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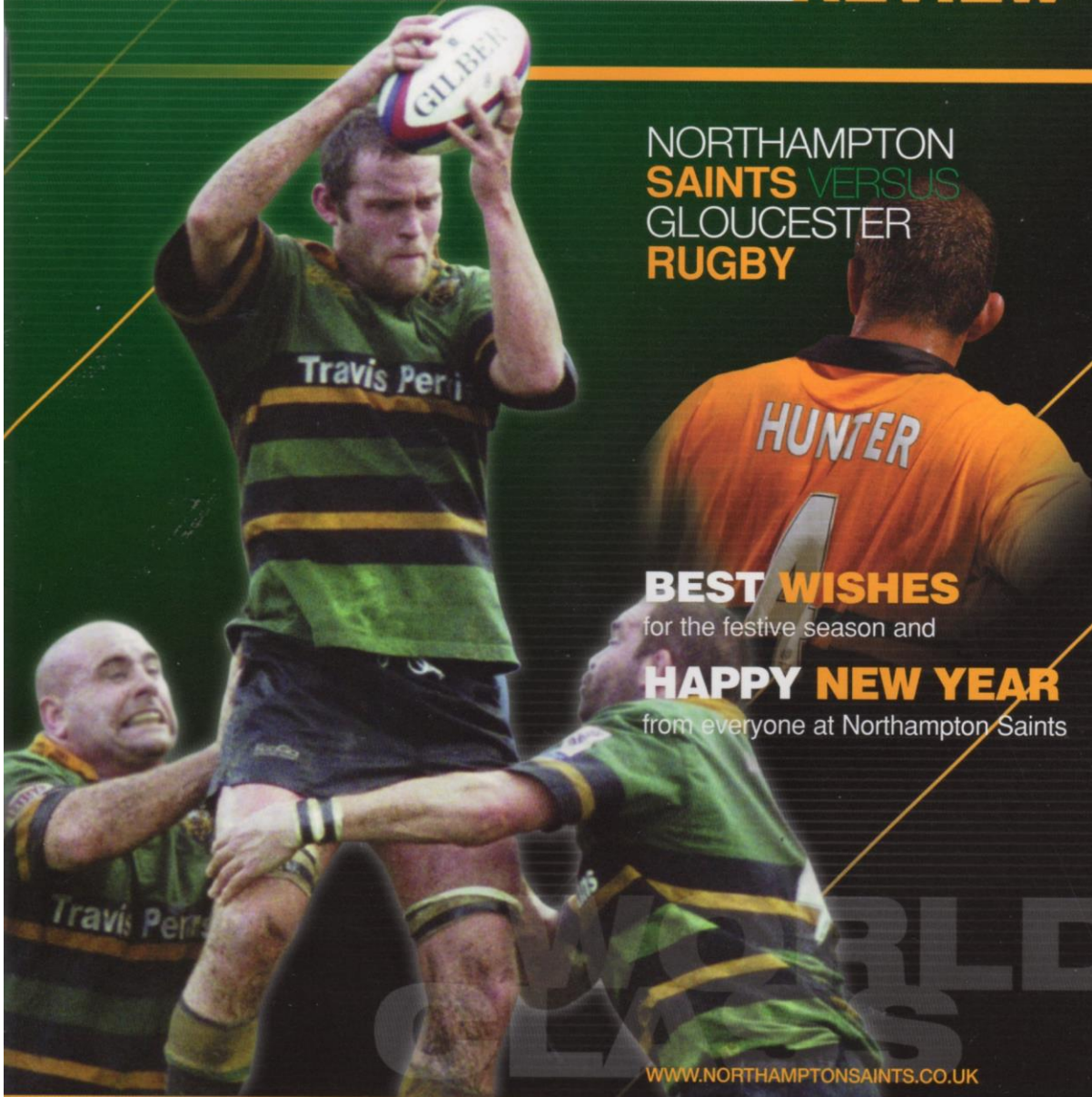
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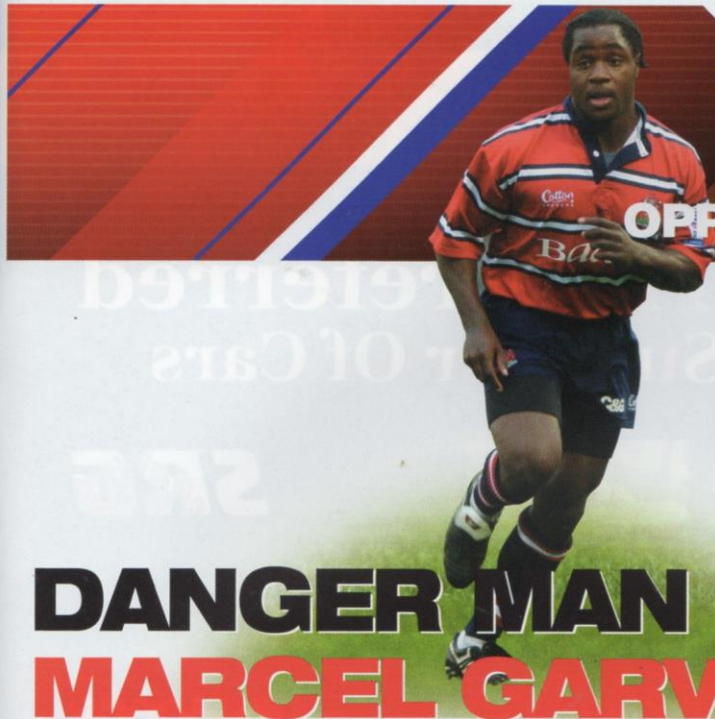


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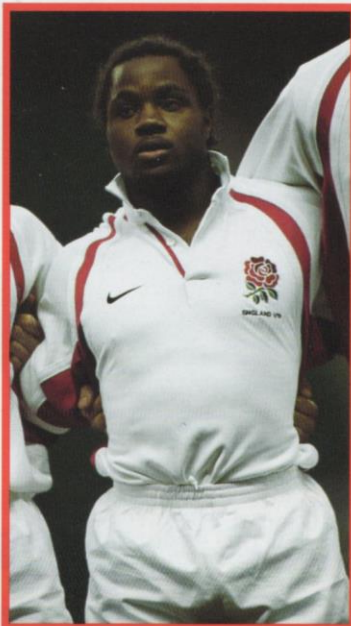
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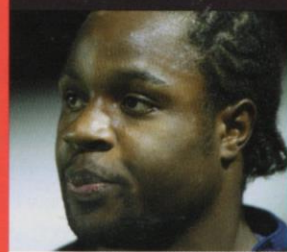
Marcel Garvey, a name that is quickly being learned and remembered in the Premiership and across Europe.

He exploded onto the Premiership scene like a sprinter out of the blocks with a try in the opening game of the season against Quins. This was Garvey's first Premiership start for the



Cherry and Whites and he has since become a regular in the squad. A Premiership hat-trick of tries followed against Bristol, with the youngster showing off all his footballing skills with three different touchdowns. He showed pace and balance by beating 10 defenders for his first, a killer instinct for his second and as he put Felipe Contepomi on his back side for his third with a devastating body swerve the Kingsholm faithful knew Gloucester had uncovered another gem. At just 19 Garvey still has much to learn, he is a keen student and has an appetite for hard work. His skills have been coveted by Clive Woodward as he was drafted into the national academy squad and if given just the slightest opportunity, as he showed against both Munster and Perpignan he will punish even the staunchest defence. He has the commodity that even the most organised of defences cannot legislate for and with his explosive power and pace, defenders are finding tackling him more of an after thought.

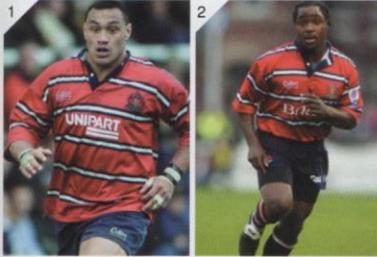
MARCEL GARVEY



02/03 STATISTICS



Matches	11
Tackles	19
Misses	4
Ball Carries	39
Metres	461
Passes	9
Defenders Beaten	36
Clean Breaks	13
Offloads	13
Tries Scored	4



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TODAY'S OPPONENTS

1. Junior Paramore
 2. Marcel Garvey
 3. Andy Gomarsall
- Left. James Forrester

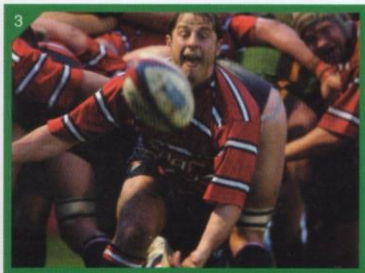


GLOUCESTER RUGBY

The last fixture of the year at Franklin's Gardens sees two of the country's most traditional rugby clubs do battle in what promises to be hard fought Zurich Premiership match.

The stakes, as always, remain high today, Gloucester will look to protect their lead at the top of the Premiership, whilst the Saints will want to build on their famous, and quite literally record-breaking, win at Welford Road and continue their ascent up the table.

This calendar year has seen much change at Kingsholm. It was a case of out with the old and in with the new as Nigel Melville and Dean Ryan replaced Philippe Saint-Andre and Laurent Seigne. Although he took over officially in



March, a gentleman's agreement with his former employers, prevented Nigel Melville from taking full control of his new side until after Gloucester had played Wasps at Loftus Road in a rearranged mid-week fixture on April 10. His first game in charge proper came just three days later, and he could have hardly had a stiffer test as the Cherry and Whites travelled to Franklin's Gardens to play a Northampton side in the middle of a purple patch of form. After the stinging 43-9 loss to Wasps at Loftus Road, Melville's troops were well-beaten 58-21 by the Saints and with Gloucester reduced to 14 for the second time in a week through poor discipline, Melville knew he had to work fast to stop a promising season begin a downward spiral.

Melville worked swiftly to instil new discipline in his side and then set about developing a new game plan for Gloucester, whose traditional forward orientated approach needed expanding. An away win the following week at Bristol was the catalyst for a strong end of season run that saw Gloucester travel to Twickenham for the

championship final and pick up their first major trophy for more than 20 years.

The form begun at the end of last season has continued into the 2002/03 season and in 2003 the business end of the season Gloucester will want to finish off the hard work they have started.

In the 2002 calendar year Gloucester played 35 competitive games winning 27 of them with one draw, away at Bath this season. The usually indestructible fortress Kingsholm has continued to repel all challengers but it is Gloucester's form on the road that has been the telling difference in this years side. Victories at Quins on the opening day of the season, along with Newcastle and London Irish in the Premiership has allowed Gloucester to mount a serious challenge to the Tiger's Premiership crown.

As the Tigers found out though they are not the only side in the East Midlands with title aspirations and in today's match up Gloucester should not expect seasonal goodwill from the Northampton Saints.

TEAM SHEET

REFEREE STEVE LANDER
TOUCH JUDGES STEVE LEYSHON, BRIAN CAMPSSELL



NORTHAMPTON SAINTS



REPLACEMENTS

- 16 Dan Richmond
- 17 Chris Budgen
- 18 Jon Phillips
- 19 Matt Lord
- 20 Johnny Howard
- 21 James Brooks
- 22 JON SLEIGHTHOLME

International players in CAPITALS

11 BEN COHEN

13 PETER JORGENSEN

12 JOHN LESLIE (capt)

10 PAUL GRAYSON

7 BUDGE POUNTNEY

8 Mark Soden

6 ANDREW BLOWERS

15 NICK BEAL

14 BRUCE REIHANA

GLOUCESTER RUGBY



REPLACEMENTS

- 16 Clive Stuart-Smith
- 17 Simon Amor
- 18 Chris Catling
- 19 Chris Collins
- 20 Andy Deacon
- 21 Pete Buxton
- 22 Rob Fidler

International players in CAPITALS

9 ANDY GOMARSALL

1 RODRIGO RONCERO

2 OLIVIER AZAM

3 PHIL VICKERY (capt)

4 Adam Eustace

5 Mark Cornwell

7 Andy Hazell

8 JAKE BOER

10 JUNIOR PARAMORE

10 Ludovic Mercier

12 Robert Todd

13 TERRY FANOLUA

11 THINUS DELPORT

14 Marcel Garvey

15 HENRY PAUL

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