

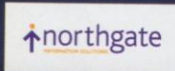


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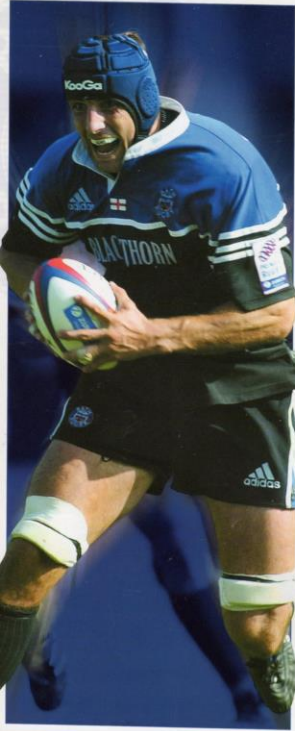
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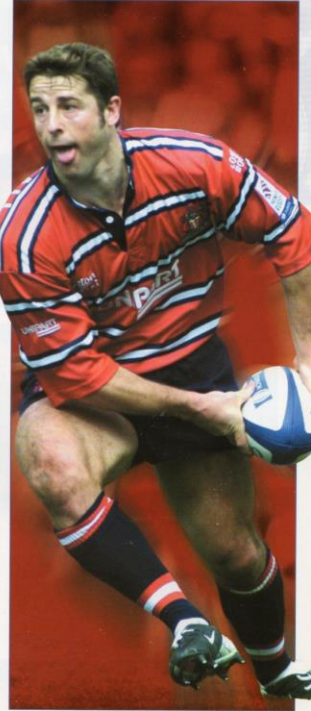


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TODAY'S TEAMS



	OLLY BARKLEY	(15) FULL BACK	HENRY PAUL	
	TOM VOYCE	(14) WING	MARCEL GARVEY	
	ALEX CROCKETT	(13) CENTRE	TERRY FANOLUA	
	MIKE TINDALL	(12) CENTRE	ROBERT TODD	
	SIMON DANIELLI	(11) WING	THINUS DELPORT	
	CHRIS MALONE	(10) FLY HALF	LUDOVIC MERCIER	
	GARETH COOPER	(9) SCRUM HALF	ANDY GOMARSALL	
	SIMON EMMS	(8) PROP	TREVOR WOODMAN	
	JONATHAN HUMPHREYS	(7) HOOKER	CHRIS FORTEY	
	ALESSIO GALASSO	(6) PROP	PHIL VICKERY (C)	
	ANDY BEATTIE	(4) LOCK	ROB FIDLER	
	DANNY GREWCOCK (C)	(5) LOCK	MARK CORNWELL	
	GAVIN THOMAS	(6) FLANKER	JAKE BOER	
	DAN LYLE	(7) FLANKER	JAMES FORRESTER	
	NATHAN THOMAS	(8) NO.8	JUNIOR PARAMORE	
	ROSS BLAKE	(15)	CLIVE STUART SMITH	
	LEE MEARS	(17)	JAMES SIMPSON DANIEL	
	DAVE BARNES	(18)	TOM BEIM	
	ROB THIRLBY	(19)	OLIVIER AZAM	
	JAMES SCAYSBROOK	(20)	ANDY DEACON	
	ANDY LLOYD	(21)	PETE BUXTON	
	JOHN MALLET	(22)	ED PEARCE	

BLACKTHORN.



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 TOUCH JUDGES ASHLEY REAY AND WAYNE BARNES



Connections - Gloucester

By Russell Gibbs

The rivalry between Bath Rugby and Gloucester has always been of the fiercest kind, with the men from the Rec very much the ones that they love to hate at a vociferous Kingsholm, with the feeling more than mutual. It seems strange, then, that so many players have pulled on the shirt of both sides and gained the affection of both sets of supporters during the professional era. Indeed, some of the players who have worn the Blue, White and Black have gone on to wear the Cherry and White with distinction, and vice versa.

Arguably the most famous player in recent times to appear for both sides wasn't even a union player to begin with. When Bath faced Wigan rugby league club in a challenge match in May 1996, the wheels were set in motion for a number of league players to make the switch to their union counterparts. Of the first to cross the divide, Wigan's Jason Robinson and Henry Paul arrived at the Rec. Paul made his Bath debut in the ill-fated Anglo-Welsh competition, scoring a brace of tries in the 87-15 drubbing of Swansea. He went on to complete nine appearances for Bath, crossing for a respectable tally of five tries in a short loan period, usually playing in the centre but occasionally on the wing. After rejoining his Wigan team mates, he transferred to the Bradford Bulls, where he enjoyed great success, before signing for Gloucester. Whilst at Kingsholm, Henry has earned his first England cap as a replacement in the defeat to France in Paris last year.

Making his Bath Rugby debut as a replacement in the 44-19 win over Wigan in the union leg of the challenge match was a precociously talented young centre from Colston's School. Joe Ewens was touted as the next big thing after an exceptional performance,

including the memorable tackle on Inga Tuigamala, but because of the form of England centres Phil de Glanville and Jeremy Guscott, Joe was destined to play a bit-part role at the Rec. This saw him start just eight matches in two seasons, in a Bath career that spanned thirteen games. He transferred to Bedford, where he shone, before gaining a move to Gloucester.

Flanker Steve Ojomoh was a cult figure at the Rec soon after making his debut in September 1989 during the 35-12 win over Romanian touring side Steaua Bucharest. Steve made a total of 134 appearances for Bath in a career that spanned both the amateur and professional eras, scoring a total of 26 tries from the back of the scrum. An all-action, energetic forward, Steve earned his rewards at the highest level, gaining twelve caps for England, with the critics arguing it could have been more. As well as his international caps, Steve was selected three times for the Barbarians, inevitably scoring a try in one match. He joined Gloucester at the end of the 1997/1998 season and has latterly played for Rugby Parma.

Scrum half Ian Sanders kicked a drop goal on his Bath Rugby debut way back in December 1990, in a 33-19 win over London Scottish - one of two he landed while with Bath during a total of 88 appearances that also yielded 25 tries. He was transferred to Gloucester when the emergence of Gareth Cooper pushed him down the queue for the position and he served the West Country club well before joining Exeter Chiefs. Ian was a member of the Chiefs side that competed in the Powergen Shield final at Twickenham last season.

Lock forward Craig Gillies signed for Bath upon completing his studies at Brunel College, but found chances restricted in a competitive second-row

area. Craig made only two appearances for Bath, with his debut coming in a 40-20 win over the Combined Services at the Rec. Craig was transferred to Richmond and later gained rave reviews at Llanelli, before signing on loan for Gloucester at the tail end of the 2001/2002 season.

Other players to have played for both clubs during the professional era include Andy Gomersall, hooker Neil McCarthy, full back Audley Lumsden and flanker Ed Pearce.

For the Record



Season	Home	Away	Other
1971/72	None	None	3-12(C)
1972/73	None	None	0-16(C)
1984/85	None	None	12-11(C)
1987/88	16-9	None	
1988/89	19-9	6-3 (CSF)	
1989/90	None	6-13	48-6 (NCF)
1990/91	None	17-15	
1991/92	29-9	27-18	(CSF)*
1992/93	None	20-0	
1993/94	46-17	16-6	
1994/95	19-19	15-10	
1995/96	37-11	10-16	19-10(CSF)
1996/97	71-21	45-29	
1997/98	47-3	17-27	
1998/99	21-16	7-23	
1999/00	33-20	36-16	6-13(C)
2000/01	50-16	22-21	18-24(C)
2001/02	12-9	12-68	

*aet •(NCF) - Neutral & Cup Final
•(C) - Cup •(CSF) - Cup Semi Final

• OVERALL						
P	W	D	L	F	A	
33	23	1	9	762	516	
• LEAGUE						
P	W	D	L	F	A	
24	18	1	5	623	403	
• LEAGUE - HOME						
P	W	D	L	F	A	
12	11	1	0	400	159	
• LEAGUE - AWAY						
P	W	D	L	F	A	
12	7	0	5	223	244	
• CUP OVERALL						
P	W	D	L	F	A	
9	5	0	4	139	113	
• CUP - HOME						
P	W	D	L	F	A	
3	1	0	2	40	46	

Gloucester



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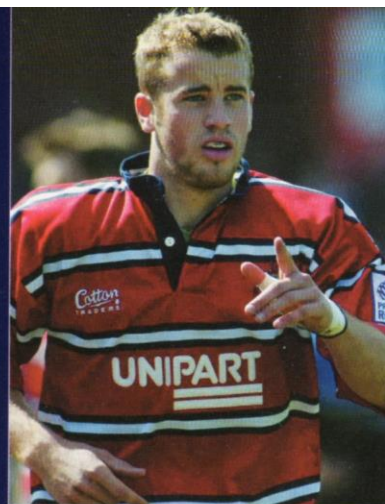
Beware all rugby traditionalists, for there are strange things going on at Kingsholm! So often you associate Gloucester with the blood and thunder performances - effective, certainly, but pretty? Not often.

However, with four rounds of the new Zurich Premiership season gone, Nigel Melville's side deservedly top the standings, and have played some awe-inspiring rugby along the way. These days things are different at Kingsholm. Gloucester are one of the flair teams - a side blessed with tremendous pace, power and vision both in a talented back line and also within a superbly agile footballing forward pack.

They are also a side that can strike from anywhere. Those of you who saw Junior Paramore's second-half try against Bristol last weekend would have witnessed a team score out of the top drawer that would be a candidate not just for try of the month (for that must surely be automatic), but also for try of the season. Indeed, the score was symptomatic of the Gloucester side this season under Nigel Melville and Dean Ryan.

The former Wasps and Bristol coaches have recruited wisely over the summer in order to add a little fine tuning to what was already a pretty formidable squad. Thinus Delpont, the Springbok international back three player, is a deadly finisher and he will add cover for the likes of James Simpson-Daniel if he is required on international duty. England A flanker Peter Buxton joined from struggling Celtic League side Newport and will add to a powerful back row that can also include Jake Boer, James Forrester and Junior Paramore.

In Terry Fanolua and Robert Todd,



Melville has two powerful centres at his disposal who will often break the first line of defence, whilst Henry Paul and James Simpson-Daniel add the creativity. However, if Simpson-Daniel does not play this afternoon, Gloucester have an able deputy in teenage sensation Marcel Garvey. The winger, who was a Gloucester Academy member last season, has taken the Premiership by storm and has rapidly become the hottest property in English rugby after a blistering performance against Bristol last weekend.

Garvey is a special talent, and with Henry Paul alongside him at full back and Delpont or Simpson-Daniel on the other wing, Gloucester possess one of the most effective attacking back threes in the Premiership.

The flair of Garvey and company will provide a great foil for what is still one of the strongest scrummaging sides around. Phil Vickery is maturing into an excellent captain and alongside Frenchman Olivier Azam and Trevor Woodman the trio make up a formidable all-international front row, whilst Rob Fidler continues to produce good performances in the second row.

Consistency will be the key for Gloucester this season. They have already stolen a march on pre-season favourites Leicester Tigers, but can they maintain the buffer through the testing autumn months?

Danger Man

JAMES FORRESTER

Blood and thunder forwards may have been the beef to the Gloucester packs of old, but in young openside James Forrester the Cherry and Whites possess one of the finest footballing forwards in the English game who is able to turn a game on its axis with one moment of brilliance.

Indeed, last weekend's gem of a try against Bristol that was rounded off by number eight Junior Paramore was sparked by Forrester when he straightened the line from within his own 22 to accelerate away from the covering Bristol defence to release Henry Paul.

The 21-year-old is blessed with a skilful footballing ability that many backs would be envious of. He possesses tremendous pace, but is also a great reader of the game. However, he is also a very powerful

forward, a great presence in the lineout and a strong scrummager.

Having been selected for England's non-cap match against the Barbarians last summer (during which he scored a magnificent solo try), he is very much part of Clive Woodward's plans for the future. Indeed, the England manager must feel very contented with the glut of talent that he has at his disposal, and with a World Cup looming on the horizon, Woodward can ill afford to go to Australia without James Forrester.



JAMES FORRESTER



Appearances	4	Metres	184		
Tackles	23	Passes	14		
Missed Tackles	2	Defenders Beaten	6	Turnovers Conceded	1
Carries	21	Clean Breaks	6	Tries Scored	2

TWO TO WATCH

JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL

James Simpson-Daniel burst on to the scene at the tail end of last season after an electric performance in the defeat of Bath Rugby at Kingsholm in May. A Gloucester lad, James was snapped up by the Gloucester Academy after he was identified as a precious talent with an exceptional turn of pace and the ability to do the unexpected. Last season he became a mainstay in Joe Lydon's England sevens squad, scoring a match-winning hat-trick in the final of the Hong Kong tournament. His performances in the seven a-side code, combined with some

blistering showings for Gloucester, brought the youngster to the attention of Clive Woodward. The England manager named the winger in the non-cap match against the Barbarians, during which he scored a fabulous try, rounding Jonah Lomu on the way. In a back three with the exciting Marcel Garvey, Gloucester now possess a platform from which they can strike from deep.

MARCEL GARVEY

A new star was born at Kingsholm last weekend when young local lad Marcel Garvey scored a hat-trick of tries to help the Cherry

and Whites to an impressive victory over Bristol. A hat-trick in itself is enough to endear oneself to the Shed faithful, but it was the manner of the scores that really caught the eye. The 19-year-old ran in two 'Robinsonesque' solo efforts at crucial points which turned the game in the direction of Gloucester.

A rare talent, Marcel is a must for the England Under 21 squad this season and his blistering footwork must surely have brought him to the attention of Clive Woodward as he prepares his squad for next year's World Cup.