

# CHERRY & WHITES



## V NEWCASTLE FALCONS

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

# WILLI HEINZ

WE DEMANDED A RESPONSE LAST WEEK, AND THOSE THAT TOOK TO THE PITCH FOR US AGAINST HARLEQUINS DID EXACTLY WHAT WAS ASKED OF THEM.

**T**here is such a drive in this squad to succeed this season, and we showed great patience and application last week.

While the score line was close for 60 minutes, what I loved was seeing the cumulative effect our brand of rugby had on Quins. They looked out on their feet in the last 15 minutes, having had to defend for long periods throughout the match, and this is when we cashed in. They began to make errors and our boys were ready to pounce and put them away.

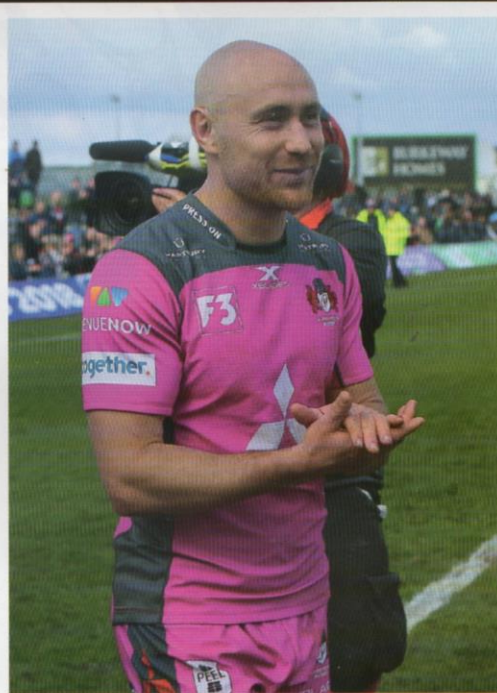
It was also great to see the composure on the pitch in the last couple of minutes to get what could prove a vital bonus point in a few weeks time. But for now, our attention turns back to European knock out rugby.

The Challenge Cup is a competition that has been good to us in recent seasons, and we learnt a lot about our game in ending runners-up in Edinburgh last season, and we are determined to go one better this year.

We welcome a Falcons team to Kingsholm this Friday in what will be a cracking knock out game, winner takes all in terms of qualification for the final, and we worked hard to earn home advantage in Connacht.

We put in one of our best performances of the season up at Kingston Park in November, and could and maybe should have beaten them in the reverse fixture in snowy March. There there will be two confident teams taking to the pitch this weekend.

Dean Richards' team has been excellent this season, and they have picked up some fantastic results throughout the campaign. We will respect them completely this evening.



We are determined to ensure we finish the season with some success, not only to reward our efforts, but the unrivalled backing we have received from our supporters.

Tonight's game will take a huge effort from the team, and from the stands, and we are hugely determined to get the job done and give ourselves a shot at reclaiming the title.

We've had some memorable knock out nights at Kingsholm in recent seasons, and the appetite this club has to deliver those nights is definitely there. We want to be taking on the best teams in Europe and testing our young squad against the top players.

The sun is beginning to shine, now it's our turn! We're hugely excited to take to the field this week, and whoever gets the nod to play will give it their all!

Enjoy the game.

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FLIRTED  
WITH  
RELEGATION

1995-96

Captain Dave Sims

Played 34

Won 17

Lost 16

Drawn 1

For 758

Against 643

## LEAGUE

Played 18

Won 6

Lost 12

For 275

Against 370



In the mid-nineties Gloucester faced possible relegation on more than one occasion. But the threat almost became reality in 1995-96. Dave Sims had been named as captain, and the Director of Rugby was the newly appointed Richard Hill. Hill had been recruited, initially, on a part-time basis, but by the summer of 1996 that position became full-time. Any initial optimism was soon dashed, as the first two league games were lost to Sale at home, followed by a 37-11 thrashing at Bath. West Hartlepool were defeated 27-19, Paul Holford scoring two tries, but there followed a sequence of seven consecutive defeats. In January, the return game against West Hartlepool was a battle of the bottom clubs. With time running out Gloucester led 17-11. Then, West's full-back Tim Stimpson cut past Tom Beim, who was filling in for the injured Tim Smith at full-back, and scored by

the posts. The conversion appeared a formality, but incredibly Stimpson hooked the ball wide. It was a very lucky Gloucester win. A sweeping 27-0 win over Orrell, in the next league game, with Gareth Fenwick kicking four penalties and a conversion, relieved some of the pressure.

Meanwhile the Cherry and Whites were having more success in the Pilkington Cup. Walsall were despatched 47-0, followed by a 36-10 win at Nottingham, with Chris Raymond scoring two tries and Lee Osborne kicking four conversions. In the quarter-final Wasps were beaten 22-9 at Kingsholm, leaving a juicy semi-final contest at Bath. Here the success ended as Bath ran out 19-10 winners, and went on to triumph in the final against Leicester.

However, more important matters





were developing in the league. By April Gloucester were still perilously close to the two relegation places. Then there was a Wednesday night game, again against Bath at Kingsholm. Bath were riding high and would go on to win the league title. It did not help Gloucester's cause that no fewer than seven first choice players were missing from the line-up. No matter, the team tore into their opponents, and within four minutes had scored a try. Scrum-half Scott Benton, one of the big successes of the season, took a tap penalty, and weaved his way through the Bath defence, and when finally tackled, found Paul Holford on his shoulder to score in the corner. Tim Smith kicked the conversion from the touch-line, and added a penalty for a 10-0 lead, after only ten minutes. Inevitably Bath fought back, scoring a try through Phil de Glanville, and a Butland penalty, but two more

Smith penalties saw Gloucester home 16-10, despite heavy late Bath pressure. It was a remarkable win against all the odds. As the Times put it, "They feature the local cathedral on the match programme and the prayers of the supporters were answered by a display of raw courage that downed the Courage Championship leaders".

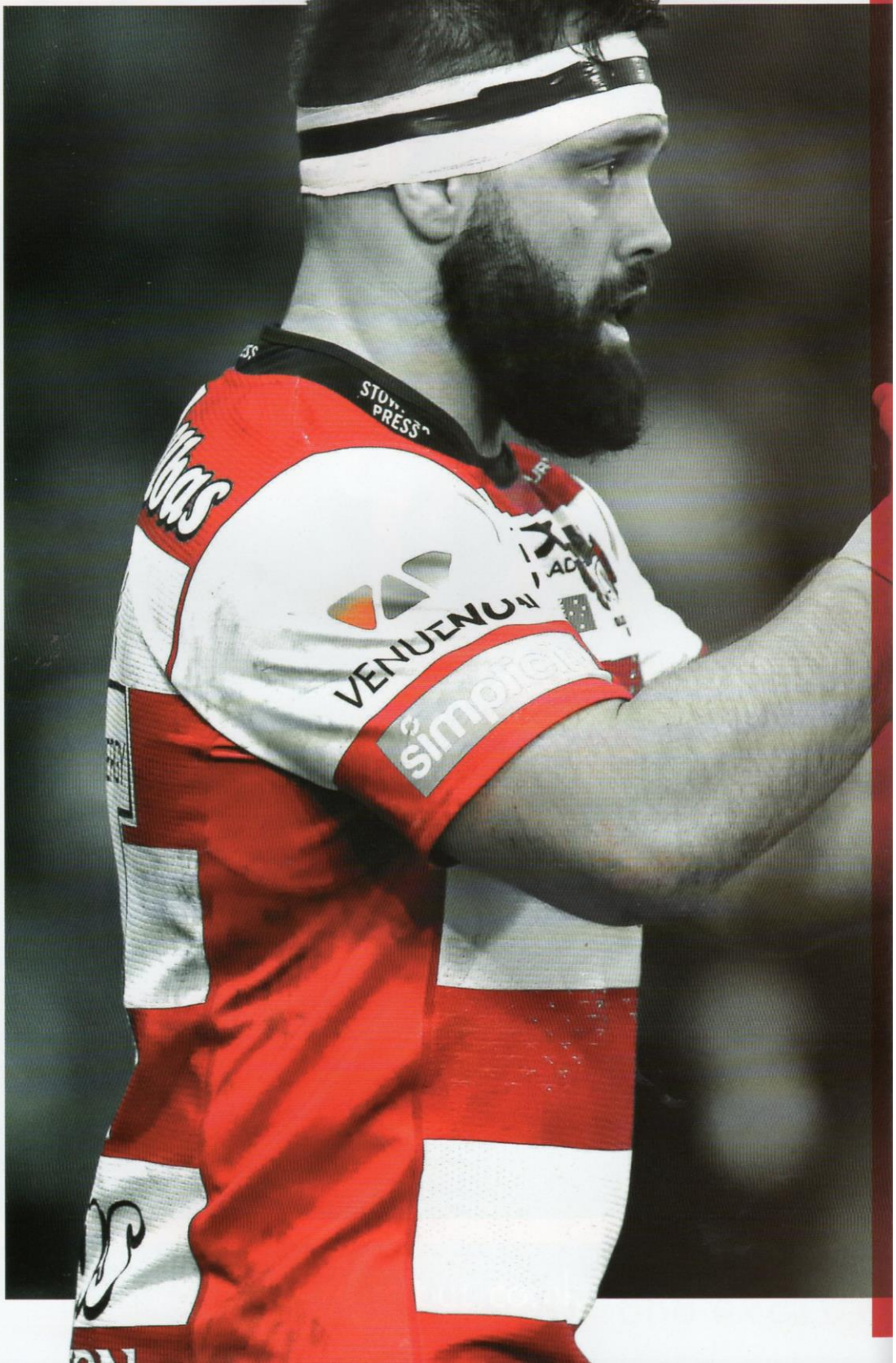
The win over Bath was not enough on its own. By the last game of the season West Hartlepool were already doomed, but the second relegation place was a straight fight-out between Gloucester and Saracens at Kingsholm. Early on in the game Mark Mapletoft kicked two penalties, and then to thunderous cheers from the 12,000 crowd, prop Tony Windo scored a try. Fly-half Martin Kimber kicked a drop goal and by half-time Gloucester were 14-3 up. Another Mapletoft penalty

stretched the lead, and although Saracens fought back in the second period, Richard Hill scoring a late try, the Cherry and Whites survived comfortably enough to win 17-10. The Times again, "Led superbly by Sims whose powerful lineout work was invaluable, Gloucester knew the game plan they sought to play and followed it rigidly. Scrummage power overwhelmed Saracens and allowed Kimber to dictate the match with some accurate kicking".

So, Saracens were relegated. Well... no; after the end of the season the RFU decided that the league was to be extended, and no teams were relegated after all.

In May 1996 Dave Sims became the first Gloucester player to sign professional terms. Rugby Union had changed forever.







FEATURE INTERVIEW

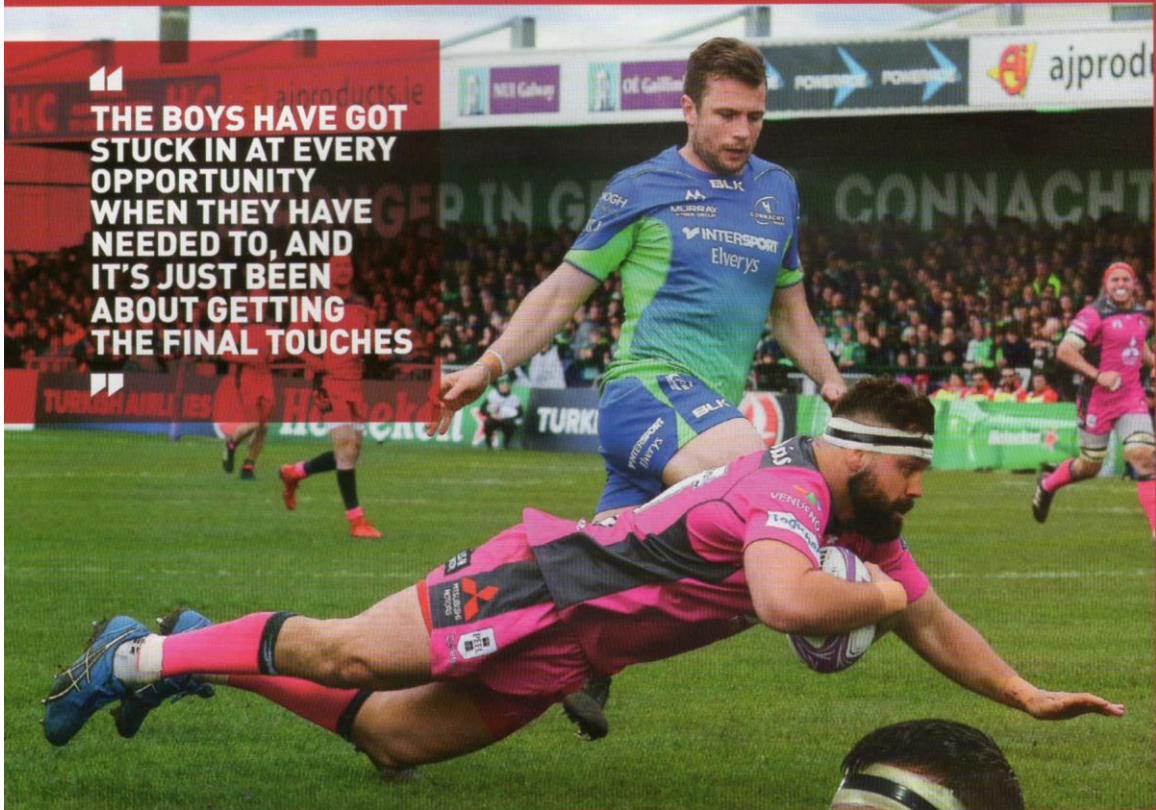
# JAMES HANSON

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**W**ith Cup Final rugby at stake for the winners of tonight’s game, James Hanson knows what it is like to lift silverware, with a Super Rugby title under his belt. But he is still keen to taste success in the Northern Hemisphere, and make the most of this opportunity.

Taking on the Falcons for the fourth time this season in regular season competition, the Cherry and Whites are well aware of the threats posed by the men from the North East, and Hanson is excited to lock horns with them, this time in the Challenge Cup semi-final.

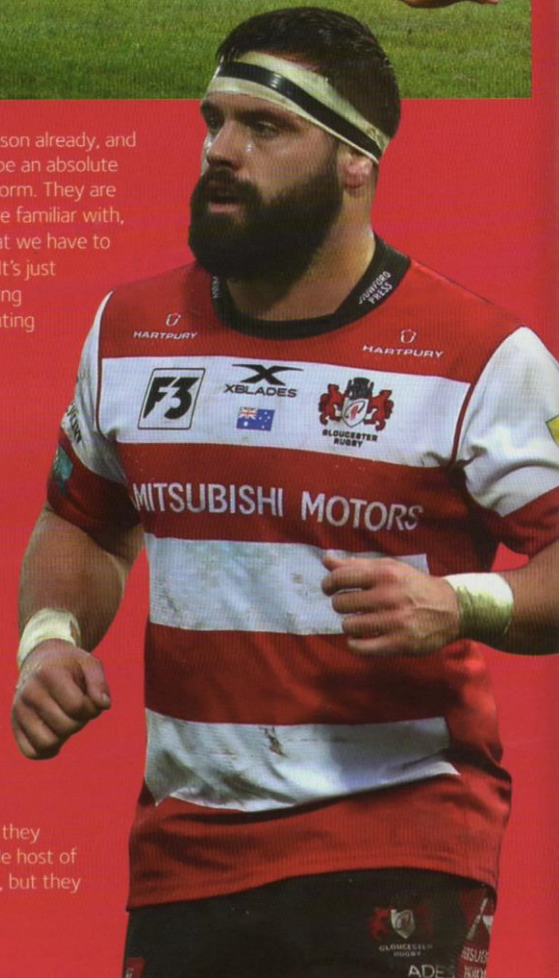
“We had a really good result when we travelled up there earlier in the year, but the previous fixture with Falcons at Kingsholm was disappointing for us as a squad, and we’ve spoken about it this week.

“There’s been a few games between the

two sides this season already, and this final one will be an absolute cracker if we perform. They are a team that we are familiar with, and we know what we have to do to beat them. It’s just down to us ensuring that we are executing that plan.”

Dean Richards’ men have been developing nicely in the Aviva Premiership this season, picking up impressive victories and catching many admirers, and Hanson highlights the threat of the Falcons.

“I think they’re a team where, across the board, they don’t have a whole host of household names, but they





are a squad that works really well together. They have such a hard-working forward pack, and they are an honest bunch.

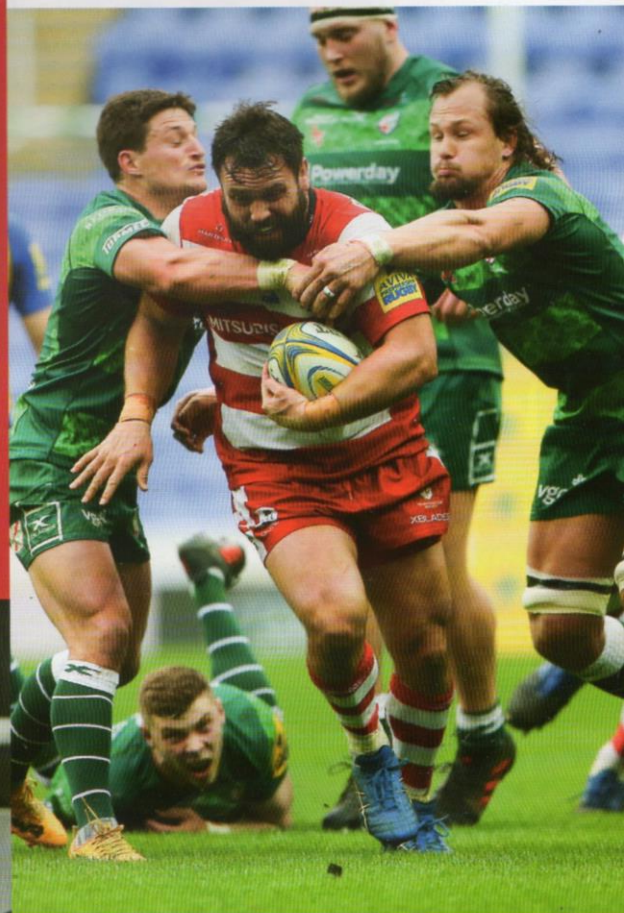
"They have some threats in the backline that can cause any team problems, and then out in the back line, the likes of Vereniki Goneva, Sinoti Sinoti etc are the players we have to keep tabs on and keep quiet."

A mid-season move from the Melbourne Rebels, following a successful loan spell, may have taken some people by surprise, but Hanson is relishing the opportunity.

"I have obviously not been here that long in rugby terms, but you can see the way, week on week, that the boys want to try and play.

"Sometimes the conditions dictated that and we haven't been able to execute too well, but the intention and buy in is definitely there.

"For pretty much every game that I have been here, there



has never been a lack of effort, the boys have got stuck in at every opportunity when they have needed to, and it's just been about getting the final touches.

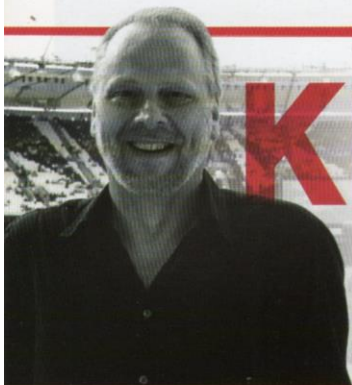
"As we go deeper into each competition, the defences have been more familiar, everyone knows each other's game, and it's just been about making sure those chances are taken."

After 16 games in Cherry and White so far this season, and a trio of tries, including the opener in Galway at the end of last month, Hanson recalls his favourite moment of his first season at the club.

"It's definitely a tough one to call. The win up at Newcastle in November was pretty special, it was my first start for the team, and during the week we spoke a lot about how difficult it was to go up to Newcastle and win there.

"We went up a few days early, got together as a team. For me, I got to know the boys a lot better and it was a really good result against a quality opponent."





# KINGSHOLM NEWS

WITH **BOB FENTON**

**W**hat was it that I said in the last programme... something about only having to go down to Exeter and getting a result I think?

Well we got one, a bit of a shellacking to be precise. That result wasn't pretty on my account, but fortunately a few other results went our way and we stayed in the mix for that top six spot.

Meanwhile our opponents last week were getting a right battering at London Irish, and shortly afterwards announced that long serving coach, John Kingston, would be leaving the club. This gave our friends in the media all the space they needed to start talking up a Quins backlash and pretty much writing us off before the game had started.

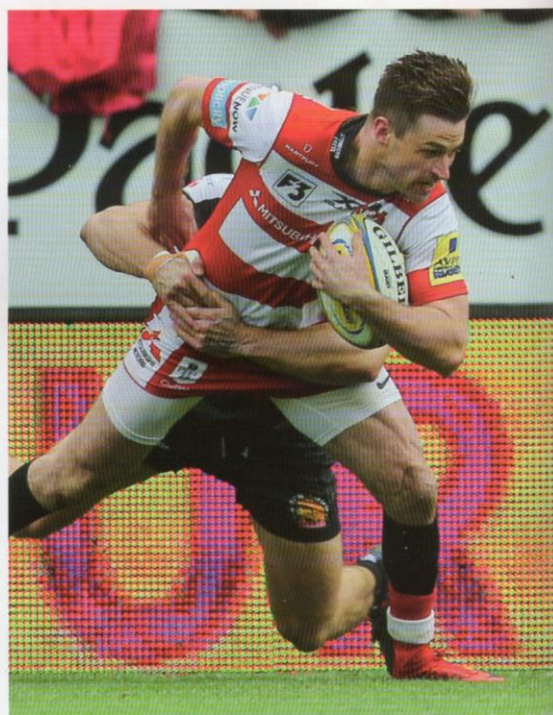
It's the second time this has happened to us this season – the last time was up at Northampton after they had disposed of their coach. That got to the point where I reckon there would have been an outcry if we had won, instead we lost to a series of, what's a nice way to say this... questionable decisions.

Last week though, no such problem. A bit of a creaky start and, maybe a case of trying a bit too hard, kept things too close for too long, but for all their rushing around I don't think Quins ever really threatened our try line. Instead in the last 10 minutes we cranked through the gears and got those all important four tries.

Tonight's opponents, Newcastle, gave us a massive boost with their last gasp try to put Sale away, so the results on Saturday pushed us back into sixth place. At the time of writing, Bath still have to play, and hopefully Saracens will do what they do best and keep them tucked away ten points behind us in eighth place.

But let's put the Premiership on hold for a bit, and look at the European competition. Tonight we go for a best of three decider with Newcastle, we won up there – they did the business when they came here a few weeks ago.

That game only took place after a heroic snow clearing effort by many volunteers – famously including Dean Richards and a few of his coaches. By the end of the game we were all wishing



they hadn't bothered! But we put four tries past them, so we can go into tonight's game confident in our ability to get over the line.

They are playing some great rugby though, a real mix of power and flair. And with a couple of monsters out on the wing they have lethal potential if they go wide.

Andy Goode summed up his approach to stopping them during the commentary of their game against Sale, saying that he would defend five metres inside them and leave someone else to make the tackle. To be fair I think that pretty much summed up his approach to his entire career though – he never was renowned as one of the game's greatest tacklers!

So, it's winner takes all tonight for a trip to that rugby heartland of umm... northern Spain. Nope, me neither... No idea why





European Rugby would choose to go there. I'm all in favour of spreading the reach of the game, but at least play the finals in a country that is actually taking part in the competition! And in somewhere that has more than a couple of dozen hotels. And that has good transport links.

It is what it is though, and if we come out with the right result tonight you can be sure that TripAdvisor will be creaking under the number of people from here trying to figure out how to get there and where to stay.

Let's talk about Henry Trinder for a moment... Last week he clocked up his 100th Premiership start, and did it on his 29th Birthday. What a player he has been for this club, he's right up there in my top all time Gloucester team. I've had the pleasure of speaking to him on a number of occasions for various publications and he is a real pleasure to work with. A top, top man.

His new – and hugely well-deserved – contract will take him on and beyond the ten years' service mark. Had it not been for some very well documented injuries he would have been though that 100 game barrier quite some time ago.

Let's talk about those injuries for a moment. The guy is like a human version of the kid's game 'Operation' – there can't be much left of him that has not been broken and repaired a few times. I have it on good authority that he had his own bed in the sick bay and it's rumoured that even Casualty found his injury list too far-fetched for their Saturday night show!

But look at him now, playing champagne rugby – maybe the best of his career. Some of the tries he has scored or set up



have been real top drawer stuff. His 'almost' try in the first few seconds of the game at Exeter was a shining beacon of skill in an otherwise fairly uninspiring game.

And last weekend, after receiving a bullet of a pass from Mark Atkinson he held the defender perfectly before moving inside and releasing Jason Woodward to score. Jason got the 1873 Moment of the Match award for that try – they gave it to the wrong man – that try was all down to HT and I hope Jason gave him at least a big swig of the winner's champagne.

So, Henry, huge – albeit a bit late – congratulations on the 100 Premiership game mark, I'm looking forward to seeing that number increasing rapidly and to seeing you light up our midfield for many years to come.



# RANDALL

## on RUGBY



FOR THE THIRD TIME IN FOUR SEASONS, GLOUCESTER HAVE REACHED THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE CHALLENGE CUP.

**T**he wins over Exeter and La Rochelle were both gripping affairs and, on the evidence of what Newcastle produced at times during their Premiership match against Sale last weekend, tonight's encounter promises much.

Surprisingly in a season where Henry Trinder has played more first team games than for six years, he missed both the league fixtures against the Falcons. European matches, however, have some vivid memories despite the 29-year-old being side lined when Gloucester won the tournament in 2015.

"The victory in La Rochelle last year was one of my favourite games for Gloucester because the odds were stacked against us" Trinder said.

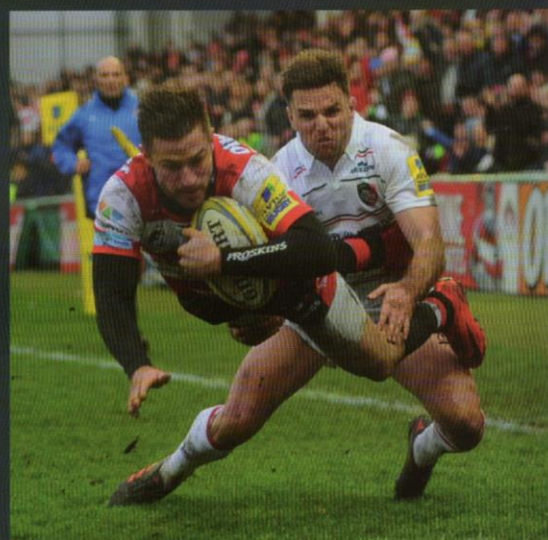
"In our Heineken Cup days it was a great experience to play away at Toulouse, although we lost in the last minute, but I came off the bench in the home game and that was a great win.

"Usually this competition gives you a chance to play sides you don't normally face. Of course we know about Newcastle but it's still a big game and winning is something we are desperate to do."

Trinder hopes the renovation work on his house can be finished during the summer, and if, as some pundits suggest, he is selected for England's end of season tour to South Africa it could be argued it would also complete the rebuilding of a career so frequently interrupted by injury.

"I do want to play for England and it's great that people are mentioning my name around the squad but I've had no word from Eddie Jones and that's been a factor in me cracking on with the games here," Henry added.

"It's always a worry when you come back from a major injury but, in terms of how I've bounced back, the strength in my lower body is a lot better than it used to be. I feel a lot more robust in terms of being able to handle the collisions and



that's due to Dan Tobin, our S&C coach."

"For half of last season I did a lot of training without featuring as much as I would liked, but I got through those weeks without being injured, not picking up little knocks, and it brought my body back to sharpness.

"I also had a good pre-season and all the important work, like warming up before the warm-up, means I'm ready for the training sessions and games and I feel more agile compared to where I was before."

Trinder was on the wing against Harlequins last Saturday, and the bonus point win certainly relieved some of the tension surrounding a top six finish in the Premiership. One more victory from the last two games might be enough, and Trinder accepts the idea that Gloucester are better equipped for top level European rugby now than they were a year ago.

"You never really know until you're there but we're a side that like to think we can step up," Trinder said.





"In terms of strength in depth across the board, this is one of the strongest and most talented squads I've been involved in. It's David Humphreys' job to make sure we are ready for it and I'm sure he has some aces up his sleeve for next season in terms of signings."

The prospect of playing Cardiff or Pau in Bilbao on May 11th will be a huge incentive for tonight's winners and, having been in the Challenge Cup for the last decade without reaching this stage, there's no question it's a big occasion for Newcastle too.

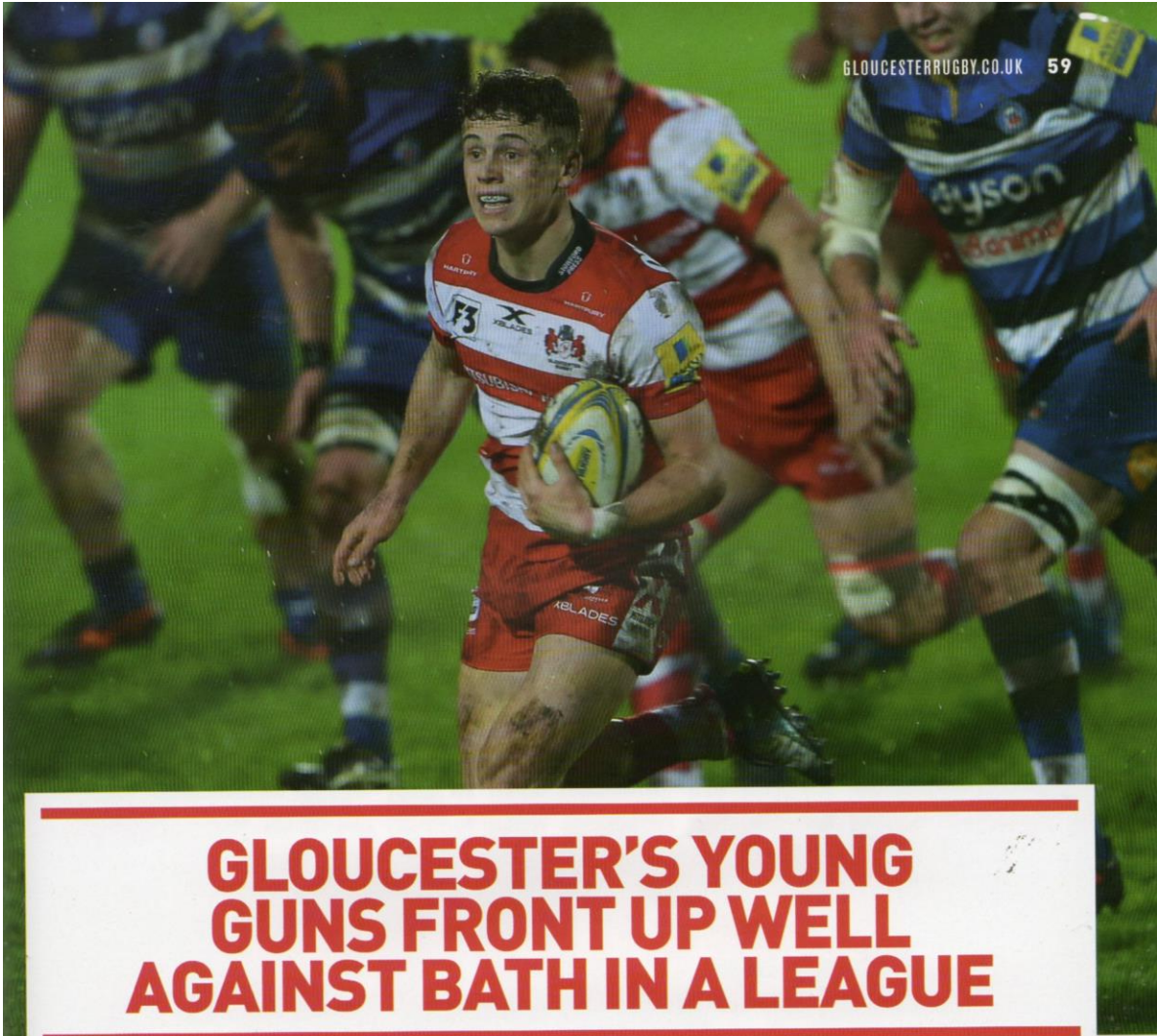
Gloucester, though, earned home advantage with the win in Connacht, and Trinder believes that can be a tipping point in the tie.

"A trophy is two games from here for both of us so it's going to be hard," he concluded.

"They're a dangerous team, Toby Flood coming back has given them some experience and direction, they've played really well this year and they've beaten us at home, but this is where we would prefer to be.

"They are a bit more familiar than a French side and we've got more of a feel to how they play so hopefully we can use that to our advantage and push hard to get the win."





## GLOUCESTER'S YOUNG GUNS FRONT UP WELL AGAINST BATH IN A LEAGUE

**A** Gloucester United side, featuring many current or former Academy players, gave it everything in the recent Premiership Rugby A League fixture against Bath United at Kingsholm, but paid the price for not taking their chances in a 7-15 defeat.

More heavy rain in the South-West meant that it was never going to be a feast of running rugby, but both teams did their best to make it an open encounter on the night.

Gloucester made most of the running in the early stages, without being able to find the final pass, but were somewhat sucker-punched by a try against the run of play.

Jack Wilson was sent clear down the right from inside his own 22 as Gloucester were caught napping on the blindside of a set scrum. He made good ground and gathered his own chip ahead, only to be tap tackled by David Halaifonua. But Paul Grant was in support and took the offload off the floor to score.

Gloucester responded well, but still couldn't quite find the key to unlock the Bath defence, and conceded a second on the half hour, again arguably when the Cherry and Whites were on top.

A grubber kick ahead was fielded by Tom de Glanville who chipped ahead, hacked on and gathered to slide over.

Will Partington added a fine conversion for 0-12 and his second half penalty extended the lead yet further on the hour mark.

Gloucester threw everything at Bath in the closing stages in a bid to get a consolation score. They did get to within inches of the Bath line on a couple of occasions and finally got their reward as Aaron Hinkley forced his way over from close range, Charlie Chapman adding the conversion to complete the scoring.

### Gloucester United:

15. David Halaifonua, 14. Mason Tonks, 13. Matt Scott, 12. Andy Symons, 11. Tom Seabrook, 10. Elliott Creed, 9. Charlie Chapman; 1. Cameron Orr, 2. Henry Walker, 3. Ciaran Knight; 4. Callum Allen, 5. Mariano Galarza; 6. Freddie Clarke (c), 7. Aaron Hinkley, 8. Gareth Evans

### Replacements:

16. Nathan Taylor (Cinderford), 17. Alex Seville, 18. James Elliott (Cinderford); 19. Tom Denton, 20. Charlie Beckett, 21. Jimmy Williams (Cinderford), 22. Jacob Morris, 23. Reece Dunn





# CONNACHT RUGBY **28-33** GLOUCESTER RUGBY

**TRIES:**

Kieran Marmion, Bundee Aki, Niyi Adeolokun, Matt Healy

**CONVERSIONS:**

Craig Ronaldson

**PENALTIES:**

Jack Carty

**DATE:** Sat 31st Mar 18

**KO:** 13:00

**TRIES:**

James Hanson, Henry Trinder, Tom Marshall, John Afoa

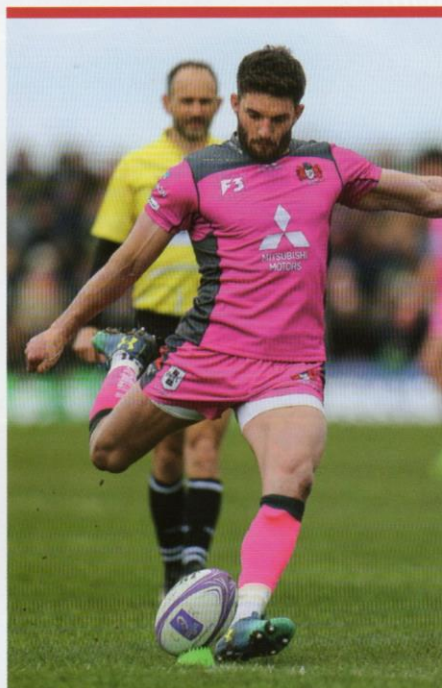
**CONVERSIONS:**

Owen Williams (2)

**PENALTIES:**

Owen Williams (2), Billy Twelvetrees

**REPLAY**  
**ACTION**





**F**or the second week in a row, Gloucester went on the road and had to dig deep before clinching a narrow victory.

Connacht is never an easy place to visit and, with the home side looking to keep their season alive as well as pay tribute to retiring stalwart John Muldoon, the Sportsground was packed for this European Rugby Challenge Cup quarter-final.

After taking an early lead, Gloucester were then put under real pressure by their hosts who threw the kitchen sink at the Cherry and Whites. Ben Morgan was yellow carded and two tries were conceded to put Gloucester's European dreams in real danger.

However, Gloucester showed great resolve to score two tries themselves to go into half-time with a crucial seven point lead at 10-17.

They duly extended that lead with an Owen Williams penalty, but Connacht then launched a ferocious comeback which Gloucester did well to withstand to clinch a spot in the semi-finals against Newcastle at Kingsholm.

Gloucester got off to a flyer on the day as James Hanson pounced on a loose line-out tap by the home side, gathering the bouncing ball to sprint home from 30 metres.

However, Connacht hit back immediately as Gloucester struggled to get to grips with the referee's interpretation of the laws and tries from Marmion and Aki, either side of a yellow card for Ben Morgan, put the home side in the box seat.

Gloucester didn't lose their composure though, and started to get their game going with tries from Trinder and Marshall giving



**YOU LOOK AT THAT FIRST 25 MINUTES, WE STRUGGLED TO ADAPT TO THE REFEREE, WE STRUGGLED TO UNDERSTAND HIM AT THE LINEOUTS, THE SCRUMS ETC. BUT WE HUNG ON IN THERE AND THAT'S THE ONE THING THAT THE TEAM HAS LEARNT WELL.**

**THAT LAST FIVE MINUTES WAS ACTUALLY BRILLIANT - THAT LAST 10 MINUTES WITH LUDS IN THE BIN AND WE PUSHED THEM BACK AND BACK AND BACK UNTIL THE MISTAKE CAME.**



HEAD COACH JOHAN ACKERMANN

them the advantage at half-time.

Owen Williams' well-struck penalty early in the second-half made it a ten point lead, only for Connacht to respond almost immediately via a try from Adeolokun and a penalty from Carty.

Gloucester looked to have made the game safe when John Afoa marked his 100th competitive appearance followed by a second penalty from Williams. But back came Connacht and Ronaldson's penalty and a try for Healy threatened to make it a nervy last few minutes until Billy Twelvetrees' late penalty completed the scoring.







# EXETER CHIEFS 46-10 GLOUCESTER RUGBY

**TRIES:**

Alec Hepburn, Sam Simmonds, Olly Woodburn, Jack Nowell (2), Gareth Steenson

**CONVERSIONS:**

Joe Simmonds (5)

**PENALTIES:**

Joe Simmonds (2)

**DATE:** Sun 8th Apr 18  
**KO:** 15:00

**TRIES:**

Callum Braley

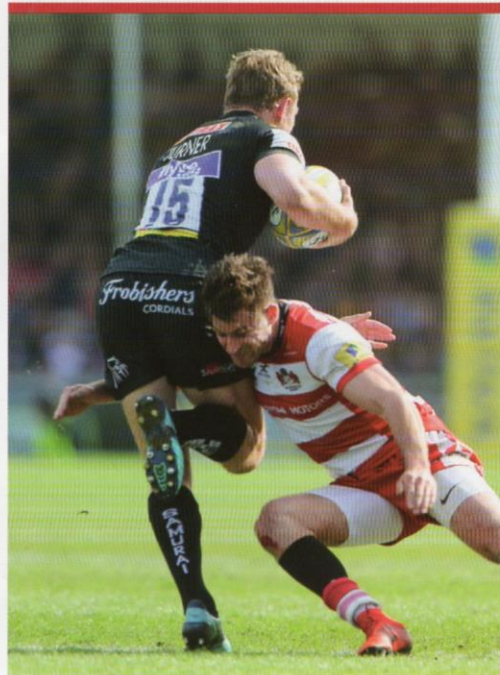
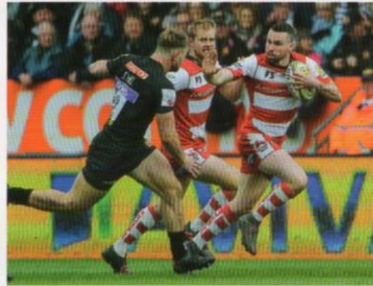
**CONVERSIONS:**

Owen Williams

**PENALTIES:**

Owen Williams

# ACTION REPLAY





**A**fter two impressive wins on the road, Gloucester couldn't make it three in a row when they ran into an in-form Exeter Chiefs at Sandy Park.

The defending Aviva Premiership champions, Exeter are in fine form again this season, topping the table and already having won the Anglo-Welsh Cup this season.

After a bright opening, Gloucester weren't quite at their best and, as Head Coach Johan Ackermann admitted after the game, the Cherry and Whites didn't really get the bounce of the ball on the day and Exeter needed no second invitation to take a grip of the game and ultimately secure victory.

Would things have turned out differently if Henry Trinder's early 'try' been allowed? Or if Nic White's crafty trip on Tom Marshall been noticed by the officials (it certainly was by the TV commentators!) and a card been brandished?

Possibly not as the Chiefs were certainly on their game, but we'll never know.

Owen Williams actually gave Gloucester an early lead with a well-struck penalty, but the momentum turned as the Chiefs monopolised possession, thanks in part to a number of marginal calls and incidents going their way.

They certainly made the most of it as, in trademark fashion, they ground Gloucester down metre by metre and ensured that they pretty much took points away from every visit to the Gloucester 22.

Alec Hepburn and Sam Simmonds powered over for close range tries, before Ruan Ackermann was yellow carded as Gloucester paid the price for persistent infringements and a third try from Olly Woodburn on the stroke of half-time was a body blow.

Gloucester came out fighting and gave hope of a comeback when Callum Braley darted over after a break from Mark Atkinson.

But the Chiefs regrouped and started to pick off Gloucester as the Cherry and Whites started to throw the ball around in a desperate bid to score more tries in search of a losing bonus point.

Jack Nowell added two more for the home side, and the final try was symptomatic of the over-ambition as a rash offload only found Gareth Steenson and the fly-half strolled over for a popular try.



**TODAY EXETER WERE RUTHLESS. WE STARTED WELL BUT OUR DISCIPLINE COST US AND YOU CAN'T PLAY CATCH-UP AGAINST A SIDE AS GOOD AS EXETER.**

**EVEN AFTER FIVE MINUTES I KNEW IT WASN'T GOING TO BE OUR DAY. BOUNCES OF THE BALL WERE GOING THEIR WAY, A FEW DECISIONS WENT AGAINST US WITH FORWARD PASSES MISSED SO I FELT EVERYTHING WAS AGAINST US.**

**HEAD COACH JOHAN ACKERMANN**





# TEAM LINE-UPS



FRIDAY 20 APRIL // EUROPEAN RUGBY CHALLENGE CUP

T	P	C	D	POSITION		T	P	C	D
				JASON WOODWARD	15	FULL BACK	15	SIMON HAMMERSLEY	
				TOM MARSHALL	14	RIGHT WING	14	ALEX TAIT	
				BILLY TWELVETREES	13	OUTSIDE CENTRE	13	CHRIS HARRIS	
				MARK ATKINSON	12	INSIDE CENTRE	12	JOSH MATAVESI	
				HENRY TRINDER	11	LEFT WING	11	ZACH KIBIRIGE	
				BILLY BURNS	10	FLY-HALF	10	JOEL HODGSON	
				CALLUM BRALEY	9	SCRUM-HALF	9	MICHAEL YOUNG	
				PADDY McALLISTER	1	LOOSEHEAD PROP	1	SAM LOCKWOOD	
				MOTU MATU'U	2	HOOKER	2	SCOTT LAWSON	
				FRASER BALMAIN	3	TIGHTHEAD PROP	3	SCOTT WILSON	
				ED SLATER (C)	4	LOCK	4	CALUM GREEN	
				MARIANO GALARZA	5	LOCK	5	WILL WITTY	
				RUAN ACKERMANN	6	BLINDSIDE FLANKER	6	ALLY HOGG	
				JAKE POLLEDRI	7	OPENSIDE FLANKER	7	GARY GRAHAM	
				BEN MORGAN	8	NUMBER 8	8	NILI LATU	
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				JOSH HOHNECK	17		17	ROB VICKERS	
				JOHN AFOA	18		18	TREVOR DAVISON	
				FREDDIE CLARKE	19		19	EVAN OLMSTEAD	
				LEWIS LUDLOW	20		20	RYAN BURROWS	
				BEN VELLACOTT	21		21	TANE TAKULUA	
				ANDY SYMONS	22		22	MAXIME MERMOZ	
				CHARLIE SHARPLES	23		23	ADAM RADWAN	

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