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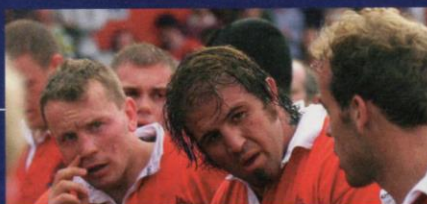
## today's visitors

a brief introduction to today's visitors

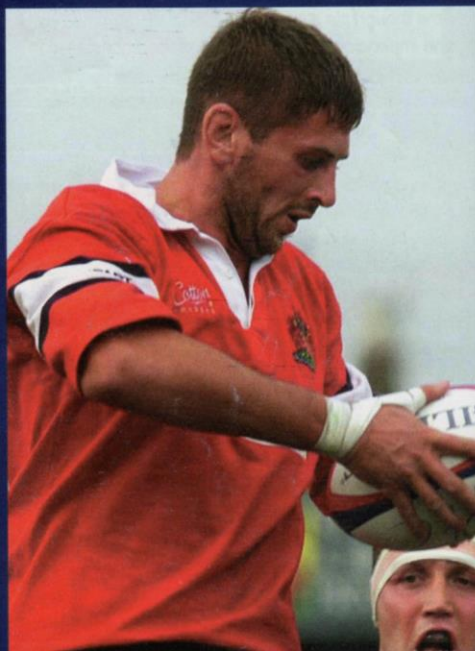
# gloucester

**T**oday's Loftus Road match up gives the Cherry & Whites a first opportunity to overcome one of their biggest psychological hurdles.

Despite an enviable record at home where the highly partisan and enthusiastic home following almost give them a 10 point start, Gloucester have yet to find the magic formula to repeat such successes away from home. Season 1998/99 was no exception with Newcastle, Saracens and Northampton all summarily dismissed by a combined points total of 122 at Kingsholm. Yet following a highly promising defeat of Richmond at the Madjeski Stadium, Gloucester proceeded to lose their remaining 12 road games, consigning them to lower mid-table despite a respectable campaign in front of their own fans.



Nevertheless a feeling of optimism pervades the club with new coach Philippe Saint-Andre seen as the perfect figure to inject some travelling heart. They may also have lost Mark Mapletoft to Saracens, yet Simon Mannix has proved himself a fly half of equal measure. The arrival of Junior Paramore from Bedford completes a formidable looking back row and with devoted owner Tom Walkinshaw talking up a proposed increase in Kingsholm's capacity to 20,000, there is every reason for the Gloucester faithful to look favourably on their club's prospects. An opening day defeat of former champions Newcastle at Kingsholm has got them off to the perfect start although no-one will be taking anything for granted until the league's most notoriously travel-sick side start stealing the points from unsuspecting hosts. That test starts today.



## headto head

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Their last 10 league meetings

date	venue	london wasps	gloucester
27/12/98	Loftus Road	23	9
3/10/98	Kingsholm	13	12
11/3/97	Kingsholm	15	22
11/1/97	Loftus Road	26	20
6/10/96	Kingsholm	23	28
30/3/96	Sudbury	21	10
14/10/95	Kingsholm	26	15
7/1/95	Kingsholm	21	16
10/9/94	Sudbury	45	8

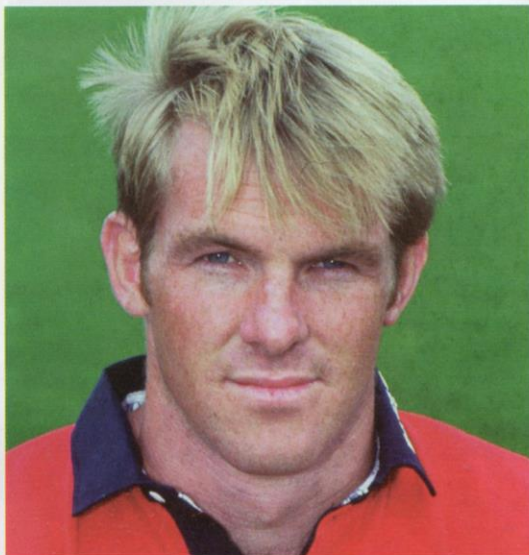
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# 2 two players to watch

## Simon Mannix



date of birth	10/8/71
height	5ft 9in
weight	13st 3lb
position	Fly Half/Centre



When Simon Mannix broke the club record for most points in a match, during the thrilling 43-31 defeat of league runners-up Northampton, his value to Gloucester became abundantly clear to anyone who wasn't already aware. Philippe Saint-Andre regards this man as his number one fly half and it is difficult to find an argument against him. After a difficult spell with Sale, Mannix scored 98 points in his first season at Kingsholm — including the record breaking 28 in one go — and having completed a three year residency in this country, this New Zealand born half back has his eyes on an England spot. An outstanding playmaker for Gloucester and if he can continue the bullish form of last season, his wish could soon be fulfilled.



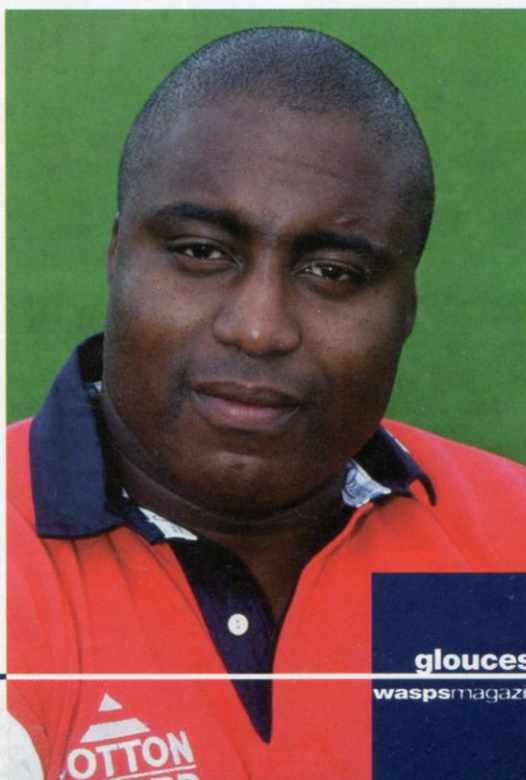
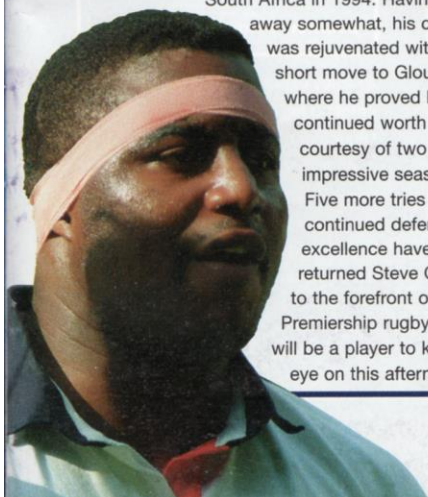
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height	6ft 2in
weight	16st 4lb
position	Back-Row



## Steve Ojomoh

This is Steve Ojomoh's second coming and after a superb two seasons at Kingsholm he must have been almighty close to persuading Clive Woodward of his restored powers. A former schoolboy decathlete, he spent seven rampaging years with Bath and won many plaudits for his England displays including a sparkling tour of

South Africa in 1994. Having fallen away somewhat, his career was rejuvenated with the short move to Gloucester where he proved his continued worth courtesy of two highly impressive seasons. Five more tries and continued defensive excellence have returned Steve Ojomoh to the forefront of Premiership rugby and he will be a player to keep an eye on this afternoon.





# today's **opposition**

a closer look at the best of the rest

## Chris Catling

**date of birth** 17/6/76

**height** 6ft 2in

**weight** 14st 2lb

**position** Full-Back

An exciting counter attacking full back with eight England 'A' caps to his name. After six appearances for Exeter he joined Gloucester in 1996 and has since scored 12 tries. He previously toured Australia with the 1997 England Under 21 side.

## Tom Beim

**date of birth** 11/12/75

**height** 6ft

**weight** 14st

**position** Wing

An England international now back at Gloucester, having failed to settle in the north west following a three season spell with Sale. He scored four tries in only eight starts last season for the Cherry and Whites. Formerly with the Hamilton club in New Zealand.

## Brian Johnson

**date of birth** 22/7/72

**height** 5ft 11in

**weight** 12st 6lb

**position** Wing

Pacey army captain with four England 'A' and one Barbarians appearance to his name. Having previously played his rugby with Newbury, he moved to the south west and Kingsholm in 1997 after three seasons in Berkshire.

## Joe Ewens

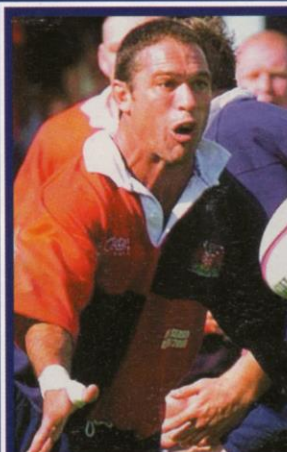
**date of birth** 16/12/77

**height** 5ft 11in

**weight** 14st 2lb

**position** Centre

A Bristol born centre with a full range of England international appearances at Under 18's, Under 21's and 'A' levels. He began his top flight career with Bath before a spell with Bedford and finally joined Gloucester this year. He made his debut against Newcastle a fortnight back.



## Richard Tombs

**date of birth** 4/1/68

**height** 6ft

**weight** 14st 10lbs

**position** Centre

A former Australia centre whose ability contributed much to Gloucester's best recent performances. A member of the Aussie World Cup winning squad of 1991, he joined Gloucester in 1997 having previously played for New South Wales.

## Chris Yates

**date of birth** 13/5/71

**height** 6ft 1in

**weight** 15st 10lb

**position** Centre

Rather than playing for Otahuhu, this powerful Anglo-Kiwi was actually born there before beginning his rugby career in England with Old Aldwinians. He represented England in the 1995 Hong Kong Sevens, whilst enjoying a five year spell with Sale from whom he joined Gloucester.

## Elton Moncrieff

**date of birth** 8/6/72

**height** 5ft 7in

**weight** 12st 8lb

**position** Scrum-Half

Battling with Ian Sanders for the regular gig at scrum half, Moncrieff made his first appearance for the Cherry & Whites a fortnight back, starting against the Newcastle Falcons. He has previous experience with New South Wales and Wellington Crusaders.

## Andy Deacon

**date of birth** 31/7/65

**height** 6ft 2in

**weight** 17st 8lb

**position** Tighthead Prop

A vastly experienced prop now entering his ninth season at Gloucester, with 95 league appearances and five tries to his name. Formerly with Longlevens, he is a powerful and perhaps underrated part of the Gloucester front row armoury.

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# gloucestersquad members

## Trevor Woodman

date of birth	4/8/76
height	5ft 11in
weight	17st 13lb
position	Loosehead-Prop

Highly promising front row man with a number of England A caps to his name. Also picked for the short full international tour of Australia and despite not playing is tipped as a future international. Now in his fourth season with Gloucester.

## Chris Fortey

date of birth	25/8/75
height	5ft 11in
weight	16st 3lb
position	Hooker

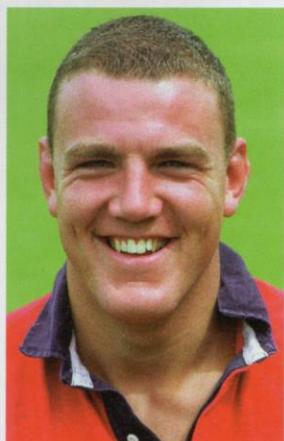
Gloucester born number two now in his fourth season at Kingsholm. Has admirably filled the boots of Phil Greening and established himself in the Cherry & Whites first team. Formerly with Gordon League before joining Gloucester in 1996.



## Rob Fidler

date of birth	21/9/74
height	6ft 5in
weight	17st 8lb
position	lock

West country born second row forward with two England caps to his name having made his debut in the second test against New Zealand in 1998. Formerly with home town club Cheltenham before joining Gloucester in 1994. Has also collected 10 England 'A' caps.



## Adam Eustace

date of birth	9/1/79
height	6ft 4in
weight	16st 7lb
position	Back Row

Also comfortable in the second row, this promising young utility back emerged strongly towards the end of last season making five appearances and scoring one try. He is actually Gloucester born and was previously with Coney Hill.

## Richard Ward

date of birth	26/11/70
height	6ft 6in
weight	18st 8lb
position	Lock

A much travelled lock who is now in his fourth season with the Cherry and Whites. German born (in Munster), he has had spells with Havant, Bedford and Harlequins and has so far made 10 appearances for Gloucester.

## Peter Glanville

date of birth	10/6/71
height	6ft 3in
weight	16st 3lb
position	Blindside Flanker

Another former Longlevens player who came to prominence playing for the South West in the 1995 CIS Divisional Championships. A former club captain now in his eight season with Gloucester. Has made over 70 appearances for the Kingsholm club.

## Kingsley Jones

date of birth	19/6/70
height	6ft
weight	15st 10lb
position	Back Row

Now in his second season with Gloucester, this former Ebbw Vale flanker has returned from an achilles injury which reduced him to only three appearances last season and is back to full fitness. Now has 10 full Wales caps to his name.



# today's teams



**london wasps**

**VS**

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15	Jonny Ufton	Full Back	Richard Tombs (I)	15
14	Paul Sampson (I)	Wing	Brian Johnson	14
13	Fraser Waters	Centre	Joe Ewens	13
12	Rob Henderson (I)	Centre	Chris Yates	12
11	Shane Roiser	Wing	Tom Beim (I)	11
10	Josh Lewsey (I)	Fly Half	Simon Mannix (I)	10
9	Alex King (I)	Scrum Half	Elton Moncrieff	9
1	Martyn Wood	Prop	Trevor Woodman (I)	1
2	Andy Le Chevalier	Hooker	Chris Fortey	2
3	Dugald Macer	Prop	Andy Deacon	3
4	Will Green (I)	Lock	Rob Fidler (I)	4
5	Mark Weedon (C)	Lock	Richard Ward	5
6	Eben Rollitt	Flanker	Adam Eustace	6
7	Paul Volley	Flanker	Kingsley Jones (I) (C)	7
8	Peter Scrivener	No. 8	Steve Ojomoh	8

## replacements

16	To be announced	To be announced	16
17	To be announced	To be announced	17
18	To be announced	To be announced	18
19	To be announced	To be announced	19
20	To be announced	To be announced	20
21	To be announced	To be announced	21

**today's referee:** chris rees

**touch judges**

steve savage

john burtenshaw

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