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CEO

LANCE BRADLEY

This week also saw the draw for the next two rounds of the Heineken Champions Cup. We've been drawn at home to La Rochelle, and then, should we be successful in that tie, we would have a home quarter final against the winners of Sale and Scarlets. These are really mouth-watering ties, and wouldn't it be great to go on a bit of a cup run?

We have also announced a few more signings over recent weeks, the latest being Santi Carreras extending his stay and Carl Hogg joining us as Director of Academy and Development. With so many players opting to extend their stay here it's clear they share our enthusiasm for what we're building at the Club. And to have someone of Carl's stature join in that role is a very clear signal of intent to see through our commitment to invest in our Academy, so that we have more Gloucester boys playing for, and staying with, Gloucester Ruqby.

We're undoubtedly in exciting times, and if you want to be sure of being the first to know about new signings, and all other Club news, the best way of doing that is to sign up to our newsletter, '@Holm'. You can sign up by clicking this link. It'll only take you a few seconds.

Finally, although you can't be with us just yet, we know that your support is as strong as ever, and we hugely appreciate that. Just imagine what it's going to be like when we can welcome you 'Holm' again. We really can't wait.

Together, we are a squad of thousands.

Best wishes,

Lance

HELLO AND WELCOME TO ANOTHER DIGITAL EDITION OF OUR MATCHDAY PROGRAMME. THIS FORMAT ALLOWS US TO ADD FEATURES THAT IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE IN A PAPER FORMAT. DO LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF IT, OR WHAT ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED, BY CLICKING ON THIS LINK. SO FAR IT SEEMS TO BE GOING WELL, WITH AROUND THREE TIMES AS MANY DOWNLOADS AS NORMAL SALES OF PHYSICAL PROGRAMMES.

Today we welcome Leicester Tigers to Kingsholm, though, sadly, still no fans. We are making plans, however, for fans to be able to come back before the end of the season, hopefully in May. I have to say we're really looking forward to that — it just isn't the same playing in an empty stadium.

We come into this game on the back of a couple of wins – against Worcester and Wasps, and we're hoping to build on those results today. Both teams will be short of their 6 Nations internationals, so we'll see some of our other players stepping up again. With the intense schedule of this season squad depth was always going to be a key factor, and this also gives us a chance to see how some of our Elite Academy players perform in the spotlight of the Gallagher Premiership. So far, I'm sure you'll agree, the performances have pointed towards an exciting future.

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Gloucester Rugby is delighted to announce that Argentine international Santiago Carreras has agreed to extend his stay at Kingsholm.

The versatile Puma joined the Cherry & Whites in January on a deal until the end of the season and after a number of impressive performances for Gloucester Rugby, Carreras has put pen to paper on a new deal.

In his six appearances so far, Carreras has picked up two tries for the Club, after his brace in the West-Country derby with Bristol Bears.

Head Coach George Skivington is pleased that he wants to stay at Kingsholm.

"Santi has come in and really hit the ground running for us. He's really bought in to what we are trying to build as a Club and has fitted in seamlessly to the group. He's hungry to play, and as you can see on the pitch, he's not one to shy away from the action!

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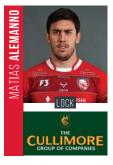
"Santi is a brave, young player with a big future in the game, so we are really pleased that he wants to forge a career here in Cherry & White."



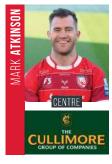


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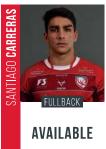


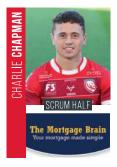




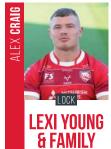




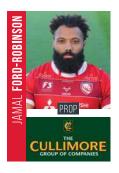


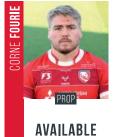




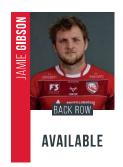


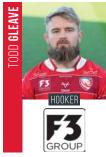




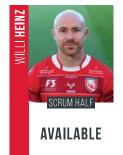


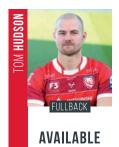
























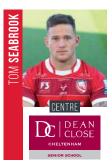


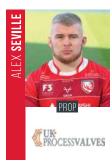








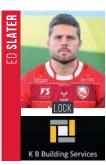




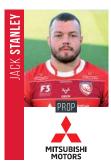


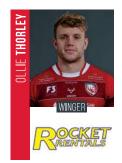






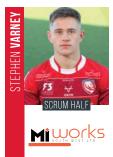


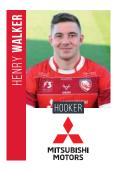


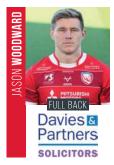








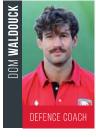




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GLOUCESTER RUGBY HERITAGE

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS WEEK, ON 10TH MARCH 1921, A TEAM FROM LEICESTER CAME TO KINGSHOLM TO CONTEST THE BIGGEST MATCH OF THE SEASON BAR INTERNATIONALS. THE OCCASION WAS THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL BETWEEN GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND LEICESTERSHIRE. GLOUCESTERSHIRE WERE THE DEFENDING CHAMPIONS, HAVING DEFEATED YORKSHIRE 27-3 AT BRADFORD TO WIN THE TITLE A YEAR EARLIER, WITH NINE GLOUCESTER PLAYERS IN THE SIDE.

They had started the defence of their title with comfortable wins against Devon at Kingsholm and Somerset at Bath, before a last gasp try at Camborne won the south-west group with a hard fought 9-6 defeat of Cornwall. The semi-final was more comfortable, winning 21-3 against Surrey at Kingsholm. Much satisfaction was taken from Gloucestershire being very much home grown, including nine Gloucester players, whereas their opponents were packed with internationals drawn from all four home nations, none of them born in Surrey.



Granted home advantage, Gloucestershire chose to return to fortress Kingsholm for the final. The match attracted tremendous interest, all the seats in the grandstand being snapped up within a day of going on sale, and the takings of over £1,000 being a record for the ground. Before kick-off the crowd of well over 10,000, not all of whom were in possession of a ticket, were entertained by the Wagon Works Silver Band.

The home side boasted nine players from Gloucester, who provided the half backs and most of the pack, with Bristol providing most of the backs. The visitors were drawn entirely from the Leicester club, and included six internationals, against three in the home side.

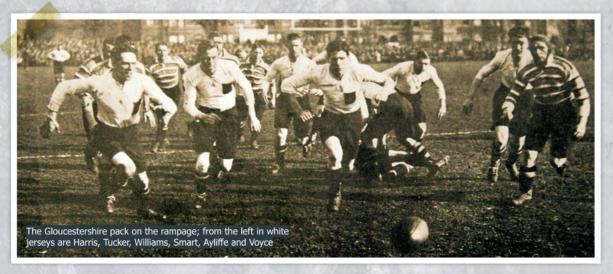
The teams were (* England internationals): Gloucestershire: R C W Pickles (captain); T Spoors, L J Corbett (Bristol), S Cook (Gloucester and Cambridge University), H Feltham (Bristol); W Dix, T Millington; G Halford*, T Voyce*, S Smart*, F W Ayliffe, A Hall, J Harris (Gloucester), J S Tucker, P J Williams (Bristol)

Leicestershire: J Wilkinson; E Haselmere, N Coates, P W Lawrie*, A M Smallwood*; G W Wood*, F M Taylor*; G Ward*, F Taylor*, W J Allen, C W Cross, D J Norman, Walter Buckler, J Wickson, William Buckler (all Leicester)

A Williams try allowed Gloucestershire to turn round 10-0 ahead, and the second half almost started in sensational fashion, Frank Ayliffe running straight up the centre of the field, with Tom Voyce alongside, but the scoring pass was dropped.

Gloucestershire started to run amok, Stanley Cook running it in behind the posts, before Tom Voyce seized on a loose ball to put Feltham in for his second try. Stanley Cook soon added a second of his own and Gloucestershire's fifth.





Leicestershire finally managed to get on the board with a dropped goal, but tries from Corbett and Spoors rounded off a resounding 31-4 victory. An ecstatic Kingsholm was definitely the place to be that afternoon.

A week or so later, there were further celebrations at Kingsholm, when Gloucester entertained Llanelli. Behind at half-time, Gloucester came back to win 11-8, and thus repeat their triumph of 1898-99 when they registered victories over all four leading Welsh clubs – Newport, Cardiff, Llanelli and Swansea – in one season. Devon Albion were the only other English club to achieve this.

The following season, Gloucestershire won the south-west group of the County Championship with a massive 34-3 win over Cornwall at Kingsholm in their final match. They again met Surrey in the semi-final at Kingsholm. As before the visitors were strengthened by internationals from all over the place, including two brought in late on, who played for Blackheath and were deemed to qualify on residence grounds because they lived in an adjoining county! It did them no good as Gloucestershire romped home 30-0, and went on to complete a fine hat trick of County Championship titles with a 19-0 win against North Midlands at Villa Park.



THE MATCH ATTRACTED TREMENDOUS INTEREST, ALL THE SEATS IN THE GRANDSTAND BEING SNAPPED UP WITHIN A DAY OF GOING ON SALE 77





IF YOU'VE WATCHED GLOUCESTER RUGBY'S GAMES THIS SEASON, YOU'LL BE AWARE OF THE SHEER PHYSICALITY THAT JORDY REID BRINGS TO THE SHIRT EACH TIME HE PLAYS. BIG HITS AND STRONG TACKLES, FANS WATCH IN AWE AS THE AUSTRALIAN FLANKER PUTS HIS BODY ON THE LINE WEEK IN WEEK OUT.

Growing up in Australia, rugby was big but Reid didn't have an easy path to becoming a top-flight player and has been on a journey around the world to make it here at Kingsholm.

"I was always a rugby fan," Reid said. "My dad is a Kiwi so I actually supported the All Blacks in my early years as he'd brainwashed me as a young one! I then converted to a Wallabies supporter around the 1999 World Cup once the French knocked New Zealand out and then I started rooting for the Wallabies.

"When I was six years old to about nine, I played soccer, or football as I should say over here! I was a rugby fan but my mum wasn't a big fan of the idea of me playing rugby but then at U10 she got on board and that was my first season.

"It was a real golden era for Aussie rugby. By the time I'd started playing there was John Ellis, George Gregan, Stephen Larkham, Tim Horan and a lot of great players and in the early 2000s Australia were winning some really good Bledisloe Cup matches. Obviously in 2003 the World Cup was in Australia as well so I went to a couple of those games, but it was a really big sport growing up, especially around that era. There was a great buzz around the game and when the Wallabies are going well, everyone just rides off the back of that."

Reid enjoyed playing rugby as a youngster but didn't get the opportunities to play at the level he believed he was capable of. After taking some time out to go travelling, he stuck with the sport and it came good in the end.

"It probably wasn't until I was about 20 years old (that he thought he could make it as a pro). Back in school, I only played first 15 in my last year but nothing more than that. I finished school and then played club rugby for Manly for six weeks, but I actually travelled Europe for about six months with two of my best mates. We just backpacked around Europe, so I didn't have rugby on my mind too much then!

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"I didn't play any Aussie schoolboys or U20s or anything like that so when I got back from my travels when I was 19, I played what we called Colts over there which was U20s for Manly and then I got into the Academy from that and that's probably when I first thought that I could become professional. I always thought that I was a good player, but I never got picked for anything. When I first got picked for the national Academy I was like, let's see what happens from here."

Reid quickly became an established player and played for the Melbourne Rebels in Super Rugby for a number of years. However, a long-term injury and the fact that there was plenty of talent around meant the Aussie had to look elsewhere for playing opportunities the following season.

"My last full year with Melbourne was 2017 and after the first three rounds I ended up with a stress fracture in my lower back. I ended up missing quite a bit of rugby. I missed the whole of the 2017 season and at that time the Bulls got cut from the competition so there was a lot of rugby players in Australia with one less team. Having not played for a year because of my back, there wasn't much on the table.

"I actually thought it would be career ending because I didn't think it was going to come but I managed to get it rehabbed and started in 2018 with Ealing in the Championship. To be honest I didn't really know anything about the Championship or Ealing, I hadn't heard of them before. But I liked the rugby in the UK and the style of play I thought would suit me so when that opportunity came up, I spoke to my girlfriend and asked if she would like to live in London! She was keen so we came over obviously with the hope of trying to get a crack at playing in the Premiership either through promotion with Ealing or getting picked up by another club which fortunately worked out for me in the end and I ended up here."

Reid impressed at Ealing but still had his eyes set on making it in the Premiership. The stars aligned and a meeting with Gloucester Rugby's former Head Coach was set up and the deal was done.

"It was all pretty quick really. It was probably around this time last year. I'd been told that there wasn't too much interest from anyone in the Premiership, but Ealing were keen for me to stay there so I was really close to staying with them.

"But then, I just got a call out of the blue from Johan Ackermann who said that he's seen me play against Hartpury and that he recognised me from when I played against the Lions when I was at the Rebels. So we set up a meeting and he asked me what I was doing because he didn't realise I was playing over here and he asked me what I was up to the following season. I said that I hadn't signed anywhere but was keen to get into the Prem so we had a bit of a chat and yeah it ended up with me at Gloucester.

"It was my goal when I first came over, to play in the Prem, and as soon as Gloucester were keen, I was buzzing. The history of the club and when I first signed here, all my friends in rugby circles told me how good it was who

"I was pretty fortunate to start a few games. Unfortunately for some of the other guys, there were a few injuries with Jake Polledri and Ben Morgan at the start of the year, so I probably helped myself a bit as I was getting a few starts. It's been nice building a bit of a combination with Ruan Ackermann and Lewis Ludlow.

"I think we've got a nice balance in the back row and it's been going pretty well so far. We all bring our own strengths and I think we're starting to see that now in the back row as we get a footprint in the game and help the team go forward a bit."



had played at Kingsholm. They told me that the fans are insane and that the atmosphere in The Shed is awesome. It's a shame that I haven't been able to fully experience that yet but now that I've signed on for another few years that time will come eventually, hopefully at some point this year but if not, next season. I can't wait to play in front of a packed-out Kingsholm so I'm looking forward to that and seeing where we can take it for the season and into the next few years."

Jordy Reid's name must be one of the first on the team sheet and he's impressed enough to earn a contract extension. He has enjoyed playing in the back row and made the most of the starting opportunities. Gloucester Rugby host Leicester Tigers at Kingsholm this weekend and the Cherry and Whites are looking to avenge their Round 1 loss to the Tigers at the start of the season.

"I think it's an important game as both teams have a bit of momentum at the moment after a couple of wins. We're looking to keep that going. It'll be a big physical battle, so we know that up front we're going to have to show up because they've got a big pack and their set piece is strong. We've been working on that in training because the set piece will be a big part of the game this week and we just need to bring it physically against these guys."

CARL HOGG APPOINTED AS GLOUCESTER RUGBY'S DIRECTOR OF ACADEMY AND DEVELOPMENT



Gloucester Rugby is delighted to announce that Carl Hogg has been appointed as our new Director of Academy and Development.

Hogg is a familiar face at Kingsholm, having spent 7 years at the Club between 2006 and 2013. Joining as an Academy Coach in 2006, Hogg quickly transitioned into the Forwards Coach role of the senior side, a position in which he spent the majority of his time in at Gloucester Rugby.

He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience previously working with Edinburgh Rugby and Worcester Warriors, as well as exposure to international rugby with Scotland and more recently Russia.

Hogg will join the senior management group at the Club on 1 April 2021 and assume responsibility for the overall management and strategy of the Gloucester Rugby Academy and of player development, while also having input on other strategic issues. Working

with our Head of Academy Peter Walton, as well as the abundance of excellent coaches within our Academy structure, Hogg will develop a clear and ambitious plan to ensure there is an effective pathway for home-grown academy players to progress through to the first team and perform at the highest level.

Commenting on Carl's arrival in the newly created role, Chief **Executive Officer Lance Bradley** said "We've been saying for some time that we intend to invest in our Academy, so that we develop home-grown players through our Academy system and have more Gloucester boys playing for Gloucester Rugby. The appointment of someone of Carl Hogg's calibreis a clear demonstration of our intent in that respect, and we're delighted that he's joining us. His local, national and international experience is going to be invaluable."

Upon his return to the club, Carl Hogg said he couldn't wait to get started.

"It's a real honour to return to Gloucester Rugby as the new Director of Academy and Development. It's a club that has always been very close to my heart after spending a number of years here in the past.

"I am really excited about the project, and the long-term ambition that Lance, George [Skivington] and Alex [Brown] have, not only for the Academy, but for the club as a whole,

"The Gloucester Rugby Academy, and especially the partnership with Hartpury University/College, has always been one of the best in the country for nurturing quality players to compete at the highest level.

"Our job now is to ensure local youngsters playing rugby out in the community know the clear pathway to representing Gloucester Rugby, and that we have the processes in place to ensure our home-grown talent goes on not only to be awarded the chance to wear the Cherry & White shirt, but also to represent the Club for years to come."



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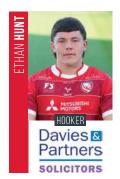








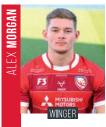






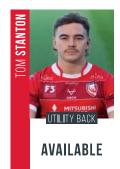


















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WASPS **GLOUCESTER RUGBY 20**

14-MAN GLOUCESTER RUGBY COME BACK TO TAKE THE VICTORY AT THE RICOH



What happened?

It was nail biting from start to finish but Gloucester Rugby did enough to pinch the win, the second Cherry and White victory in a row.

It was a promising start for Gloucester Rugby who were by far the stronger team early on. A try from Santiago Socino, his first for Gloucester Rugby in his first start for the club, put the Cherry and Whites ahead and a conversion from George Barton made sure it was the full seven-point score.

Gloucester Rugby were then dealt a blow as Ollie Thorley was red carded for a high tackle.

Next to leave the field was Wasps' Malakai Fekitoa who was yellow carded for starting some pushing and shoving.

The Cherry and Whites used the time well and George Barton extended Gloucester Rugby's lead through a penalty.

Just before half time Billy Twelvetrees put Lewis Ludlow in a gap who then offloaded to Chris Harris who went over to score. Barton's conversion meant Gloucester Rugby went into the break 17-0 up.

After the break Wasps looked the better side and were making good use of their extra man advantage.

James Gaskell, Rob Miller and Josh Bassett all scored for the hosts and with Jimmy Gopperth on the pitch taking the kicks, Wasps took the lead.

However, with just minutes on the clock, Billy Twelvetrees slotted a penalty giving Gloucester Rugby the win at the death.

Billy Twelvetrees penalty With just minutes on the clock, Gloucester Rugby were two points down. However, a massive effort at the scrum led to a penalty which Twelvetrees slotted to take the lead.













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				Billy TWELVETREES	12	INSIDE CENTRE	12 Dan KELLY				
				Santiago CARRERAS	11	LEFT WING	11 Kini Murimurivalu				
				George BARTON	10	FLY-HALF	10 Zack HENRY				
				Willi HEINZ	9	SCRUM-HALF	9 Richard WIGGLESWORTH				
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				Jack STANLEY	3	TIGHTHEAD PROP	3 Dan COLE				
				Ed SLATER	4	LOCK	4 Harry WELLS				
				Matias ALEMANNO	5	LOCK	5 Calum GREEN				
				Jordy REID	6	BLINDSIDE FLANKER	6 Cyle BRINK				
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