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The official pre-season programme caught up with head coach **Dean Ryan** to gather his thoughts on the last couple of months and what's in store for the start of the new Guinness Premiership campaign.

Dean Ryan

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE not to know where you stand with Dean Ryan. As a player his attitude was never less than incendiary, his commitment bordered on the stratospheric and his will to win was total.

He was never an obvious contender for the Nobel Peace Prize during his full-on playing days but the big, bad wolf of English rugby finds himself head coach at Kingsholm these days - an environment for which he is made.

His new-look Gloucester vintage will make their first appearances of pre-season against Calvisano, Doncaster and Viadana at Kingsholm in

August, fresh from an intensive week of training in France and a victory and defeat in the Issoire Tournament, where the ground rules were laid for the forthcoming campaign.

Another hectic summer of changes, arrivals and departures is coming to an end but although the start of the Guinness Premiership season isn't until September, Ryan already has one eye on Gloucester's mouth-watering collision with Worcester - when hostilities begin for real.

Ryan is not one to shout his hopes and fears from the rooftops but he's worked non-stop and been busy in accomplishing his



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key tasks in methodical and determined fashion since he replaced Nigel Melville in May.

He has stripped Gloucester back to the bones and worked on the core ingredients that make a top-class rugby team with the aim of doing some real damage in the Premiership always in mind.

"One eye is always on the Premiership whatever we do - it has to be," he told the matchday programme. "The pre-season is about providing opportunities for players to stake a claim for selection because that is their only chance. I do not believe the Premiership is an environment where you can test players out, unless there are injuries and it is unavoidable.

"But there were certain aspects of our game last season that, in my opinion, were not up to Premiership standard for a team in the top six. The set-piece was one and our kicking game was another and that has to improve this season.

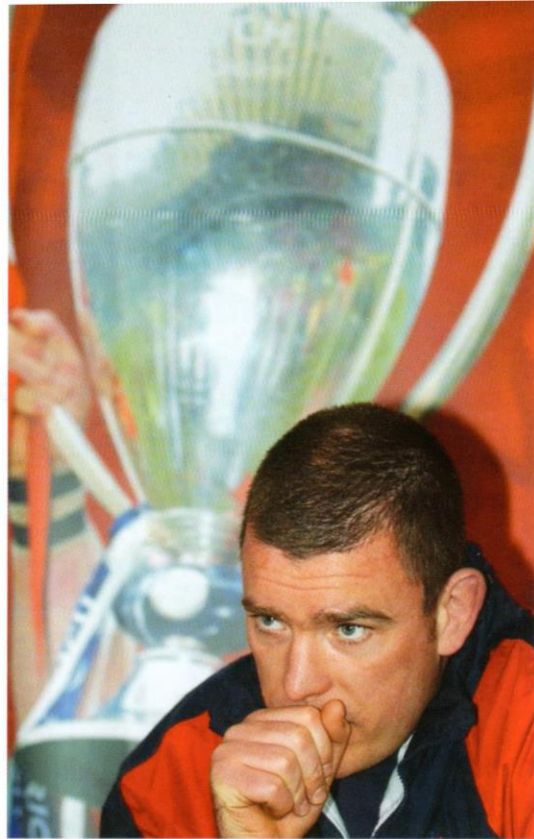


"We have already shown signs that an improvement has been made in France and I am pleased we have worked to a settled programme in the last few weeks.

"We have seen progress and the players have worked bloody hard and are raring to go. They have to drive what we want to achieve and that has been the most pleasing thing because they have taken ownership of the whole thing.

"Personally, my role has not really changed that much. I took charge of a lot of things before and that will obviously still happen."

The returns of Patrice Collazo, the no-nonsense set-piece specialist from Toulouse, and Ludovic Mercier, the record-breaking points scorer from



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Pau, are key acquisitions but Ryan will hand opportunities to individuals pressing for selection at Sixways in the next few weeks.

"I have been really pleased with some of the young guys. Mark Foster has greatly impressed and has shown he can play at Premiership level. Rob Thirlby, Peter Richards and Haydn Thomas have also done well and have put their hands up," he said.

"They will have an opportunity but will have to go about their

business to press for selection. We are certainly not a weak side but we need to keep an edge in everything we do.

"I don't think pre-season proves anything but it gives players the chance to perform and prove they have what it takes to produce consistently good performances."

Ryan was also impressed with Henry Paul's all-round contribution at Issoire, his first appearance following his knee injury at the end of last season. The inside centre is ready to bounce back this season as one of the most senior individuals in the backline.

There were also encouraging signs that both Anthony Allen and Jack Adams - two midfield prospects ready to cut a serious dash this term - could feature in the Premiership after impressive displays against Leeds and Clermont Auvergne, while Nick Wood also made a big impression in the front row.

By the time Viadana come to town for Mark Cornwell's Testimonial match later this month, Ryan's plans will be almost complete. By that time he should be armed with both Phil Vickery and Mike Tindall ahead of the short trip up the M5 and the start of the season, when the real test of his summer work will begin.



Captain for the day Peter Buxton picks up the trophy for third place in the Issoire tournament.

“Brad Davies converted his second try to make it 21-18 but they could not force a score to seal the comeback.”



The kit is ready before the clash against Leeds on Sunday.



The team lines up before Sunday's win over Leeds.

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Henry Paul was not included in the first game as Gloucester trailed 12-6 at the break thanks to four penalties.

That lead became 18-6 after 57 minutes before Jake Boer scored twice from driven line-outs to drag Gloucester back into contention.

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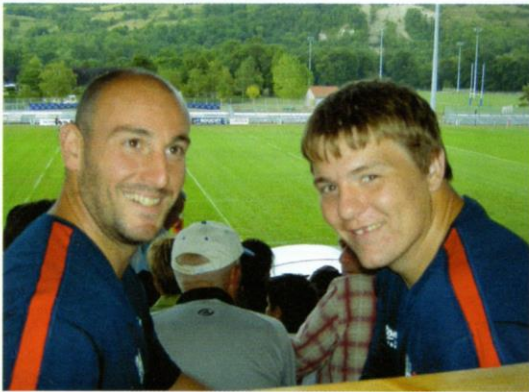
Gloucester: R. Thirby; M. Foster, J. Simpson-Daniel, A. Allen, M. Garvey (J. Goodridge 54); D. McRae (B. Davies 45), P. Richards (S. Amor 60, A. Hazell 80), N. Wood, O. Azam (J. Parkes 60), G. Powell (T. Siglesy 60), P. Buxton, A. Brown, J. Forrester (A. Eustace 45), J. Boer, A. Balding.



James Parkes and kit man Tim Mitchell before Sunday's game.



Gloucester players chat after the win over Leeds.



“Sometimes it’s the experienced guys who take the lead but the young players stepped up and took the bull by the horns.”

- Henry Paul



Dean Ryan looks back at the game after the final whistle.

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But Paul was heavily involved against Leeds and was delighted with what he saw, especially from the younger members of the squad.

He was partnered in the first quarter of the game by 18-year-old former St Peter’s School pupil Jack Adams, then by Millfield product Anthony Allen.

“The first half saw good combinations from forwards and backs and we had been saying all along in the build-up to the game that we wanted to attack,” said Paul.

“It certainly came off in the first half and there was a good level of enthusiasm and passion out there, with Ludovic kicking the territory and the forwards doing the dog work. Sometimes it’s the experienced guys who take the lead but the young players stepped up and took the bull by the horns.

“There is a lot of raw talent around thanks to the development programme at the club, but we have to remember that it is only the second game of pre-season so we are not getting carried away.”

Despite a first minute record card for Andy Hazell, Gloucester ran in five first-half tries to crush Leeds 33-19.

Jon Goodridge, James Forrester (2), Mark Foster and summer signing Rob Thirlby scored the tries and Ludovic Mercier converted four - his other effort struck a post.

In a feisty encounter, Rob Elloway, Adam Eustace and Patrice Collazo were all yellow-carded at various points in the four-quarter game.

Gloucester made plenty of changes after the break as Leeds hit back with a couple of tries but they never threatened to take victory.

Following the Tournament, Ryan’s squad spent a week in Marcoussis, the French training base in Paris.

Gloucester: J. Goodridge, M. Foster, J. Adams (A. Allen 20), H. Paul, R. Thirlby, L. Mercier (R. Lamb 60), H. Thomas (P. Richards 60), P. Collazo, M. Davies (R. Elloway 60), T. Sigley (G. Powell 60), A. Eustace, M. Cornwell (A. Brown 40), P. Buxton, A. Hazell (sent off 1, J. Boer 20, O. Azam 76), J. Forrester (T. Sigley 69-74).

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Gloucester Rugby Squad 2005/06



Jack ADAMS



POSITION:
Centre
D.O.B:
17.09.86
HEIGHT:
1.82m [6', 0"]
WEIGHT:
95kg [16st, 5lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U18

Anthony ALLEN



POSITION:
Centre
D.O.B:
01.09.86
HEIGHT:
1.80m [5', 10"]
WEIGHT:
90kg [14st, 3lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U19

Simon AMOR



POSITION:
Halfback
D.O.B:
25.04.79
HEIGHT:
1.69m [5', 7"]
WEIGHT:
75kg [12st, 0lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England Sevens

Oliver AZAM



POSITION:
Hooker
D.O.B:
21.10.74
HEIGHT:
1.85m [6', 0"]
WEIGHT:
115kg [18st, 2lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
France

James BAILEY



POSITION:
Wing
D.O.B:
05.08.83
HEIGHT:
1.80m [5', 10"]
WEIGHT:
83kg [13st, 2lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U21, Sevens

Adam BALDING



POSITION:
Number 8
D.O.B:
07.12.79
HEIGHT:
1.88m [6', 2"]
WEIGHT:
111kg [17st, 7lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England 'A'

Jake BOER



POSITION:
Flanker
D.O.B:
01.11.75
HEIGHT:
1.87m [6', 1"]
WEIGHT:
105kg [16st, 8lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
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Alex BROWN



POSITION:
Lock
D.O.B:
17.05.79
HEIGHT:
2.00m [6', 7"]
WEIGHT:
113kg [17st, 5lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England 'A'

Peter BUXTON



POSITION:
Back Row
D.O.B:
21.08.78
HEIGHT:
1.92m [6', 3"]
WEIGHT:
112kg [17st, 9lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England 'A'

Patrice COLLAZO



POSITION:
Prop
D.O.B:
27.04.74
HEIGHT:
1.85m [6', 1"]
WEIGHT:
110kg [17st, 3lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
France

Mark CORNWELL



POSITION:
Lock
D.O.B:
22.03.73
HEIGHT:
2.01m [6', 7"]
WEIGHT:
117kg [18st, 2lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England 'A'

Brad DAVIES



POSITION:
Outside Half
D.O.B:
13.02.83
HEIGHT:
1.77m [5', 9"]
WEIGHT:
89kg [14st, 1lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U21, U18

Mefin DAVIES



POSITION:
Hooker
D.O.B:
02.09.72
HEIGHT:
1.78m [5', 10"]
WEIGHT:
95kg [16st, 5lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
Wales

Rob ELLOWAY



POSITION:
Hooker
D.O.B:
09.11.83
HEIGHT:
1.83m [6', 0"]
WEIGHT:
98kg [15st, 4lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
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Adam EUSTACE



POSITION:
Lock
D.O.B:
09.01.79
HEIGHT:
1.95m [6', 4"]
WEIGHT:
108kg [17st, 0lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England 'A', U21, U19

Terry FANOLUA



POSITION:
Centre
D.O.B:
03.07.74
HEIGHT:
1.83m [6', 0"]
WEIGHT:
94kg [14st, 12lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
Manu Samoa

James FORRESTER



POSITION:
Number 8
D.O.B.:
09.02.81
HEIGHT:
1.95m [6', 5"]
WEIGHT:
99kg [15st, 9lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England

Mark FOSTER



POSITION:
Wing/Center
D.O.B.:
02.09.83
HEIGHT:
1.83m [6', 0"]
WEIGHT:
91kg [14st, 3lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U21

Marcel Garvey



POSITION:
Wing
D.O.B.:
21.04.83
HEIGHT:
1.73m [5', 8"]
WEIGHT:
89kg [13st, 7lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England 'A'

Andy GOMARSALL



POSITION:
Scrum-half
D.O.B.:
20.07.74
HEIGHT:
1.77m
WEIGHT:
90.5kg

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England

Jon GOODRIDGE



POSITION:
Full-back
D.O.B.:
26.02.81
HEIGHT:
1.86m
WEIGHT:
86kg

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U21

Andy HAZELL



POSITION:
Flanker
D.O.B.:
25.04.78
HEIGHT:
1.83m
WEIGHT:
93.1kg

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England 'A'

Ryan LAMB



POSITION:
Fly-half
D.O.B.:
18.05.86
HEIGHT:
1.76m [5', 9"]
WEIGHT:
81kg [12st, 10lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U19

Will MATTHEWS



POSITION:
Back Row
D.O.B.:
14.01.85
HEIGHT:
1.88m [6', 2"]
WEIGHT:
99kg [15st, 6lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U21

Duncan McRAE



POSITION:
Outside Half / Full Back
D.O.B.:
27.09.74
HEIGHT:
1.72m [5', 7"]
WEIGHT:
81kg [12st, 10lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
Australia 'A'

Ludovic MERCIER



POSITION:
Fly-half
D.O.B.:
01.11.76
HEIGHT:
1.80m [5', 10"]
WEIGHT:
90kg [14st, 0lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
France 'A'

James MERRIMAN



POSITION:
Flanker
D.O.B.:
17.01.84
HEIGHT:
1.83m [6', 0"]
WEIGHT:
95kg [14st, 7lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
Wales U21

Oliver MORGAN



POSITION:
Full-back
D.O.B.:
03.11.85
HEIGHT:
1.89m [6', 3"]
WEIGHT:
89kg [14st, 11lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U21

Luke NARRAWAY



POSITION:
Back-row
D.O.B:
07.09.83
HEIGHT:
1.90m [6', 3"]
WEIGHT:
100kg [15st, 8lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U21

James PARKES



POSITION:
Hooker
D.O.B:
30.11.80
HEIGHT:
1.78m [5', 10"]
WEIGHT:
98kg [15st, 5lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U21

Henry PAUL



POSITION:
Centre
D.O.B:
10.02.74
HEIGHT:
1.80m [5', 11"]
WEIGHT:
97kg [14st, 10lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England 'A', Sevens, England

Jonathan PENDLEBURY



POSITION:
Second row
D.O.B:
15.01.83
HEIGHT:
1.94m [6', 5"]
WEIGHT:
104kg [16st, 5lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U21

Gary POWELL



POSITION:
Prop
D.O.B:
30.10.79
HEIGHT:
1.82m [6', 0"]
WEIGHT:
112kg [17st, 7lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
Wales Development

Terry SIGLEY



POSITION:
Prop
D.O.B:
12.10.78
HEIGHT:
1.88m [6', 2"]
WEIGHT:
123kg [19st, 2lbs]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England Counties

James SIMPSON-DANIEL



POSITION:
Wing / Centre
D.O.B:
30.05.82
HEIGHT:
1.82m [6', 0"]
WEIGHT:
79kg [12st, 7lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England, U21, U19, Sevens

Rob THIRLBY



POSITION:
Wing
D.O.B:
02.03.79
HEIGHT:
1.86m [6', 2"]
WEIGHT:
89kg [14st, 0lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England Sevens

Haydn THOMAS



POSITION:
Scrum-half
D.O.B:
17.09.82
HEIGHT:
1.73m [5', 8"]
WEIGHT:
78kg [12st, 4lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
Scotland U19, U18

Mike TINDALL



POSITION:
Center
D.O.B:
18.10.78
HEIGHT:
1.88m [6', 2"]
WEIGHT:
100kg [15st, 8lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U19

Phil VICKERY



POSITION:
Prop
D.O.B:
14.03.76
HEIGHT:
1.91m [6', 3"]
WEIGHT:
120kg [18st, 4lb]

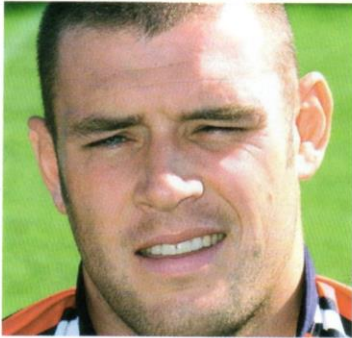
INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England / Lions

Nick WOOD



POSITION:
Prop
D.O.B:
09.01.83
HEIGHT:
1.86m [6', 2"]
WEIGHT:
108kg [17st, 0lb]

INTERNATIONAL HONS:
England U21



ON THE day Mike Teague retired from top-flight rugby a decade ago, little did **Mark Cornwell realise that 10 years later he would be celebrating a Testimonial Year with his home-town club.**

Testimonial **Mark** **Cornwell**

Teague's final appearance for Gloucester was a Kingsholm defeat against Harlequins of all teams, but the match was also memorable for the debuts of two young pups in the Kingsholm pack.

Cornwell was joined by Phil Greening on that defining afternoon in the engine room of the Gloucester forward effort - who also took a strike against the head of Brian Moore - and Cornwell has since gone on to make more than 150 appearances for the club.

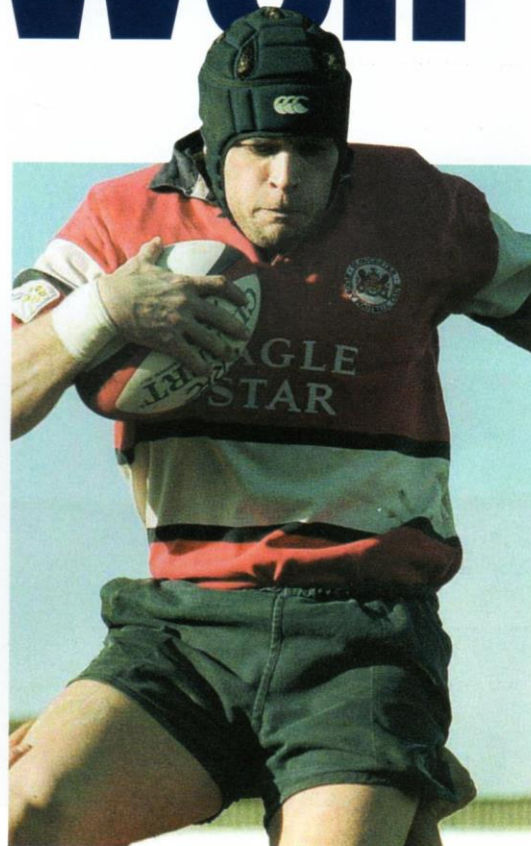
But when Viadana arrive for the final piece in Dean Ryan's pre-season jigsaw in a fortnight, Cornwell will lead Gloucester onto the field for one of the greatest days of his career in only the second Testimonial match in the Gloucester's history, following in the foot

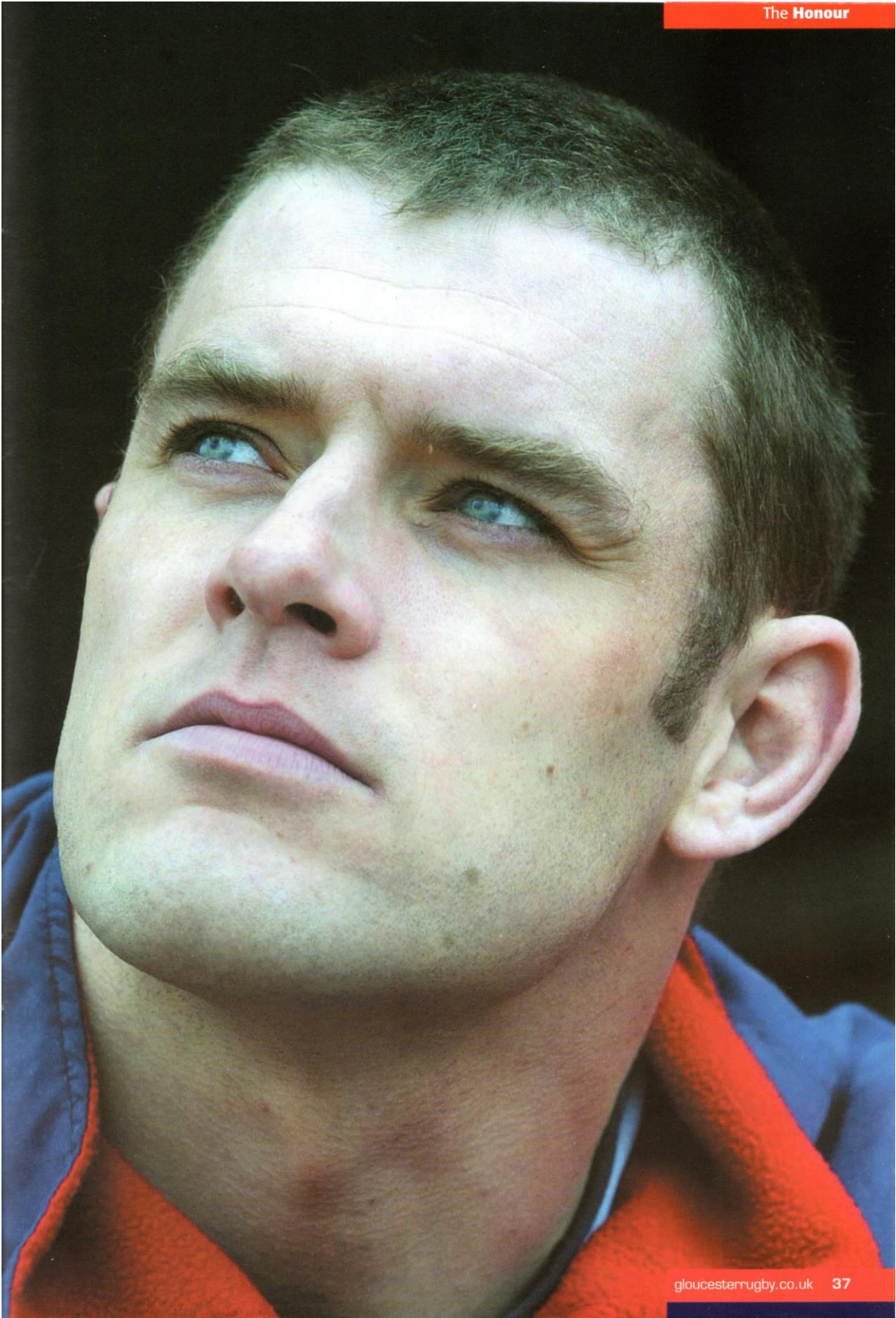
steps of his great friend Andy Deacon.

For a player who has seen just about everything there is to see in the past 10 years of high-stakes tribal warfare, who has traded blows in the line-out with Martin Johnson and co, been rucked and mauled to high heaven and dished out a fair bit back, it will be one of proudest moments of his career.

"It means a hell of a lot - and it has been quite strange trying to get my head around it," Cornwell said. "But now it's getting closer, I am really looking forward to it.

"It's a massive honour. It's not often you get to lead the team out unless you are captain and it will be a privilege to do it. When I made my 100th





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appearance I did it at Bristol, but it will be totally different at Kingsholm.

"But there is more to it than simply running out in front of the crowd. It is the last pre-season game before we play Worcester, so there is plenty of importance to it and we will be running through everything like it's a proper game.

"Dean [Ryan] has said he will try and pick his strongest side, so we cannot ease up.

"To me, we have to put everything into it. I am a player and at the end of it, I will approach it like any other game and we have to try and beat the opposition by as many points as we can."

Cornwell has played with more second row partners than he cares to mention and has gone through seven directors of

rugby - the last of which was Nigel Melville - and will start the season competing for a place alongside Adam Eustace and Alex Brown before South African Quinton Davids arrives later in the season.

"When I think back, I never thought I would still be around now," Cornwell said. "The next thing you know, you are in the team week in, week out and the years simply fly by.

"All of a sudden you think you have loads of time left but the last three years seem to have merged into one since we won the Powergen Cup and I don't know where the time has gone, it's scary.

"And then the body starts telling you it's not 19 any more - and it is certainly telling me that now."

But since that day in 1995,

Cornwell has broken his arm during Gloucester's 68-12 dismemberment of Bath, split Johnson's head open with his elbow in a line-out fracas last year, witnessed Eustace break his leg against Ebbw Vale in the European Shield and was confined to physio room when the floodlights failed against Bridgend.

"When you reach six or seven years, it crosses your mind about 10 years, but never before that. I have still got all my pay cheques and the first one was for £200 - handed to me on a small piece of white paper by John Fidler.

"I was getting paid for something that had been my hobby - it was a dream come true then."

Cornwell has seen just about everything that is possible to see in his decade at the top of

the game and is now the most experienced home-grown talent in Ryan's squad.

He will be looking for a successful afternoon against Viadana and then plenty more when the Premiership starts with a trip to Worcester on September 4.



Cornwell's Testimonial Ticket Information

The double-header on **Friday 26 August** is **Mark Cornwell's testimonial event** and is not included in the season ticket package for the 2005/06 season.

Tickets for Cornwell's testimonial include the two matches and are also available on-line at www.gloucesterrugby.co.uk.

Season ticket holders' seats for Cornwell's event on **Friday 26 August** were reserved until 3pm on **Friday 12 August**. All other tickets are now on sale from the website, the ticket hotline and from the ticket office at the ground.

Ulster and Viadana – Mark Cornwell Testimonial

Friday 26 August – Kick off 4pm and 7.30pm

Main Grandstand -	£15
Buildbase -	£12
Terrace -	£10
Concession (terrace) -	£5

Season ticket holders receive a £2 reduction on the above adult prices up to 6.30pm on Thursday 25 August.

(NOTE - the back-to-back fixtures against Ulster and Viadana are not included in the season ticket package as the event is Mark Cornwell's main testimonial game at Kingsholm, and part of his fundraising schedule. All tickets include both games.)

Guarantee a ticket at Kingsholm - call **0871 871 8781**