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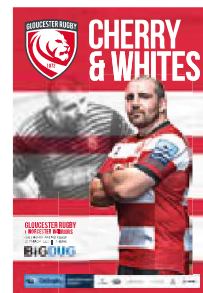
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LANCE BRADLEY

CEO

WELCOME TO ANOTHER FANTASTIC FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS AT KINGSHOLM, THIS TIME TO WELCOME OUR FRIENDS FROM JUST UP THE M5, WORCESTER WARRIORS. GAMES AGAINST OUR MOST LOCAL RIVALS ARE ALWAYS PRETTY INTENSE AFFAIRS, AND WITH A BIG CROWD AT KINGSHOLM THE ATMOSPHERE WILL BE AMAZING AGAIN.

Sadly, this evening we have to mark the passing of another great figure from both Clubs' pasts. Dave Sims passed away last weekend at the far-too-young age of 52. Most of you will remember that Dave captained Gloucester Rugby as we transitioned from the amateur to the professional era, and was in fact our first professional player.

I know from the messages we've had over the last week from people who knew Dave well that he was hugely respected and an inspirational figure for many. Our thoughts are with his wife Jilly and their sons. We will be paying our respects with a minute's applause before this evening's game.

We have a strong squad out for the game, and we'll be looking for another home win, but Worcester will no doubt be buoyed up after their impressive win over Exeter last time out. It should make for a great evening.

There's a good feeling within the Club now, as we move towards the business end of the season. We're still competing strongly in all three of the competitions we're in, and

that's the first time we've been able to say that for quite some time.

Of course we're taking each game as it comes, but there is a real buzz around the place at the prospect of the games we have coming up and what they might mean.

You will have seen that we have put tickets on sale for our European Challenge Cup 'Round of 16' knock out game for the weekend of 15/16/17. Somewhat frustratingly we won't know who we're playing or which day of the weekend it'll be on until after we've

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completed our final pool game away at Dragons, in Newport, on April 9th. But if you buy a ticket now we will refund you if it turns out you can't make the game. Knock-out rugby is always exciting, so do please come along and support your team.

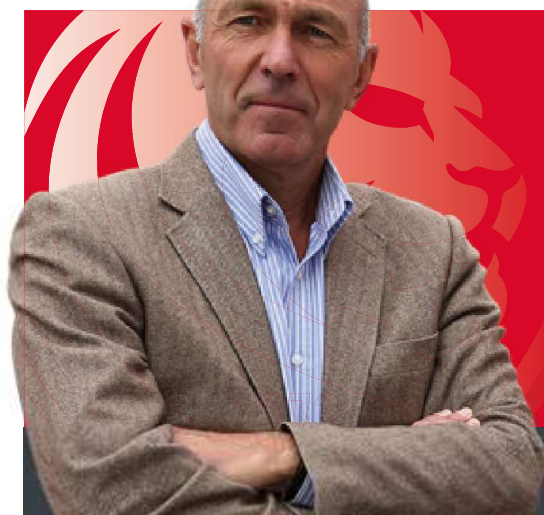
Finally, I want to make sure you know that we're hosting one of the women's Six Nations games here at Kingsholm. England play Wales on April 9th at 4.45pm, and tickets are available from £15 for adults and £5 for juniors. **[Click here for details.](#)**

This is a great opportunity to bring the family to watch international rugby right on your doorstep, and it's sure to be an exciting game.

I'll be wandering around the ground before kick-off again this evening, so do come over and say hello. I'm always interested to hear what you're thinking about how things are going.

Together, we are a squad of thousands.

**Best wishes
Lance**



MARTIN ST. QUINTON

CHAIRMAN

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO 'FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS' AT KINGSHOLM. WE WELCOME WORCESTER WARRIORS TO THE GROUND THIS EVENING AND I EXTEND MY WELCOME TO ALL OF THE FANS, STAFF AND PLAYERS WHO ARE VISITING THE STADIUM TONIGHT.

It's an incredibly tight league this season and having prised two losing bonus points from our last fixture against Sale, we are still very much in the fight for a place in the top four.

It's not going to be an easy run into the final stage of the season, but it is incredibly exciting for everyone at the club. It all starts tonight against Worcester Warriors who have looked rejuvenated and re-energised with Steve Diamond at the helm.

Worcester's last Gallagher Premiership fixture was a 35-31 win over Exeter Chiefs, and I think that shows just how dangerous they are as a squad. Everyone can beat anyone this season and it's this that makes every fixture so compelling.

This week we sadly lost former player Dave Sims who tragically passed away, aged 52. Sims played in Cherry and White for 12 years and was a tough second row who will be remembered fondly. Our

thoughts are with his family and friends.

It's been a busy time for our international players who are now back at the club after the Six Nations, and it is a huge boost to the Club to have these players back in the squad.

There is an energy and sense of anticipation whenever an international returns. It pushes everyone in training and leads to a healthy competition for places in the starting line-up.

What has been great is how the rest of the squad has stepped up to replace the players that have been called up over the last few months. They all gave a good account of themselves and having a strong group of youngsters coming through really sets us up well for the future.

I hope that you enjoy this Premiership encounter and as always, thank you for your support.

Martin



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OBITUARY: DAVE SIMS

Gloucester Rugby is deeply saddened to hear the news of the passing of former Club Captain, Dave Sims aged 52.

Dave Sims will be forever etched into history at Kingsholm, and will remain a true great of the Club.

Our thoughts are with Dave's family and friends at this sad time.

CONNIE POWELL AND EMMA SING NAMED IN RED ROSES TEAM FOR SCOTLAND

Gloucester-Hartpury's Connie Powell and Emma Sing have been named in the Red Roses' matchday squad for the Six Nations opener against Scotland.



If deployed off the bench, Sing will make her international debut with Powell set to add to her one cap having made a try scoring debut against the USA back in November.



TODAY'S MATCHDAY MASCOT

Today's matchday mascot is **Amelia Hughes**.

Amelia is from Elms School and is a big Gloucester Rugby fan.

The Gloucester Rugby Matchday Mascot is kindly sponsored this season by:



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LAST TIME WE MET

GLOUCESTER RUGBY BEAT WORCESTER WARRIORS 31-23 TO TAKE THEIR FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON AT A WET SIXWAYS STADIUM.

What happened?

Adam Hastings put in a stunning performance setting up two Cherry and White tries with cross field kicks and slotted all but one kick at goal.

For the first 40 minutes, the Cherry and Whites were in complete control and could have kept Worcester scoreless if it wasn't for a silly penalty which involved a few players winding up former Gloucester Rugby player Willi Heinz.

The fly-half kicked four penalties to give Gloucester Rugby a 12-3 half time lead at Sixways.

It was another ex-Cherry and White, Owen Williams, who slotted the kick for the hosts from the consequential penalty.

It was a great defensive effort for Gloucester Rugby who refused to let Worcester get over the try line despite two really threatening attacks from the hosts.

After the break, Worcester were first to get on the scoreboard thanks to penalty kicks from Owen Williams and Billy Searle.

However, the Cherry and Whites were first to score a try and it was Ben Morgan who powered over from the driving maul.

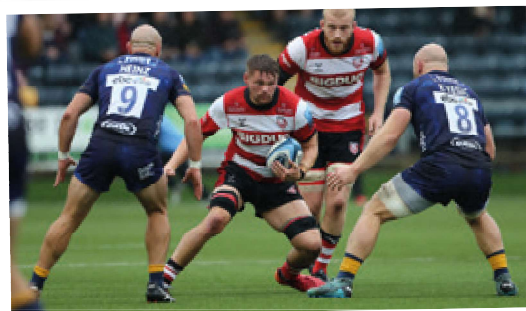
The maul became a key weapon for Gloucester Rugby who were able to use it to full advantage in attack.

Hastings slotted the conversion and continued his impressive performance with a cross field kick which was judged perfectly to land into Jonny May's arms who then offloaded to Jason Woodward who came flying in to score.

It was a second cross field kick which cemented the Gloucester Rugby win. Lions returnee, Chris Harris, collected to dive over for the Cherry and Whites' third try.

Worcester were able to score through both Kyle Hatherell and Sione Vailanu but their second half efforts weren't helped when Ted Hill was red carded for a dangerous tackle on Lloyd Evans.

Billy Searle converted the Vailanu try and with the clock in red, that ended the game.



KEY MOMENT

ADAM HASTINGS GOES FOR A SECOND CROSS FIELD KICK

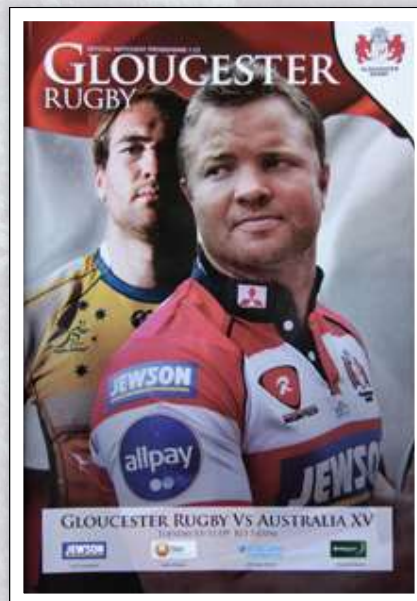
Having nailed the first cross field kick to Jonny May earlier on, it seemed unlikely that Hastings could pull off another one.

Sixways stadium went silent as the Scot kicked the ball and the Cherry and White fans at the game erupted when it landed in the arms of his international teammate who went over to score.

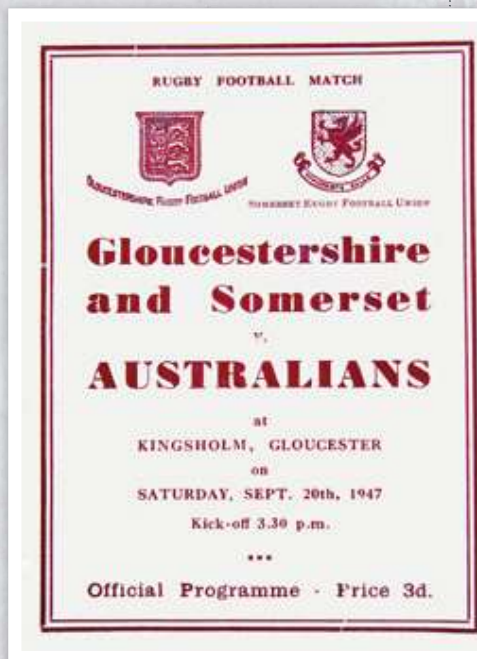
G'DAY TO AUSSIES AT KINGSHOLM

At the end of the Great War, Kingsholm hosted an Australian trial between a Trench XV, previously deployed in France, and an Australian Flying Corps team,

The Australians were due to tour in 1939, but WW2 broke out, and the visit had to be postponed until 1947, when they were greeted at Kingsholm by a crowd of 15,000. A combined Gloucestershire and Somerset side included Steve Davies, Tom Price, Johnny Thornton and Gordon Hudson from Gloucester. It was mostly one-way traffic as Australia coasted home 30-8, with injuries reducing the home side to 13 men in the latter stages.



In 2009, Gloucester hosted Australia in a game designed to demonstrate the suitability of Kingsholm for matches in the 2015 Rugby World Cup. The large crowd and the hospitality served their purpose, but Australia were far too strong for a Club side, which went down 5-36, their only points coming from a try engineered by Carlos Spencer and Charlie Sharples, and scored by Freddie Burns.

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AUSTRALIA SCHOOLS

Australia Schools have visited Kingsholm on three occasions. In 1977, they played South West Schools, who selected Steve Baker and Mark Calver from Sir Thomas Rich's. The Australians proved too strong, had the star of the match in Glen Ella, and won 28-12.

When they next visited Kingsholm in 1995, it was the last match of a tour on which they were unbeaten, and Elton Flatley was their outstanding player. But the opposition was England Schools, who selected a future Gloucester player in Joe Ewens, who tackled his heart out, and England won decisively, 30-3.

In 2005 they played England U-19, who included future Gloucester players in Danny Cipriani, Joe Simpson, Jack Forster and Dave Attwood. The England pack stood up well, and Forster won scrum penalties, but the Australian backs, with Kurtley Beale and Quade Cooper to the fore, proved a bit too classy, and got their team home 24-12.

AUSSIE PLAYERS AT KINGSHOLM

Before Rugby Union went professional, no Australian had played for Gloucester. But in 1997, Richard Tombs arrived, having won five Australian caps, and quickly formed a potent centre partnership with Terry Fanolua. This, combined with the arrival of French star Philippe Saint-André, meant that suddenly the Cherry and Whites had a top-class back division. In March 1998 Richard became the first overseas player to captain Gloucester, when he led them in the quarter-final of the C&G Cup. Gloucester went on to win the competition that season and the next, and Richard was present on both occasions. Tombs made 76 appearances during his time at the club, and scored 19 tries.

Elton Moncrieff (1999-2001) was a busy scrum-half, who first played for Queensland Reds. He



Richard Tombs

scored two tries in his first game against Newcastle. He was also an excellent place kicker, but it will be an eccentric drop goal for which he will always be remembered. In a Heineken Cup game against Llanelli at Kingsholm, with the game in the balance, Elton miscued a drop at goal, which fortuitously struck a defender who diverted the ball over the posts. Gloucester won by a single point. Moncrieff scored 92 points in his 31 Gloucester appearances.

Great things were expected of Jason Little (2000-01). He won 75 caps for Australia, and was rated one of the best centres in world rugby. He ran in two tries in his first game against Bristol, and followed this up with another superb score in the following Heineken Cup game at Llanelli. Somehow this form did not seem to be maintained and he left the club after a single season.

Fly half, Duncan MacRae (2003-05), was a skilled performer, and excellent kicker although during his time at Kingsholm, Henry Paul was first choice kicker. He did, however, in his first season contribute strongly to a rare win at Leicester with a try and two drop goals,

and later three conversions, two penalties and a drop goal in a big win at Rotherham. In his second season he scored two tries in a crushing Heineken Cup win over Ulster. He was injured in that game, which limited his appearances later in the season. MacRae made 47 appearances, scoring 119 points.

Four times capped hooker, Huia Edmonds (2012-14) was very mobile and supportive around the field. In his first season he was part of the team which had a fine win in the Amlin Cup at Bourdeaux, and in his second, another at Perpignan in the Heineken Cup. He made 41 appearances and scored three tries.

Bill Meakes (2014-16) was a hard running centre or wing who played in 45 games, scoring seven tries. He played in the final of the European Challenge Cup against Edinburgh, but late on was red-carded for a late high tackle. However, Gloucester hung on to win.

James Hanson (2017-21), another hooker, made 38 appearances in his four season stay at Kingsholm. He also won 12 caps for Australia. He would have played many more games for Gloucester, had he not been so afflicted by injuries. He missed the whole of the 2019-20 season. He still scored nine tries, which for a hooker is not bad. In 2018, Hanson scored a try in the final of the European Challenge Cup against Cardiff Blues, which Gloucester lost by one point.

Other Aussies who have played for Gloucester are Tai Glassie (1999-2000), nine appearances, a wing; Jeremy Paul (2007-08), yet another hooker, who won 72 caps, but only made nine appearances for Gloucester. Salesi Ma'afu (2016-17) was a prop with 14 caps, and 11 appearances for the Cherry and Whites.

Of course, we still have an Aussie at Kingsholm, with Jordy Reid making a big impression and going from strength to strength in the back row.

FRASER BALMAIN

100 GLOUCESTER RUGBY APPEARANCES



Fraser Balmain made his 100th Gloucester Rugby appearance a few weeks ago against Exeter Chiefs and the tighthead prop was pretty pleased to have reached this milestone in Cherry and White.

"I'm chuffed. It's actually come about a lot quicker than I thought. When I was at Leicester, I ended up finishing on 96 appearances, so I never thought I'd get 100 anywhere. I'm chuffed and it's great to have done it at such a great club in Gloucester Rugby."

Fraser was at Leicester before coming to Kingsholm and believes that he's benefitted hugely from regular game time, allowing him to have consistent performances.

"Every position but especially prop, you can do all of the training that you want but it's very different in a game. The more you play, the better you can adapt. Things don't always go to plan in

a game, so you have to adapt and get used to it."

It's this regular game time that the Geordie has enjoyed since coming to Kingsholm in 2017. He has shown true durability, playing an impressive 27 times in the 2018-19 season.

What's more important is consistency in the players you play with and Fraser has now formed a good relationship with the other members of the front row at the club.

"I've got used to playing with Harry (Elrington) and Val (Rapava-Ruskin) now. It takes a bit of time to learn how the other side of the scrum is going to work and how you can work together as a team."

Life in the front row is all about teamwork and the relationships between the individuals that come together to make it work.



"Different people scrum in a different way. Val will scrummage differently to Harry and so will Jamal. The more you play with someone, and I've probably played with Val the most this season, you start off the season and you're a bit rusty with each other and you've just got to learn what each other likes and by the end of the year, things start to stick together. It's the same with hookers as well really.

"Val is probably the biggest loosehead in the Prem. It doesn't take a genius to look at our scrum and see that Val tends to go a lot more attacking and Harry is a bit more patient and takes his time to go through.

"There are benefits to both. I think the way that Skivs picks the team, some weeks teams will find it more difficult against Val and other weeks it would be Jamal or Harry."

The scrum is still very much seen as the dark art of rugby union and Fraser understands why it is such a misunderstood area of the game.

"The problem is that there are loads of resets. I can see why people get bored. I do think a lot of people and a lot of props and coaches over complicate it. They do make it sound like you need a degree to do it.

"There are a few things I think that if it was your first few games you wouldn't really understand, and I still don't think my mum has a clue what I do! I think it can be tricky at times but most of the time it's pretty simple to be honest.

"The main thing that you want from a forward pack is the correct attitude going into it and that will get you past a lot of the problems. On top of that, if you add a few finer details then it tends to go well."

Fraser highlights the importance of teamwork and pulling together when making a forward pack work.

"I think that's especially shown this year. The maul is going so well and that gives us confidence in the forward pack. That then comes into the scrum and if the scrum is going well in the game, then I think that seeps into the maul and other areas in the set piece.

"I think if you get one area ticking you sort of bring up the other ones and it's a bit embarrassing if you are doing terrifically in the maul but then your scrum's not firing, especially as a prop. It does make you want to back both of them up."

The forward pack has been a real Cherry and White weapon so far this season and much of this is thanks to the work that George Skivington has done with the group.

"I think Skivs has driven the forward pack. I played with him at Leicester, and he wasn't about the flashy stuff, it was just about working hard and grafting for each other.

"I think he's instilled that into everyone that that's what gets you through the tough patches and we did have that tough patch when he first came to Kingsholm but I think that made everyone tighter now that things are going well.

"You have a confidence after you've gone through a tough patch together and it brings you closer and that's why the lads are working so hard for each other."



Skivington's first full season in charge was undoubtedly challenging but without it, things wouldn't be so good this year.

"If you only ever have good times then I don't think you'd know what to do when things don't quite go to plan. There's been a few games this year when we were well down on the scoreboard for a period and the lads just stuck together and managed to turn it around. I don't think that would have happened two or three years ago. Those were the games that we would have lost but this year we seem to be coming out on top."

Another change George Skivington made was bringing in new personnel. Kirill Gotovtsev came in at the start of the season and has been in direct competition with Fraser for the starting shirt each week.

"I've never seen a prop like Kirill before! Bringing him in has made a lot of us look at ourselves and think that we need to get a little bit fitter. I take the mick out of Val but he can run like Mo Farah when he needs to! He's annoyingly good."

Kirill is an experienced athlete and has forced everyone to raise their standards.

"I think he's been a very good addition to the squad. I think that competition for places is always a good thing, and you obviously always want to be first choice. Kirill's come in and he's obviously my competition, but we get on real well and he's been a really good addition on and off the field.

"I know that I can't have a week off or slack because I know that he's chomping at the bit to get my shirt."

There is now genuine competition for places in every position and this is what has led to an increase in performances this season.

"Competition drives everyone to get better. I think that's probably the best way to keep standards up and in previous years we have lost people and the people that replaced them weren't at the same standard but now I think we've got multiple people in every position."

Fraser Balmain is well on his way to cementing himself as a Cherry and White legend and will add to his 103 appearances on Friday night when he starts against Worcester Warriors.

ACADEMY FEATURE

LOUIS HILLMAN-COOPER ON HIS PREMIERSHIP DEBUT AND BECOMING THE LATEST CHELTENHAM COLLEGE ALUMNUS TO PLAY IN CHERRY AND WHITE

LOUIS HILLMAN-COOPER MADE A GREAT IMPRESSION IN HIS FIRST PREMIERSHIP APPEARANCE, SCORING A TRY WHEN HE CAME ON OFF THE BENCH AGAINST SALE.

A member of the Gloucester Rugby Academy, Hillman-Cooper has been progressing nicely, excelling in the Premiership Rugby Cup opportunities he was given earlier on in the season.

"I was obviously quite nervous sat on the bench. When I got on the pitch, I tried not to big up the occasion too much. It can be quite a daunting thing, but I sort of just threw myself into it and luckily when we got towards their line, Chappers (Charlie Chapman) just hit me with the ball and I just reached out and it came off."

It was a great try against Sale and Hillman-Cooper firmly believes that it was game time earlier on in the season that helped prepare him for the opportunity.

"I think the Prem Cup is great to be honest. You have a real mixture of senior players and youth. In the Exeter game, I was lucky to play outside Billy Twelvetrees who has been a Gloucester Rugby legend for over 10 years now.

"Having that exposure, it really helps you to sort of be well prepared for any opportunity in the Premiership."

A key part of Hillman-Cooper's progression is time spent with first team players and as a centre he has British and Irish Lions and internationals to learn off with the likes of Chris Harris, Mark Atkinson and Billy Twelvetrees all at the club.



"They are brilliant. They are very approachable people. If I put a foot wrong, they're not shouting at me, they give me little pointers here and there. For me as a young player, I've just got to listen and learn, and take it all in. They've got a lot of experience behind them and they are all very high level players who are respected massively in the club."

"For me as a young guy coming through, it's all about trying things and taking onboard what they say."

Louis Hillman-Cooper went to Cheltenham College which is where his skills were first identified as being good enough to develop at a professional level. With the likes of Ollie Thorley having come through ahead of him, he had a strong role model who has now become a teammate in Cherry and White.

"Thorlo (Ollie Thorley) has been great ever since I came into the environment. He's not necessarily a centre but he's always been there, and he's helped me out massively as well."

"I obviously played a lot with Jack Clement at school and have seen him kick on and do great things. I'm very happy for him and it would be great for me if I could do the same."

"Those guys are brilliant and I've also got a mate, Seb Blake, who's coming through with me so that's quite nice as well. There's a good little Cheltenham College bubble in the system."

In charge of the rugby programme at Cheltenham College are two former Cherry and White players, Olly Morgan and Nick Runciman. It is clear how much of an impact they've had on Hillman-Cooper.

"I've got a huge amount of time and respect for Olly Morgan and Nick Runciman. I don't think I'd be where I am if I hadn't come into contact with those guys. They were brilliant when I was young and I still speak to them today."



"I had Runci when I was 15 to 16 and then Morgs when I was 17 to 18. I think that they were both brilliant at just giving that individual time and attention that you needed. I think that they also gave me a bit of a confidence boost and told me that I should really think about going for it."

"They are very approachable, and I can always talk to them about anything whether it's rugby related or non-rugby related. They were two very influential blokes on me growing up."

Hillman-Cooper will be looking forward to his next opportunity to impress in Cherry and White.

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LOUIS HILLMAN-COOPER

ACADEMY PROFILE



Words: Will Hartshorn

PACE, POWER, AND FOOTWORK. THESE ARE VERY KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF AN OUTSIDE CENTRE IN TODAY'S GAME AND UPCOMING ACADEMY BOY LOUIS HILLMAN-COOPER, WHO STANDS AT 190CM AND APPROXIMATELY 100 KGS, DOES EXACTLY WHAT IT SAYS ON THE TIN.

Louis hasn't featured a great deal in the Premiership for Gloucester Rugby yet but a wealth of quality and experience in the centres has given the youngster some vital lessons behind the scenes when he trains regularly with the first team. With seasoned heads like Mark Atkinson and Billy Twelvetrees around to give some useful pointers and advice, he is certainly in good hands - both on and off the pitch.

The Gloucester Rugby Academy welcomed the Cheltenham College graduate with open arms aged 16 and it wasn't long until he appeared on the international radar, which later saw him make his England U18 debut against Scotland in 2019.

The Premiership Rugby Cup has been a fantastic opportunity for some exposure and game time for Hillman-Cooper and we have seen him really excel when given the opportunity. Impressive performances saw him awarded his Premiership debut in our last fixture away at

Sale Sharks, and he did not take long to make his mark, scoring an excellent try with a powerful drive against multiple Sale defenders whilst maintaining enough control to dot the ball down over the white line with the ball in only one arm.

If you want a taste of the support and trust this side have in Louis, I will implore you to look at not only the try, but the celebration too, with a similar feel to the Josh Gray debut try against Exeter Chiefs last year, this is a great example of how tight nit this group are.

I am sure there will be several comparisons to Welsh star-boy Louis Rees-Zammit, due to the nature of the first name, but Hillman-Cooper should be praised in his own right without comparison as he looks to be a truly exciting talent coming through in Cherry and White, I am very excited to see him come through and cannot wait to see him line up with other another Academy product of Tom Seabrook.

STATS CORNER



Freddie Clarke



Niall Annett

- Gloucester Rugby have lost just one of their 15 previous home games against Worcester Warriors in the Premiership (W13 D1); they have also scored 22 or more points in each of their last six encounters at Kingsholm, conceding more than 19 on only occasion in the process.
- Gloucester Rugby have won their last four Premiership matches against Worcester Warriors, with an average winning margin of 20 points; however, they have never won five games in a row against Worcester Warriors.
- Gloucester Rugby have lost three of their last four games in the Premiership, after winning three in a row previously; they have conceded at least 20 points in eight of their last nine fixtures.
- Gloucester Rugby have won their last three Premiership matches played on a Friday, with their last two such victories coming by margins of 17 points (27-10 v Bristol Bears and 24-7 v London Irish).
- Worcester Warriors are winless in their last 21 Premiership away games (D1 L20), a run which stretches all the way back to November 2020 and is the longest active streak of its kind in the league.
- Worcester Warriors won their most recent Premiership match (35-31 v Bristol Bears) after winning just one of their previous eight; the 35 points scored in that victory was the most they had managed since the opening day of the season (36-24 v London Irish).
- Gloucester Rugby have made more tackles than any other side in this season's Premiership (2752); however, no side made more tackles than Worcester Warriors in the last round of fixtures (219).
- Worcester Warriors have spent the lowest percentage of their time in opposition territory in this season's Premiership (45%); meanwhile, Gloucester Rugby have spent the lowest percentage of time in possession of the ball amongst all teams this term (46%).
- Gloucester Rugby's Freddie Clarke completed more line-out takes than any other player in the last round of Premiership fixtures (11); Worcester Warriors' Graham Kitchener ranked fourth for line-out takes last time out (8).
- Worcester Warriors hooker Niall Annett made more successful line-out throws without misplacing one than any other player in the last round of Premiership fixtures (9); he also has the highest line-out throw success rate amongst players to have attempted at least 30 this season (96%).



SALE SHARKS DENY GLOUCESTER RUGBY IN HARD FOUGHT LOSS

Gloucester Rugby fell short in a hard fought 26-24 loss to Sale Sharks but take two losing bonus points from the AJ Bell.

What happened?

Sale Sharks scored three tries in the first half through Faf de Klerk, Al MacGinty and JP Du Preez with de Klerk hitting two of the conversions as the hosts took in a 19-12 lead at the break.

Two Santiago Socino tries from the maul kept us in the fight with Barton hitting one of the conversions in the swirling wind at the AJ Bell. We went into the break 19-12 down.

In the second half, the Sharks got on the scoreboard again as JL Du Preez reached over for the score. De Klerk converted the score to give them their 26 points.

However, Gloucester Rugby stayed in the fight and scrum half replacement Charlie Chapman intercepted the ball deep in the Cherry and White 22 and had the speed to race down the touchline to score in the corner.

This was a big momentum shifter for the Cherry and Whites and the attack came alive again when Louis Hillman-Cooper dotted down for a try on his Premiership debut.

Barton slotted the conversion putting us just two points behind with 10 minutes on the clock.

Despite our best efforts, Sale weren't going to let us score again and were ultimately able to hold out our attack until the final whistle.



KEY MOMENT: CHARLIE CHAPMAN'S TRY

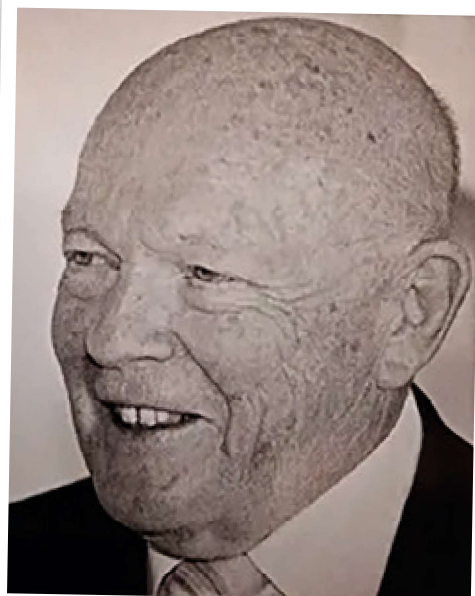
Charlie Chapman had come on off the bench and Gloucester Rugby were in need of a big moment to swing the momentum of the game.

The scrum-half grabbed the ball from the Sharks attack and pinned his ears back and made it all the way to the try line to dot down for a great individual score.



DR ROGER ELTRINGHAM

SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER DR ROGER ELTRINGHAM, WHO WAS AT GLOUCESTER RUGBY FOR 22 YEARS.



When Roger was appointed as consultant anaesthetist at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital in 1974, he came along to the club and was introduced to Dr Durkin, who was the club doctor at the time.

Roger recalls, "Apparently we were the first club to have their own doctor with a surgery in the stadium itself – previously unheard of – to be honest 'surgery' was rather a grand name, it was more like a cupboard, it did not even have a door! It was equipped with a bed, Anglepoise lamp (about 20 watts), a walking stick and a stretcher.

"When Dr Durkin retired, I was recommended for the job on the sole grounds that we had both

been to the same medical school in St Andrews!"

Roger says he was often asked how much he got paid for being the club doctor, but said he was never paid and did it for the love of the game and a seat at the match (albeit often interrupted).

"On one occasion," Roger remembers, "a misunderstanding took place when two players were injured simultaneously at opposite ends of the field (another 'off the ball' injury, of which there were plenty before the cameras). Luckily, there was also another doctor present, each of us thought the other had taken the injured player off and brought on a sub. But when I got back to my seat I was greeted with "what have you done

Doc! There are 16 players on the pitch!"

"I was left with the delicate task of getting a player to leave the field without anyone, especially the referee, noticing. I went to the touchline, luckily Mike Teague was within ear shot and I was able to call him over – I explained that his injury was not as trivial as originally thought!"

Roger goes on to recall, "In the 22 years I was the doctor I treated 60 fractures, three fractured necks, John Bayliss and Phil Blakeway, both fortunate enough to play the next season. The third player was a wing $\frac{3}{4}$ from Exeter who was even more fortunate, he was taken to the orthopaedic ward – and he subsequently married the staff nurse!"

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Roger has many fond memories of his time as the doctor of the Club and those of you who know him will enjoy his anecdotes, not only as his time as the doctor at the club, but of his time as an anaesthetist.

SOME MORE ABOUT ROGER...

Roger Eltringham grew up in the village of Marden in Kent during the 1940s. His original plan to

"MUCH OF ROGER'S CAREER WAS SPENT AS CONSULTANT IN ANAESTHESIA AND INTENSIVE CARE AT GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL HOSPITAL"

become a physical education instructor was abandoned at the last minute and he switched to study medicine instead.

Dr Eltringham received his medical degree from St Andrews University and completed his anaesthesia training at Bristol and the University of Colorado in Denver.

Much of Roger's career was spent as Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital and Medical Advisor to Gloucester Rugby.

He was responsible for teaching programs and exchange rotations in overseas universities, and this led him to travelling widely to deliver lectures and training.

He became aware of the huge challenges faced by hospitals in developing countries, including the lack of reliable equipment.

The result was the development of the Glostavent, an anaesthesia machine based on the principles of simplicity, reliability, and economy. This machine is now used in 70 countries around the world and a portable version is used by emergency response organisations.

On retirement, Dr Eltringham returned to Marden, Kent and established the charity Safe Anaesthesia Worldwide to tackle the ongoing inequalities in anaesthesia care around the world.

Dr Roger Eltringham founded the charity Safe Anaesthesia Worldwide (SAWW) in 2011 with the aim of bringing anaesthesia to people in need. Anaesthesia is crucial for surgery to save lives



James Stanlake (Roger's grandson) with girlfriend Kayleigh Balchin. Kayleigh works for BiGDUG

Laughing Gas



Dr Roger Eltringham

Whilst reading *The British Journal of Anaesthesia*, I agreed for my daughter to practice her face-painting skills on me! (1978)

and prevent disability, yet in many poor countries the availability of anaesthesia remains a luxury.

SAWW provides suitable anaesthetic equipment and training to poor countries. It also responds to disasters and recently sent two portable anaesthesia machines Ukraine to treat injuries. To learn more visit www.safe4all.org.uk

Dr Roger Eltringham has written a book, entitled *Laughing Gas*. It is a lighthearted memoir of his days as an anaesthetist. Copies of the book can be purchased on the SAWW website and all the proceeds from the sale of the book support the work of the charity.

Roger has travelled from his home in Kent today to watch Gloucester Rugby v Worcester Warriors and to watch his grandson, James Stanlake play rugby, as the captain of Cheltenham Saracens tomorrow.

Roger has some copies of his book with him, so if you spot him around the ground, feel free to ask for a signed copy!

Good to see you, Doc!

THE TEAMS



VS



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				Kyle MOYLE	15	Noah HEWARD				
				Santiago CARRERAS	14	Alex HEARLE				
				Chris HARRIS	13	Oli MORRIS				
				Mark ATKINSON	12	Ashley BECK				
				Ollie THORLEY	11	Perry HUMPHREYS				
				Adam HASTINGS	10	Fin SMITH				
				Ben MEEHAN	9	Will CHUDLEY				
				Val RAPAVA RUSKIN	1	Lewis HOLSEY				
				Santiago SOCINO	2	Niall ANNETT				
				Fraser BALMAIN	3	Christian JUDGE				
				Freddie CLARKE	4	Joe BATLEY				
				Matias ALEMANNO	5	Graham KITCHENER				
				Jordy REID	6	Kyle HATHERELL				
				Lewis LUDLOW (C)	7	Ted HILL (C)				
				Ruan ACKERMANN	8	Sione VAILANU				

REPLACEMENTS

				Henry WALKER	16	Isaac MILLER				
				Jamal FORD-ROBINSON	17	Ben MURPHY				
				Bryan O'CONNOR	18	Murray McCALLUM				
				Andrew DAVIDSON	19	Caleb MONTGOMERY				
				Ben MORGAN	20	Jack FORSYTHE				
				Charlie CHAPMAN	21	Gareth SIMPSON				
				Billy TWELVETREES	22	Billy SEARLE				
				Louis REES-ZAMMIT	23	Seb ATKINSON				

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