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C CAPTAIN'S CORNER BILLY TWELVETREES

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO KINGSHOLM FOR TODAY'S GAME WITH WORCESTER WARRIORS FOR ANOTHER REALLY IMPORTANT GAME FOR US.

Last weekend's game with Saracens was a very frustrating one for us, we built on our really impressive set piece from Round One, and the boys up front took it to Saracens and provided us with a great platform.

It was also pleasing to see a number of the new faces, and boys returning from injury, come back into the squad and hit the ground running. I was particularly pleased for Ben who has put in countless hours behind the scenes, and looked back to his rampaging best. On

(RIGHT) Gloucester celebrate what seems to be a first half try, but it's ruled out by the referee
(BELOW) Sione Kalamafoni smashes into the heart of the Saracens defence



IT WAS REALLY PLEASING TO SEE A NUMBER OF THE NEW FACES, AND BOYS RETURNING FROM INJURY, COME BACK INTO THE SQUAD AND HIT THE GROUND RUNNING.



several occasions, he dragged two or three would be Saracens tacklers along with him and he was also a force in the lineup.

It was a really tense game, that as expected would come down to fine margins, and it was gutting to be pipped at the post, but there was plenty about our game that we were pleased with and we have been working really hard to put it right this week, where the challenge doesn't get any easier.

It's great to welcome Worcester back to the Premiership, and a number of familiar faces back to the club, and we know that we will have to be at our best again this week, on a big day for rugby!

Being back at Kingsholm last Friday was awesome, and the atmosphere was, as always, top notch and we have spoken this week about doing all we can to get the crowd right behind us again. Here's hoping that come the end of today's game, when we sit down to watch Rugby World Cup final, we are sitting on the back of our first home win of the season.

Enjoy the game

Billy

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WITH BILLY TWELVETREES



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DAVID HUMPHREYS

DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

▶ **DESPITE LAST WEEK'S DEFEAT, THE PLAYERS REALLY ENJOYED BEING BACK PLAYING IN FRONT OF A BIG HOME CROWD AT KINGSHOLM AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A REAL LOCAL DERBY ATMOSPHERE THIS AFTERNOON.**

TODAY MARKS THE END OF RWC 2015 AND A WONDERFUL SIX WEEKS OF RUGBY. THE EIGHTH, AND IN MY VIEW THE BEST RUGBY WORLD CUP COMPETITION TO DATE, WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR SELL-OUT CROWDS, UPSETS, CONTROVERSY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HIGH QUALITY RUGBY FROM START TO FINISH.

SINCE LAST Christmas, Laurie Fisher has been telling anyone who would listen that Australia would win the World Cup. Until recently, he didn't have too much support within the management team, but we're all agreed that the two best teams in the competition will contest today's final.

On current form I can't see anything but an All Blacks victory.....

More importantly, this afternoon gives us an opportunity to put last weekend's defeat to Saracens behind us. It was hugely disappointing to lose at home, but the manner of last week's defeat has made us even more determined to come back to Kingsholm and produce a big performance against Worcester Warriors.

I'm delighted to welcome Dean Ryan, his Warriors team and their supporters to Kingsholm to renew our local rivalry. History has shown how difficult it can be for teams promoted from the Championship, but any doubts as to the Warriors' quality were dispelled with their opening day victory against Northampton Saints.



For our part, we were very frustrated not to have made it two from two last Friday night against Saracens. We all knew it would be a really close game but, having gone behind early in the match, we fought hard to get ourselves into a position to win the game late on.

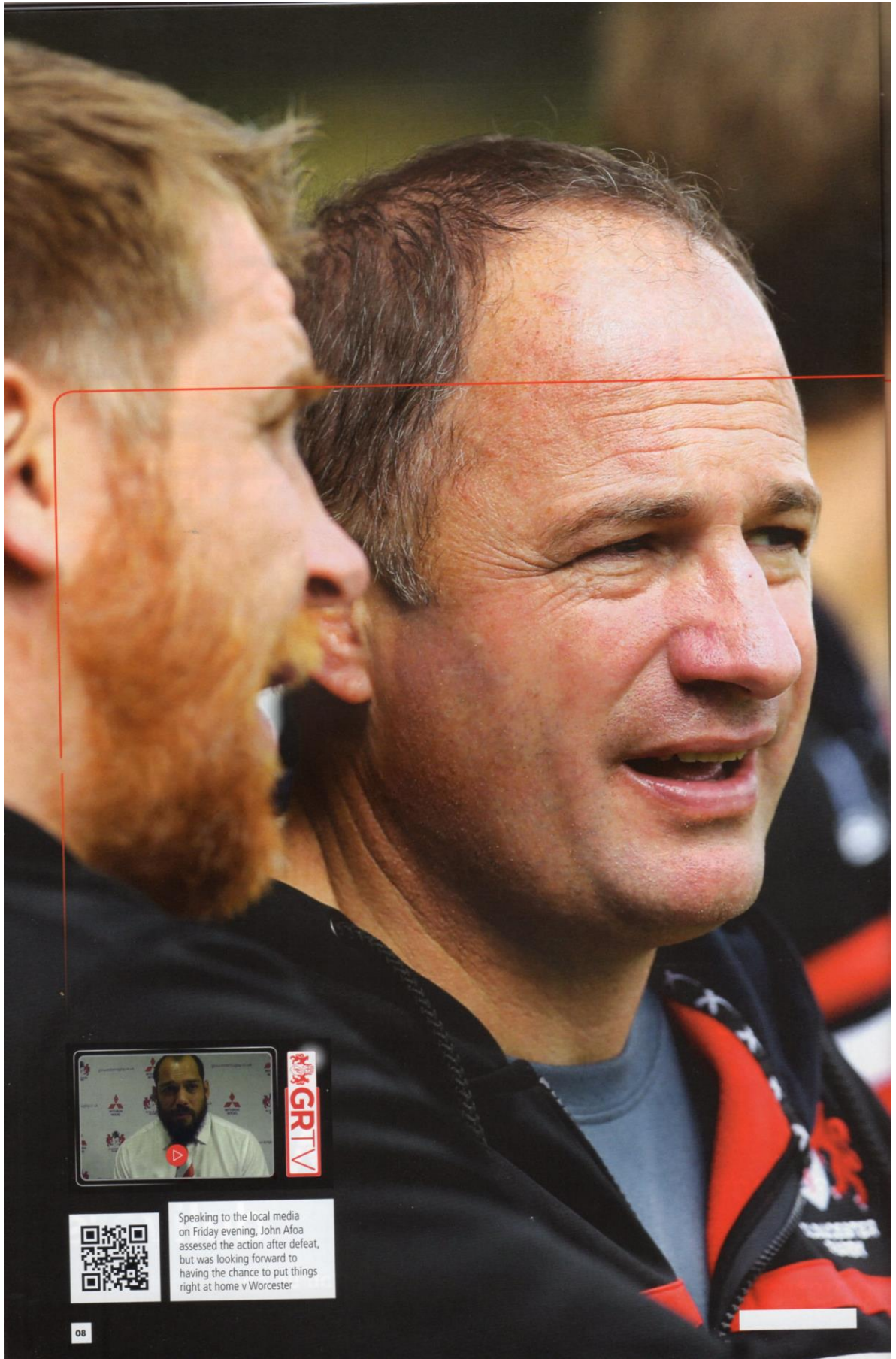
Last season in similar situations, we were very composed and found a way to close out the game but all credit to Saracens, they showed why they've been regulars in the play-offs and final in recent seasons. They created one final opportunity and kicked the winning penalty.

I know our performances will continue to improve as we work hard in training and as key players return to the squad over the next few weeks, and we're very excited about the challenging season that lies ahead.

Despite last week's defeat, the players really enjoyed being back playing in front of a big home crowd at Kingsholm and are looking forward to a real local derby atmosphere this afternoon.

Enjoy the game.

David



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Speaking to the local media on Friday evening, John Afoa assessed the action after defeat, but was looking forward to having the chance to put things right at home v Worcester



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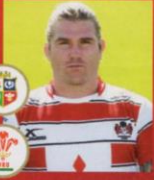
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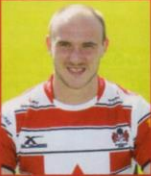
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COME IN NUMBER NINE GREIG'S RETURN BOOSTS SCRUM-HALF OPTIONS

GREIG LAIDLAW SILENCED HIS CRITICS DURING THE WORLD CUP AND WILL BE DETERMINED TO FURTHER ENHANCE HIS REPUTATION ON THE DOMESTIC STAGE WITH GLOUCESTER.

THE scrum-half was under immense pressure after leading Scotland to the Wooden Spoon in the Six Nations – both his starting position and captaincy called into question.

But he is set to return to Gloucester's ranks tonight heartbroken – following the Scots' agonising quarter-final exit, but at the peak of his powers.

Laidlaw set the tempo of Scotland's game, led his side with aplomb and kicked magnificently,



both out of hand and from the tee.

We have been blessed at this World Cup with numerous exceptional scrum-halves – the all round game of Aaron Smith, the genius of Fourie du Preez, the sheer tenacity and service of Fumiaki Tanaka – but few have the tactical nous of Laidlaw.

Rory Lawson spent six years in Cherry and White and wore the same number nine jersey as

Laidlaw at the 2007 World Cup, he is the perfect man to pass judgement.

Lawson said:

"Greig had a very good tournament in line with the Scotland team in general. People are still gutted with the way they went out, none more so than Greig and the squad.

"As a side they improved as the tournament went on, it wasn't perfect but they got over the first



hurdle, which was reaching the quarterfinals and against Australia they were terrific.

"Greig started three of the four pool-stage matches and came off the bench against USA, his goal-kicking was incredible and he certainly put to bed any doubts whether he was the right scrum-half and right captain.

"His performance has been more than good enough to merit

a starting jersey. He was able to focus on his game more with other leaders stepping up.

"In the Six Nations things weren't going well and he was trying to solve it himself which can sometimes have a negative effect.

"He made good high-pressure calls like against Samoa where he went to the corner instead of taking the points and it paid off and proved the difference after



Samoa scored again. It was a stroke of genius.

"So he made good decisions throughout and his goal kicking kept the scoreboard ticking over.

"He was top points scorer in the tournament while Scotland were in it and he's still right up there."

On this alone you could be forgiven for thinking Laidlaw will walk straight back in and make the number nine jersey his own, especially when you consider the talent in Dan Robson that left for Wasps in the summer.

But Gloucester are arguably stronger in the department with the continued development of Callum Braley, who impressed so much last season, and the arrival of Willi Heinz.

The 28-year-old possesses that trait seemingly all New Zealanders have, the ability to master the basics.

He has real zip to his pass, he bosses the pack, box-kicks with the best of them and is a deceptively physical presence.

Lawson added:

"Greig has to build on last year. His game developed pretty quickly with the move, he benefitted from having a new environment, players and the changes.

"He's one of the hardest working nines I have been around and will be looking to improve – improve the weaknesses and building upon the things he does so well.

"I've seen a bit of Heinz in Super Rugby over the years and he definitely looks like the type of scrum-half who can easily make the switch.

"For a scrum-half in New Zealand the basics are the foundation to your game. If you don't do those exceptionally well you will not be picked."

It promises to be a fascinating selection battle in the months ahead and all three players will undoubtedly get plenty of game-time. Sit back and enjoy.

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GLoucester HOOKERS

PART 2

FOR MANY YEARS, POSITIONS IN A RUGBY TEAM, ESPECIALLY THE FORWARDS, WERE NOT DEFINED. IN THE VERY EARLY DAYS, AS A SCRUM WAS FORMED THE FIRST PLAYERS TO ARRIVE WOULD FORM THE FRONT ROW AND SO ON.

STEVE MILLS

Steve Mills was an outstanding hooker who won five England caps, played 26 times for Gloucestershire and appeared in three County Championship Finals. In addition he captained Gloucester from 1980 to 1983, including one season which was the club's best ever.

Cirencester born, Steve first appeared for his home-town club, before making his Gloucester debut on 10 March 1976 against Cheltenham. He quickly established himself as first choice hooker, being hardy and very mobile. He was soon attracting attention further afield and his first game for Gloucestershire was in September 1976 against Japan.

He would go on to appear in two losing County Championship finals in 1978 and 1980, but was in the winning team in 1984 against Somerset at Twickenham. He was a member of the Gloucester cup winning team of 1978, which defeated Leicester 6-3 in the final at Twickenham.

Steve would almost certainly have won more England caps had he not been understudy to Peter Wheeler, the Leicester hooker. However, in the summer of 1984, in the first test against South Africa, the front row was all Gloucester, consisting of Steve Mills, Phil Blakeway and Malcolm Preedy.

Steve was a very successful club captain. In the 1981-82



• Steve Mills

season, in which he appeared in 40 out of the 48 games played, the team won a record 41 times and lost only three. No fewer than 1045 points were scored and only 338 conceded. The John Player Cup Final against Moseley was drawn, and the title shared.

Steve played his last game on 19 October 1985 against Newport. He had made 303 appearances and scored 24 tries - not bad for a hooker.

FRED REED

Fred Reed was a gifted hooker but unfortunate to be playing at the same time as Mike Nicholls and Steve Mills, so found chances limited. Even so he still made 132 appearances between 1969 and 1980. He also played nine times for Gloucestershire.

He came more to the fore in two successive seasons 1975-77 when he managed 47 games,

and in December 1975 was reserve for the final England trial.

On retirement he became team selector and secretary. In the nineties he became the Committee Liaison Officer with the club's sponsors and is now Chairman of the Gloucester Players' Association.

KEVIN WHITE

Kevin White was another sound hooker who deserved a regular first team place but suffered from stiff competition for that role. Although he made his debut in 1977, for several seasons he could only make a handful of appearances because he was up against Steve Mills, the club captain.

He did have two seasons 1984-86, when Steve stepped down, and when he was first choice he made 65 appearances. Following that he suffered from the emergence of Kevin Dunn. In all he played in 148 games for Gloucester.

KEVIN DUNN

Kevin Dunn was born on 5 June 1965 in Gloucester, and played his first rugby for Spartans and Lydney. On his debut for Gloucester against Glamorgan Wanderers in September 1986 he scored a try, and at once claimed the hooking berth for himself.

For a hooker he scored a lot of tries. In the 1989-90 season he achieved no fewer than 13 and only Richard Mogg and



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WITH NICK WOOD

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Derrick Morgan scored more that term. That season was a good one for Gloucester and they were runners up in both league and cup. Kevin scored a try in the Pilkington Cup Final against Bath, but the game was lost 6-48! He made 156 appearances



• Fred Reed



• Kevin White

for Gloucester and scored 37 tries.

Although Kevin played several times for England 'A' he could not make that final step up. At the end of the 1991-92 season he thought that a move to Wasps might further his chances of a cap. He played from 1992-97 for the London club, but no international call resulted.

He made further moves to Bristol (1997-98) and Cardiff (1998-99) before a wrist injury ended his career, but has now returned to Gloucester and lives within a stone's throw of the Kingsholm ground.



• Phil Greening

PHIL GREENING

Another local boy Phil Greening was born on 3 October 1975. He impressed from an early age and captained England Schools and Colts. Not only that, he captained Gloucester in his debut game against Clifton on 30 November 1995, aged 20!

He was a very strong and mobile hooker and was straightaway on England's radar. He was selected for England 'A' in three games that first season and by the 1996-97 season he had become the regular Gloucester hooker.

He played his first game for the senior England team against Italy in November 1996 at the age of 21, going on to win 24

caps. He made five appearances in the World Cup of 1999, scoring two tries against Tonga and one against Fiji.

His career at Gloucester was disappointingly short though, playing 66 times for the club. He appeared 28 times in the 1996-97 season, but next term he had to fight for his place against the emergent Chris Fortey and the total was cut to 14. After only three appearances early in the 1998-99 season, he signed a contract with Sale.

In 2000 he was on the move again, this time to Wasps where he saw out his career until 2005. During that time he was yet again captain, this time of the England 7's team.



• Kevin Dunn



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LEADING FROM THE FRONT

THEY SAY THE MALE SPECIES ARE TYPICALLY NOT THE BEST AT MULTI TASKING. BUT FOR BILLY TWELVETREES, CAPTAINCY, FATHERHOOD AND A BIT OF GOAL KICKING GOES SOME WAY TO DISPEL THE MYTH.

Billy Twelvetrees has had a whirlwind few weeks that saw him become a father, as well as being announced as club captain for the second season in a row, as well as signing a new contract at the club.

But while the 26-year old gets to grips with the experience of fatherhood, he has been excelling in a Cherry and White jersey, and has already gone marching past his points tally for the whole of last season, in just 160 minutes of action.

Starting off the season at Newcastle two weeks ago, Twelvetrees explains his delight in registering those vital first four points.

"It seems a while ago up in Newcastle now, it was great. A huge focus for us was to go away from home and get a result to kick start the Premiership. And going up to a place like Newcastle is always very difficult with the conditions and with it being on a Friday night.

"The first game of the season means the opponents will always be up for it and I thought our discipline was great and our game plan was very accurate. So it put us in a position to put points on the board.

"We had a healthy lead at half time, and we

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managed to maintain that, and get off to a good start."

Twelvetrees added fifteen points from the tee last Friday against Saracens, coupled with the twenty-nine on the opening night, and he is definitely pleased to see results from a lot of hard work spent with the tee on the training field.

"It's more the fact of doing something regularly, like anything, you get more confident in yourself and get used to doing it in a game situation, and growing in that game situation.

"It's something I have always enjoyed doing, so to have the chance to kick in the last two games has been really good and I've loved that."

Twelvetrees admits that the long preseason has been hugely beneficial for the squad, allowing them to focus on their game plan in great detail.

"I think we had a very simple game plan, we knew what we needed to do and we executed it very well, especially for the first forty minutes up in Newcastle.

"We got a bit lost for ten or so minutes in the second half at



"WE WILL LOOK HARD AT OURSELVES, IN TERMS OF CREATING THESE OPPORTUNITIES AND NOT TAKING THEM."

Kingston Park, but we had to react and bring the control back."

Last Friday's game against Saracens was a tough result to take, and Twelvetrees highlights the areas where the game slipped away from the Cherry and Whites.

"That's the difference when you play the top teams, when you get something slightly wrong, or don't take a few opportunities, it's very costly.

"We will look hard at ourselves, in terms of creating these opportunities and not taking them.

"Our discipline was not as good as it was the week before, and against top teams and top kickers,



they will take those points, and it showed in that game.

"We had a good game plan, stuck to it well, and put them under pressure but it is just those two or three opportunities, which had we converted, it would've been a different game."

Friday was the first Cherry and White run out at Kingsholm since way back on May 24th where Connacht were defeated, and Twelvetrees says it was great to be back in familiar surroundings.

"It was great to be back, the boys loved it, but that was probably the worst bit about it, we wanted to get the result for the fans.

"The crowd was amazing again, and we could hear them all game. It is definitely an influence for us, and this Saturday we want to go out there and get the result for the fans and reward the support that they give us."

With Worcester returning to Kingsholm for the first time since their return to the top table of English rugby, a number of familiar faces are now part of the Warriors' ranks, and Twelvetrees is looking forward to catching up with some old friends after the game.

"It's always nice to see the boys that have been in the Gloucester shirt, or on the coaching staff, so it will be an interesting one. But as soon as it comes down to kick off we will forget about that, and it's just two teams going at it hammer and tong.

"For us, we're back at home and we're putting a statement down and enjoying ourselves for the team."

And finally, after the conclusion of today's game, focus will turn to New Zealand v Australia in the Rugby World Cup final, so where is Billy expecting the Webb Ellis Trophy to go?

"I think it is going to be a really tough one. Both teams want to play quick rugby with a lot of



tempo, so the breakdown battle is going to be fierce. Whoever can slow the ball up and make it a tight game.

"Both sides have real quality so if they get quick ball it could be a really entertaining game. I'm not really supporting either side, but I am sure it will be an amazing spectacle."



RANDALL ON RUGBY

IAN RANDALL MEETS NICK WOOD

Two rounds down, and eight of the twelve Premiership teams have one win and one loss behind them. Only Saracens and Leicester are unbeaten, only Newcastle and London Irish are pointless. In Gloucester's two matches we have yet to see Nick Wood who, with four loose head props competing for a starting place, is arguably in the most competitive position in the squad.

This is Wood's 13th season at Kingsholm, and so with a heavy Gloucester influence at today's opponents, who better to ask about Worcester's likely approach under Dean Ryan, Carl Hogg and scrum coach Mefin Davies.

"I know how hard they work and how hard they make their players work" said Wood. "Dean gave me my first opportunity so I wasn't surprised how Worcester performed against Northampton in their first game. Outwardly they have been cagey, almost appearing to talk themselves down but I'm sure they have a confidence in what they are working on and that result was a pretty rude awakening for Saints."

Having been coached by Ryan and Hogg in tandem, and then alone by Hogg after Ryan left, Wood cites the Scotsman's attention to detail

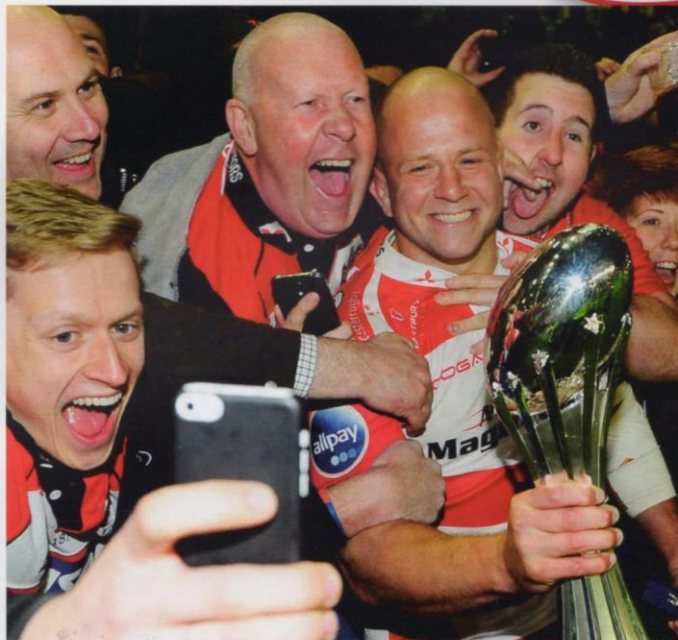
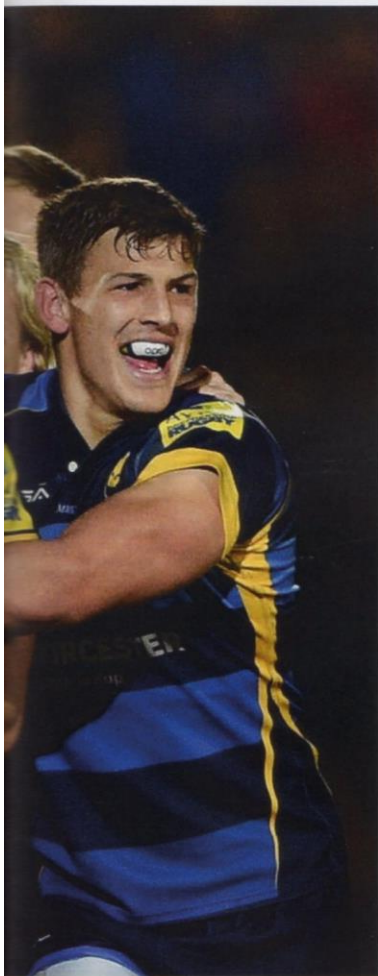


I LEARNED A LOT FROM HAVING MEFIN ALONGSIDE ME IN MY YOUNGER DAYS" ADDED WOOD. "HE WAS A FANTASTIC SCRUMMAGER AND PROBABLY THE BEST MENTOR I HAVE HAD AS A PLAYER WITHIN THE SQUAD.

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as something Gloucester must respect. He paints a picture of a man with a drive to understand everything and give his team every piece of ammunition possible in their armoury, and when it comes to the set piece, he knows former hooker Davies will have Worcester well drilled.

"I learned a lot from having Mefin alongside me in my younger days" added Wood. "He was a fantastic scrummager and probably the best mentor I have had as a player within the squad. I've had coaching mentors as my



career has progressed but as a player, at that time, Mefin was certainly the biggest influence."

The Warriors' Gloucester connection doesn't stop at the coaching staff of course. Centre Ryan Mills boomed over two penalties in the defeat at Sale last week, while flanker Matt Cox and fly half Ryan Lamb both played most of the second half as replacements and while they might be familiar to Wood he's the exception rather than the rule among the Gloucester players.

"Homework is essential because both Ryan's are in pivotal positions and we can't call their team until it's announced" Nick went on. "Mills is a good ball player and very strong, so he'll represent a threat, and their recruitment has mirrored ours with the likes of Donncha O'Callaghan and Phil Dowson now in their pack, which has added strength and experience."

Wood has trained fully ahead of the opening two matches. Paddy McAllister and Yann Thomas have

been selected at loose head so far, and that's a sequence Wood, in the nicest possible way, is keen to break up.

"I've always been self critical since my early days when the coaches were harsh on us" he said. "As time goes by you self analyse a lot because you get to know what the coaches want and they put the finishing touches around it. The one thing you understand at my age (32) is that there is an element of load management in what you do and that recovery is vital, otherwise you don't get the best out of yourself and the team doesn't benefit either."

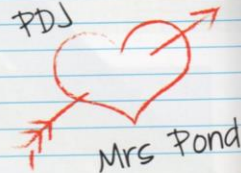
After last Friday's narrow defeat, Gloucester will be keen to start another winning run here today. Over the course of the season, I would expect Worcester to lean heavily on their home form but on their last two visits here the Warriors have taken a losing bonus point. Add the inside knowledge they now possess, and it's likely to be another bruising encounter.



Back To School

by Paul Doran Jones, age 30

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Pauls best friends

1. Ben
2. Dave
3. Duncan
4. Tom
5. Ben (again)



I WENT TO Hughenden Valley

MY BEST FRIEND WAS A chap called Ben Chivers

MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT WAS It would have to be Sport and PE

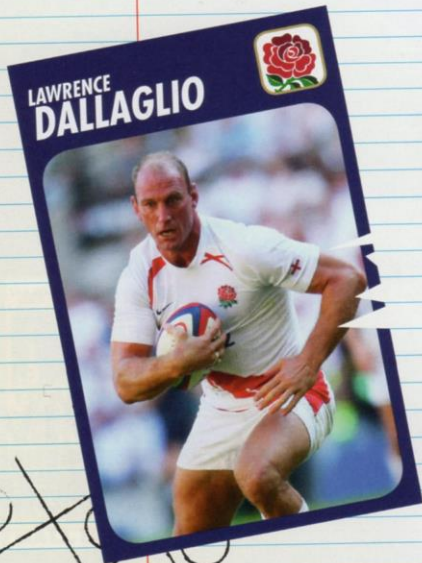
MY FAVOURITE TEACHER WAS Mrs Pond

MY FAVOURITE SCHOOL DINNER WAS Just everything!

IN MY SNACK BOX I HAD I was pretty lucky, my Mum used to get creative. Tomato bread and lamb sandwiches whilst everyone else had crustless jam sandwiches.

MY FIRST SCHOOL PLAY WAS Christmas Nativity, I was the Sixth Arab and King

IN THE PLAYGROUND I ran around pushing people over, and pulling girls' hair.

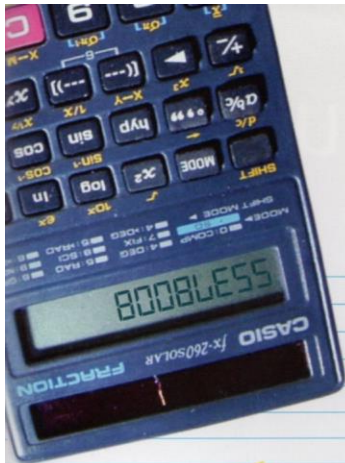


MY PRIMARY SCHOOL LOVE WAS Food.

MY EARLIEST RUGBY MEMORY Watching the Five Nations with my Dad.

WHEN WE PLAYED RUGBY I PRETENDED TO BE Lawrence Dallaglio.

AT SCHOOL SPORTS DAY I sat and watched



Paul's timetable
 PE
 Physics
 Bottle factory
 Rugby

SECONDARY SCHOOL

I WENT TO Wellington College

MY FAVOURITE MEMORY Winning Daily Mail Cup at Under 15.

I ENJOYED everything, I had a great time!

MY GRADES WERE 3 A's!

MY HARDEST SUBJECT WAS Maths

MY UNIFORM WAS Pretty smart, with a suit at the end of Sixth Form.

MY FAVOURITE SCHOOL TRIP WAS Rugby Tour to Ireland. Great time!

Dear Mr and Mrs Doran Jones

We regret to inform you that Paul doesn't seem to want to take part in PE



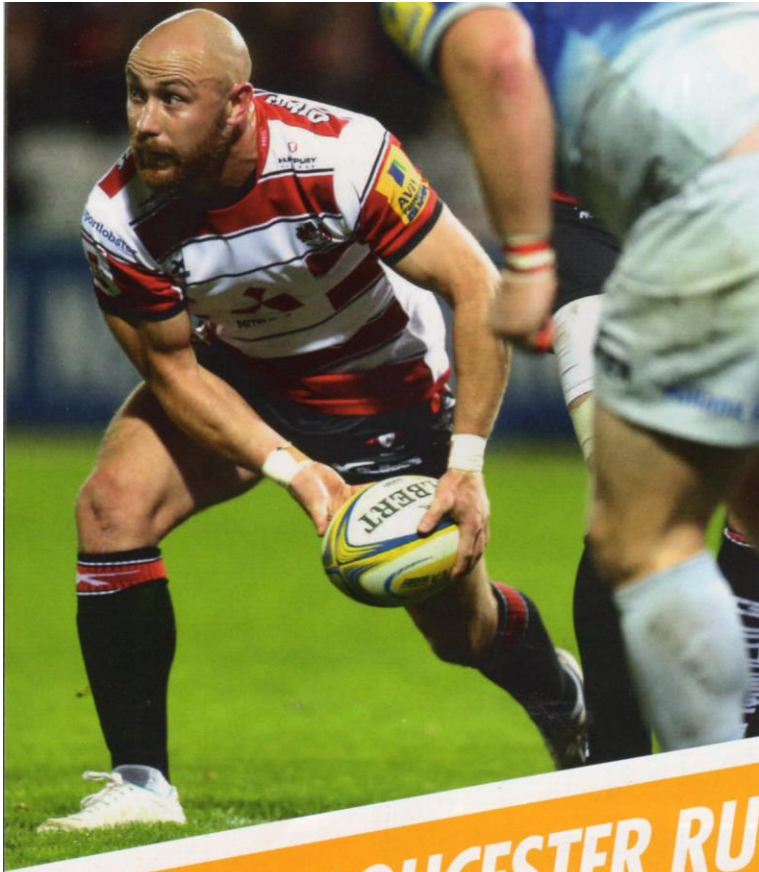
IN PE WE USED TO Sit and watch.

AT SCHOOL I WANTED TO BE a rugby player

ON WORK EXPERIENCE I WENT TO a building site!

SCHOOL IN THREE WORDS! I'd go back!





just a few minutes before to earn a 'special' reaction from the Shed.

Whether he should have still been on the pitch at that point is debatable, however, having been on the end of a very stern lecture from referee Carley just



GLOUCESTER RUGBY 15

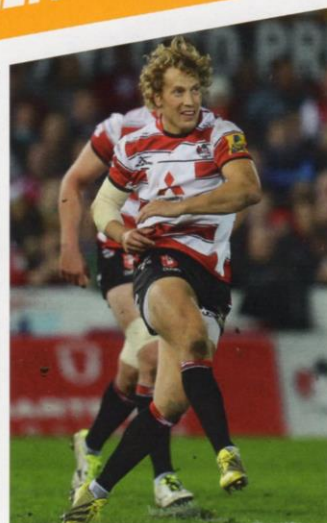
SARACENS 17

HALF TIME 6-11
ATTENDANCE Matt Carley
REFEREE 12,749

THIS FIXTURE produced a thriller of a finish last season, James Hook winning the game with a last minute penalty from long range.

This game perhaps didn't live up to that, but it did go down to the wire and was similarly tense right up until the final whistle. However, on this occasion, Owen Farrell landed the late penalty and Saracens took the spoils.

The England fly-half kept his nerve to kick two penalties in the final 11 minutes to help earn his side a 17-15 win. He deserves credit for reacting well to adversity, having missed a very kickable one



@GLOUCESTERRUGBY

Paddy McAllister @PaddyMcAllister
 Loved playing my first game at Kingsholm last night!! Special place, still gutted about the result!! Massive week ahead for @gloucester rugby



Willi Heinz really enjoyed his first run out in front of the Kingsholm crowd.

beforehand, the man with the whistle seeming to go for a card before changing his mind.

The Cherry and Whites could also consider themselves very unlucky to have conceded the only try of the game from a phase of play which began with the award of a lineout to Saracens when Gloucester clearly weren't in touch.

But the fact of the matter is that Saracens are past masters at dogging out a result in these sorts of situations. They weren't at 100%, they lost a couple of players



to injury in the first half, and still found a way to win.

Gloucester will look back on the chances they created with a hint of regret. They had a 'try' disallowed in the first half, and Billy Twelvetrees simply didn't see Jonny May in the second half with the



"IT'S DISAPPOINTING. PHYSICALLY I THOUGHT THE PLAYERS WERE RIGHT UP THERE. ULTIMATELY AGAINST A TEAM AS GOOD AS SARACENS IT IS GOING TO TURN ON FINE MARGINS."

DAVID HUMPHREYS

winger unmarked.

But the fact that Gloucester are so disappointed having lost so narrowly to such an accomplished team, shows how far this group has come in just over 12 months. It was a disappointing outcome, but they could so easily have toppled the champions.

Saracens looked to have taken a stranglehold of the game as they eased to an 0-8 lead, courtesy of a Hodgson penalty and well taken try from Ellery.

However, Gloucester hit back as Billy Twelvetrees kicked two penalties. He has already scored more points than the whole of

MATCHDAY SQUADS



GLOUCESTER RUGBY

- 15 Charlie Sharples
- 23 Rob Cook
- 13 Billy Twelvetrees 5P
- 12 Bill Meakes
- 11 Jonny May
- 10 James Hook
- 9 Willi Heinz
- 17 Yann Thomas
- 2 Richard Hibbard
- 18 Paul Doran Jones
- 4 Tom Savage
- 19 Elliott Stooke
- 20 Jacob Rowan
- 7 Matt Kvesic
- 8 Ben Morgan

- 16 Tom Lindsay
- 1 Paddy McAllister
- 3 John Afoa
- 5 Sione Kalamafoni
- 6 Lewis Ludlow
- 21 Callum Braley
- 22 Steve McColl
- 14 David Halaifonua Tonga



SARACENS

- 15 Alex Goode
- 14 Chris Ashton
- 13 Nick Tompkins
- 12 Owen Farrell 3P
- 23 Ben Ransom
- 22 Nils Mordt
- 21 Richard Wigglesworth
- 17 Rhys Gill
- 2 Jamie George
- 18 Titi Lamositele
- 4 George Kruis
- 19 Alistair Hargreaves
- 20 Will Fraser
- 7 Kelly Brown
- 8 Jackson Wray

- 16 Jared Saunders
- 1 Mako Vunipola
- 3 Petrus du Plessis
- 5 Jim Hamilton
- 6 Mike Rhodes
- 9 Neil de Kock
- 10 Charlie Hodgson 1P
- 11 Mike Ellery 1T

last season. However, the last kick of the half, a penalty from Farrell, gave Saracens a 6-11 lead at half time.

The second half then became a duel between the respective goal-kickers as the two defences prevented clear-cut try-scoring opportunities.

Twelvetrees landed two to earn his side a 12-11 lead, Farrell made it 12-14, Twelvetrees responded for 15-14 before Farrell had the final word on 77 minutes.



APPLYING THE LAW – WITH SHERBORNES SOLICITORS, OFFICIAL LEGAL PARTNER OF GLOUCESTER RUGBY

Frustratingly, Saracens' try came from a decision that the officials got wrong on the night. Bill Meakes was adjudged to have been tackled into touch, but the Assistant Referee was fooled by an old World Cup line which was painted over when the pitch was widened. The visitors won the lineout and moved downfield to score.



5-0 13-7 16-17 19-22
 5-7 16-7 19-17 25-22
 8-7 16-10 -



TONIGHT'S TEAMSHEET

GLoucester RUGBY vs WORCESTER WARRIORS



Aviva Premiership Rugby - Round 3
 Saturday 31st October 2015, KO 14:00 Kingsholm

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|---------------------------|-------------------|----|-------------------|----------------------|
| CHARLIE SHARPLES | FULLBACK | 15 | FULLBACK | CHRIS PENNELL |
| DAVID HALAIFONUA T | RIGHT WING | 14 | RIGHT WING TT | COOPER VUNA |
| BILLY TWELVETREES (C) PPP | OUTSIDE CENTRE | 13 | OUTSIDE CENTRE | WYNAND OLIVIER |
| BILL MEAKES | INSIDE CENTRE | 12 | INSIDE CENTRE | RYAN MILLS |
| JONNY MAY | LEFT WING | 11 | LEFT WING | TOM BIGGS |
| JAMES HOOK | FLY HALF | 10 | FLY HALF CPC | TOM HEATHCOTE |
| WILLI HEINZ | SCrum HALF | 9 | SCrum HALF | JONNY ARR |
| PADDY McALLISTER | LOOSEHEAD PROP | 1 | LOOSEHEAD PROP | NA'AMA LELEIMALEFAGA |
| RICHARD HIBBARD T | HOKKER | 2 | HOKKER T | NIALL ANNETT |
| JOHN AFOA SOUTH | TIGHTHEAD PROP | 3 | TIGHTHEAD PROP | NICK SCHONERT |
| TOM SAVAGE | LOCK | 4 | LOCK | DONNCHA O'CALLAGHAN |
| SIONE KALAMAFONI T | LOCK | 5 | LOCK | DARREN BARRY |
| ROSS MORIARTY | BLINDSIDE FLANKER | 6 | BLINDSIDE FLANKER | PHIL DOWSON |
| MATT KVESIC | OPENSIDE FLANKER | 7 | OPENSIDE FLANKER | MARCO MAMA |
| BEN MORGAN | NUMBER 8 | 8 | NUMBER 8 | GJ VAN VELZE (C) |

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| CHRIS BROOKER | REPLACEMENT | 16 | REPLACEMENT | DAN GEORGE |
| YANN THOMAS | REPLACEMENT | 17 | REPLACEMENT | RYAN BOWER |
| PAUL DORAN-JONES | REPLACEMENT | 18 | REPLACEMENT | JOE REES |
| ELLIOTT STOOKE | REPLACEMENT | 19 | REPLACEMENT | TEVITA CAVUBATI |
| JACOB ROWAN | REPLACEMENT | 20 | REPLACEMENT | MATT COX |
| GREIG LAIDLAW | REPLACEMENT | 21 | REPLACEMENT | CHARLIE MULCHRONE |
| BILLY BURNS | REPLACEMENT | 22 | REPLACEMENT | RYAN LAMB |
| HENRY PURDY | REPLACEMENT | 23 | REPLACEMENT | BEN HOWARD |

Officials

Referee Craig Maxwell-Keys Assistant Referees Tom Foley and Jonathan Healy