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“Ulster arrive at Kingsholm in good heart after beating Cardiff at Ravenhill...”



It gives me great pleasure to welcome the Ulster management, coaches, players and supporters to our first home Heineken Cup game of the season.

Last week we travelled to Paris to play French Champions Stade Francais, it was a game we should have won, but we let ourselves down with too many basic errors, conceding 21 points in 19 minutes will never win games!

We went down 32-39 and Stade Francais gained five valuable points, we got nothing! We now have to take the valuable lessons learned into today's game and the rest of the season.

Ulster arrive at Kingsholm in good heart after beating Cardiff at Ravenhill last weekend, drop goals and penalties from David Humphries kept the score board turning in difficult conditions, he, as always will be one to watch.

Ulster are always well prepared and have a proud tradition, they won the European Cup in 1999 and are particularly tough to beat at Ravenhill, today's game will be yet another difficult European assignment.

Personally, I have very fond memories of Ulster, having made my Yorkshire debut against them in 1979. Trips to Belfast were short but enjoyable weekends,

us at the dock and took us straight to the Europa Hotel for a full English breakfast!

Just a few hours later we were running out on Ravenhill, a warm welcome by the crowd and a red-hot welcome from the Ulster team. The game over, a few pints of Ulster hospitality and back on the ferry for the long journey home. Standing on the dockside in Liverpool at 7.00am on Sunday morning was probably one of the most forgettable feelings I have ever experienced!

Today's professional teams travel in greater comfort, they also travel with an army of dedicated supporters.

Last week in Paris we were all absolutely stunned to see so many Gloucester supporters when we arrived at the Jean Bouin Stadium.

It was also good to meet so many of you after the match and thank you personally for your support.

I know that the result hurt you as much as it did us, we know that for 60 minutes we were the better side and that basic errors were punished. The squad have been very honest in their appraisal of the performance and are looking forward to this afternoon's game. With five pool games to go there is still lots to play for, but we know only our best will do.

We hope you enjoy today's game, it will be another memorable European experience at Kingsholm.

Nigel's notes



Nigel Melville
Director of Rugby

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travelling on the Friday overnight ferry to Belfast.

The Yorkshire RFU couldn't stretch to cabins, so we rolled around on the floor as the Irish Sea threw the boat from side to side. The smiling Ulster welcoming party met

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“We’ve played Munster back-to-back for the last two years, so are used to playing the Irish province. I’m sure Ulster will offer their own challenges...”

Welcome back to Kingsholm. First and foremost, on behalf of everyone at the Club, I’d like to thank all those supporters who made the journey to Paris last weekend.

announced this week that Seti Kiole had joined us. He’s settled in well and he’s been welcomed by everyone at the Club with open arms.

I understand he was pretty awesome against Saracens in the Zurich ‘A’ League game the other week. And having trained with him, and you can judge for yourselves when you see him, he’s a decent size and you wouldn’t want him running at you.

We’re back to Kingsholm today, and welcoming Ulster to the West Country. The Heineken Cup is an entirely unique competition. The tournament has a good profile and you only have to watch, listen and read the hype as we work towards each matchday, and I’m sure this week has been no different.

We’ve played Munster back-to-back for the last two years, so are used to playing the Irish province. I’m sure Ulster will offer their own challenges, as they’re a well-balanced side.

The Irish forwards pack is strong and they have talent out wide. The whole team is brought together by David Humphries at fly-half. We’ve got to front up and match them face to face when the game kicks off.

We’ve got to get a result today, but we know that we’ve got to work our socks off against Ulster, or we know we could be out.

There was a real buzz about the place when we arrived at the airport and when we got to the stadium.

I think that there were more than 1,000 of you there, although a few stood out more than others!

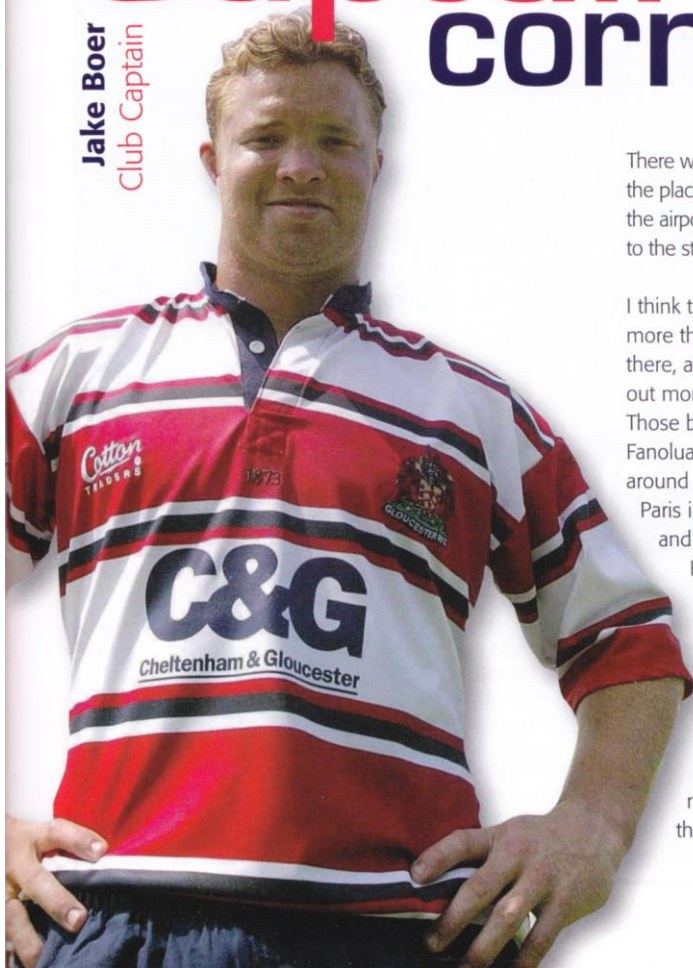
Those being the Terry Fanolua fans who strolled around the romantic city of Paris in Gloucester shirts and giant Tezza wigs.

Fair play to you all, I think he was well impressed.

Although Tezza will have to keep his standards up as he has a new rival on the block at the moment. It was

Captain's corner

Jake Boer
Club Captain





In the regular series from BBC Radio Gloucestershire, commentator Ian Randall chats to Gloucester coach Dean Ryan.

by Ian Randall

BBC

radio gloucestershire



BBC IR: What's the best thing about rugby?

DR: Getting a good result on a weekend. I think you can transfer that to any sport. For me it's great that it's in rugby, but I would probably get that 'kick' if I was the elite end of any sport, and I enjoy lots of them. You learn to know where you make your contribution and involvement, and whether you're playing or coaching, you still feel the same when you win.

BBC IR: What was your first job?

DR: I went into the Army as a plant fitter, but six months before that I went to an HGV yard and basically did any of

the horrible jobs no one else wanted to do. I was supposed to be going there for experience ahead of going into the Army but I think I was just cheap labour.

BBC IR: What would be your preferred alternative career?

DR: I was in the Army for seven years and I left really to concentrate more on rugby. I did a series of jobs and ended up working for a bank on refurbishment projects. But most of the jobs before it were fitted around playing. Being involved professionally was something I always wanted to do and be successful at, and most of my employment was secondary

to what I wanted to achieve rugbywise.

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

DR: Probably my parents. They have been (and still are) a huge part of my life, and a lot of my traits come from them. They put me in a position to go and experience life and whatever it's thrown at me. I've taken a lot of that on board, but the original raw material was heavily influenced by them, and it's held me in good stead.

BBC IR: What's your worst habit?

DR: Being impatient. I want people to understand things quickly, and I have to work hard a lot of the time to keep that in check. (at this point Dean wanted our chat to speed up.....)

BBC IR: What can you cook to impress people?

DR: I wouldn't cook anything, that's how I'd impress them! The best place for me isn't anywhere near a cooker, and if there wasn't anyone else to do it I'd have to think of a separate idea, which would probably involve going out.

BBC IR: If you had to go on Mastermind what subject would you choose?

DR: I don't really have anything that dominates my life. I'm into lots of things. I like any elite sport, but I'm not overwhelmed by any one, so my knowledge of them

tends to be peripheral. I could choose a subject, but whether I'd be any good at it would be another matter.

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

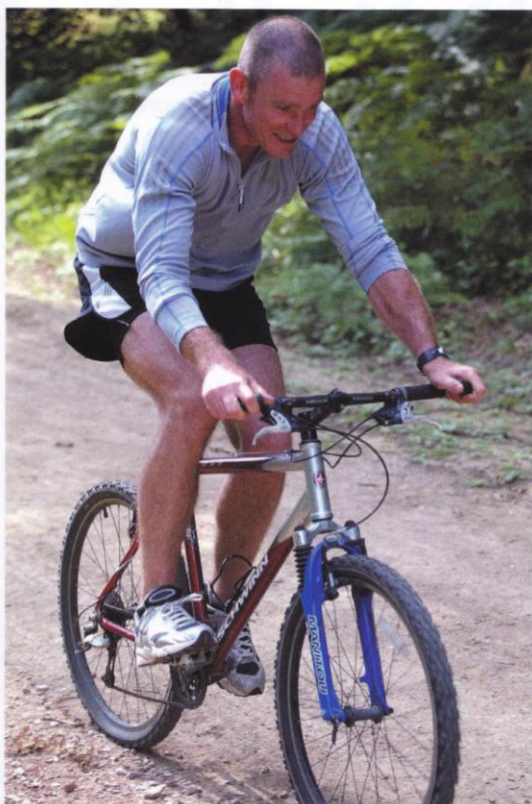
DR: I'm nearly 40 so I don't make a big issue of them anymore and I tend to ignore them when they're on the horizon!

BBC IR: What was the last thing that made you laugh out loud?

DR: Being at Gloucester, it could be anything. When you've got such a diverse group you can laugh at any time on any day. There's a good feel and atmosphere around the club, and it's got good humour and some good comedians in it. There's a lot you can laugh about (but not last Saturday...).

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

DR: For me it would be to persevere. There's a fine line between people who make it and people who don't. There are a few players who stand out but there are a huge group that are on broadly equal ability, and those who excel do so because they make the most of themselves. Some young players think they aren't going to be good enough when their career gets its first 'dent'. They think they are short in terms of ability, and in fact there's a lot you can make up for with hard work and still get to the top level.





Regular programme man Peter Arnold looks at the Heineken Cup and the clash with Worcester a few weeks back.

Peter ARNOLD

EUROPE

It's great to be back on the European trail again, and to be able to welcome new friends from over the water. We've had memorable times facing Munster over the past couple of years, both at home and at Thomond Park, and we have no reason in the world to doubt that our little get-togethers with Ulster will be any different.

That, in my view, is one of the great strengths of the Heineken Cup. We play against teams from clubs, regions and even whole countries who we'd never

get a chance to encounter in any other competition. I'm not just talking about the games and the players, either. Our experience over the life of the competition so far is that large groups of supporters meet, exchange insults and pleasantries, sample the local brew and generally socialise, all under the banner of a rugby match.

To paraphrase an old joke, the players get to travel to strange lands, meet interesting people, and beat hell out of them.

It's all good for rugby, and for the wider world, too. That's

why I'm not too happy about the changes that the powers-that-be have announced for next season. In case you missed it, the proposal is that only six teams be seeded for next year's competition. The rest of the places are to be decided by a free-for-all draw.

If you think about it, that means that, statistically speaking, we could find ourselves playing against English competition for the whole competition. That's the extreme, of course, but it is almost inevitable that our chances of playing unfamiliar opposition, such as Stade Francais or today's



Jon Goodridge celebrates his second half try vs Worcester

very welcome visitors could be reduced.

I shouldn't think the England hierarchy would be too happy, either. Surely, it must be in the best interests of the national side for players to have as much experience as possible of testing themselves against players and conditions in other Six Nations countries.

The organisers have stated that the new format will add excitement to the competition. Which is more likely to pack Kingsholm to the rafters? A visit from Ulster, or just another game against Newcastle or Northampton?

I think we know the answer to that.

BACK TO A LOCAL DERBY

Ever since Bristol departed this life, we haven't really been able to enjoy a real

old-fashioned local Derby. You know the sort – no quarter asked or given, in-your-face rugby where reputations and track records count for nothing and everyone foregathers in the bar afterwards, swears undying friendship and then comes back next year to do it all again.

Two weeks ago that gap in our annual festivities appears to have been filled. Worcester, although for the most part finding the Premiership something of a struggle, gave Gloucester all they could handle, and then some, and good luck to them. Those final few minutes when their electrified pack was hammering the Gloucester line were as nerve-shredding as anything we have seen for a long time. All the travelling Gloucester faithful must have come away very satisfied by an afternoon well spent, but mightily relieved that a threatening nine-day wonder of a defeat had been averted.

One bloke who must have

been very happy with his day's work was our old mate Tony Windo. Okay, so his try may have been a soft one, with a touch of good fortune about it, but that won't worry him in the least. It was a moment he'll tell his grandchildren about, although, by then, the story will include a run from his own 22 which included a dummy and three sidesteps.

Tony has had a period when he must have thought his days in the top flight were over. To have returned to the Premiership, given Gary Powell, now conscripted into the Welsh squad, a great deal of difficulty in the set piece, and then scored a try against, of all people, Gloucester, must have given him indescribable pleasure.

Tony was always one of the most underrated props around, and to have proved it at this late stage of his career was a decided pleasure for all of us. As Lord Macauley wrote, "And e'en the ranks of Tuscany

could scarce forbear to cheer!"

The other thing that occurred to me was that Worcester's performance had John Brain written all over it. Those of us who can remember the dear, dead days beyond recall when John's Dad pulled a fair pint at the old York House, with the Mike Teagues and John Gadds of this world as regulars will have recognised the style. Up and at 'em, don't let them play, and never, never stop working describes the Worcester game plan perfectly, and recalls John's own style on the field.

'Brainer', together with Andy Keast, have put together a squad and a style of play which could just trouble quite a few sides this season. But this was a local derby, and whether that level of intensity can be maintained throughout a marathon season remains to be seen.

I hope it can, and I can't wait to welcome them to Kingsholm.

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Programme contributor Dave King looks back to the early part of the century and pays tribute to one of Gloucester's top players, Sidney Brown.

stop a while AND THINK

If you take a stroll into the member's bar in the Kingsholm clubhouse, cast your eye over the photographs that are on display, there is one that reflects a poignant moment. It is a photograph and tribute to one of Gloucester's players of yesteryear in its earlier club history.

For it were 78 years ago when tragedy struck Kingsholm following a match versus Aberavon on Easter Saturday, 3 April 1926. It marked the untimely injury sustained by Sidney Brown, which sadly led to his death a few days earlier.

Sidney Brown was vice captain of Gloucester in

the days when Tom Voyce captained the Club. Sidney was equally adept at centre or wing three quarter. In fact playing at wing three quarter he scored 94 tries for the Club.

In the season where his fatality occurred he had been switched to centre, and it was in this position that he faced the Welsh Champions that early spring day. Sidney, who had always been regarded as a strong tackler, was seen to be making a late try saving tackle late in the match against the Welsh opponents. As he tackled the Aberavon winger both players fell to the ground. Sidney lay motionless for a few minutes lying on his right side.

Ambulance men attended Sidney and a local doctor came onto the field to attend the stricken Gloucester three quarter. Within minutes Sidney Brown returned to the field of play. After the final whistle Sydney returned to his home in Bloomfield Road in Gloucester. He even walked back from Kingsholm with his father Albert, and to all and sundry nothing seemed amiss.

However, in the early evening Sidney Brown was feeling unwell and walked to Stroud Road to see Dr Greene, who had attended to him as he lay on the Kingsholm turf. After examining Sidney the concerned Dr Greene took Sidney to Royal Infirmary in Southgate Street to see the senior surgeon, a Dr C.V.Knight.

The surgeon quickly diagnosed that Sidney had a ruptured kidney. In consultation with another doctor they decided that an immediate operation was not required. Sidney returned home to Bloomfield Road.

At 6am on the Easter Sunday the family called for Dr C.V.Knight to attend their home, upon his visit to Bloomfield Road he found Sidney Brown in a desperate condition. The surgeon ordered for an immediate operation to remove the ruptured kidney. Sadly the Gloucester three quarter never regained consciousness

and his death was recorded at 7.30am on that Easter Sunday in 1926.

At the coroner's hearing into Sidney's untimely death, Dr C.V.Knight gave evidence of extensive haemorrhaging and concluded the death was due to haemorrhage and shock following a ruptured kidney that had been sustained in tackling an opponent.

Ironically, a year previous Stan Bayliss making his century of appearances for the Club against Old Blues in January 1926 had received a fatal injury.

Sidney Brown made 182 appearances for Gloucester scoring 115 tries. A former England Schoolboy International, he was one of three Gloucester schoolboys who appeared in the 1911 England Team that defeated Wales 4-3 at Leicester.

The England team was:

D.J.Norman (Leicester),
G.Redding (Coventry),
J.C.Musenheimer (Coventry),
G.Wilkins (Bristol),
S.A.Brown (Gloucester),
A.T.Voyce (Gloucester),
A.Langford (Gloucester),
G.R.Starkey (Leicester),
A.Jeyes (Leicester),
A.B.Fletcher (Leicester),
W.G.S.Down (Bristol),
W.G.Francis (Bristol),
G.H.Jolly (Birmingham),
N.C.Milden (Birmingham),
W.G.H.Page (Exeter).

England won the match by a dropped goal to



a try. Albert Langford of Gloucester scoring England's only points (a drop goal in 1911 was worth four points!).

Sidney Brown was buried in Gloucester cemetery alongside Stan Bayliss, who had joined Gloucester from nearby Stroud, following his funeral at All Saints Church.

It is worth taking a moment or two to visit the clubhouse where Sidney Brown's photograph is placed on the right hand wall as you enter.

Any player who scores 112 tries for a club must register as one of the most prominent members to have worn its cherished jersey. To have played at schoolboy level with Tom Voyce for England and to play for Gloucester RFC alongside the legendary wing forward, epitomised the heights that Sidney Brown had personally achieved in his short life.

A signed portrait of Tom Voyce in the clubhouse is also a timely reminder of those bygone seasons that have evoked memories down the years.



Shed dweller **Bob Fenton** reminds everyone of Heineken stories from years gone by and also explains how he thought he saw **Alex Brown** in Bristol last weekend, even though the towering lock was playing in Paris!

Fanzone

BOB FENTON

Heineken Cup time again... I love this competition. For us plebs who very rarely get the chance to watch live international matches (£53 for a ticket to watch the Barbarians play the All Blacks kind of rules out regular visits to Twikkahs for me) this is the closest thing to it.

It was interesting to see that one pundit rated this competition as the most important, and the highest standard club competition to be found anywhere in the world at the moment. Many purists will say that the Super 12s are of a higher standard, and they may well be right, but they cannot match the intensity that

these fixtures generate week in week out.

Think back a few seasons – Llanelli home and away and back-to-back victories... That drop goal... Tezza's 'altercation' with a Llanelli lock... Munster away – great trips, not so great results... Last season's quarter-final at Wasps and the sheer volume and passion of the travelling support throughout a horribly one-sided match... Cardiff at home in a Kingsholm cauldron that took the stadium's atmosphere to new heights.

And now we can do it all over again with an extra

two thousand people in the place. Lovely... can't wait... Bring it on. Last season I went to the final with some French guys I work with, we were right above 'Poitrenaud's corner' and had a fine view of his game-costing error. It was worth the entrance money to see the looks on their faces!

I'll be at Murrayfield next May whether Gloucester make the final or not, it's a fantastic occasion - I can't recommend it highly enough.

So after last weekend's results this game is massive for us. Despite the fact that we scored 31 points in Paris we still came away

without a point, whereas our visitors today took four from their first game against Cardiff Blues. I'll confess that I don't know a great deal about our visitors today, other than they won the competition a few years back and have a pretty good pedigree in general.

According to the TV at the weekend Ulster have struggled a bit in the Celtic League this season, but they put that behind them at the weekend, with David "Dead Eye" Humphries kicking all 21 of their points.

Perhaps someone in the grandstand could accidentally stand on his foot just before kick off – nothing too serious, just enough to stop him kicking for an hour or two.

If not, could Nigel please ensure that we do not give a single penalty away anywhere within 60 metres of our goal. If we do you can bet your last pint of Guinness that the ball will be heading with unerring accuracy towards our goal posts.

We need a win today for sure. To qualify for the next stages of this competition you cannot afford too many slip-ups, and winning your home matches is more important than ever. So five points today would be very nice, but as we have only managed one four-try bonus point all season the omens for that are not too good. Go on, boys. Prove me wrong.

Just a thought, do you think that ERC or whoever is responsible could ensure that we have that French guy Joel whoever refing all our games at Kingsholm. Now

he has a home record that any club would die for...

Anyway, welcome to Kingsholm all you men – and women – of Ulster – enjoy the day, but as Whispering John may well say, not too much!

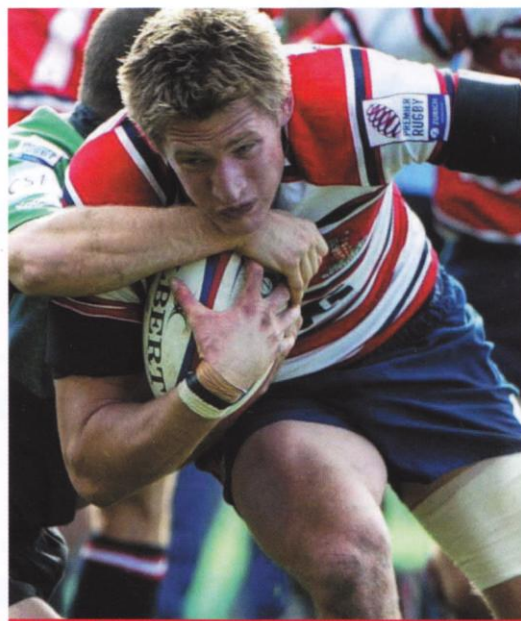
Back to the Premiership for a moment. It's great to have a proper derby again, isn't it. The trip to Worcester a few weeks back will stand out as one of the highlights of the season.

Since Bristol went and got themselves relegated we've not had a proper derby – Bath doesn't count here, by the way, so Worcester's arrival brings back a little something that has been lacking from the season recently.

I suppose that it would have been a good idea to get along to a booky before that game and stick a fiver on an ex-Gloucester boy to score against us. You would have got short odds on Dazza O'Leary or Thinus Delpont (and it was good to see him up and about after last season's injury) crossing the line, but Reg Windo??? Come on... not a chance...

I can remember him scoring a couple of tries for Gloucester a few years back – one against Saracens stands out for pretty obvious reasons and if you don't know why check the record books for the significance – but even Tony would admit that he's hardly prolific when it comes to scoring.

I was in the stands so I didn't see his face as he ran in, but the Gloucester boys in the mini-shed behind the posts could probably confirm that he had a grin



James Forrester in action

the size of the Severn Estuary on his gob when he put the ball down.

Worcester have done a great job in getting their ground up to Premiership standards (except for having a huge bar with very little beer – did they forget we were coming? Do they realise how much money they probably lost?) and it's head and shoulders above the likes of the Rec. I really hope they stay up; they deserve it, just as long as they make sure the drayman comes the day before our next visit to Sixways.

To other things, and a tale that proves the difference between the average Gloucester supporter and his better half.

Last weekend me and the missus trolled off down to Bristol to see Neil and Tim Finn in concert at the Colston Hall (this space left blank for you to applaud / deride my musical taste), before the concert we were grabbing a bite to eat in

the nearby Pizza Hut – I know how to treat a woman – when a guy who was a dead ringer for Alex Brown walked past the window.

'That's Alex Brown...' I says to the missus (before realising that it couldn't have been him coz he was in France). The words were hardly out of my mouth before I spotted the guy walking behind him was Neil Finn, wandering in unnoticed to his own concert with a bright red bag slung over his shoulder.

'And that's Neil Finn just behind him...' I added. "Quick!" squeaked the highly excited missus, "go and get his autograph!"

"I can get Alex Brown's autograph for you anytime, I don't need to chase him round the streets in Bristol," says I, before realising that she meant the aforementioned Mr Finn.

She eventually spoke to me again about an hour later...

MATCH action



Worcester Warriors

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Gloucester

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Saturday 16 Oct, Sixways, Worcester

Referee: Roy Maybank

Attendance: 8,401

Gloucester took the points at Worcester in the side's final Zurich Premiership encounter before the start of the Heineken Cup in a fiery clash.

Worcester led going into the break courtesy of a try through prop Tony Windo, but two second-half tries from Henry Paul and Jon Goodridge within the space of five minutes swung the result the way of Gloucester in the end.

A James Brown's penalty late in the game gave the Warriors hope but, despite immense pressure on the Gloucester line in the dying moments, the Kingsholm club's superb defence won through.

The first top-flight derby game between the two sides was played in front of an 8,400 capacity crowd, and a cauldron of an atmosphere at Sixways with Gloucester fans filling half the stands.

And the Gloucester supporters were cheering early on when fly-half Duncan McRae lifted their spirits with a second

minute drop goal.

With referee Roy Maybank struggling to control both packs, as two brawls erupted in the opening 10 minutes, he finally lost patience in the 12th minute with Worcester lock Tim Collier sent to the sin-bin for misdemeanours in the lineout.

It made precious little difference to the home side, however, as a minute later former Gloucester prop Windo took the ball unopposed and sprinted in for a try. Boosted by the score, Brown added the conversion.

For Gloucester man Windo, who moved to Worcester in 1999 from Kingsholm, it was a perfect moment and set up more Warriors pressure.

Ultimately, despite charges from another ex-Gloucester favourite Thinus Delpont, Gloucester went into the break just a point behind thanks to Paul's 20th minute penalty.

Gloucester's two second half tries - one which was

converted by Paul - was the difference, however, despite having Phil Vickery sin-binned late on along with Worcester's Steve Sparks.

The home side were camped in the Gloucester 22 for long periods in the final 10 minutes and even had a penalty, five metres out, in the last minute.

However, after replacement Lee Fortey lashed out the penalty was reversed and the chance was gone



The Honour

Main Man

Duncan McRae



Duncan McRae slotted another drop goal for the side and was key to the Gloucester tries. Not a great overall performance from the Kingsholm club, but McRae kept the team ticking.



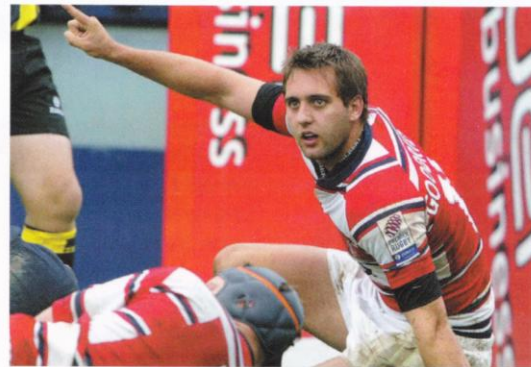
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Worcester Scorers

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| Tony Windo | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| James Brown | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 8 |

Gloucester Scorers

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| Henry Paul | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| Jon Goodridge | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Duncan McRae | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |



| Worcester | Teams | Gloucester |
|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Thinus Delpont | | Jon Goodridge |
| Daren O'Leary | | Marcel Garvey |
| (60, Sione Kepu) | | Terry Fanolua |
| Dale Rasmussen | | Henry Paul |
| Thomas Lombard | | James Simpson-Daniel, |
| Ben Hinshelwood | | Duncan McRae |
| James Brown | | Andy Gomarsall |
| Matt Powell | | Christo Bezuidenhout |
| Tony Windo | | (61, Terry Sigley) |
| (74, Steve Sparks) | ■ | Olivier Azam |
| Andre Van Niekerk | | (61, Chris Fortey) |
| (21, Ben Daly) | | Gary Powell |
| Chris Horsman | | (41, Phil Vickery) |
| (79, Lee Fortey) | | Peter Buxton |
| Tim Collier | ■ | (69, Adam Eustace) |
| (70, Siosa'i Vaili) | | Alex Brown |
| Craig Gillies | | Jake Boer (c) |
| Mark Gabey | | Andy Hazell |
| Pat Sanderson (c) | | (74, Terry Fanolua) |
| Drew Hickey | | Adam Balding |



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Seven Gloucester players were announced in England head coach Andy Robinson's squad of 40 players invited to attend England training next week, in preparation for next month's three Investec Challenge internationals at Twickenham.

PLAYER LATEST

England Camp Update



Alex Brown, Andy Hazell, James Forrester, Andy Gomarsall, Henry Paul, James Simpson-Daniel and Phil Vickery have all been named.

In selecting the squad, Robinson has chosen several younger players such as scrum half Harry Ellis and Louis Deacon of Leicester Tigers and James Simpson-Daniel of Gloucester who, he feels, are now ready to make their mark on the international game.

Two England newcomers have earned a call up to the 40-man squad. 24 year-old Mark Cueto, the

Sale Sharks wing is named, stepping up from previous performances with England Sevens and Churchill Cup tours. So too is Hall Charlton, the scrum half from Newcastle Falcons, who has previously been selected for England A and who celebrated his 25th birthday this week

But Robinson has also remained loyal to 19 of England's 2003 world champions. Ben Kay and Will Greenwood, who missed out on England's southern hemisphere tour in June, are in the wider squad along with the likes of Danny Grewcock and Mike Tindall of Bath.

No one Zurich Premiership club dominates selection to

England's 40-man squad. Indeed Gloucester, Sale Sharks and Leicester Tigers all have seven players each amongst England ranks. Head coach Andy Robinson is convinced England is beginning its next era.

"We are clearly entering an exciting time with this group of players. There are some new and young faces deserving a place alongside our more established players. In selecting the squad, injuries have also been a factor but I am close to deciding my starting XV for our first game against Canada and look forward to getting the squad together next week to prepare for next month's internationals."

Several players were not

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, this week the programme brings the latest news from the England camp.

Squad Reaction

Alex Brown was delighted with the news this week that he, along with six of his team mates, was part of the 40-man England squad.

Chatting to the matchday programme this week the 25 year-old lock said: "This is the furthest I've got in an England squad. I would like to think there's a chance of progressing further. I know Andy Robinson from my time at Colston's School in Bristol and from a brief spell at Bath, and I'd like to think he hasn't changed his view over the last few years.

"As a player you want to play well for your club first and then you have

international ambitions. I want to press on with the international thing and get as far as I can. Of course, the next step is the 30-man squad and if I can get in that I'll be over the moon.

"I had a good chat with Hazezy this week, and it's great for the Gloucester players to have seven named in the squad. It's nice for all of us in there.

"After finding out about the selection I chatted to my parents and they were really happy and were quick to say congratulations.

"When you look at the squad there is still so much work to do. There are a

few players missing through injury, so you need to put it into perspective. The second row guys are still the same names so I'm well aware of what I've got to do."



available for selection due to injury. They are Richard Hill, Alex Sanderson and Dan Scarbrough (Saracens), Stuart Abbott and Simon Shaw (London Wasps), Tom Palmer and Phil Christophers (Leeds Tykes), David Flatman (Bath), Ollie Smith (Leicester Tigers) and Mike Worsley (NEC Harlequins). George Chuter (Leicester Tigers) is unavailable, serving a suspension until 1st December.

With the timing of Jonny Wilkinson's return from injury still unclear, Robinson has named four fly halves - Wilkinson (Newcastle Falcons), Charlie Hodgson (Sale Sharks), Alex King (London Wasps) and Olly Barkley (Bath).

ENGLAND SQUAD



| | |
|---|---|
| BALSHAW, Iain - Leeds Tykes | LUGER, Dan - Perpignan |
| BARKLEY, Olly - Bath | MOODY, Lewis - Leicester Tigers |
| BORTHWICK, Steve - Bath | NOON, Jamie - Newcastle Falcons |
| BROWN, Alex - Gloucester | PAUL, Henry - Gloucester |
| COHEN, Ben - Northampton Saints | REGAN, Mark - Leeds Tykes |
| CORRY, Martin - Leicester Tigers | ROBINSON, Jason - Sale Sharks |
| CHARLTON, Hall - Newcastle Falcons | ROWNTREE, Graham - Leicester Tigers |
| CUETO, Mark - Sale Sharks | SHERIDAN, Andy - Sale Sharks |
| DEACON, Louis - Leicester Tigers | SIMPSON-DANIEL, James - Gloucester |
| ELLIS, Harry - Leicester Tigers | STEVENS, Matt - Bath |
| FORRESTER, James - Gloucester | THOMPSON, Steve - Northampton Saints |
| GOMARSALL, Andy - Gloucester | TINDALL, Mike - Bath |
| GREENWOOD, Will - NEC Harlequins | TITTERRELL, Andy - Sale Sharks |
| GREWCOCK, Danny - Bath | VICKERY, Phil - Gloucester |
| HAZELL, Andy - Gloucester | VOYCE, Tom - London Wasps |
| HODGSON, Charlie - Sale Sharks | VYVYAN, Hugh - Saracens |
| JONES, Chris - Sale Sharks | WHITE, Julian - Leicester Tigers |
| KAY, Ben - Leicester Tigers | WILKINSON, Jonny - Newcastle Falcons |
| KING, Alex - London Wasps | WOODMAN, Trevor - Sale Sharks |
| LEWSEY, Josh - London Wasps | WORSLEY, Joe - London Wasps |

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MATCH action



Stade Francais
39



Gloucester
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Saturday 23 Oct, Paris

Referee: Alain Rolland

Gloucester will be gunning for revenge when Stade Francais turn up at Kingsholm in the final round of Heineken Cup pool six matches in January.

The French side scored five tries to Gloucester's three at Stade Jean Bouin, claiming a bonus point in their 39-31 win.

The manner of the defeat left Gloucester director of rugby Nigel Melville and his coaching sidekick Dean Ryan lamenting missed chances.

Melville insisted: "We should have been further ahead than 11-10 at half-time. We got a try back but it's all about small details in this competition. We now have to go out and win all our remaining games."

Ryan said: "We're disappointed and frustrated not to have come to Paris and won. But let's not get too down about it. We have an eight-point deficit and a

lot will happen before the end of this group.

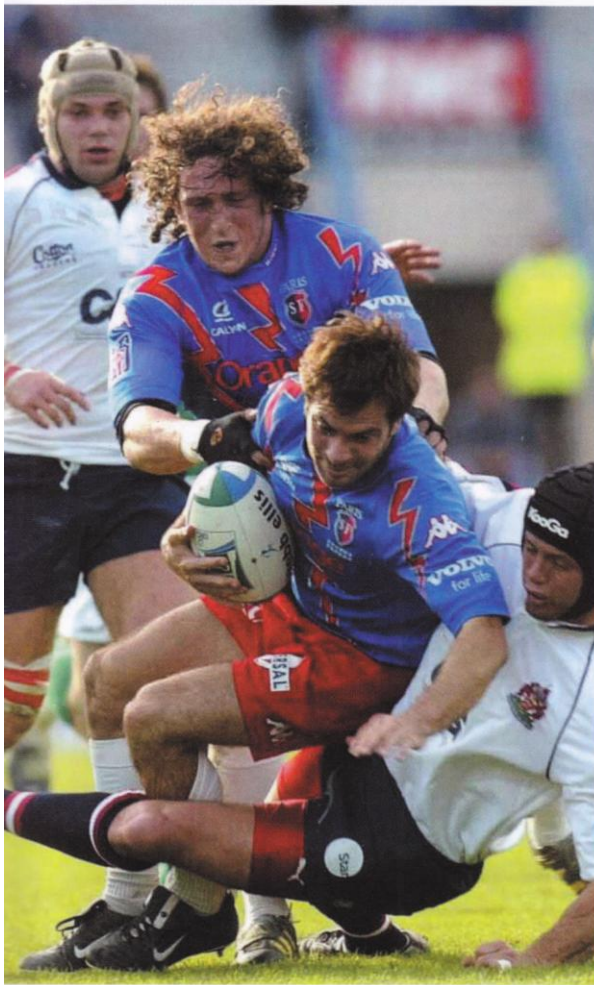
"It's eight points and Stade Francais have to come to Kingsholm in the last round of games.

"We are good enough to have come to Paris and won but now we have to concentrate on our remaining games."

Stade Francais were inspired by former Bristol scrum-half Agustin Pichot, the Argentine demonstrating his eye for a gap by grabbing two tries.

Two more tries for the home side came from French international prop Sylvain Marconnet and the other from star Italian centre Mirco Bergamasco.

Gloucester No 8 James Forrester ran in the opening try after 22 minutes and James Simpson-Daniel touched down twice as the Kingsholm club sought that all-too-elusive bonus point





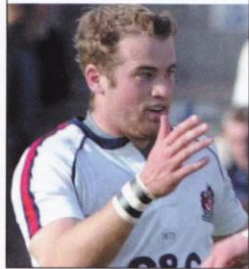
The Honour

Main Man

James Simpson-Daniel



Sinbad never gave up and his two tries in the second half could prove key to qualification when the final standings are calculated later in the tournament.



| Name | Tries | Conv | PK | DG | Points |
|---------------------|-------|------|----|----|--------|
| Bath Scorers | | | | | |
| S Marconnet | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| A Pichot | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| M Bergamasco | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| D Skrelela | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 14 |

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|---------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Gloucester Scorers | | | | | |
| J Simpson-Daniel | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| J Forrester | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| H Paul | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 16 |

| Stade Francais | Teams | Gloucester |
|----------------------|-------|------------------|
| C Dominici | | J Goodridge |
| J Arias | | (N Mauger 71) |
| S Glas | | M Garvey |
| M Bergamasco | | T Fanolua |
| M Bergamasco | | H Paul |
| D Skrelela | | J Simpson-Daniel |
| A Pichot | | D McRae |
| (J Fillol 74) | | A Gomarsall |
| R Roncero | | C Bezuidenhout |
| (P Lemoine 47) | | (T Sigley 53) |
| M Blin, S Marconnet | | O Azam |
| (capt, R Roncero 78) | | (C Fortey 56) |
| D Auradou | | P Vickery |
| M James | | (G Powell 69) |
| (O Brouzet 74) | | A Eustace |
| P Rabadan | | (P Buxton 53) |
| R Jechoux | | A Brown |
| (C Moni 65) | | J Boer (capt) |
| S Sowerby | | A Hazell |
| | | (A Balding 69) |
| | | J Forrester |



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Heineken Cup Round 2, Saturday 30th October 2004, KO 3.00pm

| Gloucester | | | | Ulster Rugby | | | | | | |
|------------|---|---|---|----------------------|----|------------------|---|---|---|--|
| T | C | P | D | | | T | C | P | D | |
| | | | | Jon Goodridge | 15 | Bryn Cunningham | | | | |
| | | | | Marcel Garvey | 14 | Tommy Bowe | | | | |
| | | | | Terry Fanolua | 13 | Kevin Maggs | | | | |
| | | | | Henry Paul | 12 | Paul Steinmetz | | | | |
| | | | | James Simpson-Daniel | 11 | Tyrone Howe | | | | |
| | | | | Duncan McRae | 10 | David Humphreys | | | | |
| | | | | Andy Gomarsall | 09 | Neil Doak | | | | |
| | | | | Christo Bezuidenhout | 01 | Simon Best | | | | |
| | | | | Chris Fortey | 02 | Nigel Brady | | | | |
| | | | | Phil Vickery | 03 | Rod Moore | | | | |
| | | | | Adam Eustace | 04 | Gary Longwell | | | | |
| | | | | Alex Brown | 05 | Matt McCullough | | | | |
| | | | | Peter Buxton | 06 | Andy Ward | | | | |
| | | | | Andy Hazell | 07 | Neil Best | | | | |
| | | | | James Forrester | 08 | Roger Wilson | | | | |
| | | | | replacements | | | | | | |
| | | | | Olivier Azam | 16 | Paul Shields | | | | |
| | | | | Terry Sigley | 17 | Ronan McCormack | | | | |
| | | | | Gary Powell | 18 | Rowan Frost | | | | |
| | | | | Mark Cornwell | 19 | Campbell Feather | | | | |
| | | | | Adam Balding | 20 | Kieran Campbell | | | | |
| | | | | Alex Page | 21 | Paddy Wallace | | | | |
| | | | | Nathan Mauger | 22 | Adam Larkin | | | | |

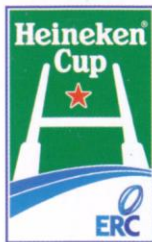
Today's Match Officials

Referee: Eric Darriere (F)
 TJ: David Rosich
 TJ: Pascal Gauzere
 TJ: Brian Mullis
 TJ: James Minards

Today's Result

Gloucester 55
 Ulster Rugby 13

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