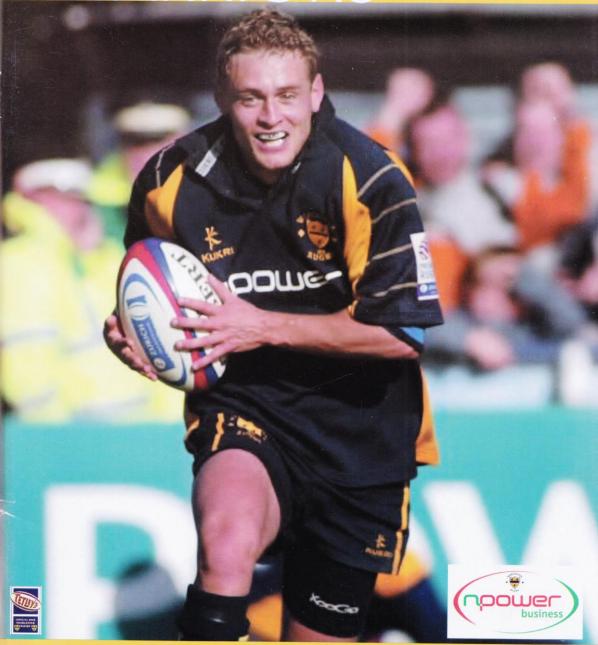
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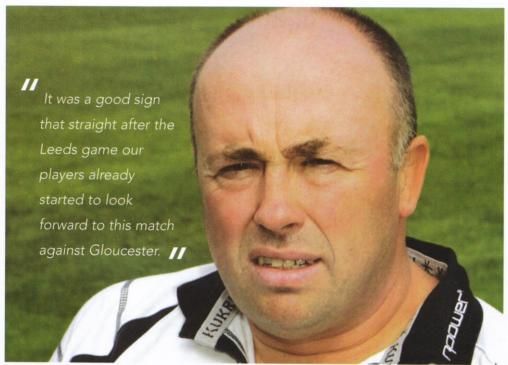




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TODAY'S MATCH



First of all, a warm welcome to the supporters, players and management from Gloucester – a club I know reasonably well having spent a total of 16 years there, first as a player, then as a coach. This is a new local derby for the Premiership and one that both sets of supporters have been talking about well before the fixture list came out in July.

Lets hope that the rivalry between the two teams can develop further over the coming seasons. It has the potential to be compelling. There will be a large travelling 'shed' today, but I'm sure that our supporters will more than give them a run for their money. The atmosphere before and during the Harlequins game was tremendous.

The values of the Gloucester Club hopefully still reflect those of the City's people. Gloucester folk are largely unpretentious, more concerned with character than reputation, with what you are rather than who you are. There is not a massive market for designer clothes and private number plates in Gloucester. Phrases such as 'never judge a book by its cover' and 'do the simple things well' could well have originated in the City.

Over the last five years, backed by Tom Walkinshaw, Gloucester have emerged as one of the top teams in Europe. The Club has been reformed, first by the recruitment undertaken by Philippe St Andre, and then by the coaching expertise of Nigel Melville and Dean Ryan. We know we are playing a quality outfit. Quite simply if they don't reach at least the last eight of the Heineken Cup and finish in the top three in the Premiership they will class the season as a failure. We are new kids on the

block and our ambitions are more modest.

The overall feeling of our players after last week's defeat at Leeds was one of frustration. There was a lot of endeavour, but we often failed to turn possession into pressure and when we did have the pressure on them, we didn't score enough points. However, we have the points equivalent of two wins from our 6 games and whilst we aren't happy about this, there are many positive signs that we will win more matches. It was a good sign that straight after the Leeds game our players already started to look forward to this match against Gloucester.

We hope to be worthy opponents for our illustrious visitors.

Enjoy the game.

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TODAY'S VISITORS





It seems ironic that for two teams with so much 'history, between them, there has never been a league match between Gloucester and Worcester Warriors.

Before taking over the reigns at Sixways, director of rugby John Brain was a bear-like second row who enjoyed cult status at Kingsholm, whilst his second in command Andy Keast has also enjoyed a brief stint with Gloucester before his move up the motorway.

With Daren O'Leary, Thinus Delport and former Tyke, Clive Stuart-Smith just three of a number of recent additions to the playing staff who were previously Gloucesterised, many on show today will have much to prove against old friends this afternoon.

Of course Tony Windo's contribution to the Cherry and White cause should never be

underestimated and his front row battle against the 2004 Gloucester vintage should certainly be something to savour for those with a taste for claret.

Also in the front row, the chance for pre-Christmas

bragging rights in the Fortey household will certainly be enough to ensure that both players will be trying their hardest for the potential five Premiership points on offer.

Previous league records have never been an incentive for



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Nigel Melville, particularly where Gloucester's away form was concerned, but with a blank record book waiting for a new entry and with European Competition kicking off next weekend, this is one half of a Premiership rubber he will certainly want to end with a 'W' next to Gloucester's name.

Last weekend, Gloucester secured their first win-bonus

point of the year, against early season strugglers Harlequins. But despite tries from Henry Paul, James Simpson-Daniel and a brace for Terry Fanolua, his first Premiership touch downs since May 2002- this was certainly not the one-sided game many pundits were predicting.

"We could have scored a lot of points but we just didn't finish particularly. well." was Director of Rugby Nigel Melville's reaction after the match.

We set high standards and want to score every time we get an opportunity. There are no easy games in the Premiership and this week will be no different".

All Premiership teams now command respect from their opponents and this goes double in a local Derby against a side which has already secured the first Premiership victory by a promoted side for two seasons. Top three league finishes are usually secured on away form as well as an exemplary home record, and as Gloucester's last trip away to Bath, ended in disappointment, continuing one record Gloucester are keen to break, they will want to get off to a flyer in this new fixture today.

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Tim Collier	04	LOCK	04		Peter Buxton
Craig Gillies	05	LOCK	05	0000	Alex Brown
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