MANCHESTER SALE RUGBY CLUB
SALE SHARKS
v
GLOUCESTER
SAT 12TH FEB 2000
KICK-OFF 3.00PM

£2.00
SQUAD

Ivor Davies
Ivor Davies is a member of the Gloucester squad for the 1997/1998 season. He is 26 years old and has played over 100 games for the club. He has been a consistent performer and has been instrumental in the team's success.

Joe Stenson
Joe Stenson is the captain of the Gloucester team for the 1997/1998 season. He is 27 years old and has played over 200 games for the club. He is known for his leadership skills and has been a key figure in the team's success.

Scott Quinnell
Scott Quinnell is a member of the Gloucester team for the 1997/1998 season. He is 25 years old and has played over 150 games for the club. He is known for his speed and agility on the pitch.

Phil Vickery
Phil Vickery is a member of the Gloucester team for the 1997/1998 season. He is 24 years old and has played over 100 games for the club. He is known for his strength and tackling skills on the pitch.

Richard Wilson
Richard Wilson is a member of the Gloucester team for the 1997/1998 season. He is 23 years old and has played over 50 games for the club. He is known for his versatility and ability to play in different positions on the pitch.

COACHES

Philippe Saint- Andre
Philippe Saint-Andre is a French rugby coach and former player. He is known for his innovative coaching style and has helped many teams win international titles.

Bob Dwyer
Bob Dwyer is an Australian rugby coach and former player. He is known for his tactical acumen and has helped many teams win international titles.

John Bratt
John Bratt is a British rugby coach and former player. He is known for his ability to develop young talent and has helped many teams win domestic titles.

Audrey Laidlaw
Audrey Laidlaw is a Scottish rugby coach and former player. She is known for her emphasis on the importance of fitness and conditioning in rugby.
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 if I was going to play 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 see 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 been 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

15 Jim MALLINDER
14 Matt MOORE
13 Jos BAXENDELL
12 Andy BLYTH
11 Steve HANLEY
10 Niki LITTLE
 9 Craig TURVEY
 8 Andrew MORRIS
 7 Alex SANDERSON
 6 Pete ANGLESEA
 5 Neil FLETCHER
 4 Guy MANSON-BISHOP
 3 Dawie THERON
 2 Phil GREENING
 1 Paul SMITH

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

ON THE BENCH TODAY
Christian SAVERIMUTTO
Barrie-Jen 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
Trevor WOODMAN
Chris YATES

If you would like to become a referee please call 0800 834 551

Have a great time but please consider our neighbours and leave the club quietly, disposing of litter in the bins provided around the ground. Thanks