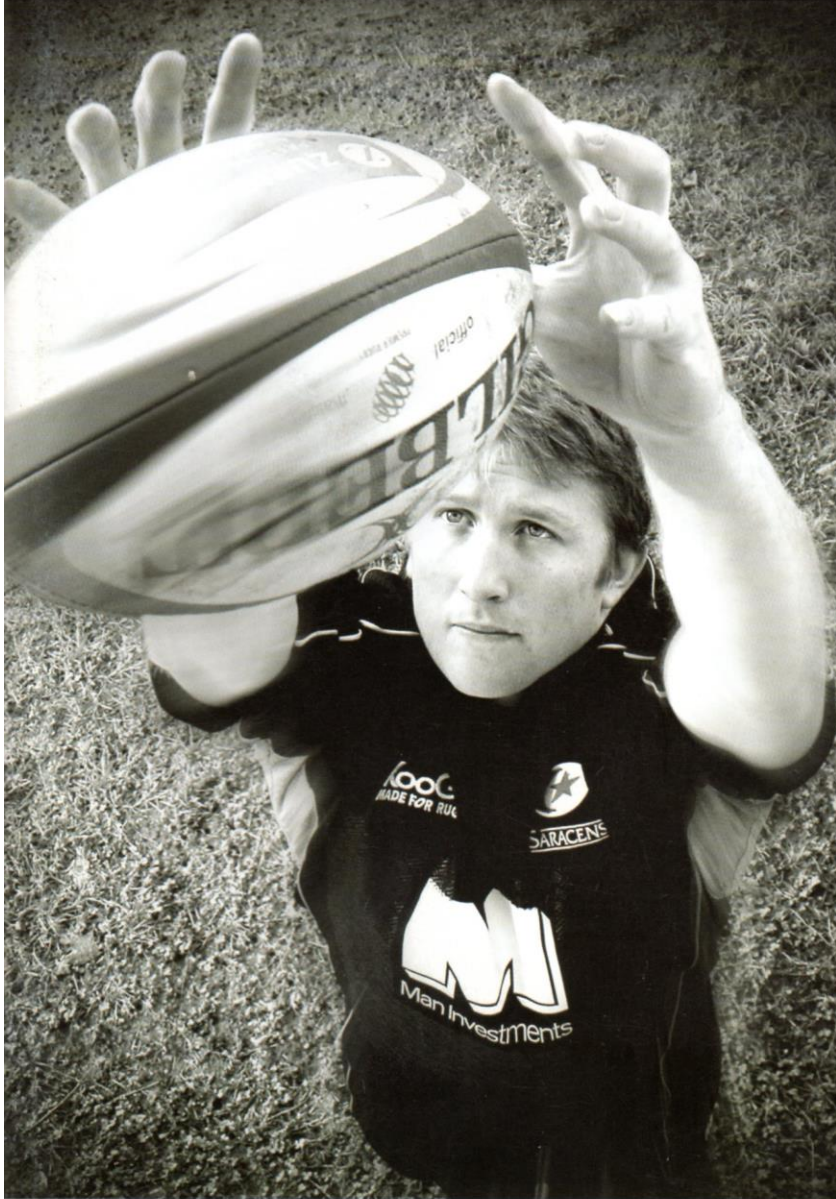
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Gloucester Intro



Gloucester have found it hard to maintain their fantastic success of 02-03 last year and yet their 4th place table position shows that they still are one of the pace setters in the Zurich Premiership.

In fact, only Bath could breach their unbeaten home record with a win in a close match at Kingsholm last November. Even so, Gloucester proved, as ever, to be as impressive away from home as they are intimidating at the Shed.

This season has been no different and they started the campaign with four consecutive victories. They began the season at Headingley with a 21-16 win

over Leeds and then followed it up with 23-16 success over London Irish at Kingsholm.

A trip to Franklin's Gardens brought more rewards with an 18-12 win over Northampton, and that was followed by a 31-17 success at home to Newcastle Falcons.

Gloucester's first defeat of the season came in a 29-14 reverse at Bath but they bounced back to record victories over Harlequins and Worcester before suffering a 28-13 loss to Leicester Tigers.

In the Heineken Cup, their campaign got off to a difficult start with a trip

to Stade Francais. But they came back from a defeat in Paris to record a 55-13 victory over Ulster at Kingsholm.

Players who have caught the eye early in the season have included Henry Paul, Marcel Garvey and James Simpson-Daniel. Paul's good form earned him a call-up for England's game against Canada last weekend so he could be missing along with back row Andy Hazell.

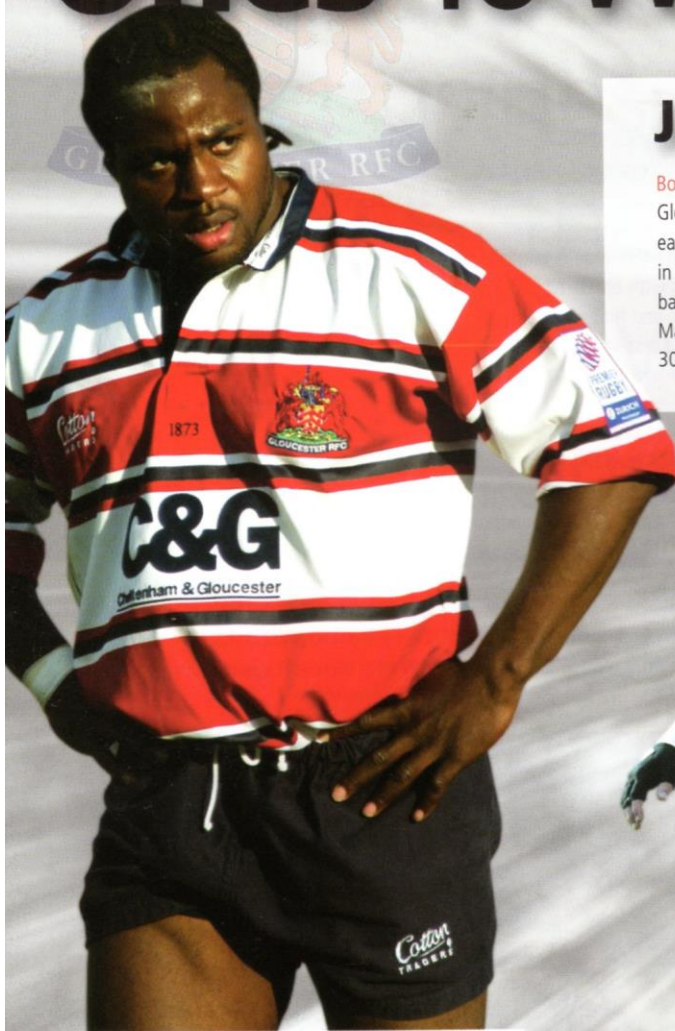
But they still have a strong squad and with the inclusion this season of Bristol winger James Bailey, ex Saracens James Parkes, and the return of Olivier Azam, the famous Cherry and Whites will no doubt remain defiant at home and a serious threat away.



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Gloucester

Ones To Watch



Jake Boer

Boer, who joined the Cherry and Whites in 2000, led Gloucester to victory in the Powergen Cup in 2003. He earned the Zurich Premiership player of the season award in 2003, as well as the overseas player of the year. The back-row forward signed a new three-year contract in May 2004 that will keep him at Gloucester until past his 30th birthday.



Marcel Garvey

Garvey hit the rugby world with a hat-trick of tries against Bristol Shoguns at the start of the 2002/03 season. His explosive pace and tremendous power has earned him a place in England National Academy group and he has been a key member of his country's U21s World Championship

Alex Brown

A highly-rated second row forward, **Brown** signed for the Cherry and Whites in the summer of 2003 from West Country rivals Bristol Shoguns. The England 'A' international topped the line-out statistics charts during the 03/04 season, and was voted the Players' Player of the Year. Brown was selected for the Churchill Cup team to tour North America during the summer of 2004.



Olivier Azam

Azam returned to Gloucester in the summer of 2004 after one year with French outfit Montferrand. The French international hooker had three successful years with the Cherry and Whites before heading home for 12 months. Azam made his debut for Gloucester in August 2000 against Saracens and has 10 French caps to his name.

Today's Teams



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