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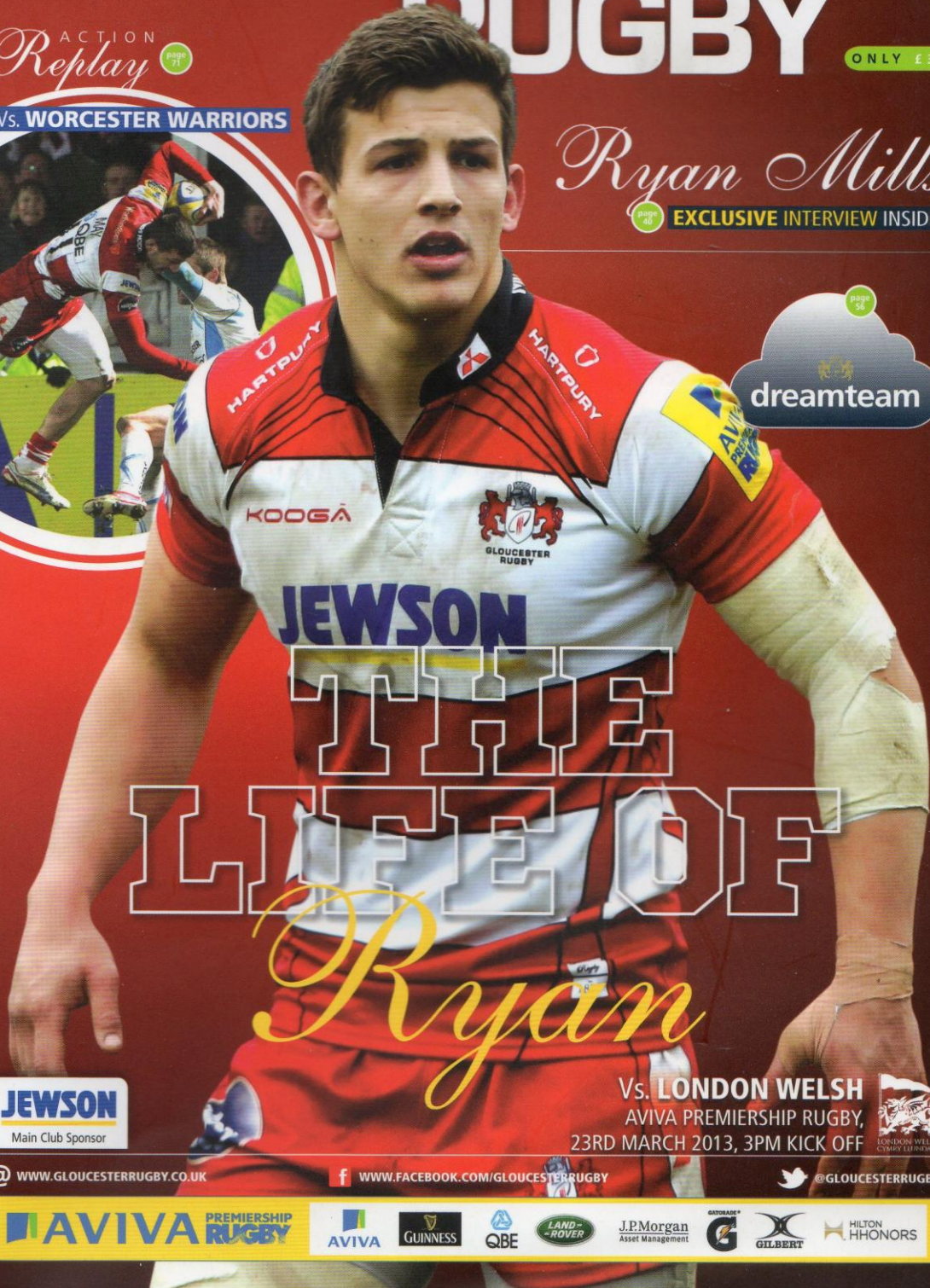
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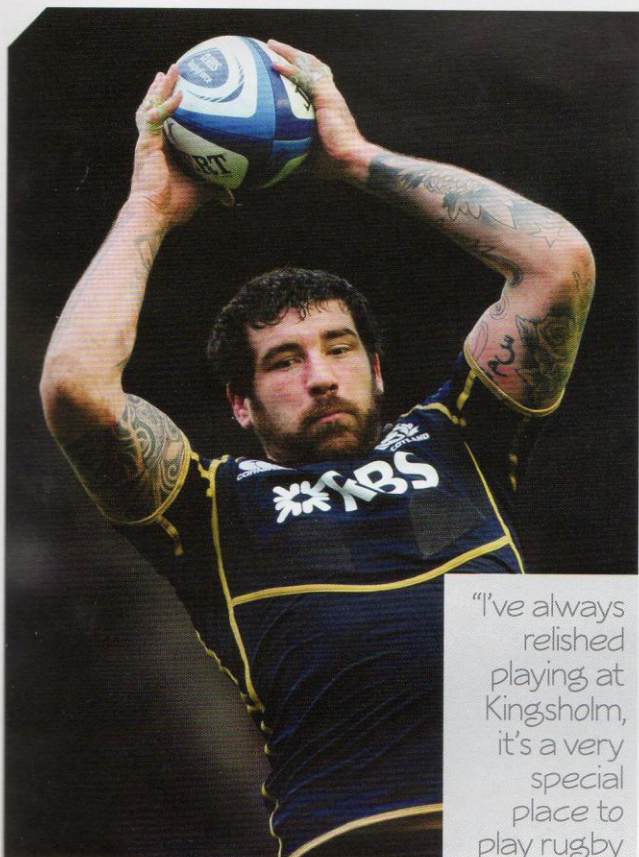
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CAPTAIN'S *Corner*

Jim Hamilton



It seems like a long time since I last wrote these programme notes! In fact, it was a month ago when we entertained Worcester, and now we face three home games in twelve days!

I'm probably stating the obvious when I say that the next couple of weeks will define how our season pans out.

If all goes well, we could still be looking at a possible play off place in the Aviva Premiership and an Amlin Challenge Cup semi-final.

However, to be perfectly honest and I appreciate it's a cliché, but we're just

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looking at one game at a time. Start looking too far ahead and we'll lose focus. And we've worked far too hard as a squad to let any complacency slip in now.

It all starts this afternoon with a huge challenge against London Welsh. I'm not going to comment on the politics of it all, but they've obviously been through a traumatic couple of weeks.

Their team have acquitted themselves tremendously well on the pitch in their first season in the Aviva Premiership, and they'll come to Kingsholm ready to fight to the last to get whatever they can from today's game.

We already know what a tough opponent they can be. We faced them fairly early in the season at the Kassam Stadium when they were probably still finding their feet a little in the top flight, and they really pushed us all the way. We came away with the win, but we really knew that we'd been in a game.

What we have to do though is focus on ourselves and on our game. The lads who were on duty while myself and a few others were away playing for our countries in the Six Nations, did a terrific job. We're still in a very good position, but it's important to build on that.

The build up has been good. Not having had a match for a couple of weeks has allowed a few bumps and bruises to heal. Batteries have been recharged and the squad is raring to go.

It's not been total rest and relaxation though. After a few well earned days off, the boys trained all last week to keep everything ticking over and prevent any rustiness kicking in.

Personally, I'm really looking forward to these next few weeks. It's no secret that I'm moving on at the end of the season, and I'm determined to make the most of every last minute in a Cherry and White shirt.

I've always relished playing at Kingsholm, it's a very special place to play rugby and I hope that the next few matches will create a few more happy memories as Gloucester finish the season on a high.

Enjoy the game!



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COACH'S *Notes*

Director of Rugby, Nigel Davies

Welcome to Kingsholm for our return to Aviva Premiership action against London Welsh this afternoon.

After two weekends without a fixture, and a full calendar month without a game here at Kingsholm, it's good to be back in action as we look forward to what is sure to be an enthralling few weeks.

they've achieved some memorable wins in their first season in the Premiership.

I've known Lyn Jones for a long time, and I've a lot of respect for the way that he and his coaching staff and the players have set about the task this season.

People may look at the league table and assume that this will be an easy game here today. But I can assure you that this is certainly not the case.

We've been very deliberate about how we've used the last two weeks. We had a few days off after the Bath game, but we were back in full training last week and have taken things up a level this week.

It's been very physical, with a lot of contact work. We've been working hard to make sure that the players' heads are in the right place ahead of what will be a tough challenge today.

We know that London Welsh will be extremely physical today, the contact area will be a battle and, if we don't get it right there, then we'll come off second best.

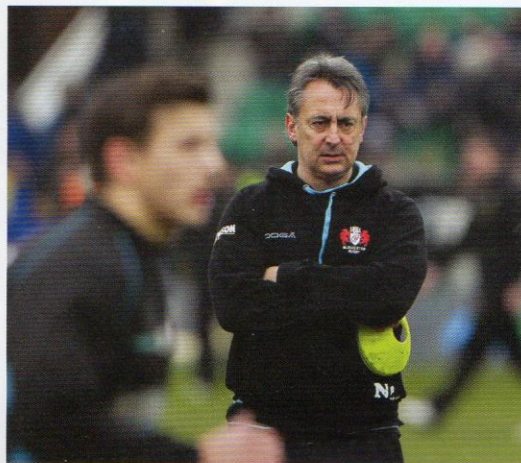
They will probably come here frustrated with what's happened recently. As I write these programme notes, they haven't yet had their appeal hearing, but, whatever the outcome, they'll come out fighting with everything to prove.

However, we've prepared well and we're confident in our own ability if we perform to the levels that we aspire to.

From our point of view, it's about Gloucester Rugby and where we are and our ambitions for ourselves. There are five rounds left this season and we're very focused on those games.

We've come a long way as a group this season, but we need to finish the job properly if this season is to be deemed a success. And the final push starts here at 3pm

Nigel



Training has been taken up a level this week in preparation for the crucial weeks ahead

The people at Premiership Rugby must be delighted at the moment because, with just five rounds left to play in the Aviva Premiership, virtually every game has something riding on it.

It's an incredibly open league, perhaps more open than anyone could have predicted before the season began. There are a lot of games still to take place between sides battling for play off places, so it's incredibly difficult to predict how things are going to work out.

The positive thing for us is that we're still well and truly in the hunt for a top four finish. However, we're going to have to play very well in our remaining five games to keep control of our own destiny and not rely on other results going our way.

The first test, of course, lies in wait for us this afternoon. London Welsh have been incredibly competitive all season long, and

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WELCOMING WELSH

The London Welsh club was founded in 1885, and has since been based at the Old Deer Park in Richmond. But, with their entry into the Premiership for the first time this season, home matches have been played at the Kassam Stadium in Oxford. The club boasts 126 players who have won caps for Wales.

Of the 45 matches against London Welsh, Gloucester have won 36, lost 6 and drawn 3, scoring 677 points against 324. All but nine of these games have been played at Kingsholm, which has undoubtedly contributed to the one-sided nature of the series.

The clubs met every season from 1922 to 1953, but all these matches were played at Kingsholm, usually on Easter Monday, with London Welsh stopping off in Gloucester on the way home from their tour of South Wales. It's a distinct possibility that they were not fully sober when they returned across the border.

The biggest winning margin by Gloucester was 40-8 on 13th April 1925, with three tries by the vice-captain, Sid Brown, a prolific attacking three-quarter, who would die of injuries sustained in a match at Kingsholm less than a year later. Lt Wood and Sid Crowther scored two each, and Milliner, Triggs-Herbert and Hughes one each. Tom Millington converted five of them.

The biggest defeat for Gloucester was 3-14 on 22nd January 1983 in the John Player Cup.



▲ Sid Brown



▲ Sid Crowther



▲ "Whacker" Smith

FIRST ENCOUNTER

The first fixture was played at Kingsholm, and came about because London Welsh were looking for fixtures on a tour.

The match took place on a Friday afternoon on 28th March 1902, and attracted a big crowd, not only because of the novelty, but also because London Welsh included three Welsh internationals, Llewellyn, Gabe and E Morgan, and the weather was kind.

London Welsh scored first with a try by Williams, and came close on several other occasions, having another try disallowed for a foul on the Gloucester fullback. They kept up the pressure to maintain their 3-0 lead at half-time.

The *Citizen* then reported that: *Gloucester started the second half in fine style, and a splendid punt by G. Hall placed the home team in a good position for scoring. The City half-backs were not long in taking advantage, for a short pass by Hall to Goddard saw the latter dash down the blind side of the scrum. Cutting inside a couple of opponents, Goddard transferred neatly to "Whacker" Smith, who dodged Gabe and Thomas, and ran over with a splendid try. Romans converted, and Gloucester led by two points.*

This changed the course of the game, and thereafter Gloucester were increasingly dominant. Purton scored from a line-out,

then "Whacker" dashed over for a try in the corner with Morgan hanging on his back, and Parham rounded it off with another try from a line-out. The final score was 14-3.

GLOUCESTER WELSH

The visit of London Welsh gives us the chance to look at four of the great Welsh players who have worn the Cherry and White shirt:

DAI GENT

Scrum Half and Sunday Times rugby correspondent

David Robert "Dai" Gent was born in Llandovery, Carmarthen, on 9 January 1883. He trained as a teacher at St Paul's College Cheltenham and joined Gloucester in the 1903-04 season. He went on to play 140 games for the club, and soon formed a successful half-back pairing with the great Jim Stephens.

Dai was only 5ft 2 ½ in but was a gifted and courageous footballer, and is generally acknowledged as one of the greatest Gloucester scrum-halves. He captained Gloucester in 1906-07 and Gloucestershire from 1908-11, leading them to their first County Championship title in 1910.

Qualified for Wales by birth and England by residence, he won 5 England caps, making his international debut at Crystal Palace against the 1905 All Blacks. Dai Gent became a legendary rugby correspondent of the Sunday Times, retiring in 1955 at the age of 72.

CANON MERVYN HUGHES

Open Side Wing Forward and Gloucester president

Harold Mervyn Hughes was born in Cambridge on 12 July 1913 of Welsh parents. His father became Vicar of Chepstow and he played rugby for Chepstow as a schoolboy before studying divinity at St David's College, Lampeter.

Hughes went up to Oxford in 1934 and won blues in 1935 and 1936. After the 1936 varsity match, he played with great success for London Welsh. Hughes was described by **The Times** as "one of the most promising players of his type in the British Isles" and appeared in the final Welsh trial of 1936-37.

Ordained as a deacon in Gloucester in

▼ Willie Jones



WILLIE JONES

Outside Half and Glamorgan cricketer

W E "Willie" Jones was born in Carmarthen in October 1916. He played fly half for Neath from 1937-1940 and was a Welsh trialist and wartime International.

Following service in the RAF, he played 76 games for Gloucester from 1945-1949, breaking the club points-scoring record twice and scoring 38 dropped goals.

Described by **The Times** as a "kicking genius", his prodigious kicking feats for Gloucester in the 1946-47 and 1947-48 seasons are said to be one of the main reasons why the dropped goal was reduced in value from 4 to 3 points in 1948-49.

Willie Jones was also a noted cricketer for Glamorgan from 1938-1958 and appeared in an England test trial in 1949. On retirement he became cricket coach at Dean Close School, Cheltenham



▲ Dai Gent

JOHN GWILLIAM

No 8 or Lock and outstanding captain of Wales

John Albert Gwilliam was born on 28 February 1923 in Pontypridd and educated at Monmouth School.

After serving in the Royal Tank Regiment in WWII he won blues at Cambridge in 1947 and 1948. By the time he left university he had already been capped six times by Wales and was a Barbarian.

After Cambridge he taught at Glenalmond School and played for Edinburgh Wanderers. During that time, he captained Wales twelve times, winning two Triple Crowns.

John Gwilliam joined Gloucester in 1953 and spent the last two years of his playing career with the club. He played 49 games and won a further five Welsh caps.

The first Gloucester player to captain his country, he was one of the great Welsh captains - very influential and greatly admired.



▲ John Gwilliam




▲ Mervyn Hughes



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Mills



There are plenty of ups and downs to cope with in life in general. And, in professional sport, you can go from hero to zero, and vice versa, in a remarkably short space of time.

It takes a certain type of character to be able to cope with everything that the game of rugby union is capable of throwing at you. Ryan Mills appears to have exactly the right sort of temperament.

Back in June last year, he was one of the key components of the England U20s side's attempt to lift the IRB Junior World Championship for the first time.

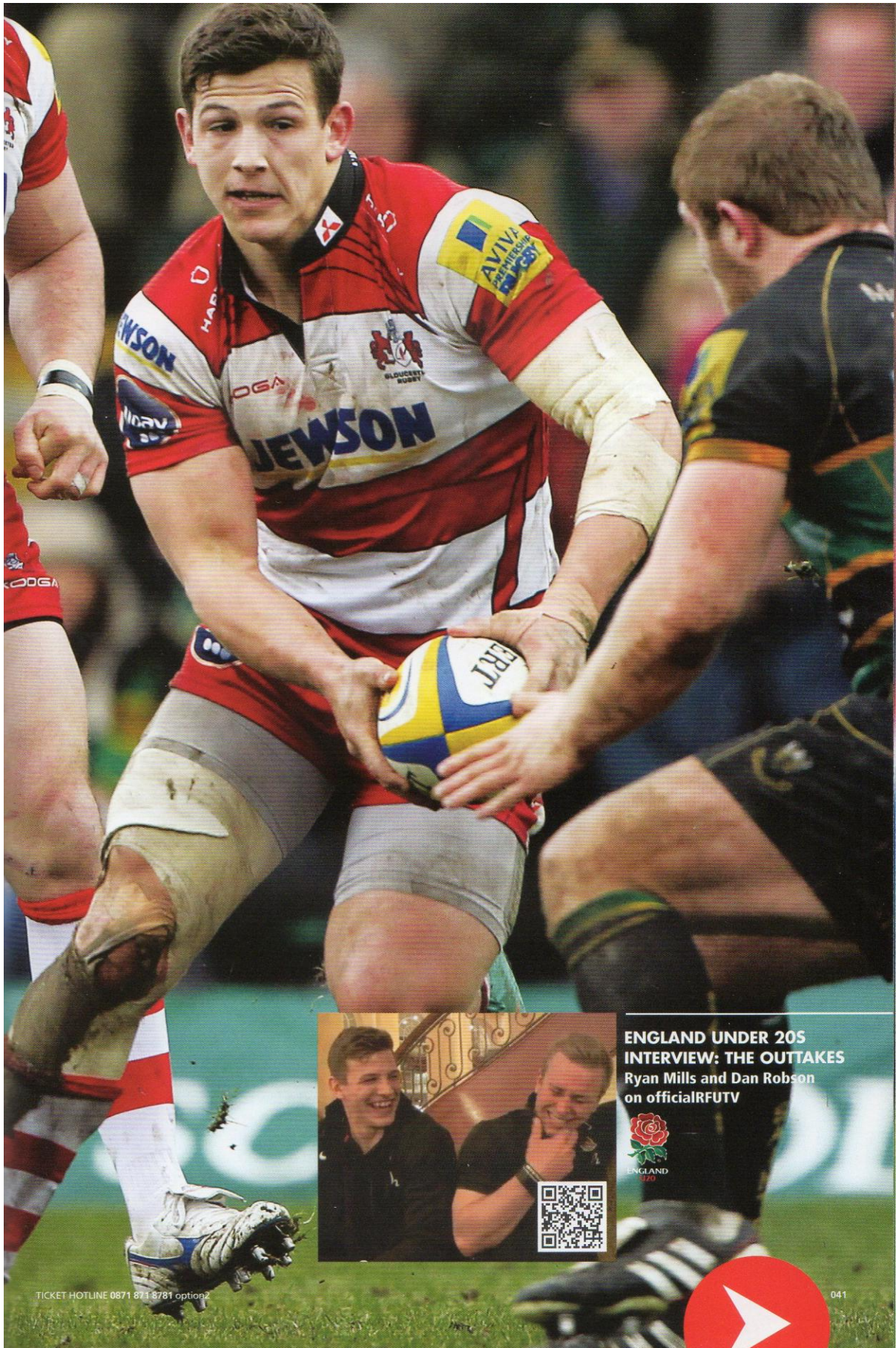
Yet, only a few weeks after England bowed out of the tournament, the Exeter born centre was facing months on the sidelines as he underwent surgery to correct a long standing knee problem.

For a 20 year old, who wants nothing more than to be playing week in, week out, it could have been a bitter blow. But Mills has impressed everyone with the way he has bounced back and with his first team performances in recent weeks.

Nigel Davies admitted recently that he was looking forward to welcoming Mills back to playing action. The Gloucester Director of Rugby was in South Africa watching his son Sam in action for Wales and, as a result, had an early opportunity to see Mills perform.

Mills admitted that it was a little unsettling to have his new boss out there, watching on.

"It was strange, although we didn't have much time to think about it. The first we heard about it really was from the press we read over there.



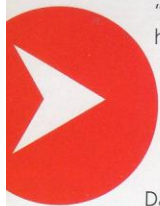
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"We knew he'd be watching because his son was involved, but didn't realise he would actually be in the country! I guess, looking back on it, it was a bit of added pressure, but not much."

Mills, alongside Koree Britton and Dan Robson, was a fixture in the U20s set up for two seasons, but is now limited to watching the likes of Ross Moriarty and Elliott Stooke take their turn.

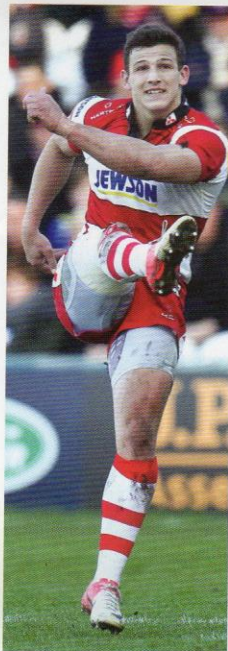
However, he does feel that he's benefiting from continued involvement with the first team squad this season.

"It's a strange feeling not being involved but, on the other hand, it's quite nice because it gives you the chance to train all the time with a Premiership squad and that's been good for my game."

"You feel part of things, involved in everything that's going on. The past couple of years, I'd be with the 20s, then back for a couple of weeks etc. The continuity has been helpful."

This season got off to a difficult start, however. The decision was taken to schedule knee surgery, and Mills faced a long period of rehab. It was a blow, but he could see the bigger picture.

"It was causing me problems and it definitely needed to be sorted. It was the right decision for me in the long term to get it sorted there and then. Being young, I'd



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heal quicker and I'd be at 100% rather than struggling.

"It was frustrating to be out. Being injured is by far the hardest part of playing rugby. You try to stay involved as much as possible, but it's not the same. You're not out there on the pitch, being part of the wins and the defeats."

"The team were going well, which was great, but nothing compares to being out on the pitch with the boys."

Freddie Burns has praised the Gloucester medical staff recently for getting him fit again, and Mills readily echoes that opinion.

"I've mostly had Bob Stewart looking after me and you couldn't be in better hands. He's been on a number of Lions tours, and has got so much experience and Adam (Brett) has been terrific as well."

"Those guys look after you so well but, if you need something extra, some specialist help, they refer you to the best people in the country. You just couldn't make it back that quickly without them."

As it turned out, his return couldn't have been better timed. Tim Taylor and Freddie were injured, while Billy Twelvetrees was away with England. Although he prefers inside centre, Mills was straight back into the team in the number ten shirt!

"In a way, it was nice just to be chucked straight back in. It's what you've been working towards while doing your rehab. The LV= Cup games came at an ideal time for me really. I could ease myself back without the pressure of Premiership points being at stake."

"It's also helped playing ten outside Dan (Robson) for a few of the games lately. We share a place together and have played rugby together for ages now. We enjoy our rugby and have a good laugh on the pitch."

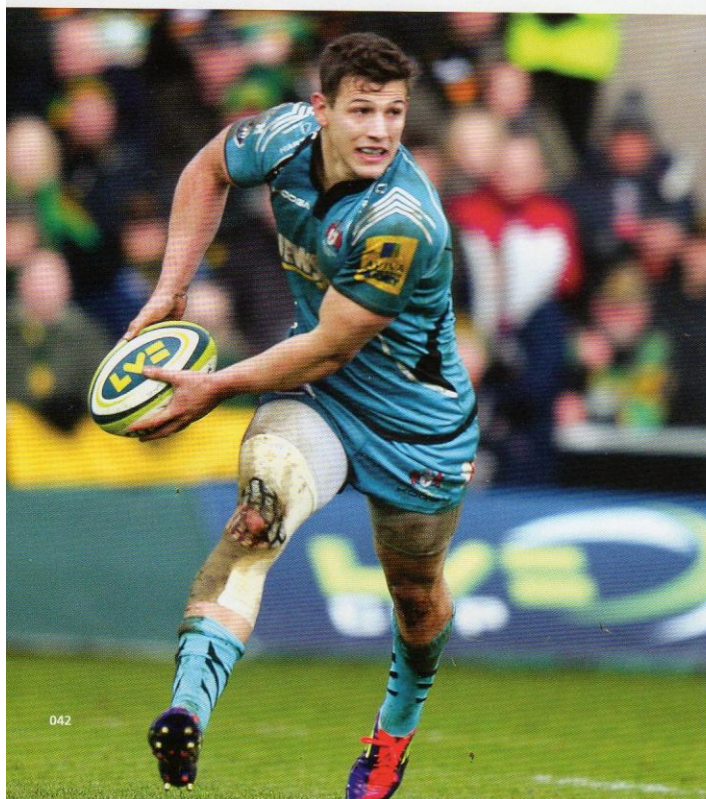
"He's been playing so well lately which was important. It made it easy for me with someone I know so well playing inside me. We just know each other's game really well, and that helped me a lot."

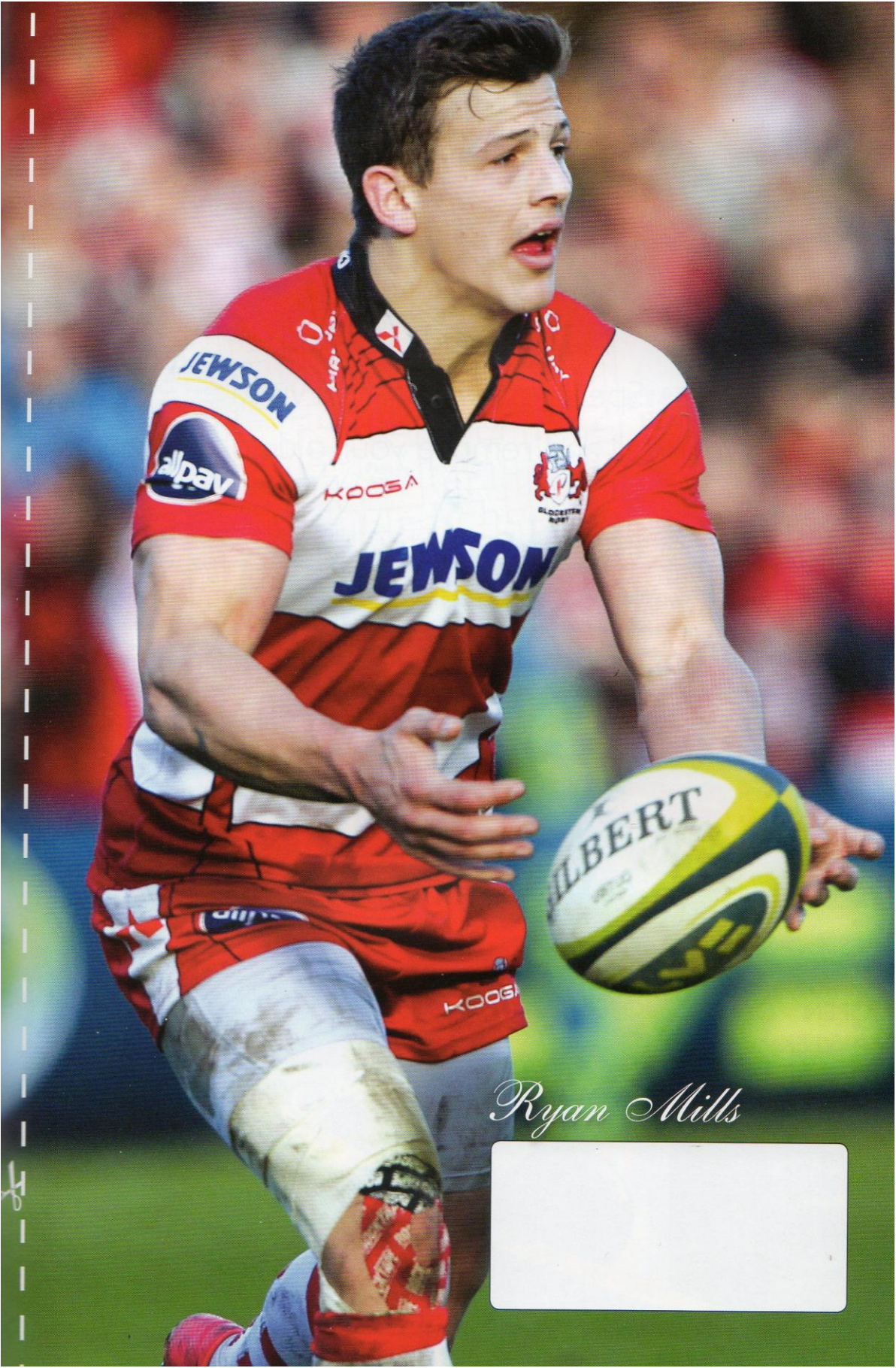
Only a few weeks remain in the 2012-13 season, but there's a lot for the Cherry and Whites to play for, and Mills is hoping that he gets to play a part.

"We had a reasonably good month. We needed a few people to step up, and I don't think anyone let the side down."

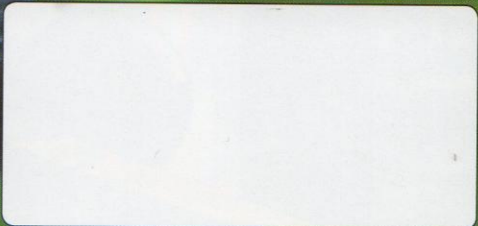
"I've been happy to be involved recently, and I'd obviously like to be involved as much as possible during the last few games."

"I want to play my part, we all do. But it's all about the team finishing well. We're aiming for top four and the playoffs. That would make everyone happy."





Ryan Mills



Kingsholm News

with Bob Fenton

"May in full flight would have got to the line quicker than Superman in his best 'faster than a speeding bullet' mode, let alone two mere mortal Worcester defenders who were about 10 and 25 metres away."

Well, here we are again, at last! We've been away for so long that it's almost like starting the season all over again.

When I sat down to write this stuff I really struggled to remember when we were last here. It took a bit of time, but then it all came back – the Worcester game and the now infamous ending to the game.

Some of the stuff in the media, and from the more knowledgeable pundits, made me howl. Even from my spot in the middle of the Shed, I could see that it was a trip. Claasens hung out a leg and Jonny May went sprawling. Fact.

Those with a wider knowledge of the laws of the game may correct me, but I'm pretty sure that a trip is a sending off offence so he had to go. And, given the proximity to the try line, a penalty try had to be the only decision. But fair play to the officials for taking the time to get it right.

But for some to suggest that the cover defenders would have got there is laughable.

May in full flight would have got to the line quicker than Superman in his best 'faster than a speeding bullet' mode, let alone two mere mortal Worcester defenders who were about 10 and 25 metres away.

They miss the point though – he should not have stuck his leg out and tripped him. So, rather than decide who would have got where,

why not say, 'Just desserts mate...' and give the advantage to the wronged party rather than trying to find ways to exonerate the guilty. I'm very glad that Messrs Barnes, Morris and Greenwood aren't judges!

Anyway, I'm still seething over that incident in a game against Newcastle from about 10 years ago when their prop – the aptly nicknamed "Tank" Van Zandvliet – blatantly tripped Mark Mapletoft when he would have scored under the posts. That was missed completely by the officials – but not by 12,000 people in the ground – and cost us the game! So, albeit ten years or so later, what goes around comes around...

In between then and now we stumbled to defeat down at Bath and there have been some international matches to keep us amused. Regular readers will know my views on all things international, so I won't go over it all again – safe to say I can't really engage with the events. I prefer my rugby down here at Castle Grim, or failing that at a local club.

That said, the last round of the Six Nations proved to be as captivating a series of games as you could ever hope for. First of all the Italy v Ireland game had a bit of everything, high drama and tension and, in the end, the right result – a great boost for Italian Rugby. It was great to see the stadium rocking like that, and hopefully the success of the international team



will attract more people into the sport so the game there really kicks on.

But if the Stadio Olimpico was rocking, then a short while later the Millennium Stadium was doing its level best to resemble some kind of earthquake. I've been in that place a few times for international and club matches but have never seen or experienced it like that.

Wales were worthy winners on the day, though even my other half – who is no rugby expert – recognised England are a better team

Gloucester favourite, Philippe Saint-André, surprised everyone with his selection policy during the six nations

with 'Billy Fourtrees' (she can't count either) in the side as the others are, apparently, not creative enough. She has a point.

Fact is though, England's bubble burst rather spectacularly, leaving some pundits with more than a little egg on their faces. Austin 'Wiggy' Healey won't be venturing west of Offa's Dyke in a hurry, that's for sure!

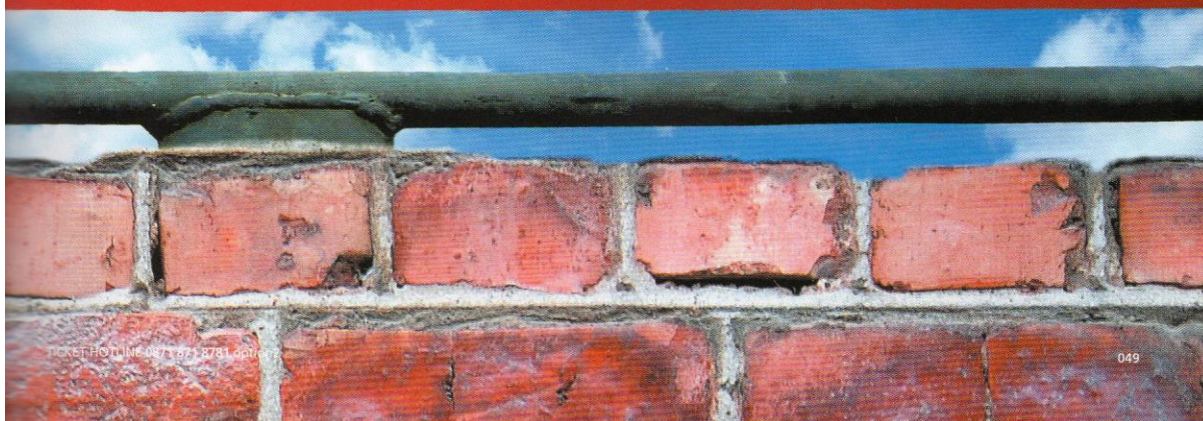
Finally what can you say about France and the blessed Phillipe's selection policy? One can only assume that Freddie Michelak has some rather incriminating photos somewhere, because there can't be any reason for his consistent selection otherwise. It's really quite sad when you see a player of such immense talent struggling like that. Well, except when he is French, of course.

But back to today then, and real rugby. You have to feel a bit sorry for London Welsh. Heaven knows getting out of the Championship was hard enough for them, then clinging on to a Premiership place ratchets up the pressure even more.

But, to have your campaign holed below the waterline by an apparent administrative error, is harsh indeed. I know it's all going to go through appeals, and I really hope that the points deduction isn't quite so draconian, giving them a chance at mastering their own destiny through what happens on the pitch.

What that means, of course, is that they are going to be fighting that much harder now. It's still so tight at the bottom of the table that any one of three clubs could still be heading out. It's no different at the top with a fag paper separating the teams in fourth to eighth spot. Then there is the not inconsiderable issue of the Amlin Challenge Cup match against Biarritz coming up in a couple of weeks.

The next few games are going to be epic, I can't wait. Welcome back, proper rugby!



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LUDLOW IMPRESSES IN ENGLAND 18S VICTORY

Gloucester U18 captain Lewis Ludlow played his part on Sunday in England's seven try to one victory over Wales U18s at Swansea RFC.

Ludlow has featured strongly in the U18 Academies League for Gloucester and also made a big contribution for Hartpury in their unbeaten season in the AASE League to earn the call up for international honours.

Hooker Cameron Neild scored England's first try, with fly half Sam Olver adding the conversion, followed shortly afterwards by a penalty to take England 10-0 ahead.

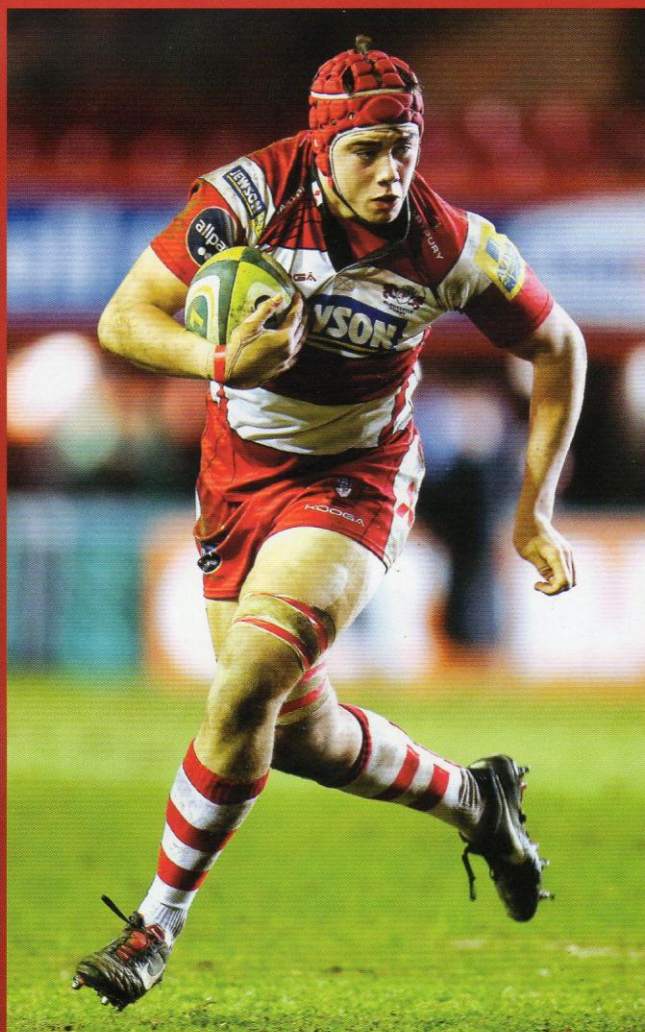
Wales fought back with a sustained spell of pressure but were unable to convert this into points. Two tries quickly followed from scrum half Stuart Townsend and wing Nathan Earle to extend the visitors lead to 24-0.

England had their fourth try just before the break. After a scrum five yards out, the impressive Townsend picked up the ball to dot down for his second try, his fourth try in a week after scoring twice against Scotland last weekend.

With 40 minutes played, lock Ewels gained possession and ran the ball in from the half way line and, ten minutes later, England had their sixth, electric wing Zach Kibirige scoring.

Hosts Wales got onto the scoreboard in the 65th minute when Steff Evans touched down and Luke Price converted, but it was to be England who had the final say as Earle ran in to score his second try to secure the 44-7 win.

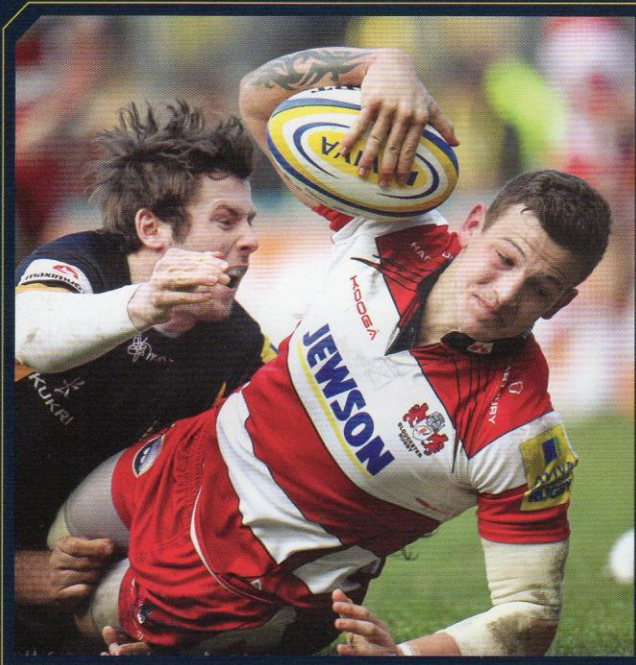
Ludlow was praised by the England coaches for his work rate and superb contributions at the breakdown, and with ball in hand, playing an important part in the build up for several of England's scores.



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LONDON WASPS POINTS SCORERS



TRIES: Johnson (24), Wade (56),
Vunipola (69)
CON: SM Jones (24; 56), Robinson (69)
PENS: SM Jones (17, 40, 54), Robinson (72)

GLOUCESTER RUGBY POINTS SCORERS



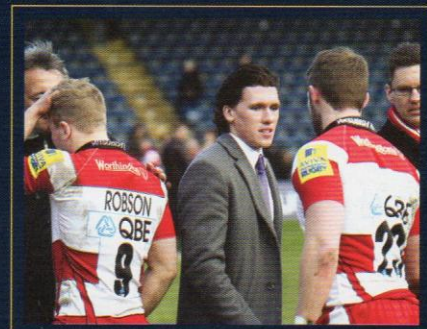
TRIES: Robson (13), Tindall (46),
Mills (77), Sharples (78)
CONS: Cook (14, 46), Tindall (77)
PENS: Cook (29)

Gloucester left Adams Park with two points from this Aviva Premiership clash, two points which could be vital come the end of the season, but will probably feel that this was a win that got away from them.

Nigel Davies' side led this game for long periods. In fact, up until Christian Wade's try as the hour mark approached, they looked the more likely side to win.

However, Wade's try, which had more than a hint of good fortune about it, sparked a spell of Wasps dominance which saw the game slip away from the Cherry and Whites.

Following the game, the Gloucester camp expressed frustration that the scrum that led to Wade's try should have led to a penalty. Also, that Billy Vunipola's pass to the winger was forward. But there was no doubting the quality of the finish.



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Champagne Moment

Dan Robson will be the first to admit that his first ever Premiership try owes much to the contribution of Akapusi Qera.

The Fijian flanker burst off the side of a rolling maul on halfway, and made good ground before drawing the final man to send Robson sprinting clear for the line.



Once they had recovered from the mini onslaught, Gloucester responded in spirited fashion.

Ryan Mills and Charlie Sharples scored late tries which secured both losing and try scoring bonus points, and Gloucester were pushing hard for the win when they ran out of time.

From the kick off, both teams looked to play an attacking brand of rugby. Dan Robson opened his Premiership try scoring account with a belter of a score that owed much to Akapusi Qera, however Wasps responded through Ashley Johnson.

Rob Cook kicked one penalty to two from Stephen Jones which resulted in Wasps leading 13-10 at half time, and Gloucester could reflect on perhaps not having made the most of having had the wind behind them.

Mike Tindall restored Gloucester's lead as he ran on to a flat pass from Ryan Mills and smashed through Chris Bell's attempted tackle, but a Jones penalty made it 17-16 to Gloucester as the hour mark approached.

Cue Wade's vital contribution as Gloucester lost control of their own scrum ball as the set piece broke up, and Vunipola set the winger on his way to the line.

The big number eight then powered his way over from close range, and a penalty from Nicky Robinson extended the lead to 33-17.

It had been a torrid few minutes, but Gloucester weren't quite done. Mills darted over from close range, while Sharples finished off a break from deep by Martyn Thomas.

At 33-29, Wasps' faces started to show the signs of genuine stress, especially when Gloucester, throwing caution to the wind, threw the ball around looking for the winning score, only to run out of time.

Nigel Davies

Director of Rugby

"We controlled large parts of that match but we didn't take our opportunities, mainly in the first half.

"We made a number of errors and they took their chances, especially when we messed up a scrum to give Christian Wade the opportunity to score.

That was the turning point in the match.

"I'm positive about today's performance as we are still in the hunt for the top four."

LONDON WASPS



#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Hugo Southwell (c)
14	W	Christian Wade
13	C	Andrea Masi
12	C	Chris Bell
11	W	Tom Vardell
10	FH	Stephen Jones
9	SH	Joe Simpson
1	P	Zak Taulafo
2	H	T.Rhys Thomas
3	P	Phil Swainston
4	L	James Cannon
5	L	Marco Wentzel
6	F	Ashley Johnson
7	F	Sam Jones
8	N8	Billy Vunipola
16	H	Tom Lindsay
17	P	Tim Payne
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20	F	Matt Everard
21	SH	Charlie Davies
22	FH	Nicky Robinson
23	C	Elliot Daly

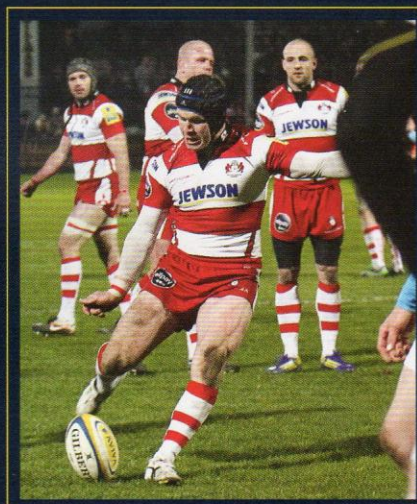
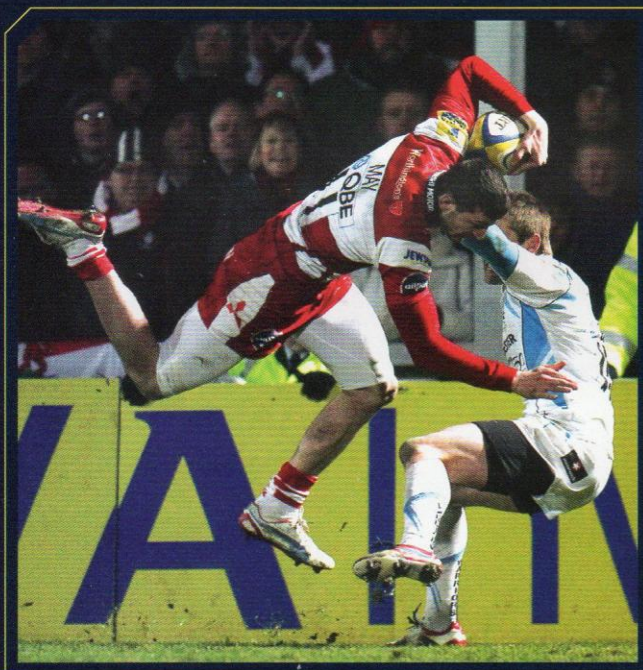
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12	C	Tim Molenaar
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10	FH	Ryan Mills
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1	P	Nick Wood
2	H	Darren Dawidiuk
3	P	Rupert Harden
4	L	Lua Lokotui
5	L	Will James
6	F	Tom Savage
7	F	Akapusi Qera
8	N8	Sione Kalamafoni
16	H	Koree Britton
17	P	Dan-Murphy
18		Yann Thomas
19	F	Jim Hamilton
20	F	Matt Cox
21	SH	Dave Lewis
22	C	Henry Trinder
23	FB	Martyn Thomas

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GLOUCESTER RUGBY POINTS SCORERS

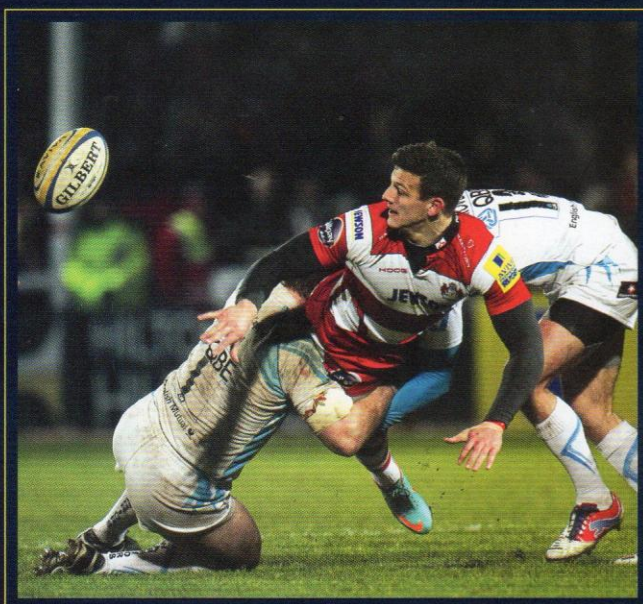


TRIES: Trinder (38), Penalty try (80)
CONS: Cook (38, 80)
PEN: Cook (7, 9, 41, 69), Mills (43)

WORCESTER WARRIORS POINTS SCORERS



TRIES: Matavesi (35), Grove (59)
CONS: Goode (36, 60)
PEN: Goode (16, 45), Gray (73)



The ESPN production team have remarked, behind the scenes, that they love televising a game at Gloucester because there is always great drama.

That statement certainly applied to this game, which went right down to the very last play of the game.

With Worcester clinging on to a one point lead, and what would have been a significant victory, Gloucester rolled the dice one last time.

Attacking from deep, the ball found Jonny May who burned off Josh Drauniniu and closed in on Errie Claassens, the last man. May sidestepped, Claassens stuck out a leg and tripped the flying winger.

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Champagne Moment

Henry Trinder's try just before half time was beautifully taken. Rob Cook spotted the opportunity out wide, fired the ball out to Trinder who moved it on to Jonny May.

The winger made good ground before cleverly angling his run inside to commit the remaining Worcester defenders before offloading to Trinder who scampered home.



Play went on and Gloucester knocked on. However, referee David Rose referred the matter to the Television Match Official, Trevor Fisher, who recommended a red card be issued and a penalty try awarded.

So, Gloucester took four valuable Aviva Premiership points and kept alive their push for a playoff spot, while Worcester seethed at the injustice of it all.

In all honesty, Gloucester had made the final quarter much harder work than it could and should have been.

The opening half hour saw the Cherry and Whites dominate possession and territory, without the scoreboard reflecting their superiority.

When Josh Matavesi scored just before half time, it was a real sucker punch and made Gloucester supporters think back nervously to April 2009 when a similar try from Netani Talei helped inspire Worcester to a famous win.

Thankfully, Henry Trinder's stunning response edged Gloucester back in front and settled some nerves ahead of what would be a thrilling second half.

Two early penalties from Rob Cook opened up a nine point lead at 19-10, but Gloucester couldn't quite finish Worcester off and, when Alex Grove intercepted an ill advised pass on the Gloucester 22, Worcester took an unlikely lead.

Both teams swapped penalties, Cook for Gloucester and Gray for Worcester, which saw the visitors holding on to a 23-22 lead as time ebbed away.

However, the Kingsholm faithful never lost hope and, with a massive vocal effort, inspired their team to one last, and ultimately successful, effort.

Nigel Davies

Director of Rugby

"The important thing was we kept battling and kept the effort up until the death, and when you do that you give yourselves a chance.

"When we got the ball wide we made good yardage, and Jonny May is always a threat.

"But the decision [for the penalty try] was a difficult one. It went our way, but I'm just glad we played up to the very end."

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17	P	Nick Wood
18	P	Dario Chistolini
19		Peter Buxton
20	F	Andy Hazell
21	SH	Dave Lewis
22		Shane Monahan
23		Martyn Thomas

WORCESTER WARRIORS



#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Errie Claassens ■
14	W	Chris Pennell
13	C	Alex Grove
12	C	Josh Matavesi
11	W	David Lemi
10	FH	Andy Goode
9	SH	Jonny Arr
1	P	Matt Mullan
2	H	Ed Shervington
3	P	Euan Murray
4	L	James Percival (c)
5	L	Dean Schofield
6	F	Sam Betty ■
7	F	Matt Kvesic
8	N8	Blair Cowan
16	H	Aleki Lutui
17		Ceri Jones
18	P	John Address
19	L	Craig Gillies
20	F	Jake Abbott
21	SH	Paul Hodgson
22	FH	Danny Gray
23	C	Josh Drauniniu



Teams correct at time of print 21/03/13

TODAY'S *Line-ups*



GLOUCESTER RUGBY



LONDON WELSH



ROB COOK	15	SEB JEWELL
CHARLIE SHARPLES	14	PHIL MACKENZIE
MIKE TINDALL	13	GONZALO TIESI
BILLY TWELVETREES	12	SONNY PARKER
JONNY MAY	11	SEB STEGMANN
FREDDIE BURNS	10	GAVIN HENSON
DAN ROBSON	09	TYSON KEATS
NICK WOOD	01	FRANCK MONTANELLA
HUIA EDMONDS	02	DAN GEORGE
SHAUN KNIGHT	03	JAMES TIDESWELL
JIM HAMILTON (C)	04	JONATHAN MILLS (C)
WILL JAMES	05	KIRILL KULEMIN
PETER BUXTON	06	JULIO CABELLO FARIAS
ANDY HAZELL	07	MICHAEL HILLS
SIONE KALAMAFONI	08	DANIEL BROWNE
KOREE BRITTON	16	GREG BATEMAN
YANN THOMAS	17	TOM BRISTOW
DARIO CHISTOLINI	18	ARTHUR JOLY
TOM SAVAGE	19	MATT CORKER
AKAPUSI QERA	20	ADAM BALDING
DAVE LEWIS	21	ALEX DAVIES
HENRY TRINDER	22	GORDON ROSS
MARTYN THOMAS	23	TOM ARSCOTT

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