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Campbell Feather  
Captain

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- 16 Paul SHIELDS
- 17 Ronan McCORMACK
- 18 Rowan FROST
- 19 Andy WARD
- 20 Neil DOAK
- 21 Adam LARKIN
- 22 Paddy WALLACE

## ULSTER

- 15 Bryn CUNNINGHAM
- 14 Tommy BOWE
- 13 Kevin MAGGS
- 12 Paul STEINMETZ
- 11 Tyrone HOWE
- 10 David HUMPHREYS
- 9 Kieran CAMPBELL
- 1 Simon BEST
- 2 Rory BEST
- 3 Rod MOORE
- 4 Gary LONGWELL
- 5 Matt McCULLOUGH
- 6 Campbell FEATHER (Captain)
- 7 Neil BEST
- 8 Roger WILSON

## GLOUCESTER

- 15 Jon GOODRIDGE
- 14 Marcel GARVEY
- 13 Terry FANOLUA
- 12 Henry PAUL
- 11 James BAILEY
- 10 Duncan McRAE
- 9 Andy GOMARSALL
- 1 Christo BEZUIDENHOUT
- 2 James PARKES
- 3 Phil VICKERY
- 4 Adam EUSTACE
- 5 Alex BROWN
- 6 (Captain) Jake BOER
- 7 Andy HAZELL
- 8 Adam BALDING



### Referee

N. Whitehouse (WRU)

### Touch Judges

David R. Davies (WRU)  
 Richard Hughes (WRU)  
 Richard Kerr (USRFR)  
 David Fergie (USRFR)

### Replacements:

- Rob ELLOWAY 16
- Terry SIGLEY 17
- Peter BUXTON 18
- James FORRESTER 19
- Alex PAGE 20
- Simon AMOR 21
- Nathan MAUGER 22



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# GLOUCESTER RUGBY



## Everything to play for....



**Gloucester** go into this evening's game with everything to play for. A win in each of their final two Heineken Cup pool games will see automatic qualification for the quarter-finals, defeat would end their interest in the tournament.

After a superb start to the season Gloucester's form was hit as the squad was decimated with injury. At one point there were 13 front line players unavailable. But Nigel Melville's team came through and a win over Sale Sharks in the Zurich Premiership at the end of November, back-to-back victories over Cardiff Blues in the Heineken, and a win at Welford Road against Leicester in the Powergen Cup got the team back into the groove.

Gloucester kicked off the season with four consecutive victories, over Leeds, London Irish, Northampton and Newcastle. A defeat away at Bath was the only loss in the opening sevens clashes, as the West Country entered the opening stages of the Heineken Cup.

Despite a superb showing away in Paris against Stade Français in round one of the Heineken Cup, Gloucester didn't manage a single point from the closely fought game.

Captain Jake Boer and his men made amends the following week with a 55-13 win over Ulster at Kingsholm.

However, it was all set to change after the Anglo-Irish clash, as Gloucester lost Duncan McRae, Olivier Azam, Alex Brown, James Simpson-Daniel, Terry Sigley and Phil Vickery to injury, as well as Henry Paul, Andy Hazell and Andy Gomarsall receiving international call-ups.

The results in early November didn't go the way director of rugby Nigel Melville would have liked, even though the performances were improving week by week.

However, the 24-14 win at home to the Sharks at the end of November was a turning point, and even though an injury-hit side took the field in back-to-back games against Cardiff Blues, the commitment and togetherness pulled Gloucester through.

The last few weeks have given both Nigel Melville and coach Dean Ryan a greater insight into the capability of the squad, with a number of players being called upon to step up in big games.

Melville knew it was tough on some of them, but he was also pleased with the way they responded to feedback after games and improved the following week.

However, the injuries have meant that Gloucester's squad has been hit in certain departments, none more so than at hooker. Olivier Azam has been ruled out until February/March and Chris Fortey is recovering from a broken ankle.

James Parkes, a summer signing from Saracens, made his debut as a replacement for Fortey in the win over the Sharks, and was in impressive form in both games against the Blues.

With 21 year-old Rob Elloway as the only other registered hooker, the Gloucester management team had to bring in two new signings.





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Welsh international number two Mefin Davies and French 'A' international hooker Noel Curnier both signed on short term deals, and Davies has been in good form in recent Premiership encounters.

Earlier this week Gloucester were also boosted with the news that Phil Vickery has signed a contract extension that will see the 28 year-old prop stay at the Kingsholm club until the end of the 2006/07 season.

Vickery, who has made more than 120 appearances for the Kingsholm club, returned to first team duties last Sunday with a full 80 minutes after missing the last six weeks with a blow-out fracture around the eye area.



Director of rugby Nigel Melville said: "It was great to have Vicks back involved on Sunday. He brings massive experience and leadership to the squad, and the new

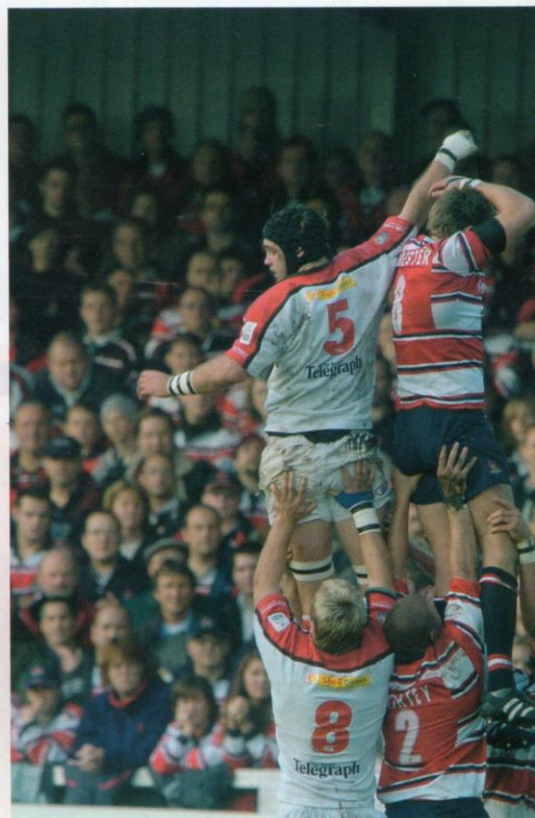
contract means he'll be part of the set-up here as we continue to develop.

"I believe that we've still to see the best of him. I said last week I'd never seen him train so hard as he has done, and that's great news for both Phil and us.

"He's got some great years ahead of him and we're pleased that those will be spent here at Kingsholm."

Vickery, who made his debut for Gloucester in the 1996/97 season, added: "I'm pleased my future is at Gloucester. It's been a mixed season so far what with injuries and team results, but I want to be part of where this club is going, and it's now the start of a mission for us.

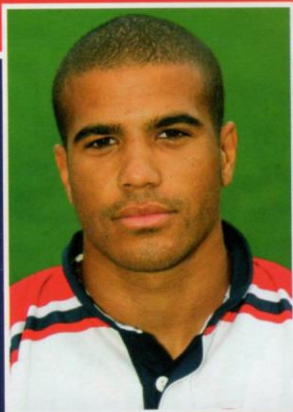
"We know how important Friday's game is, and that is followed by a Powergen Cup quarter-final and then key Premiership games. We know what we've got to do in the next few months."



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## Players to watch out for...



### James Bailey

**Position:** Wing  
**Date of birth:** 05.08.83  
**Height:** 1.80m  
**Weight:** 81kg

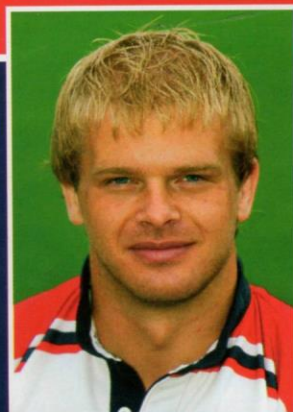
**Previous club:**  
 Bristol Shoguns  
**International honours:**  
 England U21

**Debut for Gloucester:**  
 Vs Newcastle, 25.09.04 (as a replacement for Marcel Garvey)

A regular member of the England U21s squad in recent years, Bailey signed for Gloucester from Bristol Shoguns in the summer of 2004.

The talented wing-man scored 14 tries in 21 first team appearances for the Shoguns in the 2003/04 division one campaign.

After signing for the West Country club, Bailey went on to impress in the IRB U21s World Championship in Scotland, and has made a handful of appearances for Gloucester this season.



### Adam Balding

**Position:** No. 8  
**Date of birth:** 07.12.79  
**Height:** 1.88m  
**Weight:** 110kg

**Previous clubs:**  
 Leicester Tigers  
**International honours:**  
 England 'A', U21

**Debut for Gloucester:**  
 Vs Leeds Tykes, 05.09.04

Signed for Gloucester from Leicester Tigers on a two-year contract in the summer.

The England 'A' international has added to the squad's back-row options where he's been fighting it out with Forrester, Boer, Buxton, and Hazell.

Balding is the form man at the moment and has been playing some magnificent rugby in recent weeks.



# GLOUCESTER RUGBY



## Andy Gomarsall

**Position:** Scrum-half  
**Date of Birth:** 24.07.74  
**Height:** 1.77m  
**Weight:** 90.5kg

**Previous Clubs:** Wasps, Bath (loan), Bedford  
**International Honours:** England  
**Debut for Gloucester:** 2000/01

Gomarsall is one of the Club's senior players and adds international experience to Gloucester's ambitions.

The former Bedford number nine joined the Kingsholm club when Philippe Saint-Andre was the director of rugby and has now established himself as one of the best in the Premiership.

After a good 2003/04 season Gomarsall went on England's summer tour and started the final two games against New Zealand and Australia.

He formed a superb partnership with Duncan McRae last season, and will be hoping to resume that link-up when the Aussie returns from injury.



## Jon Goodridge

**Position:** Full-back  
**Date of Birth:** 26.02.81  
**Height:** 1.86m  
**Weight:** 86kg

**Previous Club:** Gloucester Academy  
**International honours:** England U21  
**Gloucester debut:** 2000/01

*Did you know? Jon Goodridge's highlight of his playing career was scoring two tries and being named man of the match when Gloucester beat Saracens live on Sky Sports in September 2003.*

Goodridge made his debut for Gloucester against London Irish in the 2000/01 season.

After playing his early rugby at fly-half he has made his mark at full-back.

His 2002/03 season was hampered by a shoulder injury but he made his mark during the 2003/04 campaign.

His impressive performances earned him the Gloucester season ticket holder's young player of the year award in 2004, and he was also short-listed for the PRA young player of the year for last season.

He has started every single game for Gloucester in all three tournaments this season.



## Henry Paul

**Position:** Centre  
**Date of Birth:** 10.02.74  
**Height:** 1.80m  
**Weight:** 93.4kg

**Previous Clubs:** Bradford Bulls, Wigan Warriors, Wakefield Trinity (all Super League)  
**International Honours:** England, England 'A', Sevens  
**Gloucester debut:** 2001/02

Henry Paul had his best year in Gloucester colours last season.

The inside centre won the Club's season ticket holders' player of the year award, and he was short-listed for both the PRA Player of the Year and the Zurich Premiership Player of the Year.

After making his debut for England a few years ago, Paul returned to the international scene last season in both the Six Nations and on England's Churchill Cup tour, and was involved in the recent Autumn internationals.