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"We can't afford to be relying on results elsewhere, we can only influence the games that we're involved in."

I THINK everyone agrees that the rugby fixture calendar is a pretty congested one in this day and age.

However, we haven't played here at Kingsholm for almost a month now and it seems like a lifetime!

Obviously, even though we haven't been in action here, a heck of a lot has gone on with Gloucester Rugby in the meantime.

Which applies to me of course. It's been common knowledge now for a couple of weeks that I'll be moving to Perpignan at the end of the season.

But, now's not the time for farewells. There will be plenty of time for that at the end of the season. What's important at the moment is that we focus everything on our remaining five games.

The Aviva Premiership table remains as tight as ever. We're in sixth place with today's visitors, the Exeter Chiefs, just above us in fifth place.

However, we're just six points

behind Northampton who are in the final play off spot, although we have Sale and Bath breathing down our necks!

What it does mean is that virtually every single game left in the Aviva Premiership has something riding on it. Whether it's teams jostling for play off and Heineken Cup spots or trying to avoid relegation, everyone has something to play for.

Brush (Bryan Redpath) spoke a few weeks ago of us having several cup finals left to play this season and he's got it spot on.

Starting, of course, this afternoon against the Chiefs who are enjoying another fine season. Anyone who thought they may suffer from a 'sophomore slump' was way off the mark.

Having finished in eighth place overall last season, they've kicked on this time around and are genuine playoff contenders.

All credit to them, Sandy Park is a difficult place to get a result and, on the road, they're a difficult side to

break down. Victory will have to be earned the hard way this afternoon.

What we need to do from here on in is focus on what we have to do. We can't afford to be relying on results elsewhere, we can only influence the games that we're involved in.

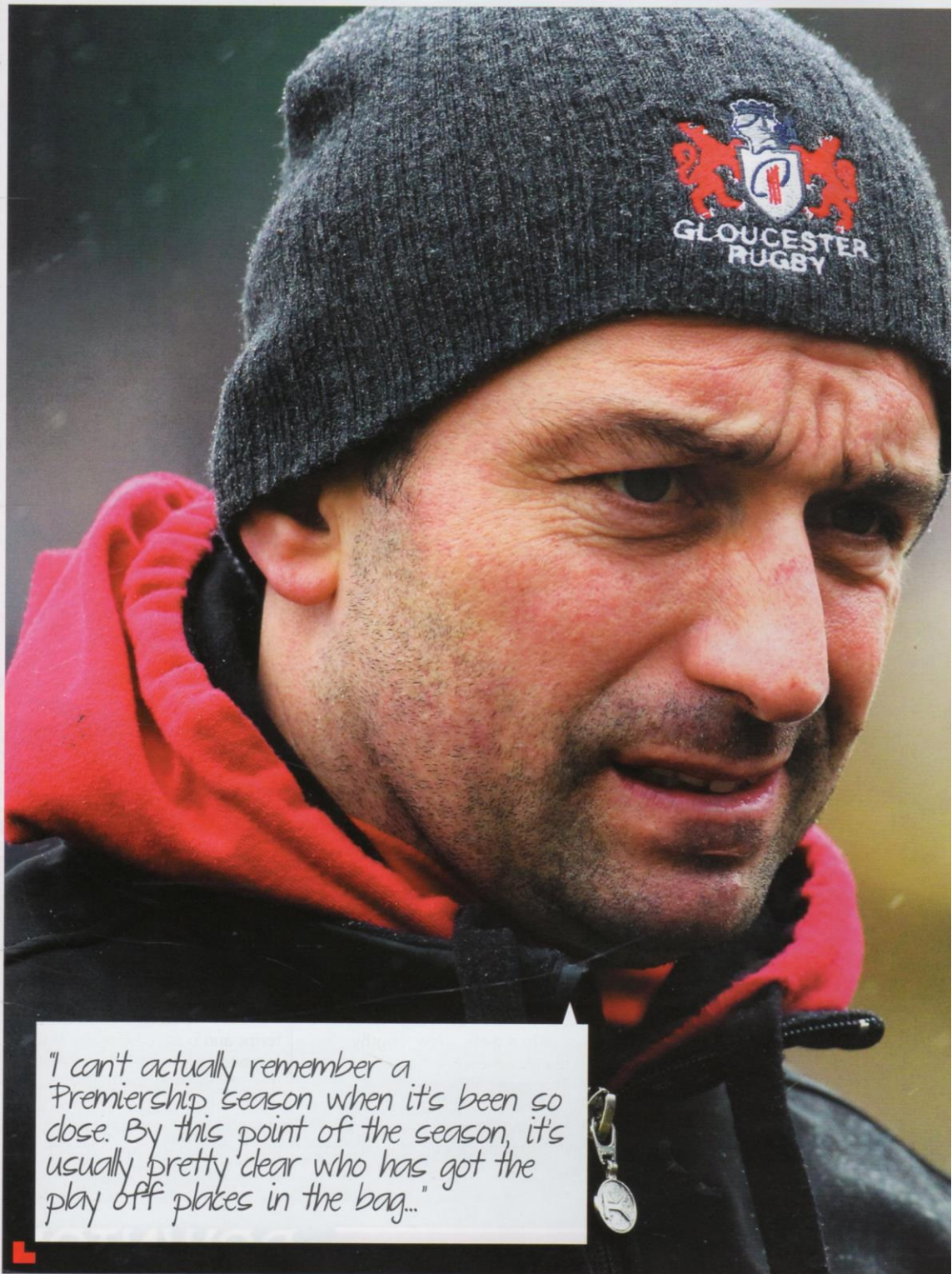
Three of our five remaining games are here at Kingsholm which is a plus for us but we still have to take care of business.

Winning three out of our last four has put us in a reasonable position but the performance in our last game, away at the Leicester Tigers, has left us chomping at the bit to get back into action and back to winning ways.

We've benefitted from a week off which has allowed a few bumps and bruises to heal but we've been back in training for a fortnight now so the preparations have been good for today.

It's a big game and we're looking for a big performance.

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, STAFF AND SUPPORTERS OF THE EXETER CHIEFS A VERY WARM WELCOME TO KINGSHOLM THIS AFTERNOON.

AFTER all the hard work during preseason and all the matches we've played to this point, we're entering the final furlong of the season with just five matches, including this afternoon's against the Chiefs, left to play.

This Aviva Premiership season must be a dream for the marketing people as, with only five rounds of matches left, everything's still up for grabs.

That includes a host of teams, ourselves included, jostling for the playoff and Heineken Cup qualification spots.

Throw the relegation struggle into the mix and virtually every remaining game has something riding on it. There will definitely be no easy wins!

I can't actually remember a Premiership season when it's been so close. By this point of the season, it's usually pretty clear who has got the play off places in the bag but there are so many teams still in with a shout this time around.

I guess if you take a look at some of our past results this season, you can see why. We've had so many close results this season and, before Christmas in particular, a number of them didn't go our way.

Those tight encounters show just how evenly matched a lot of the teams are and, I know it's a bit of a cliché, but any team can beat any other on any given day.

So, we'll certainly not be taking anything for granted in any of our remaining games. There is absolutely no room for complacency.

That was confirmed in no uncertain manner when, having won five out of the previous six, we went to the Tigers in our last outing and were second best by some margin.

It was a disappointing way to round off what had been a decent set of results and a decent set of performances and we've had to brood on that for the best part of three weeks.

We've had a bit of a break from that game up at Welford Road and we made the conscious decision beforehand that, win or lose, we would take a week off before reporting back for two week's worth of training ahead of today's game.

I think that week off was important. It's an incredibly long, punishing season and we have to ensure that we manage the squad properly.

We started preseason as far back as early June and have barely paused to catch breath since.

We've also asked a lot of our some of our younger players who have probably had to play more games than they thought they would have to, particularly during the World Cup period, because we've had quite a few lengthy injury absences.

That week allowed a few bumps and bruises to heal, but also permitted us to take a break mentally which is just as important.

However, we have had two really good weeks of preparation and are really looking forward to getting back into competitive action this afternoon.

We'll need to be at our best, there's no question about that as we've had some tough old encounters with the Chiefs over the past couple of seasons.

It's fair to say that they took a lot of people by surprise last season. The team promoted from the Championship is often expected to struggle but Rob Baxter's side blew that theory out of the water.

Perhaps even more impressive is the way that they've build upon that in their second season in the Premiership.

They've gone about their business and continued to take some impressive scalps – not many teams can boast of a league double over the Leicester Tigers for example.

We know that we'll be in for a game every bit as tough as the one we had down at Sandy Park back in November. We had to fight for everything on that day down in Devon and this afternoon will be no different I'm sure.

But, as much as we respect our opponents today, we have to focus first and foremost upon ourselves. We need to play the game on our terms and ensure Exeter have to respond to what we do rather than the other way around.

There's a lot to play for this season and it's an exciting prospect. I'm sure we'll have our usual passionate following this afternoon and we aim to do them proud.

Enjoy the game

DreamTeam

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View from
The Citizen



WITH NICK PUREWAL

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

“...HE IS A RAW TALENT AND WE SHOULD ALWAYS SUPPORT THAT...”

Jonny May's career has not even started yet, insists Gloucester Rugby boss Bryan Redpath.

The fastest man in the Cherry and Whites squad last week added the LV= Breakthrough Player Award to his January Premiership player of the month accolade, in a season where he has been elevated to the England

Saxons squad.

Stunning tries against Sale and Harlequins have slapped opponents and onlookers in the face as May has imposed his startling brand of free running on Kingsholm and beyond.

But Gloucester Head Coach Redpath believes May has hardly even got into gear yet.

Such an assertion will strike fear into opponents, but Redpath has only made the declaration to indicate just how hard 21-year-old May must keep working to fulfil his potential.

In addition, Freddie Burns scooped February's Premiership Player of the Month award last week, to complete a busy time of gongs heading the way of Gloucester Rugby's young guns.

Former Scotland scrum-half Redpath said such recognition will only serve to add extra pressure to his talented youngsters, with opponents even more determined than ever to take them down a peg.

Admitting he works hard to keep his upwardly-mobile young men grounded, Redpath said:

"Awards like this don't make any difference to me, it's irrelevant to me, if it comes at the end of the season it's great, but I see a lot



of other parts to it, which entices others to have a go at people.

"And I think players like Jonny need to understand how good they can be, but how much hard work is still needed to finish.

"The next game is far more important than the one that has gone. It's great to get recognition, but at the end of the season, that's the time to reflect on the good things and there's still five games left.

"It's very hard for youth not to get above themselves, and my job is to make sure that I compliment

some good stuff, but make sure they stay grounded.

"It's important because it can be a huge incentive for many other players and teams that come and play against players that are deemed as the new this or the new that. And actually sometimes it adds a lot more pressure to them."

A former England U20 international, May was called up to the Saxons squad this spring, recognition that is well merited but which only spells the start of an international career.

"He's had a game and a half with the Saxons in his career, one was a 35-0 and the other was five minutes at the end of a game.

"His career's not even started in my view, he's been recognised for scoring two very good tries, and quite rightly so as well. But he's a long, long way from being any finished article."

While May can conjure tries from nothing thanks to his near comic book pace, Redpath said he must also make sure that desire to test defences on foot does not leak points too.

He continued: "Look at the mistakes that happened at Leicester, and then you realise, it's great to get an award, but then he's got to keep his feet firmly on the ground and not get carried away with what the media write about him.

"You've got to be smart, look at the tries he has conceded from trying to run from our own 22 this year.

"Leicester away he knocked the ball on and they scored, Quins away he knocked a ball on and they scored, and another game here he knocked on and conceded three points.

"So yes he's scoring but he's conceding them as well.

"I don't see Olly Morgan making as many mistakes, but then I don't see Olly Morgan making as many tries in a certain fashion as well.

"But there's always a balance to everything and Jonny needs to make sure that whatever position he plays, especially at 15, there's an element of team thought process that must go into it.

"For all the good things in there there's still a huge learning curve. He is a raw talent and we should always support that and I always will, but I will never let him get bigger than the club or the players around him.

"That's my job, I've got to make sure the team is protected at all costs, because the team is greater than the individual and it's all about the old saying; the badge on the front is more important than the name on the back."





My 1st experience of rooming with @coxymatt. 3am air con debacle, he spent 30mins trying to cover up the light. Least he wasn't shadowboxing

Tweeted by:
@n1ckwood

MATTER OF FACT
Nick has also won representative honours in hockey.

FORWARD THINKING

NICK WOOD

Rugby can be a cruel mistress at times. Just ask Gloucester Rugby prop Nick Wood.

IN the form of his life, winning the praise of players and pundits alike, the loosehead prop was set to make his 200th competitive appearance for Gloucester Rugby this afternoon. That was until injury struck....

In Gloucester's last Aviva Premiership outing, away at the Leicester Tigers, Wood suffered a torn pectoral muscle and, following surgery, was ruled out for the rest of the season.

Despite the disappointment and, with the benefit of a couple of weeks to reflect, the 29 year old is phlegmatic about the setback and still determined to play his part in Gloucester's run in.

"It wasn't the end of the season I was looking for. It has been pretty good to that point on a personal note. But I quickly remembered that it's not about personal milestones. The team comes first.

"It's been up and down from a club perspective. We finished on the wrong end of so many close score lines in the first half of the season and lost our home record as well.

"But, although I'm gutted at what's happened to me, we do seem to have turned it around on the pitch, the tight results have started to go our way and we still have a lot to play for."

One of those tight results was, of course, the hard fought 14-11 win at Bath just over a month ago.

The victory was memorable but even more so was the sound of Sky commentator, Stuart Barnes, waxing lyrical over Wood's personal performance.

The plaudits headed in the direction of the Swindon born player as did the Man of the Match champagne.

(Laughs) "It's no mean feat for any Gloucester player to draw praise from Stuart Barnes – unless you're Sinbad that is!

"A few things went my way in that

game and they happened to be a few things that caught the attention of the commentators – the tackle and turnover and being in the right place at the right time for Sinbad's pass which led to the try.



"It's no mean feat for any Gloucester player to draw praise from Stuart Barnes – unless you're Sinbad that is!"

"The conditions weren't great at the Rec that day but I think they actually helped me to score the try as I was able to slide the last few metres!"

Although he's now looking at a couple of months of rehabilitation, Wood is determined to contribute where he can in the next few weeks, and that consists mainly of helping fellow loose heads Dan Murphy and Yann Thomas with their preparation.

"Although the season is over for me personally, it's not over for the team. I've still been doing the analysis and providing my input where I can.

"I've sat in on the scrummaging sessions this week, we've all voiced our opinions and come up with a strategy for this weekend."

As busy as he has been and continues to be in terms of the first team, albeit on a reduced basis for the next few weeks, there is plenty in the offing away from the pitch.

2012-13 will be Wood's tenth season at Kingsholm, a distinction he shares with second row Alex Brown, and the pair have a series of events planned for them to mark the achievement.

"I've been very fortunate that a group of people have got together and offered to help arrange a series of events to mark the ten years, and it's the same for Brown as well.

"We both obviously started with Gloucester at the same time and must have played together in the first team over 150 times. Our Gloucester careers have almost mirrored each other so it makes sense that a few of the events are on a joint basis.

"We're both very honoured that people are willing to do this for us. There are some great ideas in the pipeline and we're both really keen that there's something appropriate for every follower of Gloucester Rugby."

The number of Gloucester players in recent times who have celebrated ten years with the club is significant – Mark Cornwell, Andy Hazell, Olivier Azam, James Simpson-Daniel and, most recently, Peter Buxton.

Wood feels it's no coincidence that so many people choose to spend virtually their whole career at Kingsholm.

"It's a great tribute to the club. In some cases, players are willing to devote more than ten years of their playing career to Gloucester.

"It's down to a lot of things. It's the group of players who have been here, it's the experience of being able to call Kingsholm your home ground, it's the supporters who turn up every other week and give us such amazing support.

"It's a unique thing and one that we all appreciate very much."

KINGSHOLM NEWS

WITH BOB FENTON

AT LAST... BACK AT KINGSHOLM FOR A BIT OF REAL RUGBY. THIS SIX NATIONS STUFF IS OK, BUT IT'S NOT AS GOOD AS THE REAL THING, IS IT?

It's been a whole month since we were last here, grabbing that great win over Harlequins, the third win on the bounce before having the wheels fall off a bit in atrocious conditions at Welford Road.

In the intervening weeks it's not been exactly dull has it? Transfer speculation has been rife and we've seen some great new signings for our club.

The capture of Ben Morgan from under the noses of a lot of others has been a real coup for us, he looks to be the real deal and if he continues his development at the rate he has shown on the international circuit recently we've have got ourselves a real gem.

Not only that, we have secured the services of Tongan international Sione Kalamafoni. I confess to knowing not a great deal about this guy. He's a lump though – and Man of the Match performances in the World Cup surely indicate he can play a bit too.

But as players come in, others leave. Scott Lawson and Luke Narryway being the latest to go through the door marked exit. Both have made their mark in the Cherry and White shirt and both will be missed for sure.

Scott will have fun up at London Irish, but it's going to be a very different world for Luke down in Perpignan. At least he'll have current team mate Alasdair Strokosch there with



him. As ever, we wish them all well in the next chapter of their careers.

The rumour mill continues to tell us that current Highlander number nine Jimmy Cowan is Gloucester bound. I have no inside information to confirm this – and I think the programme editors would snip it out pretty quickly if I did!

But having a player who holds 50 odd All Black caps helping our cause would be a great addition to the squad. We'll see though, but there must be a few people who are looking ahead and starting to get seriously concerned at the wealth of talent we are amassing. Next season could be very special!

But before we start thinking about next season, there's the

small matter of this one to complete yet. Today's game against Exeter is one of the most important we have played for some time.

The Chiefs have done outstandingly well since they emerged from the Championship, blinking in the bright lights of the Premiership. Except they didn't really blink! In their first game in the top flight they gave us a pretty good spanking as I recall.

We got our revenge in November with a good win at their place but they still sit four points ahead of us in the pecking order of the Premiership. So a win today will help us on the road to securing a Heineken Cup spot for next year.

We really have to target the

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next four games as 'must wins' – Exeter today will be a really tough nut to crack though, so nothing can be taken for granted. But if we show the form that beat Toulouse here and Bath away we should be ok.

Then it's off to Wasps who are having a torrid season - how the mighty have fallen. It's typical of the team who has been our nemeses on so many occasions to find a bit of form before we travel up there next week.

Their injury list reads like a roll call for an episode of ER though with more players on the treatment table than the pitch. And the news that Tom Rees – who for a time looked to be a future England captain – had been forced to retire through injury was particularly sad for all those connected with the club.



Back to matters a little closer to home, it was great to see Freddie being picked as Mr February by the judges of the Aviva Premiership Player of the Month panel.

They clearly know what they are talking about, but I am unsure whether this now means that Freddie has to get his kit off in some dodgy calendar pose!

Congratulations also go to Jonny May who was voted 'LV= Breakthrough Player 2011 – 2012'. I'm not sure how many people got RSI from repetitive voting, but never has an award been more richly deserved.

It can sit alongside his try of the season trophy which must surely come from his fantastic effort against Harlequins when he ran through pretty much their whole team, replacements,

coaching staff and supporters for good measure.

Finally another unashamed plug for the annual Shedweb RFC vs The Cherrypickers clash.

As ever it's your chance to see your heroes strutting their funky stuff on the rugby field on more time – and apparently there are some old Gloucester players turning up for the opposition too!

This time this match takes place right here at Kingsholm on April 21 right after the match against Sale. This year's chosen charity is Winston's Wish, so local lads slugging it out for a local charity.

So, put it in your diary and try to stay on for it. Matches like these will become a thing of the past soon, so enjoy them while you can.



Gloucester

with Peter Arnold **talk**

THE ROCK



THERE have been so many announcements of comings and goings over the last weeks that the Kingsholm authorities must be thinking of fitting revolving doors, but one solid rock who isn't going anywhere is, I'm glad to say, Peter Buxton.

There was a moment during the Harlequins game which exemplified one aspect of his value to the side.

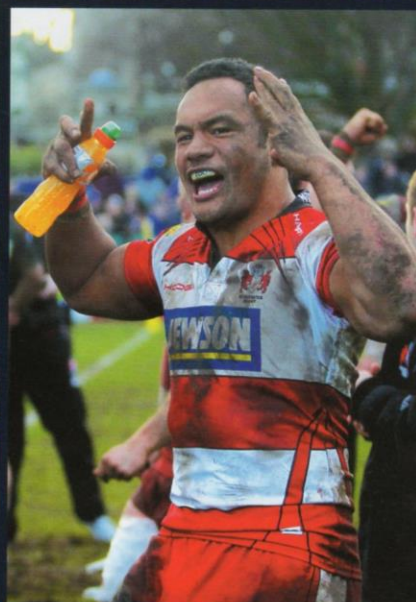
As you will remember it was a splendid, fast flowing game which was taxing all the players' stamina. When Peter Buxton came on as a replacement lock, almost immediately he went down on a hotly contested ball, cleared it out and made it available.

Our old player, Peter Richards' voice came clearly through the TV:

"Every side needs a Bucko", he proclaimed, and he never spoke a truer word.

The question of him leaving probably never arose, because I doubt whether we took him on in the first place. The workmen probably just found him when digging the foundations.

Rock on Bucko!



BATH RUGBY 11
 GLOUCESTER RUGBY 14

Aviva Premiership Rugby, The Recreation Ground, 18 February 2012, 14:30 KO

BATH RUGBY

- TRY — Biggs (10)
- PENS Barkley (55),
Heathcote (58)

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

- TRY Wood (17)
- PENS Burns (31, 40),
Mills (65)

IT was exciting but it certainly wasn't pretty. However, no-one connected with Gloucester Rugby will give a jot as they celebrated a 14-11 victory over Bath Rugby.

Wins at the Rec were as rare as hen's teeth in the first few years of professionalism, yet Gloucester have now triumphed in three of the past four meetings there.

Despite the damp conditions, this one fizzed and crackled from the off.

Accusing fingers were pointed at the very first ruck and things well and truly kicked off at the next stoppage with nearly every player involved in a brawl which resulted in yellow cards for Jim Hamilton and Ryan Caldwell.

The air horns so favoured by the supporters at the Rec were given

a good workout when Tom Biggs latched on to an impressive grubber kick from Lee Mears and skillfully controlled it for the game's opening try, but it was all Gloucester from then on.

In the mud and the rain, a massive effort was called for from the Gloucester pack and the men up front, led in particular by a supercharged Nick Wood, well and truly delivered.

Gloucester's loose head prop didn't just scrummage Anthony Perenise into oblivion, he also carried in style and made one astonishing cover tackle on Michael Claassens, immediately getting back to his feet and winning a penalty for holding on!

Wood, in fact, finished off a



break conjured up by Burns' break, Fuimaono-Sapolu's quick hands and Tindall's bullocking run to bring Gloucester back on level terms and the Cherry and Whites never looked back.

Burns added a couple of penalties to earn an 11-5 half time lead and the only concern at this point was whether Gloucester would live to regret some clear cut scoring chances that had slipped from their grasp – quite literally.

On the hour mark, those fears appeared genuine. Bath hit back with two penalties and it was all to play for

going into the final quarter.

Take a bow Ryan Mills. The young replacement for the cramp stricken Burns kept his cool on 65 minutes to steer home the penalty which ultimately turned out to be the winner.

Bath tried to hit back but, such was Gloucester's commitment in defence, the home side never really looked like breaking through.

A knock on, somewhat fittingly, brought proceeding to an end and the Rec turned into a sizeable sea of Cherry and White as the Gloucester supporters celebrated long and hard.



CHAMPAGNE MOMENT

There was a huge amount of pressure weighing on young Ryan Mills' shoulders as he lined up his 65th minute penalty. The conditions underfoot were terrible and the teams locked together at 11 points apiece. But Mills kept his cool and his kick settled the game.

KEY QUOTE

"We knew this game was going to be huge obviously away from home, for the table we needed four points today and the boys dug in well.

"I thought we were great in the first half, we created two easy opportunities which we didn't take. We had two little errors that cost us dearly at certain times in the second half time but we stuck at it." **Bryan Redpath**

BATH RUGBY

- 15 FB Sam Vesty
- 14 W Ollie Woodburn
- 13 C Matt Banahan
- 12 C Olly Barkley
- 11 W Tom Biggs
- 10 FH Tom Heathcote
- 9 SH Michael Claassens
- 1 P Nathan Catt
- 2 H Lee Mears
- 3 P Anthony Perenise
- 4 L Stuart Hooper
- 5 L **Ryan Caldwell**
- 6 F Ben Skirving
- 7 F Francois Louw (c)
- 8 N8 Simon Taylor

Replacements

- 16 H Ross Batty
- 17 P Charlie Beech
- 18 Duncan Bell
- 19 N8 Guy Mercer
- 20 Josh Ovens
- 21 Chris Cook
- 22 C Matt Carraro
- 23 Jack Cuthbert

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

- 15 FB Jonny May
- 14 W Charlie Sharples
- 13 C Mike Tindall (c)
- 12 C Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu
- 11 W James Simpson-Daniel
- 10 FH Freddie Burns
- 9 SH Rory Lawson
- 1 P Nick Wood
- 2 H Scott Lawson
- 3 P Rupert Harden
- 4 L **Jim Hamilton**
- 5 L Alex Brown
- 6 F Tom Savage
- 7 F Akapusi Qera
- 8 N8 Matt Cox

Replacements

- 16 H Darren Dawidiuk
- 17 Dan Murphy
- 18 P Shaun Knight
- 19 Will James
- 20 F Peter Buxton
- 21 Dave Lewis
- 22 FH Ryan Mills
- 23 Tom Voyce



GLOUCESTER RUGBY 29
 HARLEQUINS 23

Aviva Premiership Rugby, Kingsholm, 25 February 2012, 18:00 KO

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

TRIES Sharples (9),
 May (24),
 Qera (57)

CON Burns (10)

PENS Burns (1, 34, 40, 49)

HARLEQUINS

TRIES Chisholm (37, 79)

CONS Evans (38, 80)

PENS Evans (13, 19, 46)

WHEN two teams approach a game with a desire to play expansive rugby, and the conditions permit them to do so, a superb spectacle can follow.

And this was certainly the case at Kingsholm when Gloucester took on Harlequins in a high tempo encounter which was played at an exhausting pace.

Ambition was shown from the very first minute when the visitors ran the ball out of their own 22 to the very final play when Quins, to their credit, scored a long range try to secure a losing bonus point.

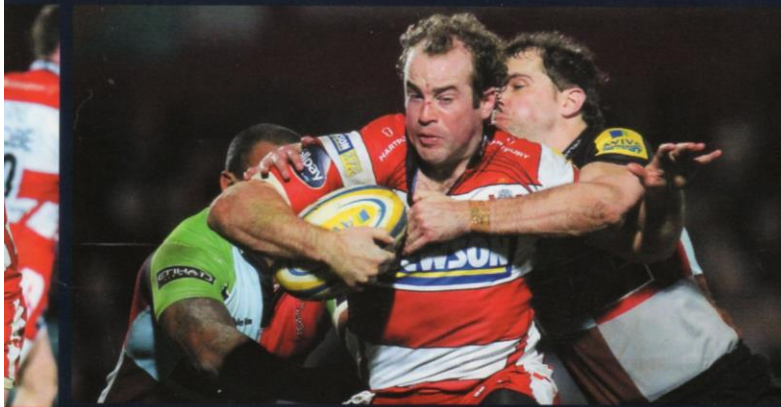
What took place in between was Aviva Premiership rugby of the very highest order.

Gloucester had already tasted defeat at the hands of Harlequins three times this season but showed no signs of any mental scars as they forced the pace as soon as they laid hands on the ball.

The Gloucester pack were in abrasive form, scrummaging powerfully and tackling anything that moved in attack.

The possession that they supplied was like manna from heaven for the backs. Freddie Burns showed his eye for a gap on more than one occasion but also distributed well to give his outside backs plenty of time and space in which to work.

And the back three were simply devastating. Simpson-Daniel was in inspired form while the pace



of Sharples and May sent shivers of anticipation around Kingsholm every time they touched the ball.

Quins had weapons of their own, however. Nick Evans demonstrated why he is considered one of the very top players in the whole Aviva Premiership and Ugo Monye was a handful throughout.

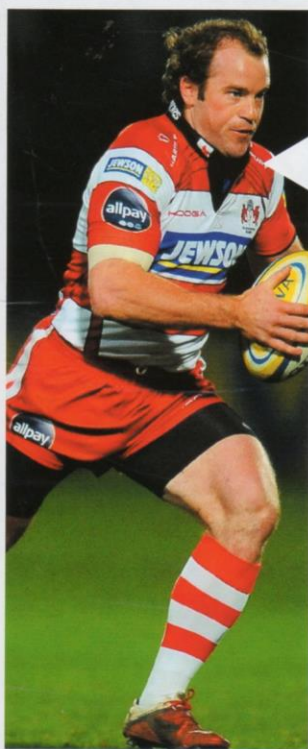
When the visitors were able to unleash their high tempo, offloading game they were a very difficult side to slow down.

Gloucester just had the edge

though. Simpson-Daniel's sleight of hand put Charlie Sharples in for an early try and Jonny May followed up with a superb individual effort.

The boot of Evans kept Quins in touch with his goalkicking and also conjured up a fine score for Ross Chisholm with a neatly weighted grubber kick.

Akapusi Qera finished off a fine move to just about seal the win for the Cherry and Whites although Quins had the final word through Chisholm's fine solo effort.



CHAMPAGNE MOMENT

Jonny May's superb try has attracted massive attention and rightly so. But, let's buck the trend!

The dummy that James Simpson-Daniel threw to freeze a number of Quins defenders and create space for Charlie Sharples on the outside was simply sublime and worth the admission fee on its own.

KEY QUOTE

"There has been a lot of criticism about the Premiership and, in parts, rightly so, over the past months but tonight was good. It was a great advert for the Premiership and excites the crowd.

James Simpson-Daniel was exceptional. He did hardly anything wrong in the whole game and when you talk about the young kids and what people do and don't do well, you will see that James has a high percentage of things that go well. That comes with experience." *Bryan Redpath*

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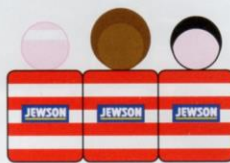
HARLEQUINS

- 15 FB Ross Chisholm
- 14 W Tom Williams
- 13 C George Lowe
- 12 C Jordan Turner-Hall
- 11 W Ugo Monye
- 10 FH Nick Evans
- 9 SH Karl Dickson
- 1 P Joe Marler
- 2 H Joe Gray
- 3 P James Johnston
- 4 L Ollie Kohn
- 5 L Tomas Vallejos Cinalli
- 6 F Tom Guest
- 7 F Will Skinner
- 8 N8 Nick Easter (c)

Replacements

- 16 H Chris Brooker
- 17 P Mark Lambert
- 18 P Tim Fairbrother
- 19 L Pete Browne
- 20 F Luke Wallace
- 21 SH Danny Care
- 22 Rory Clegg
- 23 C Matt Hopper

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**EXETER
CHIEFS**

15 JONNY MAY	15 PHIL DOLLMAN
14 CHARLIE SHARPLES	14 GONZALO CAMACHO
13 MIKE TINDALL	13 BRYAN RENNIE
12 ELIOTA FUJIMAONO-SAPOLU	12 JASON SHOEMARK
11 JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL	11 MATT JESS
10 FREDDIE BURNS	10 IGNACIO MIERES
09 DAVE LEWIS	09 HAYDN THOMAS
01 DAN MURPHY	01 HOANI TUI
02 SCOTT LAWSON	02 NEIL CLARK
03 RUPERT HARDEN	03 CRAIG MITCHELL
04 JIM HAMILTON	04 TOM HAYES (C)
05 ALEX BROWN	05 PETER SHORT
06 MATT COX	06 TOM JOHNSON
07 AKAPUSI QERA	07 JAMES SCAYSBROOK
08 LUKE NARRAWAY (C)	08 RICHARD BAXTER
16 DARREN DAWIDIUK	16 CHRIS WHITEHEAD
17 YANN THOMAS	17 BEN MOON
18 SHAUN KNIGHT	18 CHRIS BUDGEN
19 TOM SAVAGE	19 ALY MULDOWNY
20 PETER BUXTON	20 JAMES PHILLIPS
21 NICK RUNCIMAN	21 KEVIN BARRETT
22 TIM TAYLOR	22 GARETH STEENSON
23 TIM MOLENAAR	23 NIC SESTARET

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REFEREE: Greg Garner
ASST REFS: Robin Goodliffe and Don Helme

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