

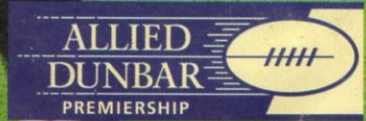


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versus
Gloucester

Sunday
11th January 1998
Kick-off 3.00pm
Allied Dunbar
Premiership One
Price £2.00

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Nigel's notes

What a fantastic start to the New Year! Victories over London rivals Richmond and Harlequins could not have come at a better time for players, coaches and spectators alike at Wasps. It is difficult to pick out the most satisfactory result, valuable league points against Richmond, or the removal of Harlequins from the Cup (a rare occasion indeed). The League is obviously the number one priority, but the satisfaction felt by the players following a poor league performance at The Stoop in early December was there for all to see.

The fact that both fixtures were played on a magnificent surface, whilst other games were postponed, totally justifies the hours of work put in by the Loftus Road groundstaff and the investment by the Loftus Road Board. Both games were played at high intensity with excellent skills, big hits and no little pace. When you consider that only 24 hours before the Harlequins game, QPR were playing Middlesbrough in an FA Cup tie in heavy wind and rain, you begin to realise how fortunate we are.

Today it gives me great pleasure to welcome Gloucester to Loftus Road, last season we had a thoroughly entertaining game, and today's game will be equally exciting. Gloucester are one of

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The 'new' Gloucester play attractive rugby but still base their game on a solid front five and excellent half-backs, a tough proposition for any opponent. At Kingsholm the 'Shed' is vociferous as ever — no visitor leaves unscathed by the local fans. Our support at Loftus Road is also growing — the faithful were served up



with two superb games over the new year and whilst the numbers were disappointing the volume is growing by the week. Your support of Wasps has been one of the most pleasing aspects of the season so far — please keep it up!

As for the players, Nick Greenstock and Andy Gomarsall are back in full training and Rob Henderson had a groin operation on Tuesday and will be back in four weeks. It's also a great pleasure to welcome England Under-21, Bristol and Cambridge University centre Mark Denney to the squad — I'm sure you would like me to wish him every success as he competes for a Wasps First XV place.

I hope you have a great afternoon and enjoy the match.

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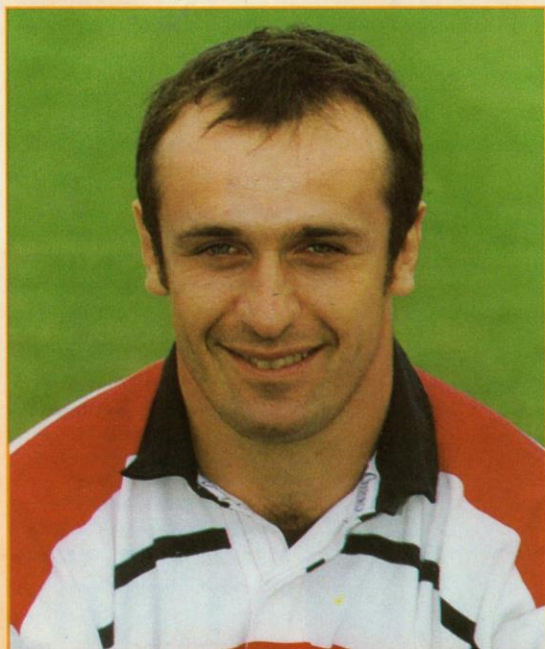
Consistency is a watchword for any rugby side in a division as tight as the Allied Dunbar Premiership and unfortunately for our friends from the South West their results this season have yet to reflect that requirement as much as they would hope.



Nevertheless their performances are improving all the time and with luck they have every opportunity of climbing towards a top-four finish and a place in Europe. Having spent their first half-dozen games trading alternate victories and defeats, a crucial win against fellow Euro-hopefuls Richmond followed by a hard-fought draw with Sale has seen the men from Kingsholm move to within three points of Leicester in third. Having comfortably disposed of London Welsh in the Tetley's Bitter Cup they now travel to Northampton with an evens chance of progressing to the quarter-finals in a tournament that saw them go out at the semi-final stage last year.

Gloucester's league programme did at least get off to a better start than in 1996/97 when a 75-19 defeat at Harlequins was followed by four more losses to root them to the bottom of the table. The surge up the table began of course with a famous victory against the Men In Black (one of only three losses for our boys last season) and six more victories later, their season had been transformed with the side only just missing out on Europe.

This year Richard Hill's men mean business. The signing of French legend, Philippe Saint-Andre in April has complimented the effective half-back pairings of Scott Benton and Mark Mapletoft as the club realised that local talent alone wouldn't benefit the club in the long run. Recent signing Steve Ojomoh from Bath should also add a dynamic presence to the pack under the authoritative influence of skipper Pete Glauville and with a few good results under their belt they could provide a match on their day for anyone. They ended last season with nothing, but only after a truly dreadful start and if the side needs a bit of time to warm up then we might just be witnessing the true beginning of their season. Wasps had better beware then, as they try to resurrect their own season in a game that could be a difficult one to call and a cracking one to watch.



Philippe Saint-Andre — one of the most exciting imports in the league, Phillippe has played 66 times for his country

The Squad The Backs

CHRIS CATLING

Full-Back

Born 17.06.76.

Currently in his second season at Gloucester having signed from Exeter in August 1996. Has represented England at 'A' team level.



Terry Fanolua — Western Samoan centre who was playing rugby in New Zealand before his switch to the West Country

RICHARD TOMBS

Full-Back

Born 04.01.68.

New Zealand born utility player who joined from Northern Suburbs in Sydney last year. Five international caps having played in the 1991 World Cup.

PHILIPPE SAINT-ANDRE

Wing

Born 19.04.67.

Experienced French international with 66 caps to his name who made his Gloucester debut last April having transferred from Montferrand.

MICHAEL LLOYD

Wing

Born 21.07.70.

West Country lad who had spells at Bristol and Bath before arriving at Kingsholm. Has represented England at Under-21 level.

AUDLEY LUMSDEN

Wing

Born 06.06.67.

Former school teacher who can also play at full-back having joined Gloucester from Bath two years ago.

TERRY FANOLUA

Centre

Born 03.07.74.

Western Samoan international with seven full caps to his name. Made his debut against Bordeaux having played for Otahuhu in Auckland.

RAPHAEL SAINT-ANDRE

Centre

Born 11.05.71.

Younger brother of Philippe with appearances for French Colts and French Students. Also joined club from Montferrand.

NICK OSMAN

Fly-Half

Born 13.09.73.

Also made his debut at the start of this season having previously played for Newbury and Loughborough Students.

MARK MAPLETOFT

Fly-Half

Born 25.12.71.

Experienced half-back now in his fourth season at Gloucester. Previously played for Rugby and has one full international cap to his name.

SCOT BENTON

Scrum-half

Born 08.09.74

In his fourth season at the club having previously played for Morley. Previously represented England at Colts, Under-21 and 'A' levels.

Laurie Beck

Scrum-Half

Born 02.01.71.

Has been at Gloucester for eight years now having previously played for Cheltenham. Has represented England at Under-21 level.

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The Forwards

PHILIP VICKERY

Prop

Born 14.03.76.

Played local league rugby in Devon and Cornwall before joining Gloucester three years ago. Played for England at Under-16 and 21-level.

ANDREW DEACON

Prop

Born 31.07.65.

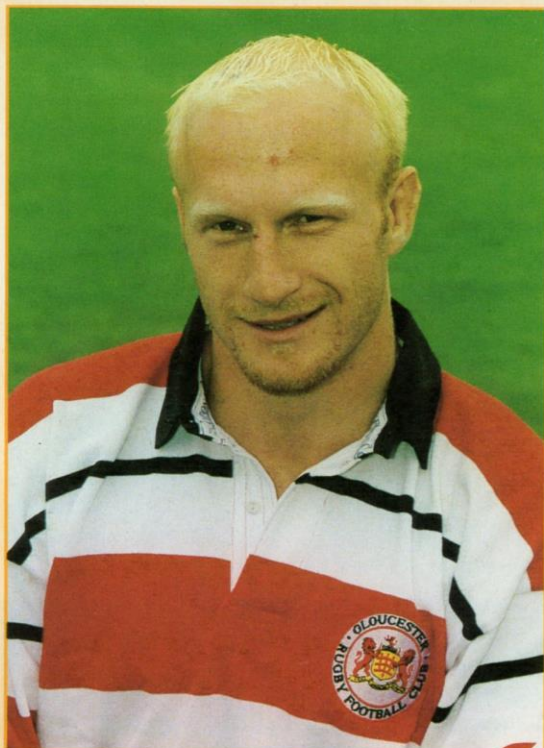
Local born with ten years experience at his home town club. Hugely experienced since arriving from Longlevens in 1988.

ANTHONY WINDO

Prop

Born 30.04.70.

Another local born player who arrived from Longlevens ten years ago. Has made two England Under-21 appearances.



Pete Glanville — the flanker has recently been appointed Gloucester captain

PHILIP GREENING

Hooker

Born 03.10.75.

Now in his sixth season at Gloucester having previously played for Spartans RFC. Three full England caps to his name.

NEIL MCCARTHY

Hooker

Born 29.11.74.

Made his Gloucester debut in the game against Begles last year having signed from Bath. Played for England Under-21's against New Zealand.

MARK CORNWELL

Lock

Born 22.02.73.

Several games for the side this season as he tries to establish himself in the first-team. Previously played for Old Richians.

ROBERT FIDLER

Lock

Born 21.09.74.

Made his debut against Cheltenham in 1994 having previously signed from there. Now looking to force his way into the England picture.

DAVID SIMS

Lock

Born 22.11.69.

One of several Gloucester born players who arrived from the Longlevens club. Has represented England at 'A' team level.

NATHAN CARTER

Flanker

Born 22.06.72.

Made his Gloucester debut in March 1996. Previously played with Widden Old Boys before joining the Kingsholm men.

PETE GLANVILLE

Flanker

Born 10.6.71.

Another ex-Longlevens player formerly a sales manager before turning pro'. Made his Gloucester debut six years ago.

STEVE OJOMOH

Number Eight

Nigerian born England international recently signed from Bath. Won his first full cap against Ireland and was a member of the 1995 World Cup squad.

Line ups

Player Number	Wasps	Positions	Gloucester	Player Number
31	PAUL SAMPSON	Full Back	CHRIS CATLING	15
30	SHANE ROISER	Wing	BRIAN JOHNSON	14
32	LAURENCE SCRASE	Centre	TERRY FANOLUA	13
29	GARETH REES	Centre	RICHARD TOMBS	12
5	KENNY LOGAN	Wing	AUDLEY LUMSDEN	11
21	ALEX KING	Fly Half	MARK MAPLETOFT	10
35	MIKE FRIDAY	Scrum Half	SCOTT BENTON	9
27	DARREN MOLLOY	Prop	TONY WINDO	1
26	SIMON MITCHELL	Hooker	NEIL MCCARTHY	2
10	WILL GREEN	Prop	PHIL VICKERY	3
4	DAMIAN CRONIN	Lock	MARK CORNWELL	4
19	SIMON SHAW	Lock	DAVE SIMS	5
6	LAWRENCE DALLAGLIO (C)	Flanker	PETE GLANVILLE (C)	6
37	MICHAEL WHITE	Flanker	NATHAN CARTER	7
33	PETER SCRIVENER	Number Eight	SIMON DEVEREUX	8

Replacements

38	MARTYN WOOD	PHIL GREENING	16
N/A	ALASTAIR JOHNSON	NICK OSMAN	17
34	CHRIS SHEASBY	PHILIPPE SAINT-ANDRE	18
2	ADAM BLACK	MICHAEL LLOYD	19
18	TREVOR LEOTA	STEVE OJOMOH	20
23	ANDY REED	ANDREW DEACON	21



Referee
DAVID McHUGH
Touch Judges
CHRIS WHITE
CHRIS SHUTIE

