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LANCE BRADLEY

CEO

WELCOME TO KINGSHOLM, AND OUR MATCH AGAINST OUR OLD RIVALS, BATH.

It's another important game for us, not only because of our long-standing rivalry, but also because we're reaching the end of the season, and we still have plenty to play for. I can't remember a season when it's been quite this close, with teams as far down as ninth still in with a shout of achieving a top-four finish.

It just goes to show what an outstanding league the Gallagher Premiership is, and how great it is to be part of it.

Both clubs have put out strong squads for today, so we're looking forward to a proper local derby, and all that entails.

There's a good feeling within the Club now, as we move towards the business end of the season.

While we were, of course, disappointed to go out of the Premiership Cup on Wednesday, our youngsters put in a great shift and a great performance against a fully loaded Worcester team. Indeed, they more than matched Worcester in the first half, going in 18-14 ahead.

It was always going to be difficult against such an experienced opposition, but those of you who were there, or who watched on TV, will have seen just why we're so optimistic about the future, and the talent that's coming through our Academy.

We had never been competing in three competitions at this stage of the season before, which goes to show the progress we've made even since last season.

And we still have two competitions to go for.

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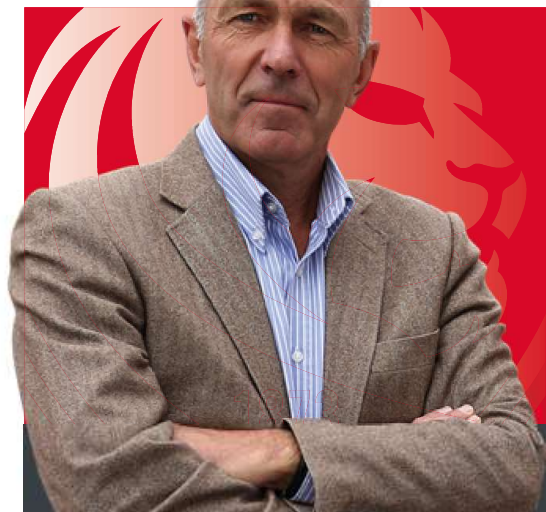
After our win against Northampton Saints in the European Challenge Cup 'round of 16', we now play Saracens in the quarter finals. That game will be held at Kingsholm next Friday (6th May) at 8pm. While you would be foolish to underestimate a team like Saracens, there is a belief in our squad that on our day we can beat anyone. Our win at the StoneX Stadium in January just goes to prove that.

But there's no doubt that it will be a tough game, and we'll need your support to get us over the line. Adult tickets are £20 in the Speedy Skips Stand and £25 in the Compeed Shed, with seats from £30-£45. Junior tickets start at £10. **You can buy your tickets here.** We'd really appreciate your support.

I'll be wandering around the ground before kick-off again this afternoon, 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 AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE BIG WEST COUNTRY DERBY. THE FIXTURE AGAINST BATH IS ALWAYS SPECIAL AND I AM GREATLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CONTEST TODAY.

There is inevitably an added excitement for derby day as we welcome our rivals from just down the road.

Of course, in the context of our season, this game is vitally important. A disappointing one-point loss to Bristol last time out was tough, but things are still in our hands as we look to finish the season on a high. We will need to win this afternoon if we are to keep our top four hopes alive.

In the week, a young Cherry and White team came up against a strong Worcester side in the Premiership Rugby Cup semi-final. Although Worcester won, we put up a good fight, led at half time, and I think we were all proud of how our academy based side handled themselves against much more experienced opposition.

The future of Gloucester Rugby is bright and despite that result, it was great to have the club in a semi-final and to see so many of you come out to support the youngsters.

I hope that you enjoy the game today. Let's all cheer loud for our team as we look to claim West Country bragging rights.

Thank you for your support,

Martin



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BOXING DAY DELIGHT AS GLOUCESTER RUGBY TAKE DERBY DAY WIN

Gloucester Rugby scored six tries to win the West Country Derby against Bath 40-20 at the Rec.

What happened?

Gloucester Rugby secured the try scoring bonus point before half time and it was the driving maul that proved to be successful for the Cherry and Whites once again.

Bath opened the scoring through an Orlando Bailey penalty but Gloucester Rugby were first to get a try when they were awarded a penalty try as the hosts brought the driving maul down illegally.

Another Bailey penalty kept the Blue, Black and Whites in the game but it wasn't long until Chris Harris got over for his first of two tries after Ben Meehan drew the last defender to put the centre in space.



KEY MOMENT: CHRIS HARRIS

Chris Harris scored two great tries for the Cherry and Whites but it was his second score that really stood out. Mark Atkinson chipped the ball through and Louis Rees-Zammit volleyed it on for Chris Harris to chase down and score.

Jack Singleton then cashed in after the maul drove over again and before half time Harris collected a chip through from Rees-Zammit to score his second and our fourth, bonus point try, just before the break.

Leading 26-6 at half time, Bath were still in the game and put up plenty of resistance in the second half.

Building well, Bath had the scrum just 5m from the Gloucester Rugby line. Winning the penalty, Ben Spencer took the quick tap option and snuck over the line to score Bath's first try.

But there was no stopping that Cherry and White driving maul. Fraser Balmain was the next player to get over, and scoring our 5th try of the afternoon, all but confirmed our victory.

Kyle Moyle put the final nail in the coffin with a late score after Ollie Thorley collected Adam Hasting's cross field kick and then passed to the fullback who dived over to score.

Bath went out on their shield and it was a late try from Ollie Fox, with the clock in the red, that softened the score line for the hosts.

GLOUCESTER RUGBY
HERITAGESOUTH AFRICAN
CONNECTIONS –
PART ONE

First contact between Gloucester Rugby and South Africa came on the battlefield rather than the sports field, during the Boer War (1899-1902). Three current Gloucester players, all forwards, signed up for the Gloucesters and fought in South Africa, where one, Alec Spence, died, and the other two, Arthur Mills and Fred Goolding, were taken prisoner. Other soldiers who served in the Boer War later played for Gloucester, most notably Harry Berry, an England international.

In 1906, a South African national team toured the UK for the first time, and were welcomed to Kingsholm by a capacity crowd. Their opponents, Gloucestershire, selected six Gloucester players – Alfie Wood, Arthur Hudson, “Whacker” Smith, “Jummer” Stephens, George Matthews and W Holder. With overwhelming strength and speed, the Springboks powered to their twelfth successive victory, 23-0. The Citizen reported that “when a man’s collared by the Colonials there is no mistake about it – down they go, planted deep”, in what was “a game fit for the gods”

More than 50 years passed before South Africans next played at Kingsholm. In 1957, the Sables, South African Universities, played a Western Clubs side, including two Gloucester players – Ieuan Sheen at full-back and Cyril Thomas at hooker. A 6-6 draw was slugged out in the mud.

The full Springboks team were back in 1960 to face a Western Counties

SOUTH AFRICANS.	GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
BACK—	BACK—
2 A. F. Marsberg	1 A. Wood (Gloucester)
THREE-QUARTERS—	THREE-QUARTERS—
7 J. Le Roux (left wing)	2 A. Hudson (Gloucester)
10 J. G. Hirsch (left centre)	3 W. Hyam (Devon Albion)
3 J. Krige (right centre)	4 M. Neale (Bristol)
6 J. A. Loubser (right wing)	5 C. Smith (Gloucester)
HALF-BACKS—	HALF-BACKS—
11 H. Carolin	6 F. Niblett (Cinderford)
12 F. J. Dobbin	7 J. Stephens (Gloucester)
FORWARDS—	FORWARDS—
16 W. A. Burger	8 J. L. Mathias (Bristol), Capt.
19 H. Daneel	9 T. J. Richards (Bristol)
22 W. C. Martheze	10 J. D. Bedell-Sivright (Cheltenham)
24 W. S. Morkel	11 W. Bale (Bristol)
26 H. Reid	12 J. Watkins (Cinderford)
14 D. Mare	13 G. Matthews (Gloucester)
28 W. Burdett	14 T. Webb (Bristol)
21 D. Brink	15 W. Holder (Gloucester)

Referee: Mr. F. J. MARSH (South Shields).
Touch Judges: Messrs. P. Le Roux (South Africans), C. E. Brown (Gloucestershire).

side, for whom their captain, Peter Ford, was the only Gloucester representative. It was not much different to 1906, as South Africa steamrollered their way to ten tries and won 42-0. Everything about the visitors seemed bigger and better, most of all their scrum half, Dick Lockyear, who passed the ball up to 40 feet, and kicked the conversions.

When South Africa toured in 1970 they were not due to play at Kingsholm, but this was the apartheid tour. The police advised that they could not secure the Bournemouth ground against demonstrators for the match against Southern Counties, so it was switched to Castle Grim. It was a real surprise when the match



Demonstrators before the 1970 game

reached half-time with no score, but South Africa applied more power in the second half to win 13-0. The presence of 690 police meant that there were few problems inside the ground, but plenty of demonstrating outside.

In 1982, Gloucester met Moseley in the final of the John Player Cup. The teams were tied at full-time and after extra time, but a replay could not be arranged because Gloucester went straight from Twickenham to Heathrow to fly to South Africa to take part in an international tournament, so the Cup was shared. The high jinks off the field may have affected results on it, with losses 6-60 to Pretoria University, 8-25 to Bangor, and 13-26 to Club of America.

In 1993, Gloucester hosted a visit by the South African Barbarians, who included four internationals, although one was from Zimbabwe and two from Namibia. The only South African international was Tinus Linee, one of the first black players to represent his country. Gloucester squandered far too many scoring chances, so, despite a try by Dave Sims and Paul Holford's fine tackling keeping them in the game, the final score was 11-15.

The 1990s saw South African provinces organising tours to the UK. Kingsholm was a highly favoured venue, and Gloucester were happy to oblige. In 1992, Transvaal led the way, arriving with a fearsome reputation and Francois Pienaar as captain. They scored almost as soon as they ran out, but a very entertaining game saw Gloucester fight back with tries from Simon Morris and Marcus Hannaford as well as a penalty try; Martin Roberts punished Transvaal transgressions with four penalties to round off a 31-11 victory.

Next up, in 1995, were Northern Transvaal, who boasted five internationals, and their big pack dominated an ill-tempered game in wet conditions. Johann Ackermann



Scott Benton

was sent off for a head-butt on Dave Sims, although this particular skill was left behind when he later returned to coach Gloucester. With tries from Pete Glanville and Simon Morris, penalties from Lee Osborne, and controversy and violence a-plenty, the final score was 21-31.

Later that year, Vaal Triangle were the visitors, and arrived unbeaten on their tour. Scott Benton, making his first appearance for the Club, made a break to set up the first try by Don Caskie, and there were further tries by Pete Miles, Ian Smith, Mark Cornwell and Mike Peters, before Benton crowned his debut by

charging down a kick, and winning the race to touch down for a try, thus completing a 34-10 win.

Meanwhile, Gloucester had embarked on another summer tour to South Africa in 1994, captained by Andy Deacon. Lee Osbourne made his debut for the Club in the first game of the tour, a 23-27 loss to Hamiltons. The second game, in which Mark Mapletoft made his first appearance for the Club, was won 38-11 against Milnerton. Tim Smith scored a hat-trick of tries in a 41-7 victory over Belville, and Paul Holford scored two against Stellenbosch University, which rounded the tour off with a 26-9 win.

Kingsholm was the venue for England A against South Africa A in 1996. Rob Fidler and Chris Catling made their debuts at this level. Danny Grewcock so annoyed the opposition that he was stamped on twice, which resulted in two yellow cards in two minutes. Two conversions and two penalties by Mark Mapletoft put England ahead, but three tries in the last ten minutes saw the South Africans win 35-20.

The professional era in rugby has brought a succession of South Africans to Kingsholm to play for Gloucester, and these will be the subject of our article in the next match programme.



Tim Smith and Paul Holford



CHARLIE CHAPMAN

ON THE WEST COUNTRY DERBY AND HIS 50TH APPEARANCE



The West Country derby is big. The fiercest rivalry in the Premiership. Gloucester Rugby vs Bath. Bragging rights, history and passion.

It's always a special occasion but this Saturday is set to be even more memorable for Charlie Chapman who will make his 50th Cherry and White appearance against the Blue, Black and Whites.

"Wow! I didn't know it was my 50th appearance this weekend!"

"That's great for me personally. That's a great milestone for me and hopefully I can get to that 100 ASAP. That is a real decent achievement for me and for us to be able to get a result at the weekend would tick it off really nicely. Hopefully then we can push on to the top four and really do something great for the club."

Gloucester through and through, Chapman has grown up with the derby and knows the added spice that this game brings.

"From watching in the stands with my dad, there was always a different feeling around

the whole city when you're walking through. Walking up Kingsholm Road, you could always sense that there was a bit more of a buzz and an urgency to get to the ground.

"I'm massively excited for this game. Especially in the context of where we are in the season. These last few games now are coming down to the wire and it's vitally important that we produce a big win and hopefully get five points which will hopefully project us into that top four."

After a bitterly disappointing loss to Bristol last time out, if Gloucester Rugby are to reach the top four, this fixture is a must win.

"It's really important for us to understand what this means, not just to us as a group of players but to everybody else outside of the club.

"I've been there before, and I've watched these sort of games. Even when we haven't been competing in the top four, this derby has gone on for years now and it's vicious and it's quite important for us to realise what it means to the fans and what it means to us as individuals as well."



"We've fallen short in a couple of results in the Premiership. We found that quite tough, but we've licked our wounds and have gone back to the drawing board and produced some good results.

"Going into Bath this weekend, we just need to produce something seriously big that can help us with that top four fight."

In the world of modern rugby, every Premiership game is vitally important. However, Chapman reveals that West Country bragging rights still adds an extra level whenever the Cherry and Whites play Bath.

"It's a different level of intensity and I saw that when I was in the academy when I was younger. I played some A League games against Bath and there's no difference in terms of what it means to the club and what it means as players. You put a performance into the badge no matter what and it's massive for us to basically do Bath in!

"It's all about the bragging rights. For us to beat them, it's massive. Both for us individually and as a club. It's just a different intensity across the whole week.

"Mentally, you've got start making switches early on in the week to prepare yourself for a battle out there."

That mental battle is key. It will be important for the players not to let the emotion of the day get the better of them.

"There's that element in every game across the season. You've got to stay composed and the top two inches are vitally important and you've got to make sure you control those top two inches. If you can control your head, then you can end up controlling the game.

"There's definitely an edge of intensity from both sides that increases and it's on us as a team to keep that just below boiling point, so we are ready to unleash what we have and impose our game onto theirs.



"It's vital that we control it and make sure you're in the right frame of mind going into this battle on the weekend."

Making his 50th appearance, Chapman reflects on his memories of coming to Kingsholm as a young lad and getting inspired by what he saw.

"I used to come here with my dad and it was something quite surreal when we were younger. They used to let you go onto the pitch after the games and that's what me and my best mate used to do and that's what we lived for. Being able to get onto the pitch after the game with a rugby ball and almost feel what they felt on the pitch.

"It felt so far away, and I never thought that I would actually do it. Hopefully I'm making my family proud. They're the reason that I'm playing."

It'll also be a big occasion for Tom Seabrook, Charlie's best mate, who is also set to make his 50th appearance.

"Me and Tom, we go way back. Initially we met through friends of friends when we were about 12 or 13. We ended up in the DPP together which is the Gloucester Rugby academy programme. That was 10 years ago and ever since then we've had a really good bond and we've come all the way through together.

"He's had a tough run of it but he's now come into some really good form which is great for me to watch and being able to play with your best friend is something which I never would have thought I would have done."

The West Country derby is special. This one will be really special for Charlie Chapman and Tom Seabrook.



ACADEMY FEATURE

GLOUCESTER RUGBY PUT UP A STRONG FIGHT AGAINST FULLY LOADED WORCESTER



GLOUCESTER RUGBY PUT UP A STERN FIGHT AGAINST A STRONG WORCESTER WARRIORS SIDE BUT ULTIMATELY LOST 39-25 IN THE PREMIERSHIP RUGBY CUP SEMI-FINAL.



A largely academy based Cherry and White side did well, going into half time with an 18-14 lead but the experience and physicality of the Worcester side showed in the second half where the visitors ultimately out muscled the younger side.

What happened?

Gloucester Rugby took a four-point lead into the break after tries from Cameron Jordan and Jake Morris.

It was two George Barton penalties that opened the Cherry and White scoring with the fly-half slotting the conversion for the first try.

Worcester were game and scored twice themselves through Tom Howe and Gareth Simpson. Fin Smith added both conversions, setting up a second half with it all to play for at 18-14.

In the second half, Gareth Simpson went over for his second try of the game with Duhan Van Der Merve and a penalty try extending the Warrior's lead.

A penalty from replacement fly-half Jamie Shillcock made the score 18-34 but the Cherry and Whites came back.

An incredible stint in attack lead to Alex Morgan getting over the line for a pick and go try but Worcester had the last laugh with a Niall Annett try securing them the 39-25 victory and a place in the Prem Cup final.

JACK BARTLETT

ACADEMY PROFILE



Words: Will Hartshorn

THE FACT HE STANDS AT 193CM AND TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 120KGS ON THE SCALES, TELLS YOU A LOT OF WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT 22-YEAR-OLD NUMBER 8 JACK BARTLETT. JACK IS AN AGGRESSIVE BALL CARRIER AND TOUGH TACKLER AND WE SAW A TASTE OF THIS RECENTLY IN THE PREMIERSHIP CUP FIXTURE AGAINST BRISTOL AFTER HE REPLACED FELLOW ACADEMY NUMBER 8 JACK CLEMENT IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE TIE.

With Jack's father, Nick Bartlett, being a former prop for the Navy, he is no stranger to the game and has had that early involvement which will have no doubt sparked his interest in the game.

Despite excelling in his current position of number 8, the exciting battering ram of a player is new to the role, having gained experience multiple positions through club rugby for both Cinderford and Lydney. With experience playing through the twelve (inside centre) channel, packing down at both hooker and prop in the front row, Bartlett has been able to tie his vast skillset together to become a fantastic prospect for the senior side.

Jack's experience in the backs has been evident when he has had his opportunities through competition games in the first team, with evidently knowledgeable and calculated lines being cut to find the gaps and the soft shoulders, he seems to have a talent for exploiting as

much space as possible whilst making full use of his impressive power.

The area of potential excellence in his game will come in his work after contact, with an instinctive ability to free his hands and offer an imposing option in the offload game, a great opportunity to extend plays and opportunity of a try or extra yardage, especially with the wealth of pace and power this Gloucester side has to offer.

We have only had limited snippets of Jack on the big stage, but from what we have seen, the fans have every right to be excited to see this young man develop and excel in front of the Shed. Gloucester Rugby fan favourites often revolve around big hits and "boomfa" moments, with this in mind, I don't think it will be long before we hear Bartlett chanted around the terraces in a similar vein to the way we are hearing "Ruan" currently.

STATS CORNER



Bath Rugby have had more possession than all bar Exeter Chiefs



Ben Spencer scored two tries last time out

- Gloucester Rugby won the reverse of this fixture earlier in the season (40-20 in Round 11) but haven't completed a double over Bath in the Premiership since the 2011/2012 campaign; the Cherry and Whites were losing at half-time in each of their last three home games against Bath Rugby, however, they ended up winning two of those encounters.
- Gloucester Rugby have lost five of their last six matches in the Premiership, including their last three, after winning six games out of seven previously; they have not lost more consecutive games in the league since a run of eight straight defeats between December 2020 and February 2021.
- Gloucester Rugby have lost two of their last four Premiership home matches in which they have held the lead at half-time; however, they have won four of the last five games in which they trailed at the interval.
- Bath Rugby have lost their last two Premiership matches after going unbeaten in their previous three (W2 D1); five of their last six matches have been decided by margins of five points or fewer.
- Bath Rugby have registered just one win from their last 12 Premiership away matches (L11); their last six losses on the road have all come by margins in excess of 13 points.
- Gloucester Rugby had the best tackle success rate of any side in the last round of Premiership fixtures (94%); they also possess the fourth highest tackle success rate of any side over the course of the current season (87%).
- Only Exeter Chiefs (56%) have enjoyed a greater percentage of their time in possession of the goal than Bath Rugby (52%) in this season's Premiership; on the other hand, Gloucester have endured less possession than any other side this time (47%).
- Bath Rugby made more line-breaks than any other side in the last round of Premiership (11); they also rank fourth for total line-breaks made this season (121).
- No player has hit more defensive rucks in this season's Premiership than Gloucester Rugby's Lewis Ludlow (145 def. ruck arrivals); Ludlow also ranks in the top 10 for attacking rucks hit this term (326 att. ruck arrivals).
- Scrum-half Ben Spencer scored two tries for Bath Rugby in the last round of Premiership fixtures, his first Premiership double since a brace against Sale Sharks in September 2020, and as many tries as he had managed in his previous 16 league appearances for Bath Rugby.



GLOUCESTER RUGBY SUFFER GUTTING LOSS TO BRISTOL BEARS

Gloucester Rugby took two losing bonus points after coming back from 17-0 to lose 29-28 at Ashton Gate on Friday night.

Bristol Bears claimed the victory and the Rifles Cup with a narrow win in the Gallagher Premiership.

What happened?

Gloucester Rugby scored three tries in the first half but early on it was Bristol who were the dominant side.

Harry Thacker and Andy Uren both went over for scores with Callum Sheedy slotting both conversions and a penalty to give the hosts a healthy lead.

The Cherry and Whites hit their stride and Louis Rees-Zammit showed his pace with a break and his offload set Charlie Chapman up for our opening score.

Adam Hastings slotted the conversion and was also accurate from the tee when Louis Rees-Zammit went over for a try of his own.

To finish off the first half, Chris Harris collected the inside ball from Freddie Clarke and shot over to give Gloucester Rugby a 21-17 lead at the break.

It was a tight and tense second half with Chris Harris and Matias Alemanno working well to hold Uren up over the line to stop a try but the Bears were able to get over the line through Toby Fricker after the Cherry and Whites went down to 14 men as Freddie Clarke was yellow carded for a deliberate knock on.

Both teams were soon playing with 14 players as Sam Bedlow was red carded for a high hit on Hastings.

The momentum led to a Cherry and White maul try, scored by Jack Singleton and Hastings' conversion gave us a 28-24 lead with just minutes on the clock.

At the death, Fricker went over for his second to claim the one point victory for our West Country rivals.





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THE TEAMS



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				Santiago CARRERAS	15	Tom DE GLANVILLE				
				Louis REES ZAMMIT	14	Joe COKANASIGA				
				Chris HARRIS	13	Jonathan JOSEPH				
				Mark ATKINSON	12	Max CLARK				
				Ollie THORLEY	11	Will MUIR				
				Adam HASTINGS	10	Danny CIPRIANI				
				Charlie CHAPMAN	9	Ben SPENCER				
				Harry ELRINGTON	1	Valeriy MOROZOV				
				Jack SINGLETON	2	Tom DUNN				
				Kirill GOTOVTSEV	3	Will STUART				
				Freddie CLARKE	4	Mike WILLIAMS				
				Matias ALEMANNO	5	Charlie EWELS				
				Ruan ACKERMANN	6	Miles REID				
				Lewis LUDLOW (C)	7	Sam UNDERHILL				
				Ben MORGAN	8	Taulupe FALETAU				

REPLACEMENTS

				Santiago SOCINO	16	Jacques DU TOIT				
				Jamal FORD ROBINSON	17	Arthur CORDWELL				
				Fraser BALMAIN	18	Ma'afu FIA				
				Andrew DAVIDSON	19	Ewan RICHARDS				
				Jordy REID	20	Jaco COETZEE				
				Ben MEEHAN	21	Ollie FOX				
				Billy TWELVETREES	22	Orlando BAILEY				
				Tom SEABROOK	23	Will BUTT				

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