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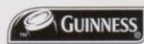


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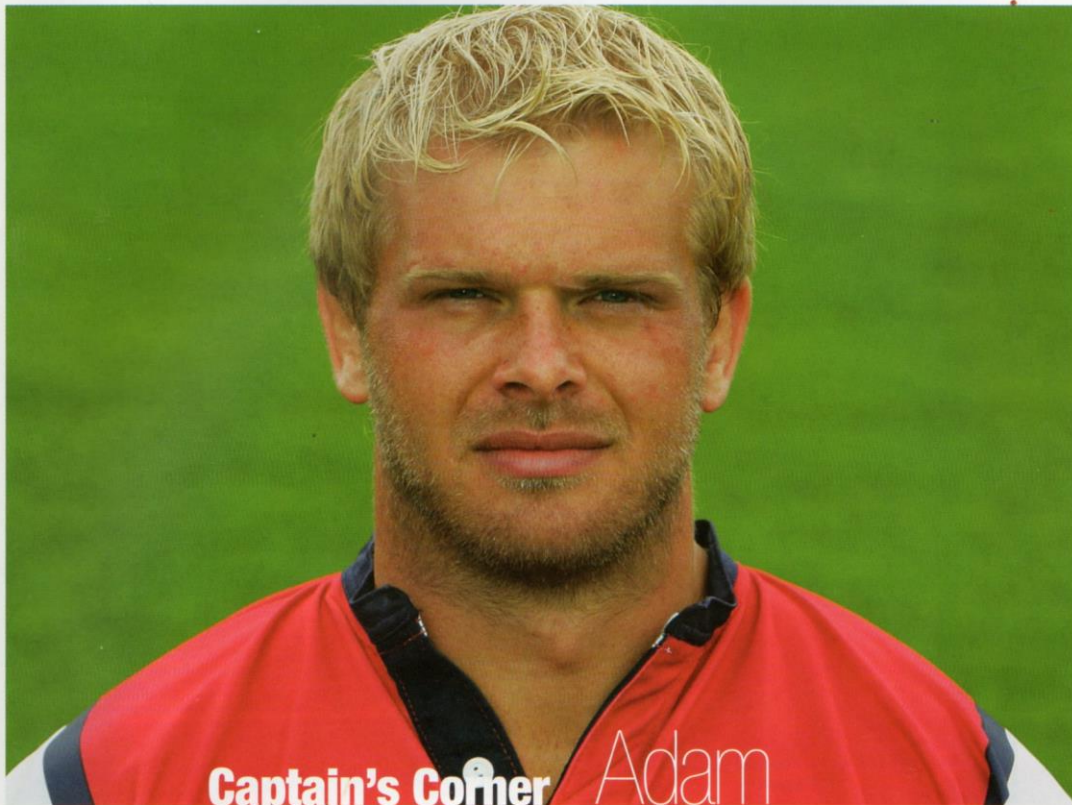


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WE NOW have only four Guinness Premiership matches remaining at Kingsholm this season and they will all be huge occasions – but none bigger than today's visit of Bath.

Our west country neighbours are the visitors to Kingsholm this afternoon and there is not much I can say that could stoke the fires even further – this encounter needs no building up whatsoever.

It is a monumental game for both teams for different reasons. Bath, despite their obvious potential and wonderfully inventive coach Brian Ashton, find themselves too close

to the foot of the table for comfort, while we want to close the gap further on Wasps and Sale at the top of the Premiership.

The last time I wrote to you was on the night of the Leicester game, a little over a fortnight ago, and since then we have also beaten Newcastle away.

Nobody is getting too carried away, particularly after Sunday's performance. Everyone in the squad knew it was a terrific result in difficult conditions against a committed side but we simply didn't reach the required levels we set ourselves.

The difficulties Newcastle presented us were usually entirely of our own making and we certainly cannot be as generous today. I think it was Dean Ryan who said after the game that if we continue to play like that we won't be third for too long and he is not wrong.

There was plenty of energy, plenty of enthusiasm and plenty of endeavour but we need to produce more quality to enhance our position in the table.

The ingredients are all there, we just have to try and become

more consistent – it's that word again – and there will be no better time to start than today.

Bath, despite their difficulties, are a fantastic team. Even without the likes of Danny Grewcock, Steve Borthwick, Matt Stevens, their forward pack boasts some enviable talent and any backline that includes Michael Stephenson, David Bory, Frikkie Welsh and Alex Crockett will be a handful.

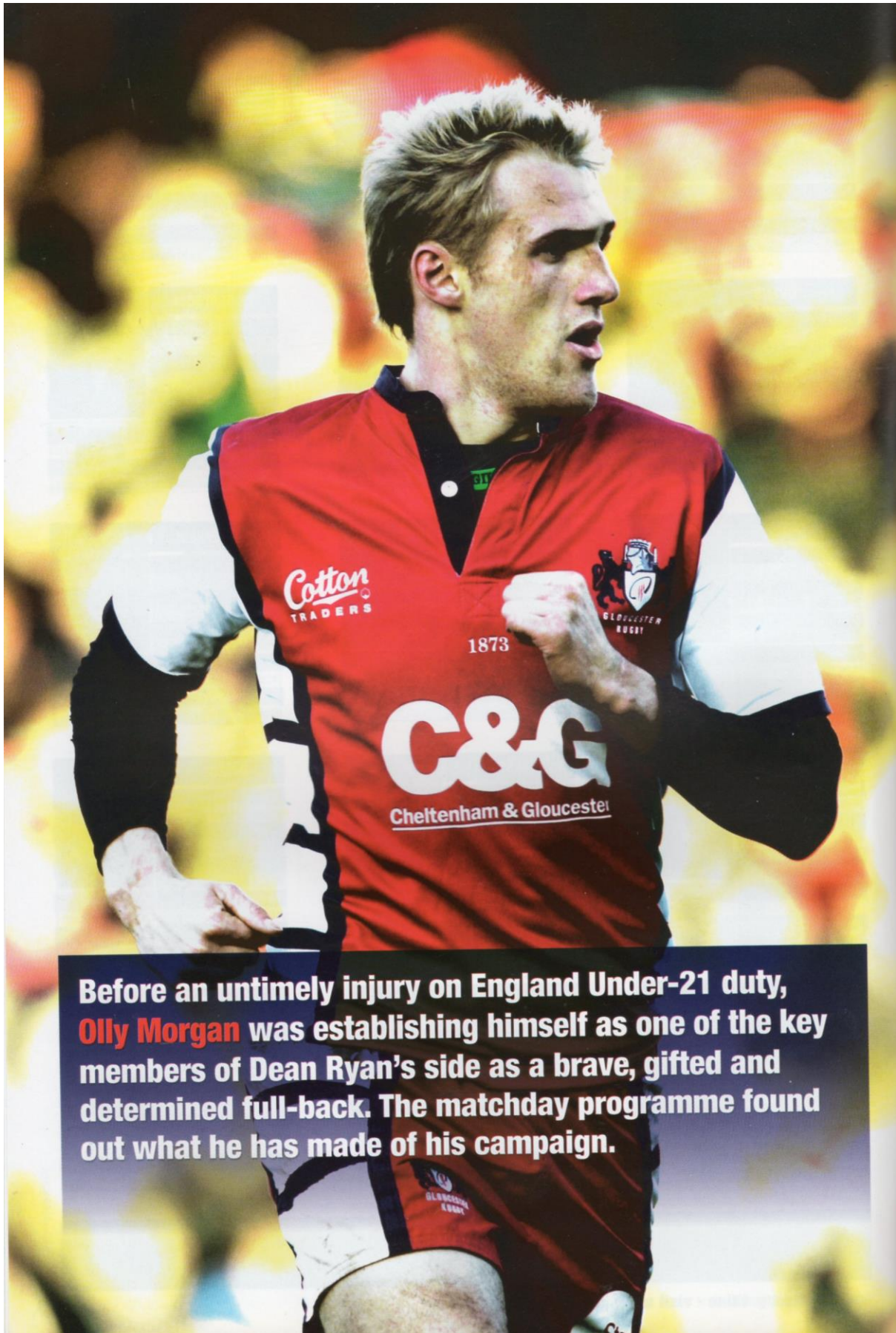
I am obviously still fairly new to these west country affairs but they are without doubt the highlight of the season and if the noise and atmosphere generated is at the same level and frequency as our last home game, we should be in for something pretty special.

The Passion

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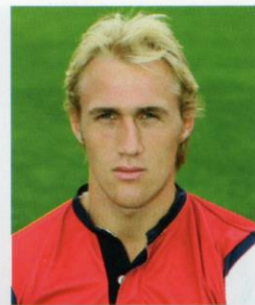
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Before an untimely injury on England Under-21 duty, **Ollie Morgan** was establishing himself as one of the key members of Dean Ryan's side as a brave, gifted and determined full-back. The matchday programme found out what he has made of his campaign.

Vintage Morgan



WHEN OLLY Morgan finished his school days at Millfield and promptly swapped a life of a student for the life of a professional rugby player, little did he know that within a year he would hob-knobbing with the big fishes of the Guinness Premiership.

Tall, unflustered, confident and gifted, Morgan has been one of the successes of the campaign. He inherited the number 15 shirt from Jon Goodridge for the 26-10 win over Bayonne back in October and has not looked back.

He was well on the way to making more than 20 appearances this season before he sustained ligament damage to an ankle in a try-scoring appearance for England Under-21s against Wales earlier this month.

Morgan will be out of action for a number of weeks as he begins the slow road to recovery but the matchday programme caught up with him to assess his season so far.

"I had no real idea what to expect when I left Millfield School to join Gloucester," he said. "All I wanted to do was come in and put pressure on the guys in my position and wait for an opportunity. "I like to think I have done

that pretty well and I am happy with the contribution I made before the injury.

"I wanted to push for a place, pure and simple. The first year was disappointing because I was injured once but I definitely feel that this season I have made up for that and I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved."

Morgan has produced any number of high quality performances under the most searching pressure. Against Wasps on Boxing Day, against a ferocious start from the

overwhelmed by the company he has been keeping and like his fellow former Millfield team-mate, Anthony Allen, appears made for life in the Premiership.

"I am not just happy with a place in the Premiership side," he said. "I did have half an eye on the Churchill Cup squad for the summer. I am not sure if I am getting ahead of myself but you have to have goals.

"It was a bit overwhelming at the start to be around international players like Mike Tindall and Phil Vickery

"It is pretty special being around these players and learning from them all the time."

home side that left Gloucester trailing by 20 points, the full-back was part of a gutsy second half recovery.

He defended brilliantly, was safe and secure under the high ball and carried possession with the vigour of a youngster relishing the challenge. Not even a nasty blow to the head in the frantic late stages could deter him.

If Gloucester were learning about him and vice-versa, they would have discovered plenty on that cold Christmas afternoon. He does not seem

but you have just got to get on with it. It is pretty special being around these players and learning from them all the time.

Morgan started his career in the number 13 shirt but switched to full-back following an England schoolboy trial and has not looked back since.

He gets himself into good positions, can kick and picks good angles. But his injury has handed Goodridge an opportunity and he has responded with two excellent performances



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The History

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against Leicester and Newcastle.

It is that competition for places that will only benefit the team in the long term.

“It can be difficult when you are not playing for a couple of months and then suddenly find yourself back in the team,” Morgan said.

“It does take some time to adjust but there have been a number of important games for me this season.

“Leicester away was the biggest game I had played in. I know we lost but individually I was quite happy with my performance. It was significant because I was constantly tested under the high ball and I dealt with it okay.

“Wasps away was another one. In the situation we faced it would have been easy for me to have gone into my shell but I

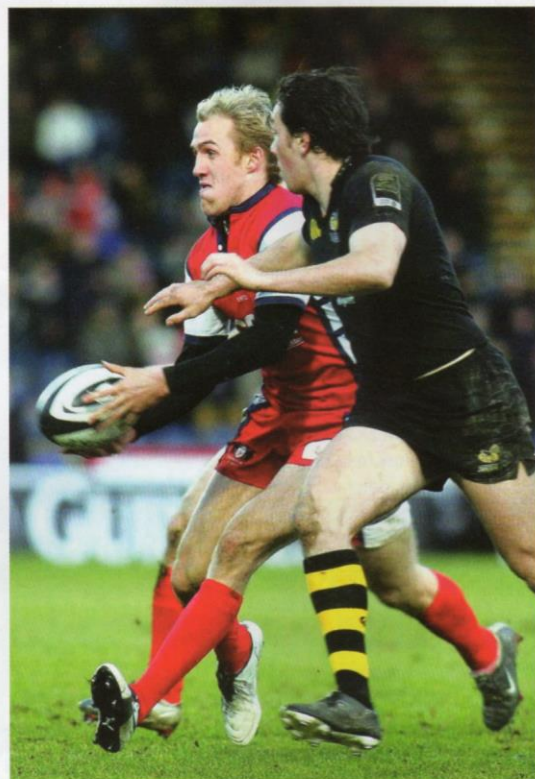
think we all responded in the right way.

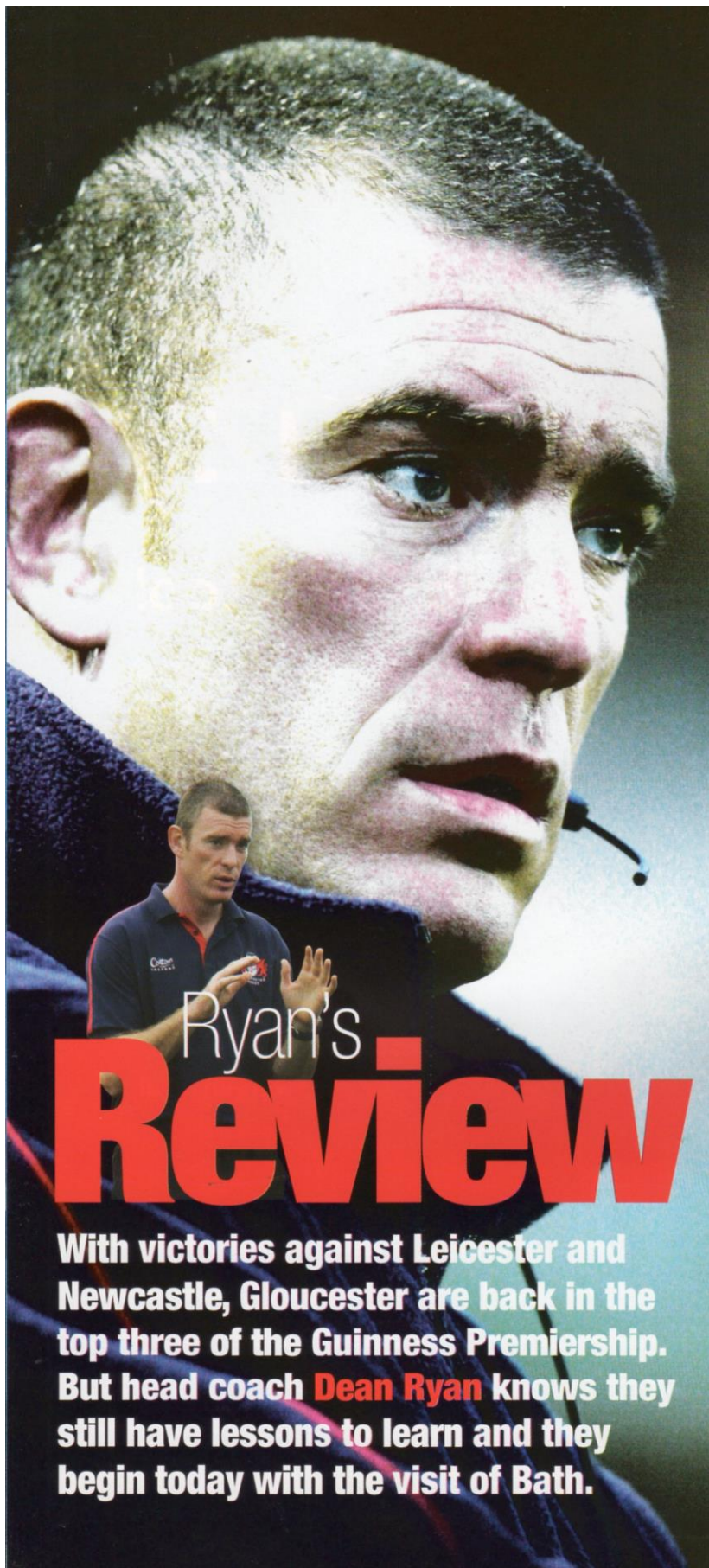
“The London Irish game was gutting – a huge disappointment – but we have put that behind us now and moved on.”

There has been plenty of evidence to suggest that Morgan has an exceptionally bright future, not just at club level but beyond too.

He is ambitious and not fazed by the scrutiny he finds himself under in the Guinness Premiership. Alongside Allen, Lamb, Bailey, Foster, Elloway and Forster, Morgan is a name for the future.

Asked to sum up his season, he responded with the phrase: ‘I think I have taken my chance’ and nobody who has watched Gloucester this season will disagree.





Ryan's Review

With victories against Leicester and Newcastle, Gloucester are back in the top three of the Guinness Premiership. But head coach **Dean Ryan** knows they still have lessons to learn and they begin today with the visit of Bath.



WE HAVE won two consecutive matches since the defeat against London Irish, does that seem light years away now?

DR: No, I wouldn't say that. I would like to think we have got some of the lessons learnt from the performance. The game is simply too complex to think of it purely in terms of a Plan A or a Plan B but in that game we simply didn't problem solve well enough. When we are without key players, we are not left with a group that is massively experienced in the art of solving issues that unravel before us. It is something we are getting better at but the London Irish game was a good indicator of where we need to improve.

We need to identify far quicker areas of the game that need altering or shaping in a different way. We are still a developing side in that way which means the London Irish game was not a surprise.

The important thing for me is that we avoid a repeat of that performance. If we can, then we are learning some very good lessons. What has pleased me is that we have responded to that with two very important victories.



What particularly pleased you about the victory over Leicester?

DR: Our intensity. It was right up there at a level where we want it to be. Whereas London Irish's intensity caused us problems, it was us who did it to Leicester. They couldn't match us in terms of our effort levels and endeavour. It got us on the front foot, helped us establish field position - something else we didn't have against Irish - and we never looked back.

With the number of players we had missing, either through international commitments or injury, it was a performance of real character from a number of players thrown into a huge occasion.

We didn't have to try and raise ourselves to a level where we could compete - it was already there

- and that is something we need consistently. I was just delighted for everyone involved in that game. At the moment, as it showed against Newcastle on Sunday, we are not doing everything right - particularly with the ball - but we are getting there and we must carry that forward.



Today's game needs no building up whatsoever, how dangerous will bath be this afternoon?

DR: The Premiership is a massively tough environment every weekend, whoever you are playing. Bath are capable of winning the majority of the games they play because they have a very streetwise side, that has massive potential in the front eight and is well coached. They are not a team you can simply blow away through sheer intensity. It is about game management and manipulation and we have to maximise our opportunities. It will be a great test of our ability to work out and develop more of a game to cope with the pressure they can build up. We have to learn how to win a game when

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the intensity levels are matched. Bath showed against Wasps a couple of weeks ago that when everything goes well for them and they get on top up front, they are a handful. But I love these occasions. They are just great games to be involved in. Form plays no part at all - it should be a cracker.



Finally, the club has made three important signings this week. can you explain what the two italians will bring to the squad next season?

DR: The two signings from outside the club [Jake Boer was the other] are crucial for us going forward next season. If we want to be challenging at the top end of the Premiership



and in the knockout stages of Europe, we need players of Marco's and Carlos's stature.

I am not a great subscriber to the fact that you don't sign international players because you risk losing them. They are international players for the simple reason that they are world class and that is what we need. Marco Bortolami leads the Italian pack, is a line-out strategist and is simply their engine room and motivation. To do that in a side that has traditionally been on the back foot is not easy but it is a massive credit to him that he has been captain and shouldered that responsibility.

We have a chance to put him and Carlos Nieto in a pack and enhance it, and them, at the same time. Both are having a lively Six Nations and I am delighted they have opted to join us. I think it signals our intent going forward.



Marco Bortolami



Carlos Nieto

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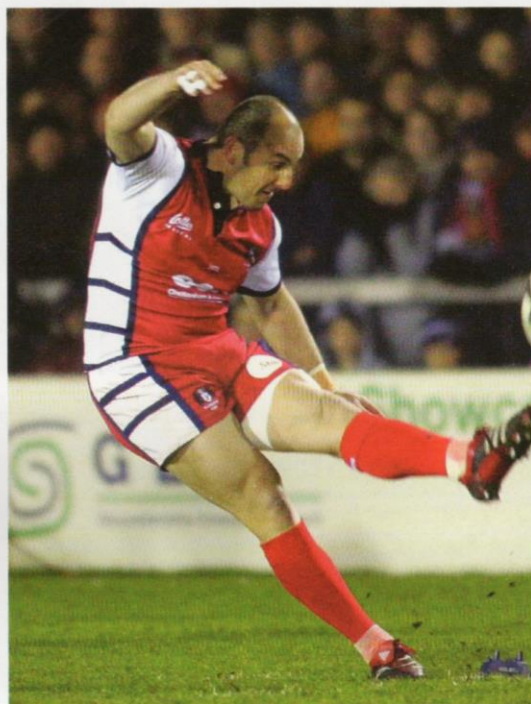
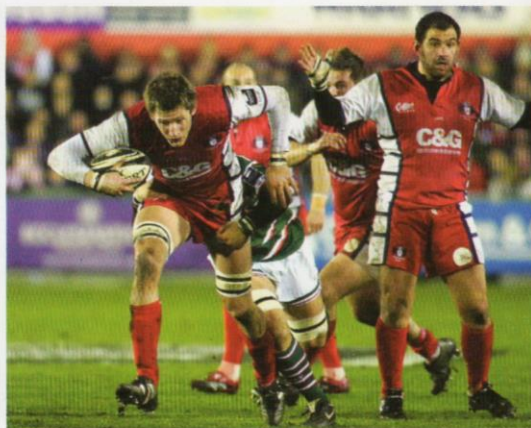
Match **Action**



Gloucester Rugby 34 **Leicester Tigers 16**

Friday, February 10
Attendance: 12,500
Referee: Wayne Barnes

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GLOUCESTER climbed into the top three of the Guinness Premiership with a courageous, commanding and dedicated performance against Leicester.

A sell-out Kingsholm crowd produced the most vociferous, partisan atmosphere of the season under lights as Gloucester bounced back from their defeat against London

Irish with a crucial victory.

They scored three tries, could have earned a bonus point, and generally made life distinctly uncomfortable for the Tigers on a raw and passionate evening.

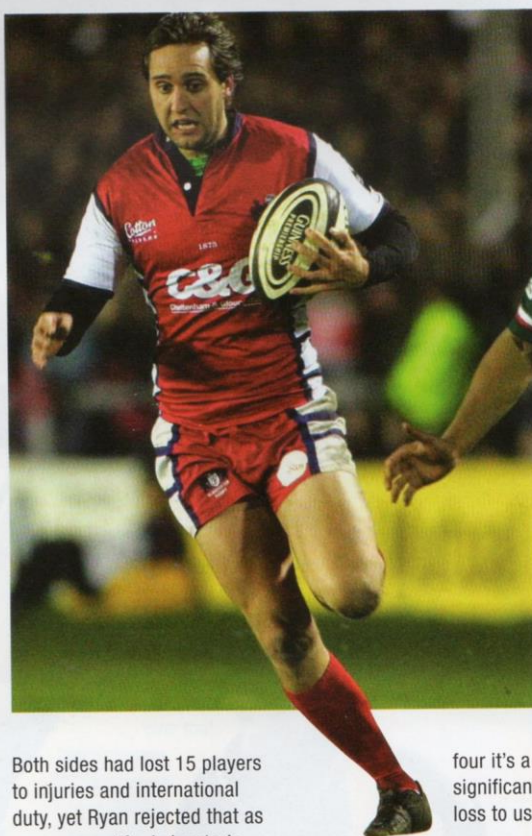
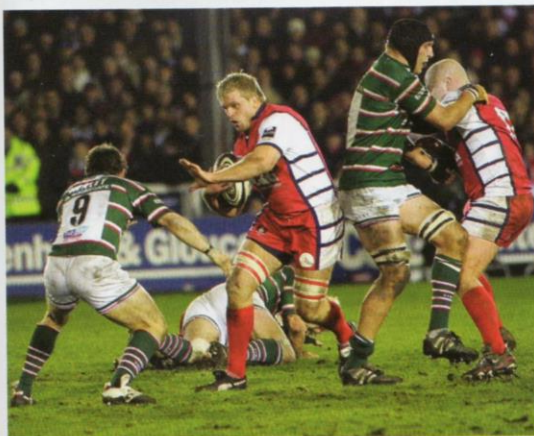
Without a host of first choice names because of international commitments, the likes of James Merriman,

making his first Premiership start, hooker Rob Elloway and full-back Jon Goodridge responded with excellent performances.

James Forrester was also outstanding in the number eight position as Gloucester used their speedier forwards to get right into the heart of the Leicester effort. It was Goodridge's pick up on

the run that created the first try when he raced 80 metres before Mark Foster gave the scoring pass to James Bailey, who went in under the sticks at the end of the first quarter.

Gloucester led 13-6 at the break and three Ludovic Mercier penalties took Gloucester 22-6 ahead after nine minutes of the second half.



Referee Wayne Barnes then awarded a penalty try to make it 29-6 and Foster completed the victory with a fine finish following a period of concerted home pressure despite Leicester scores from Will Johnson and Ephraim Taukafa.

Head coach Dean Ryan said: "We were treading a pretty tight line with their power.

We hadn't picked a particularly powerful side and our back row especially wasn't our most powerful.

"But it was our fastest, quickest paced side and we needed to get in front to be able to maximise that advantage because then we could bring on our heavyweights.

Both sides had lost 15 players to injuries and international duty, yet Ryan rejected that as an argument for Leicester's floundering display.

"Both sides were stripped of their first-choice players. Leicester have a very strong squad and they've been without five or six players for as long I can remember," he said. "When we lose three or

four it's a significant loss to us.

"So I don't subscribe to the fact it was down to Leicester's absentees. What happened out there was a courageous performance by some ambitious young men who care an awful lot about how things happen here."



Fabulous

Fanolua

He is the longest serving foreign player in the Premiership, is idolised by Gloucester supporters and is all haircut and aggression. **Terry Fanolua** will hope to face Bath today following a try on his 150th appearance against Newcastle.



I F, WITH SOCKS rolled down and brilliantly vivid hair, Terry Fanolua walks with a quiet purpose onto Kingsholm this afternoon, he should be afforded an especially raucous Gloucester reception.

Not only because he will reserve a very special welcome for our visitors from down the A46 with his unique brand of physicality and aggression that borders on the stratospheric but because his career has outlasted the great and the good of foreign imports who have plied their trade in the Premiership – and even some home-town legends who go by the names of Smith, Sims and Windo.

Fanolua has been reducing opposing centres, full-backs and the occasional forward to their component parts for the best part of a decade in the colours of his adopted Gloucester – a club that have taken him to their hearts.

He is, without doubt, a legendary figure in these parts. He has hardly ever been injured, and when it has really mattered down the years, has always been there with a bone-jarring tackle, big carry, crucial try or clearing kick.

It was back in 1997 when, as a 22-year-old, he left his native Samoa for these shores – and

straight into a pre-season punch up on tour in France.

“My reasons for coming over in the first place were financial,” he told the matchday programme. “My mum and dad needed their mortgage paid and that was the main reason.

“I knew it was a good opportunity to further my rugby career too, but it was a big gamble. But I was so homesick that the first year was very difficult for me. I was half-way round the world and knew nobody.

“I stuck together with Richard Tombs [Australian centre] because I just didn’t know what to expect – it was very strange to begin with.”

Fanolua was part of Gloucester’s brave new world. Alongside Tombs and Philippe Saint-Andre, they were the first major imports to the club after the game went professional.

They have continued to come in their droves – the brilliant Ian Jones, who had 79 All Black caps, double World Cup winner Jason Little, Junior Paramore and a whole glut of talented Frenchmen.

But none of them possessed the same staying power as

Fanolua. Something, way down in the pit of his stomach, has spurred him above and beyond the rest. Jones was a remarkable athlete and competitor for Gloucester in the twilight of his career, but very few possess the same willingness to win, complete devotion to the team and sense of self-sacrifice as Fanolua.

When asked how he has achieved such a record – he is also Gloucester’s leading Premiership try scorer with 37 – he states very simply: “To me, it’s all down to honesty.

“I try to be honest with myself and honest with my teammates on and off the field. If you can give your all, even in the most difficult



Get to know...



Terry Fanolua

Describe yourself in three words?

Outgoing, honest, determined

Most memorable match?

For Gloucester it would have to be the Powergen Cup final win against Northampton in 2003 and for Samoa, almost beating England in the 2003 World Cup.

Most memorable try:

I think that would have to be the one against Sale in 1998. I chipped it through – it actually came off my shin – and managed to gather the bounce and score. I was happy with that one.

Best friends in rugby:

James Simpson-Daniel and Duncan McRae.

Favourite food:

Taro (Samoan potato dish), chop suey and corned beef – a home made dish in Samoa.

Favourite drink:

Apple Juice.

Favourite holiday destination?

There can be only one – back home in Samoa.

Most respected opponent?

Any player in the centre still doing the business in the Premiership – I respect them all and they are all tough.

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situations, you will be respected.

“I had no other way to make friends other than by earning their respect when I first came over and I have tried not to stop. If you can look at yourself and say I did my best, then nobody can criticise.

“When I look back at my career, I can say I gave my all.”

He has survived Richard Hill, Philippe Saint-Andre and Nigel Melville as head coaches and has even developed his like for a drop of alcoholic refreshment down the years - ‘Lager with Deacs’ the book Laurie Lee didn’t write – about tales in the clubhouse.

“Boy, the guys could drink when I first got here,” he said with a laugh. “I was not used to it and started drinking halves to begin with – the bus trip home with Deacs and Pete Glanville were always pretty interesting.

“That was because winning away from home was always a highlight for me. The club had little experience of winning away – we found it very, very difficult and that was something we had to change.”

Fanolua has spent almost his entire working life in Gloucester but he regrets nothing. There may be more successful players floating around the cosmos doing their stuff, but few command his durability and connection with the support base.

When asked how he wants to be remembered after thousands of tackles, oodles of yards made, barnstorming tries, the occasional hitch-kick, the odd fumble but years of enjoyment, he added: “I want to be remembered as a person who brought a bit of joy to the fans.

“I want them to realise I am a guy who plays from the heart, who gave the Shed a lot of happiness and pleasure. It’s

always a joy to play in front of so many people when they come to Kingsholm to enjoy their rugby.

“My rugby is all from the heart – I know no other way.”

His first try of the season came in the 13-9 victory over Newcastle last Sunday and even then he gives a glimpse at perhaps why he has remained so desperate to succeed for so long.

“We came off and it felt like a defeat,” he said. “It was a very, very disappointing performance and that to us is the most important thing. It was not something we want to remember too much.

“But four points away from home is very important but we must play with an ambition and at times on Sunday we didn’t.”

It has been that ambition that has kept Fanolua at the top of the tree for so long and if, at some stage this afternoon, he gets an opportunity for a seismic tackle, a big carry or even a try, the chant ‘Ter-ry Fan-o-lua’ will be even louder than usual.



What they say about... Terry Fanolua



JAKE BOER, flanker:
 "You only have to look at the facts - Terry's statistics don't lie. The number of games he has played is a remarkable

achievement and I would say he has been as important as Chris Fortey and Mark Cornwell in terms of how he has helped bind the club together. He is right at the top of the chain, is a great guy and a good man. I have the utmost respect for what he has achieved."



JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL, Centre:
 "I really wouldn't know where to start talking about Terry. He has been at the club for so long

and is such a great squad member. I don't mean that in a strange way but when we are at the club in the summer training and he is away with Samoa, we can't wait for him to get back. He is someone everybody gets on with, is a great professional and has a brilliant record. I have a huge amount of respect for him."

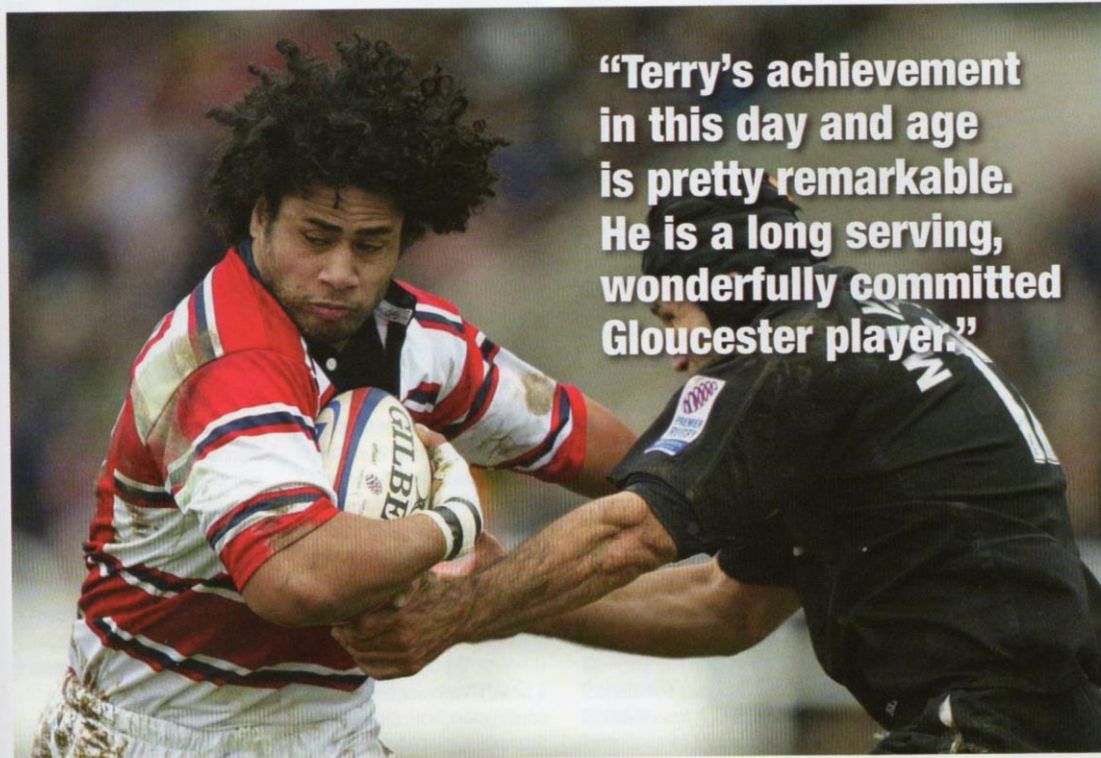


PHIL VICKERY, tight-head prop:
 "What can you say about Terry, he's just a great boy. When he came over he lived with Trevor Woodman and myself and they were special times. He has always been a favourite with the fans because of the way he has played the game and has been someone I have always enjoyed playing with.

"He is honest and hard working and together we have pulled through some pretty special games. It was memorable playing in the same side as Terry and Junior Paramore - they were great experiences."



DEAN RYAN: Gloucester Rugby head coach:
 "Terry's achievement in this day and age is pretty remarkable. He is a long serving, wonderfully committed Gloucester player and to make that number of appearances is testament to his durability and skill. He is highly respected and, as he showed against Newcastle last weekend with his try, he is still able to make a contribution to the team."



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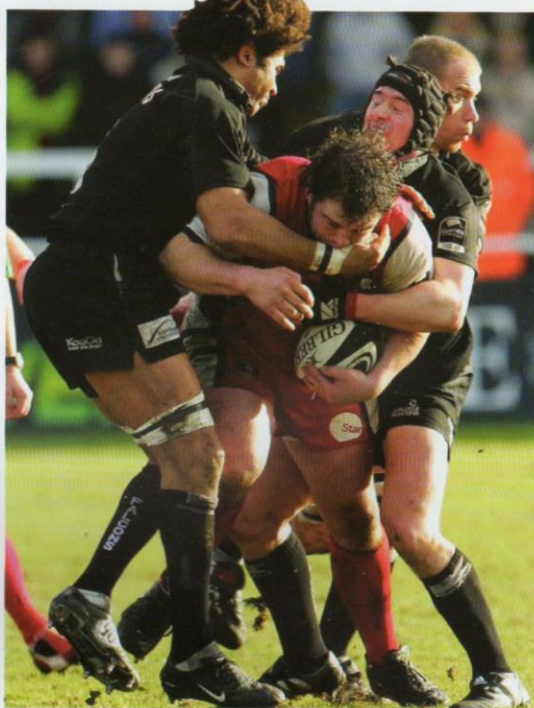
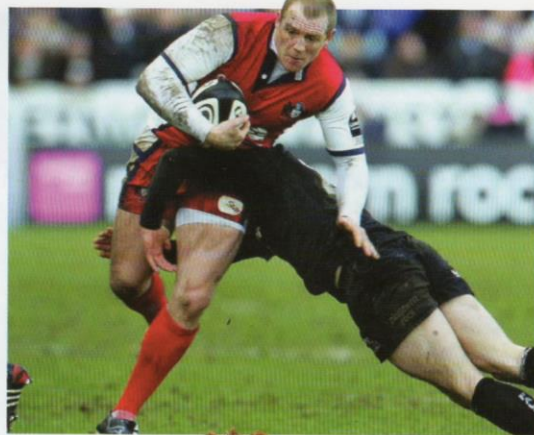
Newcastle Falcons 9 Gloucester Rugby 13

Sunday, February 19

Attendance: 7,482

Referee: Tony Spreadbury

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IT WAS scrappy and it was tense, but Gloucester battled their way to four highly cherished Guinness Premiership points away at Newcastle last weekend.

Terry Fanolua marked his 150th league appearance for the club with the games only try that helped push Gloucester back into third place.

For 35 minutes, Gloucester played some enterprising rugby. They moved possession quickly from the contact area, used Alex Brown, Jake Boer and Terry Sigley heavily up the middle and caused Newcastle a good degree of difficulty.

But in the second half they lost their way and their confidence, kicked too much possession away and almost came unstuck

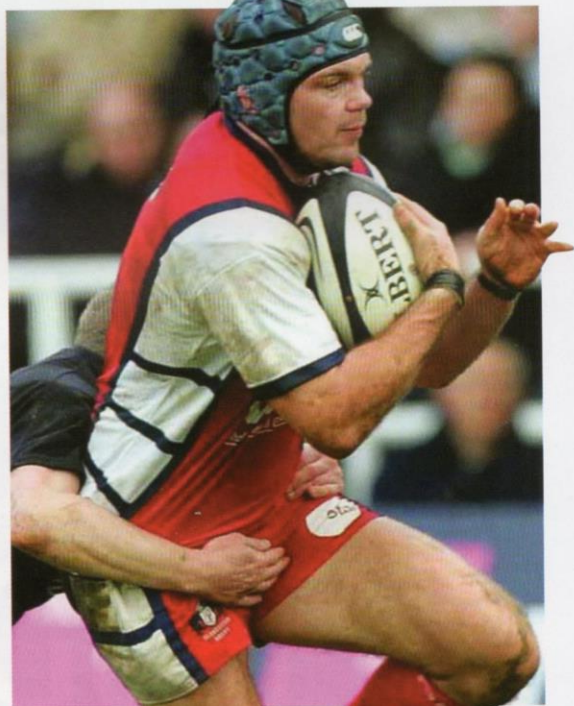
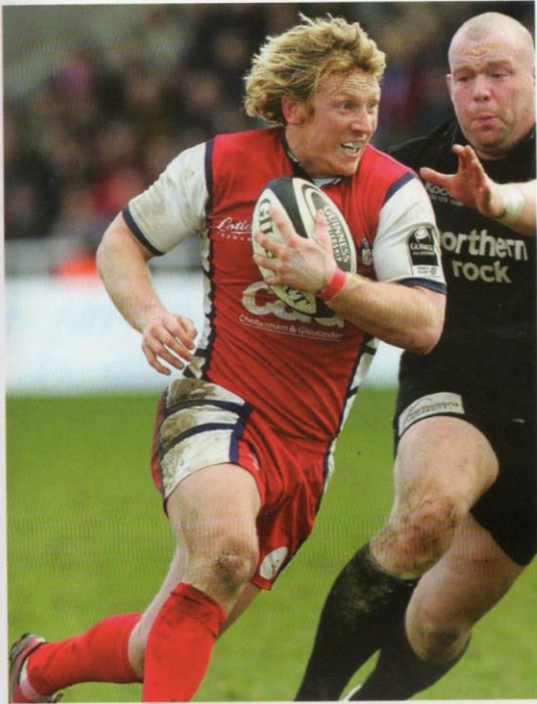
when Jamie Noon launched a searing last-minute break that took him close to the line.

Only a knock on saved Gloucester from defeat, while Matt Burke missed five shots at goal for the Falcons.

However, the only try was a beauty. Very simple in its construction, both Sigley and Brown hit possession up the

middle before Ludovic Mercier stepped inside his defender and found Fanolua with a long pass.

The Samoan centre still had a bit to do, but finished strongly in the far left corner. Mercier closed out the match with two late penalties as Gloucester completed a Premiership double over the Falcons. However, head coach Dean



Ryan was in no doubt that Gloucester need an improvement if they are to remain in the top three.

"It's that time of year when people get caught up with where you are near the top of the table, but if we play like that again we won't be third for very long," he said.

"It's great to get the four points

and maybe we should rush off and hide because it was a poor game. We did play some good rugby in the first half but then we tried to sit on it, got a bit frustrated and lost confidence and we could and, maybe, should have lost the game at the end there.

"We know it's a very difficult place to come and play but it was not a performance we

can take a huge amount of satisfaction from.

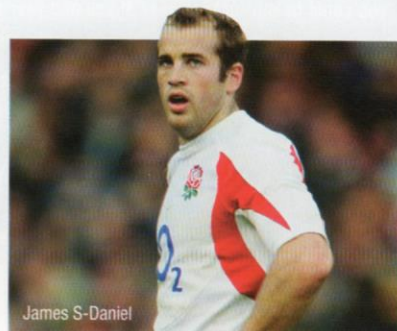
"The four points are very significant at this stage of the season for us but there is still plenty to work on."

The **History**

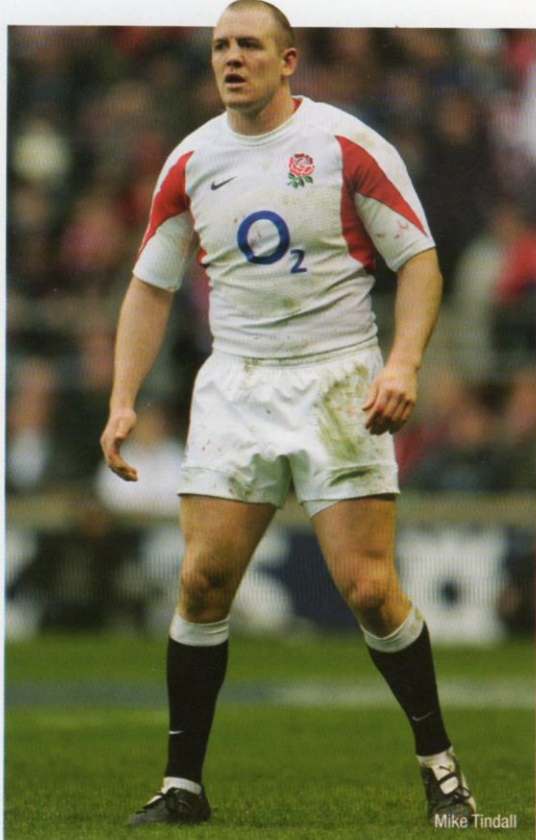


As an elver eater of considerable reputation, **Peter Arnold** will take his regular perch today for the visit of Bath, delighted to see Gloucester's England boys in fine form and unable to resist adding his assessment of Leicester's defeat at Castle Grim.

Peter Arnold



James S-Daniel



Mike Tindall

TOP AND TAIL

IT WAS great to watch the two Gloucester lads top and tail England's performance against Italy by scoring the first and last tries.

Mike Tindall's opening effort was a beauty, but was only one of many good things he did throughout the match. All we ask now is that he reproduces that form while playing for Gloucester.

James Simpson-Daniel's try came from his only touch of the ball, soon after he went on. No surprise for those of us who have been watching him since he was a mere sprog. That wasn't an easy ball to take, but once he had secured it, everyone else might just have well packed up and gone off for a pizza. Give Sinbad a little room and you simply don't stop him from that distance, or indeed from considerably further out.

Fair play to Jeremy Guscott. A couple of weeks ago, I was fairly rude about the way he had slagged off the England centre pairing of Tindall and Jamie Noon before the start of the Six Nations campaign, and the way he'd had to wriggle after the Welsh game. However, before the Rome encounter, having had the opportunity to study the tapes of the demolition of Wales, he admitted he had been wrong and was generous in his praise of the two centres and of their game plan.

Good on you, Jerry! Anyone can make a mistake, but not everyone is big enough to admit it.

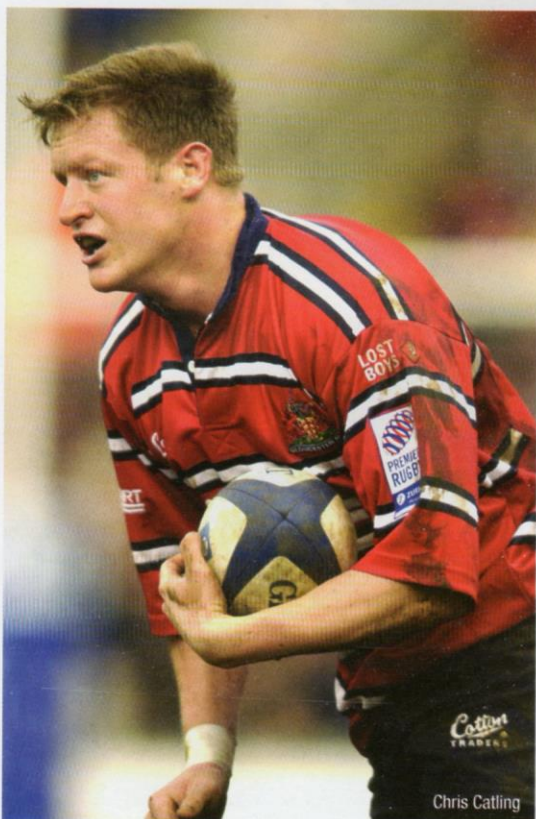
TIGERS IN THE TANK

THIS IS the first time I have had the opportunity to comment on the stunning win over Leicester, consequently, I'm not sure I can add

Behind The Scenes

The bonus point system is now an integral part of the modern day game. **Dave King** has delved into the archives to chart Gloucester's scoring sequences since 1999 and unearths a couple of prolific scorers.

THE INTRODUCTION of the bonus point system in the 1999-2000 season has been crucial in determining the final league position of each club in the Guinness Premiership.



In fact, it is so important, it has determined the qualification issues into the Heineken Cup.

It is interesting to see how we have been successful since the innovation of the scheme. As we are all aware, scoring four tries or losing by seven points or less determines whether or not we obtain the coveted bonus point in any match.

Our overall record in each season is varied.

In the 1999-2000 season we registered four tries on seven occasions, losing by seven points or less once. Thereafter our record reads as follows with tries first. In 2000-2001 we scored 4 tries 3 times and lost by seven points or less 3 times. In 2001-2002 we scored 4 tries in eight matches and lost by seven points or less on 4 occasions. In 2002-2003 we scored 4 tries in six matches and lost by seven points or less on four occasions. In 2003-2004 we scored 4 tries in four matches and lost by seven points or less in three matches.

Last season we scored four tries in three games and lost by seven points or less in two matches.

A breakdown of those statistics shows that in the 1999-2000 season we were able to score as freely in away matches as at Kingsholm.

We recorded 4 tries in matches at Bristol, Harlequins and London Irish. In our 38-25 victory at the Memorial Ground, Byron Hayward, Chris Yates, Tom Beim and Kingsley Jones scored tries.

At the Stoop against Harlequins we recorded a 38-24 victory in which Brian Johnson scored a brace of tries, Chris Yates and Trevor Woodman were the other try scorers.

And in a thrilling display of open, running rugby, few will forget our 42-40 victory when we faced London Irish. Chris Catling and Adey Powles with a brace of tries each and scores apiece from Rob Jewell and Adam Eustace enabled us to gain a bonus point.

At Kingsholm in the 1999-2000 season Sale were put to the sword in a 35-14 victory with Chris Catling scoring a brace and Terry Fanolua and Elton Moncrieff scoring a try each to ensure a bonus point.

An even more convincing 34-6 victory over Leicester was a memorable achievement. Richard Tombs, Catling again, Ian Sanders and a penalty try ensured a bonus point. Prior to the win at the Stoop against London Irish we had dispatched the Exiles at Kingsholm with a convincing 40-15 victory.

Catling, Fanolua, Simon Mannix, Ian Jones and Steve Ojomoh ensured the scoreline. A bonanza of points followed against hapless Bedford when we won 60-17. Moncrieff was in fine form with four tries aided and abetted by Catling, Fanolua, Yates and Jewell.

Our solitary point gained in losing by seven or less that season came in a 30-26 defeat against Nigel Melville's Wasps

The 2000-2001 season was not as productive as terms of scoring four tries or more. We managed the bonus point on three occasions and once in an away match. That was obtained at Clifton Lane against Rotherham where a Frank Schisano hat-trick was added to by Jewell's solitary try.

We completed the double over the Yorkshire Club that season with an emphatic 50 points victory at Kingsholm.

Beim, Catling, Mark Cornwell, James Simpson-Daniel, Jason Little, Robert Todd and a penalty try routed the northern visitors. Bristol succumbed to



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a 38-16 defeat at Kingsholm. Little, who was later to join our south west neighbours, scored a brace of tries with Olivier Azam and Phil Vickery completing the try scoring.

Bonus points for losing by seven points or less were obtained in home defeats to Sale 18-19, Bath 21-22 and Northampton 12-15. In away matches losses to Leicester 28-31 and Harlequins 19-21 enabled five points to be gained by this method.

Few will forget the 2001-2002 season when we recorded four tries or more in eight matches. Three of these were in away

fixtures, at Sale where we won by 44-21 at Heywood Road. Trevor Woodman, Dimitri Yachvilli, Federico Pucciarello and Fanolua ensured an emphatic victory with their try scoring feats.

A thrilling 41-40 victory at the Memorial Ground against Bristol saw Junior Paramore score twice, Andy Gomarsall, Koli Sewabu and Vickery with a try apiece gain the valuable point. An emphatic 50-17 win at Headingley against Leeds ensured a hat-trick of away wins that season.

Simpson-Daniel with a brace, Paramore, Darren O'Leary,

Woodman, James Forrester and Sewabu were our try scorers.

Doubles were the name of the game that season because Bristol, Leeds and Sale were all defeated at Kingsholm.

A 51-17 victory over Bristol saw Andy Hazell, Paramore, Catling, Chris Fortey, Gomarsall and Simpson-Daniel record tries.

Leeds once again saw Simpson-Daniel score a brace, while O'Leary, Henry Paul, Marcel Garvey, Robert Todd and Eustace added to the points tally with tries.

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Sale were defeated 42-14 with scores from Paramore, Pucciarello, Gomarsall, Simpson-Daniel and Forrester. A rare win over Wasps by 43-13 completed the list with Azam in fine form with a brace of tries.

Jake Boer and a penalty try ensured the London team returned along the M4 pointless. Our bonus point for losing by less than 7 points all came from away fixtures at Saracens 30-34, London Irish 15-19, Newcastle 16-18 and Bath 9-12.

The season of 2002-2003 was almost as productive with no fewer than six matches where we scored

four tries or more.

Only one win came away from Kingsholm, at Bristol. In a 38-21 victory Forrester scored a hat-trick with Hazell, Ludovic Mercier and Garvey also touching down.

At Kingsholm, Sale were defeated 44-8. Forrester with a brace, Boer, Paul, Beim and Thinus Delpont were the other try scorers.

Bristol were once again the victims of a hat-trick in another convincing victory. In our 45-18 victory at the Memorial Ground, Garvey scored a hat-trick with Paramore, Boer and Mercier adding to their woe.

Saracens were defeated 44-14 with Azam scoring a brace, Fanolua, Boer and Mercier also adding scores.

Boer's former club, London Irish, saw their former player scorer one of the five tries in a 40-19 victory. Eustace, Paramore, Forrester and Roncero completed the try scoring. A more conservative win against Harlequins 29-11 witnessed Mercier, Simpson-Daniel, Boer and Paul scoring the tries to ensure a bonus point win. Once again the bonus points gained by losing by seven or less were obtained in away defeats at Saracens 30-34, London Irish 15-19, Newcastle 16-18 and Bath 9-12.

The 2003-2004 season saw all four bonus points for four tries come in home fixtures. Saracens were defeated 30-7 with Jon Goodridge scoring a brace of tries with Simpson-Daniel and

Forrester adding the finishing touches.

Rob Andrew's Newcastle were defeated at Kingsholm 36-12 with Forrester, Garvey, Todd, Duncan McRae and Fanolua providing 25 of the points scored. Argentinean prop forward Roncero scored a brace of tries against Sale with Paramore and Boer adding to the list of try scorers in a 38-12 win.

Rotherham were the victims of a 'double' with Forrester and Fanolua both scoring a brace of tries in a 35-12 victory. Bonus points gained by losing by less than seven that season came from a home defeat by Bath 14-20 and away defeats at London Irish 10-16 and Leeds 18-22.

Last season we recorded four tries on a trio of occasions, one at Newcastle in an amazing 29-29 draw with Garvey, Fanolua, Andy Gomarsall and Luke Narraway crossing the whitewash.

Sale once again were victims of a four try defeat in a 24-14 setback. Goodridge, Garvey, Fanolua and Fortey touched down.

Harlequins, who were to become the victims of relegation, put up a stern fight in a 29-23 defeat. However, Fanolua with a brace of tries, Paul and Simpson-Daniel ensured a home win and a bonus point.

It was home and away for our two points gained by losing by seven or less. At home it was to Saracens 13-14, their first victory at Kingsholm, and then away to Saracens at Vicarage Road 9-14.

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