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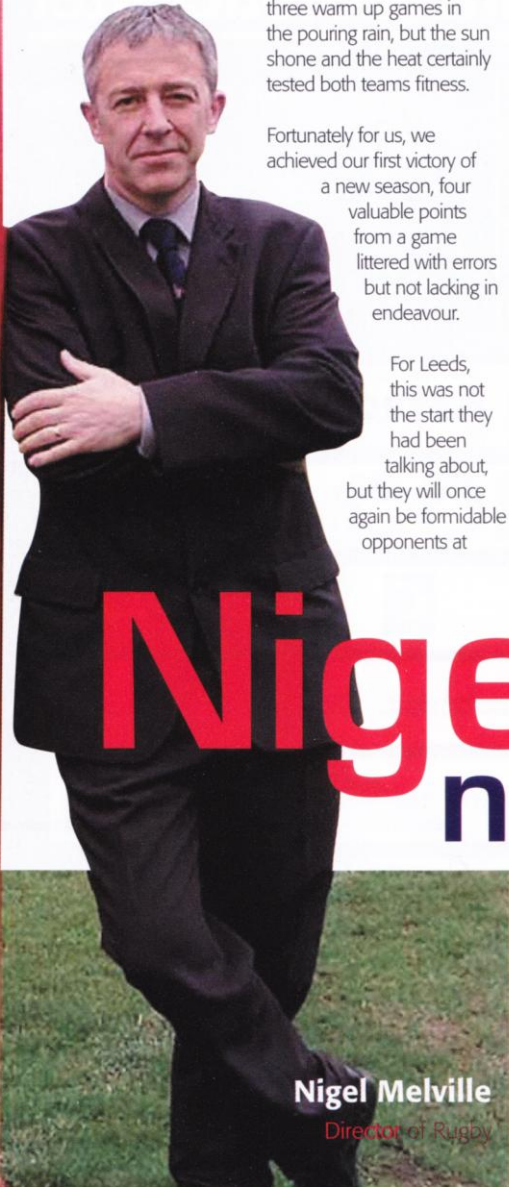
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**G**ood afternoon and welcome, not only to a new Zurich Premiership season, but also a new look Kingsholm for our first Zurich home game of the season.

Last week we travelled north to Leeds, few would have expected a mini heat wave having just completed three warm up games in the pouring rain, but the sun shone and the heat certainly tested both teams fitness.

Fortunately for us, we achieved our first victory of a new season, four valuable points from a game littered with errors but not lacking in endeavour.

For Leeds, this was not the start they had been talking about, but they will once again be formidable opponents at

Headingley, especially when the bitter north wind begins to blow.

On the field we continued to make life difficult for ourselves, playing for 20 minutes with just 14 men is not the ideal way to play such conditions – but if the squads resolve needed to be tested it was – and we passed with flying colours.

Today, we face what I would consider a tough test against an improving London Irish squad, their win against Harlequins at Twickenham will certainly have lifted their spirits. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Gary Gould and his squad to Kingsholm this afternoon, I'm sure it will be a cracking game.

On Monday evening we kicked off our Zurich 'A' League programme with a healthy win over our West Country rivals Bath. It was great to see so many making the effort to support the United team.

improved level of competition, and invite local club players to 'have a go' and raise their game to new levels.

This week was an excellent example of what is possible. First team players Nathan Mauger, Andy Hazell, Peter Buxton and Alex Page were alongside Academy players James Bailey, Will Mathews, Ryan Lamb and Rory Teague.

They were joined by players from Coney Hill and Lydney plus exciting young schoolboys such as Jack Adams.

Is it possible such a combination can work? Bath fielded a strong team including, Olly Barkley, Christian Loader, Mike Tindall, Simon Danielli and Joe Maddocks, it was a highly entertaining game and we won – the experiment continues!

Off the field, who could miss this season's developments. The new stand will make a massive impact at Kingsholm, not only will it provide increased capacity, but it will provide spectators with a much better view of the game, and protection from the winter weather once it arrives. Well done everyone who have worked so hard to make it possible.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who travelled to Leeds last weekend, your support doubled the crowd and kept us going when things were getting tough. We hope you enjoyed the day and look forward to seeing you again on the road as the season develops.

Have a great afternoon's rugby

# Nigel's notes

I believe that the quality of rugby on show is undoubtedly worth the effort.

This season, under the watchful eye of Andy Deacon, we will use United fixtures to provide much needed games for wider squad and bench players, introduce younger Academy players to an

**Nigel Melville**  
Director of Rugby

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We're finally here! The return of the Zurich Premiership season to Kingsholm. Today is what

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it is all about. Of course it's made so much better after last Sunday's win.

It is vital to get points early on and that's exactly what we did against the Tykes.

When you look at all the factors, that is to say, the very hot weather, the first competitive fixture and of course travelling to Leeds, the bus on the way home was a very happy place to be.

We were a little disappointed to concede a try late on, at the end of eight or nine minutes of injury time, but the building blocks were there, and there was certainly something to work on.

Plenty is made of our home and away form, but all I can say is that, as a player, I don't think about it. You just want to get to the game

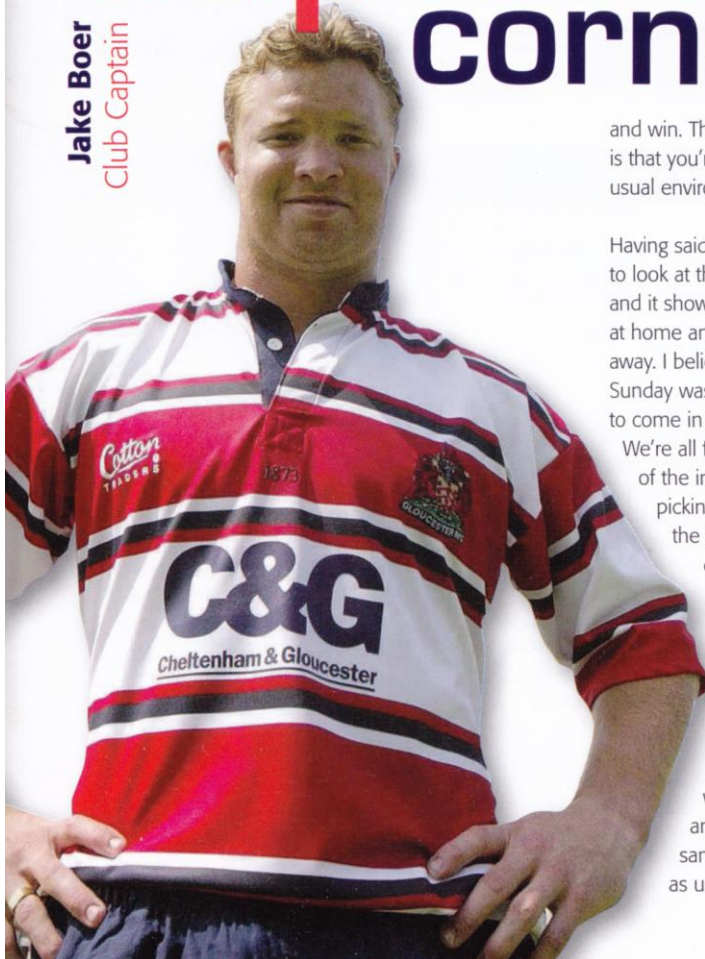
create momentum early on.

Away from the 80 minutes of rugby, you only have to look at the new stand to see what's been going on over the summer. It is awesome. During the pre-season there was an amazing echo coming from it. It's going to be a very special environment when everyone is in the ground today.

Gloucester is a special rugby club. We're a close-knit squad who are all working towards the same goals. The support we receive from all of you takes us to an extra level. There was no silverware last season, and winning trophies is what it's all about. There's a buzz about this place this year, and on behalf of everyone at Gloucester, from players through to staff, I'd like to welcome you all back and enjoy.

# Captain's corner

**Jake Boer**  
Club Captain



and win. The only difference is that you're not in your usual environment.

Having said that, you have to look at the statistics, and it shows our strength at home and a few losses away. I believe that Last Sunday was a sign of things to come in terms of results.

We're all fully aware of the importance of picking up points on the road, and we're determined to get them.

Today's visitors London Irish are a quality side. They also won last week, and will have the same mentality as us, in hoping to

## MUSASHI

The Gloucester playing department has teamed up with Musashi, Australia's leading sports supplement provider. As part of the new partnership, Musashi will be bringing you a series of articles from the playing team, starting with today's catch-up with Jake Boer. Next week – don't miss – the Club's new conditioning and skills coach Mike Anthony.

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The matchday programme looks back to the late 90s and a previous top-flight encounter between Gloucester and London Irish on the opening day of the season.

# REMEMBER when?



Kingsholm, Gloucester  
RFC V London Irish  
- 5/9/1998 -  
Line out action  
Gloucesters Dave Sims.

Before the clash in 1998 is looked at, it's an interesting fact that it was 1973 before London Irish first made an appearance at Kingsholm. It was the season when former Gloucester hooker and stalwart Mike Nicholls captained the West Country club.

This afternoon will mark the eighteenth match played between the two clubs here at Kingsholm. Remarkably on five of those occasions Gloucester has scored 29 points against the visitors. Even more remarkable is the fact in three consecutive home fixtures Gloucester scored 29 points!

London Irish provided the opposition for the opening match of a season once before when they opened the Kingsholm campaign on 5 September 1998, a match in which Gloucester triumphed 29-22 in front of an attendance of 5,267.





Gloucester RFC's captain Dave Sims in action against London Irish 5/9/98.

**Gloucester 29**  
**London Irish 22**  
5 September 1998  
Kingsholm

Gloucester made a winning start to the 1998/99 season as Mark Mapletoft scored 25 points against the Irish in a 29-22 victory. The visitors took a third minute lead when fly half Matt Jones crossed after a move through a dozen pair of hands.

Winger Niall Woods converted and added a penalty after Mapletoft had opened Gloucester's account in the 6th minute with a penalty. Gloucester drew level when skipper Dave Sims took two superb line outs and hustled the Irish into conceding two penalties. Gloucester opted to take scrums and after repeated infringements referee Steve Savage awarded a penalty try which Mapletoft duly converted.

Peter Rogers the English born South African was sin binned for twice collapsing the scrum. Six minutes after returning to the field he was

sent off! The former Transvaal prop had failed to retreat at a tap penalty taken by Scott Benton. A 45-metre penalty by Mapletoft gave Gloucester a comfortable half time lead so it seemed but in four minutes of injury time, Woods landed two penalties.

The sin bin received another visitor when Mark Mapletoft was sent there for shirt pulling after ten minutes of the second half. The 14-man Irish outfit took the lead in the 53rd minute when Woods landed another penalty.

Mark Mapletoft ensured victory in the final quarter with two more penalties and also scoring a superb try.

**Gloucester:**

C.Catling; B.Johnson, T.Fanolua, R.Tombs, P.Saint Andre; M.Mapletoft, S.Benton; T.Woodman, N.McCarthy (rep C.Fortey 66 mins), P.Vickery (rep A.Deacon 72 mins), R.Fidler, D.Sims, Capt, (rep M.Cornwall 66 mins), S.Ojomoh, N.Carter, S.Deveraux.

**London Irish:**

C.O'Shea (capt); J.Bishop, B.Venter, N.Burrows, N.Woods; M. Jones, C.Campbell; P.Rogers (sent off 33 mins), R.Kirke (rep M.Howe 50 mins), R.Hardwick (rep K.Fullman 50 mins), N.Harvey, M.O'Kelly, J.Boer (rep M.Worsley 33 mins), K.Dawson, K.Spicer.

**Now and Then**

The J.Boer listed for London Irish is our own Jake Boer, club captain. Also listed for the Exiles was Mike Worsley, who left Kingsholm 10 days prior to the match, and had to brave the wrath of the Kingsholm crowd.

Terry Fanolua, Chris Fortey, Phil Vickery, and Mark Cornwall all played for Gloucester back in 1998 against the Irish.

**DID YOU Know?**

Facts and stats from the 1998-99 season when Gloucester played London Irish on the opening day of the season.

It was a season where the club gave League debuts to Andy Dawling, Mike Davies, Adam Eustace, Andy Hazell, Rory Greenslade-Jones, Kingsley Jones and Simon Mannix.

There were no ever-presents, but Steve Ojomoh made 25 (1) appearances, as the most during the campaign.

A total of 36 players were used with five as replacement only.

Mark Mapletoft failed to reach the 200-point mark for the first time in three seasons.

Simon Mannix scored 28 points against Northampton in the last match of the season, scoring a try, converting four tries and kicking five penalties.

Mark Mapletoft extended his record of scoring in consecutive League matches to 48!

Chris Catling became the third Gloucester player to score a hat trick of tries in a League match in the home win against Newcastle.

The average attendance for our Allied Dunbar Division 1 matches for 1998-99 was 5,973



Peter Arnold starts another year in his seasoned role as programme contributor, and rounds up his thoughts from the summer and looks ahead to the exciting new Zurich Premiership campaign

# Peter ARNOLD

## SEASONAL BLUES

I've recently written elsewhere that I don't like this time of year. Summer is over and we can now look forward to the long, slow descent into winter with its inevitable coughs and colds, murky days, shivery winds and general misery. And not a Bank Holiday in sight until Christmas.

I've already gone into long-sleeved shirts, and started wearing sensible shoes. Getting out of bed is becoming more difficult as the mornings become steadily darker and chillier. In

fact, for a few weeks I am in genuine danger of becoming a regular Victor Meldrew.

Oddly enough, I emerge from my seasonal blues once winter is really upon us. Once the clocks have gone back and the big sweaters become part of everyday life, I find that one can batten down the hatches and start to enjoy the traditional delights of winter, like devising fiendish new drinks with which to ambush guests at Christmas. Until then it's only the advent of the rugby season which stops me descending into genuine curmudgeonhood.

Just sitting here writing about it cheers me up. How are our new signings going to measure up against the demanding environment of Kingsholm? Will the bright, new stars who began to emerge last season live up to their undoubted promise? Will we see some established stars being usurped by thrusting new pretenders? It's happened often enough before, and could well happen again if a critical analysis of the pre-season matches is taken into account.

No one is guaranteed a place in Gloucester's starting line-up and the



restrictions on the number of matches 'elite' players can play will, from time to time, create opportunities for aspiring performers.

Every club in the Premiership has been making new signings, as usual, this season, and some of them look to be very shrewd indeed, bearing in mind the varying needs of the club in question. As always, a lot depends on which squads gel into a genuine tribe, and which will remain just a group of rugby players.

There's a glorious uncertainty about it all at this time of year, and this time round that uncertainty extends to the very top. The England captain has walked the plank, and the chief coach jumped ship a few days later. The prospect of a new set of hands at the helm of the England side can't have been good for the concentration of aspiring members of the national side.

In Gloucester last Sunday's win at Headingley was highly praiseworthy. Leeds are harder to beat on their own patch than many give them credit for and could have been a banana skin at the best of times.

We do live in interesting times, don't we? But mark my words, winter's coming and you'll soon be testing the central heating, checking the anti-freeze and wondering where your hip flask has got to after you discarded it last year.

There you go. Grouch over for this season.

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**TOO MUCH TO EXPECT?**

I must confess that I have some sympathy for Lawrence Dallaglio's stated reasons for retiring from international rugby. The Premiership becomes tougher and faster every season, there are the Heineken and Powergen Cups to contest, and we now seem to have a year-round diet of international games, plus the odd Barbarians match. If you happen to be an international player there is simply no let-up in the demands placed on your body. This is without thinking about all the training time involved, and that's no stroll among the daisies, either. On the other side of the coin, the rewards for a top rugby player are great nowadays, and the career relatively short if you compare it with the one most of us contends with in our workaday lives.

However, there is a limit to what the human body can stand, as that supreme competitor, Paula Raddiffe found in the Athens Olympics. Now they're even talking about grafting on an Anglo-Welsh Championship.

Gawdelpus.

**CONGRATULATIONS BILL!**

I had a lovely phone call a couple of weeks ago. It was from Bill Hook, a name which will ring bells with a lot of our more senior supporters. It must be 20 years since I last spoke to Bill and the reason for the call wouldn't interest you, but what made the call even more pleasant was



Lawrence Dallaglio Press Conference

that he found time to ring me on his 60th Wedding Anniversary. That's an awfully long time, and we wish Bill and his wife all our heartiest congratulations.

But then, Bill was always one for the long shot. To enlighten younger supporters, I should explain that Bill Hook was a solid full-back who represented England and Gloucester. He had a remarkable facility for kicking goals from prodigiously long distances when we simply weren't used to such things. Remember, these were the days of the old leather ball, which by today's standards weighed a ton, especially on wet days. If you got hit by one in full flight, it could

literally lay you out.

Many people will also recall Bill's sports shop in Westgate Street.

I well recall being at Twickenham for one of Bill's internationals when an audible sigh of disbelief went around the ground as he placed the ball on the centre spot and signalled towards the posts. No one (except us) had ever seen anyone attempt such a thing before.

To my shame, I can't remember if he landed it or not, but if he didn't, then it wasn't through lack of distance.

Well done Bill! Keep knocking 'em over mate!

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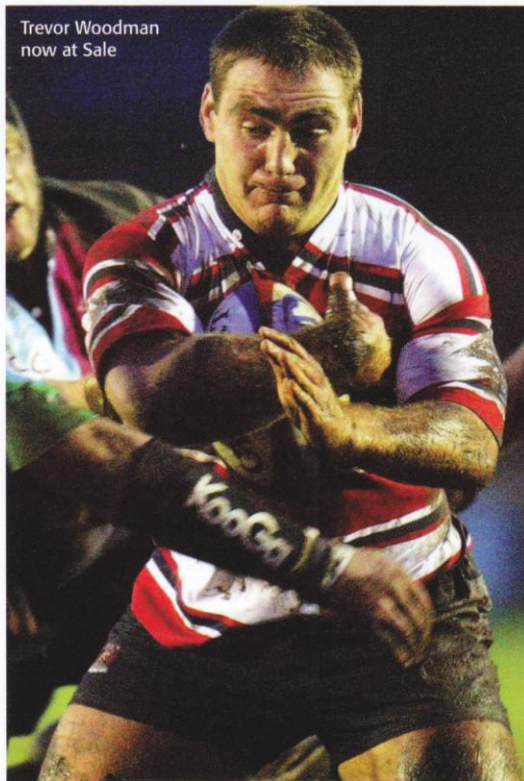
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Each close season witnesses a number of inevitable changes in personnel at various rugby union clubs and also at various levels. As the new season kicks off, Dave King, a regular contributor to the matchday programme, has looked across the game and listed the present status of some former Gloucester players.

# where are THEY NOW?



Trevor Woodman  
now at Sale

In the Zurich Premiership we welcome Worcester Warriors, where a contingent of players who have appeared here at Kingsholm are now based. Administered by former Gloucester coaches John Brain and Andy Keast, the South African full back Thinus Delpport joined the already installed Tony Windo, Lee Fortey, Darren O'Leary, Chris Hall and Craig Gillies at Sixways. Former Kingsholm scrum half Clive Stuart-Smith has accompanied Thinus Delpport onto their playing staff in a summer move from Leeds Tykes.

Heavy recruitment has also been the order of the day at Edgeley Park, the home of Sale Sharks. Former Kingsholm director of rugby Phillippe Saint Andre has recruited former Gloucester back-row forward Kingsley

Jones to assist with coaching duties. Kingsley previously held a similar role with Doncaster RFC last season. The signings of Trevor Woodman and Robert Todd boosts the connection between the northern-based club and Kingsholm, and former Gloucester scrum half Scott Benton remains on the Sharks payroll.

Mark Mapletoft remains with today's visitors London Irish. Rob Fidler is set for a second term at the Recreation Ground with Bath. Meanwhile hooker Phil Greening will be hoping that his injury-blighted career of late will abate and a rejuvenated Greening will hope to reclaim first team recognition with European and Zurich Premiership champions Wasps.



Mike Worsley who once left Bristol for a spell at Kingsholm remains with NEC Harlequins. The prop forward never actually played a game for the club, opting to move without a single appearance!

At National League One level our former director of rugby Richard Hill has been recruiting a host of players for Bristol Shoguns. Included in his summer shopping spree have been Ed Pearce who left Montferrand to link up with Memorial Ground club, but a broken hand sustained in pre-season will delay his first appearance for a few weeks. Former England Under-21 prop Mark Irish has been on trial at the Memorial Ground in a bid to earn a full contract.

Nathan Evans and Duncan Murray departed from Sixways, the home of Worcester Warriors in the summer. They both headed south west to join Kevin Moseley's Penzance & Newlyn where former scrum half Nigel Cane still

features. Former Gloucester Academy player Ryan Peacey is also an addition from Saracens. Steve Thomas was released by the Pirates at the end of last season.

There will be more than a casual interest shown in the playing fortunes of Bedford Blues this season, where the ever-popular Junior Paramore resumes his acquaintance with the

Goldington Road club. Junior has taken on the role of player/coach.

Both Paul and David Knight were prominent members of the Pertemp Bees team that unceremoniously dumped London Wasps out of last season's Powergen Cup at the Causeway.

Warwick Bullock is with Pertemp Bees. Warwick has also been assisting with Dudley Kingswinford RFC's preparations for the new season, as they have been utilising nearby Hartpury College. Nathan Carter is also with the Midlands club.

Dave Sims and Stephen Ward still figure with Exeter Chiefs. The Devon club have plans to figure prominently in what promises to be a competitive National League One this season.

Lower down the scale Chris Yates remains with Doncaster, recruited by Kingsley Jones, it will be

interesting to see how long he remains with the Yorkshire Club. One player who left one Yorkshire club for another was Craig Emmerson who moved to Halifax RFC from Leeds Tykes. Meanwhile his former team mate Diego Albanese, the Argentinian wing three quarter remains at the Headingley Club.

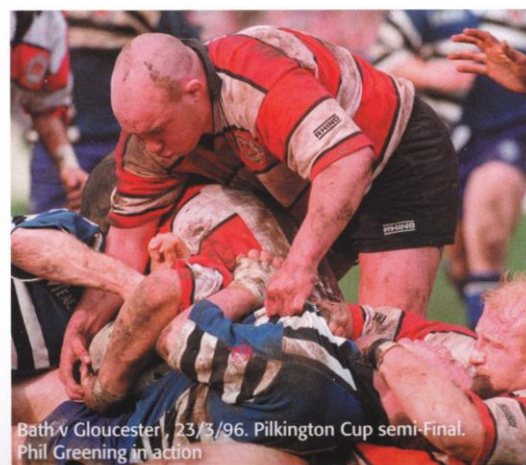
Across the English Channel Rodrigo Roncero has linked up with Stade Francais. The Paris based club is one of our Pool opponents in this season's Heineken Cup. Former Gloucester stand-off Ludovic Mercier has moved from Grenoble to Pau. Laurent Seigne replaced Phillippe Saint Andre at Bourgoin as director of rugby, where Frederico Pucceirello is one of his charges. Tom Beim is with Viadana the Italian club. Patrice Collazzo is with French giants Toulouse, and former Gloucester scrum half, and now French International, Dimitri Yachvilli is with Biarritz.

There are a long list of others plying their trade elsewhere, but there just isn't the space to name them all.

**David King**



Gloucester v Harlequins - 13/10/01  
Gloucester's Rob Fidler wins the line-out



Bath v Gloucester - 23/3/96. Pilkington Cup semi-Final.  
Phil Greening in action



Bob Fenton returns to both the Shed and the matchday programme today to offer, as always, his worthwhile views on the game of the rugby and the Kingsholm club.

# Fanzone

## BOB FENTON

Nice to be back again, isn't it. Early September, Saturday afternoon where else would you rather be?

As ever we have a few new faces, Adam Balding, James Bailey and a trio of vast slabs of front row humanity in the form of messrs Parks, Sigley and Powell. It's great to see Olly back in the cherry and white colours again, though perhaps not quite as great to see him picking up where he left off with a yellow card against Leeds last week.

And we have one more monster to come, Christo Beezerannual... Pizzahut... Beelzebub... Oh you know

who I mean, the huge ex Springbok who looks like he just had a fight with a combine harvester – and won. Duncan McRae described him ever so eloquently at the open day as '... a big scary dude ...' Sounds about right.

But we've lost a few faces, no more loping runs from Junior in front of the shed, and the next time we see the pocket battleship that is Robert Todd and Dougie Woodman's gappy grin, they'll be running out in the dark blue of Sale/Stockport/Sharks/Whoever.

Not just new players, but

a new stand as well - and doesn't it look smart. It is a great addition to Kingsholm, and I have to admit I did consider removing myself from the usual perch in the Shed for a more sedate life in a seat – I mean, no need to get in three hours early to get yer spot, no trek to get a beer – and no risk of spilling half of it on the way back – no one yelling "Weak Bladder" in your ear when you have to dash to the gents.

Maybe one day, but for a while I'll stick with the mob I share a few feet of concrete with every other weekend. Anyway, we've got a brand



new roof now so it would be a shame to leave just yet.

I missed the first couple of pre-season warm-up games being away on hols in Florida this summer and had the 'pleasure of being blown about by Hurricane Charley. Winds at 100mph and water coming down so fast you started to look for a line of animals heading for a nearby barge.

America ground to a halt for a few hours, but about half way through the storm I was stood looking out of the window wondering what all the fuss was about – we play rugby in worse weather than that, as anyone who went to that midweek game against Ebbw Vale a few seasons back will recall. Now that was rain!

But we made it back for the Calvisano run out and the annual open day. What a great day that is, kids - big and small - jostling to get their posters, rugby balls, shirts, flags and hulking great chunks of plywood (you know who you are) signed by players who sit their wondering if they can claim for repetitive strain injury.

From all accounts the win at Leeds last week end was not a feast of free-flowing rugby but sometimes it's the winning that matters. Four points from the first game sets us up well, and it was interesting to see the mighty – in the shape of Wasps, Leicester and Bath all failing in their first games.

But before anyone gets too hung up on the fact that we failed to get five points just remember that it's only



Leeds Tom Biggs tackles Marcel Garvey

about eight years ago that we lost by the best part of 50 points to Harlequins in our first fixture of the season – we have come a hell of a long way in quite a short space of time.

I always enjoy the Leeds trip but missed it this year having been taken prisoner and given decorating duties. I tried claiming time off for good behaviour having completed two rooms, but she wasn't having any of it. Still I'm allowed out today and have got my ticket for next week already – thanks KSM.

So anyway, back to today and the second game of the season, against a London Irish side who like us, grabbed four points last

weekend. They have made a couple of good signings during the summer, not least the capture of ex Wallaby Scott Staniforth and Samoan number eight Peter Poulos.

The Irish supporters are going to be a tad confused when they arrive, they normally set up camp in what used to be the corner of the old Worcester Street stand, but now that's gone.

Maybe they'll sit down, after all they are used to it at the Mad Jet Ski stadium, but wherever they are they will be easy to spot, their green wigs looking for all the world like a little sea of radioactive candyfloss. Let's just hope they have left their drums behind this year, and enjoy

the game (but not the result).

I can't leave without commenting on the strange goings on at HQ, Sir Clive of Twickenham suddenly coming out of the closet and telling us that he was a soccer fan after all this time, and shuffling off into the sunset or Southampton.

Very odd and, dare I say it, just a little bit arrogant. The illustrious David Campese's take on the affair was the Sir Clive had 'bottled it' when faced with the task of rebuilding the English side.

I fancy that there are a fair few people here today who would not entirely disagree with the outspoken Aussie's comments.

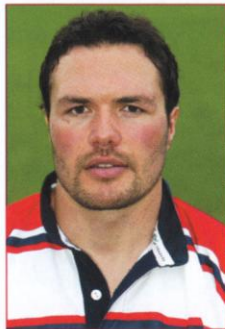
# BBC



In a new-look series of articles from BBC Radio Gloucester, Ian Randall took time out to chat to new Kiwi signing Nathan Mauger about life and rugby in general.

by Ian Randall

# BBC radio gloucestershire



Nathan Mauger	
<b>Position:</b>	Centre
<b>Date of birth:</b>	08.04.78
<b>Height (m):</b>	1.84
<b>Weight (kg):</b>	98
<b>Prev. club:</b>	Crusaders (Super12), Canterbury (NPC)
<b>Int. honours:</b>	New Zealand tour 2001 to Europe

**BBC IR:** What is the best thing about being a rugby player?

**NM:** I guess if I'd have been asked that when I started playing I'd have said the free gear! But I suppose it depends on why you play the game. Times have changed. Before it went professional we were just playing for the enjoyment, but I'd be lying if I said that was the only reason. I like being involved in a team environment because it gives you a focus in life. If I wasn't playing rugby I don't really know what I'd be doing.

**BBC IR:** What was your

first job?

**NM:** I've had some rough jobs. The first was probably doing a paper round, fairly typical for a school kid, but I got fed up of being chased by the neighbourhood dogs so that fell through. My first full time job was as a storeman for a fruit and veg business, putting together orders for supermarkets back home. It gave me some pocket money for the weekends.

**BBC IR:** Who has been the biggest influence on your life?

**NM:** Probably my two uncles, who both played for the All



Blacks. When my brother and I were growing up they were both playing for Canterbury and we both aspired to be like them. It's quite a unique story as I grew up in a little town called Littleton, about 30 minutes out of Christchurch. It's able to boast four All Blacks, my two uncles, my brother and myself. They provided a lot of direction for us in terms of wanting to be like them.

**BBC IR:** What can you cook to impress people?

**NM:** I used to live with my brother, and about three or four years ago I only knew two dishes, one was a beef one and one was a chicken one. We joke that he always knew what he was getting for

dinner because it would be the same every other day! After that I went to cooking classes to branch out a bit. It was a course with 20 sessions, and so I'm pleased to say I've added 20 dishes to my repertoire. If I have to get the cook book out then there is something decent I can produce.

**BBC IR:** What would you like for your next birthday?

**NM:** I'm not a big celebrator of my birthday. I've never been into material things to mark it, I'd rather just have a dinner with friends or family.

**BBC IR:** What's your worst habit?

**NM:** Do I have to answer that? I've been spotted picking my

nose at the traffic lights before now. Will that do?

**BBC IR:** What's the one piece of advice you would give to a young player?

**NM:** There are a lot of young people who aspire to be rugby players and the one thing I've learned coming through the age grades is that a

lot of them don't make it. That can be because of the opinion of one person, generally the coach. That happens at the top of the game too. It's important to realise that it IS ONLY ONE person's view, and that you just need to keep working on your game. Hopefully in the end you will get seen by the right people.



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Leeds Tykes  
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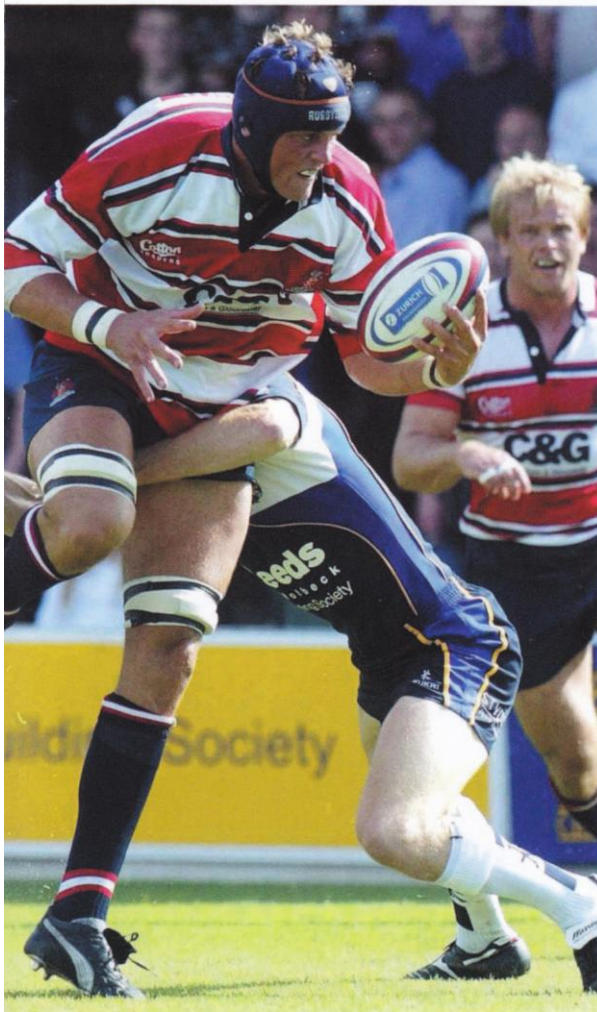
Gloucester  
**21**

Sunday 5 September 2004, Headingley

Referee: S.Lander Attendance: 4079

**Gloucester claimed a 21-16 win over Leeds Tykes at Headingley last Sunday to open their 2004/05 Zurich Premiership campaign with a victory on the road.**

Paul stretched Gloucester's lead further with another penalty, but he failed with another attempt during extra time for the visitors to go into the break with a 13-9 lead.



It was grafting performance from the Kingsholm club, but enough to keep Leeds at bay with Kiwi-import Henry Paul leading the way for the visitors.

Following the restart, Gloucester were again reduced to 14 men when fly-half Duncan McRae was sin-binned, but Leeds were still unable to take advantage, as Jake Boer and his team held strong in defence.

Leeds took an early 6-3 lead as Tykes fly-half Duncan Hodge slotted two penalties to Paul's single effort.

The introduction of Gordon Ross for Leeds added more to the hosts' attack, but they were still unable to cross Gloucester's line - with Ross only managing to narrow the gap by three with a penalty.

But Paul soon sparked the visitors into life as he broke the Leeds defence with some fancy stepping and Gloucester applied the pressure for centre Terry Fanolua to finish the attack with a five-pointer.

McRae put his yellow card behind him with a drop-goal three-minutes from time, and then fired out an inch-perfect long pass to winger James Simpson-Daniel, who went over for his team's second try.

Paul then converted to give his side the lead for the first time in the match. Gloucester, however, were wittled down to 14 men when Olivier Azam was yellow-carded for collapsing a maul, but Leeds failed to drive home the advantage - opting for a scrum instead of the resultant penalty and let the chance slip away.

Gavin Kerr went over for Leeds in the dying seconds of an already over-extended injury time, but it was too late to have any bearing on the final result.





## The Honour

### Main Man

Jake Boer



The team captain was forever causing the Tykes damage. He led by example, and picked up the ball at the back of the Leeds line-out on a number of occasions. His



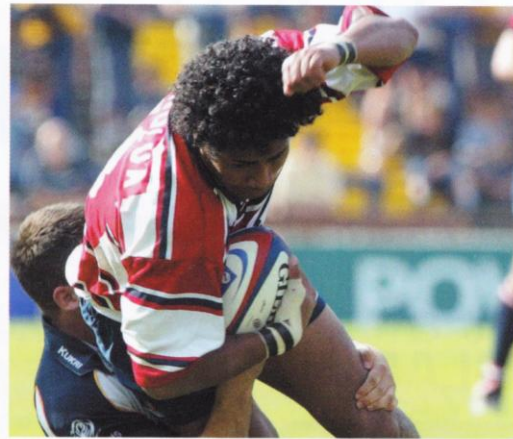
tackling set the scene. The open-side was ran closely by Gary Powell and Simon Amor for the match honours.

Name	Tries	Conv	PK	DG	Points
<b>Leeds Tykes Scorers</b>					
Duncan Hodge	0	0	2	0	6
Gordon Ross	0	1	1	0	5
Gavin Kerr	1	0	0	0	5

### Gloucester Scorers

Henry Paul	0	1	2	0	8
Terry Fanolua	1	0	0	0	5
J. Simpson-Daniel	1	0	0	0	5
Duncan McRae	0	0	0	1	3

Leeds	Teams	Gloucester
Matt Cardey		Jon Goodridge
David Rees		Marcel Garvey
Chris Bell		Terry Fanolua
Andre Snyman		Henry Paul
Tom Biggs		James Simpson-Daniel
Duncan Hodge		Duncan McRae
(33, Gordon Ross)		Simon Amor
Mark McMillan		Terry Sigley
(45, Alan Dickens)		(10, Nick Wood)
Gavin Kerr		Olivier Azam
Rob Rawlinson		(71, Chris Fortey)
(45, Mark Regan)		Gary Powell
Matt Holt		Adam Eustace
(50, Michael Cusack)		(53, Peter Buxton)
Chris Murphy,		Alex Brown
Tom Palmer (c)		Adam Balding
(63, Scott Morgan)		(68, Mark Cornwell)
Pierre Uys		Jake Boer (c)
Richard Parks		James Forrester
(63, Jon Dunbar)		(27-37, Chris Fortey)
Alix Popham		
(32-35, Jon Dunbar)		



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Zurich Premiership Round 2, Saturday 11th September 2004, KO 3.00pm

Gloucester					London Irish				
T	C	P	D			T	C	P	D
				23					16
				Jon Goodridge	15				Delon Armitage
				Marcel Garvey	14				Paul Sackey
				Terry Fanolua	13				Geoff Appleford
				Henry Paul	12				Mike Catt
				James Simpson-Daniel	11				Scott Staniforth
				Duncan McRae	10				Barry Everitt
				Andy Gomarsall	09				Darren Edwards
				Nick Wood	01				Neal Hatley
				Olivier Azam	02				Adrian Flavin
				Gary Powell	03				Rob Hardwick
				Peter Buxton	04				Ryan Strudwick (c)
				Alex Brown	05				Bob Casey
				Adam Balding	06				Paul Gustard
				Jake Boer (c)	07				Kieron Dawson
				James Forrester	08				Kieran Roche
					replacements				
				Chris Fortey	16				Pierre Durant
				Terry Sigley	17				Robbie Russell
				Adam Eustace	18				Nick Kennedy
				Andy Hazell	19				Phil Murphy
				Alex Page	20				Nils Mordt
				Nathan Mauger	21				Paul Hodgson
				James Bailey	22				Mark Mapletoft

Zurich Premiership 2003/02

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	TB	LB	PTS
Northampton Saints	1	1	0	0	29	14	1	0	5
Newcastle Falcons	1	1	0	0	30	9	0	0	4
Sale Sharks	1	1	0	0	26	19	0	0	4
London Irish	1	1	0	0	18	12	0	0	4
<b>Gloucester</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Saracens	1	1	0	0	13	11	0	0	4
London Wasps	1	0	0	1	11	13	0	1	1
Leeds Tykes	1	0	0	1	16	21	0	1	1
NEC Harlequins	1	0	0	1	12	18	0	1	1
Leicester Tigers	1	0	0	1	19	26	0	1	1
Bath Rugby	1	0	0	1	14	29	0	0	0
Worcester Warriors	1	0	0	1	9	30	0	0	0

Today's Match Officials

Referee: Dave Pearson  
 1st TJ: Andy Melrose  
 2nd TJ: Andrew Pearce

Today's Result

Gloucester   
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