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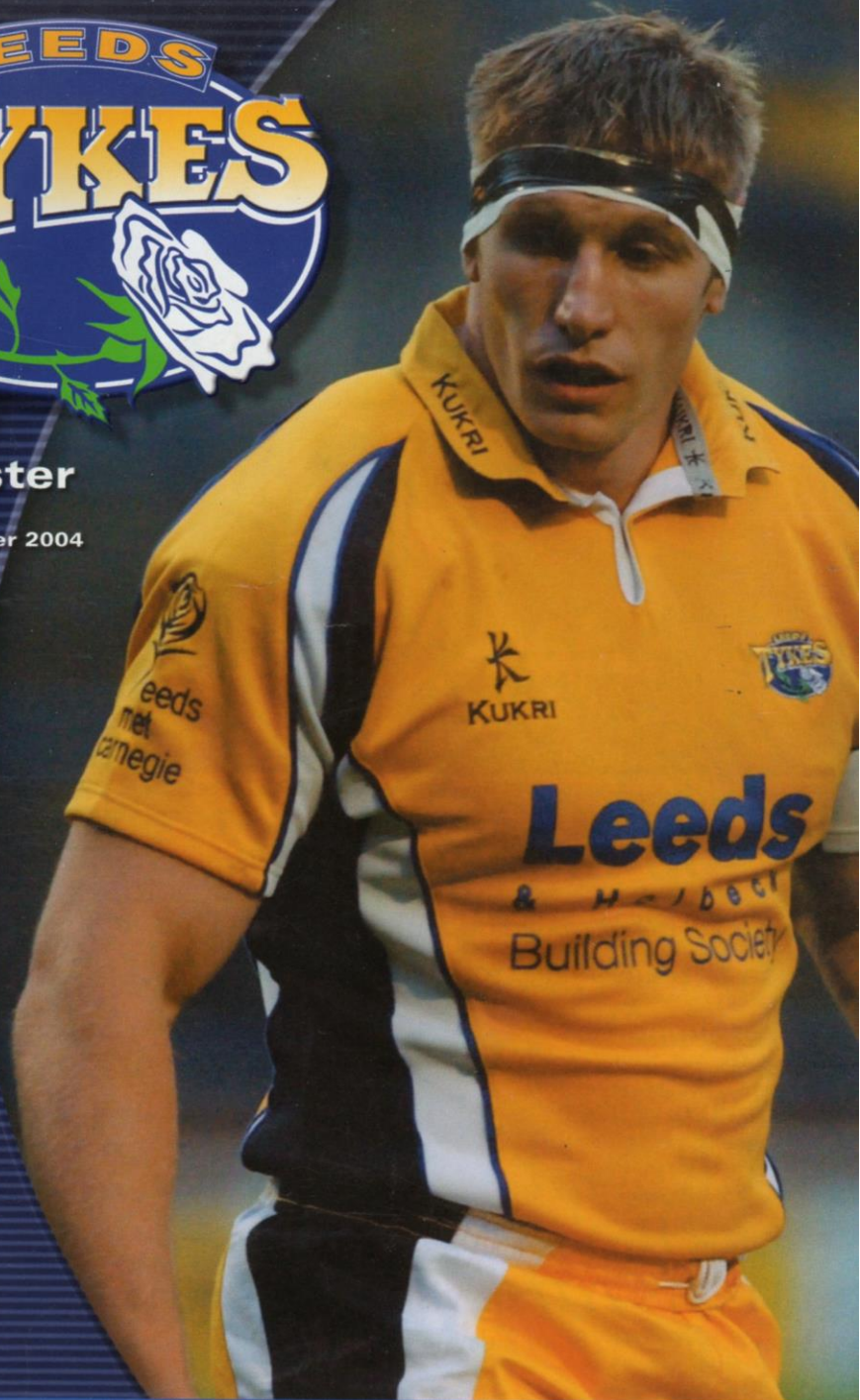
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THE TIMES

WELCOME TO HEADINGLEY...

Welcome to the first game of Leeds Tykes fourth season in the Zurich Premiership and the visit of Gloucester who have lost on their last two visits to Headingley.

LEEDS TYKES vs GLOUCESTER

Leeds have played at home on the opening day for seven of the past 8 seasons and won four of their last five encounters on those occasions. Gloucester have also made the "perfect" start in six of their last seven Premiership campaigns.

Each of the past four meetings between the Tykes and Gloucester have gone with home field advantage with Leeds winning 30-23 and 22-18 at Headingley in the past two years.

The clubs have faired evenly in their previous opening games of the season, each having only lost one game in the last five years. Both teams however will be coming into today's game with a 100% pre season record.

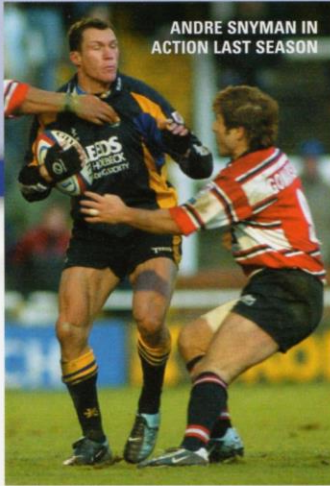
In the close season Gary Powell joined Gloucester from the Tykes. The prop featured 16 times for Leeds last season including the home meeting with Gloucester in December 2003. The game that day ended 22-18, in front of Leeds' highest crowd to date of 7,467. Although Gloucester were ahead 6-0 after 14 minutes Matt Holt put the Tykes in the lead with a 18th minute try. Before half time penalties from Gordon Ross and Gloucester's Henry Paul took the score to 16-12. In the second half, despite cutting the deficit to only one point, Gloucester were unable to take anything from the game with Ross in fine kicking form, scoring a total of five penalty kicks in the game.

Whilst the Tykes have won the last two games here at Headingley between the two sides it was very much a different story in Leeds' first season in the top flight. In that season Gloucester inflicted the Tykes biggest ever home defeat, 50-17, on the last day of the 2001-02 season, running in a remarkable eight tries, also an unwanted milestone.

UP FOR THE CUP... RIVAL CAPTAINS JAKE BOER AND TOM PALMER EYE UP THE ZURICH PREMIERSHIP TROPHY AT THE NEW SEASON LAUNCH



SCENESETTER



ANDRE SNYMAN IN ACTION LAST SEASON

Four other players have played for both clubs along with Powell. Craig Emmerson joined Leeds from Gloucester in 1998 and made 83 starts and 12 further appearances as a replacement in his five seasons at the club, scoring 25 tries. The winger made 13 appearances in the Zurich Premiership in the Cherry and White. Clive Stuart-Smith arrived at Headingley last season from Kingsholm and made just five starts and one replacement appearance in the Premiership before moving on.

However, the most notable ex-player to have played for both club's is former England scrum half Scott Benton. Benton gained his sole international cap whilst at Gloucester and is remembered fondly by supporters of both clubs. Scott returned to Yorkshire from the West Country to become Tykes captain in 1999. He went onto to make a further 73 starts and six appearances as a replacement scoring 30 tries with his trademark sniping around rucks. He played 50 games in the Premiership for the Kingsholm outfit.

Of the current Tykes squad, Diego Albanese first came to the attention of Zurich Premiership fans when he arrived on the scene with Gloucester. Albanese made 14 starts for Gloucester after signing from Grenoble in 2001, scoring two tries.

LEEDS V GLOUCESTER HISTORY

Played	6	
Leeds Tykes Won	2	33.3%
Gloucester Won	4	66.7%
Drawn	0	0%
Biggest Win for Leeds Tykes	30 - 23 04 May 2003	
Biggest Win for Gloucester	58 - 17 01 Dec 2001	
Leeds Tykes top try scorer vs Gloucester	Craig Emmerson 2 tries	
Leeds Tykes top points scorer vs Gloucester	Gordon Ross 22 points	
Gloucester top try scorer vs Leeds Tykes	James Simpson-Daniel 6 tries	
Gloucester top points scorer vs Leeds Tykes	Ludovic Mercier 49 points	

LAST HOME MEETING

LEEDS: 22 (Ross C1 P5, Holt T1) GLOUCESTER: 18 (Paul P6)

21ST DECEMBER, ZURICH PREMIERSHIP, ATTENDANCE: 7467

LEEDS: Dan Scarbrough, David Rees (3, Matt Cardey), Andre Snyman, Tristan Davies, Phil Christophers, Gordon Ross, Clive Stuart-Smith, Mike Shelley (c), Matt Holt, Gary Powell, Phil Murphy, Stuart Hooper (71, Tom Palmer), Matt Salter, James Ponton (71, Dan Hyde), Alix Popham.
GLOUCESTER: Thinus Delpont, Marcel Garvey, Robert Todd (78, James Simpson-Daniel), Henry Paul, Terry Fanolua, Duncan McRae, Andy Gomarsall, Rodrigo Roncero, Chris Fortey, Andy Deacon, Adam Eustace (68, Mark Cornwell), Alex Brown, Jake Boer (c), Peter Buxton, Junior Paramore.

LEEDS AND GLOUCESTER PREMIERSHIP RECORD:



OPTA TOP PERFORMERS

GLOUCESTER		TYKES	
Jake Boer 196	Top Tackles	Matt Salter 147	
Henry Paul 177	Top Ball Carries	Dan Scarbrough 137	
Marcel Garvey 792	Top Metres	Dan Scarbrough 1072	
Alex Brown 137	Top Line Outs Won	Stuart Hooper 75	
Henry Paul 60	Top Defs. Beaten	Phil Christophers 53	
Henry Paul: 76 from 116 (66%)	Top Place Kicks	Gordon Ross: 41 from 58 (71%)	

OPTA TEAM HEAD TO HEAD

TYKES		GLOUCESTER
90	Tackles	84
14	Missed Tackles	13
90	Ball Carries	84
399	Metres	436
17	Defenders Beaten	17
111	Passes	118
7	Clean Breaks	8
12	Penalties Conceded	12
14	Turnovers Conceded	15
71	Breakdowns Won	62
81	% Lineouts Won	88%
88	% Scrums Won	90

NB: Stats Average per match 2003/04

GLOUCESTER

The new 2004/05 Zurich Premiership offers Gloucester the chance to improve on last season's fourth place finish and Heineken Cup quarter-final place.

CHERRY AND WHITES IN GOOD SHAPE TO MOUNT A CHALLENGE

The Kingsholm camp has seen a good pre-season following the arrival of former All Blacks fitness expert Mike Anthony. The Kiwi conditioning expert has been working the Gloucester players hard since the

beginning of July, and the pre-season fixture card saw some rich rewards with a 100 per cent record.

Gloucester defeated national division one side Coventry 48-0 in the opener, including a hat-trick of tries from James Forrester.

Welsh giants Llanelli Scarlets were next up, and a well-organised performance from Nigel Melville's men saw them run out 28-6 winners at Kingsholm.

The West Country club welcomed Italian Heineken Cup side Calvisano to Kingsholm last Friday, and Gloucester ran out 37-7 winners.

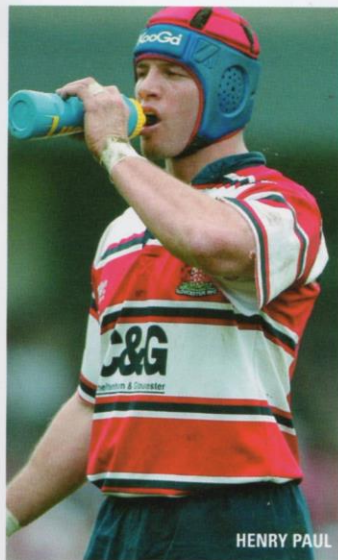
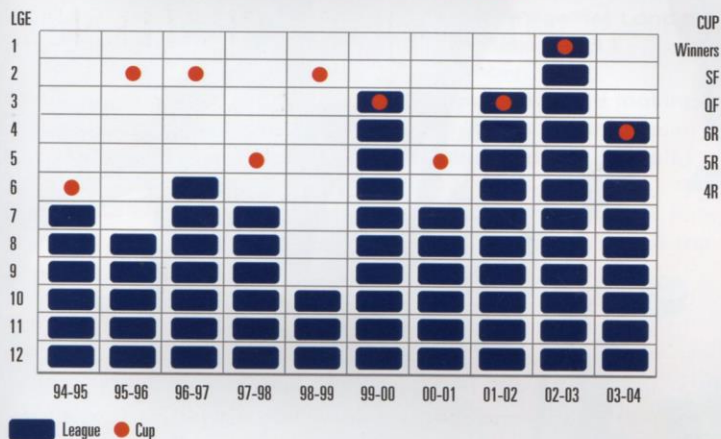
Throughout the pre-season Gloucester's new signings settled in well, and during the warm-up games, as well as the sevens tournaments, saw some impressive performances from Adam Balding, James Bailey and Terry Sigley.

Joining these three are a number of new lads to the Cherry and White shirt. James Parkes signed from



ANDY GOMARSALL

GLOUCESTER 10 YEAR HISTORY



HENRY PAUL

Saracens, Nathan Mauger from Super 12 side the Crusaders, Olivier Azam returned from Montferrand, and of course Gary Powell signed from Leeds Tykes.

Nigel Melville also signed South Africa's World Cup loose-head prop Christo Bezuidenhout. The 6ft 4", 19 stone front row man will team up with Gloucester in late September after his Currie Cup commitments.

Off the field Gloucester Rugby Club has been busy developing the famous Kingsholm ground. A new

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HEAD TO HEAD

David Rees		James Simpson-Daniel
17	Matches	17
52	Tackles	43
9	Misses	2
85	Ball Carries	91
631	Metres	751
22	Passes	48
28	Defenders Beaten	30
2	Offloads	5
12	Clean Breaks	22
13	Turnovers Conceded	17

Stats are ZP 2003/4 totals

David Rees and James Simpson-Daniel have more in common that the positions they will take up for today's game.



Both players careers have followed similar paths and although they are separated by seven years, Rees is 29 Simpson-Daniel 22, it is easy to draw parallels between the two.



Both players learnt their rugby in the North before heading to the South West. Rees' first club was Sale, where he gained his 11 caps for England before moving to Bristol whilst Simpson-Daniel is from Stockton-on-Tees but developed his rugby whilst at Sedbergh before moving down to Gloucester. He has seven caps to his name to date with one try against Italy in 2003.

Remarkably both players came to national attention after facing Jonah Lomu, Rees scored one of the greatest tries ever seen at Twickenham against New Zealand in 1997, chipping over Lomu and touching to down in the 26-26 draw, whilst Simpson-Daniel made his first England appearance against the Barbarians in May 2002 when just 19.

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DUNCAN MCRAE

3,000 covered seated stand will be ready for the first home game against London Irish on Saturday 11 September.

The impressive looking structure has increased the ground's capacity from 11,000 to 13,000 and will help take on board the increased demand for top-flight rugby in the region.

At the start of the 2003/04 season the club achieved a record-breaking 6,500 season tickets, and the same number of supporters had already signed up for the 04/05 campaign by the end of last week.

Last season Gloucester finished fourth in the Zurich Premiership and experienced some extreme highs, including victories over Munster at home and Leicester

GLOUCESTER STATISTICS

Largest win: 68-12
Vs Bath 04 May 2002

Largest Defeat: 3-47
Vs Bath 11 Feb 1998

Most tries scored in a game:
9, Vs Bath 04 May 2002

Most tries conceded in a game:
8, Vs Northampton Saints
13 Apr 2002

Top Try Scorer: 30, Terry Fanolua

Top Drop Goal Scorer:
15, Ludovic Mercier

Top Penalty Scorer:
124, Simon Mannix

Top Points Scorer:
649, Ludovic Mercier

Longest winning sequence:
10, From 21 Apr 2002 to 21 Sep 2002

Longest losing sequence:
8, From 23 Jan 1999 to 07 May 1999

HONOURS:

Premiership Runner Up:
1988-89, 1989-90, 2002-03

Cup Winners: 1972, 1978, 1982, 2003

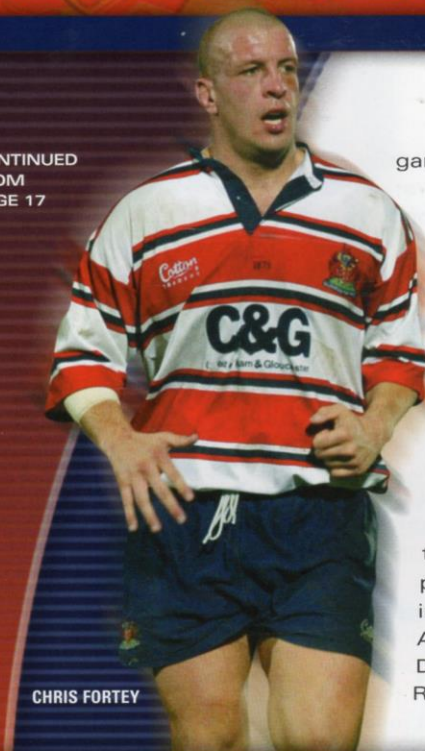
Cup Runners Up: 1990

away, and of course the euphoric return of the Club's three World Cup winners, Andy Gomarsall, Phil Vickery and Trevor Woodman, as well as eight of its 11 Zurich Premiership

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CHRIS FORTEY

games selling out weeks in advance.

The 03/04 season had a mixed opening few months that saw wins over Rotherham, Saracens, Leicester and Harlequins combine with a number of away defeats.

With the return of the Club's World Cup players in November, including South Africa's Thinus Delport, Argentina's Rodrigo Roncero and

Samoa's Terry Fanolua, the Cherry and Whites put a superb run of games together.

Victories over Northampton, Treviso, Bourgoin, Harlequins, Leicester, Munster, Bourgoin, Treviso, Newcastle, Sale and Rotherham, saw Gloucester qualify for the Heineken Cup quarter-finals and take them into third place in the Zurich Premiership going into the Six Nations break.

But an injury hit squad that had lost Delport, Vickery, Brotherstone and Forrester to long-term

MEET THE COACH

Nigel Melville

Born: 6 January 1961, Leeds

Originally from Leeds, Nigel Melville came to national attention when he made his debut for England at Twickenham against Australia whilst still only 23 and was named captain.

A loyal servant of the Wasps club, Nigel had one of the best passes in the game and his leadership qualities earned him 13 caps for England. Before moving to London, Melville played for Headingley and Otley and after finishing with Wasps he made a brief return to Otley in the 1995-96 season, however a serious cheek fracture brought down the curtain on his playing career.

He began his coaching career with Otley before a move back down to Wasps with the advent of the professional era in the Director of Rugby role. In his first season in 1996-97, he steered an all star team to the Premiership title and added the League and Cup double in 1998-99 along with the Cup in 2000 in the most successful time in the club's history, including a Cup Final loss in 1998.

At the end of the 2001-2002 season, Melville moved West to Kingsholm and in the first month in charge he captured the Zurich Championship trophy at Twickenham and added the Powergen Cup in 2003, beating Northampton 40-22 before missing out in the Zurich Premiership Final, after finishing top of the table at the end of the regular season.

INTERNATIONAL RECORD:

1984, A, 1985, I, W, NZ1, NZ2, 1986, W, S, I, F, 1988, F, W, S, I

THE OPPOSITION



JAMES FORRESTER

injuries, lost out to Wasps in the Heineken Cup knock-out stages.

A final-day league defeat to Bath saw Gloucester miss out on the Zurich Premiership play-offs. But fourth place was enough to confirm Heineken Cup qualification for the 04/05 season.

By Justin Hopwood

GLOUCESTER SQUAD

PLAYER	POSITION	PREM APPS	D.O.B	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Simon Amor	Half Back	15	25/04/79	1.70 M	76.36 KG
Olivier Azam	Hooker	58	21/10/74	1.85 M	115.45 KG
James Bailey	Wing	0	05/08/83	1.80 M	81.36 KG
Adam Balding	Number 8	71	07/12/79	1.87 M	109.55 KG
Christo Bezuidenhout	Prop	0	14/05/70	1.87 M	116.82 KG
Jake Boer	Flanker	116	01/11/75	1.87 M	104.09 KG
Alex Brown	Lock	87	17/05/79	2.00 M	109.55 KG
Peter Buxton	Flanker	40	21/08/78	1.90 M	111.36 KG
Mark Cornwell	Lock	121	22/03/73	2.00 M	115.45 KG
Brad Davies	Fly Half	2	13/02/83	1.75 M	82.27 KG
Rob Elloway	Hooker	1	09/11/83	1.82 M	100.45 KG
Adam Eustace	Lock	80	09/01/79	1.93 M	105.00 KG
Terry Fanolua	Centre	123	03/07/74	1.82 M	94.55 KG
James Forrester	Number 8	45	09/02/81	1.95 M	99.55 KG
Chris Fortey	Hooker	117	25/08/75	1.82 M	105.00 KG
Mark Foster	Wing	3	02/09/83	1.82 M	91.36 KG
Marcel Garvey	Wing	42	21/04/83	1.72 M	86.36 KG
Andy Gomersall	Scrum Half	116	24/07/74	1.77 M	90.45 KG
Jon Goodridge	Fullback	19	26/02/81	1.85 M	86.36 KG
Andy Hazell	Flanker	72	25/04/78	1.82 M	91.82 KG
Ryan Lamb	Fly Half	0	18/05/86	1.77 M	83.64 KG
Will Matthews	Back Row	1	14/01/85	1.85 M	90.45 KG
Duncan McRae	Fly Half	33	27/09/74	1.72 M	80.45 KG
James Merriman	Flanker	0	17/01/84	1.82 M	94.55 KG
Oliver Morgan	Fullback	0	03/11/85	1.87 M	87.73 KG
Luke Narraway	Flanker	1	07/09/83	1.87 M	98.18 KG
Alex Page	Scrum Half	13	29/05/81	1.77 M	80.91 KG
James Parkes	Hooker	18	30/11/80	1.78 M	99.00 KG
Henry Paul	Centre	56	10/02/974	1.80 M	93.64 KG
Gary Powell	Prop	23	30/10/79	1.82 M	110.91 KG
Mark Rimmer	Lock	0	04/03/82	1.93 M	106.36 KG
Nick Runciman	Scrum Half	0	01/09/85	1.75 M	75.00 KG
Terry Sigley	Prop	0	12/10/78	1.87 M	120.91 KG
James Simpson-Daniel	Wing	48	30/05/82	1.77 M	80.00 KG
Phil Vickery	Prop	73	14/03/76	1.90 M	116.82 KG
Stuart Taylor	Centre	0	03/06/84	1.87 M	100.00 KG
Rory Teague	Fullback	2	12/02/85	1.82 M	81.82 KG
Nick Wood	Prop	6	09/01/83	1.85 M	108.64 KG

LEEDS TYKES v GLOUCESTER

TODAY'S TEAMS



T	C	P	D				T	C	P	D	
				Matt Cardey	15	FULL BACK	15				
				David Rees	14	RIGHT WING	14				
				Chris Bell	13	CENTRE	13				
				Andre Snyman	12	CENTRE	12				
				Tom Biggs	11	LEFT WING	11				
				Duncan Hodge	10	FLY HALF	10				
				Mark McMillan	9	SCRUM HALF	9				
				Gavin Kerr	1	LOOSEHEAD PROP	1				
				Rob Rawlinson	2	HOOKER	2				
				Matt Holt	3	TIGHTHEAD PROP	3				
				Chris Murphy	4	SECOND ROW	4				
				(c) Tom Palmer	5	SECOND ROW	5				
				Pierre Uys	6	FLANKER	6				
				Richard Parks	7	FLANKER	7				
				Alix Popham	8	NUMBER 8	8				
				Michael Cusack	16	REPLACEMENT	16				
				Mark Regan	17	REPLACEMENT	17				
				Scott Morgan	18	REPLACEMENT	18				
				Jon Dunbar	19	REPLACEMENT	19				
				Alan Dickens	20	REPLACEMENT	20				
				Gordon Ross	21	REPLACEMENT	21				
				Diego Albanese	22	REPLACEMENT	22				

LEEDS TYKES

GLOUCESTER

MATCH OFFICIALS

REF: Steve Lander
TJ1: Don Helme
TJ2: Brian Campsall

NEXT AT HEADINGLEY

LONDON WASPS
 Sunday September 19th, 7.30pm.
 Zurich Premiership

