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CAPTAIN'S CORNER BILLY TWELVETREES

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO KINGSHOLM AS WE WELCOME ZEBRE TO KICK OFF THE NEW EUROPEAN RUGBY CHALLENGE CUP SEASON.

IT seems a long time since that memorable evening in May, but it is a fantastic feeling to be going into a new campaign as holders, and we know we will be the team that everyone wants to beat.

We need to relish that tag, and ensure we are on our mettle in every game, and that starts this afternoon against a Zebre team who proved to be a difficult opponent last year.

That said, we found great confidence from our European Rugby Challenge Cup campaign last year, and although ideally we want to be testing ourselves in the

(RIGHT) We are looking to retain our title this season.



THERE IS A BUSY WEEK AHEAD, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGE OF ZEBRE, THE BARBARIANS AND LA ROCHELLE. IT WILL BE A TOUGH ONE, BUT WE OWE IT TO OURSELVES AND OUR SUPPORTERS TO STEP UP TO THE CHALLENGE.

Champions Cup, we know that we can use it as a springboard into our season again.

Zebre are a team that are improving game by game, and have already beaten Cardiff and Edinburgh in the past few weeks. They are definitely not a team to be taken lightly.

Last season's tournament was an area of focus for us, and to go through the tournament with a 100% record gave us huge confidence, and the aim is to repeat that this year, whilst giving our whole squad the chance to show what they can do.

In the past week, it has been great to welcome Jeremy Thrush into the squad, he has already made

a big impression in training with his attitude and work rate, and he is chomping at the bit to get out in front of the Kingsholm crowd this weekend, if given the chance.

We have had an honest week in training as we knew we came up short last Sunday against Wasps. Despite a lot of effort, we couldn't put any chances away and we know we're way better than what we showed.

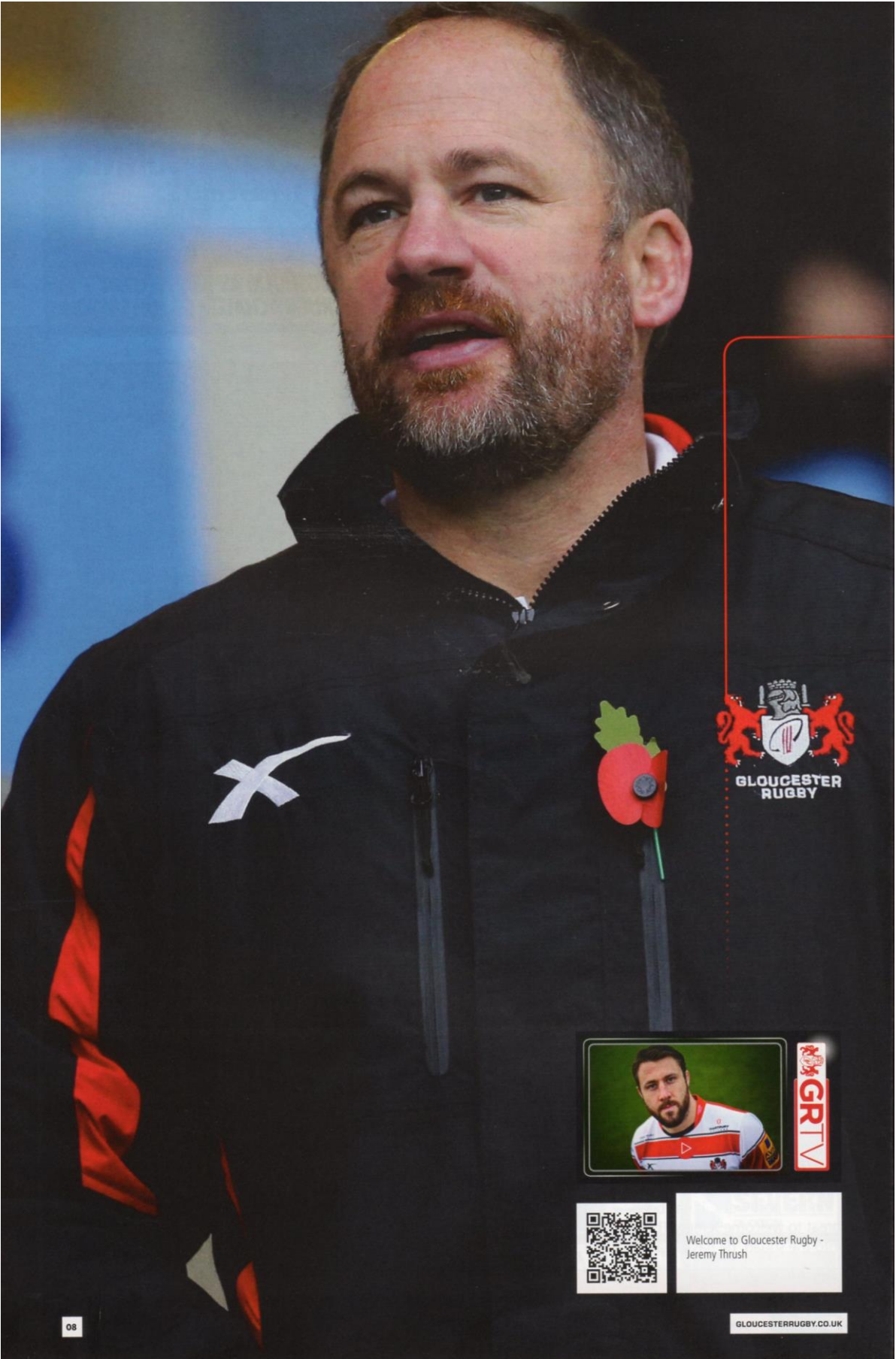
In patches, we managed to impose our game, but we were frustrated that we couldn't do that more consistently. We've focused closely on key areas this week, and we are massively determined to deliver a performance for our home crowd to be proud of.



There is a busy week ahead, and we are looking forward to the challenge of Zebre, the Barbarians and La Rochelle. It will be a tough one, but we owe it to ourselves and our supporters to step up to the challenge.

Enjoy the game

Billy



Welcome to Gloucester Rugby -
Jeremy Thrush



DAVID HUMPHREYS

DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

AFTER THE FIRST FOUR ROUNDS OF AVIVA PREMIERSHIP MATCHES, WE'RE EXCITED TO BE BACK IN EUROPEAN CHALLENGE CUP ACTION THIS AFTERNOON AGAINST ZEBRE.

WINNING the Challenge Cup last season was a massive achievement for the Club and we will all have some great memories of victories at Kingsholm against Exeter and Connacht and of course beating Edinburgh at The Stoop.

Today, however, they count for nothing as we begin our defence of the competition and try to create history by becoming the first team to retain the Challenge Cup.

To do that we will have to improve our level of performance from last week to get the Pool stages off to a winning start. We were disappointed with certain aspects of how we played at the Ricoh where, similar to the Worcester game, we enjoyed lots of possession but failed to turn that pressure into points.

On a positive note our set piece, both scrum and lineout have been much more consistent this season and our defence will get better and better as everyone becomes more accustomed and confident in the new defensive systems.

It's very early days in the Premiership, however, and we're working hard to keep improving every aspect of our preparation and performance so that we move up the table as soon as possible when the competition resumes.

In terms of selection, we've always planned to give the whole squad an opportunity to play during the first few weeks of the season. We've had a number of players returning at different stages from RWC duty, new players arriving and some key players returning from injury and suspension.

But as you'll see from today's team, we're starting to develop the depth required to compete in two competitions across the course of a long season.

In particular, a special welcome to our latest Kiwi arrivals, Jeremy Thrush and Joe Latta, and I know Jeremy is looking forward to his first experience of playing at Kingsholm this afternoon.

For today, though, it's about the players putting in a performance that gets our defence of the European Rugby Challenge Cup off to the best possible start.

We found out a lot about ourselves competing in places like Brive and Oyonnax, as well as finding a way to win in knock-out scenarios on our way to lifting the trophy.

It was a valuable experience for our young squad and will hopefully stand us in good stead against Zebre who we got to know quite well in the group stages last season. They have recruited some quality, experienced players and have beaten both Edinburgh and Cardiff in the Pro12 League already this season.

But we've been focusing on ourselves this week. A busy few days lie ahead with the world famous Barbarians coming to Kingsholm on Tuesday and then the trip to La Rochelle for Thursday night's European encounter.

It's good to be back at home this afternoon. European games always have a slightly different feel to them and as we welcome all the players, coaches and supporters from Zebre, I'm looking forward to another enjoyable afternoon of rugby at Kingsholm.



(ABOVE) Joe Latta has been added to the squad this week

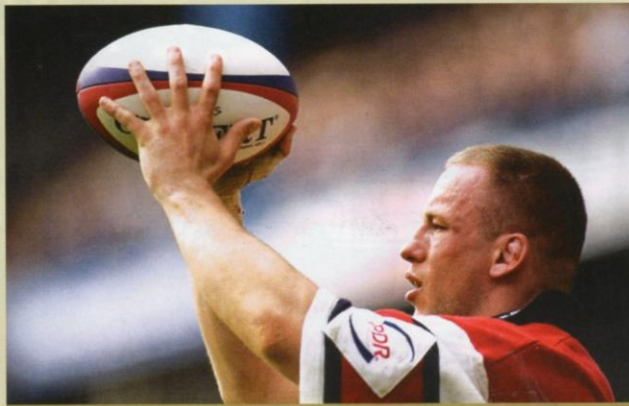


GLOUCESTER RUGBY HERITAGE

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GLOUCESTER HOOKERS PART 3

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.



• NEIL McCARTHY

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NEIL McCarthy won caps at every England level, Under 16, Under 18, Under 21 and Senior. In his youth he played as a prop. A combative and dependable hooker, he made 65 appearances for Gloucester from 1997-2000.

Neil was born on 29 November 1974 at Slough. His early rugby was played in the Bath Academy team, and he went on loan to Bedford for the 1996-97 season, just as professionalism was starting, before making his first appearance for Gloucester off the bench against Bristol on 24 August 1997, the game in which Philippe Saint-André played his first game for the club.

His first start was a fortnight later against Petrarca Padova on 7 September. He had to fight hard for his hooking spot against stiff opposition, first

from Phil Greening and then Chris Fortey. However, he was in the team which won the C&G Cup against Bedford in 1998.

He soon after broke through to international recognition and won three England caps, all as a replacement, the first of which was against Ireland in March 1999. In 2000 Neil left the club for Bristol where he played until 2002, when a knee injury in October of that year ended his career at the Mem and he moved north to join Orrell.

From 2008 to 2015 Neil was Academy Manager at Leicester Tigers, but in March this year he returned to Kingsholm as head of Gloucester's Academy.

CHRIS FORTEY

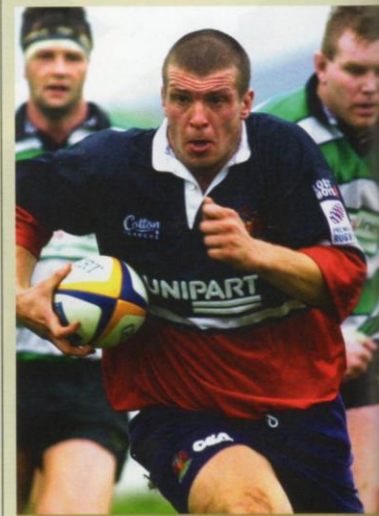
CHRIS Fortey was born on 25 August 1975 and first played for Gordon League before making his debut for Gloucester on 19 March

1996 against Lydney, a game which proved to be the last one played against the Forest club.

He started his Gloucester career as third choice hooker behind Phil Greening and Neil McCarthy. But he was hooker in the winning C&G Cup Final team in 1999, and by the 1999-2000 season he was sharing the top spot with Neil McCarthy.

The next season he attracted national recognition by touring with the England 'A' squad to Canada and USA.

Ollie Azam arrived at the start of the 2000-01 season, which further restricted Chris's appearances, but he did have one undisputed season as first choice in 2003-04 when Ollie returned to France.



• CHRIS FORTEY



GLOUCESTER RUGBY HERITAGE



COMING UP...
RANDALL ON RUGBY
WITH DAN AND NICKY THOMAS

Ollie's return the following season prompted a move to Sale, but early in the season he broke an ankle. He moved on to Worcester where he played for several seasons. Chris appeared in 185 Gloucester games from 1996 to 2005.

OLLIE AZAM

OLLIE Azam must rate as one of the most popular players ever to pull on the famous Cherry and White jersey. The Kingsholm crowd loved his complete commitment to the cause (some referees thought he was a little over-committed), and the sight of him barging upfield with perhaps three tacklers trying to subdue him would bring loud calls of "Oll-ie, Oll-ie" from the Shed.



• OLLIE AZAM

No matter that he was French, he had become an adopted Gloucesterian, appearing in 240 games from 2000 to 2011.

Ollie was born on 21 October 1974 in Tarbes. He played at No.8 initially for the local club, before moving to the front row. He then played for Montferrand (now known as Clermont-

Auvergne, a club some may have heard of).

In 1995 at the age of 21 he was awarded his first two French caps against Romania and Argentina. Several France 'A' appearances followed, but it would not be until 2000-02 that he gained his other eight full caps.

It was Philippe Saint-André, with whom Ollie had played at Montferrand, who brought him to Kingsholm for the start of the 2000-01 season. He was an immediate hit with the home supporters, who loved his aggressive performances.

Referees tended to take a different opinion, and Ollie was no stranger to yellow cards and some lengthy suspensions, none of which diminished the adoration of the Shed.

In 2000-01 Gloucester had a long run in the Heineken Cup, and only lost in the semi-final to Leicester. Ollie was present in all eight games. He was there in the successful Zurich League Championship Final against Bristol in 2002, the winning Powergen Cup team against Northampton in 2003, and a few weeks later in the team which lost the Premiership Final to Wasps. In 2006 Gloucester won the European Challenge Cup final against London Irish, and Ollie came off the bench in that game.

Ollie did leave Kingsholm for one season (2003-04) and returned to Montferrand, but the lure of Gloucester was too great and he was back the following season. In 2008-09 he was voted the Supporters' Player of the Year, and in 2010-11 he was awarded a Club Testimonial.

As time went on, the one flaw to Ollie's game, throwing in to the line-out, became more apparent, but it was still a shock when he was not retained after the 2010-11 season. He did

have the satisfaction though, of being in the team which won the LV= Cup Final against Newcastle that season.

Ollie then became Forwards Coach at Toulon, and in 2013 was named coach at Lyon, where he guided them into the French Top 14. Olivier is now Director of Sport at French side Oyonnax.

MEFIN DAVIES

MEFIN Davies was a seasoned Welsh International well before coming to Kingsholm. He was first capped in 2002 whilst a Pontypridd player, and captained Wales against Romania in 2003. He won 38 caps from 2002-07.



• MEFIN DAVIES

When rugby in Wales was regionalised, Mefin played for Celtic Warriors, the amalgamation of Pontypridd and Bridgend. Unfortunately, the region folded in 2004, and Gloucester adroitly offered Mefin a contract, in order to cover for injury to Ollie Azam and the exit of Chris Fortey to Worcester.

He was a good investment, a solid and reliable hooker, and went on to make 65 appearances from 2004-07. He was in the winning European Challenge Cup Final against London Irish in 2006.

In 2007 he signed a contract with Leicester and, ironically, his final game for Gloucester was against Leicester in the Premiership Final of 2007, when he came off the bench.

Mefin is now part of the coaching set-up at Worcester.



PAUL DORAN-JONES



@PaulDoranJones
Amazing to pull on the
cherry and white hoops
again today for
@gloucesterrugby Can
finally put injury behind me.
Very grateful to all!





UP FOR THE CHALLENGE

OVER 4 YEARS PASSED BETWEEN PAUL DORAN-JONES' 48TH AND 49TH APPEARANCES IN THE CHERRY AND WHITE OF GLOUCESTER, AND THE FRONT ROWER IS DETERMINED TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME ON THE FIELD.



AFTER spells with Northampton Saints and Harlequins, Doran-Jones returned to Kingsholm during the summer, and the 30-year old is loving being back amongst the action and is focused on pushing forward as the new season gathers pace.

"It's great to be back and, as I said when I came back, I'm delighted to have been given the chance to come back to Gloucester as it's a place that I have fond memories of.

"It's been great to get back to Kingsholm and pull on the jersey again. To be back on the pitch has been awesome because I have had an injury strewn few years. So the first few weeks of this season, it's been a relatively successful period for me."

IT'S BEEN GREAT TO GET BACK TO KINGSHOLM AND PULL ON THE JERSEY AGAIN. TO BE BACK ON THE PITCH HAS BEEN AWESOME.

The Gloucester scrum has been one of the shining lights in the opening four rounds of the Aviva Premiership season, but Doran-Jones attributes the grunt up front to a preseason packed full of hard work.

"I think we have worked hard all preseason as a unit. We set ourselves the target of being an uncompromising, tough pack, which is what Gloucester Rugby, in my opinion, has been built upon through the years.

"We've been trying to bring that to the table, from the guys starting and setting the platform, to the guys coming on. We feel we've been doing a pretty good job and given a good platform for the rest of the game to fall into place.

"The hard work never stops, the boys are working tirelessly to improve through working with Trevor Woodman and Laurie, and the line out guys. So, as a unit we are in a good place and looking to improve week on week.

"I think we are in a good place when the replacements can come on at that hour mark in the game,

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and make an impact on the match when people start fading. Luckily for us we have been able to come on and make a difference.

"Yann Thomas, I think, has been outstanding backing up on that loose-head side along with Paddy McAllister. And obviously myself at a tight-head with John, and the hookers are doing the same.

"I think that adds to our strength in depth and that is something that has really been an area of focus for the squad, and we're starting to see the fruits of that labour.

"There's still a long way to go, we definitely don't want to start patting ourselves on the back – it's only week four!"

It's been a frustrating few seasons for Doran-Jones, with injury a niggling presence, but, with plenty of rugby ahead of him, he is phlegmatic with being

back fighting fit and plenty of life experience under his belt.

"I'm most happy to be fit and injury free, and that was my main goal at the start of the season. I feel like I'm improving in the game, and learning new things.

"It's important with the new scrum rules to keep nicking little bits off quality players. Hibbs, John and Trevor are quality operators that I can glean information from. They've gone a long way, and that can only help me grow, and I want to keep building on that week on week.

"The life experiences that I have got have been massive and that's what it is all about. In hindsight, would I have been in a better place had I stayed put? You never know.

"I was fortunate to go to some great clubs, and work with some great coaches and fans. I don't regret any of that. I'm in a good



place and I'm loving my rugby again, and long may it continue!"

With focus turning onto the European Rugby Challenge Cup this weekend, Doran-Jones has a steely determination to make his mark on the competition, starting this weekend against Zebre.

"Of course, we've got a home fixture, and this competition is something that again the boys are really wanting to do well, and defend the trophy they worked so hard for.

"It's something we were proud as a club to achieve, but we have to build on that and start something.

"Not only that but it is a chance for some of the boys to step up and show what they can do and vie for that starting spot."

KINGSHOLM NEWS WITH BOB FENTON

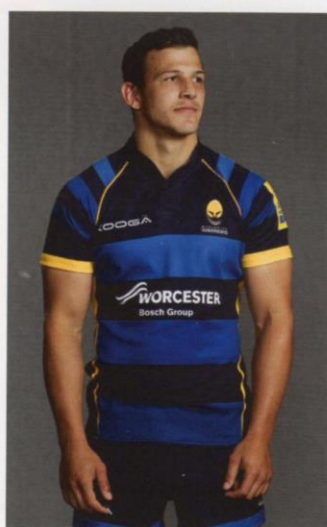


HERE WE ARE THEN, A COUPLE OF WEEKS INTO THE SEASON AND IT'S EUROPEAN RUGBY CHALLENGE CUP TIME ALREADY. ON PAPER IT'S THE EASIEST TIE OF THE POOL STAGES FOR US, BUT WE DON'T PLAY ON PAPER...



A bit of a break from the Premiership may not be a bad thing after last weekend. A couple of weeks ago we welcomed Worcester here to Kingsholm, it was a typically Gloucester v Worcester affair, though at times it did look like we were really trying to give them the points. The last few moments were very hard on the heart, I'm clearly getting too old for these things.

Worcester have shown enough to indicate that they are not going anywhere at the end of the season. As you would expect a well drilled side and very hard to break down. It was good to see one Ryan Mills back on the pitch. I think



everyone at Kingsholm who saw him playing in his Gloucester days had him down as one to watch, but for a while injuries looked like they were going to have a major impact on his career. Could have done without him kicking quite so accurately though!

Then last weekend... It didn't go well at Wasps, did it? In fact, if I were to write up the highlights from that game it would be a very short piece. We were doing ok up until kick off and things went pretty much downhill after that. But that's the way it goes sometimes, best laid plans and all of that.

Deep down we know that no one went up there to end up in a game like that, but that's sport. A



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few slightly questionable decisions, a well taken try and all of a sudden the game's getting away from you. It's history now though, dust yourself down and move on.

There were a couple of moments worth reflecting on - the two red cards. Both decisions were 'called' by the TMO, one at the request of the referee, the other was due to his own intervention. As I've said before, the intervention of the TMO is becoming a little too frequent for my liking - let the game go, let the referee make his decisions and, for the really naughty stuff, let the citing commissioner do their work.

One thing bothered me though, what was the TMO reacting to when he made his call. I don't know enough about the workings in the truck to know if he is looking at the game in real time, can watch the same pictures that are shown on TV - or whether he is looking

at a variety of different feeds. It did seem, though, that he was reacting to the outpourings of the commentator and pundits.

The first incident - David Halaifonua high tackle - looked pretty nailed on as a red card from the word go, no malice intended but it was clearly a high shot. The referee said initially a yellow, but was advised by the TMO to effectively think again. The second incident - Lorenzo Cittadini appearing to punch Billy Twelvetrees at the bottom of a ruck - was less clear cut until the TMO called it in.

In both instances though, those watching on TV would have heard Austin Healey yelling for red cards. I guess my concern is whether the TMO is listening to this and - albeit inadvertently - is being pressurised to go along with the demands of a pundit. I really hope that isn't the case, but would love

to know the answer.

The second incident in particular was pretty innocuous, yes wrong and you can't punch people anymore and expect to get away with it. But was Billy bothered? He seemed to be telling the ref that it was nothing and to get on with the game. If - and I stress if - they are listening and reacting, then we'll see more decisions of this nature as officials avoid getting in the firing line of a particularly vociferous pundit who will castigate them for - in their opinion - getting a decision or sanction wrong.

Bring back referees, I say! Give them the freedom to referee the game as they see it, and respect their decisions - even the odd duff one. As they say, it's swings and roundabouts and these things even out over a season. Anyway without the odd controversial decision what would we have to get all het up about!

But back to today. But for a penalty and a well taken heartbreaking drop goal we would have been playing in the big league this weekend. It would have been lovely to be going to places like Toulon, Muster, etc but are we ready for that?

I know some dismiss this competition, I don't get it. There are only so many trophies that can be won, so let's keep this one and get the automatic qualification for the big cup next year.

First Zebre though... Surely has to be five points in the bag doesn't it? I really hope so, like I said earlier I'm too old for those tight games now, and I definitely can't take another heartbreak like last weekend.

So come on boys, do it for me. Well, and the other thousands who will flock into Kingsholm today.





RANDALL ON RUGBY

AS GLOUCESTER PREPARE FOR A SEQUENCE OF THREE GAMES IN SIX DAYS, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THE CHERRY & WHITES SQUAD THIS AFTERNOON COULD CONTAIN THREE PLAYERS WITH THE SAME SURNAME.

BBC Gloucestershire commentator Andrew Pugh has already had to contend with two Vunipola's, a Tagicakibau and a Leleimalefaga this season. Today it's not the name itself but multiples of the same one that are the issue.

Two of Gloucester's three Thomas' are props - Yann is the more experienced and Nicky the rookie, while Dan, still in the Academy, cut his teeth in terms of first team action in the back row last season and has been playing some National League rugby at Hartpury in recent weeks to keep him sharp.

"This week could be my first opportunity to play - I certainly hope to be involved" he told me.

"I have to be patient but at the same time it is frustrating when I thought I did well at the end of last season. My personal goal was to get more game time in the Premiership. I know I have to take any opportunity I get, and we do have a lot of internationals in the back row, so you have to respect them and what they have done."

'DT', as he's known around the club, has played against the bearded Nicky Thomas regularly coming up through the age groups in Wales. Nicky also had a National



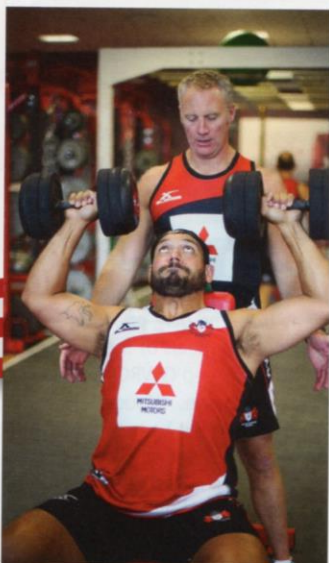
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WE HAVE EXECUTION DAYS, KNOWLEDGE DAYS AND GRUNT DAYS. I'M HERE TO LEARN, ESPECIALLY OFF JOHN AFOA AND TREVOR WOODMAN. BUT I ALSO WANT TO COMPETE FOR THE PLACE BEHIND JOHN WITH PAUL DORAN - JONES. NICKY THOMAS



League game last weekend - in his case for Cinderford - and the attention to detail at Gloucester has opened his eyes since arriving in the summer.

"Everything is here for you" said Nicky. "On my first day here there were 6 conditioning staff in the gym alone for our tests,



which is a step up in terms of the professionalism I was used to.

"I hadn't played in a game between the friendlies and last Saturday so it was good to get a run out ahead of a busy time, and to be third choice at tight head is not a bad position for a 21 year old.

"We have execution days, knowledge days and grunt days. I'm here to learn, especially off John Afoa and Trevor Woodman, but I also want to compete for the place behind John with Paul Doran-Jones."

It's impossible not to visualise rotation over the coming three matches, and so that could mean veteran (sic) Yann moving from the bench to the starting XV. He's an unfussy player, and to get within striking distance of 100 appearances as a 25 year old in a position where peak performance is reached later than others speaks volume for his value.

I ask if he has a nickname among the players. "Not one you can print" came the reply, but Yann was more open about understanding his

role within the squad.

"The guys on the bench have just as important a role as the starters" he said.

"Everyone wants to start - you'd be in the wrong job if you didn't - but the replacements have to finish the game off, to see it out if you like. Whoever gets the nod will get the encouragement of the others, and even though Paddy (McAllister) is a strong boy and has brought lots of energy with him, any one of the four of us (McAllister, Murphy, Wood and Yann himself) could have played so far."

Yann also acknowledges a good start in the Challenge Cup is essential as Gloucester look to retain the trophy they won against Edinburgh at The Stoop in May.

"We won all six group games last year and that's our aim again" he went on. "Zebre we played last season so we have an idea what they'll be like, but it's a while since we met La Rochelle and it's always tricky in France.

"You never quite know what sort of side will turn up, other than they are always a different animal at home compared to away. Hopefully being at home for the first game will give us some momentum."

Gloucester come into today's game off the back of a sixth successive defeat at the hands of Wasps, a result which leaves them in 9th place until the Premiership resumes with a trip to Northampton at the end of the month.

Saints may have opened their new Barwell Stand last weekend, but the victory by Saracens leaves them with three defeats from the opening block of matches.

Gloucester are only marginally better off, so some extra sharpness to the play, as well as an encouraging win, will be demanded today.



Back To School

by Elliott Stooke, age 23

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Elliott's best friends

1. Ed
2. Miss Green
3. Duncan
4. Tom
5. Ed (again)



I WENT TO Eckington First School

MY BEST FRIEND WAS Ed Davies.

MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT WAS PE.

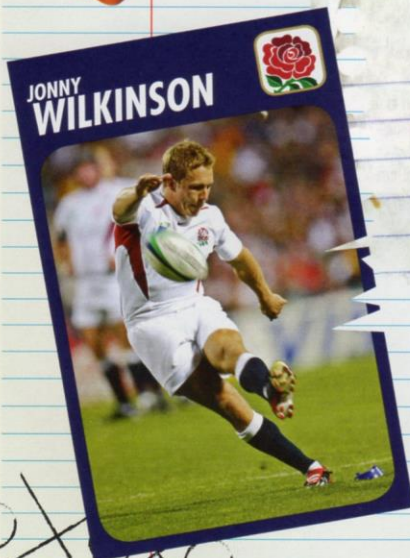
MY FAVOURITE TEACHER WAS Miss Green.

MY FAVOURITE SCHOOL DINNER WAS Jacket Potato, cheese and beans.

IN MY SNACK BOX I HAD Loads of fruit!

MY FIRST SCHOOL PLAY WAS King Henry VIII.

IN THE PLAYGROUND Played kiss chase. Under the 'Love Tree' it was called.



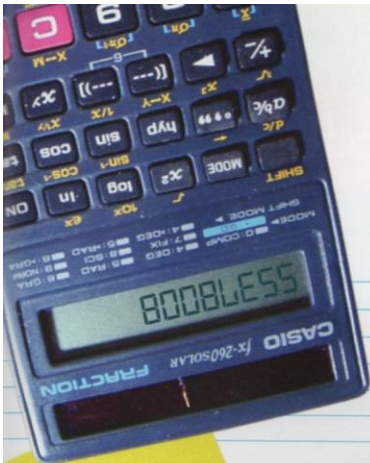
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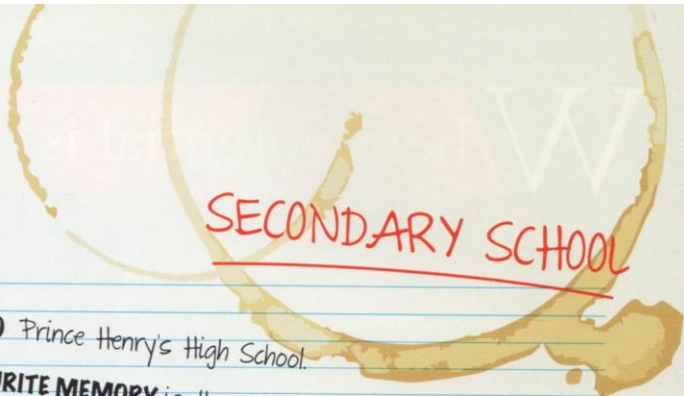
MY EARLIEST RUGBY MEMORY Watching the Six Nations with my family, and the old man saying I should try this.

WHEN WE PLAYED RUGBY I PRETENDED TO BE Jonny Wilkinson.

AT SCHOOL SPORTS DAY I dropped the egg in the Egg and Spoon race.



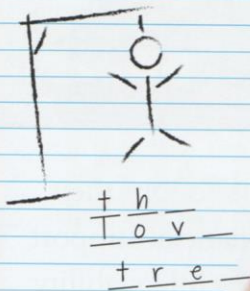
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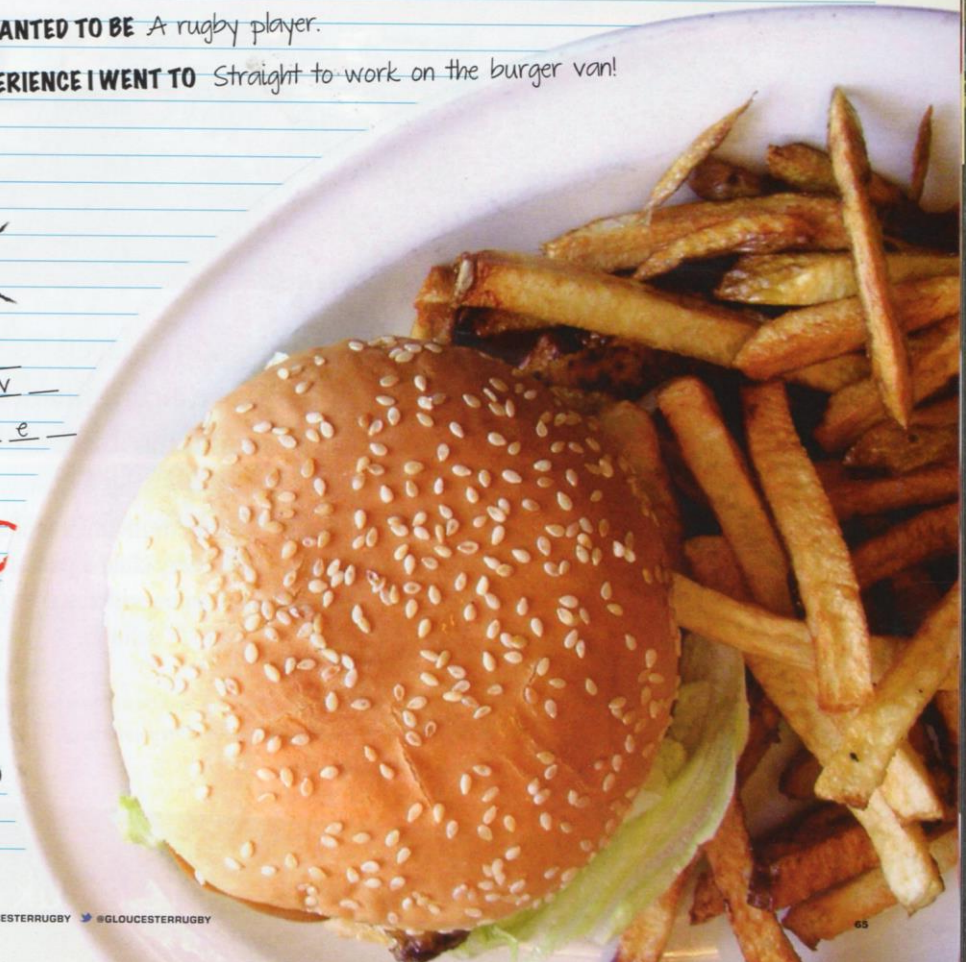
- I WENT TO** Prince Henry's High School.
- MY FAVOURITE MEMORY** is the school trip to Sorrento.
- I ENJOYED** Sunny days on the field.
- MY GRADES WERE** Not great!
- MY HARDEST SUBJECT WAS** French
- MY UNIFORM WAS** Shirt, tie, blazer and trousers. Pretty smart.
- GOT IN TROUBLE FOR** Being late for classes. Most classes.
- MY FAVOURITE SCHOOL TRIP WAS** Sorrento.
- IN PE WE USED TO** Play promotion/relegation (football).

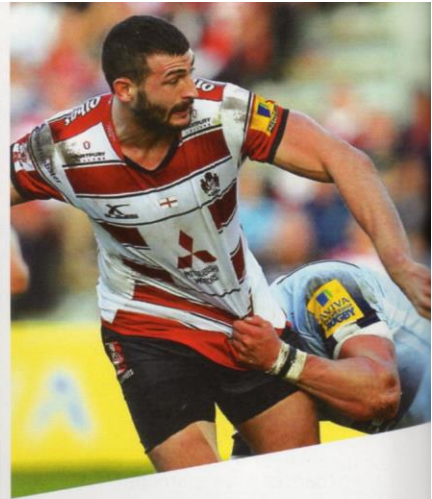
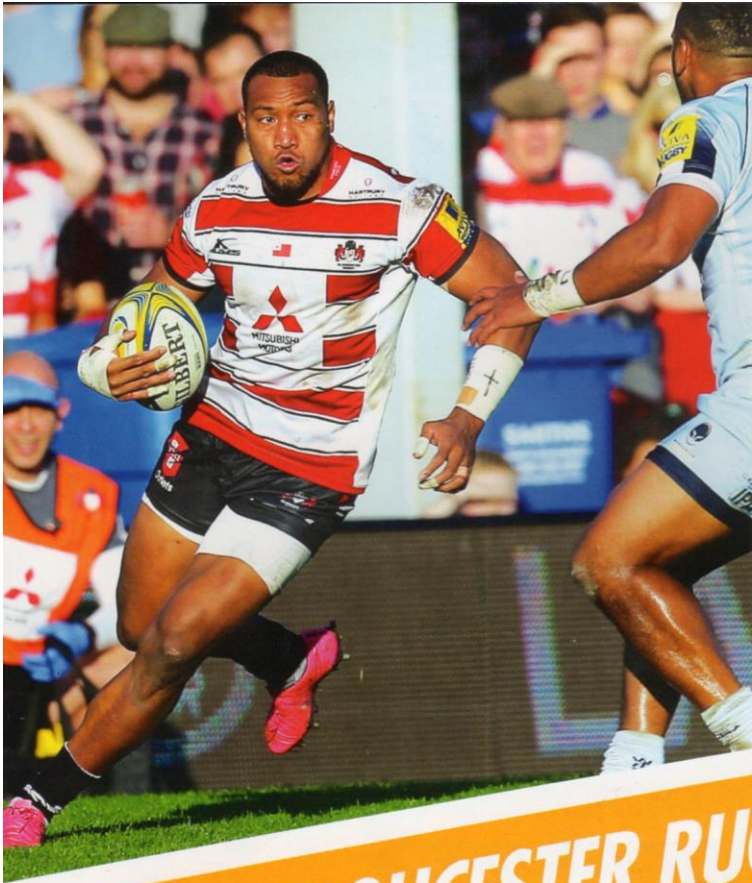
AT SCHOOL I WANTED TO BE A rugby player.
ON WORK EXPERIENCE I WENT TO Straight to work on the burger van!



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roles, Sione Kalamafoni had a free run to the line for the second try of the afternoon.

But just as they had done in the opening salvos, Warriors hit back. The returning Ryan Mills chipped over a penalty, and then hooker

GLOUCESTER RUGBY 24 WORCESTER WARRIORS 22



HALF TIME 19-17
ATTENDANCE 12,913
REFEREE Craig Maxwell-Keys

THE Cherry and Whites got off the mark at Kingsholm for the new 2015-16 season with a narrow, hard fought victory over a stubborn Worcester Warriors side.

The win was based on forward dominance, but the hosts will definitely rue their failure to put the game to bed earlier, in a result that was always in the balance, right up to the final play.

David Halaifonua picked the perfect time to score his first try for the club, as the Tongan dived over gleefully in front of The Shed to put the Cherry and Whites into a lead

they held onto throughout the final quarter.

Looking at the bigger picture, it was a game that the hosts fully deserved to win, with many inside Kingsholm frustrated that the bonus point score did not arrive, with Craig Maxwell-Keys at the centre of attention.

It took just three minutes to get the scoreboard rolling, as Richard Hibbard dotted down at the rear of a patient and powerful maul, but almost immediately, Cooper Vuna picked off Bill Meakes' pass in midfield to stroll under the posts.

The Gloucester pack were beginning to flex their muscles, with the scrum dominance seeing Billy Twelvetrees put the hosts into the lead, and that platform allowed the midfield to push forwards.

A smart outside break from Bill Meakes and via Matt Kvesic and Jonny May's excellent supporting

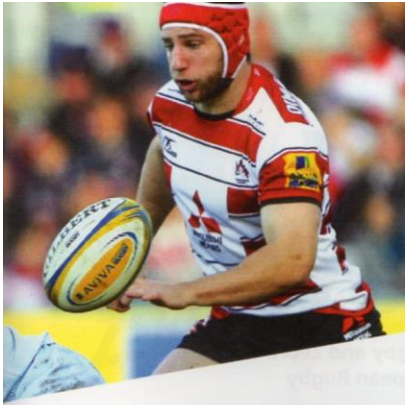


"...It was a real squad effort from us all to get the win..." says **Billy Burns** after Warriors win

Niall Annett scored from a 14-man maul, despite a double throw catching the home pack on their heels.

The hosts did go into the break though with a two-point lead after another Twelvetrees penalty won at the scrum, as the Warriors proved tricky to shake off.

After a spell of Gloucester pressure, Vuna benefitted from a sharp midfield break from the Warriors backline to open the scoring in the second half, as the hosts huffed and puffed to



turn their forward dominance into points, but a number of half chances were spurned.

Billy Burns' introduction to the fray sparked Gloucester into life, and the young fly half was soon buzzing around midfield and

METRES RUN WITH THE BALL
GLoucester 429M
WORCESTER 217M

I'M ALL FOR NOT GOING TO THE TMO ON TOO MANY OCCASIONS BUT THE REFEREE DID MAKE A MISTAKE AND MADE THE WRONG CALL. IT COST US A BONUS POINT AND THE TRY WOULD HAVE SEALED THE MATCH AT THAT STAGE. DAVID HUMPHREYS

starting to make things happen.

His neatly worked run around move with James Hook created a half chance, and via Charlie Sharples, Halaifonua was on the support to step past the last man and dive over for what was the match winning try.

With just a two-point lead at this stage, the hosts worked hard for the fourth try, but it looked as if it wasn't going to come.

Jonny May picked up a superb flat pass from Meakes off his toes, but it was judged forward by Mr Maxwell-Keys, much to the disdain

MATCHDAY SQUADS



GLoucester RUGBY

- 15 Charlie Sharples
- 14 David Halaifonua 1T
- 13 Billy Twelvetrees 3P
- 12 Bill Meakes
- 11 Jonny May
- 10 James Hook
- 9 Willi Heinz
- 1 Paddy McAllister
- 2 Richard Hibbard 1T
- 3 John Afoa
- 4 Tom Savage
- 5 Sione Kalamafoni 1T
- 6 Ross Moriarty
- 7 Matt Kvesic
- 8 Ben Morgan

- 16 Chris Brooker
- 17 Yann Thomas
- 18 Paul Doran-Jones
- 19 Elliott Stooke
- 20 Jacob Rowan
- 21 Callum Braley
- 22 Billy Burns
- 23 Henry Purdy



WORCESTER WARRIORS

- 15 Chris Pennell
- 14 Tom Biggs
- 13 Wynand Olivier
- 12 Ryan Mills 1P
- 11 Cooper Vuna 2T
- 10 Tom Heathcote 2C
- 9 Jonny Arr
- 1 Naama Leleimalefaga
- 2 Niall Annett 1T
- 3 Nic Schonert ■
- 4 Donncha O'Callaghan
- 5 Tevita Cavubati
- 6 Phil Dowson
- 7 Marco Mama
- 8 Gerrit-Jan van Velze

- 16 Daniel George
- 17 Val Rapava Ruskin
- 18 Joe Rees
- 19 Darren Barry
- 20 Matt Cox
- 21 Charlie Mulchrone
- 22 Ryan Lamb
- 23 Ben Howard

of the Kingsholm crowd, especially with the replays showing the try to be good.

A series of 5m scrums for the hosts looked to be the next source of the fourth try, especially with Nick Schonert's yellow card, and as Gloucester hunted the fifth scrum penalty, the set piece went uncontested and Worcester escaped down field.

A frantic few moments ensued but the hosts held on.

PENALTIES CONCEDED
GLoucester 5
WORCESTER 15



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Gloucester's pack dug deep just a few minutes from time as they went in search of the try which would clinch the game and the try scoring bonus point.

Referee Craig Maxwell-Keys gave four penalties against a clearly struggling Worcester scrum, but his decision to sin bin Nick Schonert resulted in uncontested scrums and nullified Gloucester's advantage up front.

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

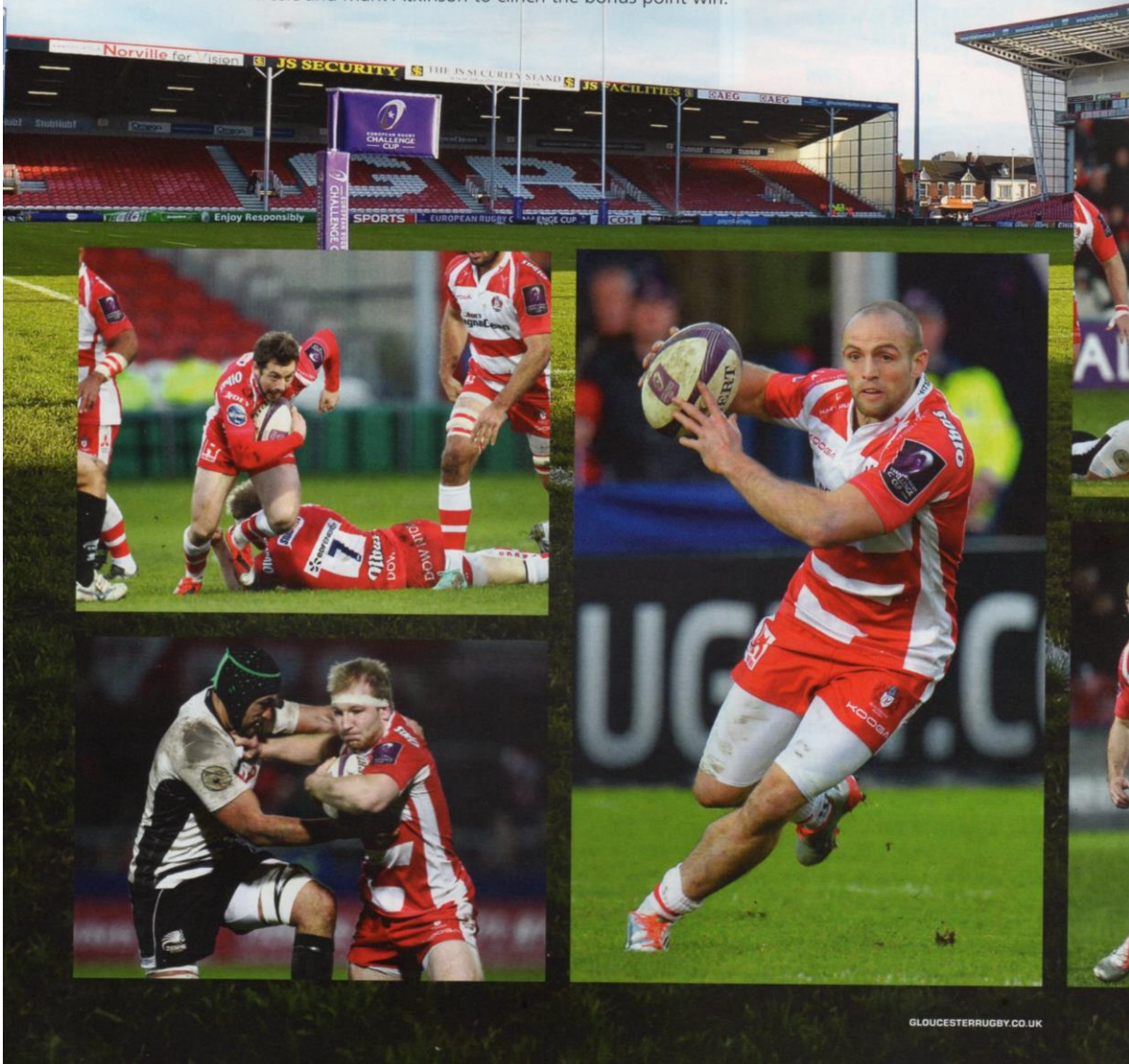


This is the second season in a row that Gloucester Rugby and Zebre Rugby have been drawn in the same pool of the European Rugby Challenge Cup.

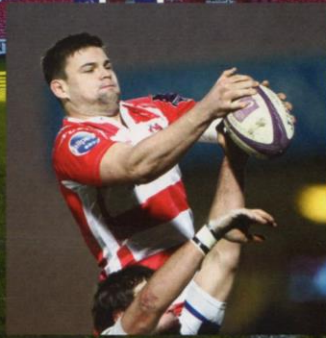
The teams met here at Kingsholm last December in round three of the competition, with the Italian side putting up spirited resistance before Gloucester eased to a 35-10 victory.

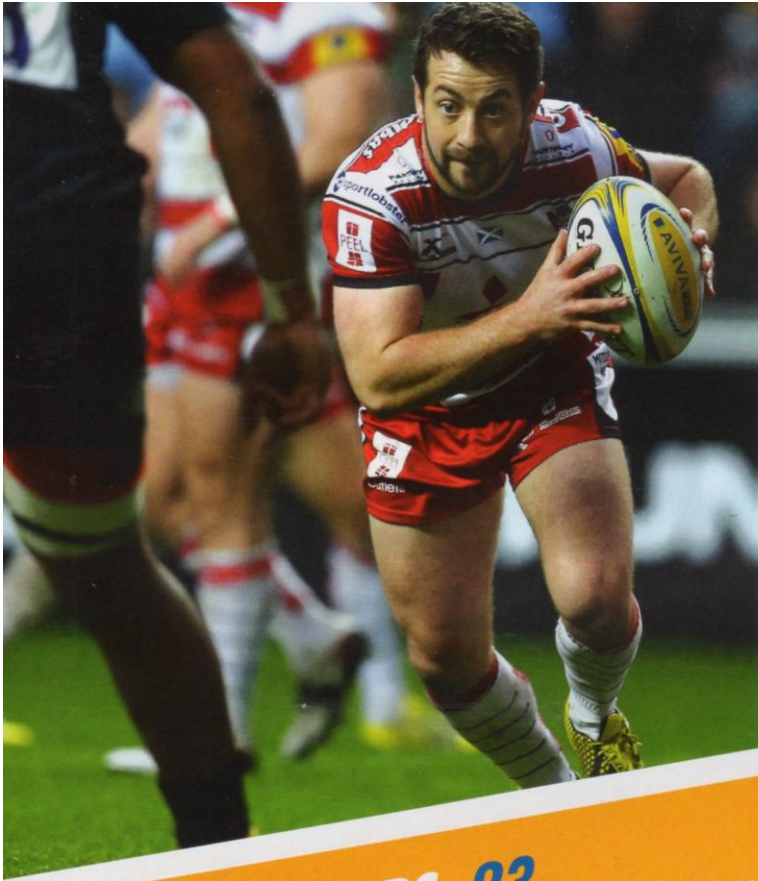
Zebre actually scored the game's first try through Hennie Daniller before the Cherry and Whites hit back with first half tries from Steve McColl and James Hook.

Michele Visentin crossed early in the second half to make things interesting at 21-10, and Gloucester had to remain very patient to break down the Italian side with two tries in the last ten minutes from Matt Kvesic and Mark Atkinson to clinch the bonus point win.



GLOUCESTER RUGBY 35
ZEBRE RUGBY 10





seemed to go the way of Wasps on the day.

Even the weather conspired against Gloucester who played into the wind and rain in the first half only to see conditions improve markedly at half time, much to the benefit of the home side.

It was a frustrating afternoon for Gloucester who didn't really do that much wrong in the first half, yet found themselves trailing 16-0 at half time. In fact they started the game in a very positive manner without being able to breach the Wasps defence.

However, the home side did take full advantage of a high kick that saw the ball run loose on halfway. Christian Wade countered with real pace and, after slick contributions from Piutau and Daly, Wade dived

WASPS 23 GLOUCESTER RUGBY 3

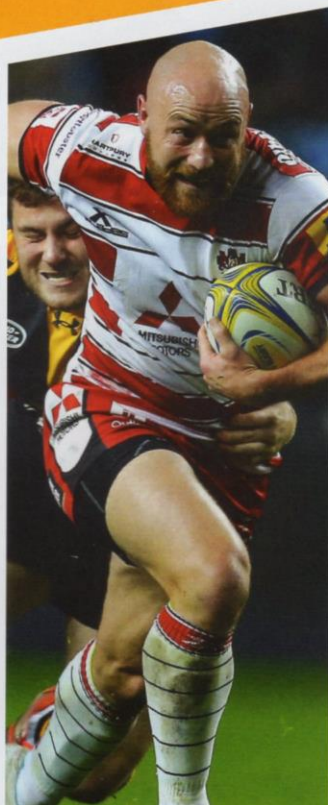


HALF TIME 16-0
ATTENDANCE 11,649
REFEREE Ian Tempest

GREY skies and drizzle greeted Gloucester Rugby when they arrived at the Ricoh Arena last Sunday, and there were certainly gloomy expressions on Gloucester faces when they left several hours later after a 23-3 defeat.

It was a day when nothing really seemed to go right for the Cherry and Whites, despite an undoubted massive effort from the team on the day.

From start to finish, the intangibles appeared to go against Gloucester - the bounce of the ball, the key decisions, they all



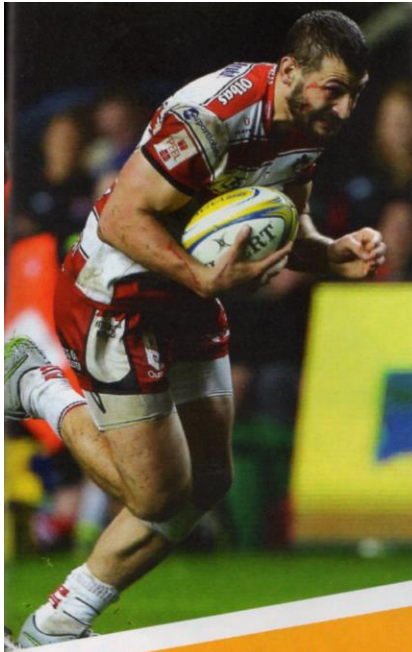
James Hook "...whatever we tried didn't seem to come off..."

over under the posts.

It was very well taken and, coupled with three long distance penalties from Daly, saw the home team enjoy a comfortable advantage at half time without having created that much in attack.

Gloucester needed to make something happen as quickly as possible in the second half to get back into the game but, unfortunately, it was the wrong kind of impact.

David Halaifonua tackled Bradley



METRES RUN WITH THE BALL
WASPS 358M
GLOUCESTER 417M

WE JUST COULDN'T SCORE. WE WERE ON THE OTHER END OF A PENALTY TRY AWARD AND SHOULD HAVE DEFINITELY HAD ONE FROM A SCRUM IN THE SECOND HALF BUT THAT WOULDN'T HAVE CHANGED THE RESULT.

DAVID HUMPHREYS

Davies high and late and, after consultation with the TMO, referee Tempest brandished the red card and Gloucester were faced with playing for more than half an hour with only 14 men.

Greig Laidlaw narrowed the gap with a penalty, but when Wasps unleashed a powerful catch and drive a few minutes later which led to a penalty try, it looked as though the final quarter would be a painful one.

However, Gloucester showed admirable resilience to dig deep, avoid conceding any further points and even looked the more likely to score.

MATCHDAY SQUADS



WASPS

- 15 Charles Pituau
- 14 Frank Halai
- 13 Elliot Daly 3P
- 12 Ben Jacobs
- 11 Christian Wade 1T
- 10 Ruaridh Jackson 2C
- 9 Joe Simpson
- 1 Simon McIntyre
- 2 Carlo Festuccia
- 3 Lorenzo Cittadini ■
- 4 Joe Launchbury
- 5 Bradley Davies
- 6 James Haskell
- 7 George Smith
- 8 Nathan Hughes
- 16 Ashley Johnson
- 17 Tom Bristow
- 18 Jake Cooper-Woolley
- 19 James Gaskell
- 20 Guy Thompson
- 21 Dan Robson
- 22 Alex Lozowski
- 23 Sailosi Tagicakibau



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- 17 Yann Thomas
- 18 Paul Doran-Jones
- 19 Ross Moriarty
- 20 Jacob Rowan
- 21 Willi Heinz
- 22 Henry Purdy
- 23 Rob Cook

On several occasions Gloucester got to within a metre or so of the Wasps line, and it appeared that they weren't always denied by legal means. Wasps prop Lorenzo Cittadini was sent off for punching six minutes from time.

However, the Wasps line remained unbreached despite the very best efforts of the Chery and Whites and Gloucester were left to reflect on a disappointing day at the office as they headed home.

PENALTIES CONCEDED
WASPS 10
GLOUCESTER 11



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For the second week in a row, Gloucester were left to wonder whether they should have had a penalty try.

Driving Wasps off their own scrum ball five metres from their own line on the hour mark, Gloucester seemed set to drive over only for James Haskell to come around and disrupt Ben Morgan at the base.

When Willi Heinz took a quick tap from the subsequent scrum, George Smith made no attempt to retreat behind the goal line and made the tackle.

A score at that point and Gloucester had hope – but it wasn't to be.

5-0 18-0 23-7
 12-0 23-0
 15-0



TODAY'S TEAMSHEET

GLOUCESTER RUGBY vs ZEBRE RUGBY



European Rugby Challenge Cup - Round 1
 Saturday 14th November 2015, KO 15:15 Kingsholm

ROB COOK	FULLBACK	15	FULLBACK	GUGLIELMO PALAZZINA
STEVE MCCOLL T	RIGHT WING	14	RIGHT WING	BERRIMAN KAYLE VAN SYL
BILL MEAKES	OUTSIDE CENTRE	13	OUTSIDE CENTRE	GIULIO BISEGNI
MARK ATKINSON	INSIDE CENTRE	12	INSIDE CENTRE	MATTEO PRATICETTI
HENRY PURDY T	LEFT WING	11	LEFT WING	LEONARDO SARTO
BILLY BURNS CPP	FLY HALF	10	FLY HALF	23 CARLO CANNA
CALLUM BRALEY	SCRUM HALF	9	SCRUM HALF	LUKE BURGESS
YANN THOMAS	LOOSEHEAD PROP	1	LOOSEHEAD PROP	ANDREA LOVOTTI
TOM LINDSAY	HOOVER	2	HOOVER	DELANNO ANDREA MANICI
PAUL DORAN-JONES	TIGHTHEAD PROP	3	TIGHTHEAD PROP	DARIO CHISTOLINI
ELLIOTT STOOKE	LOCK	4	LOCK	QUINTIN GOLDENHUYS
JEREMY THRUSH	LOCK	5	LOCK	BENTLAND GEORGE BIAGI (C)
ROSS MORIARTY T	BLINDSIDE FLANKER	6	BLINDSIDE FLANKER	JACOPO SARTO
JACOB ROWAN (C)	OPENSIDE FLANKER	7	OPENSIDE FLANKER	JOHAN MEYER
LEWIS LUDLOW	NUMBER 8	8	NUMBER 8	DRIES VAN SCHALKWYK

DARREN DAWIDIUK	REPLACEMENT	16	REPLACEMENT	OLIVIERO FABIANI
DAN MURPHY	REPLACEMENT	17	REPLACEMENT	ANDREA DE MARCHI
NICKY THOMAS	REPLACEMENT	18	REPLACEMENT	PIETRO CECCARELLI
TOM HICKS	REPLACEMENT	19	REPLACEMENT	BIAGI FEDERICO RUZZA
DAN THOMAS	REPLACEMENT	20	REPLACEMENT	EMILIANO CAFFINI
GREIG LAIDLAW	REPLACEMENT	21	REPLACEMENT	9 BURGESS MARCELLO VIOLI
HENRY TRINDER	REPLACEMENT	22	REPLACEMENT	10 VIOLANTE MICHELE VISENTIN
OLLIE THORLEY	REPLACEMENT	23	REPLACEMENT	C 10 EDOARDO PADOVANI

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