



CHERRY & WHITES

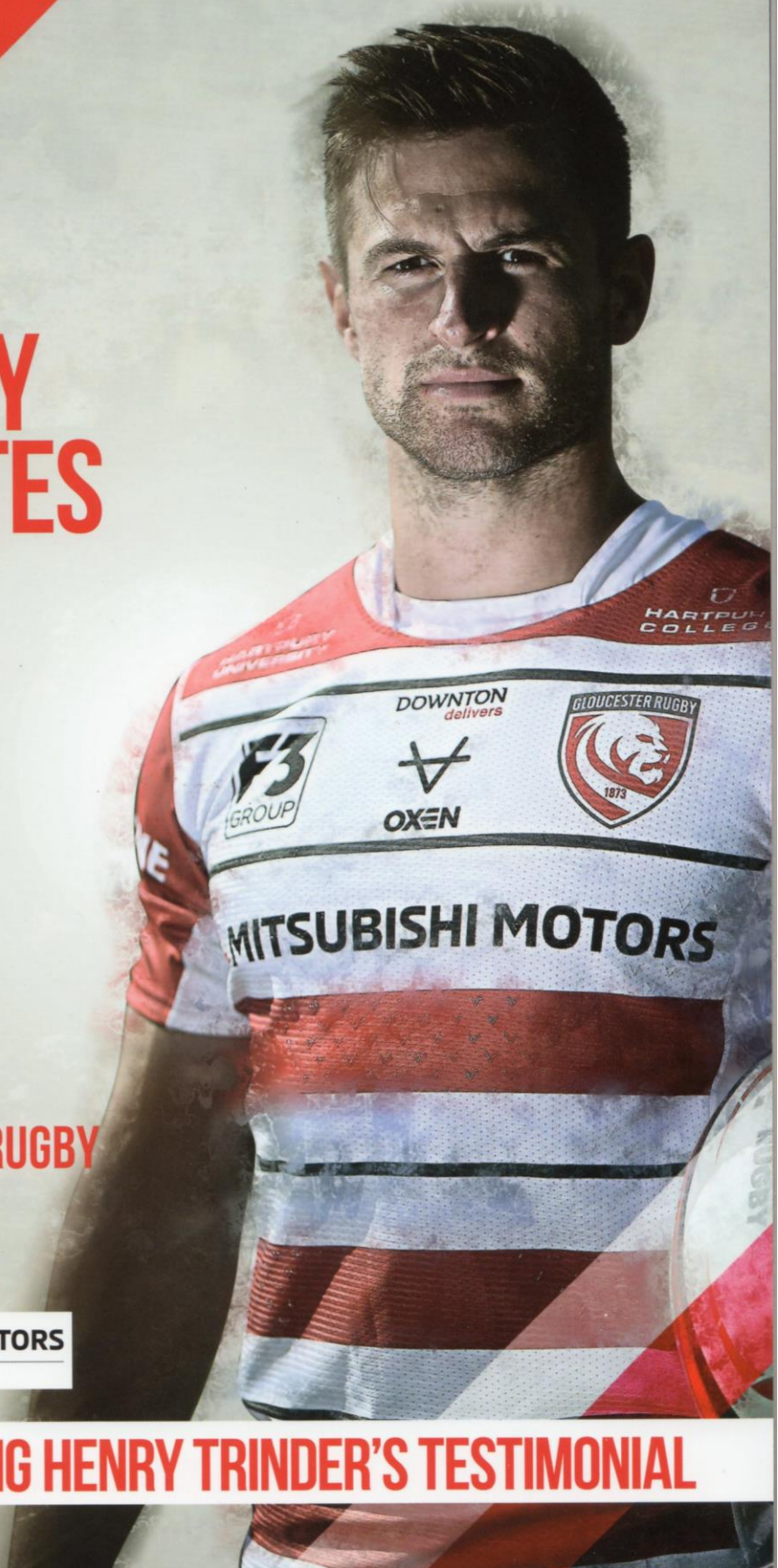


GLOUCESTER RUGBY v BATH RUGBY

PREMIERSHIP RUGBY CUP
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CELEBRATING HENRY TRINDER'S TESTIMONIAL





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CEO

LANCE BRADLEY



GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO KINGSHOLM FOR OUR FIRST EXPERIENCE OF RUGBY UNDER THE FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS THIS SEASON. IN PARTICULAR, A VERY WARM WELCOME TO THE PLAYERS, STAFF AND SUPPORTERS OF BATH RUGBY.

Tonight, of course, as well as being a West Country derby against one of our oldest rivals, is the final round of the Premiership Rugby Cup with the Gallagher Premiership kicking off next weekend away at Sale.

It's been a fascinating few weeks since the opening game here against London Irish. On that day, we fielded a very young side – 21 of the 23 in the matchday squad were either current Academy members or Academy 'graduates' – and the performance they put in showed what good work is taking place there.

The last two games, both on the road at Bristol Bears and Harlequins, have seen us introduce a few more experienced players in a bid to give them game time ahead of the trip to Sale next week. Despite narrow defeats at Ashton Gate and the

Stoop, there have been plenty of positive aspects to our play.

The squad we have out tonight is a mixture of youth and experience, with a number of players getting a first run out as they return from injury. It's another important step as we prepare for the start of the Premiership.

Finally, of course, tonight's match isn't just a Premiership Cup game, it's Henry Trinder's testimonial match.

I've been fortunate enough to be involved with the club for the majority of Henry's career, and I can say without fear of contradiction that he's one of the most talented players to pull on the Cherry and White shirt in recent seasons. When he's in full flow he's a joy to watch.

Unfortunately for him, he's been incredibly unlucky with injuries – a run of bad luck which also sees him unavailable for selection this evening.

Here's hoping that we sign off the Premiership Rugby Cup in style this evening, to do Henry proud, and to set us up nicely for the trip to Sale next weekend.

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CHAIRMAN

MARTIN ST. QUINTON



GOOD EVENING AND A VERY WARM WELCOME BACK TO KINGSHOLM FOR THE PREMIERSHIP RUGBY CUP GAME AGAINST BATH RUGBY.

Games against Bath, whatever the competition, are always special occasions. The rivalry between these two great Clubs has existed for many years, probably 146 years!

After three rounds of action in the Premiership Rugby Cup so far, we can't progress to the knock-out stages, whereas Bath have an outside chance should other results go their way.

However, there is still plenty at stake this evening. Having given game time to a large number of the first team and Academy squads over the past three weeks, we are now just one week away from the return of the Gallagher Premiership. So, it's a final opportunity for the coaches to look at certain individuals and combinations, and a last chance for those players to impress.

And, of course, tonight marks

Henry Trinder's Testimonial game. Henry is just the latest in a distinguished line of players who have celebrated testimonials at Gloucester Rugby in the past few years, and I think that sends out an incredibly strong message.

For players to spend all, or the vast majority, of their playing career here at Kingsholm speaks volumes for the quality of the club and the city. I can't think of any other Premiership club who can boast so many players staying loyal for so long, especially in this era when players move on at the end of a contract.

Since his debut back in the 2007-8 season, Henry has represented Gloucester Rugby with distinction and it's a such a shame that injuries have prevented him doing likewise for England. With a clean bill of health, I'm sure that he would have been capped for his country.

He has shown great mental resolve to battle back from a number of setbacks, and well deserves the honour of this evening's testimonial game and season ahead. I'm sure, this evening, you will all want to show how much Henry means to you and the Club.

Enjoy the game.

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IT ALL STARTED WITH BATH V GLOUCESTER

In 1971 the RFU was persuaded, reluctantly, to introduce a National Knockout Competition – there was no cup on offer, no sponsor, and clubs themselves had to agree a date on which to play each fixture. Bath and Gloucester were drawn together in the first round, and kicked the competition off on 30th September 1971 at the Rec.

EARLY GLOUCESTER SUCCESS

It was not a good advert for cup rugby, decided entirely on penalties. But the Gloucester fans liked Mike Nicholls winning nine strikes against the head, their pack “pushing Bath half-way back to Radstock”, and the trusty boot of Eric Stephens seeing them home 12-3. Despite being drawn away in every round, Gloucester went on to win the competition, defeating Moseley 17-6 in the final at Twickenham.



Eric Stephens

Gloucester's first home cup game came the following season, also against Bath. The Gloucester pack eventually took control in a frustrating game in wet conditions, and tries from Alan Brinn, John Watkins and Eddie Pinkney saw them home 16-0.

BATH'S PURPLE PATCH

The teams next met in a semi-final in 1985 at Kingsholm. Tim Smith did all of the scoring for Gloucester with two tries and a penalty, but the Bath pack got the upper hand and squeezed home 12-11.

In the Pilkington Cup at Kingsholm in 1989, the programme notes reminded that the match “isn't a replay of the Siege of Gloucester, or a re-enactment of the Battle of Sedgemoor, and there's very little danger of the wives and children of the losing side being sold into slavery.” But nobody was fooled. Bath were reckoned to be the best side in England at the time, but there was little sign of this as they squeezed home in a tense encounter by two penalties to one.

It was very different in 1990, when Bath played out of their skins in the final at Twickenham, inspired by a majestic performance from Jeremy Guscott. Gloucester were still in the game when John Gadd was sent off, but it then became a rout as Bath ran in four tries in the last quarter to romp home 48-6.

They met again in a semi-final in 1992. On the day when the Prince of Wales came to Gloucester to attend the enthronement of the new Bishop of Gloucester, a much larger crowd descended on Kingsholm. An exciting game in which Gloucester kicked their goals and Bath scored tries, was tied at 15-15 at the end of normal time. In extra time, Gloucester edged ahead with a penalty, but the Shed looked on in horror as Tony Swift and Jim Fallon ran in tries in the last three minutes for Bath to win 27-18.

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In another semi-final in 1996, at the Rec, Gloucester conceded too many penalties. It was a try apiece from Adedayo Adebayo for Bath and Scott Benton for Gloucester, but the boot of Jon Callard secured victory for Bath, 19-10.

GLoucester REVIVED BY TETLEY'S

The teams clashed twice in successive seasons in the Tetley's Bitter Cup. Early in 2000 at Kingsholm, Gloucester were sitting pretty at the top of the Premiership, but it was a rain-lashed Monday evening under the floodlights. Consequently, it was not a game for the purists, but a packed Kingsholm loved the 13-6 result. Gloucester scored the only try, and perhaps fittingly it was a penalty try.

Later in the year, the teams met again, this time at the Rec, and Bath were 15-7 to the good at half-time, but Gloucester took control in the second half and starved Bath of ball. Tries from Byron



Byron Hayward who contributed 22 points in the two matches in 2000

Hayward, Mark Cornwell and Tom Beim trumped six penalties from Jon Preston for a hard-earned 24-18 win.

POWER RESTORED TO BATH

In the Powergen Cup, there were successive wins for Bath in 2005, starting with a game at Kingsholm which ended 19-19, before Andy Williams scored the winning try late in extra time. Later in the year at the Rec, Bath scored two tries in short order in the first half and Gloucester were left chasing a game which they lost 12-21.

A change of supplier to the EDF Cup in 2006, brought a change in fortunes, with Gloucester steadily dismantling Bath up front at Kingsholm.

The pressure led to a penalty try, and three more from Adam Balding, James Merriman and Willie Walker to ensure victory 30-12.

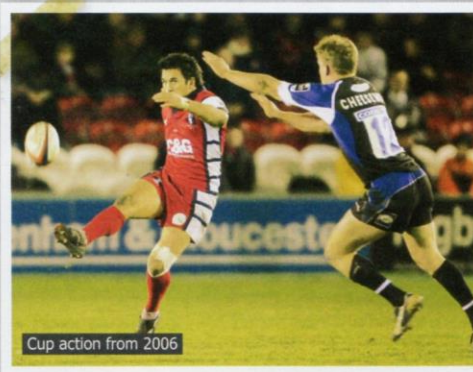
RECENT CUP ENCOUNTERS

When the teams met at Kingsholm in the LV= Cup in 2013, Gloucester seemed to have done well in playing into the wind in the first half and turning around all square, but they collapsed in the second half and lost 5-32.

A dismal Anglo-Welsh Cup pool game in the rain at the Rec in 2017 was enlivened when Ben Vellacott spotted a gap to nip through for a late try, James Hook's conversion earning a 17-17 draw.

Last season the teams met in the equivalent of today's match – the final pool match in the Premiership Cup. Postponed to a Monday evening thanks to snow on the Rec, a more experienced Bath side gave a lesson to Gloucester's youthful team to the tune of 52-0, the largest margin ever between these clubs.

Gloucester and Bath have never met in a European campaign, but today's match is the 16th in other cup competitions. Bath are ahead with 9 wins to 5, with one drawn; they are also ahead on points scored 297-196.



HENRY TRINDER



IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO WEAR THE GLOUCESTER RUGBY SHIRT, EVERY MATCH A SPECIAL MOMENT. BUT VERY FEW GET TO DO SO FOR 12 YEARS, ESPECIALLY IN THIS ERA WHERE THE GAME IS INCREASINGLY PHYSICAL.

So, it's a real achievement this evening as yet another Gloucester Rugby player in recent times, in this case Henry Trinder, celebrates a testimonial. It's something he admits he wouldn't have expected when he first joined the club.

"It was a very daunting changing room to walk into, with some big personalities and top-class rugby talent. So many players and three or four good players in every single position. It was hard to get into and to find your place, but it forced me to work and graft to get in there.

"But I'm still here and part of that is down to the players I've shared a dressing room with. I'm very lucky, I've managed to get along with almost everyone and I've had a very enjoyable career."

He broke through at roughly the same time as the likes of Freddie Burns, Dave Lewis, Jonny May and Charlie Sharples. It was something of a golden generation?

(Laughs) "Gloucester got lucky then didn't they? But, seriously, we were a very tight knit

group who all came up together. We didn't all stay together, we moved around as happens in modern sport and it's been fantastic to see them all do well.

"I've stayed here, I've never wanted to leave. I love playing for Gloucester, the people I've played with and played for. Some have come and gone, some haven't worked out. But there's always been a core of players who are warm and welcoming and easy to get on with.

"We've had some real characters and I've got so many memories from the 12 years I've been here. If I finished tomorrow, I'd be grateful. It's been truly humbling and very important to me that I've been part of such a special group.

"We perhaps haven't won everything we'd have liked to on the pitch, but I'll look back in years to come and remember the characters that helped mould me as a man."

He admits that it's flown by, he occasionally looks around the dressing room and realises that he's now one of the senior pros.

"It's my age, I'm 30 now and getting old. And around you are these kids who have just finished double science! They're 18 years old and ready for men's rugby. Physically they're more gifted than I was at that age.



"You've got to keep up with them and be better than them. It does push you as perception might be that you're getting on a bit. But it's helped me to rediscover my love for the game after some dark moments with the injuries, when you can get quite bitter.

"And I got so much help from people in my younger years, that I want to be there for them, to help them and give something back."

And helping him through it all has been his wife Ryann, and he openly admits that he might not still be in the game if it weren't for her support.

"Anyone who knows her will know that she's a strong, independent woman. She's also intelligent – I don't know why she's with me! I've somehow pulled the wool over her eyes there!

"But the support, love and guidance has helped to make me a better man and want to be a better man for her. It's something very special, and I'm so grateful to her."

And, if he had one piece of advice for that young Henry Trinder starting out all that time ago, what would it be?

"Soak it all up. And always try and have a positive influence on those around you. There will be bumps in the road and you won't always be able to contribute in the way that you want.

"But turn up every day with a positive attitude, bring the energy and give something back. You're part of the team and it will be better for the small things you do. The more you contribute, the more you will get back."

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EXPERIENCED EXILES HAVE TOO MUCH IN THE LOCKER FOR YOUNG GLOUCESTER RUGBY SIDE

There was plenty of grit and determination from a very young Gloucester Rugby side in the recent opening Premiership Rugby Cup fixture, and plenty of skill displayed. But London Irish's side was older and more experienced and the Exiles were just too strong on the day as they ran out winners by 49 points to 29.

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WHAT HAPPENED

Gloucester Rugby's young side competed gamely against a vastly more experienced London Irish side and that knowhow and physicality eventually proved to be key.

The Cherry and Whites started well and, after penalty kicks were swapped, took a deserved lead when Jake Morris scored wide out on the right.

However, the Exiles then took control of the game as they scored three tries in six minutes through Ross McMillan, George Nott and McMillan again.

The Cherry and Whites could have folded but hit back with a sensational solo score from Aaron Hinkley. When Lloyd Evans intercepted at the start of the second half, it was 22-22 and game on.

However, Irish then started to dominate the collisions as the young Gloucester Rugby side



seemed to tire. Scott Steele scored twice and Conor Gilsenan also touched down.

The Cherry and Whites did get some late reward as Louis Rees-

Zammit went over to clinch the try-scoring bonus point, but Irish had the final word when Steele completed his hat-trick to make the final score 29-49.



29-49



LONDON IRISH

HOW IT HAPPENED

See how the game at Kingsholm unfolded in our play by play commentary.



IN PICTURES

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WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY

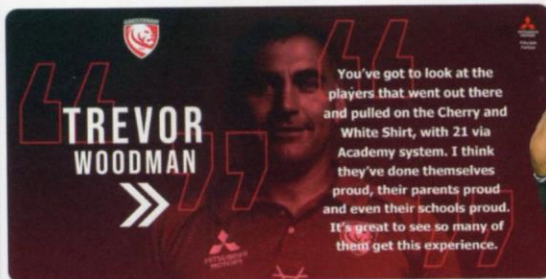


Lloyd Evans and Simon Linsell were on post-match media duties.



REACTION

Trevor Woodman was impressed the determination and grit from his young Gloucester Rugby side.



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TIMELINE

- 4' Lloyd Evans
- 11' Stephen Myler
- 20' Jacob Morris
- 25' Ross McMillan
- 27' George Nott
- 28' Stephen Myler
- 31' Ross McMillan
- 33' Stephen Myler
- 35' Aaron Hinkley
- 36' Lloyd Evans
- 42' Lloyd Evans
- 43' Lloyd Evans
- 46' Scott Steele
- 48' Stephen Myler
- 57' Paddy Jackson
- 60' Scott Steele
- 65' Conor Gilsenan
- 66' Paddy Jackson
- 68' Danny Hobbs-Awoyemi
- 76' Louis Rees-Zammit
- 76' George Barton
- 79' Scott Steele

GLOUCESTER RUGBY'S LATE COMEBACK COMES UP JUST SHORT AT BRISTOL

Gloucester Rugby paid the price for an error-strewn and ill-disciplined first half at Ashton Gate as a late fightback fell just short, the Bears hanging on for a 20-17 Premiership Rugby Cup win.

WHAT HAPPENED

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The Cherry and Whites were undone on the night by a rusty first 40 minutes when it was clear that most of the starting XV were getting their first competitive outing of the season. Certainly, the number of handling errors and penalties conceded was way higher than expected.

As a result, the Bears didn't have to create that much themselves in order to open up a decent lead. A missed lineout led to the Bears' first score, a catch and drive lineout score from Harry Thacker, while two penalties from Callum Sheedy opened up a 13-0 lead after 21 minutes.

Frustratingly, the Cherry and Whites did create some good openings but contrived to come away empty-handed from the Bristol 22 on several occasions. Finally though, a weaving run from Tom Marshall opened up the defence and Joe Simpson was on hand to take the offload and score.

So, Gloucester Rugby were still in touch at half-time, but fell further



behind when a phase of scrappy play suddenly saw Bristol find space on the left and left wing Charlie Powell sprinted home to score with Sheedy adding his second conversion for 20-5 lead.

But the Cherry and Whites dug deep, Matt Banahan powered

over from close range on the hour mark and Gerbrandt Grobler did likewise with three minutes to go to narrow the gap to 20-17.

With time against them, Gloucester Rugby tried everything to create one last scoring chance but it wasn't to be.



20-17



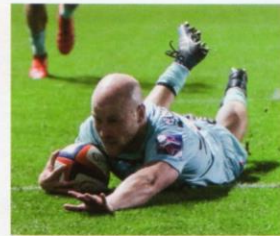
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TIMELINE

- 4' Harry Thacker
- 5' Callum Sheedy
- 12' Callum Sheedy
- 21' Callum Sheedy
- 26' Dan Thomas
- 31' Joe Simpson
- 44' Charlie Powell
- 45' Callum Sheedy
- 59' Matt Banahan
- 61' Jack Bates
- 77' Gerbrandt Grobler
- 77' Lloyd Evans

WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY



Johan Ackermann and Lewis Ludlow were on post-match media duties.





VS



GLOUCESTER RUGBY					POSITION	BATH RUGBY				
T	P	C	D			T	P	C	D	
				Tom HUDSON 15	FULL BACK	15	George WORBOYS			
				Jake MORRIS 14	RIGHT WING	14	Aled BREW			
				Tom SEABROOK 13	OUTSIDE CENTRE	13	Jackson WILLISON			
				Mark ATKINSON 12	INSIDE CENTRE	12	Max OJOMOH			
				Louis REES-ZAMMIT 11	LEFT WING	11	Gabriel HAMER-WEBB			
				Lloyd EVANS 10	FLY-HALF	10	Alex DAVIES			
				Charlie CHAPMAN 9	SCRUM-HALF	9	Chris COOK			
				Alex SEVILLE 1	LOOSEHEAD PROP	1	Will VAUGHAN			
				Henry WALKER 2	HOOKER	2	Jack WALKER (C)			
				Ciaran KNIGHT 3	TIGHTHEAD PROP	3	Sam NIXON			
				Harry BUTLER 4	LOCK	4	Levi DOUGLAS			
				Simon LINSELL (C) 5	LOCK	5	Rhys DAVIES			
				Jaco KRIEL 6	BLINDSIDE FLANKER	6	Elliott STOOKE			
				Josh GRAY 7	OPENSIDE FLANKER	7	Jack DAVIES			
				Freddie CLARKE 8	NUMBER 8	8	Nahum MERIGAN			
REPLACEMENTS						REPLACEMENTS				
				Corné FOURIE 16		16	Ross BATTY			
				Val RAPAVA RUSKIN 17		17	Arthur CORDWELL			
				Jamal FORD-ROBINSON 18		18	Simone ELRICK			
				Gerbrandt GROBLER 19		19	Josh McNALLY			
				Aaron HINKLEY 20		20	Xavier HASTINGS			
				Jack CLEMENT 21		21	Ollie FOX			
				Stephen VARNEY 22		22	Jamie ROBERTS			
				Charlie SHARPLES 23		23	George WORBOYS			



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Wayne Falla

TMO:
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