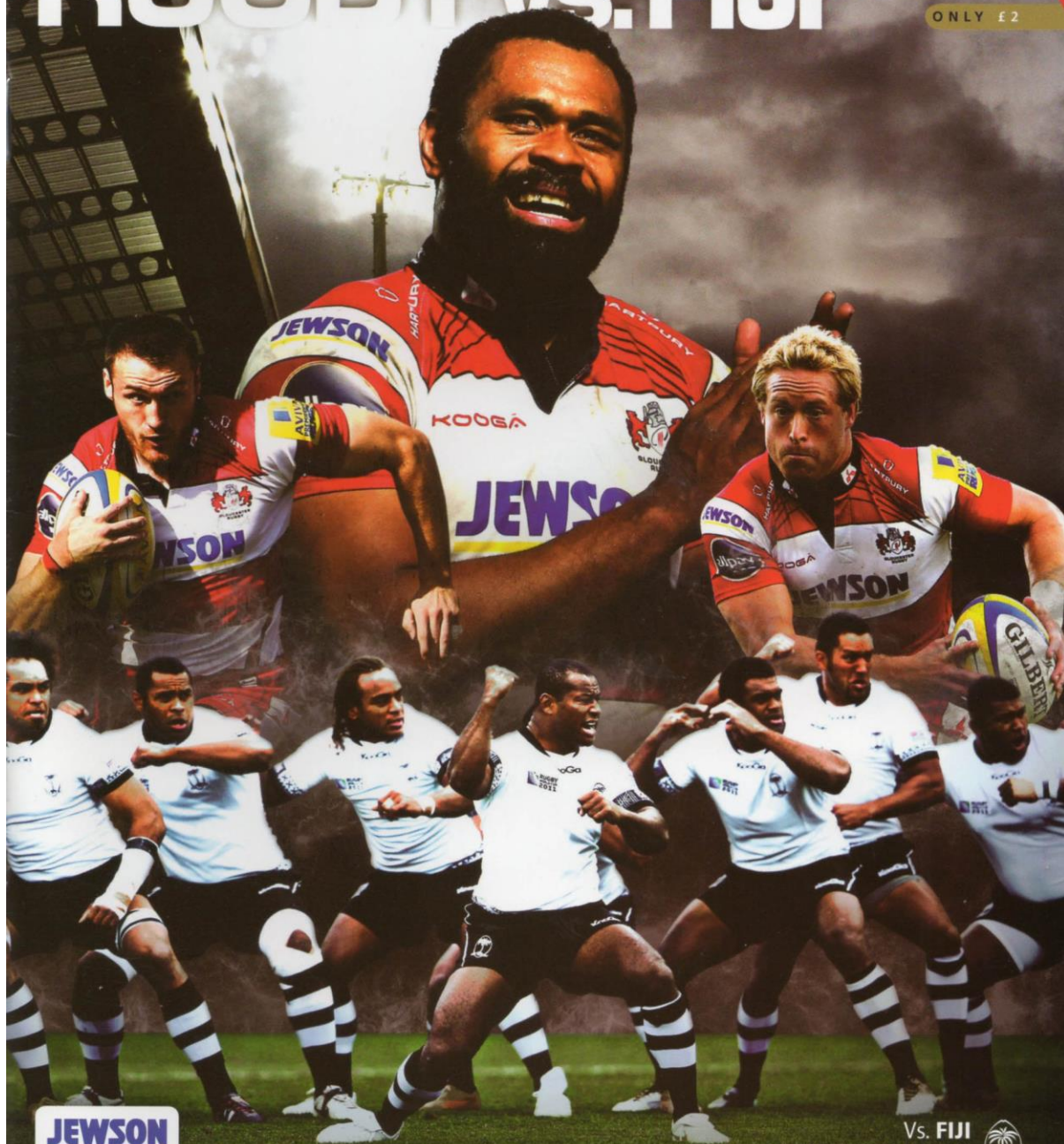


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IT gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to Kingsholm for this evening's fixture, particularly the players, staff and officials of the Fiji team.

Evenings like this are fantastic occasions, an opportunity to watch an international side take on Gloucester Rugby here at Kingsholm.

We've worked very hard in recent times to establish our stadium as a venue suitable for hosting matches of this calibre.

"Our supporters have a reputation as being the most passionate in the country, and always help to ensure that these games are evenings to remember. We are very grateful for the tremendous support we receive."

We are delighted to add Fiji to the list of international sides who have graced our stadium in recent seasons, which includes the likes of Australia, Georgia, Russia, Samoa, and Tonga plus, of course, the Barbarians and Ireland who met here earlier this year.

We're understandably proud of the stadium facilities that we have here at Kingsholm. But, it's not just the fixtures and fittings that allow us to attract games like this to Gloucester.

A big factor is the fact that our club is located in a true rugby city. Our supporters have a reputation as being the most passionate in the country, and always help to ensure that these games are evenings to remember. We are very grateful for the tremendous support we receive.

This is one of the reasons that we made the long list of venues under consideration to host matches in Rugby World 2015, the only rugby club ground to do so.

It's another step forward for Gloucester Rugby and Kingsholm, as we seek to bring World Cup rugby back to our home which, of course, staged a World Cup fixture during the 1991 tournament.

A lot of hard work has gone into getting us this far, but we are also conscious that there is still a lot of work to be done.

The next stage of the evaluation in the venue selection process will take several months. The competition is extremely stiff: the long list of 17 venues includes Wembley, Old Trafford and the Olympic Stadium, as well as obviously Twickenham, and this must be reduced to a maximum of 12 when the venues are finally named.

However the selection process is extremely professional and well-organised. I have absolutely no doubt that if Kingsholm is awarded the honour of being selected the club, the city and the surrounding area will light up the tournament with their passionate support.

In the meantime, I hope that everyone enjoys what will hopefully be a marvellous exhibition of rugby this evening and that our visiting friends from Fiji will come to regard Gloucester as one of the great forums of world rugby.

Enjoy the game!

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

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LEAGUE Statistics Most League Appearances 175 (Peter Buxton) Top League Points Scorer 855 (Ludovic Mercier)
Top League Try Scorer 63 (James Simpson-Daniel) Biggest League Win 68 - 12 (v Bath Rugby 2002)

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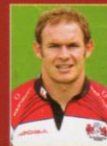


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HEIGHT: 6FT
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BORN: 06.03.82
HEIGHT: 6FT 1IN
WEIGHT: 145T 7LB
HONOURS:
NEW ZEALAND



Matt COX



BACK ROW
BORN: 06.03.88
HEIGHT: 6FT 3IN
WEIGHT: 155T 5LB



Jim HAMILTON



SCOTLAND
LOCK
BORN: 17.11.82
HEIGHT: 6FT 8IN
WEIGHT: 195T 8LB
HONOURS:
SCOTLAND



Rupert HARDEN



PROP
BORN: 09.05.86
HEIGHT: 6FT 3IN
WEIGHT: 185T 8LB

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Andrew HAZELL



BACK ROW
BORN: 25.04.78
HEIGHT: 6FT
WEIGHT: 145T 13LB
HONOURS:
ENGLAND



Will JAMES



LOCK
BORN: 22.12.76
HEIGHT: 6FT 6IN
WEIGHT: 185T 11LB
HONOURS:
WALES



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BACK ROW
BORN: 18.05.88
HEIGHT: 6FT 5IN
WEIGHT: 175T 9LB
HONOURS:
TONGA



Shaun KNIGHT



PROP
BORN: 19.02.90
HEIGHT: 6FT
WEIGHT: 175T 7LB



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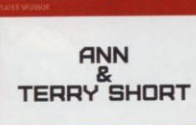
SCRUM-HALF
BORN: 29.04.89
HEIGHT: 5FT 7IN
WEIGHT: 125T 8LB



Drew LOCKE



CENTRE
BORN: 11.09.86
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WEIGHT: 145T 2LB



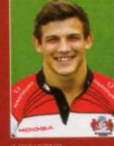
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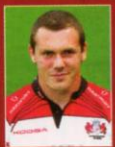
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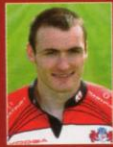
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CENTRE
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HEIGHT: 6FT 2IN
WEIGHT: 175T 7LB



Shane MONAHAN



WING
BORN: 28.04.87
HEIGHT: 6FT 2IN
WEIGHT: 165T 3LB



Ben MORGAN



No. 8
BORN: 18.02.89
HEIGHT: 6FT 3IN
WEIGHT: 185T 3LB
HONOURS:
ENGLAND



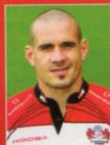
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FULL-BACK
BORN: 03.11.85
HEIGHT: 6FT 2IN
WEIGHT: 145T 2LB
HONOURS:
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Dan **MURPHY**



PROP

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Akapusi **QERA**



BACK ROW

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WEIGHT: 165T
HONOURS:
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SCRUM HALF

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HEIGHT: 5FT 7"
WEIGHT: 125T 1LB

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MIKE BURTON

Tom **SAVAGE**



LOCK

BORN: 18.04.89
HEIGHT: 6FT 5"
WEIGHT: 185T 1LB

THE SAFETY SHARK

Charlie **SHARPLES**



WING

BORN: 17.08.89
HEIGHT: 6FT
WEIGHT: 145T 9LB
HONOURS:
ENGLAND



James **SIMPSON-DANIEL**



WING

BORN: 30.05.82
HEIGHT: 6FT
WEIGHT: 145T 6LB
HONOURS:
ENGLAND



Tim **TAYLOR**



FLY HALF

BORN: 04.10.82
HEIGHT: 6FT
WEIGHT: 135T 12LB



Martyn **THOMAS**



FULL-BACK

BORN: 24.04.87
HEIGHT: 5FT 11IN
WEIGHT: 125T 11LB



Yann **THOMAS**



PROP

BORN: 16.04.90
HEIGHT: 6FT 2IN
WEIGHT: 185T 11LB



Mike **TINDALL**



CENTRE

BORN: 18.10.78
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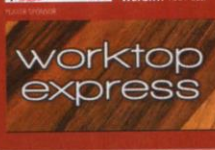


Henry **TRINDER**



CENTRE

BORN: 14.04.89
HEIGHT: 6FT
WEIGHT: 135T 5LB



Billy **TWELVETREES**



CENTRE

BORN: 15.11.88
HEIGHT: 6FT 3IN
WEIGHT: 155T 10LB



Nick **WOOD**



PROP

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HEIGHT: 6FT 10IN
WEIGHT: 175T 5LB



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12	TIM MOLENAAR	INSIDE CENTRE
11	IAN CLARK	LEFT WING
10	TIM TAYLOR	FLY HALF
9	DAN ROBSON	SCrum HALF
1	YANN THOMAS	LOOSEHEAD PROP
2	TOMMASO D'APICE	HOOKEr
3	DARIO CHISTOLINI	RIGHTHEAD PROP
4	ELLIOTT STOOKE	LOr
5	WILL GRAULICH	LOr
6	ROSS MORIARTY	BLINDSIDE FLANKER
7	MATT COX	OPENSIDE FLANKER
8	PETER BUXTON (C)	NO. 8
16	KOREE BRITTON	REPLACEMENT
17	DAN MURPHY	REPLACEMENT
18	TOM HEARD	REPLACEMENT
19	ED KING	REPLACEMENT
20	BEN SPARKS	REPLACEMENT
21	DAVE LEWIS	REPLACEMENT
22	BILLY BURNS	REPLACEMENT
23	STEPH REYNOLDS	REPLACEMENT



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FIJI RUGBY THE FULL SQUAD

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DEACON	MANU	PROp
MANASA	SAULO	PROp
SETEFANO	SOMOCA	PROp
SEKONAI	KALOU	LOCK
APISAI	NAIKATINI	LOCK
LEONE	NAKARAWA	LOCK
APISALOME	RATUNIYARAWA	LOCK
NEMANI	NAGUSA	FLANKER
AKAPUSI	QERA	FLANKER
IUESA	RATUVA	FLANKER
MALAKAI	RAVULO	FLANKER
MALAKAI	VOLAU	FLANKER
JOSEFA	DOMOLAILAI	NUMBER 8
KELEMEDI	BOLA	SCRUMHALF
NIKOLA	MATAWALU	SCRUMHALF
JONETANI	RALULU	FLYHALF
RAWAI	FATIAKI	CENTRE
JOSH	MATAVESI	CENTRE
SIRELI	NAQELEVUKI	CENTRE
KAMELI	RATUVOU	CENTRE
VERENIKI	GONEVA	WING
AISEA	NATOGA	WING
WATISONI	VOTU	WING
SAVU	WARA	WING
ISIMEI	KONIFEREDI	FULLBACK
METUSELA	TALEBULA	FULLBACK

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Then came a typical Fijian surge right down the field with backs and forwards combining at speed. It was what we had all come to see and culminated in a try for prop Jona Qoro who sidestepped four defenders on the way to the line.

The conversion brought Fiji level but a penalty by full back Waterman and a dropped goal by Gabitass gave Counties the lead.

Back came the Fijians when a kick ahead found scrum half Batibasaga who threaded his way through the defence and converted his own try. Counties 11 Fiji 10 at half time.

England hooker John Pullin retired at half time with a nasty head wound and was replaced by his Bristol colleague John White.

Early in the second half, a dropped goal by Batibasaga gave the Fijians the lead for the only time, the Counties quickly regaining it when Hannaford scored from a careless knock back.

Radrodo crossed for the Fijians after a brilliant passing move, but the final pass was judged forward and the Fijian game became untidy. Jon Gabitass, who played for much of the game with a depressed cheek bone fracture, punished them with two penalties and then converted his own try from a blindside break by Dick Smith to make the final score Western Counties 25 Fiji 13.

The Fijians went on to beat East Midlands at Leicester, win spectacularly against the Barbarians at Newcastle and lose narrowly to England Under 25 and Wales Under 25 in a successful first tour.

THE FIJIAN CONNECTION

Since the game turned professional, Pacific Islanders have played a prominent part at Gloucester Rugby.

Terry Fanolua, Junior Paramore and Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu of Samoa, Lesley Vainikolo and Sione Kalamafoni of Tonga and Akapusi Qera, Apo Satala and Koli Sewabu of Fiji have all performed outstandingly for the club.

Kolinio "Koli" Sewabu joined Gloucester in 2001 from Begles Bordeaux. A typical fast and physical Fijian flanker, he played 19 games in the back row in his one season with the club, scoring 7 tries.

His last appearance was at Twickenham in the Zurich Championship final win over Bristol on June 8 2002. He left Gloucester to play for Yamaha in Japan.

Capped on 24 occasions by Fiji, he played in the 1999 and 2003 World Cups. Koli



Ismeli Batibasaga



Koli Sewabu



Apo Satala



Apo Satala

Sewabu retired in 2008, aged 33, and now coaches in New Zealand, having gained a degree in sport science at Massey University.

Apolosi Vonowale "Apo" Satala was 30 years old and had been capped four times by Fiji, when he joined Gloucester on trial from Leeds Carnegie in September 2008.

A soldier serving in the 1st Battalion, the Royal Regiment of Scotland, he was a key member of the outstanding British Army 7, which won the Twickenham and Melrose Sevens, and other tournaments worldwide.

Playing for Fiji, he had won a Rugby Sevens World Cup winner's medal in 2005 and a Commonwealth Games bronze medal in 2006.

Satala played 22 games for Gloucester in 2008-09, injecting power and pace into the back row, where he was a constant threat in attack, if a little suspect in defence.

He toured Europe with Fiji in autumn 2009, playing against Ireland and captaining his country in a 29-18 win over Romania, before rejoining Gloucester for a second season, as cover for back row injuries.

A soldier first, Apo Satala missed selection for the Army v Navy match at Twickenham this year due to active service in Afghanistan.

Openside **Akapusi Qera** took the Premiership by storm when he was signed by Gloucester from Pertemps Bees at the start of the 2007-08 season and finished third behind Olly Barkley and James Simpson-Daniel as Premiership Player of the Year.

A cruciate ligament injury kept him out of the side for much of 2008-09 and it was only in the second half of 2009-10 that he regained his old form and was voted Gloucester Player of the Year.

Perhaps an even better and more complete player now than at the start of his Gloucester career, he has scored 29 tries in 110 appearances and is on his way to joining the ranks of the Kingsholm greats.

He has 22 caps for Fiji to date, captaining his country in his last international in August last year and scoring the first try in Fiji's famous 38-34 victory over Wales in Nantes, which took them to the quarter finals of the 2007 World Cup.

Earlier this year he played for the Barbarians against England and Ireland.

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