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“This afternoon is a **local derby** and obviously that will only increase the atmospherics, tension and intensity and we are relishing the prospect.”

THERE have been times in the past when I have ripped off my scrum-cap at the end of a game in total disappointment at the result, but it has been a long time since I have felt as frustrated as I did on Sunday.

We were good enough to win but for the third time this season lost to the last kick of the match.

For large parts of the game we dominated and were in control. There is no way

anyone could fault the effort, commitment or drive of the players and I thought we did more than enough to win a very tight game.

But today we have to respond quickly. We have suffered these knocks before, we are experienced professionals and I am confident there will be a kick-back this afternoon.

We realized Saracens was a huge game for us in our quest for a play-off place but that goes for all our remaining

games and really, none is bigger than the other.

This afternoon is a local derby and obviously that will only increase the atmospherics, tension and intensity and we are relishing the prospect.

Worcester are obviously battling against relegation but in many respects that makes them even more dangerous opponents.

They will fight for everything like never before and we must be ready for that and respect them for what they offer.

They are a very physical side with a lot of good players who took Leicester right to the wire last weekend. And with former England defence coach Phil Larder involved with them, they have really tightened up.

These derby games are special so please get right behind the boys this afternoon. Matches at Kingsholm are running out this season so please make yourself heard and cheer us to a crucial victory.



Aiming High

Alex Brown is a key man in the Gloucester forward pack and as the season enters the final straight, the England lock believes they have learned their lessons from a series of heart-breaking defeats, as the matchday programme discover.

THEY SAY lightning doesn't strike twice – but Alex Brown can testify that old wives tale is a load of old nonsense.

Regardless of the controversy surrounding Kris Chesney's try and Glen Jackson's winning conversion for Saracens last Sunday, it was the third time this season that Gloucester have been beaten by the final kick of the game.

When Jason Strange popped over a drop-goal for Bristol in the eighth minute of added time back in November to seal a 14-12 victory, Gloucester's unbeaten Guinness Premiership record was over.

And when Sale over-turned a 16-3 half-time deficit with a last minute penalty from Richard Wigglesworth to win a dramatic and no less controversial game in Stockport at the start of the year, the curse had struck again.

But Sunday's defeat was the straw that broke the camel's back – and seriously dented Gloucester's play-off push, although they are still in the top four and there is enough about them to bounce back quickly. For Brown, defeat was even tougher to take, particularly after he had unloaded a mammoth performance full of all the good things an international coach usually dreams about.

His first-half try was the icing on the cake because his ultra-physicality,

defensive awareness, line-out manipulation and utter determination were the watch words he played his game by.

One monstrous tackle on Census Johnson lives vividly in the memory but his all-round effort was remarkable.

There is even greater emphasis on Brown maintaining his current form in the coming weeks. His partner, the equally brilliant Marco Bortolami, is on Six Nations duty with Italy which means Brown shoulders even great responsibility.

"Sunday was frustrating – totally frustrating," he said. "We did everything we needed to do to win a very tight game away from home and we thought we had it. It certainly brought back memories of Bristol and Sale.

"We have been beaten in the last minute before but we simply have to move on now. I was pretty sure we had learned our lessons the first time but this time we really have – and believe it we have.

"We have been within touching distance in these games so we probably need to be a bit more clinical and finish them off."

There is no now let-up for Brown and he will face another overtly physical challenge from Worcester this afternoon. The Warriors come to



Player Interview

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Alex's Stats
Position: Lock
Height: 6'7"
Weight: 17st 8lb
DOB: 17.05.79

Kingsholm in desperate search of points for their Premiership survival but with the determination to cause some severe problems.

"I think Sunday's defeat has put us under a bit more pressure than we would have liked because we appreciate a victory would have established that little bit of a gap but we have to move on and focus on what is a massive game for us today," Brown added.

"Worcester are desperate for points and will throw everything at us. They are a big, physical unit and we know how tough it is going to be. There will be a lot of passion flying about and they are difficult occasions to come out on top in.

"Local derbies are never really great games but we will be focused on the job we have to do."

Brown has always been regarded as a multi-faceted modern day forward and has one England senior cap to his name. He has recently represented England A in their two internationals but is thrilled to be back at Kingsholm – at home in the club environment and eager to push on towards the end of the season.

"It is really nice to be back at Gloucester – we got a massive lift before the Six

Nations when we beat Sale, I really feel the club is going places and it is great to be a part of it.

"That makes everything worthwhile really because we are really making progress. It can obviously be frustrating for a player because you want to be involved playing for your country.

"But I am going to remain positive, play as well as I can for Gloucester and just see what comes off the back of that – that's all I can do."

Gloucester have a series of home games in March that will define their season and Brown is ready for the challenge.

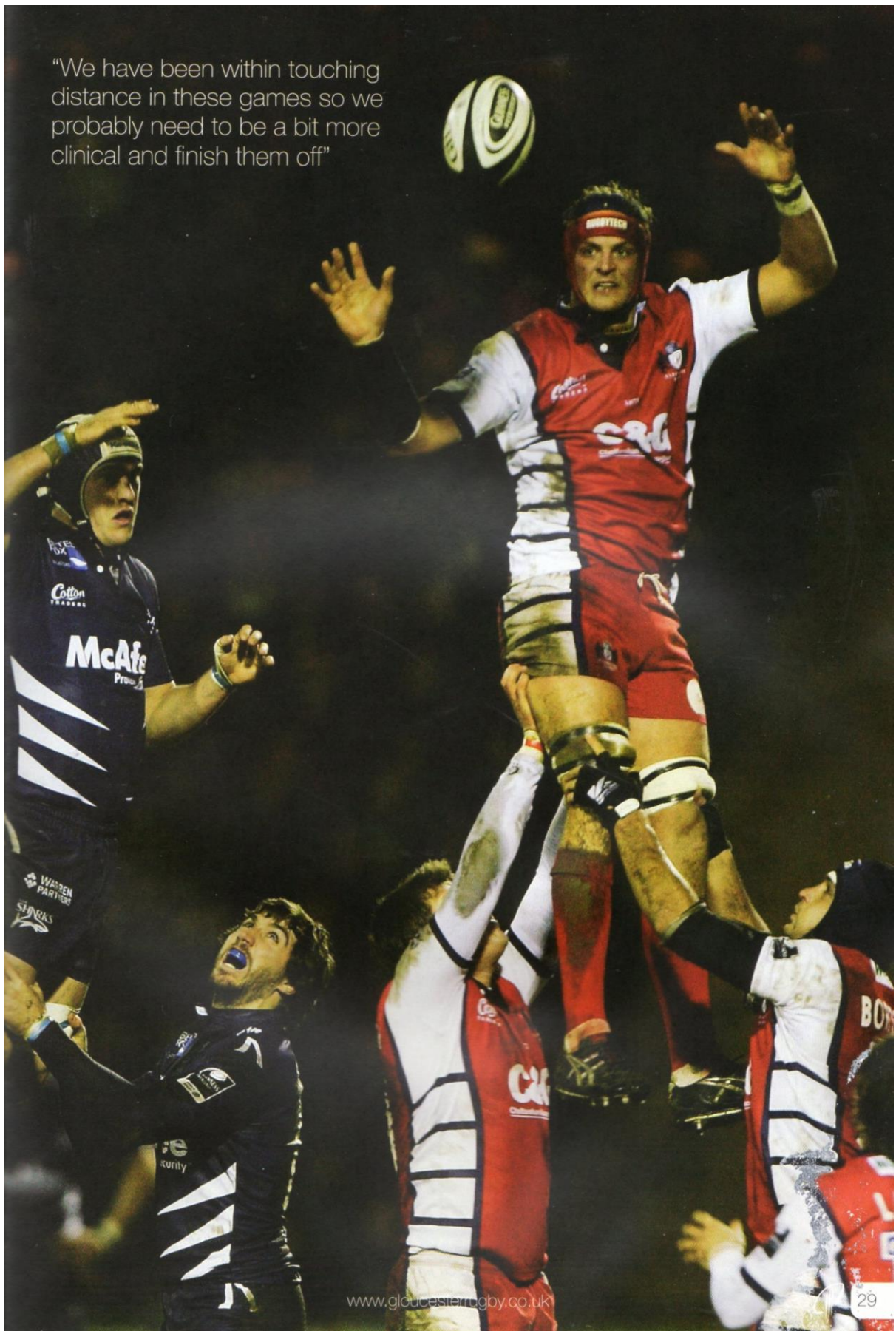
"Clearly our home games will be crucial. We have a good home record at the moment and we need to continue it. Back at Kingsholm we play some dangerous, attacking rugby and generally we play really well.

"That starts this weekend and we need to be on top form. We will be against a desperate Worcester team and nothing will be easy.

"We need to do the things we are comfortable with and make sure we control the game. We really want to get back enjoying what we are good at and aim for a top four finish."



"We have been within touching distance in these games so we probably need to be a bit more clinical and finish them off"



Ryan's Review

Gloucester are **fourth** in the **Guinness Premiership** and in the last two rounds have beaten **Sale** and lost to **Saracens**. Head coach **Dean Ryan** rounds up all the action.



It would be impossible to start this week without the fall-out from the game against Saracens?

DR: At the moment there is not a great deal I can say but I am obviously disappointed about the outcome and now I will follow the various disciplinary procedures.



Obviously, this is not something I wish I had brought on the club I have a very strong view of the specific incident. I made quite plain my comments on the incident within the game and that is where it will end for the time being.

I thought we executed a game-plan that was effective on Sunday. We controlled the second half, hardly gave Saracens a way into the game and should have won. Having looked back at the game during analysis there are things we could have executed better and that is something we will work on.

Having to face and try to explain to 22 players who have given everything in a game like that is particularly difficult but I believe we can channel that frustration into a positive response this weekend.



Going back a bit, you produced an excellent result against Sale. that must have been pleasing?

DR: AS A contest I thought it identified what we could achieve if we maximized high field position for long periods, create a number of opportunities and put stress on a defence through ball retention and penetration.

We had waited a long time to get our first try bonus point but the overall structure of the performance was what pleased me. It was the last game before the start of the Six Nations and guys who were leaving the group really wanted to perform well before joining up with their countries.

Mike Tindall has been outstanding for us, Marco Bortolami has led the team very, very well and we played some





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good rugby. I think it was a positive statement of intent from us and something we need to build on.



Sunday's defeat has closed the gap between the teams aiming for a play-off place hasn't it?

DR: It certainly has – we are well aware of that – which is why it was such an important game for us. But we are not going to dwell on Sunday, there is a job to be done this afternoon and we are focused on that.

We have some injury disruption and players away on international duty but at the same time we are approaching a period with a number of home games and we need to maintain our home record and pick up as many points as we

can. I am not going to sit here and say we need X number of points for a play-off place because then we lose focus. We will manage our situation on a game by game basis, respect what each opponent will offer us in terms of different challenges and be as competitive as we can.

For large parts of last weekend, I thought areas of our performance were first class. We controlled the game in the second half, were physically strong, dominated the set-piece and denied them a way into the game. They are areas we must take credit from and build on for the rest of the season.



Local derbies are notoriously tight affairs and Worcester are striving for survival, what do you expect today?

DR: We need to make it clear that Worcester are not a bad side. They are one of the most physically powerful teams in the Premiership, set great stall by their scrum and line-out and have players capable of shaping a game for them.

Last season they caused us problems at Kingsholm and since Phil Larder has come on board, their defence has improved dramatically. Any team fighting for their lives is a dangerous animal and John Brain will know only too well how to get the best out of his side for a game at Kingsholm.

I think it should be a very competitive game and we are looking forward to getting back to Kingsholm, having the crowd right behind us and aiming to bounce back.



Gloucester RUGBY



Worcester WARRIORS

	Jon GOODRIDGE	15	Full Back	15	Shane DRAHM	
	Mark FOSTER	14	Right Wing	14	Aisea HAVILI	
	Jack ADAMS	13	Centre	13	Dale RASMUSSEN	
	Rudi KEIL	12	Centre	12	Gary TRUEMAN	
	James SIMPSON-DANIEL	11	Left Wing	11	Mark TUCKER	
	Ryan LAMB	10	Fly Half	10	James BROWN	
	Peter RICHARDS	9	Scrum Half	9	Matt POWELL	
	Nick WOOD	1	Prop	1	Darren MORRIS	
	Olivier AZAM	2	Hooker	2	Chris FORTEY	
	Christian CALIFANO	3	Prop	3	Tevita TAUMOPEAU	
	Will JAMES	4	Lock	4	Craig GILLIES	
	Alex BROWN	5	Lock	5	Tim COLLIER	
	Peter BUXTON	6	Flanker	6	Drew HICKEY	
	Andy HAZELL	7	Flanker	7	Pat SANDERSON	
	Luke NARRAWAY	8	No 8	8	Kai HORSTMANN	

Replacements

	Mefin DAVIES	16	Substitute 1	16	Tony WINDO	
	Jack FORSTER	17	Substitute 2	17	Aleki LUTUI	
	Adam EUSTACE	18	Substitute 3	18	Phil MURPHY	
	Jonathan PENDLEBURY	19	Substitute 4	19	Tom HARDING	
	Haydn THOMAS	20	Substitute 5	20	Ryan POWELL	
	James BAILEY	21	Substitute 6	21	Dominic FEAUNATI	
	Ludovic MERCIER	22	Substitute 7	22	Thinus DELPORT	

Match Action

Time line

 1 min	
Lamb TRY, Lamb CON	7-0
 6 mins	
Jones PEN	7-3
 11 mins	
Lamb DROP GOAL	10-3
 15 mins	
Balshaw TRY, Lamb CON	17-3
 20 mins	
Foden TRY, Jones CON	17-10
 23 mins	
Lamb PEN	20-10
 37 mins	
Azam TRY, Mercier CON	27-10
 41 mins	
Bortolami TRY, Mercier CON	34-10
 51 mins	
Schofield TRY, Jones CON	34-17
 56 mins	
Major TRY, Jones CON	34-24
 75 mins	
Morgan TRY, Mercier CON	44-24

Gloucester Line-up

15	Iain Balshaw	(1t)
14	James Bailey	
13	Jack Adams	
12	Mike Tindall	
11	James Simpson-Daniel	
10	Ryan Lamb	(1t, 2c, 1p, 1d/g) (Mercier (3c, 1p))
9	Rory Lawson	
1	Christian Califano	
2	Olivier Azam	(1t)
3	Carlos Nieto	
4	Marco Bortolami	(1t)
5	Alex Brown	
6	Peter Buxton	
7	Andy Hazell	
8	Adam Balding	
RESERVE		
	Meifin Davies	(Azam)
	Nick Wood	(Califano)
	Will James	(Bortolami)
	Tommy Seymour	
	Tommy Richards	(Lawson)
	Tommy Morgan	(1t) (Jack Adams)
	Tommy Mercier	(Lamb)

Gloucester Rugby 44
Sale Sharks 24



Sale blown away

Friday, January 27

Referee: Tony Spreadbury, Attendance: 12.058

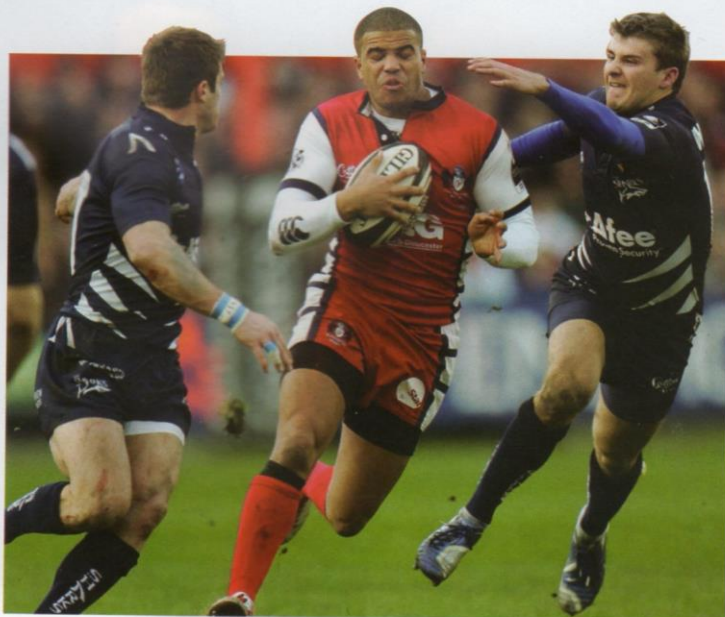
GLOUCESTER collected their first try bonus point of the season with a crushing victory over Sale Sharks.

From the moment Mike Tindall led a brilliant burst from an over-thrown line-out and Ryan Lamb touched down to the right of the posts, Gloucester were always in charge.

Although Lamb and Rhys Jones swapped penalties, Gloucester scored again when James Bailey ran back a clearance kick, Rory Lawson took a

quick penalty and Iain Balshaw made a lovely angled break for the second try. Sale hit back with a try from Ben Foden, who scored very neatly from a clever line-out move but Gloucester went in again before the break when Alex Brown held the line-out catch and Olivier Azam was bundled over for the try.

The home side went 34-10 ahead at the start of the second half when Lawson and Adam Balding carried possession hard into Sale defence and





Man of the Match...

Mike Tindall



Mike Tindall continued his dynamic form with another outstanding contribution.

from the recycled ball, skipper Marco Bortolami crashed over.

However, if Gloucester thought the game was over they were wrong. Sale hit back with two tries in quick succession.

First, lock Dean Schofield got home down the left after a period of heavy Sale pressure and then almost immediately Foden and Richard Wigglesworth combined to send Chris Mayor hurtling through a midfield gap

and he scored very well by the posts.

Jones converted both and there was now only 10 points between the teams but when Ludovic Mercier, a replacement for the injured Lamb, slotted a 68th minute penalty, Gloucester were home and hosed.

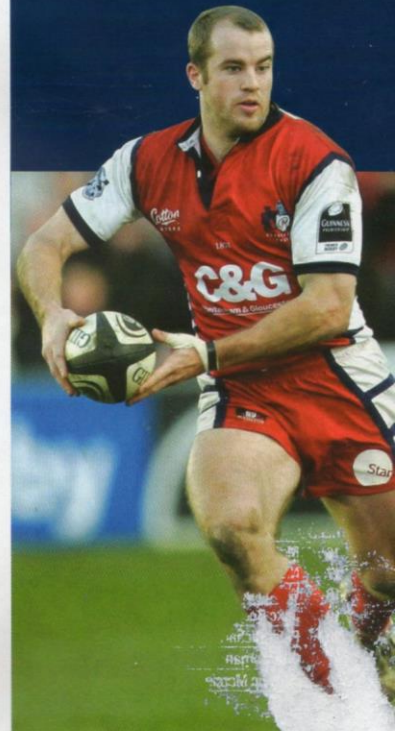
And they made certain of the points when Tindall led a powerful charge and from the breakdown Pete Richards and James Simpson-Daniel combined to send Olly Morgan in for try number five.

Coaches Comment...

Dean Ryan



"I thought we played exceptionally well, created a lot of opportunities and took a number of them."



Hall of Fame

with Dave King



Arthur Hudson

He was a **prolific try-scorer** – and easily one of the best in Gloucester's history from a family that is steeped in Kingsholm tradition. On his England debut he scored **four tries against France** and today Arthur Hudson joins the Hall of Fame.

THE SURNAME Hudson is one entwined in the history of Gloucester, stretching back from the start of the last century.

Arthur Hudson would have been a dream for the modern press headline writers. Imagine a Gloucester Rugby winger scoring five tries for England in his first three matches? Not only was that an outstanding strike rate but it was also a fact that four of those tries were scored versus France in Paris.

Only Daniel Lambert, who scored five tries on his debut, has recorded more tries in an international match for England. Lambert, who played for Harlequins, lost his life in the Great War. Even sadder was the fact his son

was born two months after his death.

Hudson's strike-rate was not confined to international appearances alone for he was always a prominent scorer of tries for his club. The Hudson family from Arthur to his son Gordon and then to his grandson, John, have served this club in most capacities.

All three played rugby union - Arthur and Gordon for Gloucester and John for Old Cryptians. Gordon Hudson became a wartime international, he played with club-mate Graham Parker in the Scotland versus England match at Inverleith and also in the wartime match at Kingsholm between England and Wales.

Tom Price and Gordon Hudson both played in the victory international against New Zealand Kiwis although John Thornton another Gloucester player; replaced Gordon Hudson for the matches against Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

Their sporting portfolios with Gloucester have included the following positions: -

Arthur: Player, secretary, fixture secretary, captain and Life President.

Gordon: Player, Captain, Club Chairman.

John: Business and Custodian of the Club Shop.

So, from grandfather to grandson the





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legacy the family has created at the club is considerable. Arthur captained the club in the 1908-09, 1910-11 and 1911-12 seasons while his son, Gordon, did likewise in the 1947-48, 1948-49 and 1949-50 seasons.

Arthur Hudson, who was born on 27th October 1882, was a fine wing three-quarter who played for Gloucester, Devonport Albion RFC, Harwich RFC, Royal Navy and the Combined Services. There are many modern-day players who could have been proud to have as fine a record as that Arthur achieved in his eight appearances for England for which he scored eight tries.

Hudson made a try scoring debut for his country against Wales in the Four Nations Championship on 13th January 1906 at Richmond. Also in the England line-up that day was David Gent, one of his colleagues from Gloucester.

The England XV on Arthur’s debut was: -
E.J. Jackett (Falmouth); A. Hudson (Gloucester); H.E. Shewring (Bristol), J.E. Raphael (Old Merchant Taylors), A.E. Hurd (Leicester); D.R. Gent (Gloucester), R.A. Jago (Devonport Albion); H.A. Hodges (Nottingham), A.L. Kewny (Rockliff), V.H. Cartwright (Nottingham), Captain, C.E.L. Hammond (Harlequins), T.S. Kelly (Exeter), E.W. Roberts

(R.N. Colleges), W.A. Mills (Devonport Albion) G.E.B. Dobbs (Devonport Albion). The referee was Mr A. Jardine (Scotland).

Ironically, on the day that Arthur scored his four tries against France at Parc de Princes on 22nd March 1906, the England selectors had not named Arthur in their original team. This was also the first match played between France and England.

The Parc de Princes must have been among Arthur’s favourite venues for he scored six tries in his two appearances there. The other two came in the 3rd March 1910 encounter when England won by 11-3.



Hall of Fame...

Unusual milestones appeared to be commonplace for the free scoring winger for he played in the only full international to be staged at Ashton Gate, the home of Bristol City FC.

When England met Ireland at Richmond in February 1908, both of Hudson's tries were converted by his club team-mate Alf Wood who appeared at full back. This match was to be Wood's final appearance for England for he joined Oldham Rugby League Club the following season, kicking seven goals on his debut for the northern club.

But just when his career was taking shape, it was brought to a premature end in 1920. He was playing for Gloucestershire against Yorkshire at Bradford in a County Championship match when he broke a collarbone. He had scored 14 tries in 28 appearances for the county.

Arthur Hudson had been a member of the Gloucestershire team of which he was captain on that fateful day which signalled the conclusion to a fine career for club, county and country.

The Gloucestershire team that day were: B. Davy (Cheltenham); A. Hudson

CAPS

YEAR	VERSUS	DATE	VENUE	RESULT
1906	Wales	13th January	Richmond	Lost 3-16
	Ireland	10th February	Leicester	Lost 6-16
	France	22nd March	Parc de Princes	Won 35-8
1908	France	1st January	Stade Colombes	Won 19-0
	Wales	18th January	Ashton Gate, Bristol	Lost 18-28
	Ireland	8th February	Richmond	Won 13-3
	Scotland	21st March	Inverleith	Lost 10-16
1910	France	3rd March	Parc de Princess	Won 11-3

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(Gloucester), Captain, L.J. Corbett (Bristol), R.C. Pickles, (Bristol), F. Webb (Gloucester); W. Dix (Gloucester), T.H. Millington (Gloucester); M.V. Shaw (Bristol), J.S. Tucker (Bristol), J. Boughton (Bristol), C. Holford (Gloucester), S. Smart (Gloucester), A. Hall (Gloucester), W.F. Warde (Gloucester), F.W. Ayliffe (Gloucester).

Hudson had first appeared for Gloucester in 1904 and in 261 matches for the club he scored an amazing 236 tries. In a career that spanned over 300 first class matches he had his most prolific try scoring season in 1905-06 when he crossed 41 times. He was and is still today regarded as a legend in Gloucester Rugby Union circles.

It was a pity that the Great War intervened in his playing career. This was a period which saw Arthur serve in the Navy. In actual fact he was a submariner. When his career finished in 1920 he proceeded to serve the club in an administrative

capacity. It was to be devoted service spread over several decades.

He was secretary of Gloucester for a period of 35 years. In fact before the Second World War he was combining the duties of treasurer and fixture secretary. He was also a member of the Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union. He later became a Life President of the club.

It would not be amiss to call Arthur Hudson a phenomenal character for he was involved in many sports and while he was a clerk with the now defunct Midland Railway he captained both their soccer and cricket sections. He was also secretary of the Gloucester Athletics Club.

Lawn tennis was another of his pursuits and he ran several public tennis courts at his home, 'The Chestnuts' in Estcourt Road, Gloucester. Arthur passed away on Friday 27th July 1973, aged 93, a man never to be forgotten in the confines of Gloucester Rugby Club.



Match Action

Time line

6 mins	
Ratuvou TRY	5-0
12 mins	
Glen PEN Jackson PEN	8-0
14 mins	
Brown TRY Mercier CON	8-7
24 mins	
Mercier PEN	8-10
27 mins	
Jackson PEN	11-10
34 mins	
Forrester Y/C	
38 mins	
Mercier PEN	11-13
47 mins	
Ongaro Y/C Mercier PEN	11-16
49 mins	
Jackson PEN	14-16
56 mins	
Mercier PEN	14-19
58 mins	
Jackson PEN	17-19
69 mins	
Mercier PEN	17-22
80 mins	
Chesney TRY, Jackson CON	24-22

Gloucester Line-up

15	Olly Morgan	
14	James Bailey	
13	Rudi Keil	
12	Anthony Allen	
11	Mark Foster	
10	Ludovic Mercier	(1con, 5pens)
9	Rory Lawson	
1	Christian Califano	
2	Olivier Azam	
3	Carlos Nieto	
4	Will James	
5	Alex Brown	(1t)
6	Peter Buxton	
7	Andy Hazell	
8	James Forrester	(Y/C)
REPS		
16	Mefin Davies	(Azam)
17	Nick Wood	(Califano)
18	Marco Bortolami	(James)
19	Jake Boer	(Hazell)
20	Haydn Thomas	
21	Jack Adams	(Allen)
22	Jon Goodridge	(Forrester)

Saracens 24
Gloucester Rugby 22



Late try sinks Gloucester

Sunday, February 18

Referee: Rob Debney, Attendance: 8,452

KRIS CHESNEY'S 80th minute try and Glen Jackson's conversion salvaged Saracens an unlikely victory over Gloucester in a controversial finish at Vicarage Road last weekend.

Gloucester looked to be heading for a crucial victory in their quest for a play-off place when referee Rob Debney overturned an advantage to hand Saracens an attacking line-out from which they subsequently scored.

The home side had previously knocked on but Ludovic Mercier's kick went dead and instead of returning for a Gloucester

scrum, Debney gave the line-out to Saracens and prop Census Johnson put Chesney away in the corner to the level the scores.

Jackson's conversion was good and Sarries were home and hosed.

"They [Saracens] attacked up the touchline and knocked on. The game was over with one minute 50 on the clock. We put it back to 10, he kicks it straight out on the far touchline and he marches us straight back to this 22 for their line-out. From that set-piece they scored. I cannot understand it," head coach Dean Ryan said.





Gloucester had been well worth what would have been a crucial victory. They defended superbly, dominated the scrummage and drove possession vigorously through their forwards.

In the contributions of Alex Brown, Will James, Peter Buxton and Andy Hazell they possessed the key individuals in the match and with Mercier landing every shot at goal, Gloucester were set for a vital win.

Saracens started brightly and scored after six minutes when Dan Scarbrough hit the line at pace, fed Tomas

de Vedia and he put Kameli Ratuvou in at the corner. A Jackson penalty made it 8-0 but Gloucester hit back with a try from Brown when Hazell reacted quickest when a line-out went over the top and the lock scored from Mercier's flicked pass.

Gloucester then slowly built a lead through the boot of Mercier. There were plenty of mistakes from both teams but in the second half Gloucester built on their control but could not get more than a score ahead and Saracens recovered to hit them with Chesney's try.



Man of the Match...

Alex Brown



Alex Brown led Gloucester's physical effort with an outstanding performance around the field and in the line-out.

Coaches Comment...

Dean Ryan



"I have to go in changing rooms and face 22 people who cannot believe they've lost. We have to face the humility of a team running around because they've won. That is down to that one decision.

