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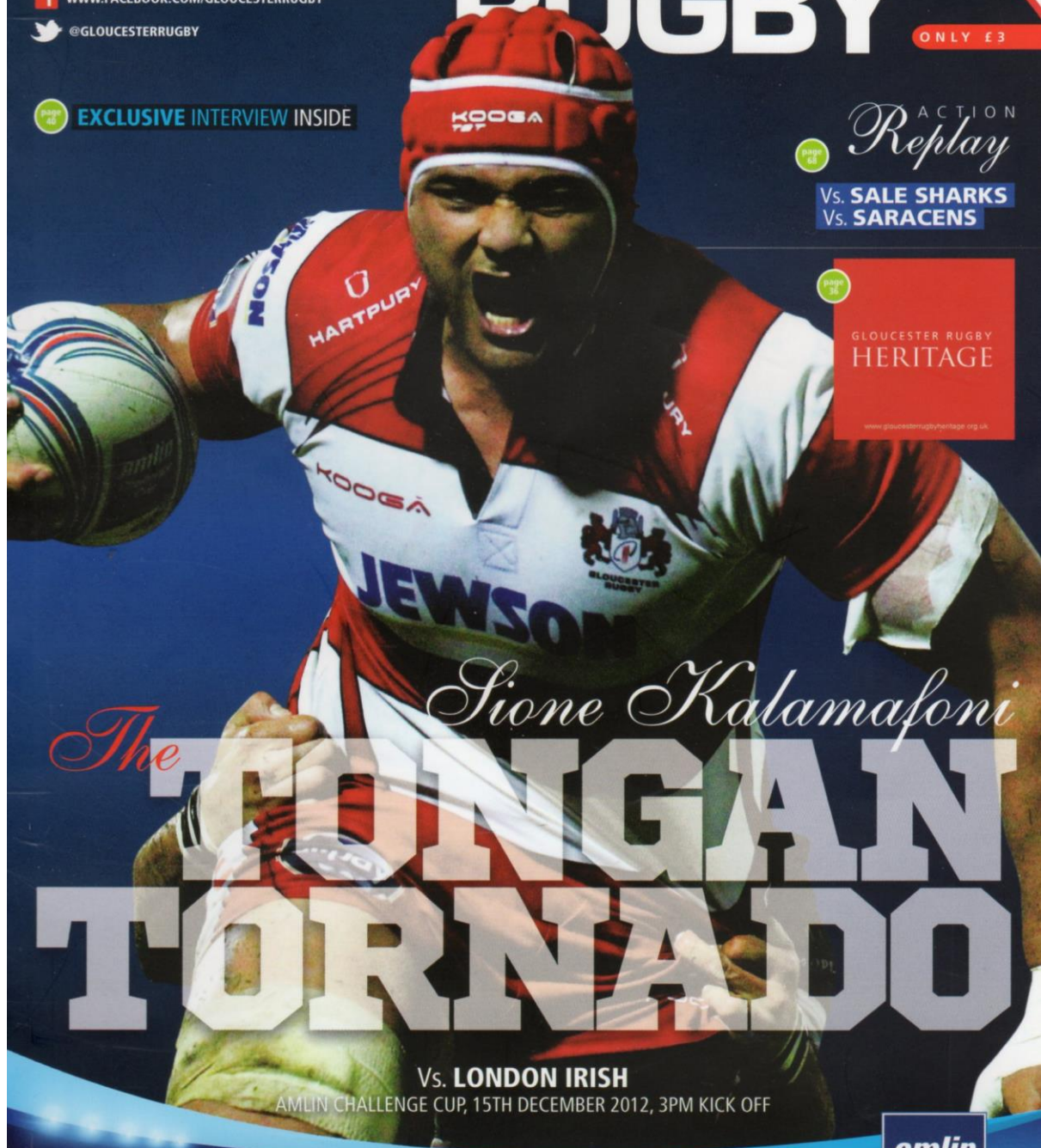
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## *The* TONGAN TORNADO

Vs. LONDON IRISH

AMLIN CHALLENGE CUP, 15TH DECEMBER 2012, 3PM KICK OFF

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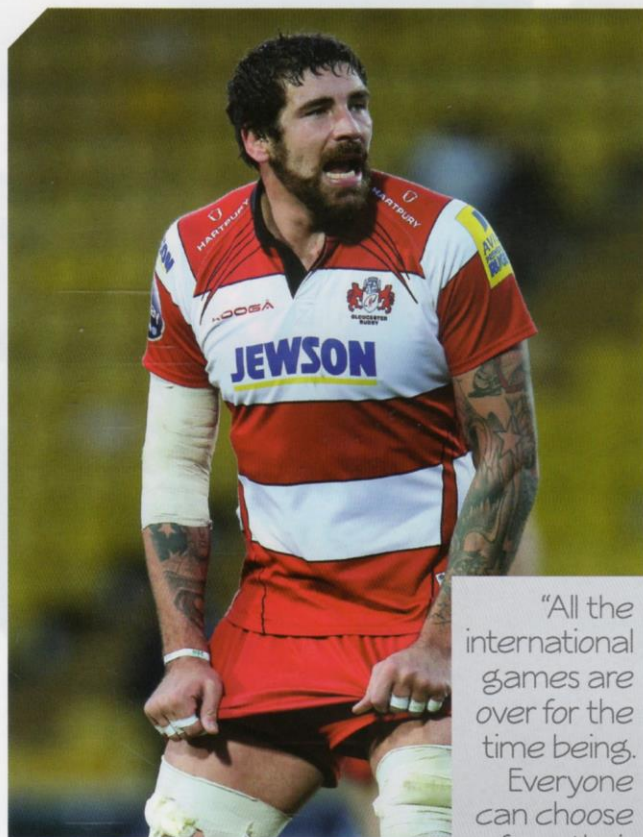
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# CAPTAIN'S *Corner*

Jim Hamilton



**E**VERY game seems to have a lot riding on it these days, but we're in the middle of a very key phase of the season.

Today's all about Europe and the Amlin Challenge Cup, of course. But, starting next weekend against the Exeter Chiefs, we've also got a series of tough Premiership encounters lying in wait for us.

No doubt about it though, last weekend's win against today's opponents, London Irish, was a very significant one for us.

As soon as the fixtures were confirmed, it was obvious that the double header with Irish would go a long way to determining the final outcome of the group.

"All the international games are over for the time being. Everyone can choose from their full squads, barring injuries. It's a level playing field and all to play for."

So, to win the first one, and to win on the road, is a big bonus for us. However, there will be absolutely no complacency coming into this afternoon's game.

Let's not forget that we trailed 22-9 at one point in the second half last weekend. And we also had a massive let off in the first half, when they failed to take advantage of a two on one.

Results may not have gone their way this season, but they are still a very dangerous team, with attacking weapons across the back line and a couple of very dangerous goal kickers to choose from.

I've talked about it before in my programme notes, but our resilience and self belief were key to us getting the win at the Madejski.

There was no panic at half time, because we were still very much in the game and that was also the case even after their third try when the scoreboard did look a bit grim.

We knew we had the personnel and the game plan to turn things around. And we also had the self belief that comes from winning a number of close fought games this season.

What's important now is to back that up this afternoon. We know that if we get the win, then things are in our hands. And you can't ask for any more than that sreally.

It would also give us important momentum going into the next phase of Aviva Premiership games.

All the international games are over for the time being. Everyone can choose from their full squads, barring injuries. It's a level playing field and all to play for.

Next week should be a great occasion. We always enjoy fantastic support at our home games around the Christmas period, and the Chiefs have very quickly established themselves as a team who enjoy a good travelling following.

We're currently fifth and they're sixth. As I said at the top of the page, every game seems to have a lot riding on it!

And we finish off 2012 with a trip to Leicester – always one of my favourites!

Enjoy the game!



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once again see  
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this group. "



# COACH'S

## Notes

Director of Rugby, Nigel Davies

**I**T'S good to be back home after two away games, to welcome London Irish in this crucial Amlin Challenge Cup fixture.

We were all obviously pleased with the way we came back to claim the away win last week at Irish which puts our destiny in our hands, but we also realise that the job is only half done and we have a big task here today to finish it off!

I'm sure we will once again see a strong Irish team here today who we will welcome warmly to Kingsholm, a team who will be battling to regain control of this group.

context, this was a good move, with some interesting conversations taking place around some of the more contentious areas of the game, such as the contact area and scrum!

My hope is, that by engaging with each other in this way, we all have a clearer understanding around the interpretation of crucial areas of our game which, in turn, will provide more consistency!! We can but hope, but, unless we engage with each other, nothing will change!

The news surrounding Jim Hamilton's departure will, by now, be out there and I

Jim remains fully committed to this season, being one of real success for Gloucester Rugby and hopes to bow out on a high.



And we can no doubt anticipate an open and exciting game, which is the trademark of this Irish side under Brian Smith.

Some of you will have been interested to read, that on Monday, myself and Gary Gold of Bath visited Twickenham, to be the first Directors of Rugby to be involved with the weekly referee meetings headed up by Ed Morrison.

We all have a responsibility to make the game clearer and more open and, in that

am sure, like me, you all wish him well.

However, Jim is very much part of this squad right now and until the end of the season.

And whilst contract negotiations and planning are continuous, we are professionals, and Jim has been at pains to point out that he has a huge part to play this season in our quest for success!

Nigel





# INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Nick Purewal's

*View from* **The Citizen**

**"I feel as though I'm in the form of my life so far this season, but I know there's still a lot more to come..."**

**If Carlsberg did England debuts, Freddie Burns' international bow might just be the blueprint.**

The 22-year-old could hardly believe his luck in just taking the Twickenham field in itself. But to step into something approaching a hammering of the world champions was unheralded.

Burns landed two penalties, guided England home to 38-21 victory – and then had all and sundry suggesting his name is already inked into Stuart Lancaster's revised Elite Player Squad to be announced in January.

The maturing playmaker could not stop some of that pride bursting out onto Twitter, with pictures of his cap and holding his shirt sure to be central among his scrapbooks of the future.

If there were any danger of him letting all that run unchecked though, it all stopped dead the moment he walked back into Gloucester training at Hartpury College.

And the Cherry and Whites fly-half admitted he enjoyed copping the stick from his Gloucester team-mates just as much as every other part of the whole experience.

"I knew it was coming and I didn't mind it one bit," he explained. "If anything it just

confirmed what a big job we had on our hands getting ready for the London Irish game, and getting our heads around that.

"It was great to cop a bit of banter from the lads and be reminded in no uncertain terms that the club is the beginning and end of everything really.

"I love playing for Gloucester at the minute, it's just a great place to be and the feeling among the lads is excellent. So I couldn't wait to get stuck back into things with the club after that New Zealand experience.

"There were times when the whole thing just felt a bit surreal, and you can't really top beating the world champions, unbeaten for 20 games, at your home ground behind a crowd like that.

"It's exciting for the whole squad and it's exciting to see what comes next.



Burns in action against the Exiles last weekend





Burns kicks for goal in his international debut for England against the All Blacks

"But as it has been all season, the challenge for me is to try to keep improving with Gloucester and battle to help the team keep winning and keep moving forward."

Burns stepped into the inside centre role for the first time last weekend, as Gloucester saw off London Irish 29-22.

His 24-point haul helped Gloucester overturn a 22-9 deficit in the game's final 25 minutes.

Gearing up for today's return Amlin Challenge Cup clash against the same opponents, Burns said Gloucester will be ready for a backlash from the Exiles.

Admitting he hopes his shift to 12 is more cameo than long-term project, Burns said he still feels best suited to fly-half.

He continued: "I was happy to step up when I did, it was a good experience.

"I wouldn't say it's one that I'd like to keep going back to, but if I'm asked to play at 12 I'm more than happy to do so.

"If I'm honest I just want to be considered as a ten, I don't really want to move about too much.

"I'm more than happy under the circumstances to play 12, for whoever, but

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I think my position is fly-half and that's the position I'll be working hard to push and progress at.

"Nigel has challenged us to expand our attacking game, and it's nice to have that licence to play, but to be fair he's given it to us all year and now he wants us to take it to a new level.

"But then there's knowing when to chuck the ball about, and when to kick. In the first half we didn't kick as much as we should have, but we wanted to see where we were as a running rugby team.

"It was nice to see we kept hammering away at that running game though, and in those last 20 minutes it came good.

"I feel as though I'm in the form of my life so far this season, but I know there's still a lot more to come.

"And I think there's still a lot more to come from us as a team as a whole this season too, and that's very exciting.

"We know Irish will come at us again this time, they will be desperate to make up for last week in their eyes.

"But as long as we concentrate on what we've got to improve, hopefully we'll be ok."



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# KNOCKOUT MATCHES AGAINST IRISH EXILES

The London Irish club was formed in 1898, but Gloucester did not appear on their fixture list until 1973-74, Gloucester's centenary season.

The Irish travelled to Kingsholm on 24th November 1973, and were sent packing to the tune of 27-9.

Since then the clubs have met regularly, and have been drawn against one another in cup competitions on several occasions.

## FIRST CUP ENCOUNTER

The first cup match was in the John Player Cup on 28th February 1981 at Sunbury-on-Thames.



Steve Boyle



Peter Butler

open rugby when players could be paid and the game took its first stuttering steps towards professionalism.

The match, which took place on 2nd November 1996, was in the European Conference, with Gloucester securing an away win 29-13. Audley Lumsden (2), Phil

JOHN PLAYER CUP — 4th Round			
London Irish		Gloucester	
15 MOSS KIRBY 1*	FULL BACK	15 P. BUTLER 1	15
14 JIM BATES 1	RIGHT WING	14 P. CONWAY	14
13 HUGH CONDON 1*	RIGHT CENTRE	13 P. TAYLOR 4	13
12 RIGBY MURPHY 1	LEFT CENTRE	12 S. PARDOLOE	12
11 CLIVE MEANWELL 1	LEFT WING	11 R. MOGG 1	11
10 PAUL O'DONNELL 1	STAND OFF	10 C. PRYCE	10
9 GABRIAN PAGE 1	SCrum HALF	9 S. BAKER	9
8 TOM HENNESSY 1	PROP	8 G. SARGENT 1	8
7 GUY BERINGER 1*	HOOKER	7 P. BLAKEWAY 1	7
6 PETER FINEVOLDSON *	PROPER	6 S. MILLS 1	6
5 DAVID MCKRACKEN *	SECOND ROW	5 S. BOYLE 1	5
4 MIKE SMYTHE *	SECOND ROW	4 J. RIDLER 1	4
3 WALTER JONES 1*	WING	3 J. GADD	3
2 JOHN O'DRISCOLL 1* (Capt)	LOCK	2 M. TEAGUE	2
1 STEWART MCKINNEY 1*	WING	1 M. LONGSTAFF	1
NEIL MURPHY	REPLACEMENTS	P. KINGSTON	
		K. WHITE	

Reserves: Roberts/Smith Judge: R. J. HOWARD (London: Seelby)

Gloucester had travelled there earlier in the season, and lost 9-10, but they were up for the cup, and won 22-13 thanks to tries from Steve Boyle, Richard Mogg and Padraig Conway, and 2 conversions, a penalty and a dropped goal from the boot of Peter Butler.

Gloucester went out in the next round after a 9-9 draw at London Scottish, who progressed because they scored the only try.

## FIRST EUROPEAN CLASH

The clubs first met in European competition in the 1996-97 season, the first season of



Richard Mogg



Audley Lumsden



Phil Greening



Alastair Saverimutto



Mark Mapletto

Greening (2) and Alastair Saverimutto scored the tries, Mark Mapletto converting two of them.



During 1999-2004, the teams met three times in domestic cup competitions, once in the Tetley's Bitter Cup and twice in the Powergen Cup, the Irish winning all three. However, Gloucester triumphed (just) in the big one that followed:

## EUROPEAN CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

**20TH MAY 2006,  
AT THE TWICKENHAM STOOP  
GLOUCESTER 36 - LONDON IRISH 34  
(after extra time)**

It all boiled down to a matter of inches when James Forrester touched down his own kick ahead just before it crossed the dead ball line for the winning score in extra time of this pulsating European Challenge Cup Final.

Peter Richards began the move from his own 22 with a chip kick that was swept up by James Simpson-Daniel. Anthony Allen burst through into the Irish half and, from the ruck, Forrester pursued his kick to the line.

Gloucester had led 31-19 with only ten minutes remaining, through tries by Foster,



Hazell and Simpson-Daniel, and goals by Lamb and Mercier.

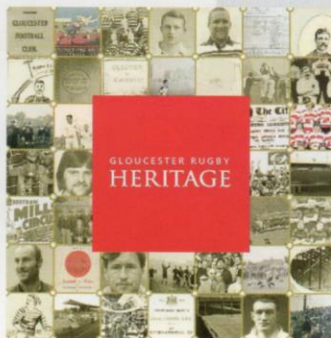
Mark Foster had outstripped Topsy Ojo to reach a delicate grubber kick by Mike Tindall to score the first, Andy Hazell had charged through a breaking lineout for the second and Simpson-Daniel had run 60 metres following an interception to score the third.

However the pack was tiring and had conceded two tries in the later stages, both to rolling mauls, to tie the scores at 31-31 at the end of regulation time.

When Barry Everitt kicked his fourth penalty goal to take Irish ahead in the 9th minute of extra time, the writing appeared to be on the wall, but Gloucester had one shot left in the locker to give them a memorable victory.

## CHERRY AND WHITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT

For any Gloucester supporter, the ideal Christmas present is a copy of the "Gloucester Rugby Heritage" book, which tells the story of Gloucester Rugby using material from the Club's archive, richly illustrated with many contemporary photographs, sketches and newspaper cuttings.



European Challenge Cup  
Winners 2006

The book captures the special place that the Club has within the City, recording the stories, the characters and the landmark matches.

What is the true story of the famous Cherry and White strip? What happened when the circus came to town?

Star players of each era are highlighted and some very special Gloucester Greats are featured.

The book is on sale at Hudsons Sports, Northgate Street, and the Gloucester Rugby Club shop - or you can order your copy from the Gloucester Rugby website and receive your copy by post.

All proceeds are put back into the Gloucester Rugby Heritage Project.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: THEY PLAYED FOR GLOUCESTER AND FOUGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY

**When war broke out in August 1914, the British Government called for volunteers.**

Within two weeks practically all of the players from the Gloucester Rugby Club had enlisted. The Gloucester Club announced the cancellation of all fixtures.

By Christmas 1914, William Hancock (Gloucester A, full-back) and Bernard "Peter" Roach (Gloucester A, centre) were already dead.

By the end of the Great War, twenty-two players who had represented the Gloucester Club, had been killed with their worst day being July 23rd 1916 during the Somme offensive.

Martin Davies will be telling the story of the men from the rugby club and their experiences during the Great War, both those who returned home, and those who did not, at 7:30pm on Tuesday 8th January 2013 at Prince Michael Hall, The Bacon Theatre, Dean Close School, Cheltenham.

All are welcome to attend this talk organised by the Western Front Association - entry by donation (suggested £4 non-members, £3 members).

**For further information telephone Peter Gill on: 01242 237937 or e-mail: [petergill@live.co.uk](mailto:petergill@live.co.uk).**

This talk previews part of a book, written by Martin, and due to be published by the Gloucester Rugby Heritage Project in April 2013, which will recount the exploits of Gloucester players in the Boer War and both World Wars.



**GLOUCESTER RUGBY  
HERITAGE**







*Sione Kalamafoni*

# ONE DIRECTION



ne quick search of the excellent Gloucester Rugby Heritage website, or a perusal of the player biographies adorning the walls of the third floor of Kingsholm, will tell you that plenty of Gloucester players of the past have ecclesiastic connections.

For example, only recently, the Reverend Bill Phillips, son of Congregationalist missionaries, was a guest of the club as he celebrated reaching 100 years of age.

Being a missionary is something that a member of the current playing squad can identify with – Tongan international back row forward Sione Kalamafoni.

The back row forward's rugby career had already taken off, when he left Tonga to travel to the USA to undertake a role as a missionary for his church, an obligation he insists that he was happy to fulfil.

"In my church, the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, the young men are required to do a voluntary period as a missionary.

"I went out there when I was 19 years old and I was pretty much teaching but also learning myself, about God and about Jesus Christ and how those things can help my life and the lives of others.

"It was really cool and one of the best experiences of my life, looking at how people can change their lives from bad to good and vice versa.

"Knowing about these things has helped me in my life, my faith is important to me and I know that it will continue to help me in the future.

"It's helped me to maintain focus as a rugby player. I don't drink or smoke, I try to stay away from those things and concentrate on my





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job and my family.

He admits that it's given him a perspective in his life. He understands the need to keep learning and developing as a person, and that has helped him to adapt to his new life with Gloucester.

"It's been a big year for me. It's my first season in the Premiership and I'm hoping that the coaches are happy with how I'm doing.

"I know that I'm still learning and that there are a lot of things that I need to improve on, both in defence and attack. But I hope to improve as the season goes on.

"I knew that Gloucester would be a good club to join. They've got fantastic supporters and it's a really good environment to play in.

"I think that my game will improve a lot through being here, with the quality of the coaches and the players around me. That was another big reason.

"The step up has been quite a challenge, you face a different test every single week. Every single aspect of your game has to be good, you can't afford to have a weakness.

"It's also a step up mentally as well to perform at Premiership level. But it's a challenge I enjoy and I'm happy so far."

"It's so good to be training and playing alongside players like Akapusi (Qera) and Ben (Morgan). I can learn so much just from watching what they do in certain situations.

"Already I'm working things into my game that I have picked up from them and I know that I will continue to learn. All the players are a big help and happy to talk certain things through when I have a question."

The Matahau born player has already



▲ Sione has settled in at Gloucester and has quickly become an integral part of the club.

made an impact upon one Rugby World Cup, and was an interested observer this week as the pool draw for 2015 was made.

Tonga have been drawn with Argentina and New Zealand plus two other, yet to be determined, teams. It's a tough ask but he's philosophical about the prospect.

"There are no easy games in international rugby, they're all tough! New Zealand and Argentina will be tough but, hopefully, we will develop our team even more before 2015.

"One good thing is that we have already qualified because of our performances in 2011. Now we can focus on developing and improving for the next tournament.

"It's a long way off at the moment and no-one is quite sure who will be selected. But there are a lot of Tongan players who play at a high level in England and in France, for example, and that should make the national team stronger."

For now though, he's just looking to keep things simple.

"I'm simply trying to learn and become a better player. To learn from other people and also from my own mistakes.

"Gloucester have started well and I hope that we continue to play well and win games.

"There's a great bond here, a great team spirit. I'm enjoying it and hope it continues."







*Sione Kalamafoni*



# Kingsholm News

with Bob Fenton

**"...I'm willing to bet that quite a few of the competitions detractors will be back if we progress through to the knock-out stages though."**

**More European action for us today then - this time our visitors come from the far flung reaches of err... Reading!**

Probably not the most adventurous trip for any of their supporters who have made the lengthy trip down the M4. Though to be fair, it wasn't that much better when we went the other way last weekend.

Regrettably, work took me about as far away as you can get from Gloucester without using a passport, so I missed what seemed to be another installment of the 'Rise to Meteoric Stardom', featuring Freddie Burns in the lead role.

Another sackful of points for him points to what is becoming a bit of a stand-out moment in his development.

Funny to think so many people were doubting him, while crying into their beer over the departure of Nicky Robinson about 15 months ago!

There is no doubt he has flourished this season. To be fair, if you wanted a coach who has a bit of a track record in getting the best out of his playmakers, then you would struggle to find someone more appropriate than our Nige - just look at his track record.

It was great to see Freddie come on against the All Blacks and not only kick his goals but also be prepared to try something.

His attempt at a chip over the defence - a

la his try against Leicester a few weeks back - so nearly came off. In fact you can well argue that, in his short period on the pitch, he showed more creativity than the bloke who started had done all through the match.

Starting 10 in the Six Nations? I wouldn't bet against it!

Courtesy of last weekend's fightback from what, for a while, looked like a lost cause, we have put ourselves in a good position to progress from the group - assuming that we don't slip up here at home today.

The right result here, and the same again in Bordeaux in January, and we're right into the serious part of this competition, and anything is possible.

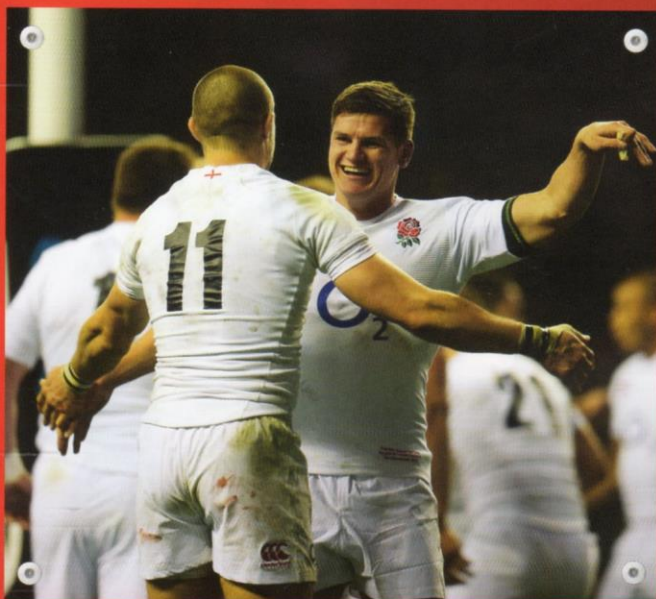
As I have said before, it's pretty fashionable in some quarters to look on the Amlin Challenge Cup as a competition that is somehow not worthy of a great club like Gloucester, but for me that's a touch arrogant.

After all, in sport you tend to get what you deserve, and last season even the most blinkered of us would have struggled to say that we really deserved to be in the big boys cup.

While the Aviva Premiership must be our prime focus for all the obvious reasons, the Amlin Challenge Cup is a good competition in its own right.

As the current Premiership table shows,





there is not a lot between the teams in the top few places and those in seventh or eighth. So the margin between the two European competitions is exceptionally slim.

No, we won't see the likes of Toulouse in the Amlin. But, a few seasons ago, you would have said the same about some of the other big French clubs such as Stade Francais.

So, let's enjoy the competition, even if it does mean we end up playing London Irish four times in one season. Anyway, I'm willing to bet that quite a few of the competitions detractors will be back if we progress through to the knock-out stages though.

Changing tack completely and, at the risk of seeming like I am plugging my own website, have you all been keeping up to date with the poetic musings of one of the posters?

Freddie made a short but confident debut for England against the All Blacks

Every week he offers us a match review written in the most amazing prose. I wish I could say who the mystery author is, but I can't.

He posts under the moniker of 'Alfred Lord Tension', and I can't resist reprinting his offering after the Sale game, for me one his best of the season so far:

*They rolled up in a coach. Well, it is a long way.  
The backs all arrived, but the pack stayed away.  
The Coach Driver played and so did the Guide,  
They weren't very good, but at least they tried.*

*The Sale Forward's Coach was there at the game,  
The CEO too, they are one and the same.  
The Back's Coach's face was drained of all blood  
As pass after pass dropped into the mud*

*It was Penalty, Penalty, Penalty then  
Penalty, Penalty over again  
We won at a canter, without breaking sweat.  
In a season of close 'uns, the easiest yet.*

*They got back on the coach and were soon underway,  
It was not, for them, their most glorious day.  
Their manner defensive. Their faces still frowning.  
It was unclear to me. Were they waving or drowning?*

#### **Alfred Lord Tension (2012)**

Get on the site and find the others, win or lose they are there a few days after each match - plus a few other poetic thoughts on all things rugby.

It brightens my day to read these things, and I dare say they'll bring a smile to yours too!

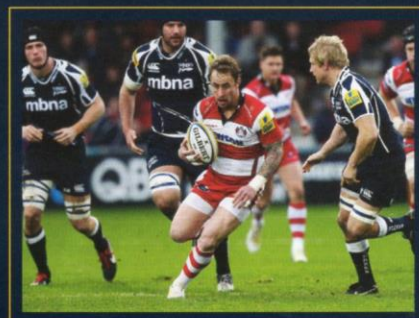




# Replay

## GLOUCESTER RUGBY SALE SHARKS

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### GLOUCESTER RUGBY POINTS SCORERS

**TRIES:** Qera (62), Penalty (74)  
**CONS:** Burns (63, 75)  
**PENS:** Burns (4, 10, 19, 21, 24)



### SALE SHARKS POINTS SCORER

**PENS:** Cipriani (37)



Although Gloucester played it down as just another game, the world of rugby, looking for an obvious headline, billed this game as Bryan Redpath's return to Kingsholm.

As things turned out, it was all very low key. Redpath, and his new boss Steve Diamond, received some good natured pantomime booing every time they were shown on the big screens, but that was as vitriolic as it got.

The Sale coaching team, to be fair, looked considerably more animated than their players did on the pitch.

Danny Cipriani looked to be desperately trying to pull the strings, only for his team mates to seemingly be operating on a completely different wavelength.

In contrast, Freddie Burns, benefitting from an armchair ride behind a dominant pack, produced a mature performance, continually putting his team in the right areas of the pitch.

The Sharks did prove to be a difficult



24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012, 12:00 KO  
KINGSHOLM  
AVIVA PREMIERSHIP: ROUND 9



## Champagne Moment

Gloucester's dominance finally paid off, when they patiently worked their deep into the Sale 22. Jimmy Cowan delayed his pass superbly and Akapusi Qera blasted his way through a gap to score the game's opening try.



unit to break down, content it appeared to kill the ball every time Gloucester ventured into their half. Burns had no difficulty kicking five penalties in the first half to ease Gloucester clear.

There was little from the visitors in reply. There were one or two half chances, but they had to settle for a solitary penalty from Cipriani.

The third quarter of the game meandered along a bit, but Gloucester finally got things together in the final 20 minutes as the Sharks pack, by now starting to show the effects of the pummeling they had received, began to wilt.

Qera bulldozed his way over from close range to finally break the thin blue line, and the rampaging Gloucester pack bullied their way to a penalty try as the Sale scrum splintered.

The Kingsholm crowd, secure in the knowledge that the points were in the bag, were able to amuse themselves by good naturedly booing Redpath and Diamond when they appeared on the big screens, as well as offering sarcastic consolation to Danny Cipriani when he was shown sporting an ice pack on his knee.

It was a professional job done by Gloucester, but not a return to remember for Bryan Redpath.

Nigel Davies' team maintained their top four berth while the Sharks continued to prop up the table with just one win in the Aviva Premiership to date.

As one Gloucester fan remarked on his way out, "Karma's a funny old thing."

### Nigel Davies

Director of Rugby

"I thought Freddie Burns managed the game very well. He is really maturing as a player. It was key in these conditions that you play your field position because it's easier to drop the ball, particularly with the tackles.

"I thought we managed better field position in the last quarter and as a result we played a little bit more."

### GLoucester Rugby



#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Rob Cook
14	W	Charlie Sharples
13	C	Mike Tindall
12	C	Billy Twelvetrees
11	W	Shane Monahan
10	FH	Freddie Burns
9	SH	Jimmy Cowan
1	P	Dan Murphy
2	H	Huia Edmonds
3	P	Rupert Harden
4	L	Will James
5	L	Jim Hamilton (c)
6	F	Tom Savage
7	F	Akapusi Qera
8	N8	Sione Kalamafoni
16	H	Koree Britton
17	P	Nick Wood
18	P	Shaun Knight
19	L	Ross Moriarty
20	N8	Matt Cox
21	SH	Dan Robson
22	C	Tim Molenaar
23		Martyn Thomas

### SALE SHARKS



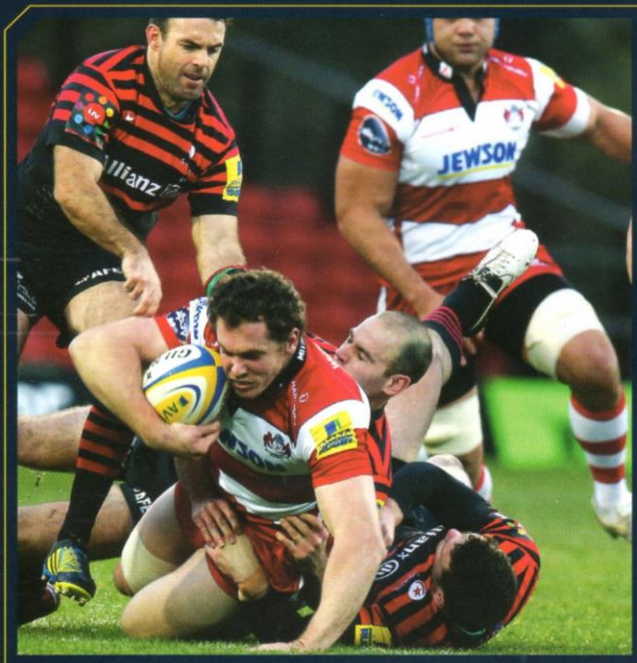
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15	FB	Rob Miller
14	W	Charlie Amesbury
13	C	Will Addison
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11	W	Mark Cueto
10	FH	Danny Cipriani
9	SH	Dwayne Peel
1	P	Ross Harrison
2	H	Tommy Taylor
3	P	Tony Buckley
4	L	Fraser McKenzie
5	L	Kearnan Myall
6	F	Richie Vernon
7	F	David Seymour (c)
8	N8	Andy Powell
16	H	Joe Ward
17	P	Eifion Lewis-Roberts
18	P	Vadim Cobilas
19		Tom Holmes
20	L	James Gaskell
21	SH	Will Cliff
22	FH	Nick Macleod
23	C	Cameron Shepherd



## ACTION *Replay*

# SARACENS GLOUCESTER RUGBY

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### SARACENS POINTS SCORERS



**TRY:** Wigglesworth (60)  
**CON:** Hodgson (62)  
**PENS:** Hodgson (8, 26, 32, 35, 42, 53, 70)

### GLOUCESTER RUGBY POINTS SCORERS



**TRIES:** Murphy (28), Qera (47)  
**CONS:** Twelvetrees (29, 48)  
**PENS:** Twelvetrees (2, 6, 68)

**Gloucester left Vicarage Road reflecting on a missed opportunity to secure a valuable, and rare, away win at Saracens.**

Gloucester led the game for long periods. In fact, although there was always very little to choose between the teams on the scoreboard, Saracens only nudged their way in front midway through the second half.

However, the Men in Black are good at defending a lead, and doggedly kept Gloucester at bay in a final few minutes which saw the Cherry and Whites pushing hard as time ran out.

Nigel Davies' side may well have had a good shout for a penalty try in those final moments. Two lineout catch and drives were halted illegally, as were two 5 metre scrums.

However, referee Sean Davey, who hadn't been averse to acting decisively throughout the match, didn't see any reason to consider awarding a penalty try and Saracens held out to clinch a 28-23 win.

Davey had played a key role. Gloucester were leading 13-12 just before half time, and were awarded a more than kickable penalty, only for the official to reverse the decision for back chat. It was a big call.

And Gloucester were also made to suffer as they played 20 minutes of the game with only 14 men. Dan Murphy and Sione Kalamafoni were both sinbinned, and the key Saracens try came with the big Tongan kicking his heels on the touchline, waiting to return to the action.

In mitigation, the home team did have Richard Wigglesworth yellow carded with a minute or so left to play.





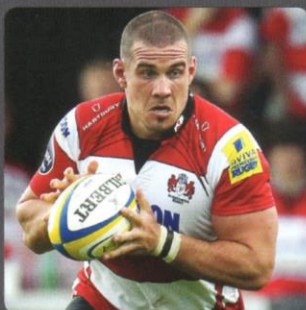
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## Champagne Moment

It wasn't a game which featured many stand out, individual pieces of skill.

However, Dan Murphy deserves credit for keeping his head when following up an Akapusi Qera charge down, controlling the ball with his foot before picking up to score.



However, he obviously didn't miss the full ten minutes and his offence was to collapse one of the Gloucester catch and drives heading towards the line....

The simple fact of the matter, though, is that Gloucester gave the returning Charlie Hodgson far too many chances to kick at goal.

The former England man has been a thorn in Gloucester's side in the past, and he chipped in with seven penalties and a conversion.

Gloucester started well and quickly opened up a 6-0 lead as Billy Twelvetrees confidently slotted two penalties.

However, the indiscipline that haunted Gloucester throughout, started to take its toll. Hodgson kicked four penalties either side of Dan Murphy's close range try as he pounced upon a loose ball following Akapusi Qera's charge down.

Gloucester led 13-12 at half time, without ever looking totally in control or at ease, but it could have been even better if not for the controversial reversed penalty.

Hodgson quickly nudged his team in front with his fifth penalty but Gloucester responded well with a close range try for the ever impressive Qera.

Crucially, though, the home team seized the initiative with Gloucester reduced to 14 men, and despite some gallant defence, worked an opening for Wigglesworth to score in the corner as Gloucester crucially failed to find touch.

Twelvetrees and Hodgson swapped penalties to leave things on a knife edge going into the final minutes, but Gloucester's hopes of a memorable comeback win came up just short.

## Nigel Davies

Director of Rugby

*"It could have gone either way at the end. There were a couple of big calls that the referee had to make. Sometimes you get them, sometimes you don't."*  
*"I was pleased with the way my team stuck to their task. We ended up outscoring Saracens two tries to one which is no mean feat here."*

## SARACENS



#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Chris Wyles
14	W	David Strettle
13	C	Joel Tomkins
12	C	Duncan Taylor
11	W	James Short
10	FH	Charlie Hodgson
9	SH	Neil de Kock
1	P	Rhys Gill
2	H	John Smit
3	P	Matt Stevens
4	L	Steve Borthwick (c)
5	L	Mouritz Botha
6	F	George Kruis
7	F	Will Fraser
8	N8	Ernst Joubert
16	H	Jamie George
17	P	Nick Auterac
18	P	Petrus du Plessis
19	L	Alistair Hargreaves
20	N8	Andy Saull
21	SH	Richard Wigglesworth ■
22		Nils Mordt
23	C	Kameli Ratuvou

## GLOUCESTER RUGBY



#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Rob Cook
14	W	Charlie Sharples
13	C	Tim Molenaar
12	C	Mike Tindall
11	W	Martyn Thomas
10	FH	Billy Twelvetrees
9	SH	Jimmy Cowan
1	P	Dan Murphy ■
2	H	Darren Dawidiuk
3	P	Rupert Harden
4	L	Will James
5	L	Jim Hamilton (c)
6	F	Tom Savage
7	F	Akapusi Qera
8	N8	Sione Kalamafoni ■
16	H	Koree Britton
17	F	Nick Wood
18	P	Shaun Knight
19		Peter Buxton
20	F	Matt Cox
21	SH	Dan Robson
22	C	Tim Taylor
23	W	Shane Monahan





Teams correct at time of print 13/12/12

# TODAY'S *Line-ups*



## GLOUCESTER RUGBY



## LONDON IRISH



ROB COOK	15	TOM HOMER
CHARLIE SHARPLES	14	TOPSY OJO
MIKE TINDALL	13	JONATHAN JOSEPH
BILLY TWELVETREES	12	SAIOSI TAGICAKIBAU
SHANE MONAHAN	11	ANTHONY WATSON
FREDDIE BURNS	10	IAN HUMPHREYS
JIMMY COWAN	09	DARREN ALLINSON
DAN MURPHY	01	MAX LAHIFF
DARREN DAWIDIUK	02	DAVID PAICE
RUPERT HARDEN	03	HALANI AULIKA
WILL JAMES	04	BRYN EVANS
JIM HAMILTON (C)	05	MATT GARVEY
TOM SAVAGE	06	DECLAN DANAHER (C)
AKAPUSI QERA	07	JAMIE GIBSON
BEN MORGAN	08	OFISA TREVIRANUS
KOREE BRITTON	16	SCOTT LAWSON
NICK WOOD	17	JERRY YANUYANUTAWA
SHAUN KNIGHT	18	LEO HALAVATAU
SIONE KALAMAFONI	19	KIERAN LOW
MATT COX	20	CHRIS HALA'UFIA
DAN ROBSON	21	GUY ARMITAGE
TIM MOLENAAR	22	SHANE GERAGHTY
MARTYN THOMAS	23	JACK MOATES

### THE OFFICIALS

**REFEREE:** Neil Paterson

**ASSISTANT REFEREES:** David Changleng, Adrian Graves

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