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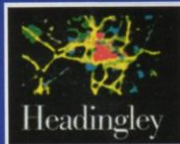
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TABLE-TOPPERS ARE AFTER YET MORE GLORY



♦ James Forrester has had an influential season in the Gloucester back row

Gloucester used to have the reputation as being a one-dimensional team, battering their opponents up front through burly forwards honed in the hard school of front row play.

Now the Zurich Premiership table-toppers can score tries from virtually any position, in any position.

One remarkable feature, however, of their all-embracing style has been the ability of the back row to find the try line.

More than a third of the Cherry & Whites 61 tries have come via the back row. A fact that is not really surprising when you see the wealth of talent forwards coach Dean Ryan has at his disposal.

Any side would clamour for the services of Gloucester captain Jake Boer,

PLAYER	Cameron Mather	Jake Boer
Head-to-head		
Matches	19	20
Tackles	271	258
Misses	19	28
Ball Carries	58	112
Metres	258	515
Passes	19	15
Clean Breaks	1	6
Defenders Beaten	7	5
Offloads	7	6
Tries Scored	3	9

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Stats are 2002/03 totals

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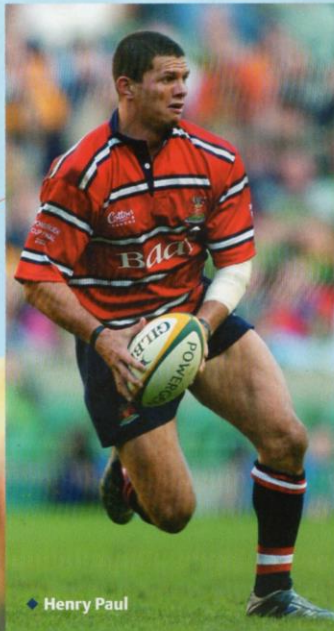
FACTS



- Junior Paramore needs to make just one more ball carry to reach 100 for the season.
- Gloucester beat more defenders than any other team in the league last round (33).
- Terry Fanolua made more metres than any other player in the last round (101).



2002	LEEDS TYKES	GLOUCESTER
Top Tackles	Cameron Mather - 271	Jake Boer - 258
Top Ball Carries	Isaac Fea'unati - 172	Robert Todd - 144
Top Metres	George Harder - 932	Thinus Delport - 925
Top Line Outs Won	Tom Palmer - 110	Mark Cornwell - 100
Top Defs. Beaten	George Harder - 60	Marcel Garvey - 52
Top Place Kicks	Braam van Straaten 86 From 124 (69%)	Ludovic Mercier 82 From 115 (71%)



Henry Paul

Junior Paramore, Andy Hazell and Peter Buxton - and that's not even taking into consideration England A star James Forrester.

Forrester has been used as a flanker but also at number eight where he was selected in his last Premiership outing - the 30-30 draw at Sale Sharks.

Forrester was outplayed by England rival Chris Jones on that occasion and the 22-year-old knows a place in the World Cup squad is very much a long shot despite his largely impressive displays in both club and international rugby.

"I would say that, as far as the World Cup squad is concerned, I'm an outsider for it," admitted Forrester.

"England are a great team and there are other people like Martin Corry, who is a British Lion and my own clubmate Andrew Hazell who are playing in the A team and ahead of me in that respect.

"It's going to be very difficult to break into the squad and so I'm a long shot for that but you always want to play for your country and you have to try and aim as high as you can.

"So, maybe if I play well for the rest of the season, then maybe I can make it. You have to be playing right on top of your game to get into the squad.

"What I need is some consistency but the motivation for playing is purely

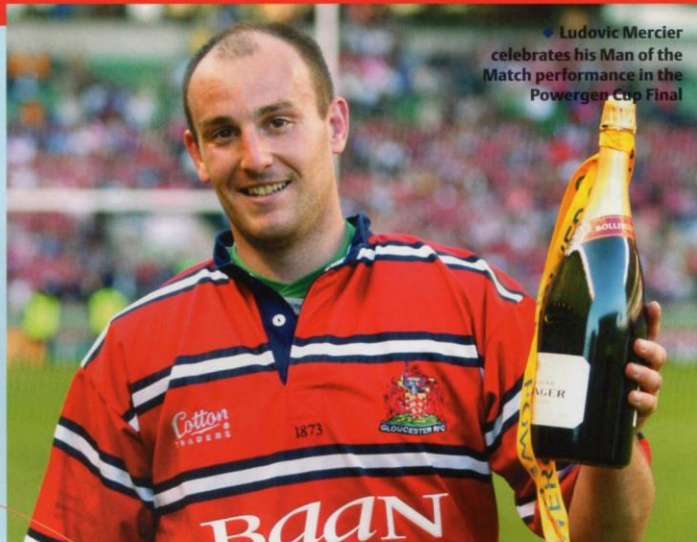


Andy Gomarsall



2002	Leeds Tykes	Glos.
Tackles	109	94
Missed Tackles	18	15
Ball Carries	69	75
Metres	327	443
Defenders Beaten	15	19
Passes	88	113
Clean Breaks	4	7
Penalties Conceded	13	13
Turnovers Conceded	12	14
Breakdowns Won	61	56
% Line Outs Won	81	82
% Scrums Won	92	90

Stats Average per Match 2002/03



◆ Ludovic Mercier celebrates his Man of the Match performance in the Powergen Cup Final

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the enjoyment factor. I really enjoy playing and training is ok as well.

"England can go on from strength to strength, I feel, and are definitely in with a chance of winning the World Cup. To be part of that would be fantastic but I've got to concentrate on this season and my club first."

Gloucester's season has been a roller-coaster ride with success on the pitch punctuated by perpetual talk of financial crisis off it. Unlike at Bristol, however, the Gloucester players have not let it effect their form. Nevertheless, the uncertainty in modern-day rugby is a concern for youngsters like Forrester.

"I was talking to Andy Sheridan at Bristol the other day and he's doing a

plumbing course now. The guys around the scene are all worried now about what happens in the game. A few guys here at Gloucester have their contracts up this season and we will have to wait and see what happens there.

"But, as for playing on Saturdays, there has been no effect at all on the players but guys have to think about their futures.

"I've had a year at Birmingham University doing a degree in sociology and history and it's a good idea to get something under your belt other than just being a rugby player. I think people are starting to do that now - getting degrees under their belts - because you don't know what is

around the corner. Of course, we are all concerned about things here at the club but you really cannot allow it to affect you."

By Jon Newcombe

2002	¼	Leeds Tykes	Glos.
Scored	1 st	5.1	5.7
Conceded	1 st	3.8	4.9
Scored	2 nd	6.5	6.3
Conceded	2 nd	6.0	5.4
Scored	3 rd	3.8	6.5
Conceded	3 rd	5.6	3.8
Scored	4 th	6.7	9.8
Conceded	4 th	4.0	3.7

N.B. Figures given are average points per match quarter

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TODAY'S TEAMS

Zurich Premiership, Sunday 4th May 2003 • Kick-off 2.30pm



LeedsTykes versus Gloucester

T C P D				* Full Internationals				T C P D			
				Diego Albanese *	15	FULL BACK	15	Thinus Delpont *			
				George Harder *	14	RIGHT WING	14	Marcel Garvey			
				Tristan Davies	13	CENTRE	13	Terry Fanolua *			
				Braam van Straaten *	12	CENTRE	12	Henry Paul *			
				Winston Stanley *	11	LEFT WING	11	James Simpson-Daniel *			
				Gordon Ross *	10	FLY HALF	10	Ludovic Mercier *			
				Alan Dickens	9	SCRUM HALF	9	Andy Gomarsall *			
				Mike Shelley (c)	1	LOOSEHEAD PROP	1	Trevor Woodman *			
				Mark Regan *	2	HOOKER	2	Olivier Azam *			
				Gavin Kerr	3	TIGHTHEAD PROP	3	Andy Deacon			
				Chris Murphy	4	LOCK	4	Adam Eustace			
				Tom Palmer *	5	LOCK	5	Mark Cornwell			
				Cameron Mather *	6	FLANKER	6	Jake Boer (c)			
				Dan Hyde	7	FLANKER	7	Andy Hazell			
				Alix Popham	8	NUMBER 8	8	Junior Paramore			
				Justin Wring	16	REPLACEMENT	16	Rodrigo Roncero *			
				Rob Rawlinson	17	REPLACEMENT	17	Chris Fortey			
				Stewart Campbell *	18	REPLACEMENT	18	Ed Pearce			
				Isaac Feanati *	19	REPLACEMENT	19	Peter Buxton			
				Derek Hegarty	20	REPLACEMENT	20	Clive Stuart-Smith			
				Craig Emmerson	21	REPLACEMENT	21	Simon Amor			
				Chris Hall	22	REPLACEMENT	22	Robert Todd			

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Gloucester

THE MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Tony Spreadbury TJ1: Ashley Rowden TJ2: John Pearson

NEXT AT HEADINGLEY?

Depending on the results of the final rounds of the Zurich Premiership, the Tykes could have another home game in the Zurich Wildcard Play Offs for the final Heineken Cup place from the four teams who do not automatically qualify for a place. Should the Tykes finish in fourth, we will automatically qualify and will not have to play off. However, if we finish 5th or 6th we will play the second leg at home on either 17th or 18th May. If we finish 7th we will play the 6th placed team at Headingley on either 13th or 14th May. The winners will then meet in the Zurich Wildcard Final on Saturday 31st May with the winner going into the Heineken Cup.