

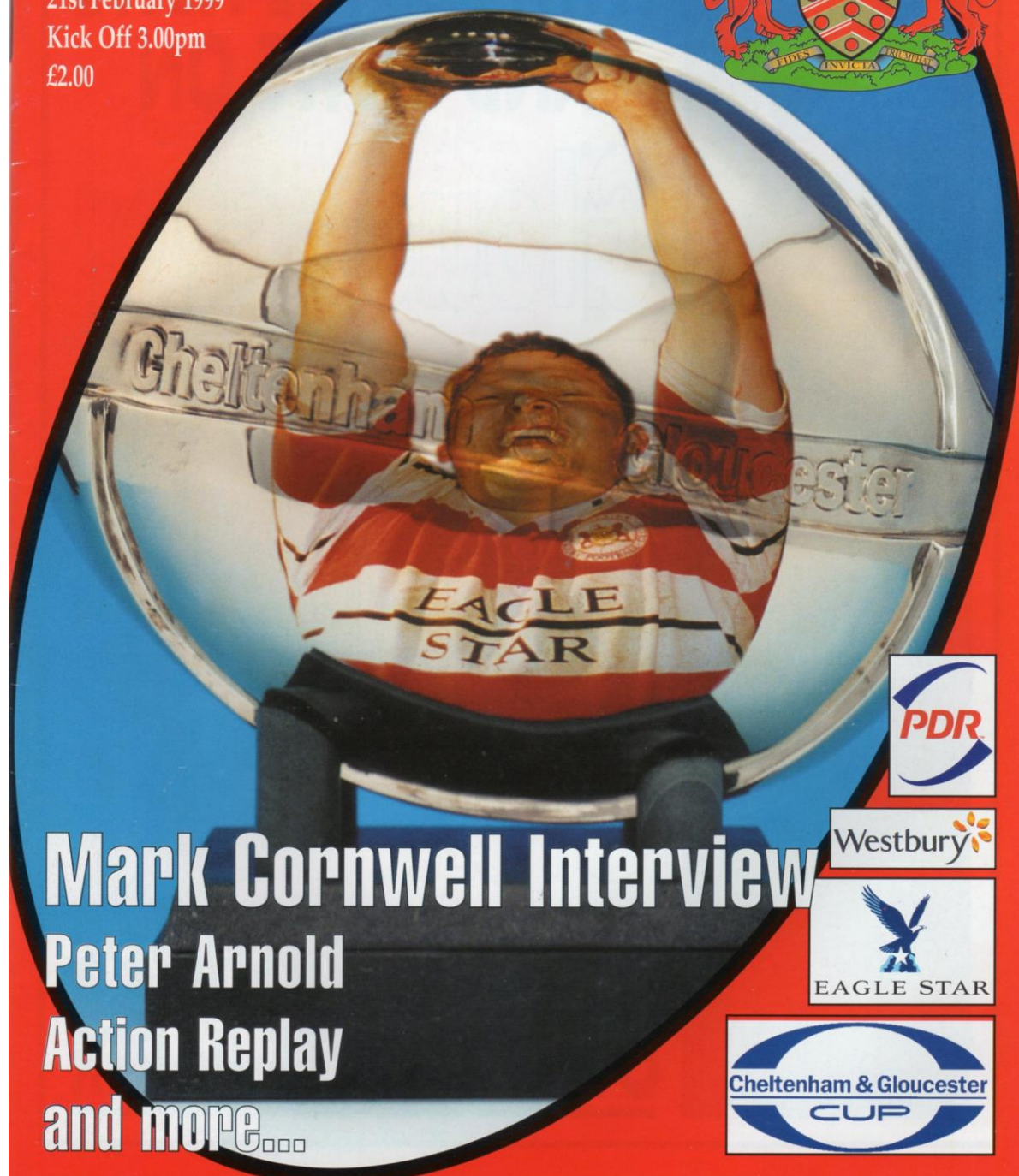
# Gloucester

v LEEDS TYKES

21st February 1999

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# Five Go To Headingley

**G**loucester are pleased to see that five of their squad were selected for the England A match against Scotland on Friday night in Headingley, Leeds.

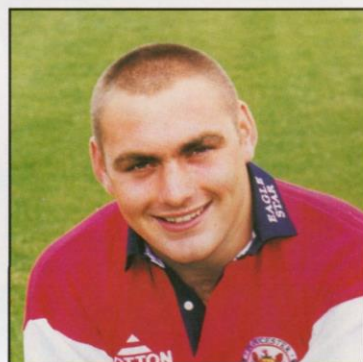
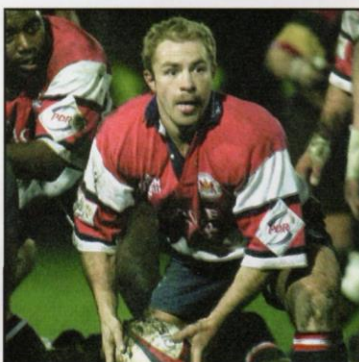
Pictured clockwise, Scott Benton, Rob Fidler, Trevor Woodman and Mark Mapletoft all took the field with Mark Cornwell starting on the bench.

Trevor Woodman celebrated his debut for England A following a very successful 1st XV season so far. Woodman (23) known to others at the club as 'Dougie' comes from Cornwall and shares a house in Gloucester with fellow Cornish player Phil Vickery. So far this season, he's clocked up an impressive number of performances and is now a regular first team

member. All five players were told of their final selection on Tuesday morning, travelling up together to the hotel in Leeds that night to start a training session on Wednesday morning.

You can read further comments from Mark Cornwell in today's player profile on page 22 and Trevor Woodman will feature next week.

There will also be a summary of the game from one of the five players in the Harlequins cup programme.





Peter Arnold

# Can Leeds Go One Better?

**T**he major Rugby League story last weekend concerned Leeds' great victory over arch-rivals Wigan. Next weekend, while we're trying hard to reverse last Saturday's Harlequins result in our own Tetley Bitter Cup competition, Leeds will be trying conclusions with St. Helens in their Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

All of which means that today's welcome visitors to Kingsholm will be trying to go one better than their illustrious 13-man counterparts. Leeds RFC have, as far as I know, never faced Gloucester at Kingsholm before, normally operating a Division below us.

Put like that, it should be a

doddle for Gloucester, but as we all know, things aren't quite like that in real life. To start with, at the time of writing, I don't know what sort of a side we're going to be able to field today. Having no fewer than eleven players in the England A squad, some of them certainly won't be available today.

But even if Gloucester were not to field a weakened side, Leeds would not be a side to be taken lightly. Since entering the Premiership in 1991, they have never finished lower than fourth in the table. True, Bristol did inflict a damaging defeat on them last Saturday, but they are an extremely ambitious outfit, hell-bent on attaining Premiership One status. It is the club's declared aim to gather together all the best players in Yorkshire, and become the flagship club for that most independent of counties.

Not that they are being insular about it. Take a look at their squad, and you'll see a fair old sprinkling of players with International



experience, and a great deal to offer. It's a pity Wendell Sailor's contract ran out. We would have liked to see that particular dynamo in action at Kingsholm.

Of course, we have our own agenda. We are, after all, the Cheltenham and Gloucester Cup holders, and aren't about to surrender our one and only piece of silverware without a struggle. One of the major reasons for the establishment of a Cup competition to be played on International weekends was to give players who are not, as yet, regulars in their clubs' senior squads a chance to show their paces and stake their claims. Last season we did just that, and intend to do it again.

One way and another, it may well be a close-fought game today. It should be highly enjoyable, and we certainly hope our visitors from the White Rose County go home afterwards finding that to be so.







## Remember Headingley?

**W**e may not have seen Leeds at Kingsholm before, but their home ground is at Headingly, and that's a name we remember well. The grand old Headingly club used to play here regularly, sometimes, but not invariably, over Easter. We recall them as an attractive, hard-running side who could always be relied upon to provide an excellent afternoon's entertainment.

They had their star players, too. The great flanker, Peter Winterbottom was a Headingly player before moving south, and always turned out for Yorkshire. Some of us also remember Peter Thompson, a big, bustling winger who had 17 Caps for England. He was, in fact, a member of Eric Evans' Grand Slam England side which also included our own George Hastings. George may have been a prop forward, but he also kicked a few goals for England.

That's all quite a while ago now, but I wouldn't be a bit surprised if there are a few old Headingly hands along today. If so, it will be great to see them again.

## BRIS V. GLAWS AGAIN?

Peter Arnold

**O**ne of the penalties of the way last season's promotions and relegations worked out was that we haven't played the Old Enemy this season. A year without Gloucester v. Bristol is like eating a hot dog without the sausage. I was very pleased, therefore, to read that we could well be visiting the Memorial Stadium as early as August 21st or 22nd this year, whatever the results of the Premiership battle.

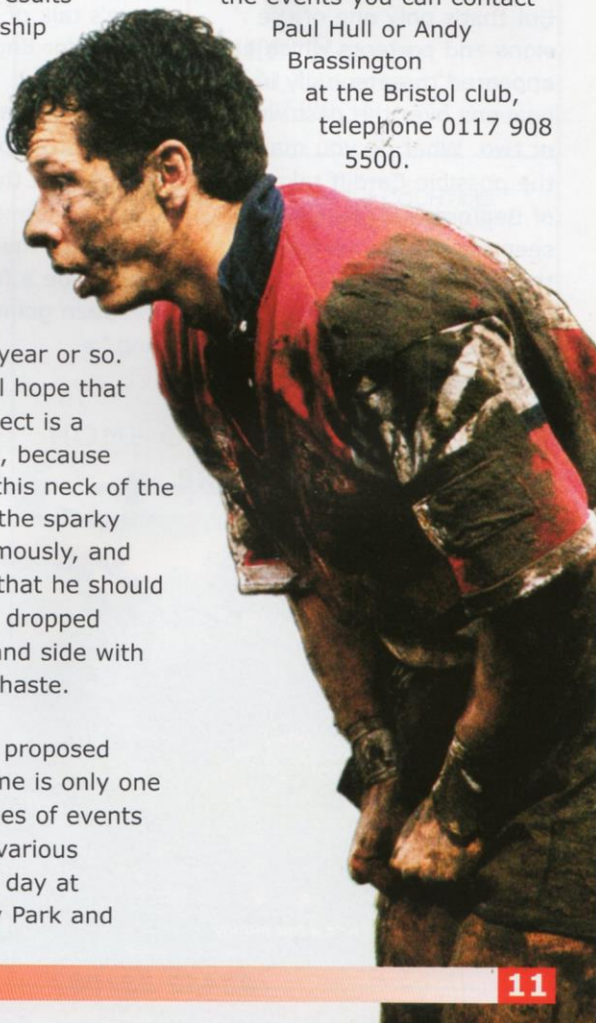
The occasion is planned as part of the testimonial organised for Paul Hull over the next year or so. I'm sure we all hope that the whole project is a raving success, because most of us in this neck of the woods valued the sparky full-back enormously, and firmly believe that he should not have been dropped from the England side with such indecent haste.

Of course, the proposed Gloucester game is only one of a whole series of events which include various dinners, a golf day at Bristol's Tracey Park and

a tasty looking sevens tournament at Bristol on May 23rd which could well be worth a day out.

The testimonial year idea is a good one, recognising that Paul Hull was, like several Gloucester players you could name, one of those people whose age just debarred them from the full benefits of the professional game. If you're interested in any of the events you can contact

Paul Hull or Andy Brassington  
at the Bristol club,  
telephone 0117 908 5500.





## NICE GESTURE

I heard one pleasant story concerning the sad demise of Tredworth RFC recently. While friendly games are still being organised, and the social side is being catered for thanks to the hospitality of the Winget Club, it will probably be a long time before anything like a youth policy can be revived. That means that shirts, socks etc. for 10 and 11 year-olds were mouldering away doing nothing.

Not any more, they're not. Reg Daldry, the former club Chairman took the whole lot down to Tredworth Junior School. Who were obviously glad to receive them, and will certainly make good use of them. I can't think of a more appropriate place for the gear to end up.

Speaking of nice gestures, did you see that there is to be a new County Cup trophy named after Curly Hemmings, the legendary forward who played over 1,000 games for Matson, and who died so tragically last year?

That's a great idea. Curly would have laughed his socks off.

## TAILPIECE

There was John Schuster, taking his time about lining up an eminently kickable conversion last Saturday, when a voice from the Worcester Street end shouted:

"Come on, mate. I've gotta be at work at seven!"

## DON'T TAKE THINGS FOR GRANTED

Peter Arnold

It's difficult to dredge up any crumbs of comfort from the disaster of the defeat by Harlequins last week. It's hard to look on while the lads have a game, to all intents and purposes, all sewn up, and then watch everything go so spectacularly pear shaped in the second half.

No doubt there will have been some pretty ferocious post mortems over that one. However, perhaps a word of warning is in order. Just because they put it across us last Saturday, the Quins shouldn't run away with the idea that they only have to turn up to progress into the Cup Semi Finals.

The Gloucester lads will be smarting more than anyone about the events of last weekend. They won't be about to let it happen again. Furthermore, the Cup is the Cup, and different from a League game. It has a special place in the mythology of Gloucester RFC, and everyone will be out to maintain our proud Cup reputation.

And have you noticed how often a side will lose a

game, and then beat the same opposition in the Cup a couple of weeks later? It's quite a noticeable phenomenon.

Perhaps I should also remind you that Tetley Bitter Cup games are always all-pay affairs. I am prompted to do that because on the lunchtime of the Henley game, I had no fewer than three Members come up to me and say "It's not all pay today is it?"

By then, of course, there wasn't a ticket to be had. Got yours yet? If not, perhaps you'd better do something about it today.





# Club Information

## PRESS RELEASE

The club has released the following statement: Gloucester Rugby Football Club Limited has terminated Richard Hill's contract as Director of Rugby within the Club. Richard's hard work and effort when he joined Gloucester helped in previous seasons to preserve Gloucester's position in the First Division of English rugby.

The budget and resources that were made available at the beginning of this season entitled the club to expect that a top four position would be achieved. However, Gloucester is placed tenth in the Allied Dunbar Premiership League table and recent performances have been very disappointing. The management of the Club feels that the Gloucester supporters deserve better, and that the current situation means that a change is necessary to enable the Club to achieve its ambitions. The Club today announced that Philippe Saint-Andre will take on the role of Player-Coach for the remainder of the season.

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## GLOUCESTER V. HARLEQUINS

TETLEY BITTER CUP February 27th

Grandstand £18  
Adult Ground £12  
Concessions (Juniors, OAP's) £6

## ANGLO-WELSH FRIENDLY MATCHES

GLOS V CARDIFF (Mar27)  
GLOS V SWANSEA (Apr17)

Grandstand £18, Ground £12, Concs £6

## Golden Gamble Draw Gloucester v Harlequins

| Winning Number | Winning Prize | Winning Name |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 65768          | £260.00       | Packwood     |
| 65263          | £156.00       | Daniel       |
| 66345          | £103.00       | Gez - Box 5  |

## BELATED WELCOME

I only learned that the Bishop of Gloucester was due to visit Kingsholm for last week's Harlequins game after that programme had gone to press, which deprived me of the opportunity of writing the appropriate words of welcome. This was his first visit, and was part of the Pilgrimage he is making covering his entire Diocese during 1999.

Gloucester RFC has, of course, a significant ecclesiastical connection. The very ground we play on once belonged to the Diocese, and there have been a fair few good players from among the clergy who have worn the cherry-and-white in anger.

Anyway, a belated welcome to our current Bishop. We hope he thoroughly enjoyed himself. And that his visit will be the first of many.

Peter Arnold





# Mark Cornwell Interview

When I spoke to him on Monday, Mark Cornwell was one of a large number of Gloucester players in contention for an England 'A' place. That game will have taken place by the time you read this, with any or all of the Gloucester players involved. However, whether or not he appeared for England, Mark Cornwell has been a rock for

Gloucester this



season. Impressive in the line-out and unshakeable in open play, Mark's form has meant that at times even club captain Dave Sims has made way for him.

"I used to come down as a boy and stand in the shed. I used to watch Dave Sims play - he's a lot older than me. When I was playing and Dave was on the bench, he wasn't very happy but then I had a few games on the bench. Sometimes if the team isn't gelling well,

Richard will pick different players to see how that affects things. We'll all play some rugby at some stage. There's also the situation that Dave's captain of the club so if Richard wants to get some consistency at captain, then he's got the option of Dave. I've played 18 or 19 games this season, which is more than a lot of players."

As one of three Gloucester players in contention for England A's no.5 shirt, you'd wonder how the players feel about

competing with each other not only for a regular game but for the honours as well.

"Well, there are two second row places and I've heard that they're bringing one player down from the England 1st XV to play in the A side - probably Garath Archer. So, there's one place on the field and one on the bench and three of us going for it. One of us is going to be lucky and one of us is going to be disappointed. We'll congratulate whoever gets in, there'll be no bad feeling between anyone. Whoever gets in deserves their spot."

It's this kind of good sportsmanship and team strength that has held Gloucester together through some bad times this season, something recognised by Mark. "I think we've got a good team spirit. There's a great bunch of lads here and we all get on well."

At this point, Phil Vickery, Audley Lumsden, Chris Fortey and others in the corner make very loud snoring sounds directed at Mark - a joke directed partly at his relatively quiet voice. Mark pretends to ignore them.

"The other good thing



# Mark Cornwell Interview



is that we're all reasonably young," he continues. "The average age here is a lot lower than at some other clubs. That means that we can achieve a lot here in the next two or three years. The other thing about us is that we don't have a lot of experience at full international level here. A lot of the backs have international experience but it's only one or two caps for a lot of them. And having

experience in the backs is all very well, but you've got to win the ball first... Just look at Leicester - they've got the England front row and a couple of other England players in their pack and look where they are now..." The snoring and wheezing noises get louder, and I

ask if this is all part of the team spirit. "I think I'm one of the worst for making jokes and taking the mickey, that's why they do it so much to me. I just laugh and ignore it," He claims.

We move on to more serious matters, and this afternoon's C&G Cup match. Mark didn't play in last season's cup final: "Funnily enough I was involved with England A in the game against Ireland. England A

games are always on Friday, before the full internationals on Saturday. The England game against Ireland was played the Friday night at Richmond before the cup final on the Saturday. I was picked to play for Gloucester but I was picked to play for England A as well." The C&G Cup is perhaps Gloucester's best chance to win something this year, not least because the cup already - literally - has Gloucester's name on it. "We're aiming for a bit of Silverware at the end of the season. We've got a home draw... I know we lost on Saturday but hopefully we can do a bit better and it all depends on what happens on the day. We want to get as far as we can and hopefully win a cup."

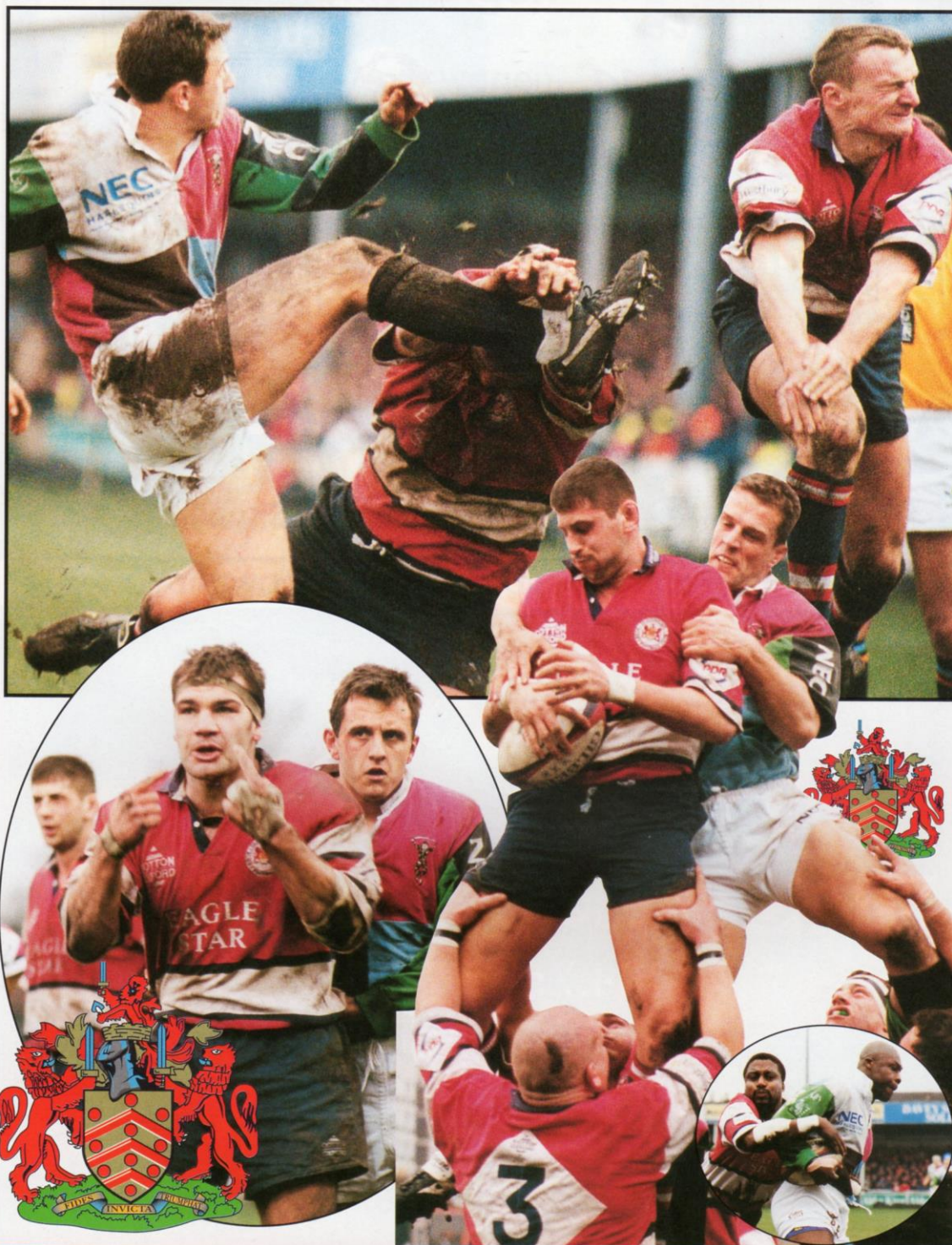
We all hope so, too.

**Martin Jones**



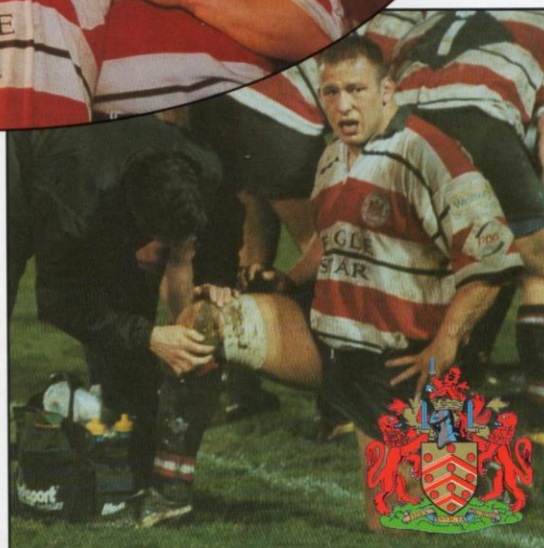
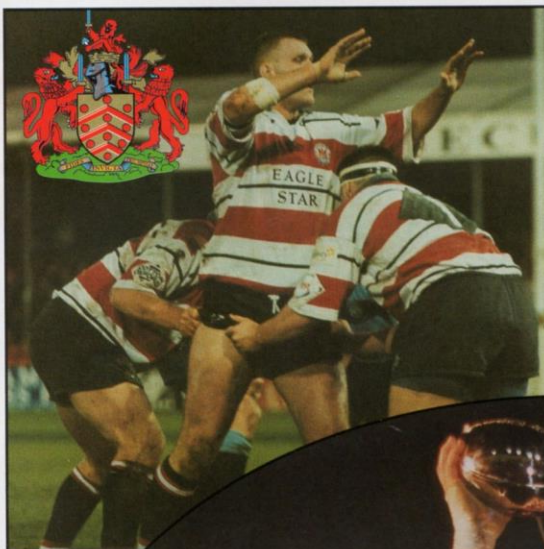


# Action Replay: Quins





# C&G Cup Final 1998







## GLOUCESTER



## LEEDS TYKES



15 Chris Catling  
14 Brian Johnson  
13 Mike Davis  
12 Rory Greenslade-Jones  
11 Rob Jewell

10 Simon Mannix\*  
9 Ian Sanders

1 Tony Windo  
2 Chris Hall  
3 Dave Hinkins  
4 Richard Ward  
5 Dave Sims (c)  
6 Adam Eustace  
7 Andy Dawling  
8 Richard Stott

16 Stephen Ward  
17 Martyn Kimber  
18 Laurie Beck  
19 Andy Robinson  
20 Chris Fortey  
21 Adam Harris  
22 Nathan Carter

Full Back  
Right Wing  
Centre  
Centre  
Left Wing

Outside Half  
Scrum Half

Prop  
Hooker  
Prop  
Lock  
Lock  
Flanker  
Flanker  
No. 8

Replacements

Andy James  
Craig Emerson  
Hefin O'Hare  
Diccon Edwards  
Jonathon Scales

Tom Rhodes  
Christian Saverimutto

Mike Shelley  
Mark Luffman  
Huw Thomas  
Tom Palmer  
Paul Jones  
Tim Fourie  
Simon Easterby  
Stuart Reid

Mike Cawthorn  
Simon Middleton  
Jon Feeley  
Steve Griffiths  
Mike Beckham  
Lee Denham  
Joe Clark

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