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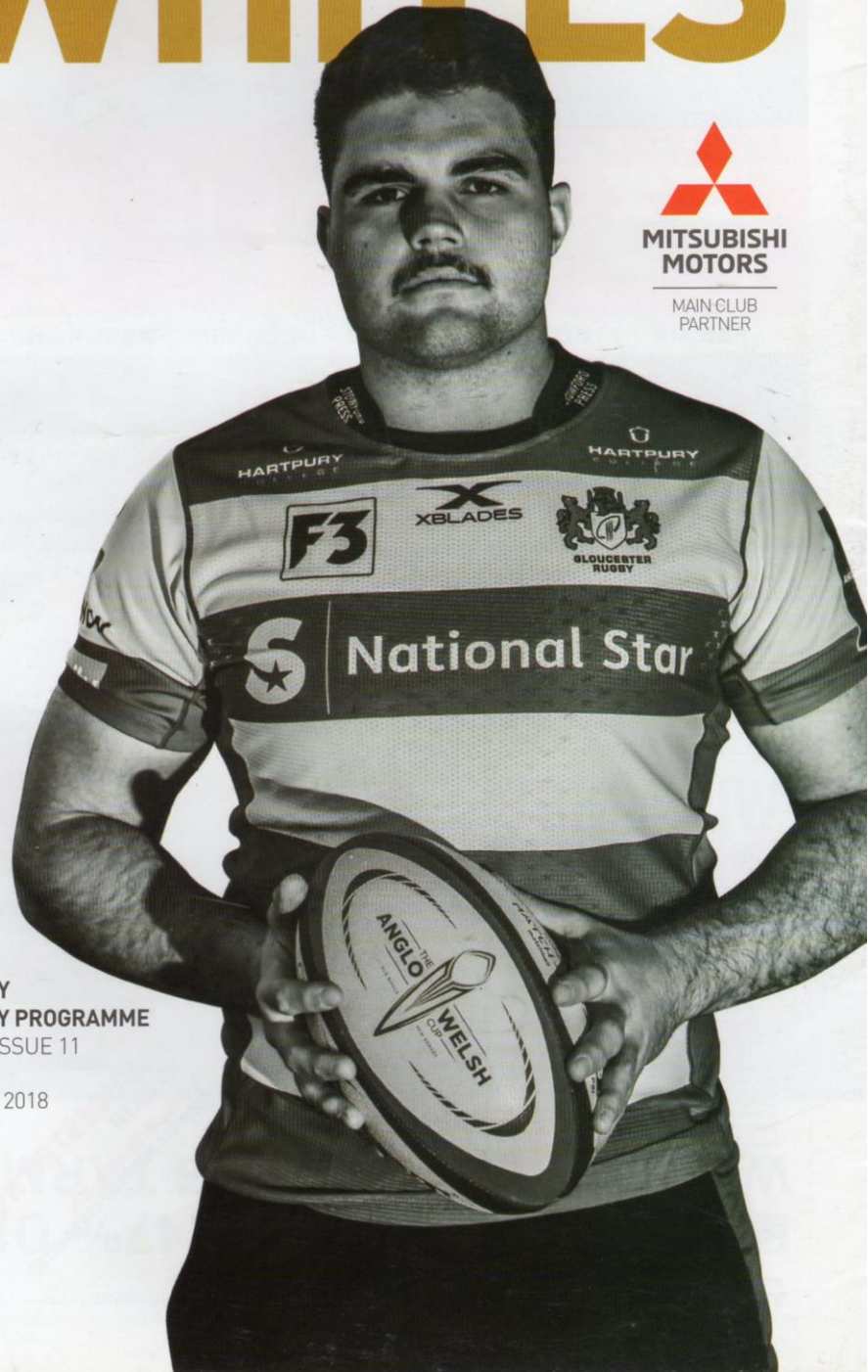
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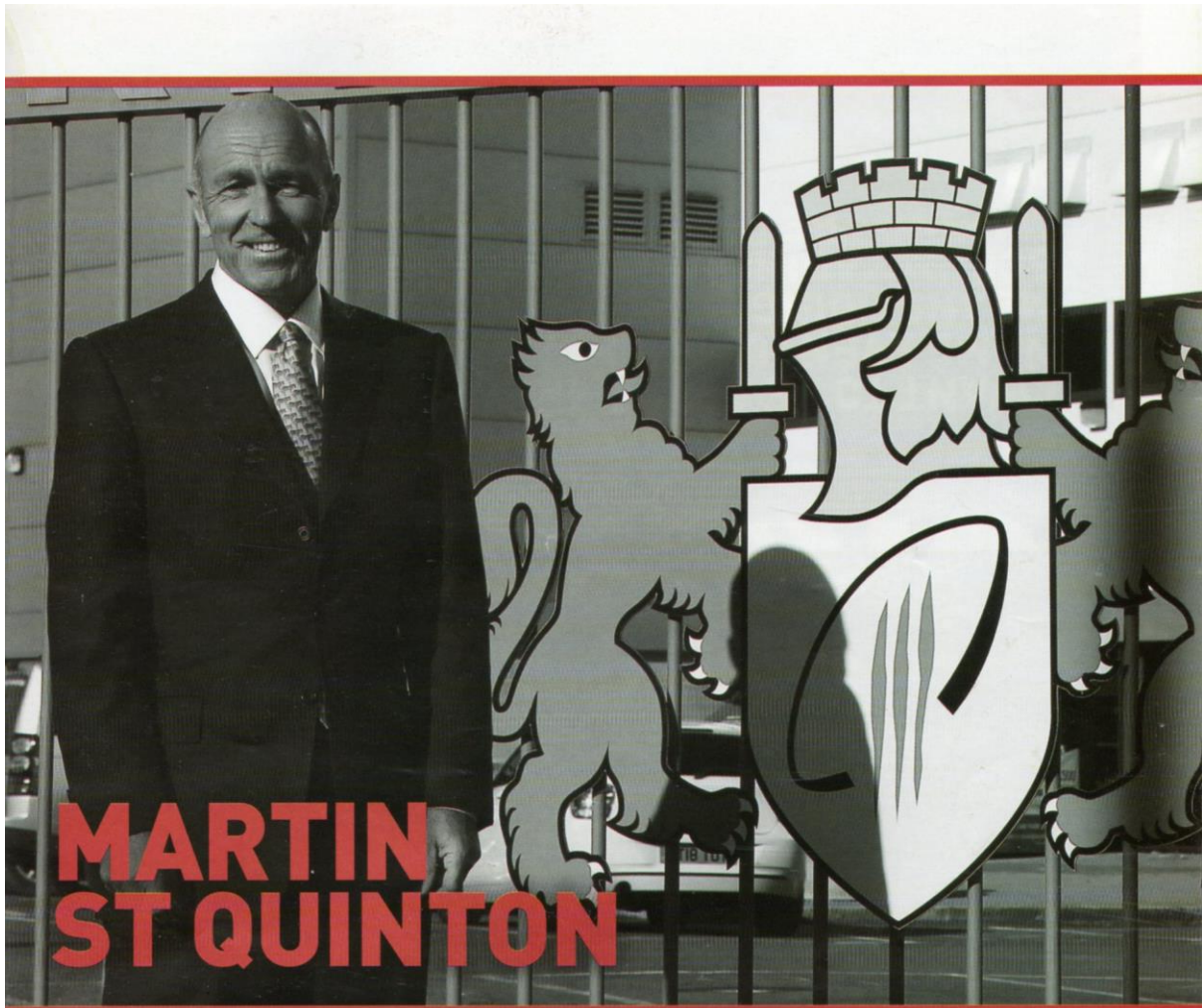


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## V OSPREYS

**GLOUCESTER RUGBY  
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**G**ood evening and welcome to Kingsholm for the latest round of this season's Anglo-Welsh Cup. In particular, a very warm welcome to the players, staff and supporters of the Ospreys.

Another week and another cup tie under the Friday night lights at Kingsholm, albeit a different competition from the game here a week ago against Pau.

The outcome of that game was a disappointing one for us. It was an encounter where you have to pay credit to the opposition for their performance. We competed well but a few errors were ruthlessly exploited.

That said, we've still qualified for the quarter-finals and, although we'd

obviously prefer to be playing at home, we're looking forward to travelling to Connacht in the knockout stages. Our destiny still remains in our own hands.

Tonight's game against the Ospreys brings back memories of the Anglo-Welsh encounters of years gone by. Trips across the border for midweek matches in the Principality were never easy, no quarter asked and none given.

It's only in preseason friendlies and the cup competitions that we face the Welsh teams nowadays, but I'm sure they will bring a vocal backing and today's game will be a hard-fought one.

Away from the playing field, it's been a busy week at the club. We announced the re-signing of two of our Academy boys as Freddie Clarke and Ollie Thorley agreed new contracts. Developing

and retaining young talent is key to us competing at the highest level and we were delighted to confirm both Freddie and Ollie are staying at Kingsholm.

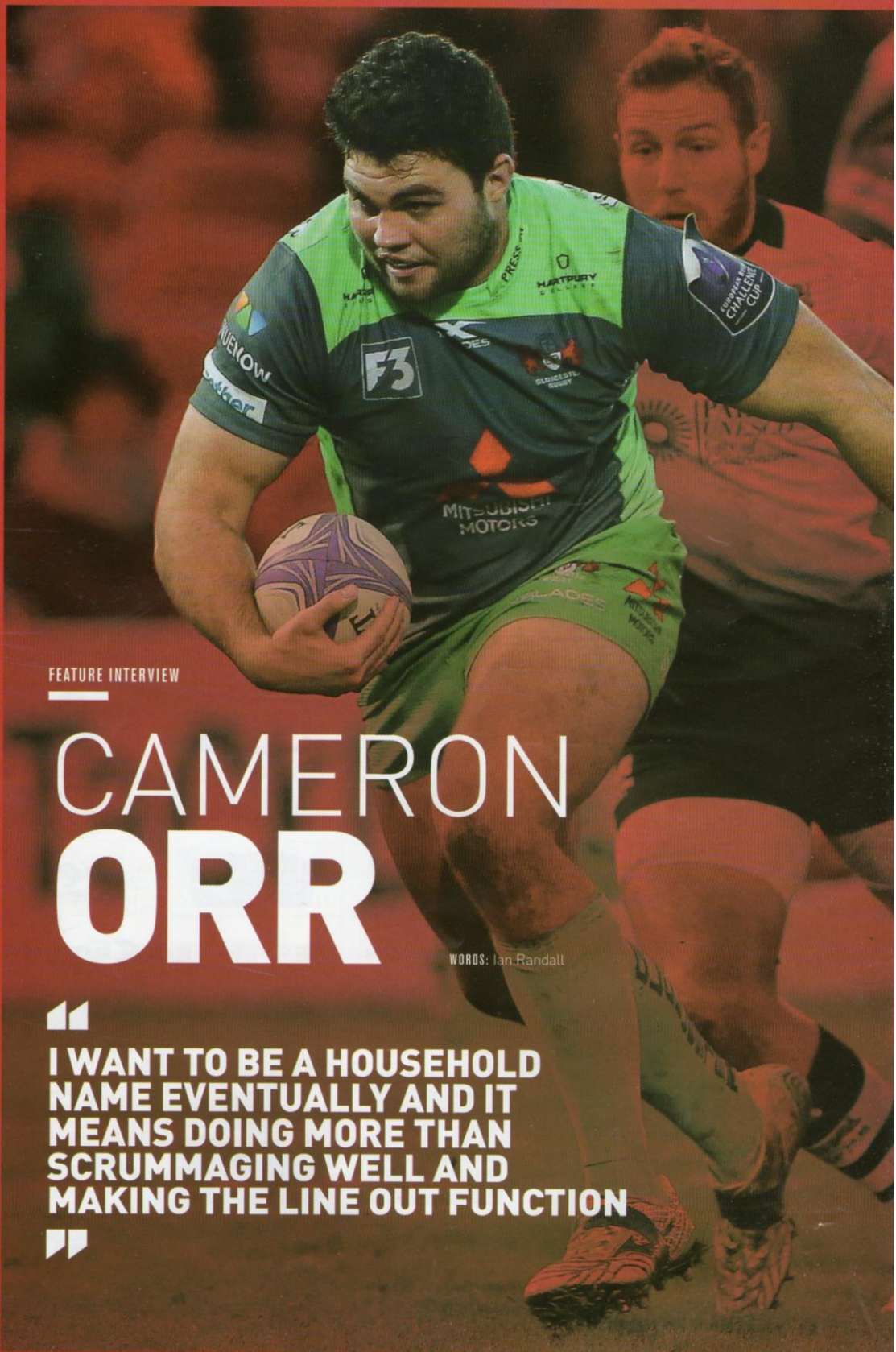
And, Monday evening saw the latest Fans Forum take place at Kingsholm. It's always interesting to be able to meet our supporters in this environment and hear first-hand what their hopes are for the club and where they think improvements need to be made.

We genuinely enjoy these occasions, they always provide us with valuable feedback and can help us make informed business decisions going forward.

Thank you for your unrivalled support.

Enjoy the game

*Martin*



FEATURE INTERVIEW

# CAMERON ORR

WORDS: Ian Randall



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SCRUMMAGING WELL AND  
MAKING THE LINE OUT FUNCTION**





**A** second successive Friday, and a second consecutive Cup game, albeit in a different competition. In this one, it feels as if Gloucester don't have matters completely in their own hands, as having already lost at Leicester, two wins - along with favourable results elsewhere - look certain to be needed to make the semi-finals.

A place in the last four of the Challenge Cup remains a possibility too, but we now know Gloucester will have to beat Connacht in Galway to get there. I saw the Irish side in one of their pool games where they produced a curate's egg of a performance - distinctly sluggish in the first half, but better with a more limited tactical game in the second.

I also understand Connacht lean heavily on a core of their squad so, if they are fortunate with injuries come the end of March, it looks a tricky although not insurmountable tie after the disappointment of seven days ago.

Prop Cameron Orr was one of the replacements introduced to try and rescue what proved an irrecoverable situation against Pau, and he's likely to feature again today. The 22-year-old Australian is in his second season at Gloucester after concentrating on rugby from the age of 16.

"I had played age group baseball for New South Wales alongside my rugby but then chose to give that up," he told me.

"Coming over here was about growing up and maturing, not just surviving and doing the bare minimum. At home the game revolves around attacking rugby and the set piece puts you in that position, so I wanted to concentrate on

that so I can dominate it and make it one of the strong points of my game although you've also got to be able to hit the rucks, make your tackles and carry the ball over the gain line."

Orr has only started four matches to date, so he accepts that at the moment he remains something of an unknown quantity but it's clear that within the squad he's keen to soak up knowledge and he's also seen a change in approach compared to last season.

"Looking back there seemed to be a core of boys who lacked a bit of belief in themselves and didn't present their best attributes," he went on.

"Johan's starting point is that every player should try to bring out the best in everyone else, and he thinks in a different way. He wants us to learn our stuff by ourselves and gives us a lot of ownership in terms of how we play - for example if the back rowers get the ball in hand and a pass is on, make it. He gives us a lot of freedom and wants us to believe in each other as a group."

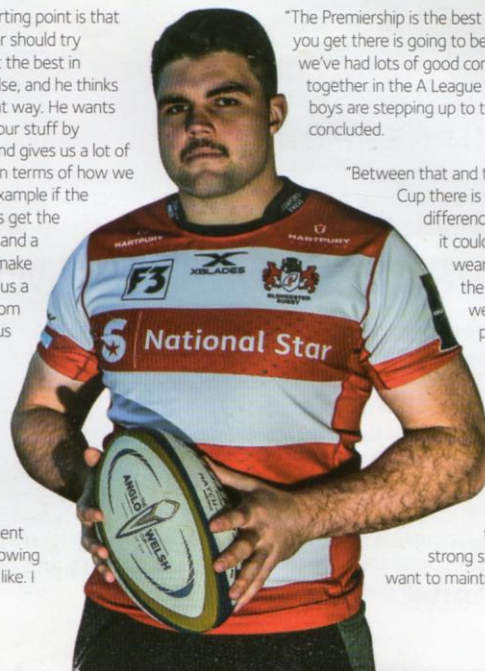
"For me individually this is still a development period, a growing time, if you like. I

want to be a household name eventually and it means doing more than scrummaging well and making the line out function. Val (Rapava Ruskin) has been unfortunate with his injury lately but he is a great example of adding a lot around the field and I want to base my rugby on that."

Ospreys arrive here this evening also with one win and one defeat behind them, so both teams risk being out of contention going into the final weekend of pool games if they lose. Orr featured in the A League game at Exeter on Sunday, and says an enhanced structure at that level has been beneficial for the younger players.

"The Premiership is the best level - any chance you get there is going to be hard - but we've had lots of good combinations playing together in the A League and the younger boys are stepping up to the mark," Orr concluded.

"Between that and the Anglo Welsh Cup there is not a huge difference in intensity, and it could be a less game-wearied team against the Ospreys so we're focussing on putting in a good performance after missing out last season in this competition, when we only lost one game. The first team have set a strong standard and we want to maintain that."



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12-0  
12-7  
12-12  
2-15  
7-15  
24-15

29-15  
36-15  
36-20  
43-20



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# TEAM LINE-UPS



**OSPREYS**

FRIDAY 26 JANUARY // ANGLO WELSH CUP

T P C D				POSITION				T P C D					
				DAVID HALAIFONUA	15	FULL BACK	15	JAMES HOOK	15				
				<i>Purdy</i> CHARLIE SHARPLES	14	RIGHT WING	14	DAFYDD HOWELLS	14				
✓				HENRY TRINDER	13	OUTSIDE CENTRE	13	JOE THOMAS	13				
✓				MARK ATKINSON	12	INSIDE CENTRE	12	PHIL JONES	12				
✓				OLLIE THORLEY	11	LEFT WING	11	JAY BAKER	11				
		✓	✓	BILLY BURNS	10	FLY-HALF	10	LUKE PRICE (C)	10		✓	✓	
✓				CALLUM BRALEY	9	SCRUM-HALF	9	REUBEN MORGAN-WILLIAMS	9		✓		
				CAMERON ORR	1	LOOSEHEAD PROP	1	GARETH THOMAS	1				
✓				RICHARD HIBBARD	2	HOOKER	2	IFAN PHILLIPS	2				
				FRASER BALMAIN	3	TIGHTHEAD PROP	3	RHODRI JONES	3		✓		
				ED SLATER (C)	4	LOCK	4	JAMES RATTI	4				
				MARIANO GALARZA	5	LOCK	5	MATTHEW DODD	5				
				FREDDIE CLARKE	6	BLINDSIDE FLANKER	6	JOE TOMALIN-REEVES	6				
				<i>SAFE</i> ROSS MORIARTY	7	OPENSIDE FLANKER	7	WILL JONES	7				
✓				BEN MORGAN	8	NUMBER 8	8	MORGAN MORRIS	8				
REPLACEMENTS				REPLACEMENTS									
				HENRY WALKER	16			HUGH GUSTAFSON	16				
				PADDY MCALLISTER	17			ROWAN JENKINS	17				
				GARETH DENMAN	18			ALEX JEFFRIES	18				
				<i>ALLEN</i> WILL SAFE	19			LLOYD ASHLEY	19				
				GARETH EVANS	20			GUY MERCER	20				
				BEN VELLACOTT	21			MATTHEW AUBREY	21				
✓				MATT SCOTT	22			CAI EVANS	22				
				HENRY PURDY	23			RHYS WILLIAMS	23				

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

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Adam Leal

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**ASSISTANT REFEREES**  
Anthony Woodthorpe & Philip Watters

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**TMO**  
Claire Hodnett

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