

Captain's Corner

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GOOD AFTERNOON and welcome to Kingsholm for what is always one of our biggest games of the Guinness Premiership season – the visit of London Wasps.

You do not have to cast your mind back very far to recall some of the classic encounters both clubs have been involved in down the years.

Apart from the intense rivalry, these games always throw up something special: The game at Kingsholm last season was a mini-classic – our emerging youngsters and our fast, expansive style just failed to down Wasps' experience and power.

The Boxing Day match at Adams Park was equally as thrilling thanks to our second half recovery and I expect more thrills and spills today.

I think if you were looking for a modern-day benchmark to set your standards by then it would be Wasps. I believe they have won six major trophies in the last four season — a remarkable achievement — and they are one of most durable, physically demanding and explosive teams in the Premiership.

They scored seven tries in a comprehensive victory against Bath last weekend and have some vastly experienced players who know what it takes to win away in this league.

But we are in good shape ourselves. We are obviously unbeaten in the Premiership and extended that run with a tremendously durable performance against London Irish last Friday night.

What pleased me as captain was that for the most part we controlled the game in poor conditions. Our decision making was good,

we dominated territory and out-scored them three tries to one. We obviously learnt some pretty harsh lessons in Europe but that performance signified to everybody we are beginning to learn from those mistakes and develop as a side. There will be no bigger examination than against Wasps because today's match-up will rival the Heineken Cup for intensity.

We are guaranteed a sell-out Kingsholm and need the noise levels at full throttle this afternoon. Get behind the boys, give us all the encouragement possible and cheer us to another victory.



Ryan's Review

After two defeats in Europe Gloucester have bounced back to winning ways against Saracens and London Irish and head coach Dean Ryan rounds-up the action.

At this stage last season we lost our momentum during the autumn internationals and struggled to regain it, you must be delighted with the two november victories so far?

DR: Last season we did operate in clearly defined stages throughout the season and struggled to regain our momentum after international periods and that obviously affected our ultimate Premiership position.

What has pleased me in the last fortnight has been our reaction from the lessons we learnt in Europe. We experienced extreme physical examinations in both contests against Leinster and Agen and our decision making processes also come under scrutiny at the top end of the Heineken Cup.

But we began to see an immediate reaction against Saracens and controlled the game for long periods in the ways we have been searching for. It was an environment we were more comfortable with and it showed in the majority of the performance.

The London Irish game was a different one entirely. Both teams obviously struggled in the first two rounds of Europe and from our point of view it was vital we didn't see this as an away game, against a side with fewer disruptions because of injury and international call-

ups and therefore out of our reach. I was delighted with our professionalism,

attitude and control. We made fewer mistakes, kicked really well tactically and scored three good tries. London Irish are a physically demanding side and a victory for us was another indication for me those lessons are beginning to be taken in.

You have now won three games away in the premiership so far, that is a significant number so early in the season?

DR: Playing away from home as a player was never something that bothered me - in fact, it had the opposite effect. I loved the bigger crowds, the atmosphere and the challenge so I don't see the fact we are away from home as a particular problem.

What is obvious though is that away games are becoming increasingly difficult to win which makes our initial achievement so far this season really gratifying. We



have been







everywhere, had our resolve tested at Leicester, Harlequins and Worcester and our decision making, intensity levels and cutting edge examined at Irish.

I am convinced these experiences are making us a better side and what we have to do is back that up with consistent home form. If we can put the two together, I am sure we will be in a healthy situation in a few months time.

These areas of the season test the strength of the squad and I was delighted to get a fresh gauge on the fitness of Mike Tindall and Olly Morgan because both are key players for us.



Speaking of injuries, what is the situation at the moment?

DR: It wouldn't be the same without a few knocking around would it? Mike is currently undergoing some pretty intensive treatment on his calf at the moment and his performance on Friday was to give us an indication of where we are in terms of his recovery. He is in great shape physically and has worked very hard but we are not in a position

yet where we want to expose him too quickly. James Forrester has undergone surgery on his knee and is back walking around the place again. He obviously faces an extended period on the sidelines but the initial signs are positive for him and he will step up his workload shortly.

It is impossible to avoid the fall-out from England's first two autumn tests, how did you think the Gloucester players went?

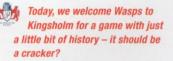
DR: You have to feel for everyone involved in the set-up at the moment and particularly for the younger guys like Anthony Allen.

People need to remember Anthony is 20-years-old, was still at school 18-months ago and has played fewer than 25 top-flight club matches. He is still hugely inexperienced but was selected in the first place because he was the form number 12 in England.

I have seen nothing to change my mind on that. He has the ability to stress defensive set-ups his foot-work and exceptionally quick thinking, as he showed against the All Blacks. He would be the first to admit he has made mistakes but he would not be alone in that and we must support these guys because they are future of the English game.

Ant, Pete Richards and Balsh will get all the support they need from Gloucester when they return and I think we have seen what the other two can offer. Balsh's try against Argentina was a wonderful distance finish and one of the reasons we wanted him at Kingsholm and it was great that pass came from Pete, who is as competitive as anyone in that set-up.

We will back these guys because I am sure they can deliver at this level.



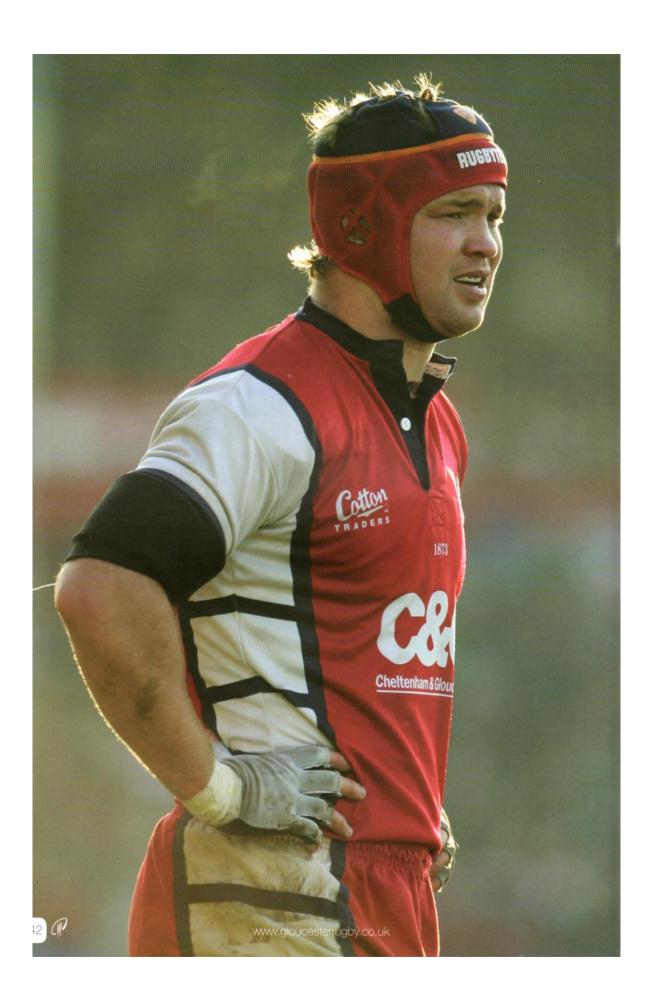
DR: There is definitely something about these games that makes them just a little bit different. There is obviously tremendous rivalry and respect but both teams have produced some great rugby down the years.

The corresponding fixture last season was really the first time our young players burst onto the public conscience and although we lost, we took a great deal from that performance we knew we would use in the future. I have the utmost respect for lan McGeechan and Wasps — they are one of the benchmark clubs in England — and it will be one of the biggest challenges of the season this afternoon.



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Brilliant Boer

Jake Boer will today make his 150 Premiership appearance. The matchday programme looks back at his career and the impact he has made in his time at Kingsholm.

WHEN ANDY Deacon, the great former prop of this shire, was asked to name his Premiership Dream Team a year or two back to coincide with his retirement, the man he entrusted with the number six shirt was a South African who had arrived at Kingsholm via Welford Road and London Irish.

His name was Jake Boer and in Deacon's words, he described him as 'captain fantastic.'

If it is possible to enjoy legendary status as a non-international, blindside flanker of the ultracompetitive, supremely tough variety, Boer's status in Gloucester's pantheon is already assured.

He has put his body through such purgatory, pushed the physical boundaries so far and produced such a relentless stream of form for Gloucester that for two years he was without doubt one of the best flankers in the Premiership. Bar none.

Pit him against the finest anyone had to offer and inevitably, with his scrumcap virtually welded to his head, Boer had the knack of winning those one-on-one battles. He did exactly what he said on the tin.

If Boer was hard physically, he was very hard mentally. When he spoke to the matchday programme this week he said he put it down to the emotional state he wound himself into and it offered an insight into the workings of the man. "Physically, you get to a state where you know all about the bumps and bruises," he said. "When you get a bit older you may not recover from them as quickly but you know they are there and deal with it.

"I have always been able to do that but the secret for me is more of a mental one. I always find a reason to get myself into the emotional state I need – whether it is thinking of people I owe this opportunity to or from somewhere else I always find my motivation.

"But I am just 100% obsessed by beating anyone who stands in Gloucester's way – I just have to win for Gloucester, that's it."

Boer's career has gone something like this. Almost 10 years ago he gave up everything he had in South Africa and went on trial at Leicester – mixing it with Welford Roaders like Neil Back, Eric Miller, Dean Richards, Martin Corry and Paul Gustard.

The Tigers did offer Boer a contract and he return to South Africa in the summer of 1998 to discuss his options.

"They offered me a three-year contract and it was a good offer," he said. "I went back to talk it through with my agent and it just so happened that Dick Best [London Irish coach] was in Cape Town too.

"He offered me another very good deal but with the added benefit that he said I would definitely start. That swung



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Position: Flanker Height: 6'2"
Weight: 16st 8lb

it for me. I just wanted to be playing and involved and it was too good to refuse."

If his move to Irish was not quite the making of him, it was a damn good start. He fitted right in with the usual modus operandi of the all-mauling, all-rucking Irish game that was based on forward domination and power.

He carried plenty of possession and established himself as the cornerstone of the team under Best.

"I was really happy at London Irish and alongside Brendan Venter, was one of their front men," he said. "I carried ball 15 or 17 times a game, made as many tackles as i could and from a playing point of view, was very happy there.

"But then Gloucester came looking and had the added incentive of Europe. It was just another opportunity too good to miss."

His transition to Kingsholm, a place steeped in general forward-dominated mayhem was perfect. Boer fitted the bill of a noncomplaining, steel-plated seek and destroy machine and when he eventually skippered the club, did so with the utmost passion.

Capable of carrying possession, he would also neutralise opponents, do his fare share of work in the line-outs and scrap it out on the deck. Boer was a muddied jewel in the crown.

There were times when he seemed so consistent and so constant that nothing could knock him out his stride. He is notoriously superstitious

talking about his comparative good fortune with injuries that when one struck, it was a bad one.

Boer injured his medial ligaments against Bath last season and was ruled out for the rest of the campaign.

"I don't talk about injuries but I had enjoyed a fantastic run," he said. "I need the confidence of being able to string a few games together and when I don't get that it becomes difficult.

"I have been lucky that of the 149 games I have played in the Premiership so far, 99% of them have been starts.

"It has been fantastic and I have a lot of respect for anyone who puts themselves through what we do each week, whether they be 18 or 35."

When Gloucester lost to Agen three weeks ago in the Heineken Cup, Boer was Gloucester's stand-out player before he was forced off with a hamstring injury. But he was back last Friday to his stand-out best in Gloucester's win over Irish.

And with both James Forrester and Andy Hazell both out of action, Gloucester need all of Boer's expertise and quality in the coming weeks.

"I just want to make sure I help Gloucester get the better of everyone we come up against," he added. "After 10 years, I like to think I can offer help and advice off the field too.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Gloucester – it's been fantastic – but we are only just starting out on a journey and I want to be a part of it."

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Match Action

Time line 2 mins Lamb PEN 3-0 9 mins Keil TRY 8-0 17 mins Walker PEN 11-0 17 mins Haughton Y-C 21mins Jackson PEN 11-3 **26 mins** Keil TRY Walker CON 18-3 31 mins Eustace Y-C 31 mins Jackson PEN 18-6 **34 mins** Keil Y-C 38 mins Jackson PEN 18-9 46 mins Jackson PEN 19-12 15 mins Bailey Y-C **78 mins** Mercier PEN **Gloucester Line-up** (2t, yellow card) REPS 16 17 (M. Davies) (1p, Lamb)

Gloucester Rugby Saracens





Rudi Good Day

Saturday, November 4 Ref: M. Changleng (Sco) Att: 10,134

RUDI KEIL'S two first-half tries fired Gloucester to a crucial Guinness Premiership victory over Saracens that catapulted them back to the top of the table.

With almost a dozen players unavailable because of injury or international call-ups, Gloucester's victory was hugely significant and was just reward after two back-to-back defeats in the Heineken Cup to Leinster and Agen.

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two scores inside the first 30 minutes. First, Ryan Lamb, back to his game-breaking best at number 10, danced through a thicket of defenders before finding Keil with a long pass after nine minutes.

And then, 15 minutes later, the same combination worked from a set-scrum as Keil barged his way through an alarming gap in the Sarries defence to touchdown.

At that stage Gloucester were 18-3 ahead but lost both Adam Eustace, rather unluckily and Keil, to the sinbin for a professional foul







and foul play respectively.

However, all Saracens had to show for their first-half efforts were three penalties from Glen Jackson that dragged the score back to 18-9. However, the Saracens recovery kept coming in the second half.

Jackson booted another three points after 46 minutes and all of a sudden it looked as though there could be a huge turnaround.

of possession but Gloucester's defence – led by Keil and two huge hits by Willie Walker – held firm.

There were also excellent contributions from Rory Lawson, Nick Wood, Adam Balding and Marco Bortolami as Gloucester hit back. Ludovic Mercier was introduced for Lamb and the Frenchman curled home a 77th minute penalty to seal a crucial Gloucester victory.



Man of the Match...

Rudi Keil



Rudi Keil scored both Gloucester tries and also led the defensive effort from midfield

Coaches Comment...

Dean Ryan



"It was a very important victory. We were close to producing the type of performance we were

searching for after two defeats in Europe," head coach Dean Ryan.



Hall of Fame with Dave King



lan Jones

He was already an **All Black** legend by the time he joined **Gloucester** and in a two-year period at **Kingsholm** was never anything short of brilliant. **Ian Jones** joins **Dave King's Hall of Fame** today.

HERE HAVE been some wonderful foreign imports to grace the Premiership over the last 10 years. From the uniquely imposing Inga Tuigamala, double World Cup winner

Tim Horan, Pat Lam and Thomas Castaignede, the list is endless.

At Gloucester we have been fortunate enough to have seen the brilliant Philippe Saint-Andre, double World Cup winner Jason Little, the

sensation Junior Paramore and Terry Fanolua and a host of wonderfully expressive French front row forwards.

But perhaps the name at the top of the list is a former All Black who stretched the boundaries of professionalism and dedication to the limit. It is not pushing the point to call lan Jones a genius.

He won 79 caps for the All Blacks, was pre-eminent in re-modelling the role of the second row and threw himself totally into establishing Saint-Andre's Gloucester in Europe in an all too brief spell with the club.

Popularly known as 'Kamo', due to the fact that he began his rugby career with Kamo Rugby Club at a senior level, Jones was initially classed as a winger and then progressed to the Kamo Under-21 team, where he was already regarded as spring heeled and athletic.

It was not long before Jones began to attract attention thanks to a series of outstanding performances and in 1988 he made his debut in representative senior rugby when he was selected for Northland at Pukekole Stadium in the NPC tournament.

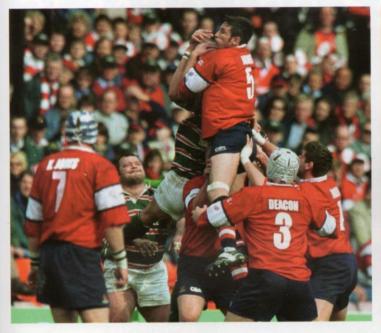
Such was his rapid progress that he was first selected as an All Black triallist in 1989 – only a year after breaking into senior rugby - and a few months later he was jetting off to Europe on the New Zealand tour to Wales and Ireland.

He had only just completed his apprenticeship as an electrician at the time and the rate of allowance per day in 1989 for an All Black tourist was £20 (\$NZ 55).

However, lan only appeared in the non-Test matches on that tour at Pontypool and Neath and he had to wait until he returned to New Zealand to make his international debut against Scotland at Carisbrook in 1990.







His inclusion on the tour to Europe was a remarkable achievement considering the quality of players involved.

J.A. Gallagher (Wellington), M.J. Ridge (Auckland), J.J. Kirwan (Auckland), V.I. Tuigamala (Auckland), T.J. Wright (Auckland), C.R. Innes (Auckland), B.J. McCahill (Auckland), J.T. Stanley (Auckland), W.K. Little (North Harbour), W.J. Schuster (Wellington), G. Fox (Auckland), F.M. Botica (North Harbour), G.T.M. Bachop (Canterbury), I.B. Deans (Canterbury), J.K.R. Timu (Otago), S.C. MacDowell (Bay of Plenty), G.H. Purvis (Auckland), R.O. Williams (North Harbour), R.W. Loe (Waikato), S.B.T. Fitzpatrick (Auckland), W.D. Gatland (Waikato), G.W. Whetton (Auckland), M.J. Pierce (Wellington), S.R. Gordon (Waikato), I.D. Jones (North Auckland), W.T. Shelford (North Harbour), M.R. Brewer (Otago), A.T. Earl (Canterbury), P.W. Henderson (Otago), A.J. Whetton (Auckland), Z.V. Brooke (Auckland), K.J. Schuler (Marawati).

It was not long before Jones became the All Black's first choice line-out leaper from

1990 and in the process in tandem with Robin Brooke broke the world record lock partnership in South Africa in 1996 when they played their 28th Test together in Pretoria.

Such was his mobility he even recorded a hat-trick of tries against New South Wales in Hamilton in 1996. When he celebrated his 50th cap in 1996 he celebrated the achievement by once again scoring a try against Scotland.

Representative honours befell Jones throughout his playing career and he finished his New Zealand career with 79 caps for the All Blacks, alongside 12 appearances for the famed Barbarians. He scored nine tries for New Zealand amassing 42 points.

After retiring from international rugby, Jones joined Gloucester in the autumn of 2000 in a much publicised move that was greeted with as high a level of expectation as any signing in the



professional era and he proved to be a sensational hit at Kingsholm.

He made his debut for the club against Biarritz on 20th November as a second half replacement for Rob Fidler. It will come as no surprise that he marked the occasion with another debut try. Jones had been introduced to 4,579 spectators when Gloucester met Sale at Kingsholm on 5th November 2000.

The Gloucester team on his debut was as follows: Chris Catling; Brian Johnson, Joe Ewens, Terry Fanolua, Tai Glassi; Martyn Kimber, Ian Sanders; Adey Powles, Neil McCarthy, Andy Deacon, Rob Fidler, Mark Cornwell, Peter Glanville, Andy Hazell, Ed Pearce. An attendance of 3,218 witnessed a 22-13 victory.

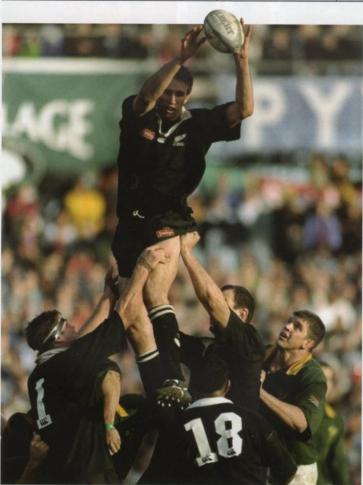
Of the team that day, only flanker Andy Hazell remains at the club.

At the end of the 2000-2001 season Jones announced his retirement. It came as

Hall of Fame...

In his two playing seasons here at Kingsholm Jones totalled the following matches for the Club: -

SEASON	APPEARANCES	REPLACEMENT	TRIES	COMPETITION
1999-2000	13	1	2	League
	2	1	1	European Shield
2000-2001	18	-	1	Tetley Cup League
	1	•	-	Zurich Championship Quarter Final
	6	-	-	Heineken Cup
TOTAL	42	2	4	



a complete surprise to all at Kingsholm when the following autumn he was tempted out of retirement by Nigel Melville to play for Wasps. However, in his all too brief stay at Gloucester he left an indelible impression on all who saw him grace the turf at Kingsholm.

Former Gloucester prop forward Andy Deacon once said of Jones: "I played with him for a couple of seasons and he'd work opponents out superbly with his tactics. He'd beat an opponent both with his brain and his brawn."

So the player who became the ninth All Black to play 100 matches for New Zealand when he took the field against Australia at Christchurch in 1998 really did grace Kingsholm.

The great grandson of 'Bunny'
Finlayson who played 36 times for the All
Blacks between 1925-1930 followed a
family trait.

Of all the players to have appeared at Kingsholm, lan Jones ranks as the most consistent and whole hearted of imports and at Gloucester we should be grateful for the memory.

Dave King



Match Action

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16 mins	
Lawson TRY	0-12
28 mins	
Everitt PEN	3-12
33 mins	
Flutey TRY	8-12
44 mins	
Walker PEN	8-15
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Everitt PEN	11-15
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Gloucester Line-up

15	Willie Walker	(2c, 1p)
14	James Bailey	(1t)
13	Jack Adams	THE PERSON NAMED IN
12	Rudi Keil	O TAXABLE PARTY
11	James Simpson-Daniel	(1t)
10	Ryan Lamb	
9	Rory Lawson	(1t)
1	Patrice Collazo	
2	Olivier Azam	-
3	Christian Califano	
4	Adam Eustace	
5	Alex Brown	
6	Peter Buxton	(capt)
7	Jake Boer	
8	Luke Narraway	
REPS		
16	Rob Elloway	(Azam)
17	Jack Forster	(Collazo)
18	Jonathan Pendlebury	
19	Adam Balding	(Narraway)
20	Haydn Thomas	(Keil)
21	Mike Tindall	(Adams)
22	Olly Morgan	(Railov)

London Irish Gloucester Rugby





No Luck of the Irish

Friday, November 10 Ref: Dave Pearson Att: 9,880

JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL'S interception try nine minutes from time sealed Gloucester's sixth Guinness Premiership victory from seven attempts at London Irish.

It was their third away victory of the season and maintains their unbeaten start in the competition. In terrible conditions, Gloucester were thoroughly worth their victory. were able to match Irish's physicality through the efforts of Olivier Azam, Peter Buxton, Jake Boer and the rest of the forward pack.

Although the Irish mauled the ball well at times, they conceded far too many penalties at the breakdown and Gloucester battled out a crucial victory.

They showed greater control and mastery of the conditions and

They showed greater control and their best spell of the match.

Azam and Luke Narraway

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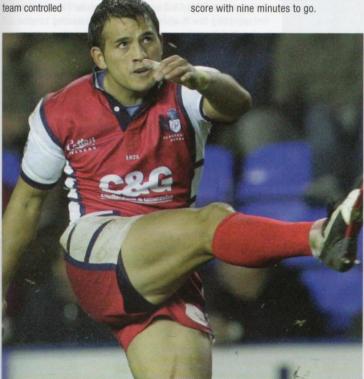
drove on a wayward Irish line-out before Boer smashed possession up the middle. When play was recycled, the impressive Rory Lawson broke blind on a crucial break before sending James Bailey to the line.

Their 7-0 led became 12-0 soon after when Azam used all his skills to send Lawson to the sticks from a line-out 30 metres out.

Thereafter, the contest fell away as neither

the contact area to their liking. Irish hit back with a try from Riki Flutey and a penalty from Barry Everitt in the first-half to leave them only four points behind at the break.

And although Willie Walker and Everitt exchanged penalties in the second half, the contest was sealed when Simpson-Daniel took Topsy Ojo's attempted kick and sprinted 60 metres to



Man of the Match...

Peter Buxton



The Gloucester skipper led from the front with an outstanding physical

Coaches Comment...

Dean Ryan



"Away wins in the Premiership are rare things, particularly at a venue like this, so we are

delighted with the four points. The performance can improve but in terms of effort, I cannot ask for any more"

