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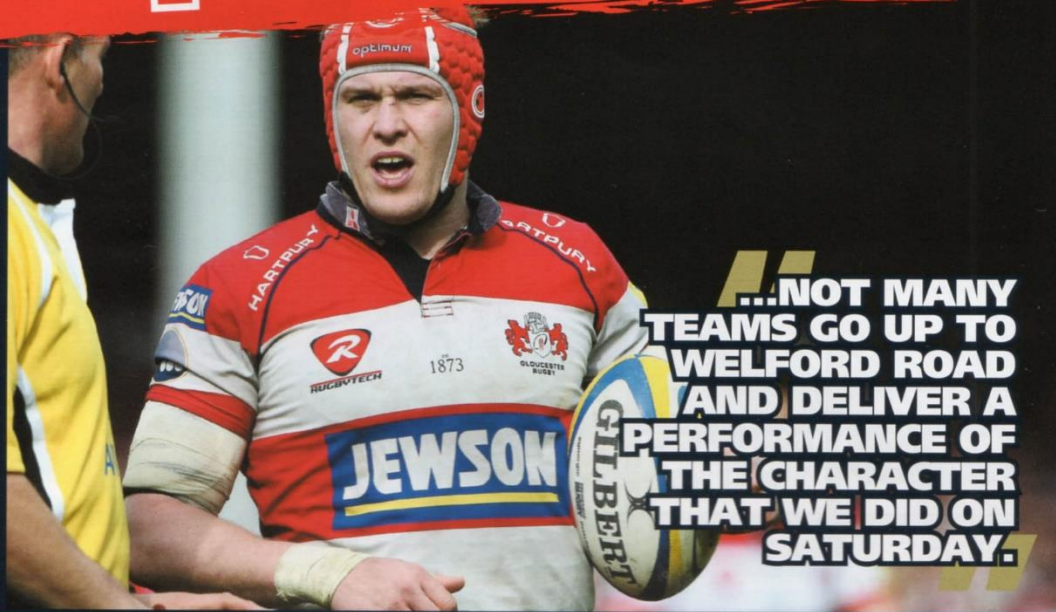
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LUKE NARRAWAY

Captain's Corner



...NOT MANY TEAMS GO UP TO WELFORD ROAD AND DELIVER A PERFORMANCE OF THE CHARACTER THAT WE DID ON SATURDAY.

Phew! It feels as though there's hardly time to draw breath at the moment.

We've barely had time to do our recovery from the Leicester game on Saturday and we've gone straight into analysis of Northampton and preparation for tonight's game.

Three game in eight days is tough, I'll make no bones about it. But, that's the name of the game when it comes to the business end of the season.

Our remaining three games, starting with Northampton this evening, are all important. However, that's exactly the way we want it. We'd rather be playing these games with something riding on them than preparing for relatively meaningless fixtures.

We've worked hard all season to get ourselves into third place in the table and we're in no mood to take our feet off the accelerator now. We want to qualify for the play offs but do so with some momentum behind us so that we have the best possible opportunity of making an impact.

Tonight's an intriguing one. Both

ourselves and Northampton had tough away games at the weekend although Saints obviously had the longer trip.

We both also have tough away games this weekend so Brush and Jim Mallinder both have tricky decisions to make when it comes to team selection. That's where strength in depth in the squad is so important.

Northampton have enjoyed another good season. They're breathing down our necks in the Aviva Premiership and have qualified for the semi finals of the Heineken Cup. That speaks for itself really.

They'll also be looking to set the record straight after we managed to nick a win up at Franklin's Gardens a few weeks back so it'll be no place for the faint hearted tonight!

I think we've shown that we have the stomach for a fight though. Not many teams go up to Welford Road and deliver a performance of the character that we did on Saturday.

I thought we were good value for our half time lead but, fair play to the Tigers, they turned it on for twenty

minutes or so after the break.

What followed really did show the team spirit that we have in the squad at the moment, not to mention the skill level.

The tries from Andy Hazell and Tim Molenaar were first class. In the first instance, we had the ambition to counter attack from deep. Secondly, we had the skills to execute it. Look at the handling by Matt Cox for Hazey's try – brilliant!

The final Leicester try would have finished most teams off. However, we dug deep and weren't going to let them score again in the final couple of minutes to deny us even a losing bonus point.

Eli's interception was just the icing on the cake even though his stride seemed to be getting shorter and shorter as he got closer to the line!

We'll need more of that spirit tonight and, if we show that level of commitment, I know that our supporters will be behind us all the way.

Enjoy the game.

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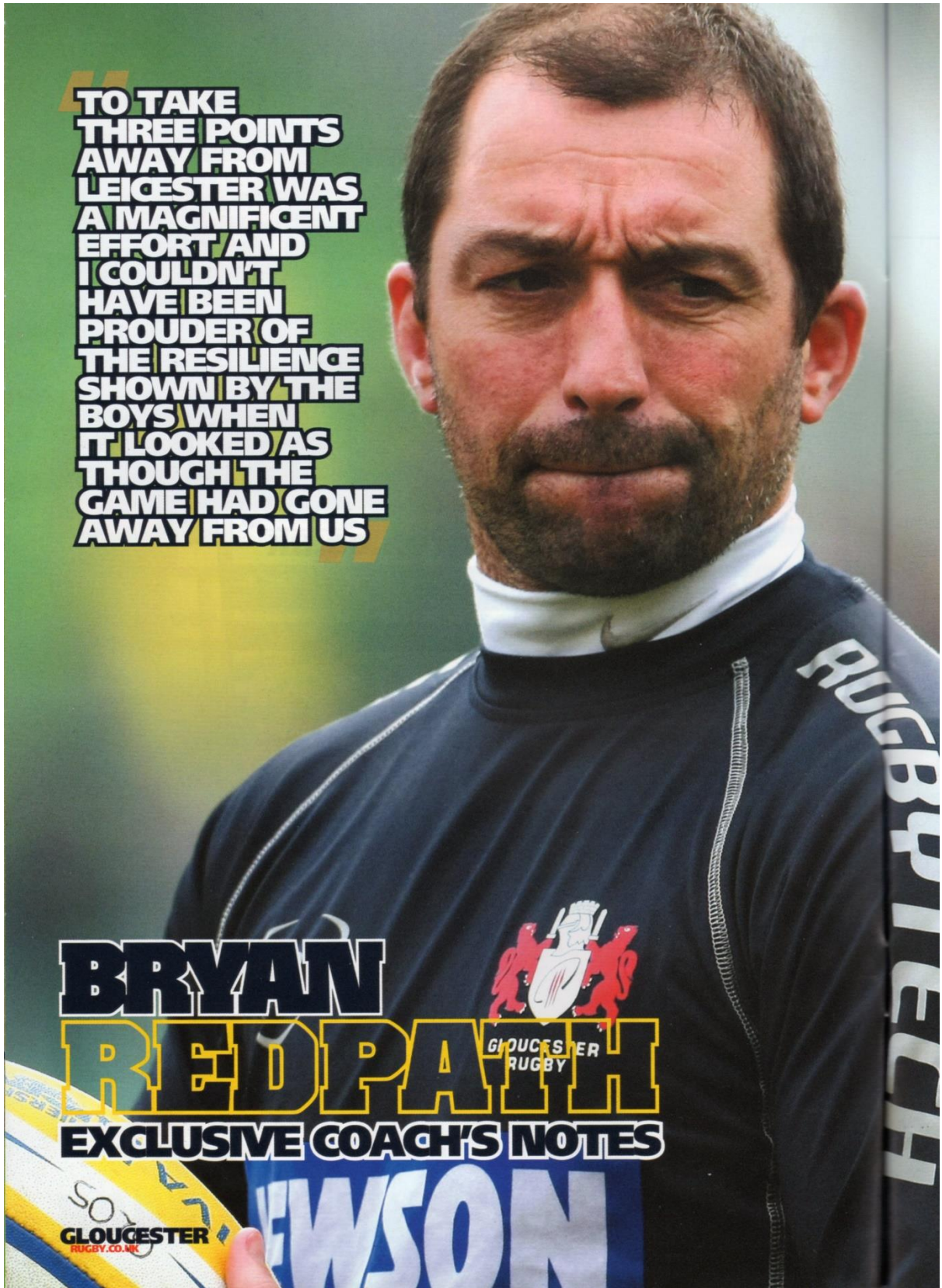
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BRYAN REDPATH
EXCLUSIVE COACH'S NOTES

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On behalf of everyone at Gloucester Rugby, I'd like to wish the players, staff and supporters of the Northampton Saints a very warm welcome to Kingsholm this evening.

It'll certainly be a warmer welcome than when this fixture was originally scheduled to have taken place! We were supposed to play this game on Boxing Day, of course, but the icy weather that gripped the UK at the time well and truly put paid to that idea.

So, it's hopefully second time lucky tonight. The postponement has, of course, meant that both sides are preparing for a midweek fixture, and the prospect of three games in a week, as we enter the final furlong of what has already been a very long season.

There's no avoiding it and no point in complaining about it. The congested nature of the modern fixture calendar means that any postponed game will be difficult to rearrange.

And, when sides have a decent run in any of the cup competitions, then the precious few spare weekends can easily be taken up.

We went all the way in the LV= Cup which meant that we were playing every weekend when some of our rivals were putting their feet up while our opponents today, Northampton, have made it to the semi finals of the Heineken Cup which has had a similar result for them.

In fact the Saints are in a slightly unusual situation in that they're in the middle of a run of fixtures which will see them play five games away from Franklin's Gardens.

They've obviously taken two Heineken Cup matches to stadium: mk in Milton Keynes for stadium capacity reasons. Last Friday though, they were in Newcastle, tonight they're here at Kingsholm and they're away at London Irish on Saturday. That's tough.

But, if any team can cope with a schedule like that, then it's Northampton. They've got a good squad and plenty to play for and I

know that Jim Mallinder will have them properly prepared for all those games.

And, we're not exactly going to be feeling sorry for them bearing in mind that we were at Welford Road on Saturday before taking on the Saints tonight and then going to Watford to face Saracens on Sunday. Three of the top four in the Aviva Premiership table, all in front of the TV cameras, in the space of eight days!

Focussing initially on tonight, Northampton have had another good season to defy one or two pundits who thought that they might fall away slightly this season after such a good campaign in 2009-10.

up at Newcastle the night before and we couldn't rely on the sides behind us slipping up.

To take three points away from Leicester was a magnificent effort and I couldn't have been prouder of the resilience shown by the boys when it looked as though the game had gone away from us when we trailed by 14 points.

You don't get in many tighter spots than trailing the champions by 14 points on their own turf but the work ethic, commitment and willingness to work for each other was superb and we travelled home in good spirits.

It has been a tough few weeks and our resources have been stretched a bit. The injuries have



In fact, prior to Christmas, they looked as though they were set to take the Premiership by storm and, it was only when they lost a few key players to Six Nations duty, that they stuttered a little.

But they've bounced back well since then and have made the semi finals of the Heineken Cup, so they're not doing too badly although they'll want something to show for their efforts come the end of the season.

So, while we're expecting a tough game tonight, we have our own reasons for wanting the points.

It's also why our result at Welford Road on Saturday was so important. We knew Northampton had won

started to mount a little and three games in eight days means there's very little recovery time between games.

So, it's good to be back at Kingsholm after a couple of tough fixtures on the road and especially heartening to know that there's going to be such a good crowd in tonight.

Under the floodlights at Kingsholm in front of a good sized crowd with two good teams who like to play a bit of rugby, and with plenty at stake.

It doesn't get much better than that does it?

Enjoy the game!

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Redpath : Age has no bearing on ability

"I see it as we've got to grow up pretty quickly, and get on with it, stop looking for this time or this opportunity."

Opportunity might be sandwiched into a week, but Bryan Redpath has told Gloucester to take their chance before it vanishes.

Inexperience might sweep through Gloucester's backline, but Head Coach Redpath has told his youngsters to discount their youth.

Don't wait for your chance, snatch it with both hands, demands the former Scotland scrum half.

Redpath has told his young but influential charges to grow up fast – because age has no bearing on ability, and it is time for them to realise their potential.

Henry Trinder, Freddie Burns and Charlie Sharples are all still in their early 20s, but the trio will have a big role to play in Gloucester's Premiership run in.

It would be easy for Gloucester to hold them back, telling them they will be more equipped in a year's time.

A year from now though, the likes of talented teenagers Dan Robson and Ryan Mills will be battling seriously for first team game time – and Redpath knows quality always outweighs age.



"If you make a mistake, make sure you learn from it and don't just fob it off."

Saints will descend on Kingsholm with a powerful line up tonight, whatever their squad rotation.

Just like Gloucester they face three games in a week in order to make up this rearranged clash.

Northampton might have a larger, more experienced squad, but Redpath refuses to pick out imbalances, make excuses or shy away from his belief Gloucester will only secure a top four spot through sufficiently strong performances.

Redpath explained: "You can hide behind this inexperience tag too much, sometimes you learn from mistakes, but you've got to go out, give it your all and be willing to push that extra bit.

"If you make a mistake, make sure you learn from it and don't just fob it off.

"Trinder, Freddie and Charlie have all been around the first team squad for a number of years now, and I don't see that as an issue.

"I see it as we've got to grow up pretty quickly, and get on with it, stop looking for this time or this opportunity.

"There's no point saying 'you'll be ready in six months' or 'you'll be better in a year' because of course



they will, but there might be someone else who comes along who ends up better anyway.

“So don’t wait for that opportunity to be taken away from you, take that opportunity.

“It’s a real challenge for us mentally and not something we’ll shy away from.

“We’ve had some people really knock us in the past, but we need to be mature about it, grow up and accept

some of the criticisms of the past and just go out and try to prove that we are getting better, and we are on the right track.”

Gloucester have spent three quarters of the season blasting their way into the top four mix – and now Redpath has told his players not to let that hard graft go to waste.

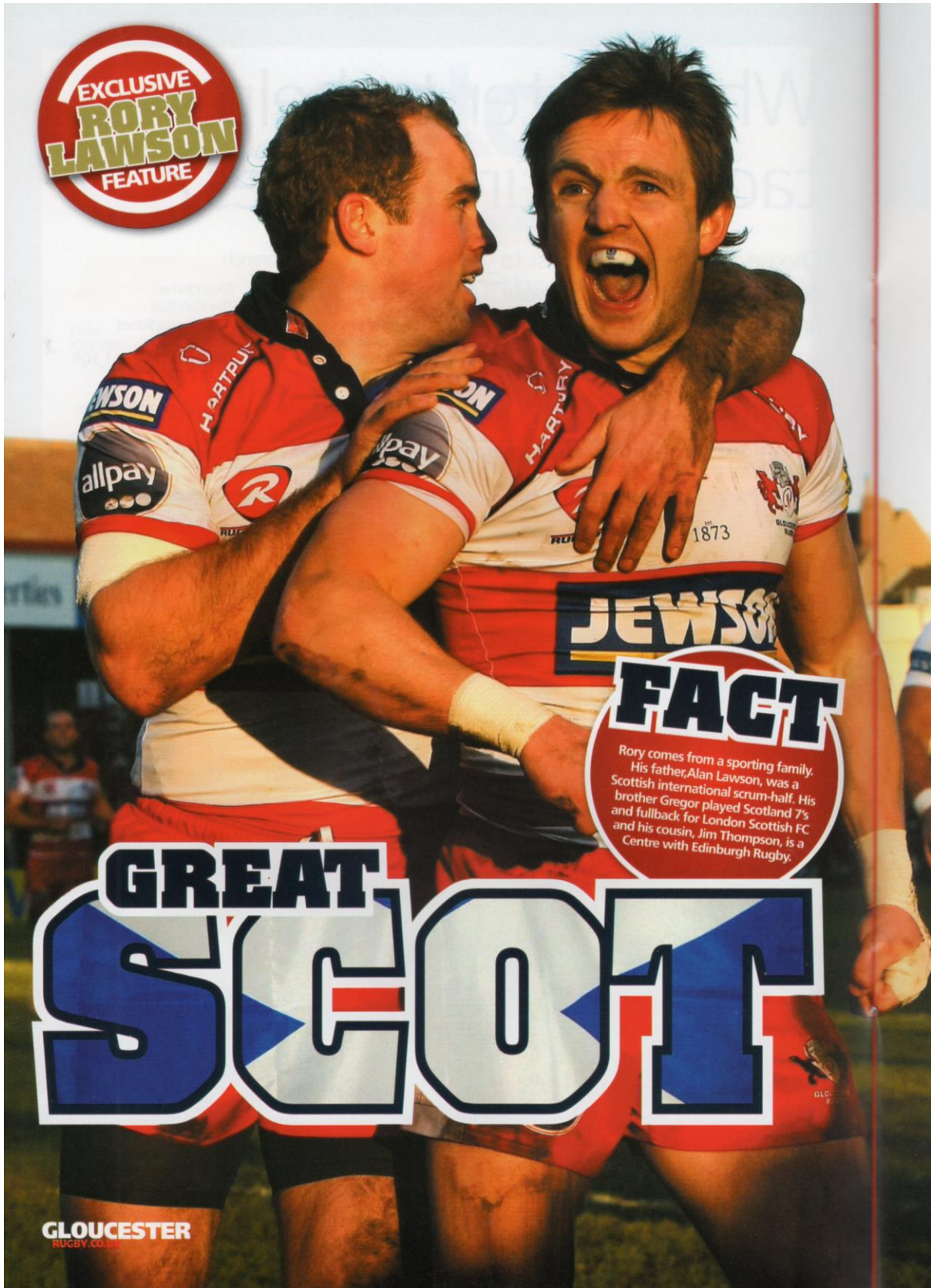
A win tonight and a victory over Sale on the regular season’s final day may well prove sufficient for that craved play-off spot.

There has been no victory targeting from the Cherry and Whites boss though, who will do nothing other than prepare for each clash in turn.

Scrutinising the bigger picture cost Gloucester at Newcastle and Leeds in league defeats, and since then the overview has been ditched in favour of immediate focus.

Gloucester’s 11 match win streak claimed the LV=Cup and cemented a top-four battle – but now the Kingsholm men must complete the job.

EXCLUSIVE
**RORY
LAWSON**
FEATURE



FACT

Rory comes from a sporting family. His father, Alan Lawson, was a Scottish international scrum-half. His brother Gregor played Scotland 7's and fullback for London Scottish FC and his cousin, Jim Thompson, is a Centre with Edinburgh Rugby.

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Rory Lawson is a man who has clocked up a fair few air miles in the past 12 months.

A summer tour to Argentina with Scotland was quickly followed by preseason in Portugal with Gloucester. And, since then, he has shuttled between club and country depending on the stage of the season.

All being well, he's got plenty more of the same lying ahead of him with Gloucester's club season not due to end for a good few weeks yet and Rugby World Cup 2011 appearing on the horizon.

However, you won't find the 30 year old scrum half complaining about his lot in life. It's business as usual as far as he's concerned.

"Argentina seems a long time ago now and it's obviously been a long old season! But I think it's probably been the best season I've had so far as a professional and one that I'm keen to build on."

"It has been pretty intense and there is a skill involved in being able to switch off and relax. Time away from the game to re-energise is important if you're going to give your best at the weekend."

He is, of course, an enthusiastic golfer and took part in the recent Gloucester Rugby Golf Day but admits that he hasn't had much time to indulge himself on the course of late.

"No, that's a shame. I honestly haven't been able to play as much as I'd like to have done recently. I'm as keen on the game as ever and managed to watch the Masters on TV but I'll have to try and find time to play more often over the next couple of months."

There have of course been plenty of highlights for him this season. November saw him start his first Test for Scotland at Murrayfield and also skipper his country to victory over South Africa, an experience he describes as simply being, "...awesome...".

International duties precluded him from taking part in

Gloucester's LV= Cup triumph over the Newcastle Falcons but Lawson insists that he and his fellow internationals took great pride in the win despite missing out on the day itself.

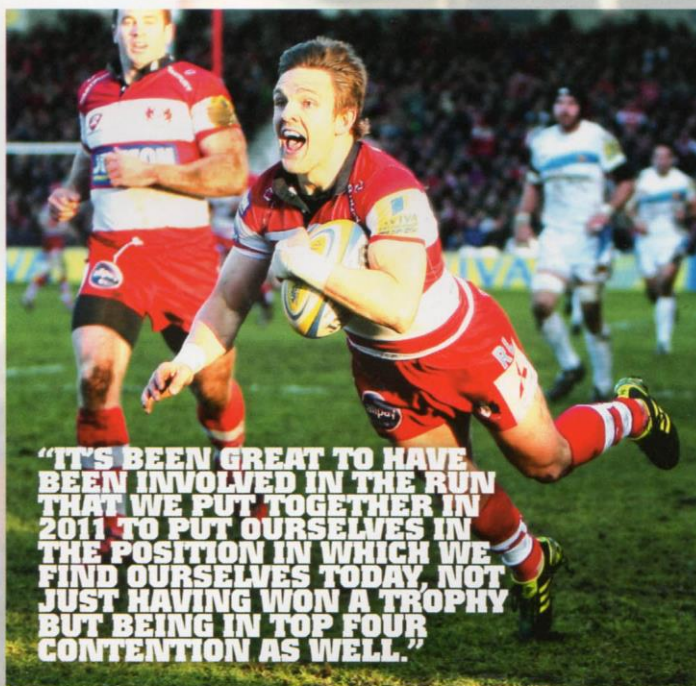
"I'd be lying if I said it wasn't disappointing not to have been involved in the final itself but that's the nature of the beast. However, we've all worked hard together as a squad over the months and everyone knows that they've played their part in what we've achieved."

"It's been great to have been involved in the run that we put

than likely that everyone will get an opportunity to play some part in one or more of the three games. We want to be challenging the top sides and this is our opportunity."

Gloucester's season may only have weeks to run and you could forgive him for starting to think about Scotland and Rugby World Cup, but Lawson is adamant that his mind is completely focussed on club duty at the moment.

"First and foremost, there's work to do for Gloucester. We need to be performing well over



together in 2011 to put ourselves in the position in which we find ourselves today, not just having won a trophy but being in top four contention as well."

Pundits have dubbed Gloucester's current run of fixtures as the "week from hell" but Lawson insists that it can be viewed in a different light.

"You can look at it as being a big challenge. It'll certainly be a test of our squad. Three games in eight days is tough but it's been done before."

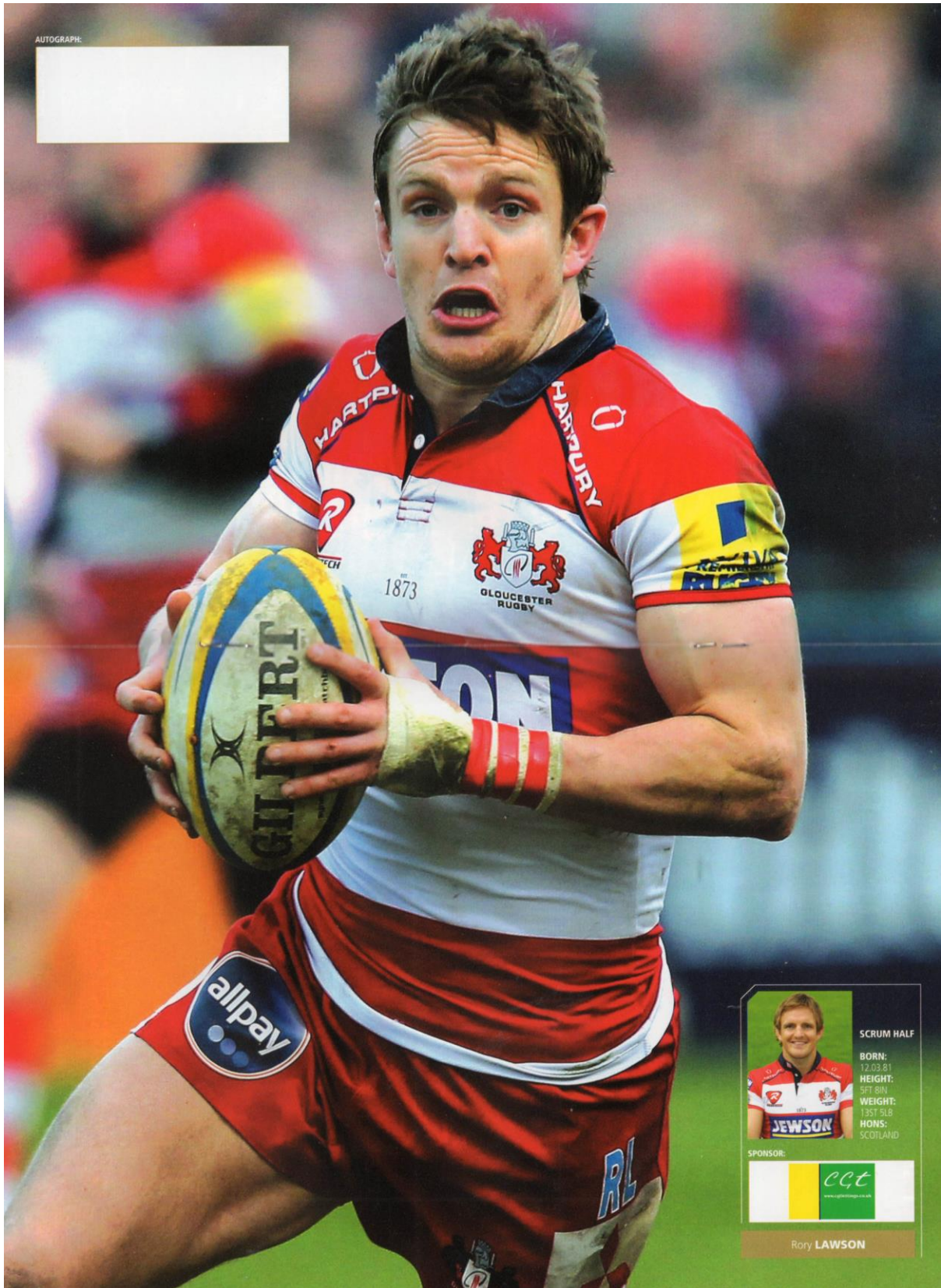
"It's something that we should look forward to because it's more

the next few weeks if we want to be in the play offs. And the only way we can do that is to focus on each game as it comes."

"Beyond that, I'll obviously be hugely excited about the World Cup when it comes around. It'll take place in a real rugby heartland in New Zealand and I'm sure, as hosts, that they're going to put on a really amazing tournament."

"It's certainly one that I'd like to be a part of but, above all, I'd like to see Scotland have a successful campaign."

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Rory **LAWSON**

Kingsholm News

with Bob Fenton

I'VE just looked back over the words I originally wrote for this fixture when it was due to be played on Boxing Day before snow and ice put paid to things for us.

Reading my words it was pretty clear that I was feeling a bit glum, we had just lost our home record and all but gone out of the Amlin Challenge Cup, 'to La Rochelle in possibly the coldest conditions I have ever experienced at Kingsholm.

We were not exactly throwing great shapes on the field in the Premiership either and confidence seemed pretty low. On top of that we had just lost our Chairman. So not the best of times for the club.

But how things have changed. Whatever it was the Brush and Hoggy put in the post New Year's brews has worked minor miracles.

Unbeaten at home, and wins away at Wasps and Northampton have propelled us to third place in the table (at the time of writing). We've played some sparkling rugby at times and have the first bit of silverware in years sitting in pride of place in the trophy cabinet.

Post the LV= Cup Final we've wobbled a bit – a hammering at Quins (always a dodgy ground for us), a scrappy home win against Newcastle and then defeat at Sale have shaken things a bit.

Should we have been surprised at the Sale result? They are fighting



for survival, we were shorn of a number of first team players. And I can't remember the last time we won a game up there.

So destiny is in our hands now, but we are slap bang in the middle of a run of fixtures that no one would really want.

I guess everyone would like to pick and chose their fixtures, no one in their right mind would want to play the three teams that are either just in front or just behind you in consecutive games, let alone consecutive games inside eight days.

And the challenges are not going to come much harder than we face

today. Northampton are going to provide a very real test of where we are in our development.

I must confess that before the start of the season I thought they were going to be a mid-table side, unable to keep the momentum of last term going.

I'm already eating my words, Saints are proving to be a very impressive outfit. They go about their business very much in the mould of their management team of West, Grayson and Mallender. All three were no slouches as players though – with maybe the exception of Paul Grayson – never really setting the world on fire. Great team guys who

“...SHOW ME A PLAYER – ANY PLAYER – THAT HAS STEPPED INTO A TEAM AND BEEN PERFECT FROM THE OFF AND I’LL BUY YOU A PINT. OK, SAINT JONNY WILKINSON AND DAN CARTER ASIDE...”

would always put it in on the pitch, though.

The Saints team they are assembling are very much in that image. While near neighbours, Leicester, are seemingly bringing in more and more players from overseas and other clubs, Northampton are developing their own and making one or two astute (ie our own Doran Jones) signings here and there – not mega stars but players who will buy into the ethos of the club. With one or two exceptions that has been the Saints way since they rebounded from being relegated in 1995.

There are a lot of parallels between Northampton and us. Both clubs have deep roots in the community - in fact Saints were probably the first

true community club being formed to provide an exercise opportunity for local youngsters. Both have a support base that is tremendously passionate and loyal.

There are also parallels in the way we are progressing as a club now – we’ve gone through the mega-star signing bit with varying degrees of success and are now building much more of a team here.

In fact I was chatting to an ex player the other day, he told me that the word from inside the camp is that team spirit has never been better, that the players really buy in to what Bryan Redpath is trying to achieve, and that we really are a team – not a group of players who come together, but a collective unit. Philippe Saint-

Andre would be very proud.

It’s sad when great players like Nicky Robinson and Paul Doran Jones have to leave, but in the harsh real world there will always be budgets to balance, and that sometimes means you can’t hang on to everyone you would like to keep.

Unfortunately it looks like we may not see Nicky again this season – a huge loss given the run of form he has been in. But cometh the hour, cometh the man – or in this case not much more than a boy – in the shape of Freddie Burns.

He’ll be okay – more than okay in fact. For me he’s a bit like Luke Narraway, they’re both players with a certain something - or to use an expression that has been hijacked by that god awful TV programme – the X Factor. They can do things on a field that leave you wondering how it happened.

Of course there will be mistakes along the way, that’s part of the learning curve. But show me a player – any player – that has stepped into a team and been perfect from the off and I’ll buy you a pint. Ok, Saint Jonny Wilkinson and Dan Carter aside...

I’ve got a bet with a mate over our league position come the end of next season. At a pessimistic moment I predicted a lowly finish, I already think I’m wrong. In fact I hope I’m wrong. Come next May I want to be buying that meal that’s at stake.

In fact I’m positively looking forward to it...



GL13AX Gloucester Talk

with Peter Arnold

SAINTS COME MARCHING IN AT LAST



As you will recall, this game should have been played on Boxing Day, but fell victim to the highly seasonable weather we were having round about then. Never mind – the Saints are always welcome be it Christmas, Easter or Great Aunt Susie's Day.

The way the weather has been going lately, we might even have

benefited from the delay. Harder, faster springtime pitches can be expected to provide a lot more running rugby, and as both sides have notable speedsters, we might expect some fireworks.

Furthermore, the fact that we now have a midweek game gives everyone the chance to experience one of the finest atmospheres in rugby; namely Kingsholm under lights.

The late, great Peter West, himself a late convert to Gloucester rugby, one referred to it as "the cockpit of Kingsholm" and we know exactly what he meant.

The experience can unnerve some opposition players, but on the other hand, some other performers can feed off it. Which will be true tonight remains to be seen.

It's such a pity that Sinbad isn't fit. He'd have loved it.

FRONTING UP

Our quest to prop up the front row (pun intended) following the defection of Paul Doran-Jones is well documented, but I doubt if Bryan Redpath et al's acquisition of an Italian Stallion and an Irishman from Essex could have been anticipated by any of us.

But then, we've learned never to second guess 'Brush' in his recruiting policy. He's always had

the capacity to surprise us, as he did when Doran-Jones and Tim Taylor arrived on the scene. What's more, his new boys have almost always proved to be very good picks indeed.

I'm sure that very few of us will ever have heard of Dario Chistolini until a few weeks ago. But then, the names Ludovic Mercier and Dmitri Yashvili weren't exactly household ones until Philippe Saint-Andre hoicked them over from the land of

snails and frogs legs.

We'd never heard of Olivier Azam when he first arrived, either, but if ever a bloke went native it's Olivier.

To my knowledge I've never seen Dario play, but his pedigree looks, shall we say, interesting. He learned how to be a prop forward in South Africa, which says a great deal, and has been honing his skills in Italy, and if there's one thing the Italians know, it's how to produce forwards.

Mr Murphy is an entirely different



kettle of Guinness. I well remember watching him perform for London Irish, and being impressed by his sheer bulk and undoubted ability to scrummage.

They'll have to learn a bit about

the Gloucester way before they can reveal their full potential. I hope they appreciate that they're coming to a club with an unrivalled record of producing top-class props, running back through Deacon and Preedy, Vickery and Woodman to such legends as Burton and Blakeway, right to the dim and distant days when Wasley and Comely were terrifying everybody.

They've got big boots to fill, in all senses of the phrase, and if they don't know that already, then they'll soon be told about it in no uncertain terms. But they have time on their side.

It used to be said that a prop forward doesn't really know his trade until he reaches the age of

30. That old adage probably has to be modified, these days, when all forwards are expected to gallop around like racehorses.

We'll watch for future developments with great interest.



BOGEY



Printing schedules being what they are, the Leicester game hasn't been played at the time of writing, so I can't comment on it.

However I can make observations about certain serious events up at Sale the other week. One has to be careful what one says about referees these days, so I'll keep my mouth firmly shut on that topic.

Sale certainly seem to be a bogey side for us, especially up there in the frozen north. We simply don't seem to be able to win there, whatever on-paper comparisons can be made.

You may remember an occasion, a few years ago, when we went into the last few minutes of the game trailing by one point. We were then awarded a penalty, smack in front of the posts and about thirty metres out.

You'd have put your mortgage on

it going over. Then Ludovic Mercier, of all people in the world, quite unaccountably missed it.

Of course, you could argue that we shouldn't have been in that situation in the first place, but that miss, by one of the best kickers in world rugby, was quite inexplicable.

Of course, there's nothing new about bogey teams. For quite a long period, we were consistently getting beaten by Richmond, of all people, even when the Londoners were whipping boys to everyone else.

Then there was London Wasps. I lost count of the number of times when we had them on toast only to see them nip in and pip us on the post in the dying minutes.

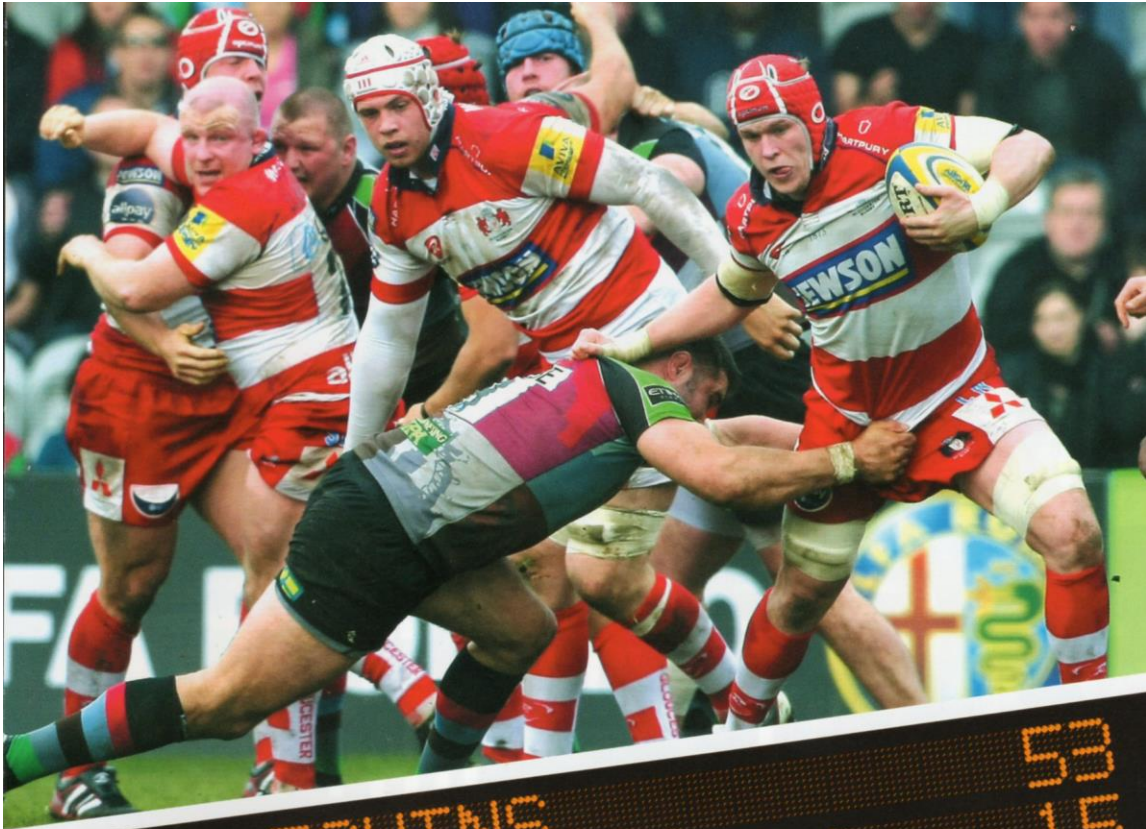
I could name other examples of this odd phenomenon.

And if we have bogey teams, we also have bogeymen from time to time. Charlie Hodgson always seems to be on deadly form when we visit Sale. He scored a cool sixteen points this time round.

And I also recall a certain Mr. Malone who used regularly to crucify us with his boot when playing for Bath.

How much of this is psychological and how much sheer coincidence, I don't know, but I do wish it would stop.

At least we'll have a chance to get our own back here at Kingsholm in May.



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HARLEQUINS
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Gloucester's winning run came to an abrupt halt at the Stoop against Harlequins as the home team took full advantage of a subdued display.

Bryan Redpath's side had won 11 in a row since slipping to a New Year Day's defeat at the hands of Leeds and also lifted the LV= Cup.

However, the wheels well and truly came off in South West London as Harlequins sensed a team who were slightly off their game and pounced like sharks sensing blood in the water.

Nothing went right for Gloucester on the day. They couldn't make any headway against a resolute Quins

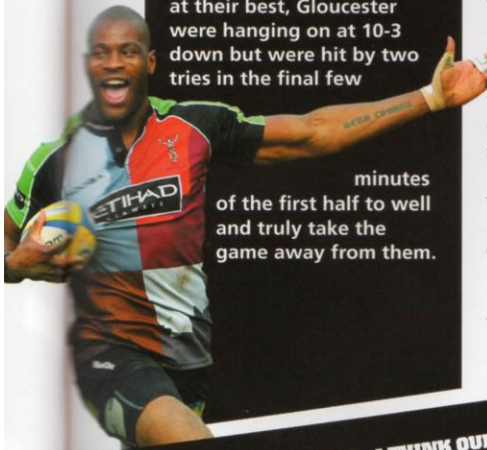


<p>PEN 9min Clegg (3-0)</p>	<p>TRY 23min Gray (8-0) CON 23min Clegg (10-0) PEN 26min Robinson (10-3)</p>	<p>TRY 35min Robson (15-3) CON 36min Clegg (17-3) TRY 38min Monye (22-3) CON 39min Clegg (24-3)</p>
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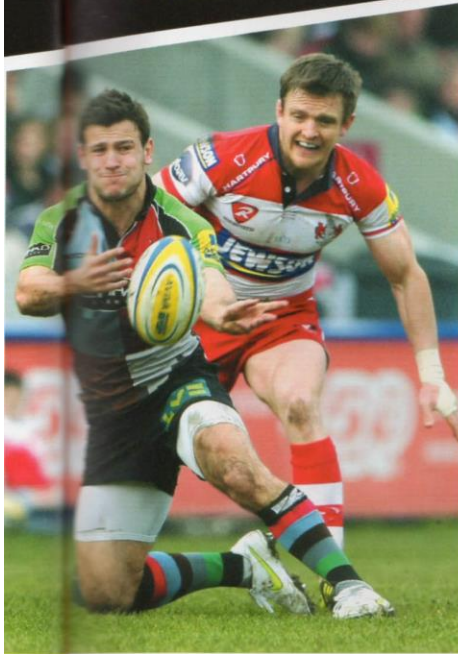
KEY MOMENT

Despite being far from at their best, Gloucester were hanging on at 10-3 down but were hit by two tries in the final few



minutes of the first half to well and truly take the game away from them.

"WE WERE DREADFUL. I THINK QUINS HAD MORE ENERGY THAN US, THAT WAS PRETTY OBVIOUS."
"WE FELL OFF TACKLES TODAY THAT WE HADN'T FALLEN OFF PREVIOUSLY AND MADE IT PRETTY EASY TO SCORE AGAINST US ON CERTAIN OCCASIONS." **BRYAN REDPATH**



defence when in possession and the first up tackling, previously a strong point of Gloucester's season, was less than stellar.

For a time Gloucester looked as though they'd weathered the worst of the storm despite trailing 10-3 with half time approaching. At that point, Quins' game was full of errors and there was still hope.

The last few minutes of the half though saw George Robson and Ugo Monye cross for tries and the game was effectively moved beyond Gloucester's reach.

A Rory Clegg penalty and a second try for Monye killed off any hopes of

an unlikely comeback despite Redpath making wholesale changes in an attempt to positively influence the path of the game.

Henry Trinder's crossed to finally get Gloucester over the Harlequins goal line however his effort was sandwiched by a pair from Quins centre George Lowe.

Monye duly completed his hat trick although Tim Molenaar did ensure that Gloucester had the final word as he dived over in the corner to score from the last move of the game.

It was a massive fall from grace for a side who had been celebrating securing their first silverware for five years only six days earlier.

Harlequins had obviously had the benefit of a week off while Gloucester were in LV= action and it was certainly a jaded performance from Gloucester.

Players and coaches alike expressed their disappointment with the overall performance after the game and vowed that there would be no repetition.

THE LINE UPS

HARLEQUINS

15. Mike Brown
14. Gonzalo Camacho
13. George Lowe
12. Jordan Turner-Hall
11. Ugo Monye
10. Rory Clegg
9. Danny Care
1. Joe Marler
2. Joe Gray
3. John Andress
4. Ollie Kohn
5. George Robson
6. Maurie Fa'asavalu
7. Chris Robshaw (C)
8. Nick Easter
16. Chris Brooker
17. Ceri Jones
18. Mark Lambert
19. Tomas Vallejos Cinalli
20. Will Skinner
21. Dave Moore
22. Benjamin Urdapilleta
23. Tom Williams

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

15. Freddie Burns
14. Charlie Sharples
13. Tim Molenaar
12. Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu
11. Tom Joyce
10. Nicky Robinson
9. Rory Lawson
1. Alasdair Dickinson
2. Scott Lawson
3. Paul Doran-Jones
4. Will James
5. Dave Attwood
6. Alasdair Strokosch
7. Akapusi Qera
8. Luke Narryway (C)
16. Olivier Azam
17. Yann Thomas
18. Rupert Harden
19. Alex Brown
20. Matt Cox
21. Jordi Pasqualin
22. Henry Trinder
23. Jonny May

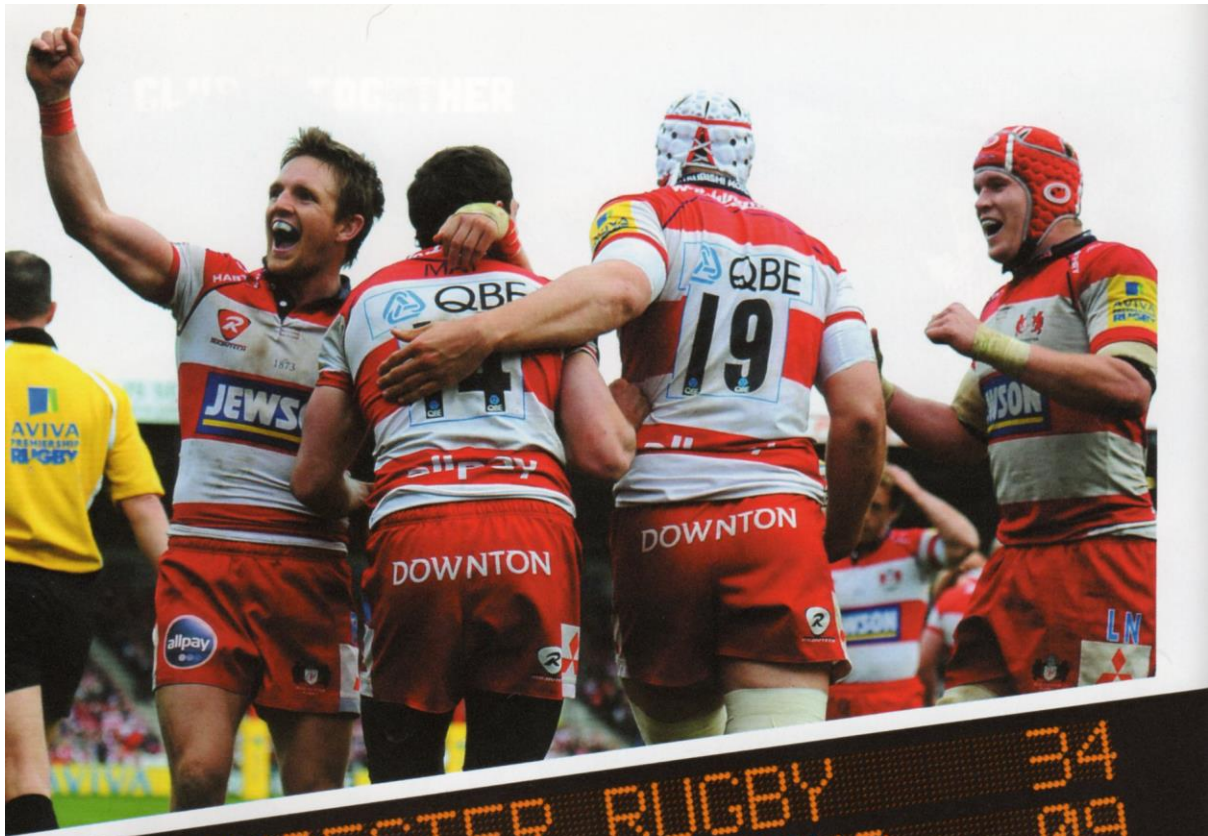
PEN 47min Clegg (27-3)
TRY 49min Monye (32-3)
CON 49min Clegg (34-3)

YC 57min Strokosch (Glos)
TRY 59min Lowe (39-3)
CON 59min Clegg (41-3)

TRY 70min Trinder (41-8)
CON 70min Robinson (41-10)
TRY 75min Lowe (46-10)
CON 76min Clegg (48-10)
TRY 77min Monye (53-10)
TRY 80min Molenaar (41-15)

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GLoucester RUGBY 34
 Newcastle FALCONS 09

For nearly an hour, it looked as though the malaise that had stricken Gloucester at the Stoop the previous weekend was still affecting the side.

With the game delicately poised at 13 points to 9, the Falcons still had a sniff of victory which would have been crucial in their desperate fight against relegation.

However, Henry Trinder's try on 64 minutes eased the tension and Gloucester plundered a try scoring bonus point in the final few minutes when most would have settled for just a win at one point.

Less than a fortnight after



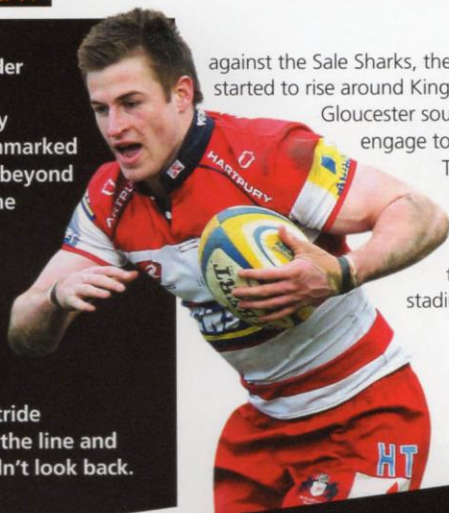
PEN 23min Burns (3-0)
 TRY 25min Burns (8-0)
 CON 25min Burns (10-0)
 PEN 29min Gopperth (10-3)

PEN 32min Gopperth (10-6)
 PEN 36min Gopperth (10-9)



KEY MOMENT

TRY 64min Trinder (18-9)
 Luke Narraway spotting an unmarked Henry Trinder beyond the reach of the blitz defence. A beautifully executed, floated cut out pass meant that Trinder didn't break stride on his way to the line and Gloucester didn't look back.



against the Sale Sharks, the tension started to rise around Kingsholm as Gloucester sought to engage top gear.

Trinder's try lifted everyone within the stadium,

"NEWCASTLE ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR PREMIERSHIP SURVIVAL SO IT WAS NEVER GOING TO BE EASY AND FOR 60 MINUTES THERE WAS A LOT OF TENSION AROUND THE GROUND."
BRYAN REDPATH

Gloucester swept aside Newcastle in the LV= Cup Final, the Falcons offered far stiffer resistance in this Aviva Premiership clash.

Perhaps it was the prospect of gaining vital points and the presence of Leeds Carnegie lurking behind them in the table? Whatever the reason, the men from the north east threw everything into it.

Gloucester were a touch disjointed to be fair. There was plenty of effort but the execution just wasn't there apart from Freddie Burns latching on to Tim Molenaar's midfield break and offload before sidestepping his way to the line.

Burns also contributed a couple of penalties but the influential Jimmy Gopperth kept the Falcons in touch with his intelligent line kicking and three penalties off the kicking tee.

With news coming in from Franklins Gardens that Northampton Saints were on their way to five points

with the exception of the Falcons contingent, and Gloucester didn't look back.

A well worked drive from the back opened up a gaping blindside which enabled Jonny May to score in the corner and Newcastle suddenly looked a very weary outfit.

The win was now in the bag and the only question was whether Gloucester could secure the try scoring bonus point?

Step forward the Scottish international duo of Alasdair Dickinson and Rory Lawson. Dickinson's spin and break rescued a move that seemed to be going nowhere and Lawson was on hand to take his offload and dive over near the posts.

Cue the celebrations as win number twelve of the Aviva Premiership season was secured and Gloucester held on to third place in the table despite being far from their fluent best for a long time.

THE LINE UPS

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

15. Freddie Burns
14. Jonny May
13. Tim Molenaar
12. Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu
11. Tom Joyce
10. Nicky Robinson
9. Rory Lawson
1. Nick Wood
2. Olivier Azam
3. Paul Doran-Jones
4. Jim Hamilton
5. Alex Brown
6. Alasdair Strokosch
7. Akapusi Qera
8. Luke Narraway (C)

16. Scott Lawson
17. Alasdair Dickinson
18. Rupert Harden
19. Dave Attwood
20. Brett Deacon
21. Jordi Pasqualin
22. Tim Taylor
23. Henry Trinder

NEWCASTLE FALCONS

15. Alex Tait
14. Tane Tu'ipulotu
13. Rob Vickerman
12. Luke Eves
11. Rikki Sheriffe
10. Jimmy Gopperth
9. Micky Young
1. Grant Shiells
2. Rob Vickers
3. Euan Murray
4. James Hudson (C)
5. Tim Swinson
6. Mark Wilson
7. Will Welch
8. Ally Hogg

16. Joe Graham
17. James Hall
18. Kieran Brookes
19. Glen Townson
20. Alex Gray
21. Chris Pilgrim
22. James Fitzpatrick
23. Tom Catterick

PEN 47min Burns (13-9)

TRY 64min Trinder (18-9)
CON 64min Taylor (20-9)
YC 67min Hogg (Falcons)

TRY 71min May (25-9)
CON 71min Taylor (27-9)
TRY 76min R. Lawson (32-9)
CON 76min Taylor (34-9)

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TODAY'S LINE-UPS

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

<i>CPFC</i>	FREDDIE BURNS
<i>8-5 T</i>	CHARLIE SHARPLES
<i>7-5 T</i>	TIM MOLENAAR
<i>10-8 T</i>	ELIOTA FUIMAONO-SAPOLU
<i>17-8</i>	<i>MAY</i> TOM VOYCE
<i>20-8</i>	NICKY ROBINSON
<i>27-8</i>	RORY LAWSON
<i>27-15</i>	NICK WOOD
<i>T</i>	OLIVIER AZAM
	PAUL DORAN-JONES
	DAVE ATTWOOD
	ALEX BROWN
<i>STOCK-EXCH</i>	BRETT DEACON
	AKAPUSI QERA
	LUKE NARRAWAY (C)
	SCOTT LAWSON
	ALASDAIR DICKINSON
	RUPERT HARDEN
	WILL JAMES
	ANDY HAZELL
	DAVE LEWIS
	TIM TAYLOR
	HENRY TRINDER

NORTHAMPTON SAINTS

15	FULLBACK	BEN FODEN
14	WING	PAUL DIGGIN <i>Arms & legs</i>
13	CENTRE	JOE ANSBRO
12	CENTRE	MATT CORNWELL
11	WING	BRUCE REIHANA
10	FLY-HALF	STEPHEN MYLER <i>Cher Akery</i>
9	SCRUM-HALF	STUART COMMINS
1	PROP	SOANE TONGA'UIHA <i>Arms</i>
2	HOOKER	BRETT SHARMAN
3	PROP	TOM MERCEY
4	LOCK	MARK SORENSON <i>Winger</i>
5	LOCK	CHRISTIAN DAY
6	FLANKER	CALUM CLARK (C)
7	FLANKER	TOM WOOD
8	NO.8	PHIL DOWSON <i>EASTON</i>
16		DYLAN HARTLEY
17		ALEX WALLER
18		BRIAN MUJATI
19		ADAM EUSTACE
20		MARK EASTER
21		LEE DICKSON <i>T</i>
22		SHANE GERAGHTY
23		GREIG TONKS

MATCH SCORE

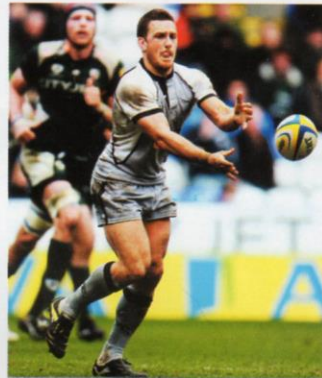
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REFEREE: Wayne Barnes
ASST REFEREES: Alan Biggs
and Martin Fox

THE STATS THAT MATTER

TOP POINTS SCORERS

PLAYER	TOTAL
JIMMY GOPPERTH*	216
DAVE WALDER	200
NICK EVANS	198
GARETH STEENSON	172
RYAN LAMB	157



TOP TRY SCORERS

PLAYER	TOTAL
ALESANA TUILAGI*	10
TOPSY OJO	8
CHRIS ASHTON	7
SCOTT HAMILTON	7
MANU TUILAGI	7

