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"When you participate in the Heineken Cup, you know full well that there aren't going to be any easy games and so it's proved."

DOESN'T get any easier does it?

After travelling to the home of the French champions and then taking on Harlequins, probably the in form team in Europe, we now have the straightforward task of taking on the Leicester Tigers!

To be fair, we knew that this was going to be a tough part of the season and there's no point in moaning about it. You just have to roll up your sleeves and get on with it.

I'm stating the obvious when I say it's been a tough couple of weeks. When you participate in the Heineken Cup, you know full well that there aren't going to be any easy games and so it's proved.

We came into our first game, away at Toulouse, in good spirits. The week before, we'd won on the road for the first time this season, away at Exeter, and that had given us a real boost.

We were genuinely looking forward to taking on Toulouse at the Stade Ernest Wallon. It was a daunting prospect but you play rugby

at the highest level in order to take on the very best. As Brush said in his pre match media quotes, you have to try and enjoy occasions like that rather than fear them.

I thought we gave a really good account of ourselves and actually had Toulouse and their supporters really worried.

It's a completely different atmosphere inside a French club stadium, lots of singing and catcalling but when they start whistling and booing it's music to your ears as you know you've got them rattled!

Although we couldn't quite upset the odds and come away with the win, we knew that we'd put in a performance and that set us in good stead for the visit of Harlequins last weekend.

Although we were back at home, we were under absolutely no illusions about the size of the task in hand. They came into the game having won eleven from eleven – that doesn't happen by accident!

And, so it proved on the day.

Despite us throwing everything we had at them, they left here with the points and it hurt.

We've had a few days to analyse things and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to realise that the main difference between the two teams was composure.

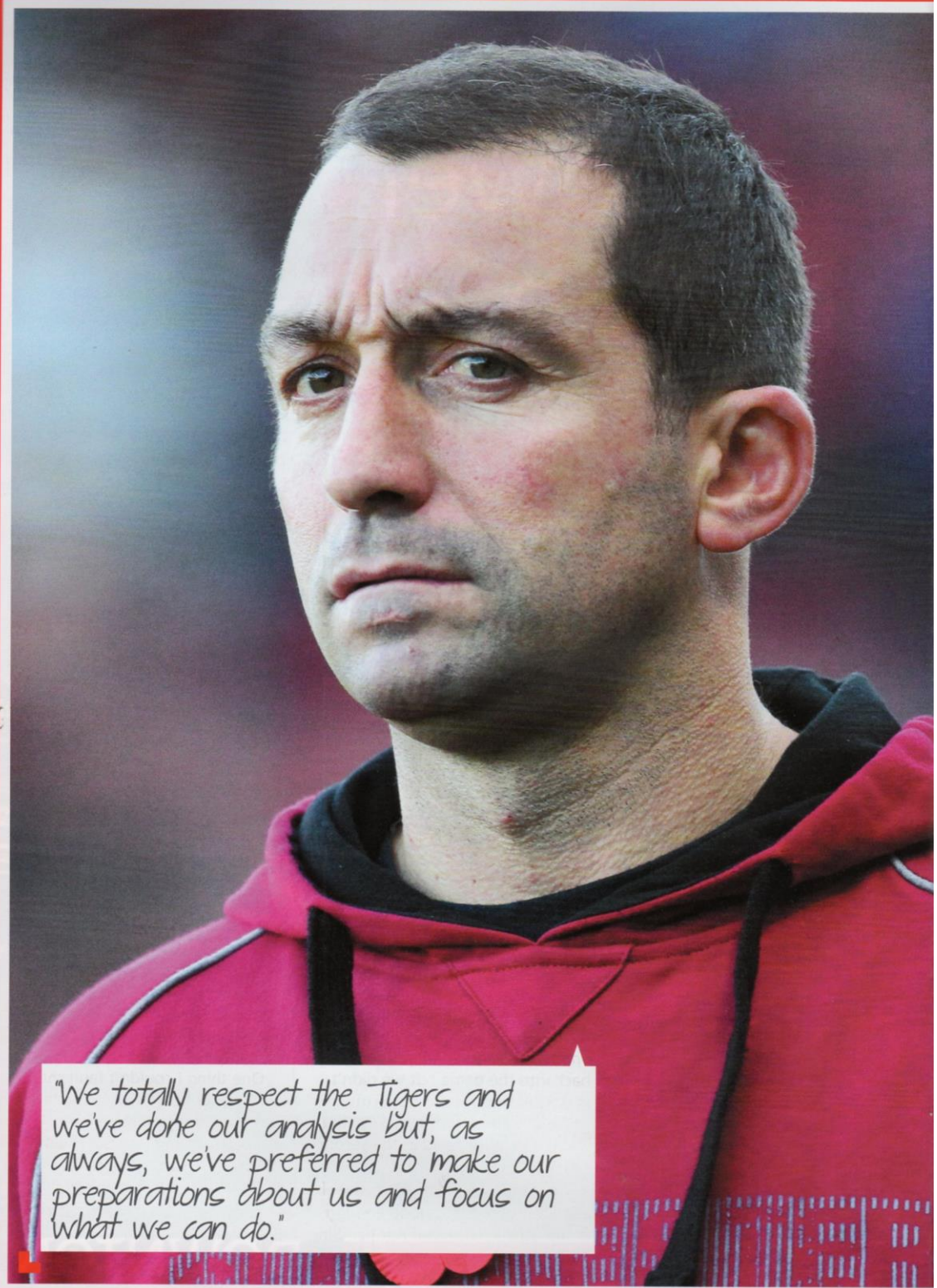
They were solid in defence, Nick Evans kicked beautifully out of hand and from the kicking tee, they made few errors and they took their chances.

We were the polar opposite. We went behind early doors, tried to play catch up, got a bit frantic and played right into their hands.

We have to make better decisions and show more composure as we certainly had enough good possession to get a result last weekend.

With Leicester lying in wait this afternoon, we simply have to be better and this week's training has been geared to making sure that is the case.

Enjoy the game!



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Coach's NOTES

with Head Coach, **BRYAN REDPATH**

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT GLOUCESTER RUGBY, I'D LIKE TO WISH THE PLAYERS, SUPPORTERS AND STAFF OF THE LEICESTER TIGERS A VERY WARM WELCOME TO KINGSHOLM THIS AFTERNOON.



I won't make any bones about it, it's been a tough couple of weeks. That's the way it goes sometimes, there are peaks and troughs in every season.

I said several weeks ago that we were heading into a tough part of our fixture schedule and that's proved to be the case.

One intense game is followed by another and it's a challenge both physically and mentally. But, we're not the only team going through this, it's the same for everyone.

It's the teams who cope best with it who find themselves at the top of the table and competing in the latter stages of the cup competitions.

You could argue that one of the reasons that we enjoyed such a strong campaign last season was that we were competing in the Amlin Challenge Cup where we could allow one or two of the front liners to have a weekend off.

That's not the case in the Heineken Cup where there simply isn't an easy game. Toulouse away followed by Harlequins and then the Leicester Tigers. You don't get a more difficult trio of games than that at the moment.

I covered the Toulouse game in my last set of programme notes. We performed well, we weren't quite perfect on the day and it wasn't quite good enough to come away with the win. They're the sort of opponent who don't need a second invitation to punish you if your standards slip even a fraction.

Unfortunately, our standards slipped from the previous week, we were second best on the day and we well and truly paid the price.

We created lots of chances but didn't finish anything off whereas they created three and took three. The possession and territory stats, especially in the second half, were in our favour but that wasn't reflected on the scoreboard.

We had a lot of pressure when one score would have got us right back into the game but we didn't make the most of our opportunities and they killed us off by taking the once chance they had in the second half.

We didn't look after the ball well enough, we weren't good enough in the contact area and our handling wasn't as good as it usually is.

You have to have composure in

games like that. If you create and you don't finish then you will pay the price. And Harlequins deserve credit for the way they absorbed our pressure and made the most of what came their way. It was a very professional display.

Leicester were badly affected by World Cup call ups and injuries so it's been an unusually slow start to the season for them.

However, form is temporary while class is permanent and they're showing signs of getting back to their best now they've got almost a full squad to select from.

They'll be moving back up the table in no time at all and I'll be amazed if they're not in the mix for a playoff place at the end of the season.

We totally respect the Tigers and we've done our analysis but, as always, we've preferred to make our preparations about us and focus on what we can do.

We've had to accept what happened last weekend and move on from it. We've had to understand what went wrong and how we can put it right. There's been a lot of hard work put in at Hartpury this week.

One thing I couldn't fault though was the support we received last weekend. Kingsholm, as ever, was buzzing and it was a great atmosphere to play rugby in.

Thank you for that backing, it's always appreciated by myself and the players.

Enjoy the game.

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WITH NICK PUREWAL

VOLCANO FIRING INTO ACTION

“I WAS FIRED UP FOR THE GAME, I WAS HUNGRY BECAUSE I HADN'T BEEN INVOLVED FOR THE LAST THREE WEEKS.”

Ardent Lesley Vainikolo admits he is still burning with desire to prove himself a potent Kingsholm wing force all over again.

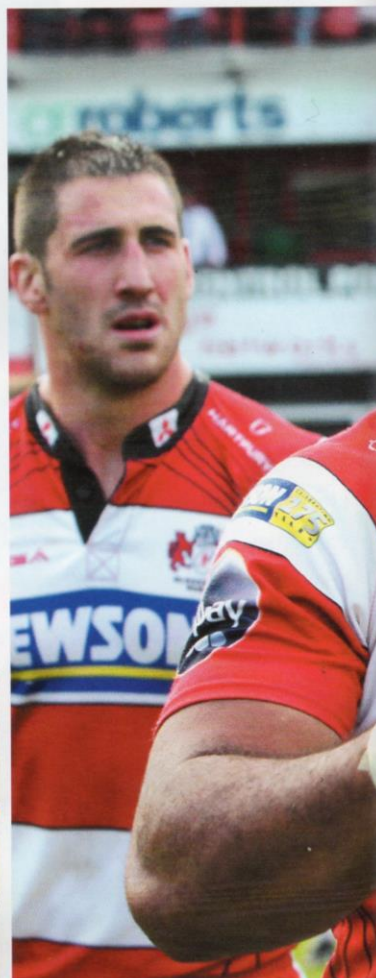
The 32-year-old Tongan winger rolled back the years with a destructive first half showing in Saturday's 28-9 Harlequins defeat.

But despite several barnstorming runs that had Quins on the ropes, he failed to create enough chaos for a Gloucester try.

That was the Cherry and Whites' problem all afternoon, spurning gilt edged opportunities and Big Les admitted they must finally sharpen up.

Vainikolo deputised in the centre in early season when midfield injury and unavailability piled up.

But now Mike Tindall is back, and if Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu can avoid further suspension, then Bryan Redpath has enough resources to allow Vainikolo to focus back on his



natural role.

And the dual-code international said he still believes he can cut it on the flank, even against Gloucester's top-class wide men.

Vainikolo is out of contract at

the end of the season, and will be among a nucleus of Gloucester stars battling for their Kingsholm futures.

So after three weeks without selection when fully fit, the former England star said he was pleased to stake his claim again.

He explained:

"I was fired up for the game, I was hungry because I hadn't been involved for the last three weeks. And I just want to show them that I've still got the speed and the power out wide, so that he (Bryan Redpath) doesn't look past me.

and I'm ready to produce what the coaches want. I still feel I can be dangerous at this level, otherwise I wouldn't keep putting myself out there."

Despite his robust showing Vainikolo was withdrawn at half time, suffering a hamstring strain.

In trying to blast downfield on a counter attack, Vainikolo shanked the ball into touch instead – and suffered his muscle tweak.

The upbeat backline bulldozer admits Gloucester must return to winning ways against Leicester

from that.

"When I looked out there was no one at the back and I was trying to bang it down, but it didn't work. Sometimes it goes your way and sometimes it doesn't.

"I'm not taking anything away from Harlequins, they're playing awesome and they deserved the win. It's not the end of the day, but we need to pick it up next week, and show how good we can be when we get it right.

"We're just frustrated. We put a few opportunities down, we could



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"If I get the opportunity I'll use it, I'll take it with both hands. Whenever you get a chance, you've got to take it, you've got to produce your best right from the go.

"I'm feeling good at the moment

this afternoon, after two straight Kingsholm defeats.

He continued:

"It was just from the kick, I tried to kick downfield, not into touch, and I got a tweak on my hammy

have scored some good tries, but we didn't take any of our chances.

"Fair play to Harlequins, they defended really well, scrambling, and they scored three good tries.

"One of our biggest goals every year is that we never lose at home. But now that's two in a row and it's something no one is happy with.

"I thought we were going to bounce back after a slow start, but it just came down to that little extra control of the ball, we gave away too many penalties, and it comes down to discipline.

"Make the one-on-one tackles and keep the discipline, but it didn't work.

"We've still got this week to make it right, and we're already looking forward to that."

There has been plenty of talk in recent times about the latest crop of Gloucester Rugby 'young guns' blazing a trail for themselves in the first team.

HOWEVER, not that long ago, people were saying exactly the same thing about the likes of Anthony Allen, Ryan Lamb and Ollly Morgan who all came through the ranks at the same time.

Allen and Lamb are now obviously plying their trade elsewhere. However, 'Morgs' as he's affectionately known by the Kingsholm faithful is still a fixture in the Gloucester Rugby squad and recently put pen to paper on a new contract with the club.

Does he ever take a moment and wonder where the time went?

"Definitely. There was a time when Ant, Lamby and myself were all coming on to the scene together and that does seem a while ago now which probably suggests that I've been around for quite a while.

"The fact that you've got the current crop, the likes of Trinder, Freddie, Jonny, Davey etc, I suppose puts me in that old bracket!

"At the same time though, you've got people like Hazey, Brownny, Sinbad, Tins. All those guys make me feel relatively young (laughs).

"I suppose I've grown up here in a way, especially joining the club straight from school. The way my rugby has developed over the years is down to Gloucester, the people who have been here and the people I've played with."

It was well documented when Morgan and Allen started to make a name for themselves that both attended Millfield School. How did they come to join Gloucester when Millfield falls more obviously in Bath's catchment area?

"Well, back then if you represented the England age group sides, then you were fairly well scouted. I had a few clubs interested in me at the time. But I felt that Nigel Melville and Dean Ryan were particularly keen to give young players a go.

"That and the fact that Lamby and Nick Runciman were here, and I'd played age group rugby with those two, tipped the balance towards Gloucester."

He made his first team breakthrough in 2004-5, has now made well over 100 first team appearances and recently signed a new three year contract with the club. Was it a difficult decision to stay?

"Not at all. It's obvious by the amount of players who stay at Gloucester for a long time that it's a great place to be. Look at the amount who have had testimonials in recent years. Keeping a core of a team together like that for so long is quite an achievement in modern times.

"That's down to the rugby environment, the way we play the game, the area of the country we live in. It's the whole package that Gloucester offers – rugby and lifestyle combined."

Talk of testimonials and long serving players inevitably leads the conversation on to life after rugby and the London born full back is already making

at Dean Close doing a lot of mentoring and coaching alongside former Bristol Rugby and England full back Paul Hull. It's obviously a good place to play your rugby if you want to develop your skills in the number 15 shirt!

"I've found the experience very beneficial. I've enjoyed it, they've looked after me and it's great to see the kids progress."

"But I've always had an interest in property as well and hopefully that will be there as some sort of income in the future because, once you retire from the game, you have to have everything in place."

That's obviously all in the future but, looming on the horizon, is another fairly significant event in Morgan's life – his wedding next year.

What makes him more nervous – waiting to catch a high ball on a wet winter afternoon or planning the nuptials?

"It depends who's bearing down on me when I'm waiting to catch the up and under! My fiancée will kill me for this



preparations for when he hangs up his boots.

"Some of the boys tell you that I maybe focus too much on planning for the future! I'm doing my qualifications in coaching, mentoring and fitness instruction and I'm hoping that these will stand me in good stead for something like a Head of Rugby role at a school for example."

And, he is already enjoying a taste of rugby in an academic environment as he has been spending time working

but it's probably planning the wedding. I'll always get another chance to catch a high ball if I drop one but your wedding is a one off."

"Actually, a lot of the strain is being taken by my best man Will Matthews (former Gloucester and London Wasps flanker) who is organising it all.

"He's moved on from rugby and now helps run the family business, a great location for wedding locations called Caswell House in Oxfordshire. He knows what he's doing!"



Thanks for all the messages! delighted to have signed for another 3 years. the best club with a great bunch of guys and amazing support!!

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KINGSHOLM NEWS

WITH BOB FENTON

A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WHEN COMMENTING ON OUR TRIP TO LEICESTER IN THE LV=CUP, I FOUND THAT THE WORD 'OUCH' JUST ABOUT SUMMED THINGS UP FROM THAT TRIP.

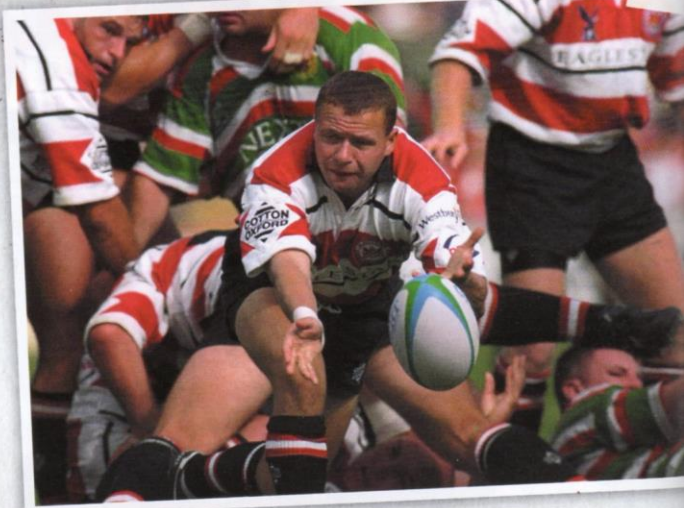
Looking back on last weekend's Heineken Cup encounter with Harlequins, 'Ouch!' seems to be pretty appropriate once again.

That is if you just look at the score board at the end of the game. It was one of those days for us when things just didn't seem to click – too many passes went astray or hit the ground long before their intended targets, got dropped or got picked off.

Maybe the game was a bit of an 'after the Lord Mayor's Show' for us. A huge team effort in Toulouse, not getting back to Gloucester until Monday night and then straight back into it a few days later.

After the game I listened to Simon Devereux interviewing Les and Woody in the grandstand.

Les – despite earning the sponsor's Man of the Match trophy – was pretty hard on his back line colleagues saying that they needed to step up a bit to



match the effort and skill levels of the eight guys in front of them.

He felt that the skill levels had dropped and we turned over too much ball in critical areas. Hard to argue with any of that, really.

But, on the other hand, that's some pretty harsh self-criticism. Sure we lost that game and the records will show that Quins won it at a canter.

For those that were there though, it was not quite that straight forward. I thought that Gloucester played pretty well, in fact a guy who watched with me who is not a great rugby aficionado suggested that had we been a bit slicker we would have probably grabbed the points.

Hard to argue with that either. So, sometimes that's what sport does to you, it's unforgiving and punishes the small mistakes.

Credit must go to Quins too. I was amazed to read comments

from some who assumed that they would roll over for us and that victory was all but assured. That is so disrespectful to a side who are currently topping the table.

I don't think I have seen such a well organised side playing in their multiple colours since, well, ever really.

It was easy to see why they came into the game with an unbeaten record, their defence was excellent and when we gave them three chances to score they took them all – even if the last one did look a bit dodgy.

At the time of writing, I haven't read the press reports from the game, I would hazard a guess that somewhere in the comments from our coaches is a line about '...learning from this...'

It's fair to say that a lot of people think we could have a team of college professors had we learned from all our 'lessons', but that's harsh.

For what it's worth I think



“...TALKING ABOUT SIMON DEVEREUX CHATTING TO HIM IN THE BAR AFTER THE GAME ABOUT TODAY'S MATCH HE SAID I SUPPOSE YOU ARE GOING TO WRITE ABOUT THAT 32 - 30 GAME AGAIN”

we will learn. That is what is required to compete in the toughest rugby competition outside the World Cup, so when we are back in it next season – as I am hugely confident that we will be – we will be better placed to progress.

Talking about Simon Devereux, chatting to him in the bar after the game about today's match, he said 'I suppose you are going to write about that 32 – 30 game again...'

I wasn't intending to until he said that. Do you know people still pull out the Shedhead mug that we made to commemorate the event? It's now a proper collector's item.

Reading the team that played that day you wonder where all those guys are now. Eral

Anderson, Mikey Peters, Nathan Carter – where did those guys go?

Scott Benton still turns up to play for the Cherrypickers now and then. Rob Fidler had a run (in the loosest sense) for the Presidents XV a few weeks back and the front row of the day – Deacon, Greening and Windo – still one of my favourite Gloucester 1,2,3 combinations, are all still involved.

When you look at the other side of the mug and read the date – 8 April 1997 – you feel a bit old though – nearly 15 years ago. Back in those days the ground capacity was only about 12,000. But I reckon that going by the number of people who told me that they were there on that evening the crowd must



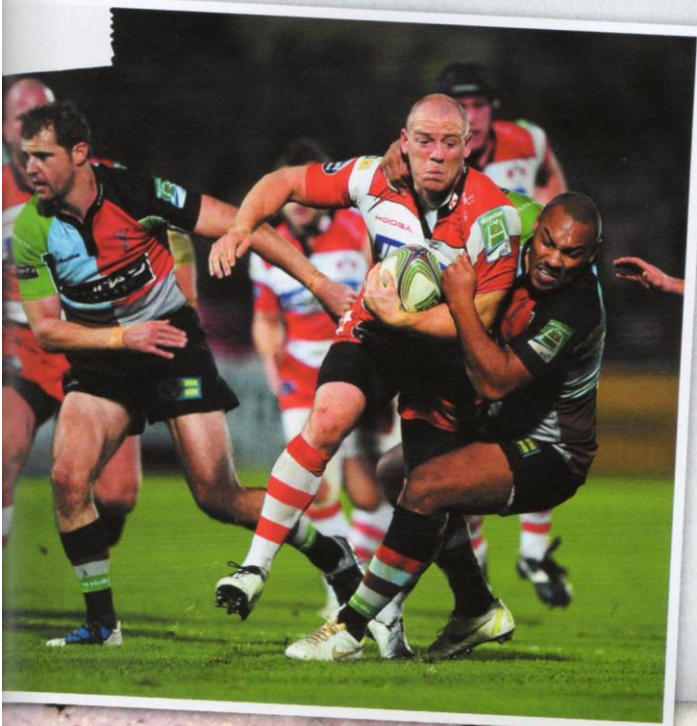
have been about 45,000. Some of them weren't even born when the match was played!

Today, as back then, the Leicester team will arrive chock full of international players. They will be smarting after their start to the season and will be itching to drag themselves away from the 10th position that they currently occupy.

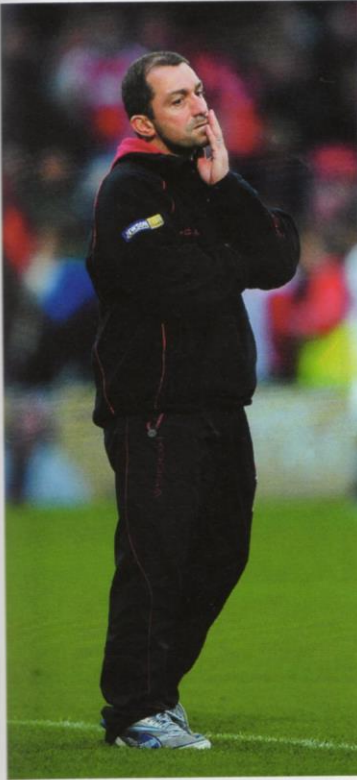
No doubt they will have looked at our last couple of home games, seen that we have lost both and be confident that they can make that a hat trick.

For sure we're going to have to bounce back in a big way from last weekend to avoid the possibility of losing three home games in a row – not being one for stats I can't remember when that last happened. I'd rather wipe such thoughts from my memory.

So, just as on 8 April 1997 we go into the game with most pundits no doubt having predicted a win for the opposition. We proved them wrong on that evening; we can do it again this afternoon and keep Leicester firmly rooted towards the bottom of the table.



DOWN TO EARTH



YES, we did come down with a bump last week, didn't we? It was certainly a big disappointment after the splendid display the lads provided down in Toulouse. Perhaps we should have expected it.

I didn't see the Quins game myself, so it wouldn't be right for me to offer judgements on it. But I will say that I've had difficulty finding anyone who has had a good word to say about the team's performance.

One lady told me that towards the end of the match she was praying for the ref to blow for full time, which was a new experience for a long serving supporter who loves her rugby.

From what I gather, it seems to have been a day when things just didn't click. It happens sometimes, but it was a pity that it had to occur against the side which has the best record in the country this season.

Harlequins are obviously full of confidence at the moment, and have every right to be. Up against a side

riding high like that, you can't afford to give the opposition a sniff, but the general opinion seems to be that we gave them a whole inhaler.

As I say, I wasn't there myself so I can't comment on that particular opinion, but it does occur that we have seen it all before.

Cast your mind back and you'll probably recall that last season went the same way. Even worse, in fact, because we weren't winning any away games.

Then, after Christmas, everything changed and we had a splendid second half to the season, even winning some silverware.

With Harlequins things are almost exactly in reverse. There have been several seasons where they have carried all before them in the first half, only to come apart in the second. This could happen again, although they do look like a very efficient lot to me.

It's a long time since Gloucester lost two home games in a row.

Just so long as it doesn't become a habit.

ANXIOUS WAIT

AT the time of writing, we are all anxiously waiting to learn the fate of the remarkable Eliota.

The IRB may have come down from their mountain and given their judgement by the time you read this, but instincts tell me that they may well decide to activate that harsh six month suspension which has been hanging over our favourite Samoan's head since the World Cup.

That would be a pity, because it would almost certainly put an end to his Gloucester career, and even mean that the game would lose his formidable talents forever. And don't forget, he has done nothing on the field to deserve it.

His sin, as all the world knows, was injudicious use of the social network, Twitter.

No doubt he feels he had ample justification for feeling aggrieved on both occasions, but it wasn't very wise



of him to shoot off in the way that he did.

I don't suppose that Eliota is very familiar with the works of Oscar Wilde, but I could paraphrase a line

or two from 'The Importance of Being Earnest' which might be appropriate;

"To misuse Twitter once may be construed as unfortunate. To do it twice seems like carelessness..."



TOULOUSE 21
GLOUCESTER RUGBY 17

Heineken Cup, Stade Ernest Wallon, 13 November 2011, 15:00 KO

TOULOUSE

TRIES Matanavou (37),
Poitrenaud (72)

CON Beauxis (73)

PENS McAlister (34, 51),
Beauxis (65)

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

TRIES Sharples (31),
Trinder (68)

CONS Burns (32, 69)

PEN Burns (11)

WRITTEN off by many before the game had even started, Gloucester delivered a performance that rocked Toulouse, the four times Heineken Cup champions in round one of the tournament.

Winning away from home in modern rugby union is tough enough, winning on French soil even harder still. And no challenge is greater than triumphing in Toulouse.

But Gloucester very nearly did and will be disappointed to only leave with a losing bonus point for their efforts.

Playing with the wind at their backs in the first half, Gloucester didn't overdo the kicking game but played with an ambition that

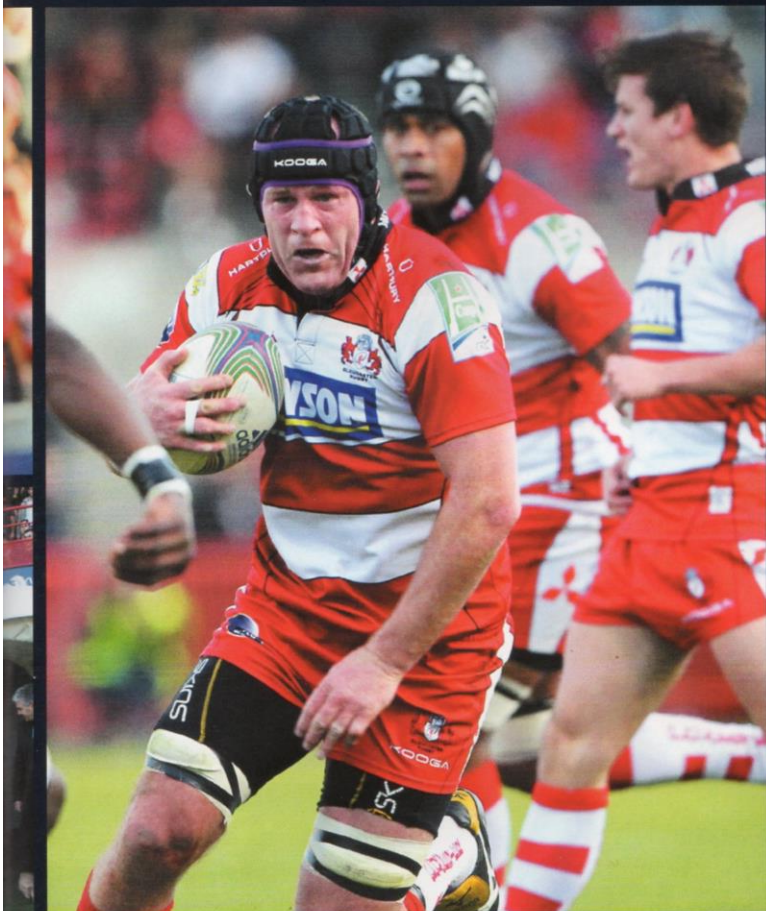
stretched their illustrious opponents from the off.

The French crowd were jeering impatiently well before the half hour mark when the Gloucester pack forced a turnover in the home 22 which led to Charlie Sharples' try.

A 10-0 lead hinted at a major upset but, in a crucial few minutes just before the break, Toulouse dug deep and scored eight vital points.

Turning around just two points in front meant that Gloucester were going to be under all sorts of pressure in the second half but, although the defence buckled at times, it didn't break.

However, penalties from McAlister and Beauxis saw Toulouse take what looked to be a decisive 14-10 lead



before Trinder dived home on 70 minutes to ease Gloucester back in front and stun the locals.

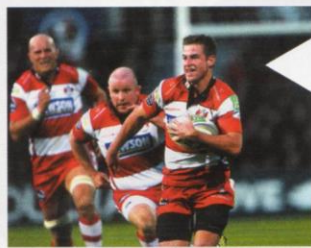
However, Toulouse are made of strong stuff and back they came. Gloucester's defence looked good until Manavatou found space down the right hand channel before offloading to Clement Poitrenaud who scored the decisive try.

Manavatou's offload drifted at least a yard forward but it was nigh on impossible to see whether a Gloucester hand had deflected it

backwards or not. The replay was inconclusive and the officials had a tough, split second call to make.

The benefit of the doubt was given to the home side and Gloucester were left to reflect on the fine margins between victory and defeat.

In hindsight, though, not many teams come away from Toulouse with anything so a losing bonus point can be viewed with some pride and the performance created a good platform for round two at home to Harlequins.



CHAMPAGNE MOMENT

Gloucester sent a real tremor of uncertainty around the Stade Ernest Wallon on 70 minutes when Mike Tindall made a half break and offloaded inside to the supporting Henry Trinder who gave Gloucester a 17-14 lead with just ten minutes to play.

TOULOUSE

- 15 FB Clement Poitrenaud
- 14 W Timoci Manavatou
- 13 C Yann David
- 12 C Florian Fritz
- 11 W Yves Donguy
- 10 FH Luke McAlister
- 9 SH Luke Burgess
- 1 P Jean-Baptiste Poux
- 2 H Gary Botha
- 3 P Cencus Johnston
- 4 L Yoann Maestri
- 5 L Romain Millo-Chlusky
- 6 F Yannick Nyanga
- 7 F Sylvain Nicolas
- 8 N8 Shaun Sowerby

Replacements

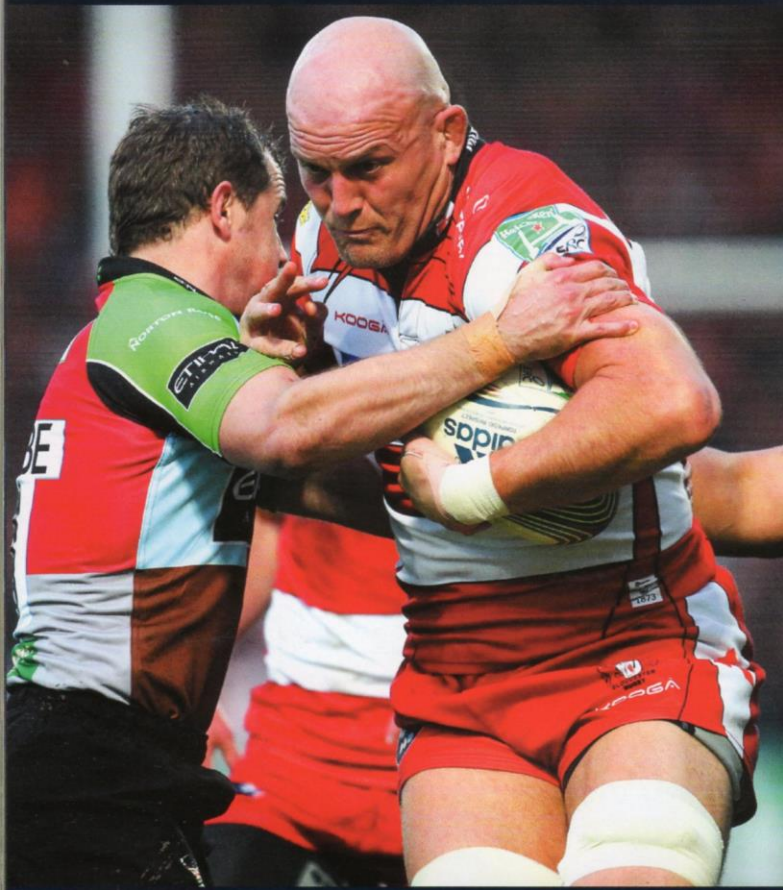
- 16 R William Servat
- 17 R Yohan Montes
- 18 R Johnson Falefa
- 19 R Gregory Lamboley
- 20 Nicolas Vergallo
- 21 R Yannick Jauzion
- 22 R Lionel Beauxis
- 23 R Gillian Galan

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

- 15 FB Jonny May
- 14 W Charlie Sharples
- 13 C Henry Trinder
- 12 C Mike Tindall
- 11 W Tom Voyce
- 10 FH Freddie Burns
- 9 SH Rory Lawson
- 1 P Nick Wood
- 2 H Darren Dawidiuk
- 3 P Rupert Harden
- 4 L Will James
- 5 L Jim Hamilton
- 6 F Peter Buxton
- 7 F Akapusi Qera
- 8 N8 Alasdair Strokosch

Replacements

- 16 R Scott Lawson
- 17 Dan Murphy
- 18 R Dario Chistolini
- 19 Brett Deacon
- 20 R Luke Narraway
- 21 R Dave Lewis
- 22 Tim Taylor
- 23 Lesley Vainikolo



GLOUCESTER RUGBY 09
HARLEQUINS 28

Heineken Cup, Kingsholm, 19 November 2011, 15:40 KO

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

PENS Burns (10, 26, 47)

HARLEQUINS

TRIES Brown (5),
 Hopper (38),
 Easter (71)

CONS Evans (6, 72)

PENS Evans (16, 40, 59)

GLOUCESTER came into their first home Heineken Cup fixture of 2011-12, against Harlequins, in good spirits.

The previous week's performance in Toulouse, although it ended in narrow defeat, had shown that Gloucester were more than capable of taking on the very best in Europe on their day.

Unfortunately, last Saturday against Quins wasn't Gloucester's day.

That's not to detract from the performance of the visitors. On the day, they defended resolutely and put on a master class when it comes to taking chances.

The stats will probably show that Gloucester dominated possession

and territory and that Harlequins spent much of the game tackling.

Yet, try as they might, Gloucester simply couldn't quite break through.

Akapusi Qera and Henry Trinder both knocked on in the act of scoring. Lesley Vainikolo was tackled into touch at the corner. On countless other occasions, Gloucester got to within two or three metres of the Quins goal line but couldn't cross the whitewash.

You had to take your hat off to the visitors last ditch defence. They had a 'thou shalt not pass' attitude about them and put their bodies on the line time and again.

Had just one of those chances been taken, it could have been a completely different outcome.



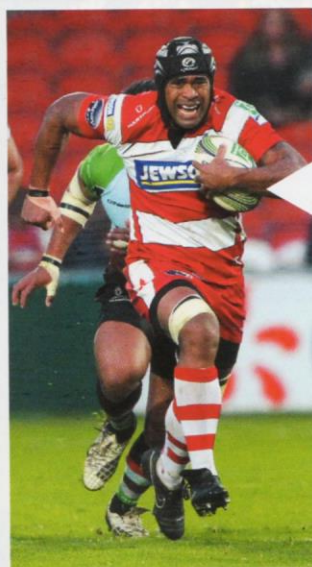
Perhaps it was because Quins took an early lead but Gloucester seemed to set about chasing the game too early, forcing things when there was no need to.

A lack of precision and composure at key times played right into the hands of the visitors who simply sat back, soaked up all the pressure and then moved efficiently up field to take whatever points were on offer.

It was a fantastically assured and committed performance from the visitors who were well worthy of the win with the benefit of hindsight. They've now won twelve out of twelve so far this season and it was easy to see why.

Gloucester will probably have less possession and territory and carve out fewer chances in future games and end up winners.

It was just that kind of day....



CHAMPAGNE MOMENT

"It was a day when not much went right for Gloucester despite plenty of endeavour. Akapusi Qera was everywhere, however, and his rampaging 50 metre run from inside his own half gave everyone a lift when it was most needed."

KEY QUOTE

"We were second best on many things, opportunities were created and not taken and some of our basic contact area and control of possession was poor for some reason.

"When we create chances like we did and we don't take any then you're not going to win against a top side."

Bryan Redpath

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

- 15 FB Jonny May
- 14 W Charlie Sharples
- 13 C Henry Trinder
- 12 C Mike Tindall
- 11 W Lesley Vainikolo
- 10 FH Freddie Burns
- 9 SH Rory Lawson
- 1 P Nick Wood
- 2 H Scott Lawson
- 3 P Rupert Harden
- 4 L Will James
- 5 L Jim Hamilton
- 6 F Peter Buxton
- 7 F Akapusi Qera
- 8 N8 Alasdair Strokosch

Replacements

- 16 R Darren Dawidiuk
- 17 R Dan Murphy
- 18 R Dario Chistolini
- 19 R Tom Savage
- 20 R Luke Narraway
- 21 R Dave Lewis
- 22 R Tim Taylor
- 23 R Tom Voyce

HARLEQUINS

- 15 FB Mike Brown
- 14 W Seb Stegmann
- 13 C Matt Hopper
- 12 C Jordan Turner-Hall
- 11 W Sam Smith
- 10 FH Nick Evans
- 9 SH Karl Dickson
- 1 P Joe Marler
- 2 H Joe Gray
- 3 P James Johnston
- 4 L Tomas Vallejos Cinalli
- 5 L George Robson
- 6 F **Maurie Fa'asavalu**
- 7 F Chris Robshaw
- 8 N8 Nick Easter

Replacements

- 16 R Chris Brooker
- 17 R Nic Mayhew
- 18 R Tim Fairbrother
- 19 R Charlie Matthews
- 20 R Luke Wallace
- 21 R Danny Care
- 22 R Rory Clegg
- 23 R Tom Casson

TODAY'S Line-UPS



**GLOUCESTER
RUGBY**

- 15 OLLY MORGAN
- 14 CHARLIE SHARPLES
- 13 HENRY TRINDER
- 12 MIKE TINDALL
- 11 LESLEY VAINIKOLO
- 10 FREDDIE BURNS
- 09 RORY LAWSON
- 01 NICK WOOD
- 02 DARREN DAWIDIUK
- 03 RUPERT HARDEN
- 04 WILL JAMES
- 05 JIM HAMILTON
- 06 ALASDAIR STROKOSCH
- 07 AKAPUSI QERA
- 08 LUKE NARRAWAY (C)
- 16 SCOTT LAWSON
- 17 DAN MURPHY
- 18 DARIO CHISTOLINI
- 19 PETER BUXTON
- 20 BRETT DEACON
- 21 DAVE LEWIS
- 22 TIM TAYLOR
- 23 JONNY MAY



**LEICESTER
TIGERS**

- 15 GEORDAN MURPHY (C)
- 14 HORACIO AGULLA
- 13 ANDY FORSYTH
- 12 MATT SMITH
- 11 ALESANA TUILAGI
- 10 TOBY FLOOD
- 09 SAM HARRISON
- 01 MARCOS AYERZA
- 02 GEORGE CHUTER
- 03 DAN COLE
- 04 LOUIS DEACON
- 05 GEOFF PARLING
- 06 TOM CROFT
- 07 JULIAN SALVI
- 08 THOMAS WALDROM
- 16 ROB HAWKINS
- 17 BORIS STANKOVICH
- 18 MARTIN CASTROGIOVANNI
- 19 GEORGE SKIVINGTON
- 20 STEVE MAFI
- 21 BEN YOUNGS
- 22 JEREMY STAUNTON
- 23 NIAL MORRIS

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THE OFFICIALS



REFEREE: JP Doyle
ASST REFS: Peter Huckle and Andrew Pearce

TOP SCORERS 2011/12



126 TOM HOMER



116 Nick Evans

85 Jimmy Gopperth

80 Nick Macleod

74 Owen Farrell

74 Sam Vesty



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