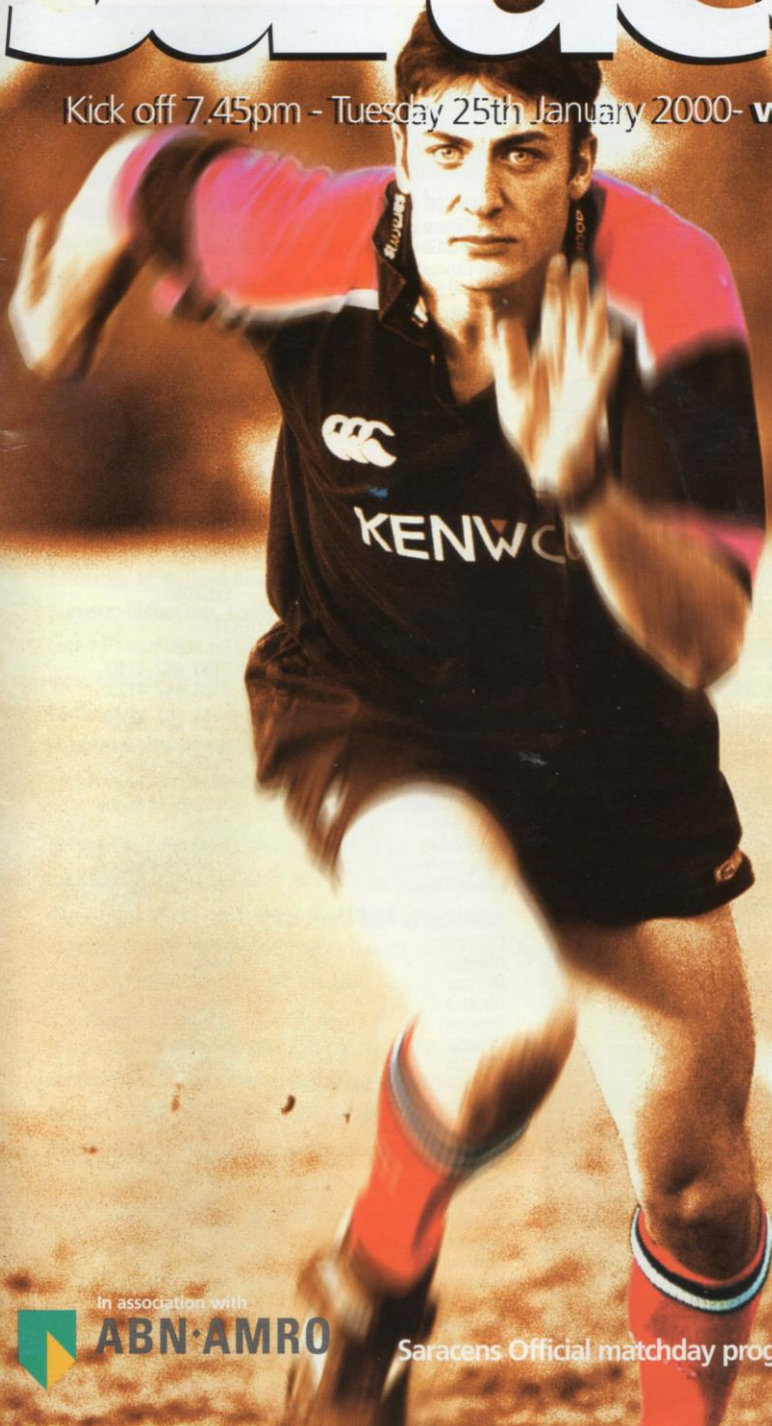


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# gloucester in gear



**As this goes to print, Gloucester, coached by former French International, Philippe Saint-Andre, top the Allied Dunbar Premiership.**

This must bring nothing but smiles to the faces of the Gloucester faithful who saw their team showing average form last season. Much hope was invested in the incoming Saint Andre, and he's not let them down.

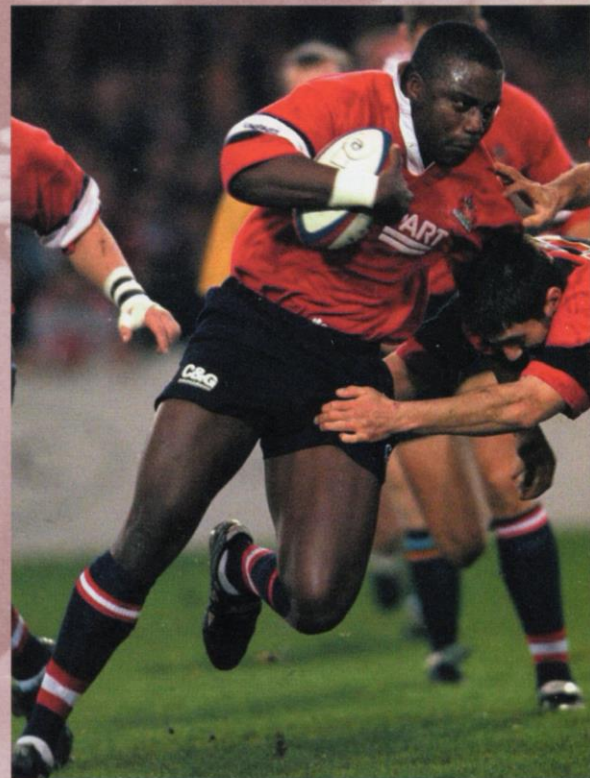
The Gloucester squad is strong, with many household names proudly wearing the cherry and white colours of the club. There is **Ian Jones**, the most capped New Zealand forward, Samoan flanker **Junior Paramore**, the awesome **Terry Fanolua** in the centre, and lock **John Fidler** and Captain **Kingsley Jones** for starters. Woodward's training squad for the Six Nations contained 10 newcomers, with young Gloucester centre **Joe Ewens** among them. Gloucester hard men **Phil Vickery** and **Phil Greening** also sit comfortably in the squad.

So far this season, Gloucester have played eleven games, winning nine of them. In the last match against Gloucester, Saracens were beaten at Kingsholm (22-19). In the last few seconds of injury time Gloucester were awarded a penalty almost in front of the posts, **Mannix** dealt the final blow and Saracens were denied victory. Saracens have yet to win at Kingsholm in 13 attempts.

We are sure that Gloucester will arrive at Vicarage Road feeling positive about the outcome, but hopefully will walk with a little bit of fear in their step. Neither team will be playing any further part in the European competitions and both will be focusing all their efforts on the Premiership and the Tetley's Bitter Cup.

Last season, Gloucester's top scorer and overall points scorer (with 848 points) was **Mark Mapletoft**, who now runs out in Saracens colours. We hope that Mark and his new Saracens colleagues will put together a performance that will see off Gloucester and take away some of the bitter taste left from a disappointing campaign in the European Cup.

Strong up front and talented in the backs, Gloucester have several choices in deciding how to take the game to us. We feel confident that our defence will continue to be strong, but hopefully we will be in possession of the ball, which will allow the opportunity to throw everything at them.



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laurie beck

#### Laurie Beck

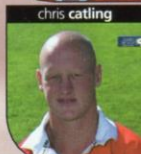
Of the current Gloucester squad, only the evergreen Andy Deacon has been on the club's books longer. For the past decade, Laurie has provided essential back-up for the no. 9 berth, where he can be relied upon to provide a consistently reliable service.



tom beim

#### Tom Beim

Having been released by Richard Hill, it was ironic that he became one of the former coach's final signings. In the interlude, Tom enjoyed a successful spell with Manchester Sale becoming one of the country's top try scorers. He will be looking to regain the form that brought him to the attention of the England selectors.



chris catling

#### Chris Catling

Spotted by Richard Hill during his student days, Chris was an instant success at Kingsholm. His assured manner in pressure situations and his impressive ability to tear defences apart with his perceptive counter-attacking runs have assured him of a place in the England A set up over the past 2 years.



mark cornwell

#### Mark Cornwell

Insultingly dominant in the middle of the line-out, Mark's form has brought him into the England A fold over the past 2 seasons. This season he will be able to gain much from the vast experience of Ian Jones and become a serious challenger to Grewcock and Rodber.



andy deacon

#### Andy Deacon

A genuine Gloucester folk-hero, the former drayman has found a new lease of life since the onset of professionalism. A strong runner with the ball and powerful scrummager, the club was immensely relieved to have been able to draw upon his stamina and experience during Vickery's long absence last season.



jawad djoudi

#### Jawad Djoudi

Represented Morocco in the World Cup qualifiers. Another fiery French front row player drafted in by Philippe to help bolster Gloucester's front row while McCarthy and Vickery hog the limelight. Jawad has already proven to be a mobile and determined tackler.



adam eustace

#### Adam Eustace

Along with Richard Stott and Andrew Hazell, Adam is one of the highly promising back-row forwards coming through at Kingsholm. Put under scrutiny by Philippe in a number of games towards the end of last season, Adam emerged with flying colours and was rewarded with a full-time contract.



joe ewens

#### Joe Ewens

After two abortive attempts to sign this young man regarded as one of the top emerging English centres, it was third time lucky for Philippe. After struggling to hold down a first team place with Bedford last season, Joe will be looking to prove himself at Premiership level.



terry fanolua

#### Terry Fanolua

Terry was an instant success since arriving at the start of the 97/98 season. He found himself a closely marked man last season and often found himself stifled before he could cause real damage. With the arrival of two new specialist centres, Terry will not be lacking in motivation.

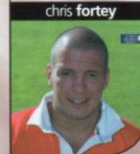


#### Rob Fidler

Despite being one of a small group of players to have shone during the disastrous tour to Australia, Rob disappointingly failed to feature in the England selectors' plans last season. His talent lies in his ability not only at the front of the line-out, but also as a highly mobile and aggressive tackler.



rob fidler



chris fortey

#### Chris Fortey

Chris emerged as an automatic first-team choice during the 97/98 season. Having proved that he can consistently link up with all of Gloucester's locks with his accurate throw-ins and that he can scrummage with the best of them, his duel with McCarthy is to the club's gain.



pete glanville

#### Pete Glanville

The 97/98 captain paid the price for his exemplary commitment as he was forced to watch the whole of last season from the sidelines due to injury. Usually at blind-side, he always gives 100% and has on countless occasions been the team's saviour with his never-say-die attitude.



tai glassie

#### Tai Glassie

Blink and you'll have missed Tai's Gloucester career to date. His principal qualities are his speed and explosive power that can punch holes out wide. With a surname like that, he is set to become a Godsend to all headline writers - expect to hear lots about 'Gloster's Classy Glassie' this year.



byron hayward

#### Byron Hayward

Joined Gloucester from Llanelli in November and made his debut against Bristol at the Memorial Ground, scoring Gloucester's injury time try. Plays either fly half or full back. Byron has two caps for Wales.



andrew hazell

#### Andrew Hazell

Last season was the former Gloucester Colts' best yet, as he proved that there was precious little to choose between himself and first choice Nathan Carter. Now with Kingsley Jones as his main rival, Andrew will be looking to develop into the sort of creative back-row forward that Gloucester need.



rob jewell

#### Rob Jewell

This England Colt has risen up through the Gloucester ranks and is pressing for a regular First Team spot. Unfazed by the pressures of top-level competition, Rob has already started to make a name for himself. Now entering his final year at University in London where he is studying Sports Psychology.



brian johnson

#### Brian Johnson

Brian has been able to demonstrate his lightning pace at the top level to the extent that he is another Gloucester regular in the England A squad. He now needs a big season to make an impact in one of the more unsettled positions in the England side.



kingsley jones

#### Kingsley Jones

Former Welsh captain and club captain Kingsley came to Kingsholm in December 1998 but ruptured his Achilles Tendon in only his third game for Gloucester. Since his comeback, Kingsley has impressed many spectators as both a captain and as the linkman that Gloucester have been missing for too long.





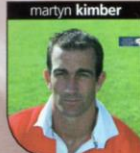
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ian jones

## IAN JONES

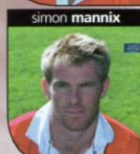
Gloucester's major signing this season. Jones, who has 79 All Blacks caps, brings a wealth of experience into Gloucester's second row – and indeed into the pack. Scored a try on his debut for Gloucester (vs Biarritz in the European Shield). Wanted to finish his playing career in the Allied Dunbar Premiership and Kingsholm was his choice – "this is real rugby territory," he says.



martyn kimber

## MARTYN KIMBER

One of Gloucester's longest-serving players, Martyn came back from a long period out injured through a broken leg to provide support for the no.10 spot last season. Perhaps the best kicker out of hand at the club, he was the founder of Gloucester's ever-increasing Kiwi faction.



simon mannix

## SIMON MANNIX

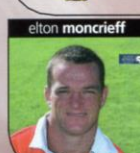
His excellent ball distribution and belligerent defensive tackling coupled with a highly vocal leadership style and eye for the quick break has made Simon the focus of the team's success so far this season. Gloucester will need to fully utilise all his experience and skills if they are to achieve the target of European Cup rugby next season.



neil mccarthy

## NEIL MCCARTHY

Another former Bath player in the Gloucester squad. He earned his first cap in a brief appearance against Ireland in the Five Nations earlier this year and should consider himself unlucky not to have made an appearance in the World Cup.



elton moncrieff

## ELTON MONCRIEFF

Elton became Philippe's first signing in the latter stages of the 98/99 season. The Gloucester faithful warmed to the complete set of skills that he demonstrated during a couple of trial matches at Kingsholm. The Cherry-and-Whites' season may hinge around the ability of Elton and Simon Mannix to successfully reform their half-back partnership.



steve ojomoh

## STEVE OJOMOH

Steve has played at 6 or 8 and has a proven ability to break through defences by breaking powerfully from the base of the scrum or gain vital yards when given space in open play. His explosive power is simply awesome and his sturdiness in defensive situations has saved Gloucester countless points against.



junior paramore

## JUNIOR PARAMORE

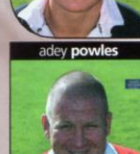
Samoan International Junior brings a wealth of experience together with a reputation enhanced by strong performances. Though primarily a back-row specialist, Junior could also provide cover at centre if needed. His unfortunate calf injury means his debut for Gloucester will be further delayed.



ed pearce

## ED PEARCE

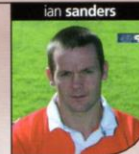
Ed restarted his Gloucester career last season after sitting out most of the previous campaign through a groin injury. He has shown glimpses of an ability to play a vital linking role between forwards and backs with good handling skills, and this season it is hoped that he will be developing this attacking role.



adey powles

## ADEY POWLES

Provider of solid front-row support to Gloucester for several seasons now, the former Berry Hill man has proved to be a vital member of a squad which has seen its fair share of injuries in that department. Remarkably he has yet to score a try for Gloucester in over 60 appearances.



ian sanders

## IAN SANDERS

Ian seized the opportunity to gain First Team experience as former first-choice Scott Benton fell out of favour. He disrupts opponents with his abrasive attitude and is a good communicator on the pitch. Having linked up well with Mannix in the past, Ian now faces the challenge of vying with new signing Moncrieff.



serge simon

## SERGE SIMON

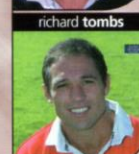
With his less than typical Gallic dress sense, he has already become a cult hero. Employed by the French government as part of a national anti-drugs task force, the highly intelligent prop has found time in his busy schedule to help out his friend and former national captain Philippe Saint-André.



richard stott

## RICHARD STOTT

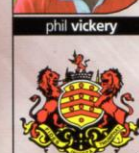
Stott has impressed even the most cynical supporter with some forceful performances for United last season. Richard is at the forefront of the next generation of Gloucester stars and will doubtlessly benefit enormously from being in the presence of so many experienced back-row internationals.



richard tombs

## RICHARD TOMBS

The indestructible Richard Tombs missed his first league game for Gloucester through injury after one and a half seasons of being a constant presence on the team sheet. He remains a solid presence at the heart of the team and has proved himself to be one of Gloucester's most committed performers.



phil vickery

## PHIL VICKERY

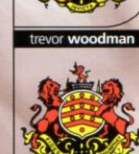
One of the biggest cheers of last season came when Phil made his comeback from a neck injury in the Tetley Cup semi-final at Loftus Road. An almost permanent fixture in England's World Cup campaign and a racing certainty to be one of the first names on the team sheet for the Six Nations.



richard ward

## RICHARD WARD

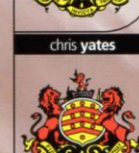
Signed for Gloucester four years ago on the strength of an impressive performance in a trial match. He has since proved to be an extremely valuable member of the squad, putting in some highly committed displays whenever called upon. A powerful jumper who has found first team opportunities hard to come by.



trevor woodman

## TREVOR WOODMAN

Last season Trevor emerged as clear first choice loose-head at Gloucester and with the added exposure was soon elevated to the England A squad. Then, in a dazzling rise to prominence, by the end of the season Trevor had joined the main England squad and soon after made his full international debut.



chris yates

## CHRIS YATES

Chris was signed in the close season to bolster Gloucester's midfield options. In only a few games he has already shown the powerful, straight-running style that has characterised Sale's back-play in recent seasons and he will no doubt continue to provide problems for rival defences throughout the coming season.



philippe saint-andré

## COACH PHILIPPE SAINT-ANDRÉ

Thrust into the hot-seat last spring and working with an inherited squad, Philippe found it impossible to break the dismal form. However he has brought in several new faces and dismissed a number of local favourites. It remains to be seen if this strategy will best be described as a hasty reflex action or an enlightened masterstroke.



# the Teams

## Saracens

SARACENS

|    |                   |              |
|----|-------------------|--------------|
| 15 | MARK MAPLETOFT*   | Full Back    |
| 14 | RYAN CONSTABLE*   | Right Wing   |
| 13 | BEN JOHNSTON      | Centre       |
| 12 | KEVIN SORRELL     | Centre       |
| 11 | DARRAGH O'MAHONY* | Left Wing    |
| 10 | THIERRY LACROIX*  | Fly Half     |
| 9  | NICK WALSH        | Scrum Half   |
| 1  | DAVID FLATMAN     | Prop         |
| 2  | GEORGE CHUTER     | Hooker       |
| 3  | PAUL WALLACE*     | Prop         |
| 4  | KRIS CHESNEY      | Lock         |
| 5  | SCOTT MURRAY*     | Lock         |
| 6  | BEN COLE          | Flanker      |
| 7  | RICHARD HILL*     | Flanker      |
| 8  | TONY DIPROSE*     | No.8         |
| 16 | TO BE CONFIRMED   | Replacements |
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## Gloucester

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| 15 | BYRON HAYWARD*   | Full Back    |
| 14 | CHRIS CATLING    | Right Wing   |
| 13 | TERRY FANOLUA*   | Centre       |
| 12 | CHRIS YATES      | Centre       |
| 11 | TOM BEIM*        | Left Wing    |
| 10 | SIMON MANNIX*    | Fly Half     |
| 9  | ELTON MONTCRIEFF | Scrum Half   |
| 1  | TREVOR WOODMAN*  | Prop         |
| 2  | CHRIS FORTEY     | Hooker       |
| 3  | PHIL VICKERY*    | Prop         |
| 4  | ROB FIDLER*      | Lock         |
| 5  | IAN JONES*       | Lock         |
| 6  | STEVE OJOMOH*    | Flanker      |
| 7  | KINGSLEY JONES*  | Flanker      |
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