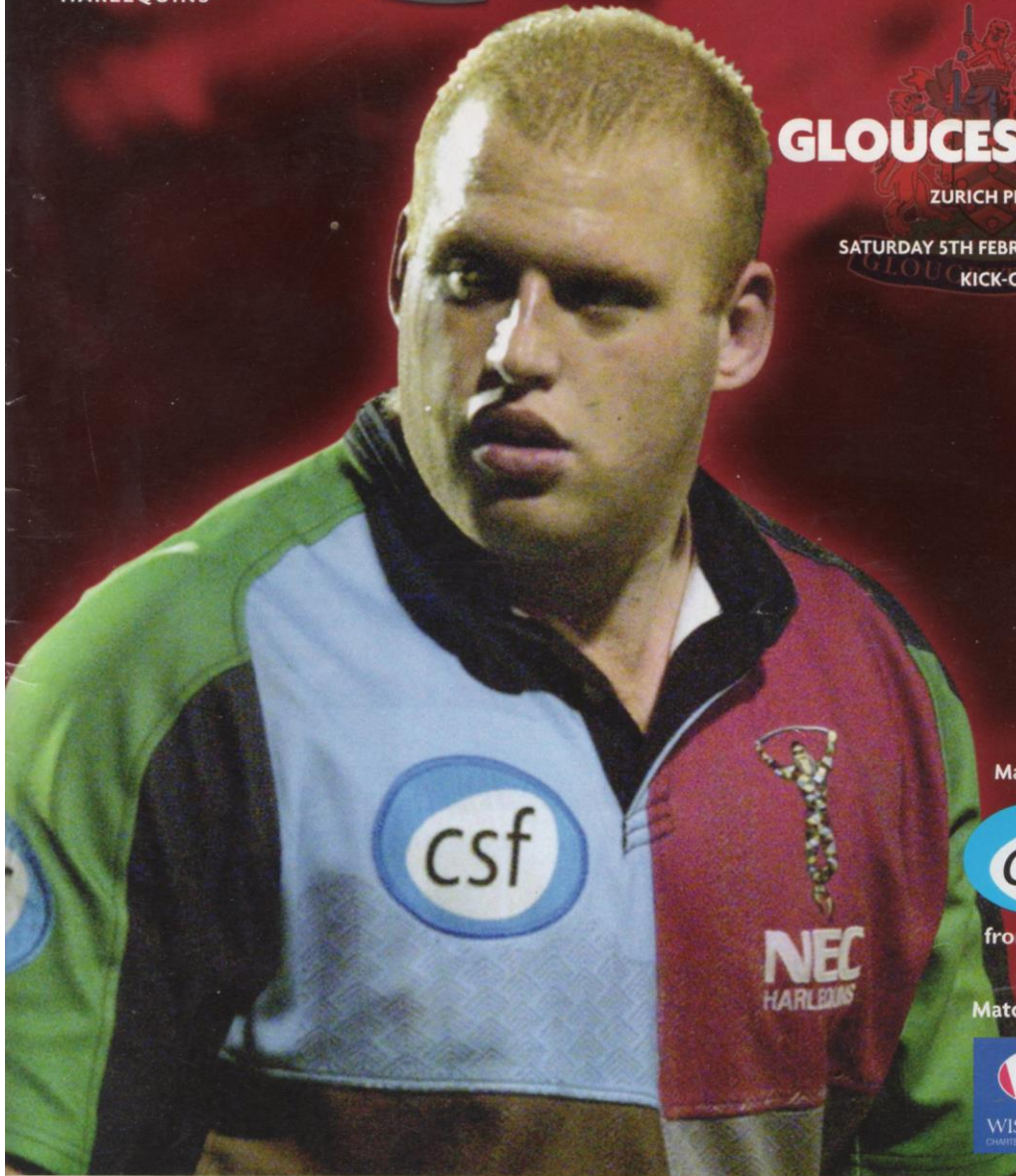




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Gloucester arrive at the Stoop this afternoon on the back of two West Country derby wins against Bristol Shoguns, in the Powergen Cup, and Worcester Warriors in the Zurich Premiership last Saturday.

The two back-to-back victories have seen Gloucester move up the gears after a disappointing Heineken Cup exit, following a defeat to French Champions Stade Francais in the middle of January.

The 28-16 win over Worcester last weekend saw the Cherry and Whites move up to fifth in the table and Nigel Melville's team will be keen to maintain that momentum with a win against Quins this afternoon. Although the Kingsholm club sit in fifth place, there have been mixed fortunes for Gloucester in this season's campaign, with an immensely tough schedule through November, December and January that saw double headers against both Leicester Tigers and London Wasps.

The season started well for Gloucester with four consecutive victories, over Leeds, London Irish, Northampton and Newcastle. A defeat away at Bath was the only loss in the opening seven clashes, before start of the Heineken Cup. As the autumn arrived, so did the injuries! The Gloucester squad was decimated and at one point there were 13 front line players unavailable.

The 55-13 win at home over Ulster in the Heineken Cup proved crucial, as Gloucester lost Duncan McRae, Olivier Azam, Alex Brown, James Simpson-Daniel, Terry Sigley and Phil Vickery to injury, while Henry Paul, Andy Hazell and Andy Gomarsall received international call-ups.

However, Melville's team came through

and collected wins over Sale Sharks in the Premiership at the end of November; back-to-back victories over Cardiff Blues in the Heineken Cup, and a victory at Welford Road against Leicester in the Powergen Cup.

As the injuries hit home, Melville and coach Dean Ryan had to go looking for new recruits, with the hooker position proving key as Olivier Azam is ruled out until this month / March, while Chris Fortey is recovering from a broken ankle. Welsh international number two Mefin Davies and French A international hooker Noel Curnier both signed short-term deals, and Davies has been in good form.

Another new name to make an impact has been Seti Kiole.

The Tongan wing was given a two-week trial by Gloucester and after an impressive showing in a Zurich A League game, has signed up until the end of the season. The sight of 6ft 5in Kiole barging through the Bristol and Worcester defences was a regular occurrence in the last two games, and his highlight must have been his debut try in the win over the Warriors last Saturday.

The Gloucester side could also be boosted for this afternoon's encounter by the return of Simpson-Daniel. The 22 year-old winger has made just one appearance in the last two months due to a shoulder injury.

Justin Hopwood
Media & Marketing
Manager
Gloucester Rugby
Club

James Simpson-Daniel



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Terry **FANOLUA**



Position:	Centre
DOB:	3/7/74
Height:	1.83M
Weight:	94Kg

Terry Fanolua was Gloucester's first overseas signing back in the opening days of professionalism during the mid-1990's, and what a great signing he has turned out to be.

His commitment to the Kingsholm cause has never been questioned and Terry has shown unbelievable stamina and longevity, as he remains a consistent member of the Gloucester side - he has quite literally become part of the furniture there.

Terry is one of the cult figures of the Cherry and Whites squad, with his trademark tackles and charisma. He has great ability in both attack and defence, whether running the ball up hard at the opposition or producing the deftest of touches to put his teammates into space.

The 30 year-old centre has started every Zurich Premiership game for Gloucester so far this season and has made over 135 appearances and scored over 30 tries for the team in total during his eight-year career at the club. Last June, Terry signed a new three-year contract that will keep him at Kingsholm until at least 2007.

His exploits for his beloved Samoa have been well documented during three World Cup campaigns, and Terry has 26 caps and six tries to his name. He is the one Gloucester player that stands out from the rest - his two tries in the game against us at Kingsholm back in October are testament of that.

Paul Turner
NEC Harlequins Backs Coach



Jake **BOER**



Position:	Back Row
DOB:	1/11/75
Height:	1.87M
Weight:	105Kg

Gloucester have many household names within their talented multi-national squad, but if one player epitomizes the hard work and graft which has taken the Cherry and Whites forward over the last few years under Nigel Melville and Dean Ryan, it is Jake Boer for me.

Jake is the type of back row forward who is much respected amongst his fellow players for the "hidden" work he carries out week in, week out. He will, doubtless, spend the afternoon hunting every tackle, every 50/50 ball and tidying up to allow his colleagues to play. He is also a fabulous leader, who knows exactly how to get the most out of his teammates.

Jake joined Gloucester in 2000 and played in the 2002 Premiership Final victory over Bristol, scoring the only try of the match. The following season, he captained the side that won the Powergen Cup and reached the Premiership Final, where their defeat against London Wasps still upsets the staunch West Country fans. His performances that season also won him the much heralded 'Premiership Player of the Season' award.

Jake came over to England from South Africa in the late-1990's to join London Irish and played a full part in reviving their fortunes under Dick Best and Brendan Venter, before making the move to Kingsholm.

Expect him to set the example for his teammates this afternoon. At the age of 29, he undoubtedly will be at the heartbeat of Gloucester's efforts for many seasons to come.

John Kingston
NEC Harlequins Forwards Coach

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**Christo
BEZUIDENHOUT**

Position: Prop

DOB: 14/5/70

Height: 1.87M

Weight: 117Kg

Christo Bezuidenhout signed for Gloucester in the summer of 2004. The loosehead prop forward was a key member of the South African team that competed in the 2003 World Cup and he has won four caps for his country. Bezuidenhout was an ever-present in the Bulls Super 12 campaign last year and has featured in ten of Gloucester's 14 league games so far this season.



**Alex
BROWN**

Position: Second Row

DOB: 17/5/79

Height: 2.00M

Weight: 110Kg

Rated as one of the best second row forwards in the game, Alex Brown signed for the Cherry and Whites in the summer of 2003 from West Country rivals Bristol Shoguns. The England A international topped the lineout statistics charts during the 2003/04 season, and was voted the 'Players' Player of the Year. Brown was selected for England's Churchill Cup squad that competed in North America last summer.



**Marcel
GARVEY**

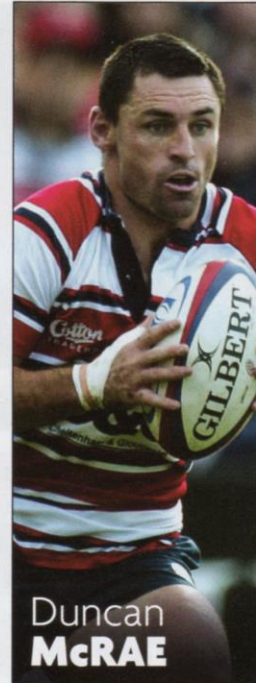
Position: Wing

DOB: 21/4/83

Height: 1.73M

Weight: 86Kg

Marcel Garvey announced his arrival in the top flight with a hat-trick of tries against Bristol Shoguns at the start of the 2002/03 season. His explosive pace and tremendous power has earned him a place in the England National Academy group this season. Garvey was a key member of his country's Under 21 squad that has competed in the Six Nations and World Championships in recent years.



**Duncan
McRAE**

Position: Fly Half

DOB: 27/9/74

Height: 1.72M

Weight: 81Kg

Duncan McRae joined Gloucester in October 2003 after his Toohey's Cup commitments finished with Randwick in Australia. The fly half became an integral part of the Gloucester rugby style during the 2003/04 season and formed a superb partnership with inside centre Henry Paul. Having played for Australia A earlier in his career, McRae has scored 169 points in 40 league appearances for the Cherry and Whites to date.

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Ground: Kingsholm
Capacity: 12,500
Director of Rugby: Nigel Melville
Coach: Dean Ryan
Club Website: www.gloucesterrugbyclub.com

Gloucester Squad Profiles – 2004/05

Simon AMOR Position: Scrum Half DOB: 25/4/79 Height: 1.69M Weight: 76Kg	Mefin DAVIES Position: Hooker DOB: 2/9/72 Height: 1.78M Weight: 93Kg	Andy HAZELL Position: Back Row DOB: 25/4/78 Height: 1.83M Weight: 93Kg	Gary POWELL Position: Prop DOB: 30/10/79 Height: 1.82M Weight: 111Kg
Olivier AZAM Position: Hooker DOB: 21/10/74 Height: 1.85M Weight: 115Kg	Adam EUSTACE Position: Second Row DOB: 9/1/79 Height: 1.95M Weight: 105Kg	Seti KIOLE Position: Wing DOB: 7/6/80 Height: 1.98M Weight: 112Kg	Phil VICKERY Position: Prop DOB: 14/3/76 Height: 1.91M Weight: 116Kg
Adam BALDING Position: Number 8 DOB: 7/12/79 Height: 1.88M Weight: 110Kg	James FORRESTER Position: Number 8 DOB: 9/2/81 Height: 1.95M Weight: 99Kg	Nathan MAUGER Position: Centre DOB: 8/4/78 Height: 1.84M Weight: 98 Kg	Alex PAGE Position: Scrum Half DOB: 29/5/81 Height: 1.78M Weight: 81Kg
Peter BUXTON Position: Back Row DOB: 21/8/78 Height: 1.92M Weight: 112Kg	Chris FORTEY Position: Hooker DOB: 25/8/75 Height: 1.83M Weight: 106Kg	Luke NARRAWAY Position: Back Row DOB: 7/9/83 Height: 1.90M Weight: 98Kg	Terry SIGLEY Position: Prop DOB: 12/10/78 Height: 1.88M Weight: 121Kg
Mark CORNWELL Position: Second Row DOB: 22/3/73 Height: 2.01M Weight: 115Kg	Andy GOMARSALL Position: Scrum Half DOB: 24/7/74 Height: 1.77M Weight: 91Kg	James PARKES Position: Hooker DOB: 30/11/80 Height: 1.78M Weight: 99Kg	James SIMPSON-DANIEL Position: Wing DOB: 30/5/82 Height: 1.82M Weight: 86Kg
Brad DAVIES Position: Fly Half DOB: 13/2/83 Height: 1.77M Weight: 82Kg	Jon GOODRIDGE Position: Full Back DOB: 26/2/81 Height: 1.86M Weight: 86Kg	Henry PAUL Position: Centre DOB: 10/2/74 Height: 1.78M Weight: 99Kg	Rory TEAGUE Position: Full Back DOB: 12/2/85 Height: 1.82M Weight: 86Kg

Today's **TEAMS**



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Tom Williams
Simon Keogh
Dafydd James
Mel Deane
Ugo Monye
Jeremy Staunton
Steve So'oialo
Mike Worsley
Ace Tiatia
Ceri Jones
Jim Evans
Simon Maling
Nick Easter
Andre Vos (Capt.)
Tony Diprose

James Hayter
Jon Dawson
Simon Miall
Roy Winters
Luke Sherriff
Henry Barratt
Gavin Duffy



Match Officials

Referee - Ashley Rowden

Senior Touch Judge - H. Jones-Williams

Junior Touch Judge - Andy Melrose

Fourth Official - Tom Moses



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Jon Goodridge
Seti Kiole
Terry Fanolua
Henry Paul
James Simpson-Daniel
Duncan McRae
Andy Gomarsall
Christo Bezuidenhout
Mefin Davies
Terry Sigley
Adam Eustace
Alex Brown
Peter Buxton
Jake Boer (Capt.)
Adam Balding

James Parkes
Nick Wood
Mark Cornwell
Luke Narraway
Alex Page
Nathan Mauger
Mark Foster

Replacements

15 FULL BACK 15
14 WING 14
13 CENTRE 13
12 CENTRE 12
11 WING 11
10 FLY HALF 10
9 SCRUM HALF 9
1 PROP 1
2 HOOKER 2
3 PROP 3
4 LOCK 4
5 LOCK 5
6 FLANKER 6
7 FLANKER 7
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