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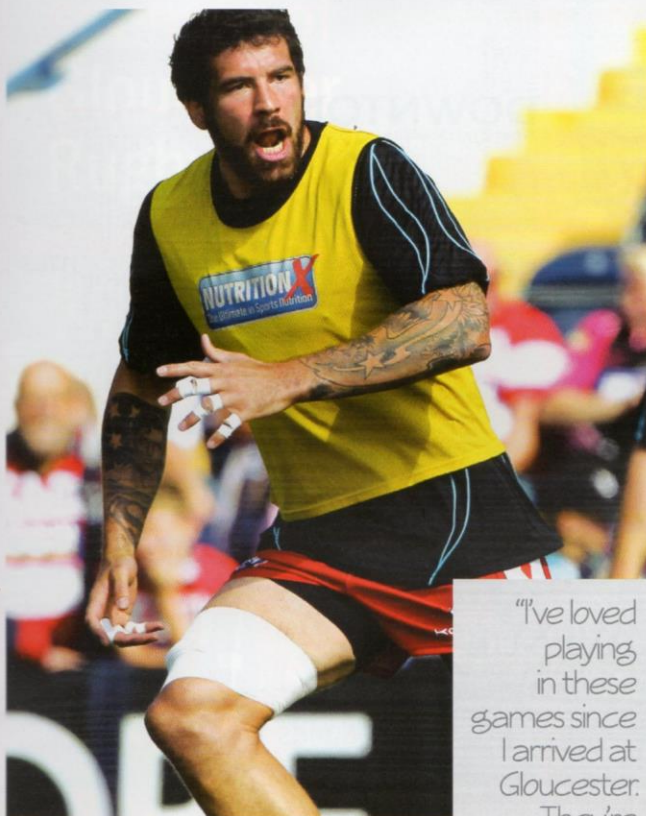
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Jim Hamilton



A S I sit down to write these programme notes, I can reflect upon what has been a good couple of weeks for Gloucester Rugby.

We're now five games in to the Aviva Premiership season and we're currently in fifth place in the table with three wins and a draw from those matches.

It isn't a bad return to date but there's no danger of any complacency creeping in.

All five of those games were settled by a margin of less than 10 points which goes to show just how competitive the Premiership is.

What is positive though, is the way that we've been tested in all of those matches and the way we've responded to those

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challenges. We've been put under real pressure at times, but we've hung in there and fought our way through.

That is one good thing about this group of players – the fact that, as a unit, we work hard for one another with the team being put ahead of the individual.

That was the case in both of the last two wins. Wasps pushed us really hard after we'd got off to a really good start and we had to dig deep to close out the win.

And, last weekend at London Welsh was just as tough. In fact, in many ways, the Premiership newcomers gave us even more of a game, and we actually had to come from behind to leave the Kassam Stadium with the points.

When we trailed with about 15 minutes to go, London Welsh had their tails up and it would have been so easy for the game to slip away from us.

But the key moment was when we put our bodies on the line to keep them from scoring a second try. Shortly after that, we counter attacked and Shaun Knight scored the crucial try.

What we've learned from all the games so far is that we need to deliver a more complete match performance. We need to ensure that we don't lose our way at all as matches progress. Otherwise, the opposition will punish us.

We're still developing as a team and I honestly believe that we haven't got anywhere near our potential just yet. But we are moving in the right direction and that's encouraging.

And we will certainly need to be at our best this afternoon in what is sure to be a passionate West Country derby against Bath.

I've loved playing in these games since I arrived at Gloucester. They're one of the highlights of the season for me.

It's important to get a result today to keep us moving in the right direction and, just as importantly, to give our supporters local bragging rights for a few months more!

Enjoy the game!



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COACH'S

Notes

Director of Rugby, Nigel Davies

TODAY'S match has no doubt been eagerly awaited by both sets of supporters and players and, for me, it will be my first experience of the fierce rivalry that exists between two great English rugby clubs with heritage and tradition - Gloucester and Bath.

As a Welshman, I can fully understand the passion and meaning behind big derby games and the history that exists between the two clubs over many years.

My experiences of the Scarlets vs Ospreys games over decades are etched in my mind, and I am fully aware that form and normal rules do not apply at these contests!

I have no doubt at all that both sets

building on the previous performances and maintaining our continued growth and development as a team - to ensure we challenge for domestic honours.

It also marks the end of our first phase of rugby before we break from the league and enter European rugby.

Therefore it is vitally important that we sign off this phase in a good position. Overall, it has been a very productive period and the team continues to develop with a game that has been underpinned by our resilience.

Gloucester and Bath are in a very similar position in that we are both teams in transition with new coaches, structures and patterns of play and, to some extent, both settling and coming to terms with new eras. So, it will be interesting to see today which team is adapting the quickest and the best.

Bath possess a lot of talent and potential within their team and it will be interesting to see what they bring to Kingsholm. What we can control is our own performance on our home soil and, with another capacity home crowd, I am sure it will be something of a daunting prospect for our visitors.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to our fantastic traveling support who again showed up in great numbers and voice at the Kassam Stadium on Sunday.

Our supporters, home and away, are truly inspirational and last weekend's crowd had a very positive effect on our performance - as they have at all our away games.

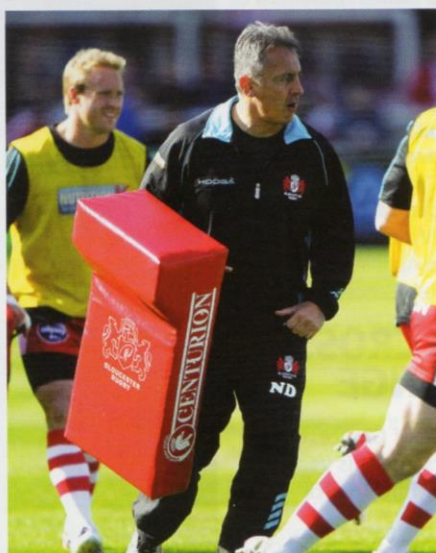
As I told Jim Hamilton before the kick off, "This is not an away game Jim!"

Your support has definitely been a factor in our away success so far this season and has really inspired the players to be resilient, determined and driven.

One thing we can assure you all of today, is that this group of players will want to reward our supporters, and be giving their absolute all to the cause today and playing with no fear.

Nigel

The squad are preparing for a passionate game this afternoon



of players will be hungry to deliver a big performance for their respective supporters. Some of them may well have relations, friends or colleagues who support the opposite team, which only adds to the sense of occasion.

There is no doubting the highly competitive nature of today's rugby fixture. From our perspective, this game is about



NEVER DOUBT OUR ABILITY

Nick Purewal's

View from **The Citizen**

"We always love taking on Bath, it's a massive deal, but we won't get carried away with it – we've got a job to do and we've got to be pretty pragmatic to get a result."

When Freddie Burns floated out a pass to James Simpson-Daniel at London Welsh on Sunday, he never doubted Gloucester's ability to steal victory.

The Cherry and Whites had surrendered a solid lead at Welsh last weekend, slipping from 18-9 ahead to trail 25-21 in the Premiership clash's final quarter.

But the Kingsholm men showed all their resilience once again, tighthead prop Shaun Knight capping a fine Burns and Simpson-Daniel break with the winning try.

Fly-half Burns might be frustrated with Gloucester's inability to sustain top level rugby across the duration of a contest – but he is delighted by the side's self-belief.

The 22-year-old explained:

"We were a bit on edge in that second half, but we'll never lose our belief to try things like that break at the end, when it's on.

"You just know when there's space and Sinbad's outside you, that he'll take the chance. And it's the same with everyone, across the board.

"That belief stays there, and allows us to do things like that.

"It was a great show and go from Knighter too, and that was a great finish – not bad for

a prop from Matson!

"It just shows the belief and the skills we have, and it's just sticking with that for 80 minutes and not going into our shells.

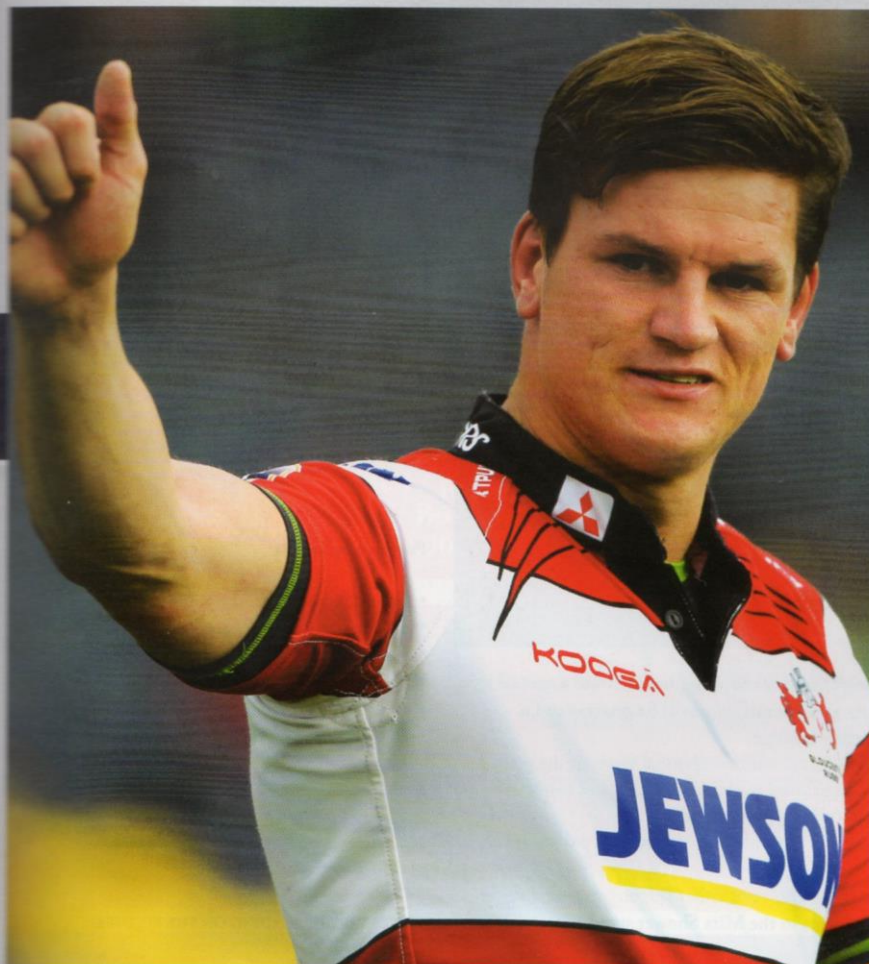
"We made tough work of it at the end, credit to Welsh for forcing their way back



■ vs London Welsh

into it, but it says a lot about us that we were able to get over the line.

"We lost our way a bit in that second half,



Freddie Burns thanks the Gloucester fans

but to grind out the victory was important."

Sat solidly in mid-table in the embryonic Premiership standings, Burns said Gloucester are yet to hit top form – and will need to do so to see off rivals Bath today.

Gloucester boast four straight West Country derby wins, covering the last two campaigns – but Burns said the Cherry and Whites will need to raise their level to grab another victory this afternoon.

He continued:

"When it comes to this game everything goes out of the window. You can forget form completely, this is something else. The rivalry is massive and bigger than simply the clubs.

"Growing up in Bath and now seeing it from the other side as well, it's a huge deal to both clubs.

"We're all definitely switched on to the bragging rights for the fans, and we'll certainly do everything we can to continue our run against Bath.

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"It's always an exciting week that ends in a great match. But to win we're going to need to raise our performance levels again.

"We've got to put together a performance to rival the first quarter against London Welsh – but for the whole match – to be able to beat Bath.

"We let our game management slip but we got back into it in the final closing stages.

"To start the year unbeaten away, during preseason if you had offered us this situation at this point now, we'd have bitten your arm off.

"It's good to be where we are, but we're still not performing the way we want for 80 minutes.

"We can build on things, though, especially that first half.

"We always love taking on Bath, it's a massive deal, but we won't get carried away with it – we've got a job to do and we've got to be pretty pragmatic to get a result."

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BATH - OUR OLDEST OPPONENTS

Bath pre-dates Gloucester as a club, founded in 1865 by members of Lansdown Cricket Club "for something to do in the winter".

The club was nomadic for almost 30 years, until a lease was taken out to play sport on the "Rec", where Bath played their first game in 1894.

Of the current Premiership clubs, Bath are our oldest opponents. The clubs first met on 2nd December 1882 at the Spa, Gloucester. Gloucester won by three goals and three tries to nil.

Leading the way was George Coates with a hat trick of tries. A labourer at the Wagon Works, George was the first manual worker to play for Gloucester, and in this, his first season at the Club, he was the leading try scorer with 11 tries from 11 games.

Jimmy Boughton (captain), G J Dewey, and H B Sloman also scored tries, and conversions were kicked by Boughton, H V Jones and H J Berry.

Two weeks later, a return match was played at Bath, in heavy rain, and it was dark before it ended.

Gloucester won again, this time by one goal and two tries to one try. Jimmy Boughton scored two tries and George Coates one.

Gloucester went through this 1882-83 season unbeaten, the only time this has been achieved in the Club's history, and the team became known as "The Invincibles".

The following season, Gloucester travelled to Bath early in the season and won by the massive margin of 5 goals and 12 tries to nil.

The Citizen simply reported that "Bath had not a ghost of a chance". Back at the Spa for the return match, Gloucester managed a mere



George Coates and Jimmy Boughton



2 goals and 6 tries, with Coates scoring 5 of them.

The best season statistically in Bath's history was 1885-86, when they won 17, drew 2 and lost 1. It would have been so much better without Gloucester.



Roy James, the Gloucester wing runs in a try against Bath at Kingsholm in 1928; Gloucester won 6-0.

Bath's only defeat was by 3 goals to nil at the Spa – their nemesis, George Coates scoring two tries. Later in the season, Gloucester came away from Bath with a draw, one try each (you guessed it - Coates again).

For many years it was not a question of

whether Gloucester would win against Bath, but by how much.

Bath first savoured victory 9-6 in 1922, the 46th game between the clubs, but they had to wait until 1938 to record their first success at Gloucester (a 5-3 win on their 39th visit).

After WW2, the fixture became more competitive, but even so in 1947-48, when Bath were enjoying a very successful season, Gloucester went down there and came back with a 14-8 victory (both tries by Ken Daniell), and later in the season won 15-0 at Kingsholm.

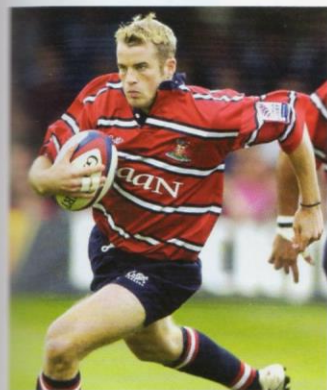
SERIES RECORDS

Today's game is the 219th between the clubs. Gloucester have won 130 and lost 67, with 21 drawn. Since 1889, when the universal scoring system was adopted, Gloucester have scored 2,855 points against Bath's 2,166.

Gloucester's biggest win was 68-12 on 4th May 2002 in a league game at Kingsholm.

Gloucester were in the runners-up spot in the Premiership but had unexpectedly lost the Parker Pen semi-final by one point to Sale the previous week. Someone was going to suffer – and it was Bath, who had been struggling all season.

James Simpson-Daniel (3), Terry Fanolua (2),



Junior Paramore, Robert Todd, Patrice Collazo and Henry Paul scored tries, and Ludovic Mercier kicked 7 conversions, 2 penalties and a drop goal.

Bath's biggest win was 71-21 in a league game at the Rec on 30th April 1997

Results for the first 20 years of league matches went very much in favour of Bath, but Gloucester are on a bit of a roll in recent years, having won eight of the last nine league games.

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Tim Smith & Paul Holford



MEMORABLE MATCHES

**10th April 1996: Courage League
at Kingsholm
Gloucester 16 Bath 10**

Gloucester had suffered a very bad league season, losing nine of their first ten games, and relegation was a serious possibility.

Richard Hill took over as Director of Rugby in mid-season, and things improved, but the situation was still perilous when Bath arrived on a Wednesday evening.

Gloucester played out of their skins to beat the eventual league champions. Paul Holford scored a try; Tim Smith converted and kicked three penalties.

**13th September 2008: Guinness Premiership
at The Rec
Bath 17 Gloucester 21**

Gloucester had lost their first league game 20-8 at home to Leicester. Now they had to face Bath at the Rec where they had not won since the formation of the leagues in 1987-88.

They won – and the key factors in their first victory were the outstanding form of Olly Morgan and the contributions of Willie Walker, Olivier Azam and Andy Hazell who had all been on the bench for the Leicester game. Willie Walker and Luke Narryway scored Gloucester's tries and Walker kicked 11 points.

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Billy Twelvetrees

SKILLS *to pay the* BILLS

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It's often said that it's useful to have something to fall back on in case your first career choice doesn't quite work out.

In the case of Billy Twelvetrees though, he literally had backs as a back up option, as a career in osteopathy beckoned for him at one point.

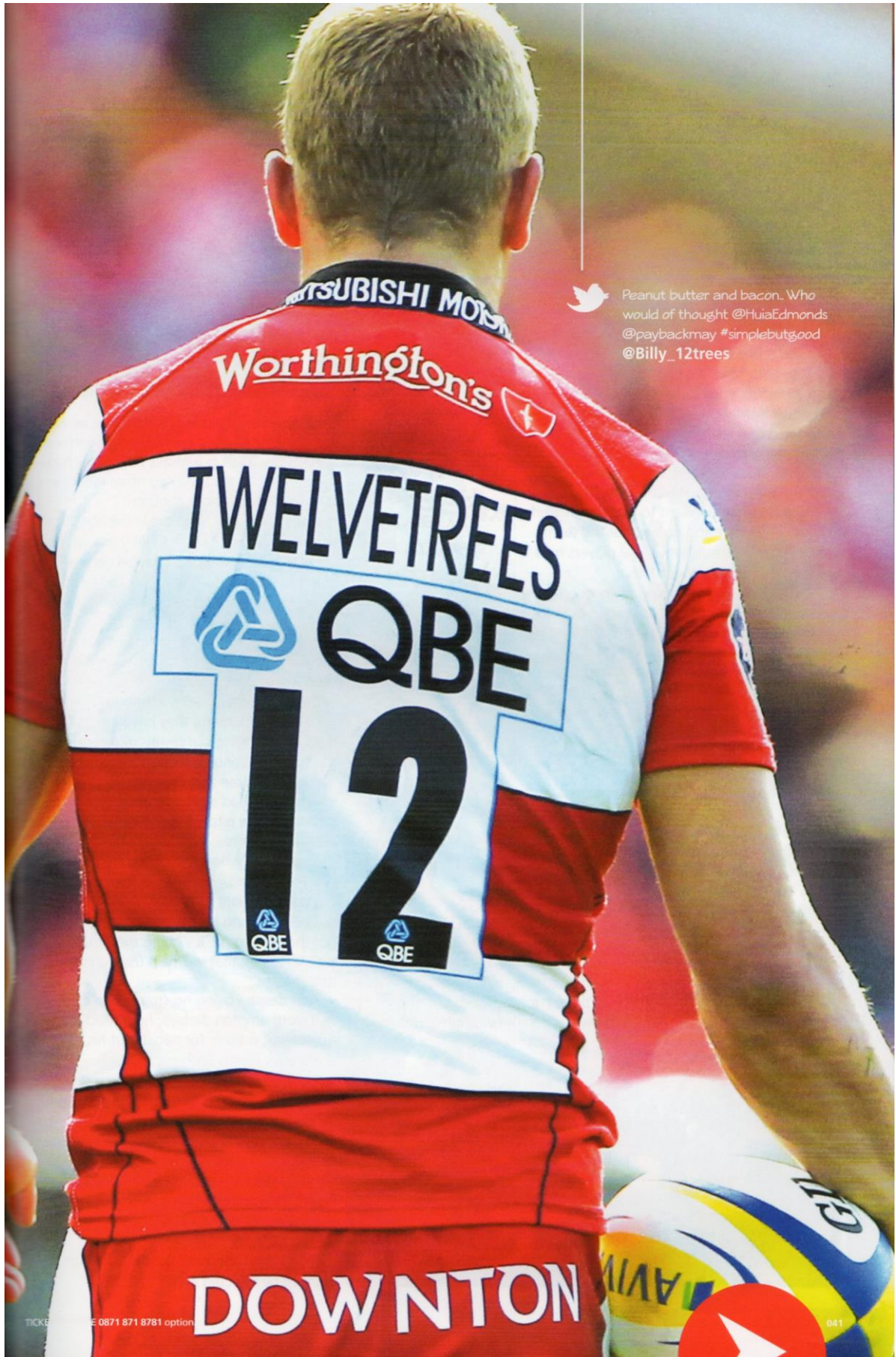
"It was originally what I wanted to do after I got released by the Leicester Academy. I spent a year at Bedford and, during that time, I got accepted into the London School of Osteopathy.

"So that was a career I was interested in when I was about 19 and, had the rugby not worked out, that was what I would have liked to do. But, luckily for me, the rugby started to work out for me when I was at Bedford and here I am.

"But it does help give you a different focus in life. Rugby is full of ups and down, that's the nature of it. When you win, it's great, but defeat can get you down.

"So anything away from the game that keeps you mentally fresh is good and I think that having explored another career option makes me appreciate the rugby that little bit more."

Life can be about making the most of second chances and, after the initial setback with the Tigers, Twelvetrees appreciates the spell at Bedford that reinvigorated his rugby career.



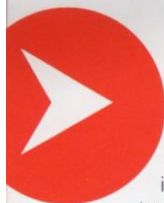
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"I think just playing thirty odd games down there really helped. I think it's underestimated sometimes just how important game time is for younger guys.

"It really helps. You get thrown in at the deep end, getting stuck into senior men's rugby. The game is more physical, you get used to travelling up and down the country to play games and putting different game plans into place.

"It really helped me and was great for my development. Mike Rayer and Nick Walshe were a big influence for me at that point."

Following the spell at Bedford, Twelvetrees' Leicester career really took off and England Saxons recognition duly followed. Now the Chichester born centre is looking to develop his game even more here at Gloucester.

"Fingers crossed! I want to establish myself here at Gloucester and do well for the team. We've got some really influential players here and a young, exciting back line.

"There could be something really good on the horizon, but we've got to work hard and get the basics right first if we're to achieve our potential.

"I want to do my bit and to be part of a team that does well. We want to be top four, we want to be pushing for silverware and just getting better every week."

Leaving Welford Road obviously wasn't an easy decision to make but Twelvetrees admits that several factors persuaded him to make the move to Gloucester.

"I looked at the club as a whole. It's a famous club with a really rich heritage, a traditional rugby club in a traditional rugby city.

"It was important for me to come to a club with a great support and great traditions so it was an easy decision in a way. And when I



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▼ Billy has become a favourite with the Gloucester faithful

considered the calibre of player here as well, I just thought it was a really good opportunity.

Having linked up with his new team mates, the preseason head shaving ritual must have come as a nasty shock though?

(Laughs) "To be fair, I did know about that before signing so I knew what was coming. Eight pints of milk in 20 minutes was never going to happen so it was over to my good friend Henry (Trinder) to shave it all off and it's only just starting to grow back.

"My girlfriend wants me to grow it back but the boys are trying to persuade me to keep it short. We'll see!"

But, in all seriousness, although Gloucester are a new look team, they have been working hard and dogging out results in recent weeks?

"The confidence is high in the group. We've won three and drawn one out of five which isn't a bad start. We are a new group, on and off the pitch, but the belief and positivity is there.

"We know where we're going. Personally, I think it's going well. I've been happy with the way the team has come together. We've not been scoring bonus points every week but that will come. It's doing the simple things well first of all that will help us become a better team."

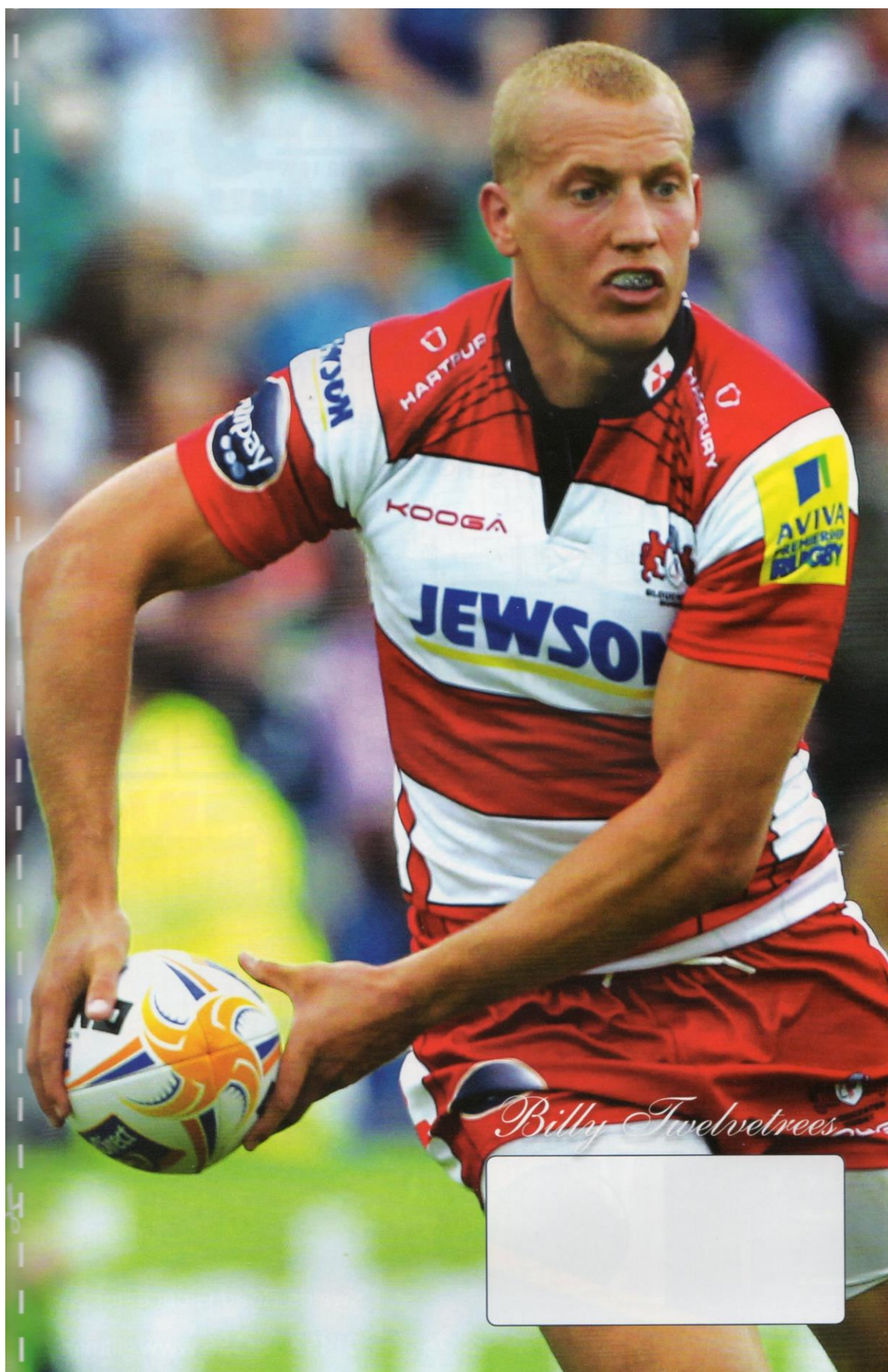
And despite being no stranger to Leicester and Northampton derbies, how much excitement is there for him about his first Gloucester versus Bath encounter?

"Incredibly excited. The boys have been talking about it and looking forward to it for weeks. We've got a few Gloucester born and bred players here and you can't help but get caught up in how they feel about it.

"It's one of those games that you always want to play in as a player. It stands out on the fixture list and it's at Kingsholm which will be extra special.

"I'm looking forward to it but, first of all, I want to be selected for it!"





Billy Twelvetrees

Kingsholm News

with Bob Fenton

"...I reckon if Sinbad was any other nationality his list of international honours would stretch on for miles."

I can't be alone in thinking the world has gone just a little bit weird of late... I mean, three away games and no defeats?

When was the last time that happened to us? I'm sure there is a statto somewhere who can enlighten me, but frankly I find life is too short for statistics so let's just enjoy it while it lasts.

Courtesy of flogging halfway round the country to take number two son back to his Uni, I missed the trip to the Kassam Stadium last Sunday. Not to worry I thought, I can join the mass of people who listen to their rugby on Radio Gloucestershire.

Even though I was in possibly the noisiest rental van ever to take to the motorways – and one fitted with the most horribly over-complicated radio known to man – I managed to find Radio Gloucestershire on the FM channel and looked forward to hearing the second half at least as I should have been back within range by then.

If only life was that simple. When I got past Membury Services and flicked on the radio instead of the rugby I found I was listening to someone banging on about something that happened in Swindon... Swindon – yes really!

Apparently something exciting happened there – and I'm not talking about Jim Hamilton being born a few years back. Something more recent than that, so two exciting things to come out of Swindon??? Whatever it was, it

wasn't anything to do with the rugby... Talk about frustrating!

Frantic attempts at retuning to the medium wave station were fruitless and nearly resulted in me falling off the A419 at one point. Eventually I managed to get a signal though – in the petrol station at Sainsbury's in Barnwood. Just after Shaun Knight scored... I got to listen to the final five minutes camped on Barnett Way.

I find listening to the radio really stressful – I find six point leads even more stressful than that. Too many times have we been undone by a late, late try and a kick from a seemingly impossible angle following to snatch the win away from us.

Happily though, this Gloucester side clearly has a bit more grit of late and we are not giving these games away in the last few minutes. If that is the one thing that changes this season it'll be a major plus.

We lost more than a handful of games last term to late scores, if we stop that then our position in the table is going to look a heck of a lot better come May next year.

It was also great to hear the local – or not so local – support for the home team completely drowned out by the voices of the travelling Gloucester faithful as they fought off repeated late attacks from the home side to take the four points.

But today then – the big one, the derby game that everyone looks for on the fixture sheet at

the start of the season - Bath... The team all of Gloucester loves to... well hate is a horrible word so I won't say that, it has no place in sport... Loves to beat – how about that?

And I'll tell you what, we've become quite good at doing just that of late (fingers crossed that my keyboard has not just delivered a kiss of death) and you have to go back to December 2009 to find their last win over us in the league.

It seems eons ago that going to, or getting a visit from, the men from the wrong end of the A46 resulted in almost inevitable defeat. Long gone are the days when Gloucester's favourite son, Mike Teague, traded on the story that he kept a Bath jersey in his builders van to clean his boots after work... Now the balance is much better

You could be forgiven for thinking that the rivalry that exists between the clubs would have dulled, and that with the host of players from all over the country – and indeed the world – that have trotted out at both clubs it would have fizzled away to nothing.

Sinbad doing what he does best... scoring against Bath



That's clearly not the case though as Dimitri Yachvili proved a season or so ago when he celebrated his Biarritz side beating Bath in the Heineken Cup.

He celebrated like a local and said how much he still enjoyed a win over them. How does it go – you can take the boy out of Gloucester, but you can't take Gloucester out of the boy!

Of course it's ten years ago this year since we racked up that huge 68 – 12 victory over our not so nearest and definitely not so dearest neighbours. We smashed in nine tries on that day – look at the names on the scoresheet – Junior Paramour, his cousin Tezza with a brace, Robert Todd, Henry Paul and Patrice Collazo all crossing.

Pride of place on that day – and the only survivor from that team still plying his trade here at Kingsholm – must go to the peerless James Simpson-Daniel who scurried over the line on three occasions.

I recall Coleser's writing a piece about him around that time in the late and lamented Shedhead fanzine referring to him as 'The Young Prince'.

Every pundit worth his salt knows that the coronation of the said Prince is long overdue. Everyone knows he has been about the best and most consistent winger in the country – yet the fact that his tally of international caps is behind the likes of – well too many to mention – is a travesty.

Opposition coaches must look at our international team sheet and laugh – I reckon if Sinbad was any other nationality his list of international honours would stretch on for miles. England's loss has been very much Gloucester's gain – but it's really not fair, is it?

Can Sinbad do it again today – run in three tries against Bath? I wouldn't bet too much against it!

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GETTING ON A BIT

Let's get this over right away. You may well be aware by now that, since we were last gathered together in the search for mutual truth and purpose, I have attained my 80th birthday.

It's all Martin Kirby's fault. My old friend, sparring partner and midget saw fit to blow the gaff well and truly in his Citizen column. In fact, I've had birthday cards from both his readers.

You would be perfectly entitled to ask what on earth all this has to do with rugby, a subject Martin knows about as much about as he does about Chinese metaphysics! To

"...I shouted for Quins that day on the grounds that they had prettier shirts than Gloucester."

which I can only reply that I've watched an awful lot of the noble game in my time, most of it right here at Kingsholm.

My first visit to Castle Grim, brought along by my father and grandfather, was to see Gloucester take on Harlequins. My father never tired of reminding me that I shouted for Quins that day on the grounds that they had prettier shirts than Gloucester.

But enough of all this. Joking apart, I must thank Martin Kirby for the very nice things he said about me. I will now give up insulting him. Until next time.

TWO TO SAVOUR

It's been a good couple of weeks to be a Gloucester supporter. First of all, we saw off Wasps, right here at Kingsholm, then last week we dug deep to beat London Welsh at the Kassam Stadium. Both wins were particularly satisfactory though for very different reasons.

It was good to put one across Wasps because, in recent years they have acquired a nasty habit of beating us on our own bailiwick, and of nicking the game in the last few minutes when it should have been a home win.

It could have been the same this time, but some obdurate Gloucester defence kept the line intact.

But Gloucester-Wasps games have always thrown up moments to savour. Many people will recall the incident when Sinbad ran around Lawrence Dallaglio as if he were Robert Raikes's statue in the Park.



▲ Which way will he go next?

As one journalist pronounced - "Simpson went one way and Daniel the other." It was, indeed a great piece of rugby, but people tend to forget that Wasps actually won that match. Typical of the pesky little buzzers from High Wycombe

WELSH RAREBIT



It was, indeed, a bit rare. We haven't had an opportunity to square off against London Welsh in yonks, so it is good to see them back on the fixture list after all these years.

Older supporters will be well aware that the Welsh Exiles provided us with one of our most iconic victories ever.

It was in the very first season of Cup rugby, when the competition was called the Rugby Football Union Challenge Cup. London Welsh were the runaway favourites to take the trophy.

That wasn't surprising because Welsh had hardly lost a game in years, and certainly not to an English side.

I don't quite remember how many British Lions they had in their side. But it was seven or eight, including the Lions captain, John Dawes.

His side had just toured New Zealand and won. Hardly anyone gave Gloucester a light when we were drawn away to them in the quarter finals.

But the unthinkable happened and we did win, much to the displeasure of Mr Dawes, who claimed bitterly that Gloucester hadn't played proper rugby in that we'd hardly let the ball go past the outside half.

Well, of course we hadn't. There was no

"...signed, sealed and delivered by Shaun Knight, who demonstrated that unusual phenomenon, a dummy sold by a prop forward.

way we were going to take on their star-studded backs when our strength lay in a magnificent pack of forwards.

The proof of that particular pudding came when the amiable Mike Potter at No.8 wandered over for the winning try. We then went on to win the Cup by beating Moseley in the Final.

After that London Welsh went into decline. Their stars retired or went back to the Land of their Fathers, and their glory years had passed. It was quite a spectacular decline. This was noted by the media when their historic old ground, Old Deer Park, became known as "Oh dear! Park"

Still, they're back now, with a couple of notable scalps to their name, and Gloucester looked as if they might become another.

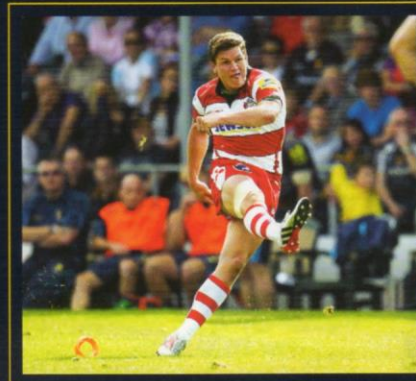
However, they were outdone by a peach of a try, initiated by a piece of Sinbad long range magic, carried on by the deft Henry Trinder, and signed, sealed and delivered by Shaun Knight, who demonstrated that unusual phenomenon, a dummy sold by a prop forward.

For my money, it was the try of the season so far. But I've no doubt there will be others.

And don't make any mistake: London Welsh are not going to be easy to beat on their own ground.

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WORCESTER WARRIORS 16 GLOUCESTER RUGBY 16



WORCESTER WARRIORS POINTS SCORERS



TRY: Currie (69)
CON: Carlisle (70)
PENS: Goode (13, 79), Carlisle (41)

GLOUCESTER RUGBY POINTS SCORERS



TRY: Trinder (63)
CON: Burns (64)
PENS: Twelvrees (2, 21), Burns (80)



After the game, Nigel Davies described it as the 'game of no halves' and Gloucester's Director of Rugby wasn't far wrong to be honest.

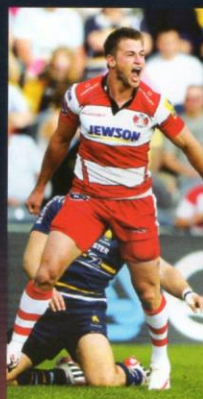
Gloucester have found the short trip to Sixways a tricky one in recent times, and this game proved to be no different as the Cherry and Whites were indebted to a last gasp penalty from Freddie Burns to snatch a 16-16 draw.

There was obvious relief at the final whistle as Burns' kick secured two points, but also a sense of frustration as Gloucester had led 13-6 with just over ten minutes remaining.

Truth be told, a draw was probably a fair result in the final reckoning as neither side had really been able to take an iron grip on the game.

Try scoring chances were few and far

15TH SEPTEMBER 2012, 13:30 KO
SIXWAYS
AVIVA PREMIERSHIP: ROUND 3



Henry Trinder's try was the stand out moment in an attacking sense. Exploiting some space down the blindside, debutant Shane Monahan made good ground down the right before perfectly timing his inside pass to Henry Trinder who outpaced the final defender to score.

between. Worcester were denied by a couple of superb last ditch tackles by Jonny May and James Simpson-Daniel.

At the other end, Simpson-Daniel couldn't gather a low pass from scrum half Dan Robson with the try line beckoning.

The respective goal kickers were successful with two penalties each but other attempts slid wide of the uprights, and it looked as though that was going to be as good as it got.

With that in mind, Henry Trinder's try looked as though it would be a decisive one as a fine counter attack broke the deadlock and left the home side chasing the game.

Frustratingly, the lead lasted a mere six minutes as the Warriors launched a backs move from a set scrum which saw Josh Drauniniu make good ground down the right, setting up the close range position from which prop James Currie powered over.

Andy Goode then nudged Worcester in front with a last minute penalty and it looked as though the Warriors had snatched an unlikely late win.

However, the Gloucester pack produced a massive last ditch scrummage to force a penalty and set the scene for Burns to have the final word.

Nigel Davies

Director of Rugby

"It wasn't the greatest game of rugby that has ever been played, but from our perspective it was really important we came here and got something out of the game."

"A draw was probably a fair result, but I was happy with our resilience and never-say-die attitude and I was also pleased with how we kept our composure in the last play of the game."

WORCESTER WARRIORS



#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Chris Pennell
14	W	Nikki Walker
13	C	Alex Grove
12	C	Joe Carlisle
11	W	David Lemi
10	FH	Andy Goode
9	SH	Shaun Perry
1	P	Matt Mullan
2	H	Aleki Lutui
3	P	John Andress
4	L	James Percival
5	L	Dean Schofield (C)
6	F	Chris Jones
7	F	Sam Betty
8	N8	Matt Kvesic
16	H	Ollie Hayes
17	P	Ceri Jones
18	P	James Currie
19	L	Craig Gillies
20	N8	Semisi Taulava
21	SH	Jonny Arr
22	C	Josh Matavesi
23	W	Josh Drauniniu

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

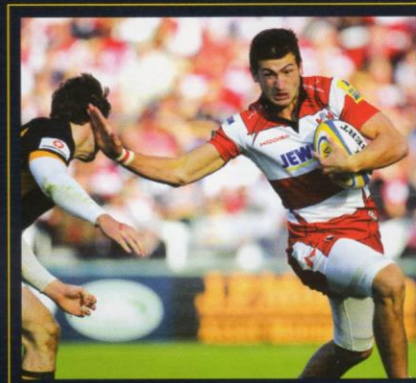
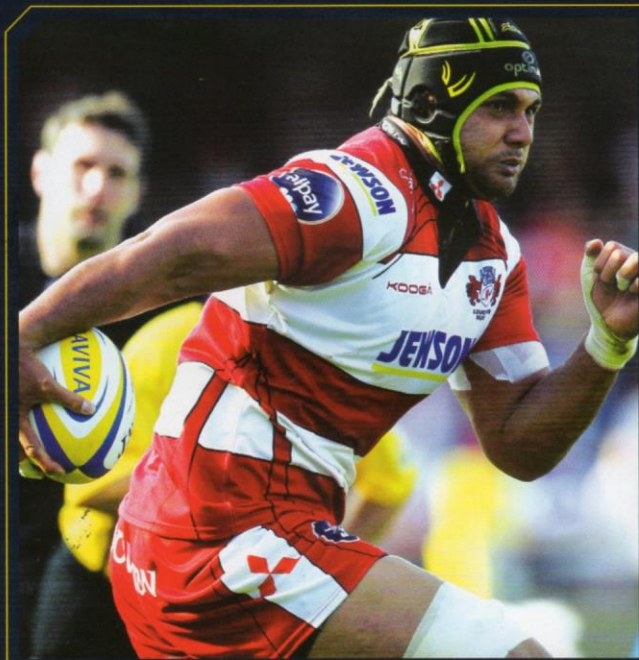


#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Jonny May
14	W	Shane Monahan
13	C	Henry Trinder
12	C	Mike Tindall
11	W	James Simpson-Daniel
10	FH	Billy Twelvetrees
9	SH	Dan Robson
1	P	Nick Wood
2	H	Huia Edmonds
3	P	Rupert Harden
4	L	Will James
5	L	Jim Hamilton (C)
6	F	Tom Savage
7	F	Andy Hazell
8	N8	Ben Morgan
16	H	Darren Dawidiuk
17	P	Dan Murphy
18	P	Shaun Knight
19	L	Sione Kalamafoni
20	F	Akapusi Qera
21	SH	Dave Lewis
22	C	Freddie Burns
23	W	Rob Cook

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GLOUCESTER RUGBY LONDON WASPS

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GLOUCESTER RUGBY POINTS SCORERS



TRIES: Simpson-Daniel (22), Kalamafoni (28)
CONS: Burns (23, 28)
PENS: Burns (9, 20, 42, 47, 55)

LONDON WASPS POINTS SCORERS



TRY: Daly (30)
CON: Jones (30)
PENS: Jones (7, 45, 49), Bell (40),
Robinson (75)



Gloucester Rugby secured their first home Aviva Premiership victory of the season with a 29-22 win over London Wasps, but the final outcome was a lot closer than it might have been.

After two matches on the road, Gloucester returned to Kingsholm to take on Wasps and delighted their supporters with a barnstorming start, leading by 20 points to 3 after half an hour.

The Cherry and Whites were looking very good at this point and the more optimistic in the crowd started to think about last season's 39-10 win over the same opposition.

However, having scored two excellent tries through James Simpson-Daniel and Sione Kalamafoni, Wasps were immediately back in the game courtesy of Elliot Daly's fine

22ND SEPTEMBER 2012, 15:15 KO
KINGSHOLM
AVIVA PREMIERSHIP: ROUND 4



Sione Kalamafoni scored a superb try in his own right, but the nomination this week goes to James Simpson-Daniel.

Sinbad was given room to run by Tom Savage's nicely timed pass and the winger made rapid ground before cutting inside off his left foot. Joe Simpson and T Rhys Thomas couldn't hang on to him and he dived over before James Haskell could get close.

individual score.

And, when Tommy Bell's monster penalty attempt from well inside his own half scraped its way over the bar, Wasps went into half time trailing by only 20 points to 13.

From that moment on, despite the admirable attacking intentions of both sides, it was the boot that ruled the day in scoring terms, with Gloucester never quite able to shake off the visitors.

Whenever Freddie Burns added a penalty to open up a ten point lead, it seemed as though Stephen Jones or Nicky Robinson would respond in kind shortly afterwards to peg Gloucester back and keep the game alive.

Seven points was as close as Wasps got, although former Kingsholm favourite Nicky Robinson gave his old team mates some nervy moments in the final few minutes when he took over from Jones.

Taking the ball flat, testing the gain line defence and also pinging the ball wide off either hand, Robinson looked dead set on getting his current team back on terms but Gloucester held out.

There was one extra minute or so of anxiety when Ben Morgan was bizarrely adjudged to have deliberately thrown the ball into touch with no time remaining on the game clock.

It gave Wasps one last throw of the dice but a losing bonus point was all that they were to leave with as Gloucester dug deep and kept them at bay.

Nigel Davies

Director of Rugby

"Wasps are a very good attacking team with a lot of quality, but I am a little disappointed we let them back into the game."

"But we are building and that was a step forward today as far as I am concerned."

"We've shown as a team this season that we don't give up, we keep going and we are prepared to grind out wins. That underpins this team at the moment."

GLOUCESTER RUGBY



#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Rob Cook
14	W	Jonny May
13	C	Henry Trinder
12	C	Billy Twelvetrees
11	W	James Simpson-Daniel
10	FH	Freddie Burns
9	SH	Dan Robson
1	P	Nick Wood
2	H	Darren Dawidiuk
3	P	Rupert Harden
4	L	Tom Savage
5	L	Jim Hamilton (C)
6	F	Sione Kalamafoni
7	F	Andy Hazell
8	N8	Ben Morgan
16	H	Koree Britton
17	P	Dan Murphy
18	P	Shaun Knight
19	F	Will James
20	F	Akapusi Qera
21	SH	Dave Lewis
22	W	Mike Tindall
23	FH	Martyn Thomas

LONDON WASPS



#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Tommy Bell
14	W	Tom Varndell
13	C	Elliot Daly
12	C	Andrea Masi
11	W	Christian Wade
10	FH	Stephen Jones
9	SH	Joe Simpson
1	P	Tim Payne
2	H	T.Rhys Thomas
3	P	Zak Taulafo
4	L	Tom Palmer
5	L	Marco Wentzel (C)
6	F	James Haskell
7	F	Jonathan Poff
8	N8	Ashley Johnson
16	H	Tom Lindsay
17	P	Simon McIntyre
18	P	Fabio Staibano
19	F	James Cannon
20	F	Billy Vunipola
21	FH	Charlie Davies
22	FH	Nick Robinson
23	FH	Jack Wallace



Teams correct at time of print 04/10/12

TODAY'S *Line-ups*



GLOUCESTER RUGBY

VS

BATH RUGBY



ROB COOK	15	NICK ABENDANON
SHANE MONAHAN	14	KYLE EASTMOND
HENRY TRINDER	13	DAN HIPKISS
BILLY TWELVETREES	12	STEPHEN DONALD
JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL	11	TOM BIGGS
FREDDIE BURNS	10	SAM VESTY
DAN ROBSON	09	MICHAEL CLAASSENS
NICK WOOD	01	NATHAN CATT
HUIA EDMONDS	02	LEE MEARS
RUPERT HARDEN	03	DAVID WILSON
TOM SAVAGE	04	STUART HOOPER (C)
JIM HAMILTON (C)	05	DAVE ATTWOOD
SIONE KALAMAFONI	06	BEN SKIRVING
AKAPUSI QERA	07	CARL FEARNES
BEN MORGAN	08	SIMON TAYLOR
KOREE BRITTON	16	ROSS BATTY
DAN MURPHY	17	PAUL JAMES
SHAUN KNIGHT	18	ANTHONY PERENISE
WILL JAMES	19	DOMINIC DAY
GARETH EVANS	20	JOSH OVENS
JIMMY COWAN	21	MARK McMILLAN
MIKE TINDALL	22	OLLIE DEVOTO
JONNY MAY	23	JACK CUTHBERT

THE OFFICIALS

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