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TODAY'S OFFICIALS

REFEREE: STEVE LANDER
TOUCH JUDGES: ASHLEY ROWDEN
ASHLEY REAY

(I) DENOTES INTERNATIONAL
(C) DENOTES TEAM CAPTAIN

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ALEXANDER PLOWS AGE 8

Gloucester Rugby fan from Basingstoke, where he plays mini rugby for a local Hampshire League Club, Overton. He attends St Marks Primary School in Basingstoke, where he also plays rugby. He is a keen football fan also and is an avid follower of Manchester United. Apart from sports, other interests include Pokemon and PlayStation. He has travelled to the game today with his parents and rugby team mate Daniel Hunter.

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SORRY RFU, BUT YOU DIDN'T PLAY FAIR

LAST WEEK, THE RFU UNVEILED ITS NEW STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF ENGLISH RUGBY.

The main aim of this plan is to stop the decline of grass roots and school rugby, but it does nothing for the twelve elite professional Premier League Clubs, except first exploit them and then turn its back on them.

The strategy describes how club rugby in England has been shrinking at an alarming rate. There are 10,000 fewer people playing rugby today than there were five years ago and 600 less club teams are turning out on Saturday afternoons. This is a serious situation and the RFU is right to set out a long-term strategy to reverse these trends.

The RFU intends to spend £46m on grass roots rugby over the next eight years and this money will come directly from the commercial success of Team England - that means the efforts of the players that the EFDR clubs have been investing in for years.

The current funding for the whole of the

grass roots strategy comes directly from the efforts of players like Phil Vickery and Trevor Woodman and in the future it will come from the likes of James Simpson-Daniels and Andrew Hazell.

And who is picking up the very expensive tab for the creation of these national assets? Gloucester RFC and Tom Walkinshaw, that's who. And their reward? Nothing. This isn't just a flaw in the strategy; it's a fundamental and unsustainable error.

Today's visitors, Leicester, will also have invested heavily in the success of Team England and like Gloucester their reward is the cancelling of all financial support from the RFU from the end of next season. The RFU do not seem to think that the professional game needs or deserves financial support for creating the players that will earn the English game £400m over the life of the Strategy and which will payroll its long-term development.

The RFU has set the agenda by saying that the EFDR clubs will have to look after themselves in the future and this is exactly what they are now doing.



LEFT: GLOUCESTER'S TEAM CELEBRATE DURING THEIR GAME AGAINST SALE SHARKS

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This year, it's going to be an all club affair with the might of the Celtic teams, Munster and Cardiff, replacing the representative teams amongst the guest sides. With £100,000 prize money up for grabs, and the cream of the Premiership returning from a hopefully triumphant Lions tour, this year's Middlesex Charity Sevens is on-course for a tri-nations spectacular!

The invitation Sevens tournament, first held in 1926, is the oldest Sevens competition in England and the most famous rugby charity event in the world.

To celebrate its 75th anniversary, we've got 3 pairs of tickets to give away. To be in with a chance of winning just ring the competition hotline answer the following simple question:

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COACH'S CORNER

WITH PHILIPPE ST ANDRE

"IT WILL BE VERY INTERESTING FOR THE PLAYERS AS WELL AS THE COACHES TO PLAY AGAINST EACH OTHER BEFORE THE HEINEKEN CUP SEMI-FINAL."

OUR VICTORY AGAINST SALE WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR OUR QUALIFICATION IN THE TOP EIGHT OF THE PREMIERSHIP.

But as Sale have also beaten Rotherham, scoring four tries, it means we still have to win one game to be sure of qualification. Of course, that means we must get a victory next Saturday against England's champions Leicester.

It is always an honour to receive them. It will be very interesting for the players as well as the coaches to play against each other before the Heineken Cup semi-final so for many reasons this game is very important for Gloucester.

We have won two games in a row and the team's confidence is much better, but Leicester are a class

above the rest. They have lost only two games during this season in the Premiership. We can hope that as they are already league champions, they will come here with less motivation and on the opposite side Gloucester will be prepared and motivated in front of it's public to win the game.

At the moment this is a difficult period because of the many contract negotiations we are involved in. I do know that many rumors are going around, but the season is not finished and what is important for us is to focus on what we do on the pitch.

We can still qualify in the top eight and we have the first European Cup semi-final the club has ever been involved in against Leicester, so all the players are working hard with John Brain and Andy Keast's help.



WITH ANDY KEAST.

WHEN YOU COME IN FOR YOUR FIRST GAME AGAINST TEAMS IN THE POSITION ROTHERHAM ARE, PEOPLE WOULD EXPECT IT TO BE AN EASY GAME.

That said, we were pleased to win and get the maximum points. Some aspects of the way we played were a bit of a concern, but, to their credit, the players recognised that and knuckled down and put in what I thought was a very good performance against Sale. Our continuity and control in comparison to the Rotherham game was first class, but there are still things to work on and build on.

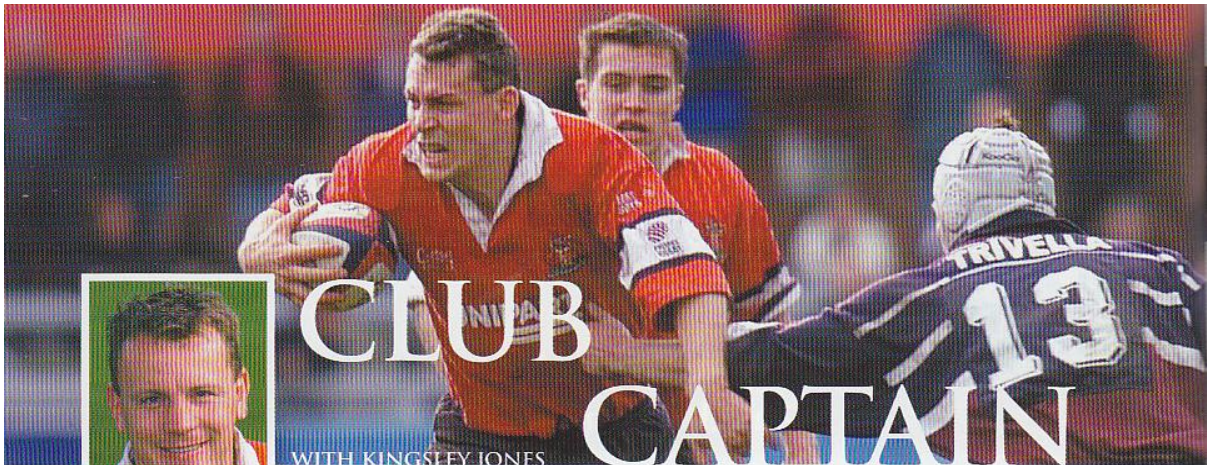
I think what we are looking for is to build on our continuity during games. Whether that continuity is close to the ruck or out wide will depend on the circumstances. In the two games we have had recently, our game plan was to broaden our direction a bit, against Sale this had to be tempered because obviously we were

aware of the threat Jason Robinson would prove if given the space.

I always prefer any team I am involved with to see what is in front of them and play with their heads up and use the available space themselves. It is a big belief of mine that it's easier to run into space than into people. A lot of the players here at the club have similar ideas and want to use the ball when the time is right. That's the key. If it's on we can move it wide if the game dictates we have to go up the middle we have the players capable of doing that too.

First and foremost we cannot afford to focus on the semi final at this stage. If we put just one eye on it we are not being professional. A top eight finish is paramount and getting a win against Leicester today is all we will concentrate on. Depending on how Leicester play will obviously affect our game plan. The pressure is off for them. They have won the league and deservedly so, but we must have our game plan and be able to react accordingly.

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ABOVE: JASON LITTLE EVADES A TACKLE FROM ROTHERHAM'S DOUG TRIVELLA ON HIS RUN DOWN TO SCORE A TRY.

CLUB CAPTAIN

WITH KINGSEY JONES

TODAY, WE HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO TURN OUR SEASON AROUND.

During certain months this season, particularly January and February we have looked a bit despondent. We had a mini crisis but if we can get a win today we move a step closer to the playoffs. If we can do that, I feel we will be able to look back at the season as a whole and feel it wasn't actually that bad.

At the start of this month we looked at the Premiership table and the positions of London Irish and Sale and felt because of their games in hand, they were above us. I didn't think this was accurate because regardless of your position, you may lose all games in hand. Just because Sale had three games in hand didn't mean they were guaranteed twelve points. As it was, one of both Sale's and London Irish's games-in-hand are against us. It was a great thing to play Sale in what was effectively an eight-pointer and come away with the points. It is a way off but, I think if we can do the same at London Irish, we put ourselves in a very strong position.

In the past few months, I think everyone at the club has been guilty of hitting the panic button. We lost the Northampton game here at Kingsholm, but it could have gone either way. Both the Leicester and Quin's games were lost in the last minute, and the Bath game here was lost as we missed eight kicks. If those results had gone our way, it would have been a completely different season. If we make the playoffs, and I'm sure we will, I'll look back as captain and think 'what a good season'. Don't forget we could still make the final of the European Cup. We have been talking as if the semi-final is as far as we can go. On the day

against Leicester will be difficult to beat but we showed against Cardiff, people shouldn't write us off.

Any season has its peaks and troughs. We have not played bad but lost close games and unfortunately played very badly in the games against Wasps and Bath. But last year was the same, we lost badly to Northampton and we were awful. I like to keep all results in perspective. This season we have not had the games where we have won by a point in the last minute which would cushion the blows when we suffered some poor defeats. Any team can have a bad patch, Northampton couldn't win in the European Cup and yet won eight on the trot.

I think we have to keep this season's results in perspective. We have won our last two games but this will only count for anything if we take the results on. What's the saying? "One swallow does not a summer make". In the same respect losing the two games at Wasps and Bath were not crisis points.

Focusing on today's match, to be honest, if I was the Leicester coach's I would make some changes to come down here. They have nothing to lose as they have won the league and I know they will not want to give anything away. I would never suggest any Leicester team would go into any game with anything less than 100% commitment but subconsciously they know this game will not have a great bearing on their season. If it is close towards the end of the game it is up to us to try and win it, but realistically I don't think there will much learnt from today.

As this is the last captain's corner of the season on behalf of all the team, and myself I would like to thank all the fans for their continued, unrivalled support.

GLOUCESTER RUGBY CLUB ACADEMY

MATCH REPORT:
GRFC ACADEMY
VERSUS
NORTHAMPTON
U19'S
10TH MARCH
VENUE: OXSTALLS
RESULT:
WON 39:5.

MAN OF THE MATCH



NICK SOUTHERN

MATCH REPORT:
GRFC ACADEMY
VERSUS
MOSELEY.
NATIONAL KO
CUP - FINAL
17TH MARCH
VENUE:
KINGSHOLM
RESULT:
WON 39:5.

OH WHEN THE SAINTS CAME MARCHING IN, THEY WERE QUICKLY SENT PACKING AS THE YOUNG ACADEMY TEAM INFLICTED A HEAVY DEFEAT ON THEIR OPPONENTS.

Using this match as a warm-up before the cup match against Moseley, the U19 side completely out-played Northampton. They outscored their opponents by six tries to one including a hat trick for Nick Southern. The Northampton side had a much larger pack but this did not deter the Gloucester team as they tore into them from the kick-off. Tom Skelding stole line out ball in the visitors half, and from a good break by Tryfan Edwards, Nick Cox crashed over for an unconverted try. Gloucester then had a try disallowed as they were penalised for crossing. Undeterred they won another Saint line-out and attacked the visitors line. After continuous pressure, John-Paul Goatley took a great line and winger Marcel Garvey scored. Davis converted Gloucester's confidence grew by the minute and another lineout, flanker Nick Southern was driven over for the first of his three tries.

Gloucester maintained their pressure, with a tremendous defensive effort, and forced the Saints back in every contact situation. They lead 17:0 at half time. Gloucester made changes at half time, but this did not hinder their advances. After five minutes of the restart, Nick Southern scored from a scrum. Goatley hit the

upright with the conversion attempt.

Gloucester now continuously hammered away at the visitor's line. Northampton did not help themselves when a player went to the sin bin. J-P Goatley kicked the penalty and the score was 25:0.

As Gloucester rang the changes Southern completed his hat trick from another attacking scrum. The conversion made it 32:0.

The Academy team was unrelenting, and a tremendous run by scrum half Ollie Sills allowed winger Duncan Murray to score under the post for another converted try.

Northampton presurised for the final five minutes of the match, but a tremendous defensive effort thwarted every attack. A poor decision allowed Northampton an unconverted try much to the disappointment of the home team. The official disallowed another Gloucester score before blowing the final whistle. The score: Gloucester 39 Northampton U19's 05.

A tremendous result and team effort for the young Academy team who were now full of confidence before their quarter final tie against Moseley.

The team is now pulling together to try and win games for the Gloucester Club. Previously unsung heroes are putting in tremendous performances and the whole side is developing a will to win which will be hard to resist.

Men of the Match :

**Flanker Nick Southern and
scrum half Ollie Sills**

IN AN ABRASIVE CUP-TIE, GLOUCESTER ACADEMY GROUND OUT A CONVINCING WIN TO TAKE THEM INTO THE SEMI FINALS OF THE COMPETITION.

Gloucester started the match with a strong wind at their backs and forced the Moseley team on the defensive immediately. The Gloucester forwards drove hard into the rucks and set up a good attacking platform. After twelve minutes Moseley were forced to concede a penalty. Fly half, Brad Davies converted for a 3:0 lead. Moseley regrouped and attacked Gloucester around the fringes. Gloucester's defence held firm, but the abrasive tackling of the Moseley team forced them into handling errors on several occasions. For fifteen minutes Moseley dominated play. But, the Gloucester line never faltered as the Academy team defended resolutely. The game boiled over after twenty-two minutes as both hookers were sent to the sin bin for fighting. Gloucester were reduced to thirteen as winger Marcel Garvey was penalised for a late tackle. Gloucester's situation deteriorated further as, from a lineout, another scuffle resulted in lock, Nick Southern having to leave the field for stitches to a face wound.

Ironically, this enlivened Gloucester's as they scored ten unanswered points before half time. Lock Mark Rimmer, in support of No.8 Ben Durham, drove past

tacklers and sprinted a full thirty metres to score under the posts. Brad Davies added the conversion. Davies converted another penalty giving Gloucester a half-time lead of 13:0

Gloucester introduced newly recruited Royston Davies and centre Tryfan Edwards, both from Hartpury College and defended with confidence. Thanks to the work put in by Chris Forthey and Mark Cornwall, the Moseley team's lineout and scrummage started to creak! The visitor's frustration resulted in their second sin binning for a late tackle. It was during this period that Gloucester secured the match. Tryfan Edwards, supported John-Paul Goatley and fed Marcel Garvey to race in for an unconverted try and a 18:0 lead. Moseley never caved in and showed how they had beaten both Leicester and Bath in previous rounds. They showed good continuity before Moseley's hooker Caves drove over from a maul to score an unconverted try.

Undeterred, Gloucester attacked the Moseley line taking the game to their visitors. Brad Davies nearly squeezed over for a try, which forced Moseley to give away a further penalty. Davies converted superbly to secure a 21:05 victory and a semi final place! A great team effort from the young Gloucester side, highlighted by some good individual performances. But a deserved man of the match award went to lock Mark Rimmer

ROUND UP



IN A GAME PLAYED AT GORDON LEAGUE, NORTHAMPTON CAME TO GLOUCESTER FULL OF CONFIDENCE AFTER INFLICTING A DEFEAT EARLIER IN THE SEASON.

They can count themselves unlucky to go away with a defeat.

Gloucester started well enough, but within minutes Northampton's showed their aggression at rucks and mauls. This was their undoing as at the first scrum of the match, their loose head aimed a punch at his opposite number, the ball was moved wide and from the next ruck the same player was dismissed for punching off the ball.

This led to obvious disruption amongst the Saint's team, but they maintained the pressure on Gloucester. Attacking mistakes however, led to Gloucester's first score. The Saints dropped the ball near the Gloucester line, James Forrester hacked on and two drives later Goatley released Frappe. Quickly recycled ball allowed Goatley himself to score and add the conversion.

Winger Frappe pounced on another handling error. His chip and chase left the defence stranded only for a wicked bounce to deny him a certain try.

Saints cleared, but from the resulting lineout Gloucester won possession and drove deep into Saints territory. After several rucks, Joe Goatley again dummied his

way through for another converted try.

Northampton never threw in the towel and came back at Gloucester. They refused kicking opportunities deciding instead to run everything. Gloucester's defence held firm until half time.

Gloucester re-started well and another Goatley penalty extended the lead to 17-0.

Gloucester made changes in an attempt to kill the game off with fresh legs. Unfortunately the reverse happened.

As the Gloucester team relaxed and began to make basic mistakes, the Northampton team gained momentum and the pressure told when they scored two unconverted tries in quick succession.

The scores got closer, and as the tension told, tempers boiled over resulting in Joe Goatley being shown the red card for his part in a fracas.

As the numbers evened themselves up, Northampton could sense their chance and only last ditch tackles prevented Northampton from scoring an equalising try.

Gloucester were as relieved as Northampton were disappointed to hear the final whistle. A draw may have been a fair result but Gloucester dug deep to hang on after a very strong first half performance.

Man of the match James Forrester,

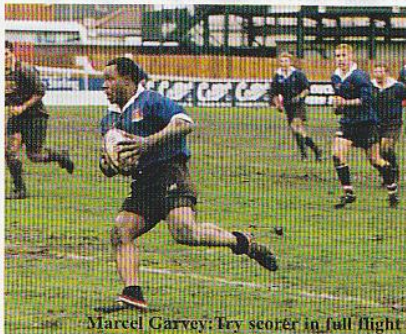
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Academy Team Manager

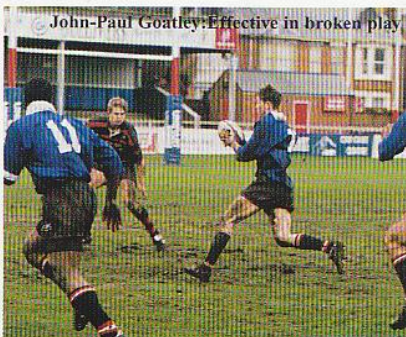
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**BELOW: MATCH ACTION
FROM THE MOSELEY
NATIONAL CUP-FINAL**

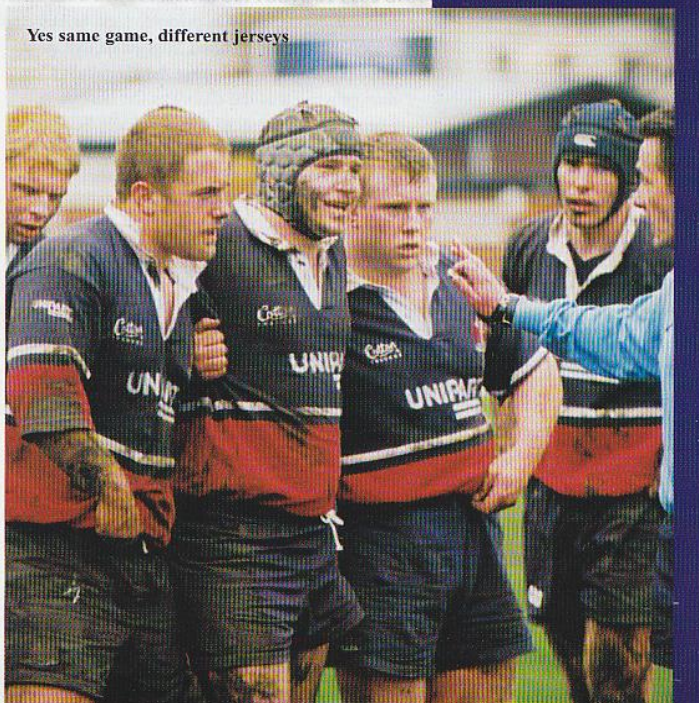
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COURTESY OF
SHEDHEAD**



Marcel Carvey: Try scorer in full flight



John-Paul Goatley: Effective in broken play



Yes same game, different jerseys

A QUESTION OF PRIORITIES

BBC



ABOVE:
STEVE OJOMOH
TACKLES SALE'S
STEVE DAVIDSON

"WHEN OUR ESTEEMED DIRECTOR OF RUGBY WAS ASKED AT THE START OF THE SEASON WHETHER THE TARGET WAS THE EUROPEAN CUP OR A TOP LEAGUE POSITION, PHILIPPE'S REPLY, WITH HIS CUSTOMARY DIPLOMACY, WAS JE N'AI PAS LA PRIORITÉ."

WHEN YOU APPROACH A ROUND-ABOUT ON A ROAD IN NORTHERN FRANCE, YOU MAY FIND A ROAD SIGN WHICH WARNS THE ADVANCING MOTORIST VOUS N'AVEZ PAS LA PRIORITÉ.

The length of black tyre burns on the road surface is an indication of the time it takes the foreign traveller to translate this message. Why they can't use a simple word like 'Yield' (which everyone understands!) is beyond me.

Not every French round-about has this sign, the implication being Vous avez la priorité as you approach. The length of black tyre burns on these roads is an indication that this is not always the correct assumption.

When our esteemed Director of Rugby was asked at the start of the season whether the target was the European Cup or a top league position, Philippe's reply, with his customary diplomacy, was Je n'ai pas la priorité.

The view of the Shedites was rather more positive. Nous avons la priorité; c'est la Tasse, which, roughly translated, suggested that they were not averse to winning the Heineken Cup thus proving that the club was the best in Europe. How many of them actually believed we could win the Group, let alone go further, is a matter of conjecture, especially when the likes of Colomiers and Llanelli were drawn in the same pool as the Cherry and Whites.

The choice was also shaded by the assumption that the club, having finished third in the Premiership last season, would be there or thereabouts this year, so a Top three (or four) place in the Zurich Premiership and the Heineken Cup would be an extremely acceptable achievement for 2000/2001

Recent performances in the league have shown how dangerous it is to base aspirations on assumptions. So, in a time of changing targets, Qui a la priorité now?

Well, La Tasse is still there to be won, but the league target has been redefined to a Play-off place for the Zurich Championship, the winning of which remains a possibility and would be no mean achievement.

Which brings me to our visitors this afternoon, who we must congratulate as winners of the Zurich Premiership. Deano would undoubtedly respond to the Priorité question by saying Zurich Champions and the aforementioned Tasse Heineken.

Well, our revised priorité is much the same. For either of us to achieve the double will require seven more games this season (starting today), with a Cherry and White v Tigers contest on two, and possibly three, of them. I have to admit that Leicester have won the two previous contests this season, although if the league game at Welford Road in December had lasted only 83 minutes, we would be boasting a proud victory - our downfall came in the 84th! As we all know, to our cost, targets are not achieved by "if onlys".

On a personal note, my son and fiancée have arranged their wedding for today. Being a Rugby player and a cricketer, he does not have a close season to choose a more convenient Saturday. So regrettably I shall miss today's game. As I was saying it's a question of priorities.

Rugby Commentator for BBC Radio Gloucestershire
David Reed

PS.

The BBC wishes to apologise for the lack of first half commentary from Sale two weeks ago. A fault was discovered on the ISDN line from Hayward Road shortly before the start of the programme at 2.00 pm.

Fortunately, BT was able to repair the fault (at the exchange) in time for second half commentary.

BY DAVID REED

GLOUCESTER RUGBY CLUB STUDY SUPPORT CENTRE

IN ITS WHITE PAPER "EXCELLENCE IN SPORT" THE GOVERNMENT HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR GOOD QUALITY STUDY SUPPORT.

As part of its first after hour learning programme the LEA in partnership with the DfEE and Gloucester Rugby Club are in the process of establishing a study support centre containing state of the art ICT equipment which will be used to deliver a programme of ICT Literacy and Numeracy to children in the Gloucester area.

Refurbishment is now well underway on the new Study Support Centre and I can confirm that we will be opening on Monday 30th April.

The centre will be located underneath the main Grandstand, in the old Centenary Suite. The response from schools to the after-hours Study Support Programme has been over-whelming and the following schools have agreed to take part in the first ten-week pilot programme:

Longlevens Junior School
Kingsholm Primary School
Linden Primary School
Harewood Junior School
Beaufort Community
St Peters High School
Oxtells Community

Each School will provide eight children to come to the club from 3:30 to 5:30pm.

St Peters High School has agreed to send sixth form students to act as Mentors to the children, as part of an accreditation to a pre-primary qualification. Mentors are also being selected from Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education, mainly from the teacher training courses.

To provide the centre with a diverse range of experience within the Mentoring Programme, I would also like to appeal for members of the local community to come forward and act as Senior Mentors. These people would not only work with the children, but also act as role models to the younger Mentors. The benefits to volunteering include:

- Valuable Community experience
- Payment of travel expenses
- The chance to attend Premiership Rugby games
- Training and support
- Experience of working in the field of child-care
- The chance to meet your favourite Gloucester Players

I am also currently looking for an experienced Learning Support Worker (LSW) or Teacher to work at the Centre from 2.30 to 8:00pm (27.5 hours per week). This is a salaried position and further details can be obtained from myself at the club.

If you would like any further information about any aspect of the Study Support Centre please contact me at the club, or e-mail me at jonetaylor@lineone.net

Jon Taylor, Study Support Manager



ABOVE:
ANDY GOMARSALL
GETS THE BALL OUT.

GLOUCESTER RFC OLD PLAYERS ASSOCIATION

AN INAUGURAL MEETING HAS BEEN HELD WHEN IT WAS DECIDED TO FORM THE ABOVE ASSOCIATION.

A further meeting will be held at Kingsholm on Tuesday 3rd April 2001 at 7.30pm, to discuss and formulate the rules and to decide on Officers and the committee.

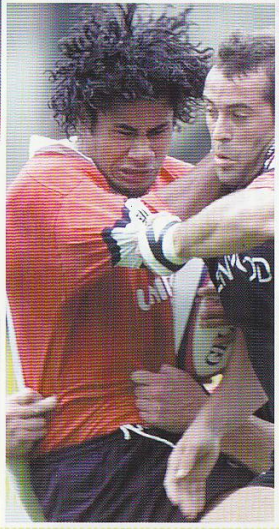
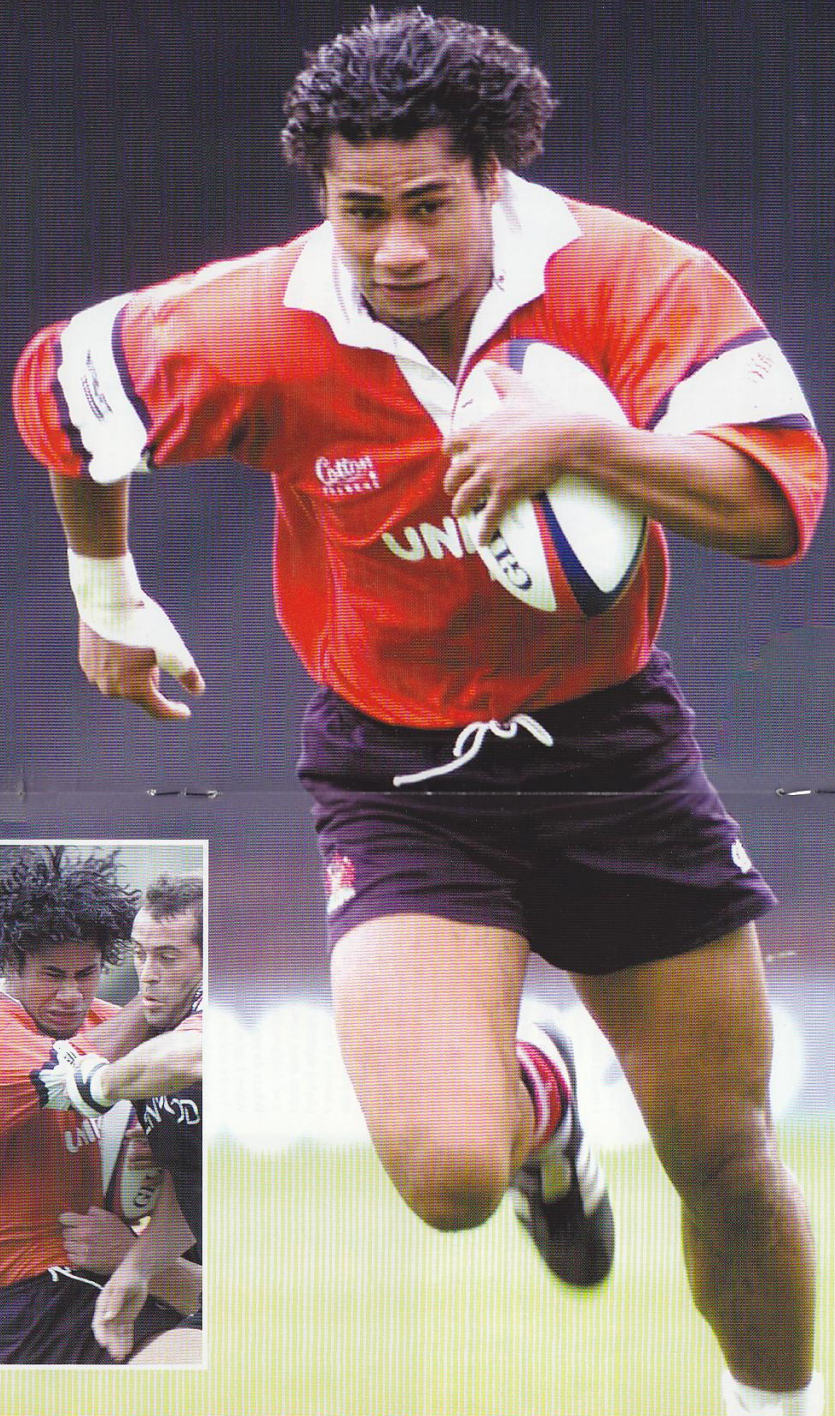
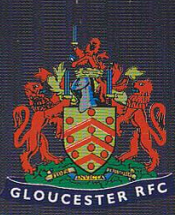
All old players are welcome.

Anyone requiring further information please contact Doug Wadley

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GLOUCESTER RUGBY CLUB

TERRY FANOLUA

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

TERRY



TERRY FANOLUA

Former Club Auckland Otago
Date of Birth 3 Jul 1974
Height (m) 1.83
Weight (Kgs) 87.0
Position Centre

TODAY'S PLAYER PROFILE WILL BE THE LAST ONE OF THE SEASON.

In recognition of this special occasion we have chosen a player who throughout his time at Gloucester Rugby Club has been very close to the hearts of the supporters. His name is Terry Fanolua

Since you have been at Gloucester, you have enjoyed a unique relationship with the clubs fans?

Yes, these people come out whether we are home or away and support us every weekend. They turn up wind, snow and hail, it's amazing. I enjoy it and I know the rest of the boys do too, and I hope the fans enjoy it.

Had you heard anything about this great support before you came over?

No I hadn't. When John Hall came out to see me, one of the things he told me about was this thing called 'the Shed' and to be honest I

didn't pay too much attention to it. So it was a surprise. He told me that at the time Gloucester had the number one support in England and he mentioned this place which he called the Shed. So when I came over here it was unbelievable. It was loud and very vocal. And I couldn't believe some of the stuff they were singing, to the players and the referee.

Has it helped at all having Junior around, you are both obviously close on and off the field?

Yes, very much so. It's always good to have a member of your family around. He's helped me a lot. He gives me some very good advice and I respect him.

Since you have been here, you have been classed as a utility back. You have played in three different positions this season, is it something you work on being able to adapt to a number of positions on the pitch?

Not really, events this season have dictated that Philippe has had to ask me to play in a number of positions. I haven't complained because really I'll play anywhere. These days, with the squad we have it is very competitive in a number of positions, and you have to fight for any place. I'm lucky as I can be considered for a number of positions I have a good chance of playing regularly. If I'm asked to play flanker I'll do it!

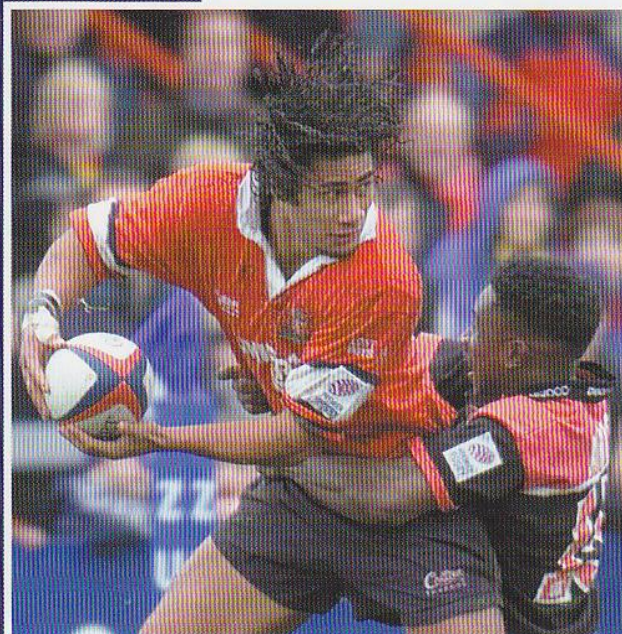
Where do you prefer to play?

Where I am now, in the centre.

You have played in a number of positions in a back line that has received a fair amount of stick this year do you think that is fair?

To a degree yes I suppose it is fair, but without trying to make excuses, we haven't been settled as a back line at all this year. We have not had the same back line on that many occasions. It has changed from week to week and that means you lose the continuity.

I have had three or more centre partners and to be effective as a pair you have to know what the other guy is going to do. You have to be



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able to read his moves and anticipate them in order to react to them. This sort of telepathy takes time to learn. We haven't had that this year.

In the last couple of weeks the team and particularly the backs have begun to get the ball wider much quicker?

Against Rotherham I thought we were having a team run, I just couldn't believe the amount of ball we got. The game plan has changed slightly and that has a lot to do with Andy Keast. He has looked to use the backs a lot more. As backs we have worked harder on our skills and this has helped a lot. I feel we need to go a lot more of this type of work to improve our skills and communication.

You don't seem the sort of player who would shy away from looking for the ball, whatever the game plan was and whatever position you were playing?

Yes, I've had a bit of stick from the other boys about that. If I don't get involved in the game early on and get my hands on the ball, I'll stay very quiet. I like to go and mix it with the big boys, whether it's driving over, or taking a couple of snaps up the middle. It gets me a feel of the game.

Rugby is a huge part of the culture in the part of the world where you were born, was there ever any danger that you wouldn't be a rugby player?

Well I wasn't ever the strongest student when I was at school, I was really there mainly to play rugby. I always wanted to play professional rugby. I had an opportunity to play for the All Blacks but I've always wanted to be a Manu Samoa player.

I admire a lot of the older guys involved in the set up.

Back to club level, in the next three weeks the club has a great chance of turning an average season into a very good one. What sort of targets will you expect to attain in the coming weeks?

The game on Saturday is very important. Leicester are a very good team and regardless of the squad that travels down here they will be very committed and wanting to win. This game is one we must win if we want to secure a playoff place. We then have a second chance against London Irish and again that is a massive game for us. Every game from now on is a massive game. I think we need to get some more consistence and continuity into our play and score more tries.

You mention the European Cup Final, have you set yourself any personal goals for the remainder of your time here.

I think we must try and win our next two matches in the league this season to get into the playoffs and give ourselves the chance of playing in the final. It would be nice to go all the way and win something for the club. That's what I would most like to do and I know the other boys think so too. We would all like to win something for the club the supporters and ourselves.

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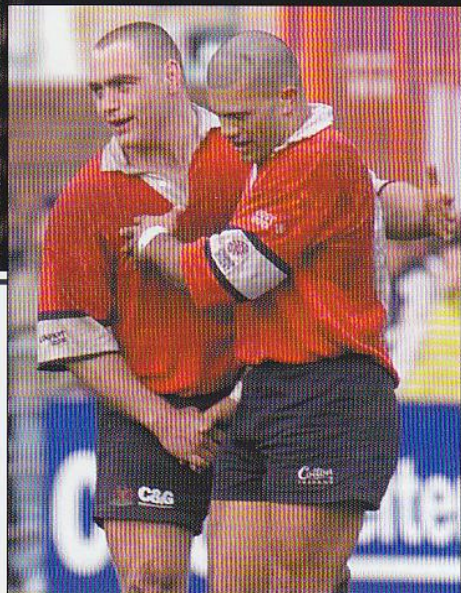
FAR LEFT: TERRY PASSES THE BALL AS HE IS TACKLED BY SARACENS GERALD ARASA

BELOW: TERRY TACKLES SALE'S CHARLES HODGSON



MATCH ACTION

GLOUCESTER 50-17 ROTHERHAM

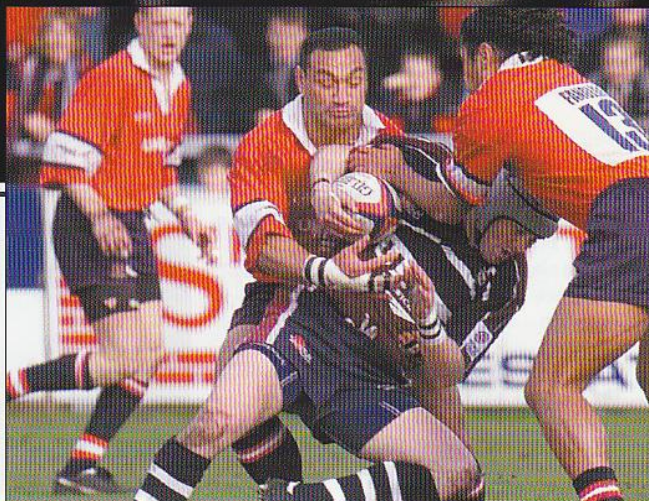
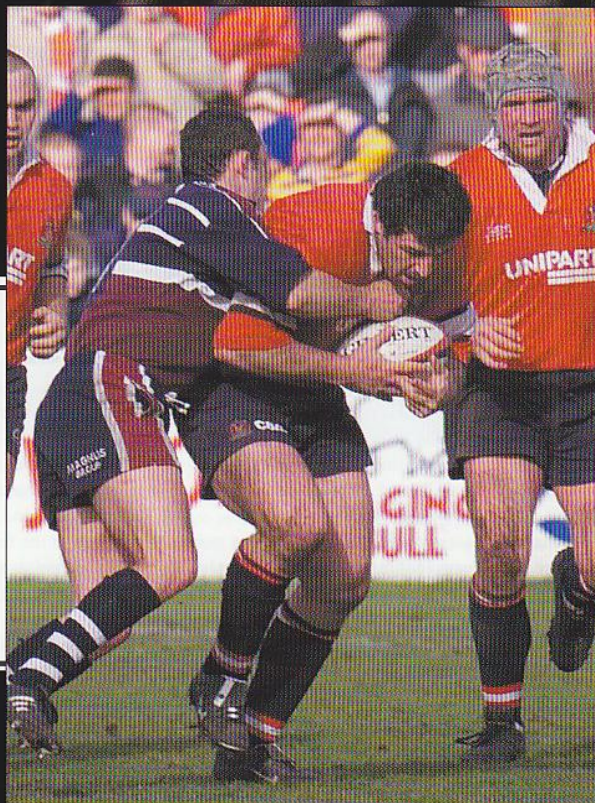


TOP LEFT: Trevor Woodman (left) congratulates Robert Todd after scoring his first try for the team.

TOP RIGHT: Olivier Azam has his run stopped by Rotherham's Simon Binns.

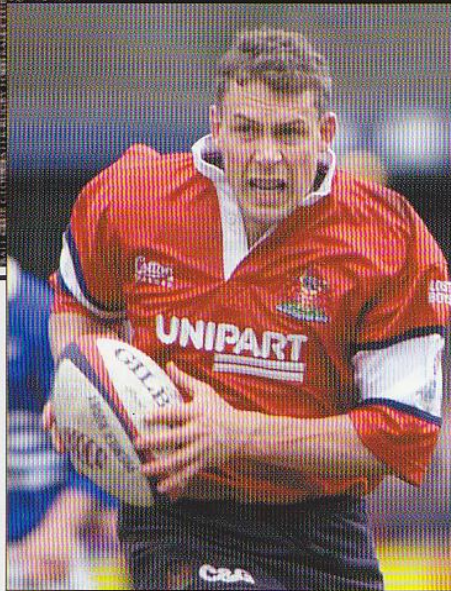
BOTTOM RIGHT: Junior Paramore tackle's Rotherham's Neil Spence.

BOTTOM LEFT: Terry Fanolua and Simon Mannix tackle Rotherham's Nigel Simpson.

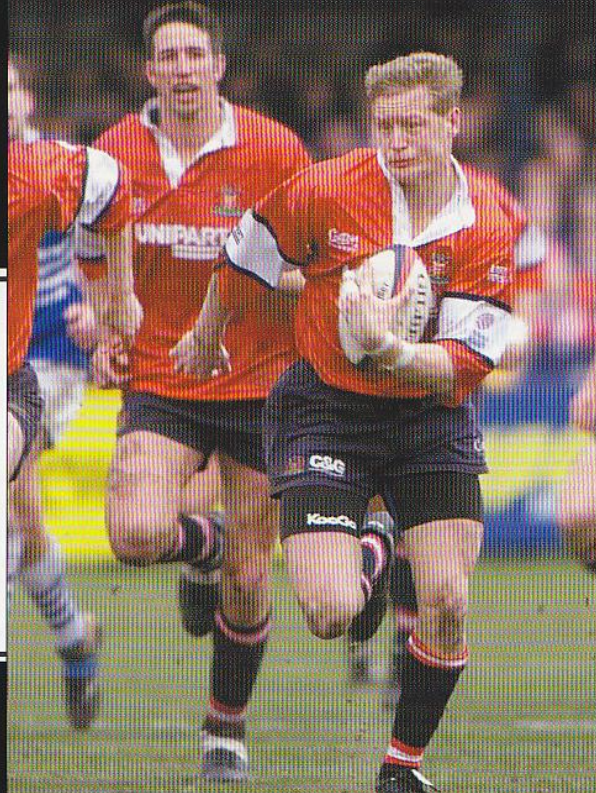


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SALE SHARKS 16-24 GLOUCESTER



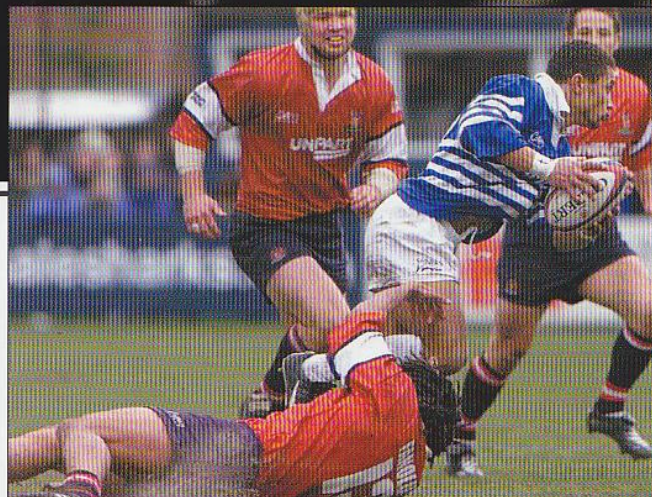
TOP LEFT: Jason Little on the charge.



TOP RIGHT: Chris Catling charges up the wing with Ian Jones in support.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Terry Fanolua tackles Sale's Jason Robinson.

BOTTOM LEFT: Andy Hazell is tackled by Sale's Andrew Morris.



ARCHIE HARTSHORNE

THE INFORMAL LINKS BETWEEN THE CLUB AND THE CIVIC AUTHORITIES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN STRONG.

Even today, it's an unusual game which is not attended by two or three past Mayors and Sheriffs, not to mention a few prominent City Councillors (G'd Afternoon, Paul!).

"SOMETIME SCRUM-HALF, PIANIST, AND ALL-ROUND GOOD BLOKE, ARCHIE WAS A FERVENT SUPPORTER OF GLOUCESTER."

Sadly, their number has been reduced by one. Donovan ('Archie') Hartshorne died a couple of weeks ago, after a short illness.

Sometime scrum-half, pianist, and all-round good bloke, Archie was a fervent supporter of Gloucester. He told me himself that, turning up at the Mayor's Parlour, first thing in the morning, on the day after his Mayor Making ceremony, he summoned the Secretary and handed her a Gloucester fixture list with all the home games highlighted in red. He then instructed her that she was to accept no civic engagements during those periods. At least, not without consulting him.

His chickens did come home to roost during the following season. Strolling through town one evening, he trod on a discarded take-away carton, fell, and suffered a very nasty broken ankle, which confined him in a wheelchair for a couple of weeks. Even so, he didn't miss any games. The club found him a spot alongside the dugout in front of the stand, where he could sit in his chair and watch the match.

One evening, having been wheeled back into the clubhouse after the game, he was sitting

quite happily, his pint in one hand, and his pint in the other, no table within reach. Up came that highly entertaining full-back, Tim Smith. "How's the ankle going, 'Arch' ? he enquired.

"Fine, thanks, Tim !" replied His Worship. "That's good." quoth Timmy, placed his cigarette between Archie's two toes and walked off, grinning evilly.

So there was the Right Worshipful, the Mayor of Gloucester, pinioned in a wheelchair, with a lighted cigarette smouldering inexorably toward his naked extremities.

Then there was the time when Archie managed to buzz the ground aboard H.M.S Gloucester's helicopter. But that's another story.

To say that someone will be 'sadly missed' is a cliché. But in the case of Archie Hartshorne it is nothing more than the simple truth. He was a kind man, an outgoing man and a humorous man. If he could help anyone, he would. The City won't seem the same without him.

All our sympathies go to his wife Chris, and all his family.

But I'll tell you: if there are rugby matches in heaven, Archie will be on the touchline, cheering the home side on and complaining about the referee. If there aren't, then he won't want to go there.

Hail and farewell,
Arch.

**BELOW:
OLIVIER AZAM
IS HALTED BY
ROTHERHAM'S
DEFENCE.**



KEITH LONG

SADLY, I HAVE ANOTHER PASSING TO RECORD. I ONLY RECEIVED THE INFORMATION AT THE VERY LAST MINUTE, BUT HERE GOES, ANYWAY.

Many GRFC supporters will have known Keith Long, who died recently after a short illness.

Keith, with his wife Pam, were ardent Shed residents for many years, and he'll certainly be missed on that side of the Ground.

However, he will also be affectionately recalled as a long-serving Housemaster at Wycliffe College where he taught for over 35 years.

As a player, he played at No.2 for the England Schools in his day, and helped immeasurably as a coach at Colts level for the School, helping to bring on generations of young players.

We can't afford to lose people like Keith, and we all send the most sincere condolences to Pam Katrina and Lawrence.



SINBAD SAILS ON

HOW NICE TO SEE THAT JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL, AKA 'SINBAD', AND NICK COX HAVE BOTH BEEN SELECTED FOR THE ENGLAND UNDER 19 SQUAD COMPETING FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CHILE.

It's no more than they deserve, and I'm sure they'll do us proud. One or two other Academy players must have been close to selection, too.

It's all very encouraging, but take a look at the rest of the party, and you'll find that a whole handful of Leicester young hopefuls are included too. Not only is that an ominous sign for everyone with ambitions to knock the Tigers off their well-deserved perch sometime soon, but it does teach a lesson for those with eyes to see.

The fact is that Leicester's current pre-eminence has been earned, to a large extent, by their policy of bringing on their own youngsters, rather than simply opening a cheque book and flashing it at big stars looking for a move. Indeed, one member of that Under 19 party, Ben Oliver, will probably be playing today. One can think of other names, notably the highly regarded Andy Goode.

But a word of warning, Tigers. We're not far behind you. Take a look at the storming progress of our Academy side in their own knock-out competition, if you want proof. And don't forget that it isn't very long ago since people like Andy Hazell and Adam Eustace were in the same age bracket. Nowadays, they are posing very real threats

to the positions of such people as Ian Jones, Mark Cornwell, Rob Fidler, and even the skipper himself, Kingsley Jones.

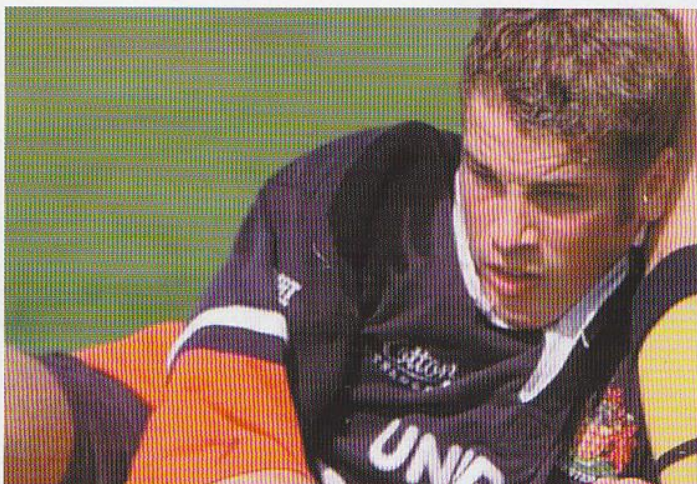
Which is as it should be. Nothing concentrates the mind of a top player better than feeling the hot breath of a promising youngster on the back of his neck. It all makes me tend to agree with my wife, who is the gardener in our family. She always maintains that, in the long run, it's better to grow your own than patronise the supermarket.

Anyway, it's a nice cheerful thought on which to end Gloucester's home season.

Summer well.

"BUT A WORD OF WARNING, TIGERS. WE'RE NOT FAR BEHIND YOU. TAKE A LOOK AT THE STORMING PROGRESS OF OUR ACADEMY SIDE IN THEIR OWN KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION, IF YOU WANT PROOF."

FAR RIGHT: JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL IN ACTION FOR THE ACADEMY



BY PETER ARNOLD

BRYON HAYWARD DOUBLE INTERNATIONAL



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Rugby players are no different. Golf has been mentioned as a favourite, along with fishing, for some of our more illustrious members, but boxing?

"The last three months have been bloody hard", says Welsh fly half and international light middle weight boxer, Bryon Hayward. Who throughout his rugby career has still made time to reach the top in boxing, the most ancient of combat sports.

"In preparation for my most recent fights I've been training at Gloucester during the day and then driving back to the gym in Wales where I have been doing around ten rounds of sparring with some professional boxers. I reckon that the sparring with people like Joe Calsage, (the Super-middle weight, World Champion), has been harder than the fights".

The first question one might be tempted to ask when hearing this news is why?

In his typically down-to-earth manner, the reason Byron gives for his double life is simply that since Christmas, although being involved in the first team squad, he hasn't played that much rugby.

"I do it because I really enjoy getting in the ring. Boxing is like a drug for me, there is nothing like it. The adrenaline you get stepping over the ropes to fight another person, one-on-one is amazing. When I lose a fight, there is no one else to blame, it's down to me, and I enjoy the individuality. Of course when you are part of a team you have fourteen other guys to count on and that's great too".

Having assimilated all this information one might then ask the obvious question of how? "It's been very hard and quite frustrating at times. I was supposed to fight last Monday (26th March), but the other boy pulled out on Saturday. I've had to be very disciplined with my diet and my training regime. I'm thirty-

one but I feel fitter than when I was twenty-one".

At this point Byron reveals his debt of gratitude to the two fitness coaches, Ed Archer and Peter Finch, for all the work and knowledge they have included into Byron's gruelling training regime.

"They are two of the very best in their professions, and they have helped me out no end with my conditioning and my diet, which has changed radically. I had to lose over a stone in weight but retain my muscle mass, and to be honest, I couldn't have done it without their knowledge and help".

And make no mistake, what Byron has achieved in the boxing world is not to be underestimated. He started non-competitive boxing at school, and then at the age of twenty-two, whilst playing in the Welsh first division, he gave up rugby to concentrate on a boxing career. His efforts and dedication were rewarded with a Welsh title at light-middle weight. He was also selected to box for his country on four occasions, fighting in international tournaments in Scotland and Italy. His record at the moment is fought twenty-six; won twenty-three, including sixteen knockouts and lost three, all on points.

"I had the chance to go professional in 1994-95 after I won the Welsh title and at that time they were selecting for the Commonwealth games. Wales only took five weights though, so unfortunately I missed out which was very disappointing. I might get another chance next year, as the Commonwealth games will be held in Manchester. Just before Christmas I was selected to represent Wales again, but unfortunately the fight got cancelled. I would love the chance at boxing in a Commonwealth games, but it may not be an option with my job commitments".

Byron admits to being quite content with the way his life has panned out. He has represented Wales on two rugby tours; to South Africa in 1998, and Argentina in 1999, which brought him two caps. And he has represented his country as a boxer, earning four international vests. He says he is not finished yet.

"The way I see it is, that when I'm forty

I'll have as much time as I want to sit around so I want to make the most of it while I can".

Byron was involved in the 2001 Welsh Boxing Championships, which started this February. First come the preliminaries, which can mean you may have to fight twice in the same day, or if you are fortunate, you may get a bye. Byron was lucky and only had to fight once. He won the bout and so qualified for the semi final, which was fought on March 8th. He eventually lost on points to a boxer he had beaten last year when his opponent was ranked second in the country.

"That fight was disappointing, but on a Thursday night before a team run on the Friday, about fifteen of the players came down to watch. That meant a lot to me. They have always given me a lot of support".

One would suspect that leading such a double life would be frowned upon by the coaching staff and rightly so. Byron feels the coaches have been very tolerant of his boxing career whilst he has taken every care to ensure that it never gets in the way of training.

"The coaches don't mind as long as I don't get injured. I've never missed a training session through a boxing commitment and they never have to worry about my fitness".

Byron has decided though, that after leading such a Spartan life over the last three months it is time to let his hair down a bit and just chill out.

"The Gloucester players are a great bunch of lads and I enjoy going out with them and having a few drinks.

I haven't had any alcohol since before Christmas but I think I will relax the training for a bit and perhaps have a drink with Deacs and the boys this weekend. I'm looking forward to just relaxing a bit and enjoying life for a bit.

Byron Hayward has said he has never used his training to go out and intentionally hurt anyone. He is looking to enjoy the end of the rugby season before he sets his sights on a few fights over the summer. A great bloke, just don't nick his pint!

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BELOW: BYRON HAYWARD SPARRING.

