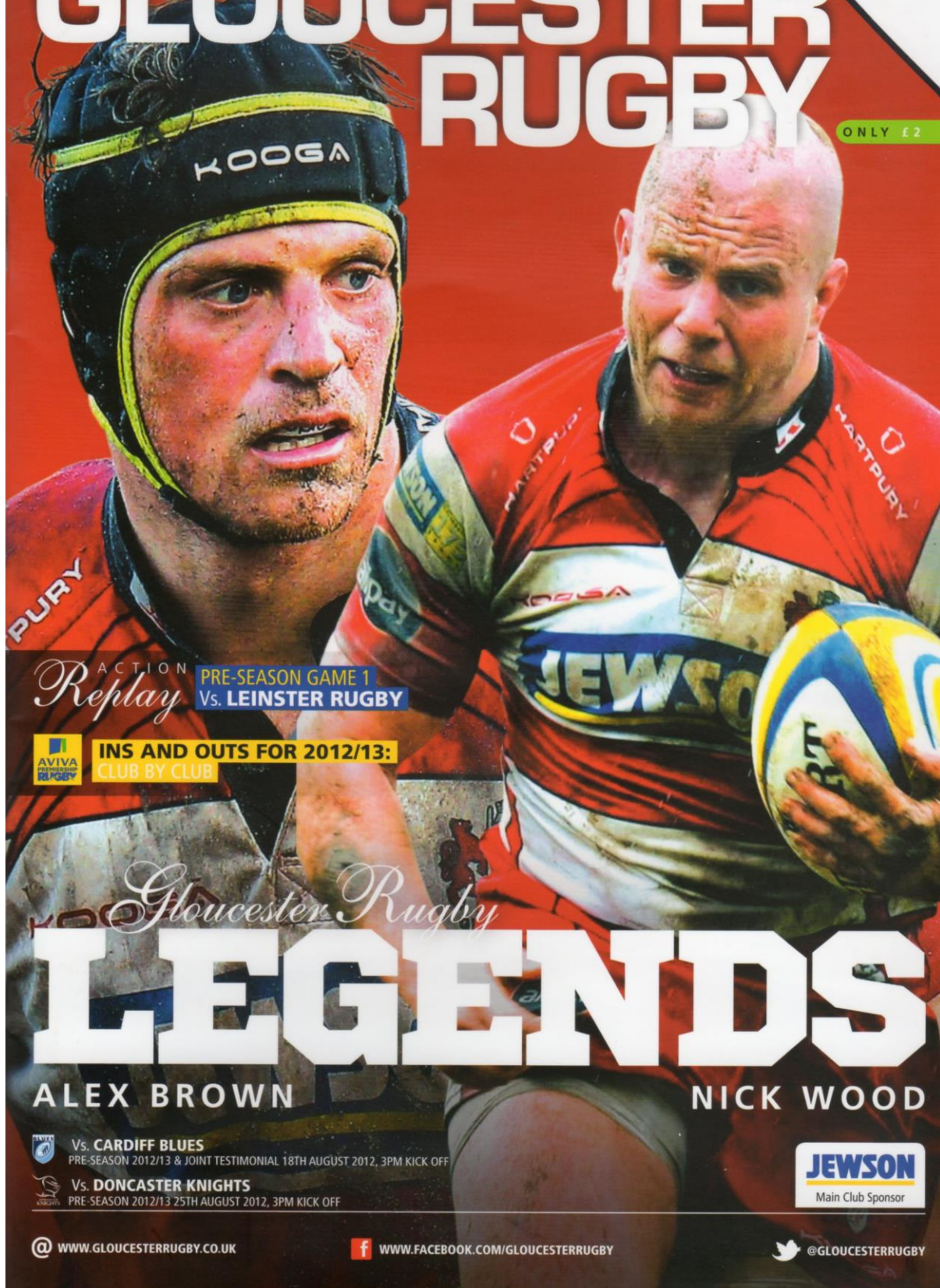


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Directing the Masterplan

It's difficult to believe that Nigel Davies was only appointed as Gloucester's new Director of Rugby at the beginning of June such has been the whirlwind of activity at Kingsholm since his arrival.



WHEN he accepted the role, Davies inherited a coaching set up that saw only Carl Hogg still on board from the previous season and shock waves still resounding following the sudden passing of Rugby Operations Manager John Brain.

As a result, the former Scarlets supremo knew from day one that he would have to bring in some specialists to spread the load and help Gloucester realise their undoubted potential.

His first move was to offer former England skipper Mike Tindall a new contract as a player/back coach and former Scarlets colleague Paul Moriarty came in as Defence Coach.

And his most recent appointment saw the return of an old Kingsholm favourite, Tony Windo, as the club's new scrum coach.

Davies' background in the game, more than 28 years as a player and coach with the Scarlets, means that he was ideally qualified to realise what a rugby club means to a community.

When he first addressed the media after a couple of weeks in post, he pointed out the similarities between the Scarlets and Gloucester and the importance of tapping into the knowledge of people with a strong connection with the club.

"I've spoken several times about the history and the tradition here and the people around us coaching the team need to know what that's all about and what it means to play for Gloucester.

"It's a proud tradition and I like to have people around me who have been immersed in that. They can help impart that knowledge to the current players."

Having put his back room structure in place, it was quickly down to the hard work of preseason, following the blueprint put in place by new Head of Strength & Conditioning Paddy Anson.

The squad were introduced to new preseason elements such as early morning swimming and water polo sessions plus contact work on the beach in West Wales, followed by a 10 day training camp in Tignes.

It was certainly hard work, but it seemed to pay immediate dividends as Gloucester came within a whisker of lifting the J.P. Morgan Premiership Rugby Sevens crown.

But it was against Leinster that the preparations for 2012-13 entered their final phase for the Cherry and Whites.

Despite losing out to the Irish province by 33 points to 22, Davies was upbeat after the game.

The unfamiliar surroundings of the Tallaght Stadium were the backdrop for Gloucester's first 15 a side outing of the summer, Davies selecting a side dominated by new signings and younger members of the first team squad.

Preseason games are often more about the performance than the result and Davies stressed that the game had been a worthwhile test for his team.

"It was a very good exercise for us as I knew it would be. Obviously I've got experience of playing Leinster from my time in the Celtic League.

"And the area that they were always going to challenge us was in the contact area. It's been a big focus of ours going in to the start of the season and it was a really good test.

"I genuinely think that we played a lot of rugby out there, probably more rugby than Leinster did to be honest.

"However, there were occasions when we were second best in the contact area. That's where we're striving to become better. It's a process and it doesn't happen overnight.

"So this was a great test and it was good for our players to see how Leinster handle that facet of the game."

Only so much can be simulated on the training pitch and Saturday's game was the first opportunity to observe his charges in a truly competitive environment.

Eighty minutes of analysis footage will now provide Gloucester's analysis team with plenty of material to work with, a valuable resource ahead of the Cardiff and Doncaster outings.

"There will be a lot for us to pick through from that game when we do the analysis which is really positive because you can come out of some games with not very much that you've looked to work on.

"But we tried to execute a lot of things that we'd worked on beforehand and we can now start to build on those as we approach the start of the season.

"There was a lot of effort and a lot of endeavour, the boys have worked really hard in adapting to a new system, a new philosophy. And there were a lot of positives from that point of view.

"We can work with the players in what we're trying to achieve and we'll be that bit further down the line for the Blues and Doncaster games."

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GLOUCESTER QUALIFY IN STYLE FOR JP MORGAN 7s FINALS

GLOUCESTER topped Pool C of the JP Morgan 7s at Kingsholm to qualify for finals day. The Cherry and Whites put on an exhilarating display as Nigel Davies' reign as Director of Rugby got off to a perfect start at Kingsholm.

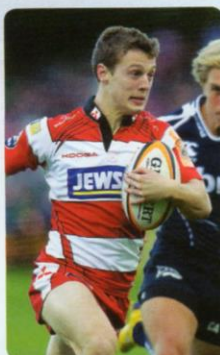
The evening began with new signing Ben Morgan taking off from the Kingsholm pitch in a hot-air balloon before the Cherry and Whites turned on the style with three wins against local rivals Bath, Worcester and Exeter to secure a place in the finals night at The Rec.

The Kingsholm crowd was treated to 6 tries from player of the evening Ian Clark, including a first half hat-trick in the final game in the West-Country derby, and an all-round solid team display as Gloucester dominated long spells of all 3 of their fixtures in the evening sunshine.

A double from Clark and tries from Dan Robson, Gareth Evans, skipper for the evening Jonny May and a first Cherry and White try for new signing Shane Monahan secured a 36-7 win in the curtain-raiser versus Exeter.

Bath were in similar try-scoring form on Gloucester soil and crossed 5 times thanks to doubles from both Tom Biggs and Richard Lane to beat Worcester Warriors 35-12, followed by victory over Exeter 19-12 after a pair of tries from Olly Woodburn and Biggs crossing again.

Gloucester were then back in action beating Worcester thanks to an entertaining first half,



as tries from Evans and Clark then a double from Burns, who crossed with 2 crowd-pleasing efforts showing superb balance and side-steps, meant Gloucester went into the interval 26-7 ahead.

Despite a quick-fire pair of tries from Samoan International David Lemi for the Warriors, a superb try-saving tackle from Dan Robson and then a try for Henry Trinder meant Gloucester secured the game 33-24.

The battle for the wooden-spoon on the evening between Exeter and Worcester saw the Chiefs come out on top thanks to a last-

kick conversion by Luke Treharne to win 26-24 meaning both Gloucester and Bath had qualified with a game to spare.

The final game, complete with a rousing rendition of the YMCA from the Kingsholm crowd, saw the West-Country derby with top spot in the group table and more importantly local bragging rights at stake.

In the end, the first half hat-trick from 18 year-old winger Ian Clark and a late score from Monahan meant Gloucester secured a third and final bonus point 24-17 victory, perhaps the only sour note being the imperious Freddie Burns limping off after a very late tackle in his own 22.

With 43 tries scored throughout the night, and a total of £4,300 being donated by JP Morgan Asset Investment to Sports Relief, the Cherry and Whites put on a real show in front of the 8,494 crowd.



GLOUCESTER DENIED AT DEATH BY NEVER SAY DIE IRISH

GUTSY Gloucester Rugby ran out of steam at the last to come within a frustrating whisker of scooping the JP Morgan Premiership Rugby Sevens crown.

The Cherry and Whites dispatched Sale Sharks 19-12 and Saracens 15-12 to progress to the final from Pool A at The Recreation Ground.

The Kingsholm men met London Irish in the final, but despite racing into a 28-5 half-time lead, the exploits of a tiring night took their toll.

Irish lost to London Welsh, but made the final thanks to Bath beating the Premiership new boys and a hefty Irish win over the Blue, Black and Whites.

And when it came to the crunch, Irish just had the edge to lift the title.

Despite just missing out though, this was another excellent showing from Gloucester, who exuded heart and desire in spades.

Two tries from speedster Ian Clark edged Gloucester to an opening victory - and forced Sale Sharks out of the contest.

Matt Cox opened the scoring for Gloucester,

Plenty of positives. I put everything into those games. Hopefully this has set up a successful season for glos.

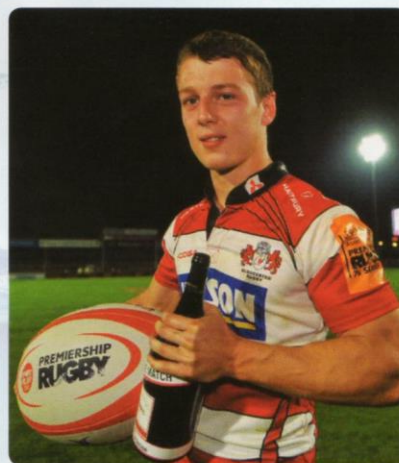
Ian Clark
@IAClark

What a night, great to win 3 out of 3. Cheers to everyone who came to Kingsholm. Lots of recovery today.

Jonny May
@paybackmay

Thanks for all the message and everyone that came down to support. Gutted we couldn't get the win but a massive effort from all the lads

Dan Robson
@d_jrobson



with Clark claiming a first-half score.

Sale hit back, but Clark was able to poach a late winner - and given Sale's opening 33-12 defeat to Saracens, the Sharks exited the competition without a win to their name.

Against Saracens, another Ian Clark double proved just enough to send Gloucester into the final.

Saracens wing James Short eluded Gloucester Academy youngster Clark for a first-half double.

But slippery speed king Clark had the last laugh. The 19-year-old outstripped his on-the-night nemesis Short, dotted down - and sent Gloucester into the final.

Despite scoring four first-half tries, Gloucester were edged out at the death by a resurgent London Irish.

Shane Monahan, Dave Lewis, Dan Robson and Gareth Evans all raced in for first-half scores, to make light of Marland Yarde's opening score.

But after the break Gloucester could not raise the level once more. Jonathan Joseph blasted in a brace of tries, Alex Gray added another and Joe Ansbro's last-minute score stole the silverware from under Gloucester's noses.



HIGH FLYING BROWN

When he first made his way up the M5 in the summer of 2003, Alex Brown more than likely didn't realise that he was about to take the first steps down a path that would lead to today, the start of a testimonial season with Gloucester Rugby celebrating the contribution he has made to the Saturday afternoons of the Kingsholm faithful.

It was a pivotal moment for the young second row. He was trying to overcome the disappointment of suffering relegation with home town club Bristol, only twelve months after they'd contested the Zurich Championship final against, ironically, Gloucester.

Bristol were on the verge of self destructing as rumours circulated about possible mergers with Bath Rugby or a relocation of the club to Oxford.

As Bristol struggled to come to terms with life outside the top flight, player contracts were cancelled and Brown was one of the first 'free agents' to be snapped up as he linked up again with one of the biggest influences on his career – Dean Ryan.

Wind the clock forward nine years, and with well over 200 Gloucester appearances to his name, the three times capped England

international can now reflect upon the significance of his time at Gloucester Rugby.

Commenting on the creation of Benefit Committees for himself and Nick Wood:

"It is a big thing. It's a big thing for the pair of us to be honest. We've been team mates for a long time and played over 400 games combined for the club.

"The fact that there have been a quite a few testimonials in recent years is a credit to the environment at Gloucester Rugby where so many of us have wanted to stay with Gloucester for the majority of our playing careers. It's such a great club to be at.

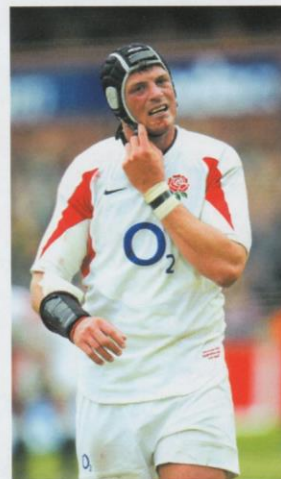
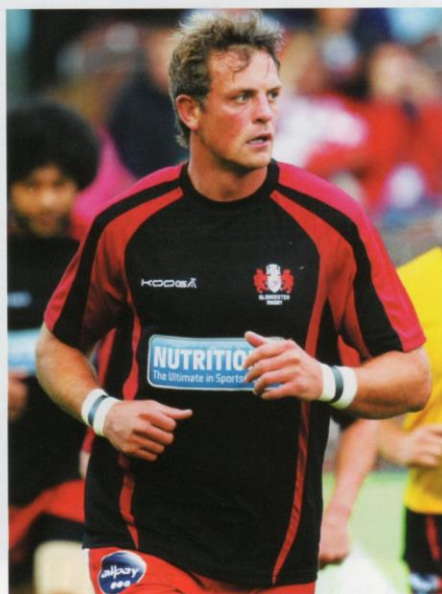
"Also, Gloucester is such a great place to play. There's not a club that matches it in terms of support. It's just enjoyable to go out there at Kingsholm and play your rugby with so many people behind you, wanting you to do well.

"Once you've experienced that, and it is a privilege, you don't really want to let it go and even think about moving to another club."

The move to Gloucester completed the West Country 'golden triangle' for Brown who started his career at Bath before making his breakthrough at Bristol.

He was ideally qualified, therefore, to appreciate what makes playing for Gloucester special but admits that much has changed over the years.

"I obviously started my career playing for a couple of other clubs and immediately noticed the difference in terms of fan base and support





Top notch wedding yesterday with @rorylawson9 and @Max_OFee, highlights had to include @jimhamilton4, @brettdeacs and @nickyrobo singing!
Alex Brown @alex_brownny

when I arrived at Gloucester.

"There was a good core support when I was down at Bristol but it's just on a different scale up here.

"When I first started up here, we were training at Kingsholm every week on the main pitch and in the Lion's Den and at Woodlawn as well.

"It was completely different. When you look at what we have now with the superb facility we have at Hartpury College, it's chalk and cheese. It's progressed so far and we're really setting the standards."

Today is a special day for Brown who skipped Gloucester last weekend in Dublin and he's delighted to be sharing it with team mate Wood.

However, he's also aware that it's an important game for the squad as a whole as the start of the Premiership season looms large.

"Thinking about the way our Gloucester careers have mirrored each other, it's great that we can celebrate this next year together.

Malcolm Wharton, Chairman of Alex's Benefit Committee said:

"Our respective committees are working really well together to ensure that we put on a great matchday against the Cardiff Blues and we have a great programme of events for Alex's year with something for everyone.

For Alex today's game is serious business:

"In terms of the Cardiff game, it's important to bear in mind that this isn't going to be an end of season type exhibition game. It actually forms quite an important part of our preseason preparations.

"All the hard work that we've put in to date with Nigel and the new staff, the 10 days in Tignes, they've all been part of the process as we build up to the start of the Aviva Premiership season.

"And the Cardiff game is an important step in that process.

"It's all good for the squad, we're going in the right direction. There's been a lot of energy around the place in the past few weeks.

"We've been through quite a few changes over the summer as everyone knows, with a lot of new faces coming in. The energy is high and we need to keep that going."



THE *Squads*



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY**



TOM AILES
KOREE BRITTON
ALEX BROWN
BILLY BURNS
FREDDIE BURNS
PETER BUXTON
DARIO CHISTOLINI
IAN CLARK
ROB COOK
MATT COX
DARREN DAWIDIUK
HUIA EDMONDS
GARETH EVANS
JAMES GIBBONS
WILL GRAULICH
JIM HAMILTON
RUPERT HARDEN
ANDY HAZELL
TOM HEARD
WILL JAMES
SIONE KALAMAFONI
SHAUN KNIGHT
ROB LANGLEY
DAVE LEWIS
DREW LOCKE
JONNY MAY
RYAN MILLS
TIM MOLENAAR
SHANE MONAHAN
BEN MORGAN
OLLY MORGAN
ROSS MORIARTY
DAN MURPHY
AKAPUSI QERA
STEPH REYNOLDS
DAN ROBSON
TOM SAVAGE
CHARLIE SHARPLES
JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL
ELLIOTT STOOKE
TIM TAYLOR
MARTYN THOMAS
YANN THOMAS
MIKE TINDALL
HENRY TRINDER
BILLY TWELVETREES
NICK WOOD
ALEX WOODBURN



CARDIFF BLUES



DONCASTER KNIGHTS

THE OFFICIALS

CORY ALLEN
SCOTT ANDREWS
BENOIT BOURRUST
MARC BREEZE
MACAULEY COOK
ALEX CUTHBERT
CHRIS CZEKAJ
KRISTIAN DACEY
BRADLEY DAVIES
THOMAS DAVIES
JAMES DOWN
GAVIN EVANS
TAUFA'AO FILISE
DAN FISH
LEIGH HALFPENNY
LUKE HAMILTON
RYAN HARFORD
DAFYDD HEWITT
CORY HILL
SAM HOBBS
TOM JAMES
ELLIS JENKINS
LEWIS JONES
ANDY KYRIAKOU
ROB LEWIS
CAMPESE MA'AFU
RICHARD MUSTOE
JOSH NAVIDI
RHYS PATCHELL
MIKE PATERSON
ANDRIES PRETORIUS
LOU REED
JAMIE ROBERTS
HARRY ROBINSON
MATTHEW SCREECH
CERI SWEENEY
JASON TOVEY
NATHAN TREVETT
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LLOYD WILLIAMS
OWEN WILLIAMS
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TOM BARRETT
ANDY BOYDE
DAVID BRADFORD
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MATT CHALLINOR
JERRY CRONIN
TOM DAVIES
DOUGIE FLOCKHART
TOMAS FRANCIS
CHRIS HALLAM
PHIL HOY
MICHAEL KEATING
ADAM KETTLE
JAMIE LENNARD
TYSON LEWIS
TOM LUKE
DANTE MAMA
BRIAN McGOVERN
JAMES MUNRO
SAM PAILOR
DOM PARSONS
CHRIS PLANCHANT
JETHRO RAWLING
LOUIS SILVER
WILL SIMPSON
DAN SMITH
BEN SOWERY
ALI THOMSON
JAMES TINKNELL
ADAM TAMANIS



VS
**CARDIFF
BLUES**
18.08.2012

Referee:
Luke Pearce
Assistant
Referee:
Kevin Stewart
Assistant
Referee:
Stuart Terhegge



VS
**DONCASTER
KNIGHTS**
25.08.2012

Referee:
Andrew Small
Assistant
Referee:
Kevin Stewart
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Referee:
Paul Burton

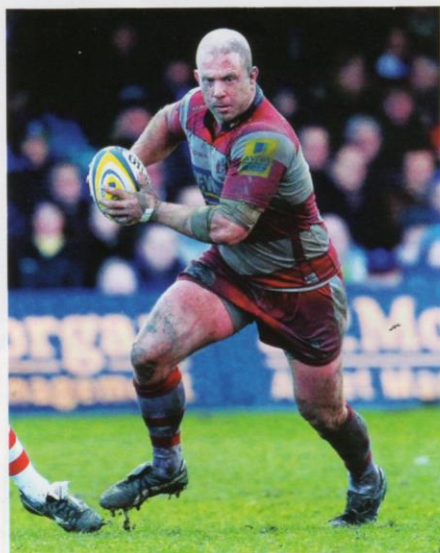
SCRUMMAGING WITH A SMILE

Being aged only 29 and spending your entire working career with only one organization is becoming more and more unusual in any professional walk of life.

It's even longer for a prop forward in modern rugby union given the physical demands of the professional game.

Yet that's the position that Gloucester Rugby's Nick Wood finds himself in this summer as he reflects on a memorable career to date at Kingsholm.

However, he is also looking forward with enthusiasm as he prepares for a testimonial year, an honour he is sharing in 2012-13 with Alex Brown.



Bear in mind that he won't turn 30 until next January and, if he follows in the footsteps of former Gloucester props like Andy Deacon and Tony Windo, he could well have a good few miles in the tank just yet!

During a break from preseason training and relaxing at the club's training base at Hartpury College, the Swindon born player took a moment to consider where the time has gone since his debut in 2003-4.

"We are both old stagers at the club and it's amazing to see how things have

developed. It's been a long old process in some respects, I think we've been at Hartpury for about 8 years now.

"Even when we first started here, it was getting changed in portakabins and walking round to train on a pitch that was a fair old way away. We'd get moved around between pitches between sessions etc.

"Now everything is here in one place, the food that we're being provided with is top quality, we've got our own gym. The whole support network is around us right here.

"In a funny sort of way, because we've done the hard shift to get to this point, I think we appreciate it all a bit more.

"You look at the young lads coming in and you find yourself thinking that they don't know how lucky they are to come straight into a set up like this where all the hard work has been done and this is the end result.

"Then you realise that you're starting to sound like a grumpy old man and you snap out of it for a while!"

He's not quite graduated into the ranks of elder statesman just yet despite the presence of all the whippersnappers around him.

And senior players aren't something the club has lacked in recent years. In a game where so many players switch clubs on a regular basis, Gloucester have seen seven players enjoy testimonial years in the past few years.

That's no coincidence according to Wood:

"I'm speaking on behalf of both of us, but there having been so many testimonial years recently, is evidence of what this club means. It's special that a core group of players





10 day alpine training camp, leaving tomorrow morning. Supposed to be decent weather!

Nick Wood @n1ckwood

have stayed together at Gloucester Rugby for such a long time.

"They're not just your colleagues, they're your team mates, your friends. We've had a number of us who have almost grown up together while playing for Gloucester.

"That's one of the reasons it's such a great place to be. You're playing with people that you'd do anything for. It's been a tight knit unit and one that we've wanted to remain part of."

"It's great that our committees are working together. There has been a precedent with two Gloucester players having testimonial years at the same time – a couple of years ago with Sinbad (James Simpson-Daniel) and Zed (Olivier Azam).

We've played so many games for Gloucester and so many games together in the same side. Alex packing down behind me in the scrum, me lifting him in the lineout etc,

The Committees are organizing other joint events throughout the year which hopefully fans will appreciate. Starting off, of course, with the Cardiff game.

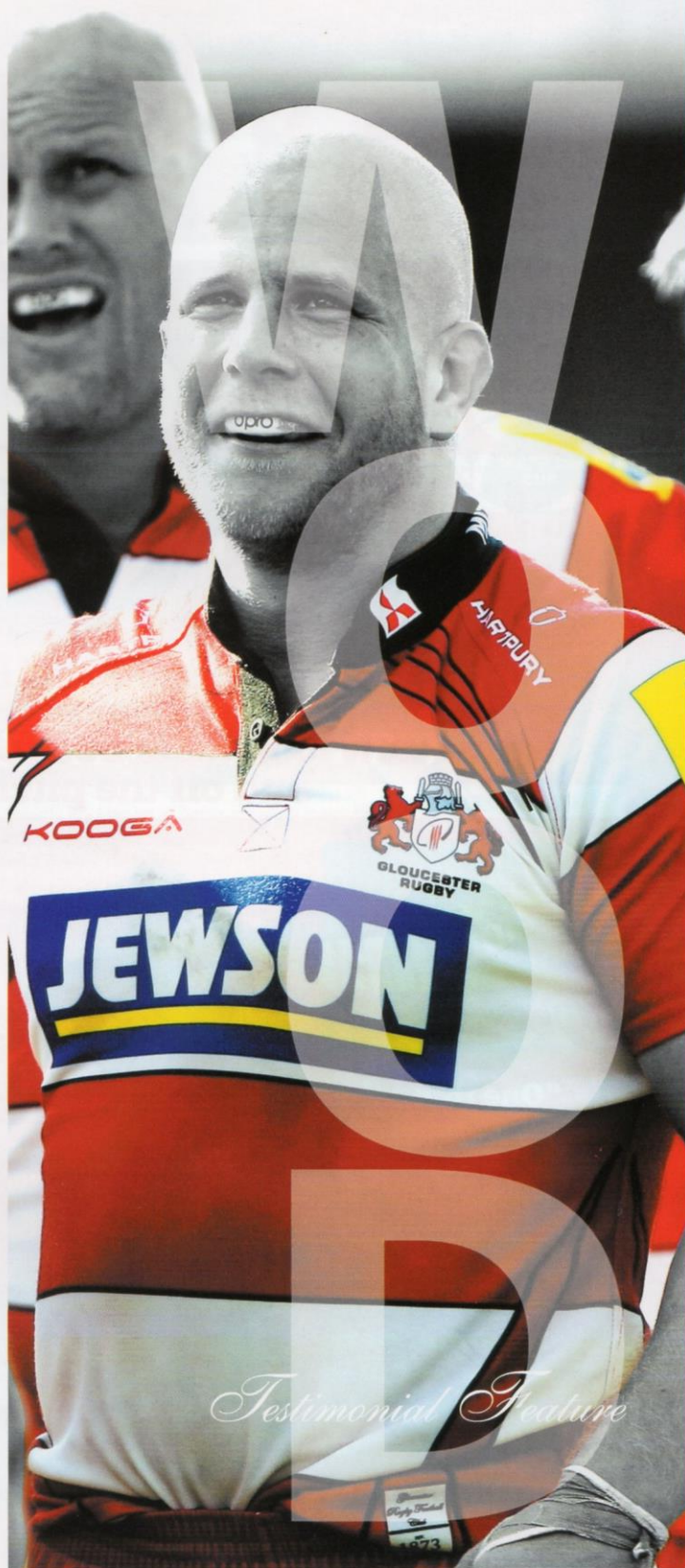
Steve Jones, Chairman of Nick's Committee said:

"The greatest challenge has been coming up with original events. Gloucester have already had a number of players who have been through this process.

"Nick mentioned Sinbad and Zed but there's also been Bucko (Peter Buxton), Hazey (Andy Hazell) and Pasty (Mark Cornwell) a few years back.

"There are certain types of events that work and certain events that supporters enjoy coming to so there's no reason not to do those.

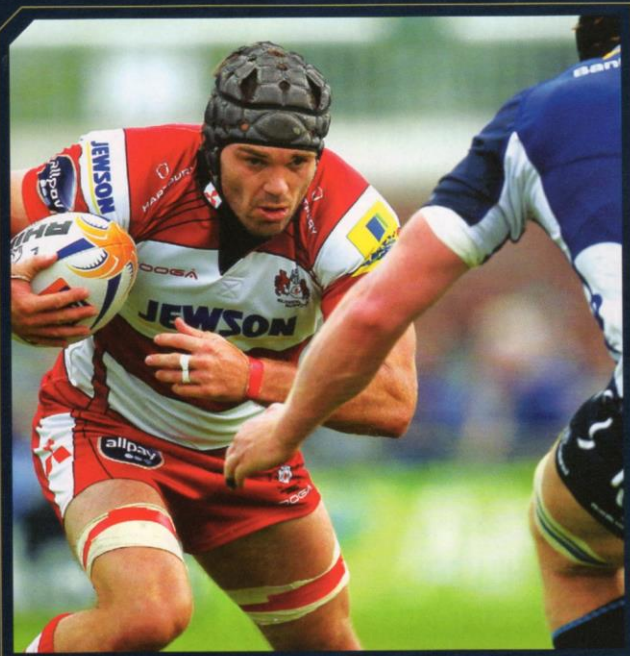
"But, at the same time, we're keen to do events which are slightly different and which will also appeal to different groups of people. We'd like there to be something for everyone in an ideal world."



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LEINSTER RUGBY GLOUCESTER RUGBY

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LEINSTER RUGBY POINTS SCORERS



TRIES: Auva'a, Madigan, Boyle, Ryan, Hudson
CONS: Madigan (4)

GLOUCESTER RUGBY POINTS SCORERS



TRIES: Clark, Murphy (2)
CONS: Cook, Taylor
PENS: Cook



FROM a result perspective, it possibly wasn't the start that Gloucester would have been looking for to kick off their 2012-13 preseason campaign.

It's often said, however, that you don't win or lose anything in preseason and a new look Gloucester side, with many of its big guns left at home, showed plenty of promise despite the defeat to Leinster.

Consider that first starts were given to the likes of new signings Rob Cook, Sione Kalamafoni, Billy Twelvetrees and Shane Monahan and that several others were recent graduates from the Gloucester Rugby Academy.

With so many new faces and combinations, a certain amount of unfamiliarity and rustiness in a competitive situation was to be expected. However, in all honesty, at times, it was a very cohesive

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Gloucester performance.

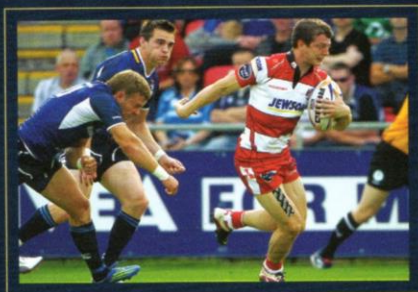
In both halves, the Cherry and Whites showed genuine glimpses of having bought 100% into Director of Rugby Nigel Davies' new coaching philosophy.

Gloucester played a lot of rugby and they played it in the right areas of the pitch. They remained patient, recycled the ball throughout multiple phases and looked comfortable with ball in hand.

The one area where Gloucester just came second best was at the breakdown where they conceded several penalties in the first half in particular when in promising attacking positions.

That certainly cost them vital points in the first 40 minutes when Gloucester should probably have turned around with a half time lead.

Ian Clark did sidestep his way to the line for a fine first half try but Leinster struck from



close range through Leo Auva'a and then took the lead courtesy of a slightly fortuitous effort from fly half Ian Madigan.

There was nothing lucky about Madigan's contribution to Leinster's third try when he fired an accurate cross kick to wing Andrew Boyle who was lurking unmarked on the wing.

Gloucester battled back into it thanks to Dan Murphy crashing over after good work from the pack and, at 21-15, there was everything to play for.

Nigel Davies' side did, in fact, look as though they were set to press on and earn the win. James Simpson-Daniel came off the bench and immediately looked dangerous.

However, two key errors lead to further Leinster tries and, despite a late response from that man Murphy again, it was too little, too late as the home team took the spoils.

Nigel Davies

Director of Rugby

"We're disappointed to lose because we wanted to come over here and claim a big scalp. We weren't able to do that but we know why."

"There was a lot of effort and a lot of endeavour, the boys have worked really hard in adapting to a new system, a new philosophy. And there were a lot of positives from that point of view."

THE LINE-UPS

LEINSTER RUGBY

#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Darren Hudson
14	W	Andrew Boyle
13	C	Colm O'Shea
12	C	Noel Reid
11	W	Fionn Carr
10	FH	Ian Madigan
9	SH	John Cooney
1	P	Jack McGrath
2	H	Aaron Dundon
3	P	Jamie Hagan
4	L	Tom Denton
5	L	Damian Browne
6	F	Ben Marshall
7	F	Shane Jennings (c)
8	N8	Leo Auva'a

REPLACEMENTS:

Thomas Sexton, Jack O'Connell, Martin Moore, Dominic Ryan, Jordi Murphy, Luke McGrath, Cathal Marsh, Brendan Macken, James Tracy, Sam Coghlan-Murray

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Rob Cook
14	W	Shane Monahan
13	C	Tim Molenaar
12	C	Billy Twelvetrees
11	W	Ian Clark
10	FH	Tim Taylor
9	SH	Dave Lewis
1	P	Yann Thomas
2	H	Darren Dawidiuk
3	P	Shaun Knight
4	L	Tom Savage
5	L	Alex Brown (c)
6	F	Peter Buxton
7	F	Andy Hazell
8	N8	Sione Kalamafoni

REPLACEMENTS:

Koree Britton, Dan Murphy, Dario Chistolini, Will Jame, Gareth Evans, Dan Robson, Martyn Thomas, James Simpson-Daniel, Rob Langley, Tommaso D'Apice