

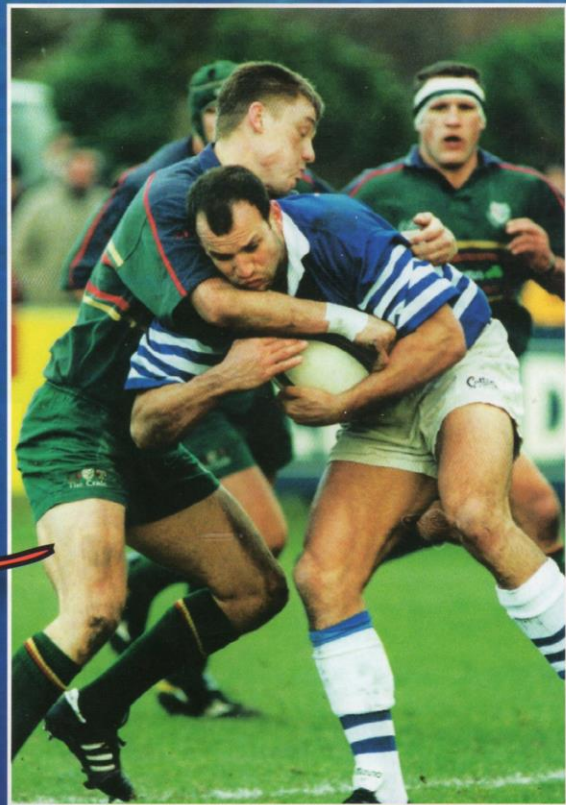


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**v**

**GLOUCESTER**  
**SAT 12TH FEB 2000**  
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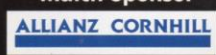
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LAURIE BECK

**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**  
Irregularly 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 Rodder.



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 Vicky'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, Woodman and Vicky 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 stepping in to hold down a first team place with Bedford last season, Joe will be looking to prove himself at Premiership level.



ROB FIDLER

**Terry Fanolua**  
Terry was an instant success since arriving at the start of the 1997/98 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.



CHRIS FORSEY

**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.



PETE GLANVILLE

**Chris Forsey**  
Chris emerged as an automatic first-team choice during the 1997/98 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 the club's gain.



TAI GLASSIE

**Pete Glanville**  
The 1997/98 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.



ANDREW HAZELL

**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.



BRIAN JOHNSON

**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.



KINGSLEY JONES

**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**  
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 in his final year at University in London where he is studying Sports Psychology.

**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**  
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 irkman that Gloucester have been missing for too long.

**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**  
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**  
His excellent ball distribution and belligerent defensive tackling coupled with a highly vocal leadership style and an 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**  
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 became Philippe's first signing in the latter stages of the 1998/99 season. The Gloucester faithful roamed to the complete sets 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 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**  
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 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**  
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 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**  
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**  
Stott has impressed even the most cynical supporter with some forceful performances for United last season. Richard is at the forefront of the most generation of Gloucester stars and will doubtlessly benefit enormously from being in the presence of so many experienced back-row internationals.

**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 Vickers**  
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**  
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**  
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 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.

## COACHES

**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.

**John Brain**  
The former Gloucester stalwart proved himself to be such an effective forwards coach that the players demanded his return - despite John having taken a promotion in his day job. Clearly highly respected by the entire squad, he nevertheless has a tough job to do as Gloucester strive for a top five finish.

**Audley Lumsden**  
Audley was brought onto the coaching staff in the latter stages of last season. He faces many challenges ahead as Gloucester's back division goes through a second transition phase with a number of players being brought in over the summer to add strength in depth to the midfield.



# SQUAD



MARTYN KIMBER



SIMON MANNIX



ELTON MONCRIEFF



STEVE OJOMOH



ED PEARCE



ADEY POWLES



IAN SANDERS



RICHARD STOTT



RICHARD TOMBS





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## Elton Moncrieff

might not be a typical "high profile" southern hemisphere signing – but the Kiwi scrum-half has already earned the respect of the Gloucester faithful.

The first time they got a real opportunity to see Moncrieff was back last May in an Anglo-Welsh friendly with Swansea.

Not content with dominating the plays, he also scored a try, three penalties and four conversions and went agonisingly close with a penalty attempt from the half-way line!

On the strength of this performance (together with a similar story from a United game a few days earlier), coach Philippe Saint-André decided that Moncrieff and Simon Mannix should renew their successful half-back partnership – they played together for Wellington in 1993 and 1994.

Elton wasn't quite sure what to expect when he first came over. "I didn't know what it would be like and how much I'd have to adapt. We won both the games I played in and everyone went out there determined to enjoy themselves and that definitely helped!"

He had been looking to play overseas and the Gloucester connection was made through his manager. By coincidence it gave him the chance to acquaint himself with his former playing partner.

"I was looking to play perhaps in Japan, France or England. I didn't know at first that Simon was playing here, that was a bonus! He's a good player and makes it easier to play inside."

Elton has represented the All Blacks at every level except full international and has also played in the Super 12 for Canterbury Crusaders and Queensland Reds.

"You can't really compare the Super 12 and the Premiership – you play 11 games in the Super 12 and there are 20-odd league games and the European games as well. The weather also makes it very different. The style isn't that much different – the Premiership will get faster and harder when the World Cup ends."

Moncrieff feels that coming to Kingsholm was a good move.

"The team spirit at Gloucester is very good, it usually is in a rugby team but even more so here – especially seeing as you've got people from all over the show!"

"The coaching is very good – from strength coach Ed and fitness coach Finchy to John Brain and Philippe. Everyone knows what they want."

Not too surprisingly, he has also noticed that the Cherry and Whites have quite a vocal following, "The fans are superb. I got a chance to watch the Leicester game from the crowd because I was out injured. It's a huge crowd and it was amazing! I have noticed it from the pitch as well – people are supportive. All they want is to see the boys put in a decent effort. They're paying money to watch after all."

Moncrieff is another player who pours water on the 'can't win away' problem which, after three away wins this season, might just be a thing of the past.

"It's all about the players' attitude towards the other team, home or away. The boys can gee themselves up and not struggle at home, it doesn't matter where, it's just a piece of grass. If we lose and we've given it our best shot then that's all you can ask for."

The well-travelled Kiwi doesn't know how long he'll be staying at Kingsholm, "At this stage I have a contract for two years. I hope to stay on longer, I'm keen to stay on longer and I'm just getting into the swing of things."

By yet another coincidence, Moncrieff and his wife Andrea were born in the same hospital and were delivered by the same doctor, although five days apart. They also attended the same primary school – St Theresa's in Wellington. They have two boys, Hayden aged 5 and Matthew aged 2.

Moncrieff's talents aren't confined to the rugby pitch – he is also a pretty mean artist and enjoys making his own furniture. "Rather than buying I reckoned I should make it. So I got hold of some wood and away I went. I like making coffee tables, TV cabinets and bookcases – that sort of thing."

Will there be a new line of Moncrieff furniture in the Club Shop soon?



# THE LINE UP

As at 10 Feb 2000



## SALE SHARKS

Coaches: Adrian Hadley (Director of Rugby), Jim Mallinder, Steve Diamond

### ON THE BENCH TODAY

Christian SAVERIMUTTO  
Barrie-Jon MATHER  
Steve DAVIDSON  
Jo SHAW  
Duncan BELL  
Joe CLARK  
Richard WILKS

**MATCH OFFICIALS** Referee: Brian Campsall Touch Judges: David Grasshoff, Tom Ashworth

## GLOUCESTER

### SQUAD LIST

Laurie BECK  
Tom BEIM  
Chris CATLING  
Andy DEACON  
Joe EWENS  
Terry FANOLUA  
Rob FIDLER  
Chris FORTEY  
Byron HAYWARD  
Brian JOHNSON  
Ian JONES

Kingsley JONES  
Simon MANNIX  
Neil McCARTHY  
Steve OJOMOH  
Junior PARAMORE  
Ed PEARCE  
Adey POWLES  
Ian SANDERS  
Phil VICKERY  
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