PARKER PEN SHIELD SEMI FINAL

PARKER PEN SHIELD Official Match Day Programme £3.00

GLOUCESTER RFC v SALE SHARKS

SUN 28TH APRIL 2002 K.O. 2.00PM
Franklin’s Gardens, Northampton

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Outward Looking

by Chris Hewett, The Independent

Gloucester and Europe: on the face of it, neither is a part of the other. Five years ago, at the start of the 1997-98 campaign, the feared and ferocious denizens of Kingsholm had 16 forwards on the first-team books, no fewer than 11 of whom – Windo, Deacon, Greening, Fortey, Cornwell, Fidler, Sims, Devereux, Glanville, Carter and Stanley – were born in the city. Of the remaining quintet, two were from other parts of the West Country. Only Neil McCarthy (born in Slough), the New Zealander, Andrew Gibbs and a Midlands prop intriguingly named Warwick Bullock were "foreigners" – that is to say, from any part of the world not intimately familiar with rough cider and the "oo-arr" school of elocution.

Back then, the jokes about Gloucester's insularity could have filled one of Barry Cryer's notebooks. Rumour had it that the Cherry and White
management advised players to bring their passports for an away trip to Cheltenham, and no less a figure than Gareth Chilcott, not everyone's image of a Greek god, once scored a try in the Forest of Dean and celebrated with the remark: "Take that, you six-toed buggers."

Then came Philippe Saint-André, as quintessentially French as Mike Burton was quintessentially Longleat. The brilliant Tricolore wing introduced Gloucester to the rest of the planet by recruiting players from every corner of his homeland... indeed, from every corner of the rugby-playing world. Had it not been for Saint-André, it is reasonable to suggest that Olivier Azam, Ludovic Mercier, Patrice Collazo, Pierre Caillet, Dimitri Yachvili, Diego Albanese and Koli Seuabu would not have surfaced at Castle Grim in a squillion years — and, it is equally fair to surmise, Gloucester would not have embraced European competition as enthusiastically as they have.

In that 97-98 season, they reached the last eight of the European Shield. Although they found themselves on the prickly end of a Stade Français special in Paris, Moscato's team came off 53-22 — their appetite had been whetted. Three years later, they made a tremendous fist of their first taste of high-life among the Heineken Cup elite by beating Llanelli home and away to win their group, seeing off Cardiff in a one-sided quarter-

— Vincent Moscato's

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below-strength side in a Powergen Cup quarter-final at London Irish because he considered Gloucester’s PARKER PEN SHIELD knock-out tie with Ebbw Vale five days later to be immeasurably more important. Saint-André is no longer at Kingsholm, however; frustrated at his failure to negotiate an extension to his contract, he accepted an offer from Bourgoin and cleared his desk. Will Gloucester continue to buy into the European ideal, or will they revert to time-honoured type?

Happily, Euro-enthusiasm is still in the air in the old cathedral city. Nigel Melville, Saint-André’s successor, guided Wasps through four Heineken Cup campaigns, twice reaching the last eight, and is well versed in the cross-border language now in vogue at the cutting edge of the northern hemisphere club game.

Gloucester
have not enjoyed the best of months at Premiership level, suffering some major-league hideous on the road at Wasps and Northampton, but there is more than a suggestion of their keeping some powder dry for today’s essential business with Sale.

Melville is now fully hands-on at Kingsholm – for contractual reasons, his input prior to the match at Wasps two and a half weeks ago was restricted – and the renowned hard-heads in

director of rugby has persuaded a number of the foreign legionnaires – Azam and Mercier, most notably – to agree new terms rather than head back across the Channel. If you require proof positive of the new Gloucester’s commitment to the continental cause, there you have it.

the Gloucester pack, from Phil Vickery at tight-head to Jake Boer in the back row, are more than a little keen to take something from a season that has had its frustrations, not least Saint André’s departure and the painfully protracted “Azam affair”. What is more, the new

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One Step FURTHER

by Phil Vickery, Gloucester Captain

Today we line-up in the semi-final of the PARKER PEN SHIELD. After recent results this game and this competition has become doubly important for us and everyone involved with Gloucester Rugby Club.

Any cup competition throws up a different focus, a different challenge and every player likes to be involved in this type of competition. Also, we have said all season that this was a competition that we wanted to win. We have worked hard up until now to get ourselves in this position and today is a chance for us to go one step further than we managed last year and reach the final.

Of course, we will take nothing for granted today. Sale are a fantastic team with some world class players in their squad. They have the ability to put any team under pressure and I'm sure that they will be out for revenge after the two defeats they have suffered against us already this season.

I said when we played Sale at Kingsholm last time out that whatever happened in the Premiership fixtures it would have little relevance in today's game. We won both encounters and so we must take some confidence into today's game. It is a different pressure from the League programme and will give the players a chance to focus on one game and try to get some confidence and pride back into our game.

There is nothing that would please this squad, myself included, more than to bring a trophy home to Kingsholm. For the fans that have supported us so well not just this season but throughout, but also for the players and everyone involved with the club.

We have all worked very hard to get ourselves into this position, but we know the job is not yet finished. To get to the final we must be on top of our game today and then to win the competition, as we have set out to do since August, we must work even harder.

We will take today's game as it comes but I am confident that if we play as well as we can we can win.
Phil VICKERY (captain)
Position: Prop • DoB: 14.03.76 • Height: 6' 3" (1.91m) • Weight: 19st 9lb (125kg)
International honours: England / Lions
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 4 apps

Diego ALBANESE
Position: Wing • DoB: 17.09.73 • Height: 5' 8" (1.74m) • Weight: 12st 4lb (78kg)
International honours: Argentina
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 4 apps; 5 pts = 1T

Olivier AZAM
Position: Hooker/prop • DoB: 21.10.74 • Height: 6' 1" (1.85m) • Weight: 18st 2lb (115kg)
International honours: France
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 3 apps; 5 pts = 1T

Jake BOER
Position: Flanker • DoB: 01.11.78 • Height: 6' 1" (1.85m) • Weight: 16st 6lb (104kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 4 apps; 15 pts = 3T

Pierre CAILLET
Position: Back row • DoB: 17.08.80 • Height: 6' 3" (1.90m) • Weight: 16st 8lb (105kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 0 apps

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Chris CATLING
Position: Full back • DoB: 17.06.76 • Height: 6' 1" (1.85m) • Weight: 14st 2lb (90kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 0 apps

Patrice COLLAZO
Position: Prop • DoB: 27.04.76 • Height: 6' 1" (1.85m) • Weight: 17st 1lb (108kg)
International honours: France
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps

Mark CORNWELL
Position: Lock • DoB: 22.03.73 • Height: 6' 7" (2.01m) • Weight: 17st 5lb (110kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 6 apps; 5 pts = 1 T

Andrew DEACON
Position: Prop • DoB: 31.07.65 • Height: 6' 2" (1.88m) • Weight: 17st 1lb (108kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 6 apps

Joe EWENS
Position: Centre • DoB: 16.12.77 • Height: 5' 11" (1.80m) • Weight: 14st 2lb (90kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps; 15 pts = 3 T
Terry FANOLUA
Position: Centre • DoB: 03.07.74 • Height: 6' 0" (1.83m) • Weight: 13st 10lb (87kg)
International honours: Saracens
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 7 apps; 10 pts – 2T

Rob FIDLER
Position: Lock • DoB: 21.08.74 • Height: 6' 5" (1.96m) • Weight: 17st 8lb (112kg)
International honours: England
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps; 5 pts – 1T

James FORRESTER
Position: No 8 • DoB: 09.02.81 • Height: 6' 5" (1.96m) • Weight: 15st 7lb (98kg)

Chris FORTEY
Position: Hooker • DoB: 25.08.75 • Height: 6' 0" (1.83m) • Weight: 16st 9lb (106kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 7 apps; 10 pts – 2T

Marcel CARVEY
Position: Wing • DoB: 21.04.83 • Height: 5' 9" (1.77m) • Weight: 12st 9lb (80kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 1 app

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Jon GOODRIDGE
Position: Outside hall • DoB: 26.02.81 • Height: 6’ 1” (1.86m) • Weight: 13st 4lb (84kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 6 apps; 5 pts – 1T

Andy COMARSALL
Position: Scrum half • DoB: 24.07.74 • Height: 5’ 10” (1.78m) • Weight: 13st 8lb (86kg)
International honours: England
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps; 4 pts – 2C

Andy HAZELL
Position: Hooker • DoB: 25.04.78 • Height: 6’ 0” (1.83m) • Weight: 14st 7lb (92kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 4 apps; 5 pts – 1T

Ludovic MERCIER
Position: Outside hall • DoB: 01.11.76 • Height: 5’ 10” (1.79m) • Weight: 13st 6lb (83kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps; 100 pts – 17C, 19PG, 3DG

Daren O'LEARY
Position: Wing • DoB: 27.06.73 • Height: 5’ 11” (1.82m) • Weight: 14st 5lb (91kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps; 40 pts – 8T

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Junior PARAMORE
Position: Back row forward • DoB: 18.11.68 • Height: 6'6" (1.99m) • Weight: 16st 5lb (104kg)
International honours: Samoa
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 7 apps; 15 pts – 3T

Henry PAUL
Position: Utility back • DoB: 10.02.74 • Height: 5'11" (1.80m) • Weight: 14st 13lb (95kg)
International honours: England
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps; 30 pts – 2T, 23C, 1PG

Ed PEARCE
Position: Flanker • DoB: 02.09.75 • Height: 6'6" (2.01m) • Weight: 18st 10lb (119kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps

Frederico PUCCIARIELLO
Position: Prop / hooker • DoB: 24.06.75 • Height: 5'9" (1.75m) • Weight: 17st 11lb (108kg)
International honours: Italy
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 4 apps; 5 pts – 1T

Koli SEWABU
Position: Back row forward • DoB: 15.01.75 • Height: 6'1" (1.85m) • Weight: 16st 9lb (106kg)
International honours: Fiji
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps; 20 pts – 4T

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James SIMPSON-DANIEL
Position: Outside half • DoB: 30.05.82 • Height: 6' 0" (1.82m) • Weight: 12st 5lb (78kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps; 25 pts – 5T

Clive STUART-SMITH
Position: Scrum half • DoB: 17.05.83 • Height: 5' 8" (1.73m) • Weight: 12st 9lb (80kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 3 apps; 5 pts – 1T

Robert TODD
Position: Centre • DoB: 19.04.71 • Height: 5' 11" (1.80m) • Weight: 15st 4lb (97kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps; 5 pts – 1T

Trevor WOODMAN
Position: Prop • DoB: 04.08.76 • Height: 5' 11" (1.80m) • Weight: 17st 13lb (114kg)
International honours: England
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 4 apps

Dimitri YACHTVILI
Position: Scrum half • DoB: 19.09.80 • Height: 6' 0" (1.83m) • Weight: 12st 11lb (81kg)
PARKER PEN SHIELD 2001/2002: 5 apps; 5 pts – 1T
Sunday 28 April 2002
THE PARKER PEN SHIELD SEMI-FINAL
Franklin’s Gardens Kick-Off 2.00pm

**GLoucester** 27 (13)

15 Chris Catling
14 Daren O’Leary
13 Terry Fanolua
12 Robert Todd
11 James Simpson-Daniel
10 Ludovic Mercier
9 Andy Gomersall

**Sale Sharks** 38 (19)

15 Jason Robinson
14 Mark Cueto
13 Martin Shaw
12 Mel Deane
11 Steve Hanley
10 Charlie Hodgson
9 Bryan Redpath (Captain)

**Parker Pen Shield**

**Tie Breaker**

If the result of the semi-final is drawn or a tied game, extra time will be played. If the result is still drawn at the end of extra time, the winner will be decided by the following criteria:

1. The team who has scored the most points in the semi-final, including extra time.
2. Place-kicking competition.

**GLoucester**

1 Trevor Woodman
2 Olivier Azam
3 Phil Vickery (Captain)
4 Ed Pearce
5 Mark Cornwell
6 James Forrester
7 Koji Sewaifu
8 Junior Paramore
9 Ludovic Mercier
10 Charlie Hodgson
11 James Simpson-Daniel
12 Robert Todd
13 Terry Fanolua
14 Daren O’Leary
15 Chris Catling

**Sale Sharks**

1 Kevin Yates
2 Andy Titterrell
3 Stuart Turner
4 John Fullerton
5 Peter Anglesea
6 Chris Jones
7 Stuart Pinkerton
8 Algy Sanderson
9 Bryan Redpath (Captain)
10 Charlie Hodgson
11 Steve Hanley
12 Mel Deane
13 Martin Shaw
14 Mark Cueto
15 Jason Robinson

**Replacements**

16 Dimitri Yachvili
17 Henry Paul
18 Patrick Colazio
19 Chris Forsey
20 Federico Pucciarelli
21 Rob Fish
22 Luke Boor
23 Alan Dickens
24 Dan Harris
25 Anthony Elliott
26 Richard Wilks
27 Apollo Perelini
28 Adam Buxa
29 Chiel Mulab

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How They GOT THERE

GLOUCESTER
POOL 7 WINNERS

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GLOUCESTER 34
LA ROCHELLE 15

GLOUCESTER: C Stoica; D O’Leary (J Evens 9), T Fanoula, R Todd (J Goodridge 57), J Simpson-Daniel; L Mercer, D Yachvili (A Gomarsall 56-57); P Vickery (capt), C Forrey, F Pucciariello (A Deacon 57), R Fidler (M Cornwall 57), E Pearce, K Sewabu (J Forrester 49), A Eustace, J Paramore (O Azam 70).

CAERPHILLY 14


CRA.N PARMA 16

GLOUCESTER 48

GLOUCESTER: C Stoica; J Simpson-Daniel, J Evens, R Todd (capt) (T Fanoula 47), D Albanese, L Mercer (J Goodridge 60), D Yachvili (A Gomarsall 41); T Woodman (A Deacon 53); O Azam, P Collazo, E Pearce, M Cornwall, A Eustace (K Sewabu 41), J Forrester, J Paramore (C Forrey 63).
Scores: Tries - J Forrester 2, O Azam, J Simpson-Daniel 2, C Stoica; Cons - L Mercer 4; A Gomarsall 2; Pens - L Mercer 2.

GLOUCESTER 99

GLOUCESTER 98

CAERPHILLY 14


CRAN PARMA 5

GLOUCESTER 48

GLOUCESTER: C Stoica; J Simpson-Daniel, J Evens, R Todd (capt) (T Fanoula 47), D Albanese, L Mercer (J Goodridge 60), D Yachvili (A Gomarsall 41); T Woodman (A Deacon 53); O Azam, P Collazo, E Pearce, M Cornwall, A Eustace (K Sewabu 41), J Forrester, J Paramore (C Forrey 63).
Scores: Tries - J Forrester 2, O Azam, J Simpson-Daniel 2, C Stoica; Cons - L Mercer 4; A Gomarsall 2; Pens - L Mercer 2.

GLOUCESTER 99

GRAN PARMA 0

GLOUCESTER: J Goodridge; D O’Leary, J Evens, T Fanoula, D Albanese (A Hazell 18); H Paul, C Stuart-Smith; T Woodman (P Vickery 48), C Forrey (A Deacon 40), P Collazo, R Fidler, E Pearce (A Eustace 63), K Sewabu, J Forrester, J Paramore.

LA ROCHELLE 12

GLOUCESTER 36


LA ROCHELLE 12

GLOUCESTER 36

GLOUCESTER: J Goodridge, D O’Leary, T Fanoula, R Todd, J Evens, H Paul, D Yachvili (A Gomarsall 73), P Collazo (T Woodman 41), C Forrey, P Vickery (capt) (F Pucciariello 48), R Fidler (E Pearce 62), M Cornwall, A Eustace, A Hazell (J Boer 66), J Paramore (K Sewabu 75).

CAERPHILLY 16

GLOUCESTER 47


CAERPHILLY 16

GLOUCESTER 47


QUARTER-FINAL

GLOUCESTER 46

EBBW VALE 11

GLOUCESTER: J Goodridge; D O’Leary (M Garvey 69), D Albanese.
(H Paul 69), R Todd, T Fanoula, J Simpson-Daniel; L Mercier, A Gomarsall (D, Yakovlev 73); P Collazo (M, Irish 78), C Forrey, F Pucciaricello (A, Deacon 22), M Cornwell, A Tustase (R, Fuller 9), J Boer, A Hazell (J, Forrest 69), J Paramore

Scorers: Tries - D O'Leary, J Simpson-Daniel, J Boer, J Forrest; Cons - L Mercier 4; Pens - L Mercier 6

NARBONNE 10
SALE SHARKS 13

SALE SHARKS: V Going;
M Cueto, J Baxendell, M Deane (D Harris 65), S Davidson;
C Hodgson, B Redpath; K Yates (A Black 65), A Titterrell;
(B, Jackson 73), S Turner, I Fullarton, M Giachetti (S Lines 65), A Perelini (R Wilks 79), E P Anglesea, S Pinkerton

Scorers: Tries - C Hodgson;
Cons - C Hodgson;
Pens - C Hodgson 2

CONNACHT 30
SALE SHARKS 33

SALE SHARKS: V Going;
M Cueto, M Shaw, M Deane, S Hanley (A, Elliot 41; C, Hodgson 48), A Dickson (J, Bramhall 76);
K Yates, B Jackman, A Black, I Fullarton, S Lines (M, Giachetti 68), P Anglesea, R Wilks (A Sanderson 56), S Pinkerton

Scorers: Tries - B Jackman, R Wilks, P Anglesea, A Titterrell;
Cons - C Hodgson 2;
Pens - Hodgson 3

SALE SHARKS 44
CONNACHT 6

SALE SHARKS: V Going;
M Cueto (S, Hanley 56), M Shaw, M Deane, A Elliot; C Hodgson (S, Davidson 65), J, Bramhall (A, Dickson 74); A Black, A Titterrell (B, Jackson 64);
S Turner (K Yates 64), I Fullarton, M Giachetti (P, Anglesea 69), A Perelini (S, Lines 60), R Wilks, A Sanderson

Scorers: Tries - M Deane 2, A Black, A Perelini, S Lines, M Cueto, C Hodgson;
Cons - C Hodgson 3;
Pen - C Hodgson

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