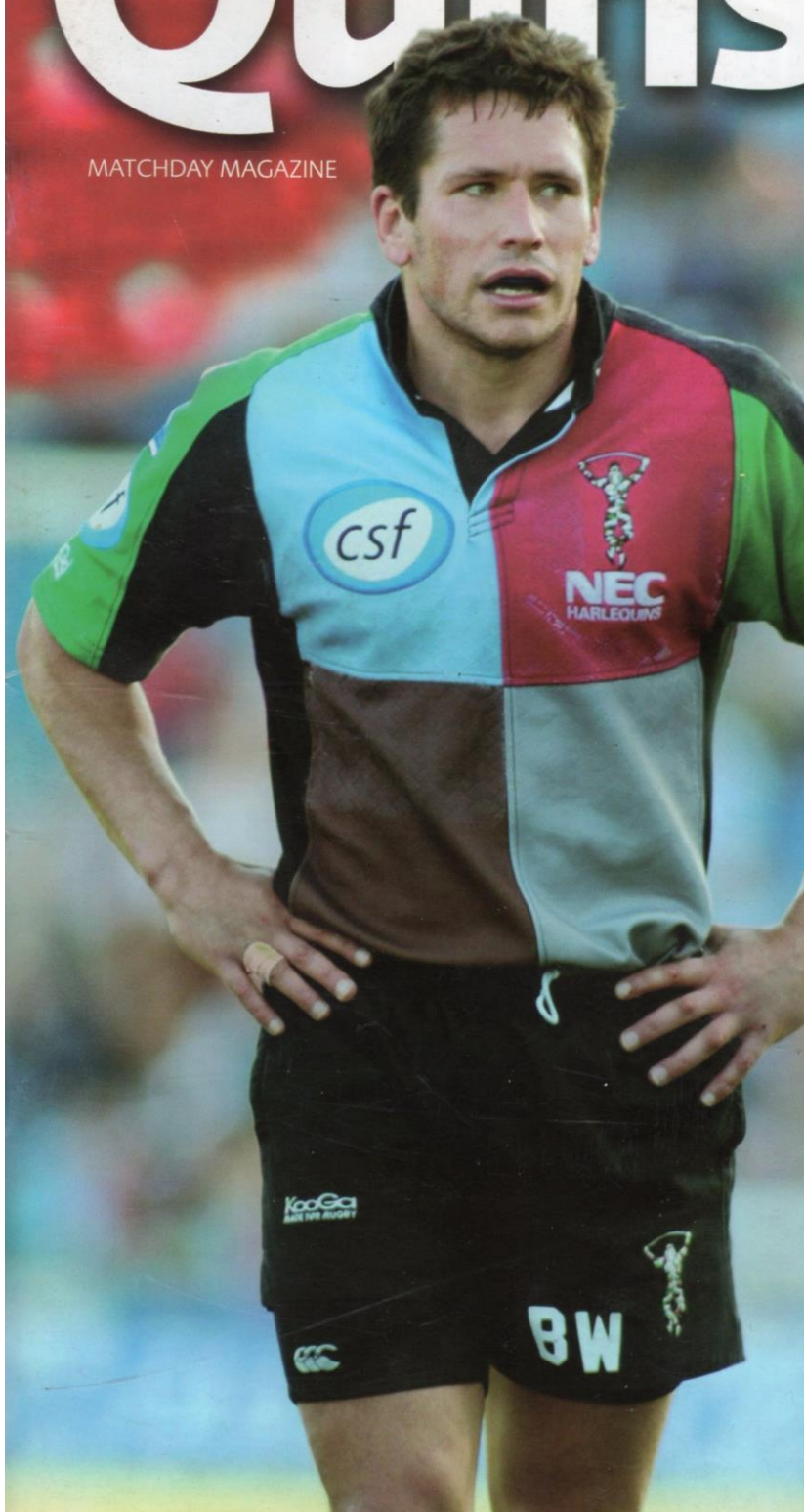


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NEC HARLEQUINS v GLOUCESTER

A Zurich Premiership match

18th October 2003

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I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the Gloucester fans, team and management for what we hope will be an entertaining day of sport here at the Stoop.



AFTER a very hard fought game against Newcastle Falcons last weekend, we were delighted to come out on top. Some days your game just does not flow as you would want it to.

It is on days like these that you have to ensure that everyone pulls together, works hard and grinds out a win. Our defensive performances (except at Saracens) have been good and we are currently the second highest scorers in the league - so there is something to build on.

In the Zurich Premiership it is vital that games on home soil are won and this afternoon will be the sternest test of our home record to date when we face Gloucester, probably the stand out team in England last year. From their Kingsholm fortress they always send

out a well balanced side with a large number of game breakers in their ranks. Men like James Forrester, James Simpson-Daniel, Marcel Garvey and Henry Paul can turn a game in a moment - particularly from broken field.

To add to our challenge we fully expect Duncan McRae to make his debut for the Cherry and Whites today, joining them from the NSW Waratahs. Those of you who remember Duncan's performances for Saracens from a few seasons ago will know that he is an outstanding player and will give Gloucester greater direction as well as increasing their running options.

I hope that many of you joined us early at the Stoop today for the much anticipated World Cup clash between England and South Africa and I hope

that the big screens we have laid on mean that everyone gets a good view of the game. Nothing would do more for the game in this country than for England to win the World Cup - the spin offs would be enormous. It should be a fantastic afternoon of sport here today, with two great games in front of a good sized crowd.

Enjoy the game!

Mark Evans
Chief Executive

Exciting times for Gloucester



Alex Brown

Alex Brown

Height: 2m
Weight: 110kg
Position: Lock
DOB: 17/05/1979

GLOUCESTER Rugby Club added to their 32 game unbeaten home record last weekend with a convincing 24-3 defeat of Leicester Tigers at Kingsholm. With the added exposure of performing in front of the live Sky Sports cameras, the Cherry and Whites put in a

commanding performance that saw Robert Todd and Marcel Garvey run in the tries. Dean Richards' men were limited to a few kicks at goal and barely a sight of the try line in the second half. With a slightly more ruthless approach close to the try-line Nigel Melville's team would have added two more tries and a bonus point to their tally from the afternoon. The win against the Tigers followed on the heels of a very disappointing showing at Kingston Park against Newcastle Falcons the previous weekend, and showed the Cherry and White followers exactly what the team is capable of despite missing a host of top stars to the World Cup.

The 30-7 win over Saracens in round three of the Zurich Premiership, again in front of the live Sky Sports cameras, saw the return of James Simpson-Daniel to the Gloucester shirt after his summer with the England set-up. Coupled with his performance against the Tigers, the young winger has added a number of options to Nigel Melville's decision-making process. In round two of the Zurich Premiership Gloucester fans saw a disappointing showing at the Madejski Stadium against a full-strength London Irish side.

The team's first defeat of the campaign came despite an immense defensive effort that saw us come away with a bonus point. The opening day saw Gloucester beat Premiership new-comers Rotherham 22-8 at Kingsholm. Off-the-field there have been some exciting stadium developments at Gloucester



Alex Page

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Height: 1.78m
Weight: 81kg
Position: Scrum-Half
DoB: 29/05/1981

Rugby Club. The Club has teamed up with its loyal supporters to launch the Kingsholm Supporters Mutual (KSM), a new supporter's trust established to raise £2 million towards exciting stadium development plans. This new stadium development is set to offer the club and the city a great facility that will help the Cherry and Whites grow as a club both on and off the field.

Looking back at the last 12 months, prior to the 2003/04 kick off, there have been some of the most memorable times in the 130-year history of the Club, with a successful Powergen Cup campaign and a superb nine-month control of the regular Zurich Premiership season.

In most years, supporters, players and coaches couldn't have asked for more, but the disappointment of a Heineken Cup exit and defeat at London Wasps in the Zurich Premiership final, has made the Club even more determined this year.

After last Saturday's 24-3 win over the Tigers, Gloucester come into today's game hoping to build on their current standing of third place in the Zurich Premiership.

Star Player to Watch

ALEX BROWN comes into today's clash with Quins after picking up the Sky Sports man of the match award in last Saturday's 24-3 win over Leicester Tigers at Kingsholm. The 24 year-old lock has been in superb form since his summer arrival from Bristol Shoguns.

His debut in the Cherry and Whites shirt came after four seasons with the Shoguns, during which he earned England 'A' recognition.

The former Colston School student joined up with the Shoguns after a year's spell with Pontypool and made an immediate impact on both the Under 21s and the first team, before going on to become a regular choice in his four seasons with the Club. His regular partnership at the Memorial Stadium alongside Garath Archer was seen as one of the top second row partnerships in the Premiership.

With former Bristol coach Dean Ryan moving up the M5 to Gloucester at the end of the 2002 season, he was always going to stay in touch with Brown. When Bristol were relegated at the end of the last campaign, this summer Ryan signed his man and Brown has given Gloucester added options in the pack in the opening weeks of the new season.

Young Player to Watch

ALEX PAGE signed for Gloucester from London Wasps in the summer. The 22 year-old scrum-half was well known to Nigel Melville after working alongside him for the London club and with England Under 21s.

With Andy Gomarsall looking likely to attend the World Cup, Melville and Dean Ryan had to look at their options in the half back role.

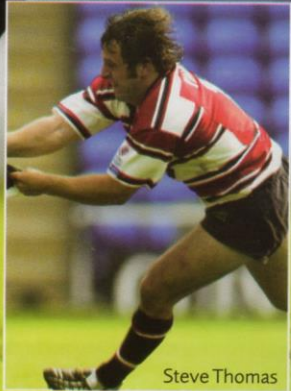
The signing of Alex Page, who spent last year on loan with Irish club side Galwegians, was a quiet transaction that has proved immensely successful, with the young player forming a confident partnership with Simon Amor at outside half. After starting as a replacement against Rotherham Titans in the Zurich Premiership opener, Page has made the scrum-half birth his own in recent weeks.



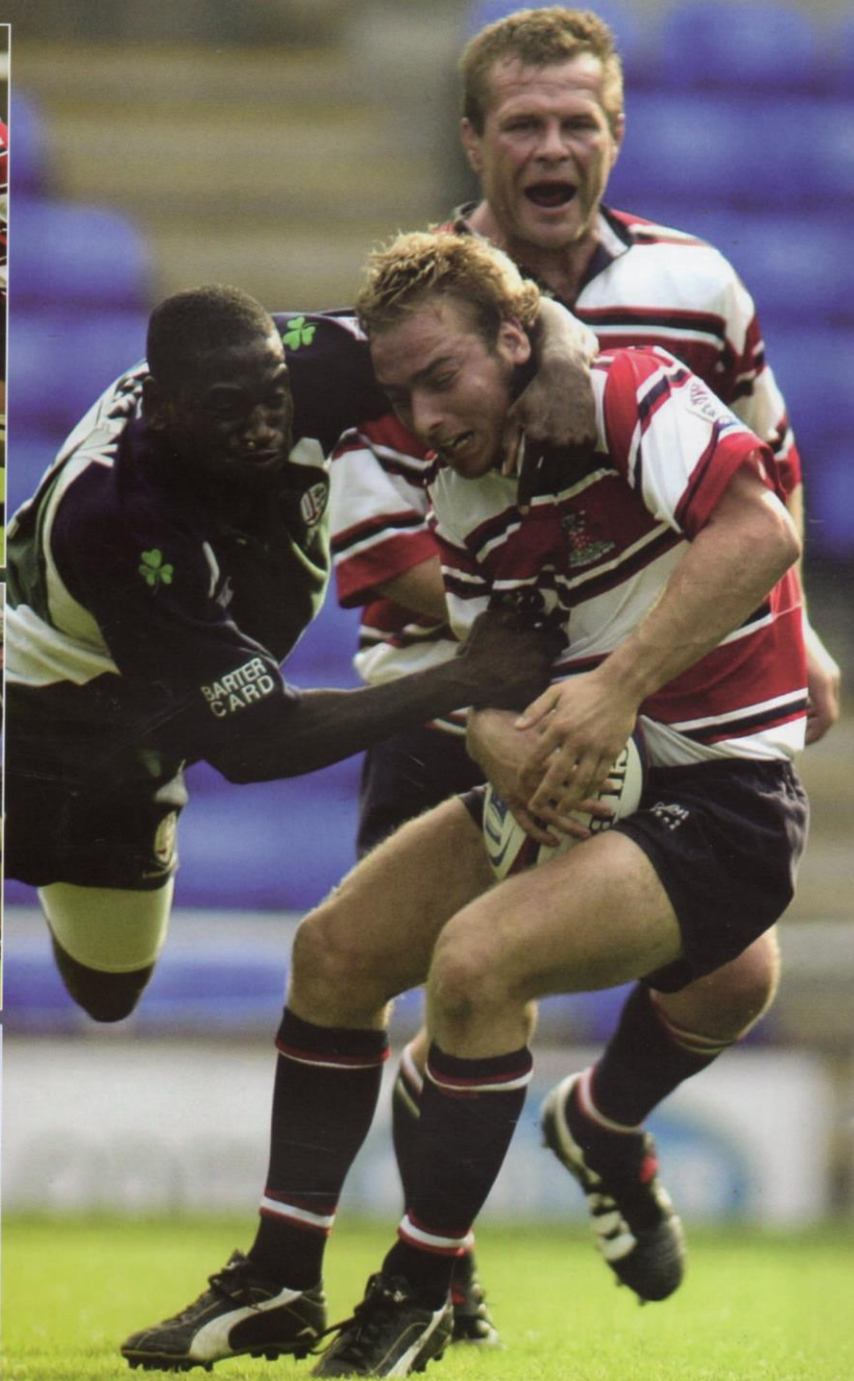
Paul Sackey and Mark Cornwell



Alex Page



Steve Thomas



London Irish vs Gloucester - 21/9/03 Irish's Paul Sackey and Gloucester's Brad Davies



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Gavin Duffy	15	FULL BACK	15
Simon Keogh	14	WING	14
Mel Deane	13	CENTRE	13
Andy Reay	12	CENTRE	12
Ugo Monye	11	WING	11
Paul Burke	10	FLY HALF	10
Ben Willis	9	SCRUM HALF	9
Ceri Jones	1	PROP	1
Tani Fuga	2	HOOKER	2
Laurent Gomez	3	PROP	3
Bill Davison	4	LOCK	4
Jim Evans	5	LOCK	5
Pat Sanderson	6	FLANKER	6
Andre Vos (Captain)	7	FLANKER	7
Tony Diprose	8	No.8	8

GLOUCESTER

Jon Goodridge	15
Marcel Garvey	14
Robert Todd	13
Henry Paul	12
James Simpson-Daniel	11
Simon Amor	10
Alex Page	9
Nick Wood	1
Chris Fortey	2
Andy Deacon	3
Alex Brown	4
Adam Eustace	5
Jake Boer (Captain)	6
Andy Hazell	7
James Forrester	8

Replacements

James Hayter	16	Adrian Oliver	16
Mike Worsley	17	Steve Brotherstone	17
Jon Dawson	18	Mark Cornwell	18
Roy Winters	19	Peter Buxton	19
Luke Sherriff	20	Will Matthews	20
Rob Jewell	21	Josh Frape	21
Andy Dunne	22	Duncan McRae	22

Match Officials

Referee - Steve Leyshon

Ref Assessor - Roger Quittenton

Snr. Touch - Andy Melrose

Jnr. Touch - Andrew Pearce

Reserve Ref - Ashley Rowden

Fourth - Tom Moses

Saturday Matches

Northampton Saints Vs Newcastle Falcons, KO 16.00

Sunday Matches

Bath Rugby Vs Saracens, KO 14.00

Leeds Tykes Vs Leicester Tigers, KO 14.30

London Wasps Vs London Irish, KO 15.00