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Round Three

“The last time the two teams met was back in 2001...”



Welcome to everyone to this evening's game. Gloucester against Cardiff has plenty of history, and the new provincial set-up in Wales will make today's fixture equally as competitive.

In fact a few old (excuse the adjective!) familiar faces will be our guests as well this evening. Cardiff's Bob Norster and the Welsh legend Gareth Edwards will be having a chat with us before kick off.

The last time the two teams met was back in 2001 in the Heineken Cup quarter-final, and by all accounts it was a cracking game with plenty of rivalry. I'm sure this game will be no different. Both teams know that they

have to win this evening if either of us want to look at qualifying for the knock-out stages of the Heineken Cup.

I know I repeat myself when we talk about how competitive this tournament is. But some people still think there is an occasional easier game, well there isn't. You only have to look at Cardiff Blues with the likes of Tom Shanklin and Rhys Williams. The Welsh international side has played some good rugby in recent weeks, and the provincial sides will want to continue this into the European competition.

Although, elsewhere in the pools some sides will be playing more familiar opposition. You only have to look at Sunday's game between Wasps and Leicester.

to usual for the game, the reason being we've had some players to select from!

Welcoming back the likes of Andy Gomarsall, Henry Paul and Andy Hazell from international duty has been like signing three new players. Sinbad (James Simpson-Daniel) has also been back in training this week.

But that takes absolutely nothing away from the guys who have come in over the last few weeks. When they have an opportunity, they know they have to take the chance. It is difficult, especially when we play the likes of Leicester and Wasps back-to-back, but they stepped up.

The guys got better each week and last Friday's win lifted everyone. The supporters played their part, the players dug in, and the five points were taken.

The last few weeks has added so much to the squad, we know we've got players who can step up when required, and the squad is now stronger because of it.

On behalf of everyone at Gloucester Rugby Club I'd like to thank you all for your support in recent weeks. It's been a tough time, but all of you have been superb.

Finally, everyone's best wishes are with Chris Fortey. He had his operation this week, and he's determined to get back to full fitness.

Enjoy this evening.

Nigel's notes



Nigel Melville
Director of Rugby

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It's going to be worth watching, and two English sides playing each other in the same pool could be a more frequent occurrence with the change in qualification process for next season.

Looking back at the week that's just gone, it's been a slightly different build-up

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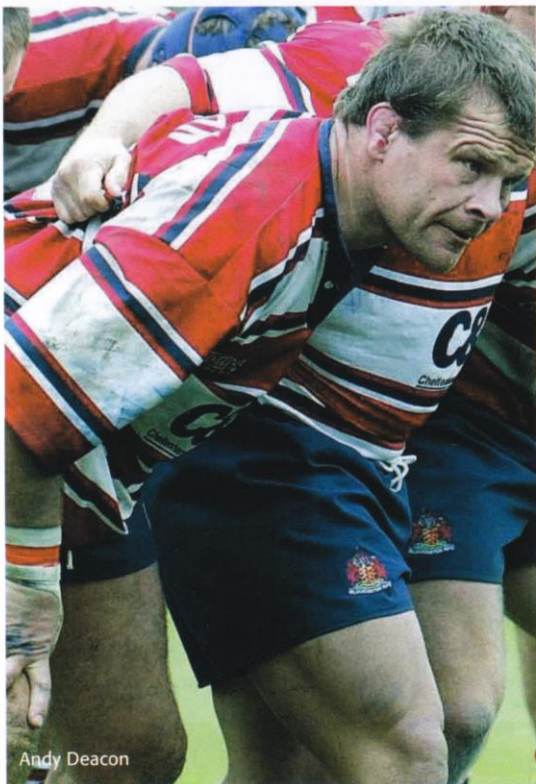
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The official matchday programme looks back at a previous meeting between the two sides in 1993.

REMEMBER when?



Andy Deacon

When Cardiff visited Kingsholm on Saturday 16 October 1993, they were participating in the 2,183rd match to be played at Kingsholm. Gloucester's 16 points to 5 victory on that Autumn afternoon ensured that the Club celebrated its 1,620th victory. At that stage 417 had been lost while 146 matches had been drawn.

So the stage was set pre-match for one of the oldest Anglo-Welsh club fixtures. There had been a span of 10 seasons since the great Welsh club had visited Kingsholm. On that occasion they had celebrated a comprehensive 26 points to 10 victory over Gloucester.

Going into the Cardiff clash in 1993 Gloucester had gone

five weeks without registering a win in its Courage League campaign. It was a match where the Club's selectors chose to give Ashley Johnson, Bruce Fenley, Andrew Martin, Peter Miles and Rob Baxter their first senior test of the season.

Within two minutes of the kick off Martin Roberts put Gloucester into the lead with a penalty. The rivalry between the teams erupted into a mass brawl in the centre of the pitch. The game then settled into a pattern with Martin Roberts missing a kickable penalty. However, after seven minutes Roberts made amends adding a simple penalty. Shortly after, referee Doug Chapman awarded Gloucester two short arm penalties, and from the

second Bruce Fenley fed Bobby Fowke who was stopped short of the try line. The ball was then passed to winger Tim Smith on the blind side, who crossed in the corner. Martin Roberts kicked the conversion.

It took Cardiff 35 minutes before they launched their first major attack and it took determined defence to stop Colin Laity short of the line. Ashley Johnson took the ball up and fed it to Paul Holford who made a terrific run up the right touchline, but his final pass to Tim Smith went awry. Cardiff managed a short spell of pressure but failed to reduce the arrears.

A tremendous touch kick from Johnson gave Gloucester a good attacking position but Cardiff took the line out ball and cleared. A break by Damien Cummins, the Gloucester captain for the day, saw Paul Holford in support, and he passed to Tim Smith who was tackled into touch near to the line.

After 17 minutes of the second half Martin Roberts kicked another penalty to take the lead to 16 points to nil. A disallowed try when Gloucester thought Peter Miles had crossed the line annoyed the home contingent in the crowd, and further frustration was shown within two minutes when Gloucester hopes were not enhanced with Martin Roberts missing a penalty.

Cardiff had the final say when probing runs by their three quarters eventually enabling Steve Ford to score a try in the corner.

Simon Davies missed the conversion and the Welsh club failed to add to their score, before the Kingsholm faithful wend their way home in the late afternoon air after witnessing Cardiff's defeat on their 71st visit to Kingsholm.

By David King

Gloucester:

M.Roberts;
T.Smith,
P.Holford,
D.Cummins (Captain),
M.Nicholson;
A.Johnson,
B.Fenley; A.Martin,
J.Hawker,
A.Deacon,
P.Miles,
R.Best,
B.Fowke,
A.Stanley,
R.Baxter.
Replacements:- M.Bedney,
B.Phillips, S.Masters.

Cardiff:

C.John;
S.Ford,
C.Thomas,
C.Laity,
O.Thomas;
S.Davies,
A.Moore (Capt),
K.Mathews,
H.Bevan,
P.Sedgemoor,
P.Kawulok,
A.Kembery,
O.Williams,
C.Mills, M.Budd.
Replacements:- P.Armstrong,
J.Hewlett, M.Bennett, T.Rees,
L.Mustoe.
Referee: Doug Chapman

HEAD to head

The matchday programme looks back over the years to previous encounters between Cardiff Blues and Gloucester at Kingsholm

1891-1892	WON	2-0	1934-1935	LOST	0-3
1892-1893	LOST	2-13	1935-1936	DREW	6-6
1894-1895	LOST	3-14	1936-1937	WON	13-9
1895-1896	LOST	0-8	1937-1938	LOST	9-11
1896-1897	LOST	0-9	1938-1939	WON	8-6
1897-1898	LOST	0-10	1945-1946	LOST	3-18
1898-1899	WON	5-3	1946-1947	LOST	11-12
1899-1900	LOST	0-5	1948-1949	LOST	0-8
1900-1901	WON	11-3	1949-1950	LOST	0-11
1901-1902	LOST	0-3	1950-1951	LOST	3-6
1902-1903	LOST	7-16	1951-1952	WON	14-0
1903-1904	LOST	0-18	1952-1953	WON	14-9
1904-1905	DREW	3-3	1953-1954	LOST	3-19
1905-1906	DREW	3-3	1955-1956	LOST	3-11
1906-1907	LOST	5-16	1956-1957	LOST	0-11
1907-1908	LOST	9-11	1957-1958	WON	3-0
1908-1909	LOST	0-6	1958-1959	LOST	5-11
1909-1910	WON	20-8	1959-1960	WON	10-6
1910-1911	WON	15-0	1960-1961	LOST	3-14
1911-1912	WON	11-0	1961-1962	WON	6-0
1912-1913	DREW	3-3	1962-1963	WON	6-3
1913-1914	WON	6-4	1963-1964	LOST	3-14
1919-1920	WON	10-3	1964-1965	WON	23-3
1920-1921	WON	16-11	1965-1966	DREW	3-3
1921-1922	WON	5-3	1966-1967	LOST	6-25
1922-1923	DREW	5-5	1967-1968	LOST	6-21
1923-1924	DREW	8-8	1968-1969	WON	15-6
1924-1925	WON	8-6	1970-1971	WON	15-6
1925-1926	DREW	8-8	1972-1973	DREW	3-3
1926-1927	LOST	8-22	1974-1975	WON	22-3
1927-1928	LOST	3-20	1976-1977	LOST	18-19
1928-1929	LOST	5-10	1978-1979	WON	6-3
1929-1930	DREW	3-3	1983-1984	LOST	10-26
1930-1931	WON	17-10	1993-1994	WON	16-5
1931-1932	WON	3-0	1998-1999	LOST	25-30
1932-1933	LOST	3-15	2000-2001	WON	21-15
1933-1934	LOST	0-6			

Gloucester at Kingsholm

Played:	73
Won:	28
Drawn:	10
Lost:	35
Points For:	519
Points Against:	642

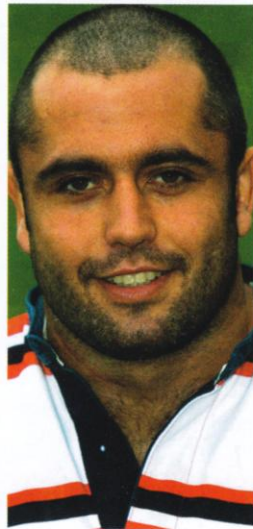
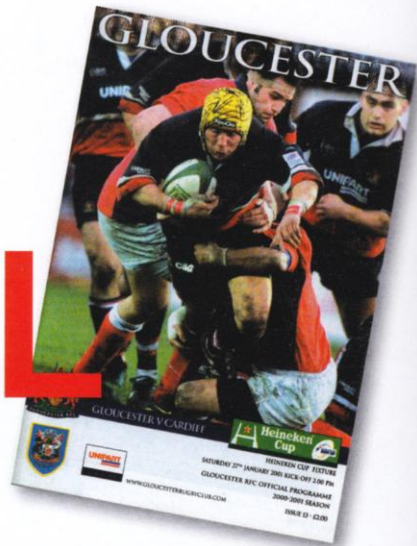
Gloucester at Cardiff Arms Park

Played:	69
Won:	6
Drawn:	1
Lost:	62
Points For:	299
Points Against:	973

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The last time Gloucester played Cardiff at Kingsholm was on Saturday 27 January 2001, and a certain Gary Powell was learning his trade at the Arms Park at the time.

Gary POWELL



Wind the clock back to May 2002, a year after Cardiff last visited Kingsholm, and Powell was involved in a car crash on Cardiff's Newport Road while sat alongside then Cardiff colleague Spencer John.

He was out of action for nine months recovering - but John was not so lucky with the neck injuries he sustained being serious enough to force him into retirement a year or so later at the age of 28.

"We were coming down Newport Road on the way

to the gym when we got hit from behind," recalled Powell, whose form for Gloucester has earned him an invitation to train with the Welsh squad.

"Both of us suffered really bad neck injuries and we all know what has happened to Spencer. My injury was bad enough that I had two discs out and a fusion of the vertebrae.

"It was very painful and very frustrating to have to spend so long away from the game. In the end, that injury probably cost me a new

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"Thankfully, and touch wood as well, I don't have any problems now and I am fully fit. The doctors say there are no long-term complications as long as I keep my neck fit and strong."

But a silver lining arrived in the form of a move to the toughest club in English rugby, via Leeds Tykes, allowed the tight-head prop to get his career back on track.

Now some of his closest friends are homing into view for Saturday night's Heineken Cup clash.

Yet Powell insists he has nothing to prove to the Blues management who allowed him to leave the Arms Park - and he won't be trying to rough up any of his old pals.

"That's all gone, I've moved on now and feel comfortable playing for Gloucester," said Powell, who sports a four-inch scar down the front of his neck as proof of his injury hell.

"I still live in Cardiff and hang around with the likes of CQ (Craig Quinnell) and Spencer. I will just try to do my best for the team. I won't be thinking too much about friends or enemies, just the job in hand.

"If we all do that, hopefully we can win the game and take a step closer to reaching the last eight."



A quick look back at 2001

What they said back in 2001

Philippe Saint Andre, director of rugby for Gloucester: "Today we play Cardiff, but I don't consider us the favourites. Cardiff is a big team in Europe with very experienced players, including the Welsh half-backs. We are still growing as a team, but have a big appetite, so the game should be interesting."

Kingsley Jones was captain for the game against Cardiff, and said: "It's a one-off game today, and as I have said all along, on the day anyone we play will be a very good team, but anything can happen. Cardiff are the form team going into the last eight and will be formidable opposition. Cardiff haven't got far to travel today and I'm sure that this would be their first choice of away venue."



Gloucester:

- 15. Chris Catling,
 - 14. Joe Ewens,
 - 13. Terry Fanolua,
 - 12. Jason Little,
 - 11. Tom Beim;
 - 10. Simon Mannix,
 - 9. Elton Moncrieff,
 - 1. Trevor Woodman,
 - 2. Olivier. Azam,
 - 3. Phil Vickery,
 - 4. Rob Fidler,
 - 5. Ian Jones,
 - 6. Jake Boer,
 - 7. Kingsley Jones (capt),
 - 8. Junior Paramore.
- Reps:** Andy Gomarsall, Byron Hayward, Chris Yates, Andy Hazell, Chris Fortey, Andy Deacon, Ed Pearce.

Cardiff:

- 15. Rhys Williams,
 - 14. Nick Walne,
 - 13. Jamie Robinson,
 - 12. Pieter Muller,
 - 11. Gareth Thomas,
 - 10. Neil Jenkins,
 - 9. Rob Howley,
 - 1. Spencer John,
 - 2. Jonathan Humphries,
 - 3. Dai Young (capt),
 - 4. Craig Quinnell,
 - 5. John Tait,
 - 6. Owain Williams,
 - 7. Martyn Williams,
 - 8. Emyr Lewis.
- Reps:** Ryan Powell, Mike Rayer, Craig Morgan, Steve Moore, Aandrew Lewis, Peter Rogers, Gregori Kacala

REFEREE: Joel Judge (France).

Quick Powell Points:

Q: What's the best thing about being a rugby player?

A: Doing something that you enjoy and getting paid for it. You come to training and the banter with the boys is great. One of the best things is running out here at Kingsholm. It makes the hairs on the back of your neck stand up.

Q: What was your first job?

A: Labouring for a plasterer when I was 16 after I left school.

Q: What would be your preferred alternative career?

A: I'd probably do something like property development. Whatever it was, it would be nice to have lots of money!

Q: Who has been the biggest influence on your life?

A: My father. He hasn't missed many games since I started playing when I was eight. If hadn't have been for him in the early days I wouldn't have played in half as many games as I did.

Q: What can you cook to impress people?

A: Chicken in a white wine sauce and according to his girlfriend he's not bad at cooking a Mexican meal.

Q: If you had to go on Mastermind, what subject would you choose?

A: Sport. I've got a reasonable knowledge, I think.

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BBC Radio Gloucestershire's **early morning sports presenter Paul Furley** looks back at a difficult week for Chris Fortey, and helps shed a little light on the type of injury, after all, Furlis is also recovering from a broken ankle!

by Paul Furley

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Ouch! You have to have every sympathy for Chris Fortey, I certainly did stood at the Exec box end last Friday night.

After the opening twenty minutes when the ball seemed like a bar of soap to some players, I remember thinking it was typical of Fortey's current solid form that he safely caught the re-start after Marcel Garvey's try, and set up the ruck.

Only minutes before there had been a few shenanigans between the two front rows at a scrum which had to go down for a second time and one

nearby spectator offered to wage a few quid that a certain Gloucester number two was sure to be involved, before his mate turned round and announced with a big grin "nah, he's a reformed character now."

You could make a decent case for both points of view (especially with Fortey not having been carded all season), but as the ball was fed back, Jon Goodridge kicked to touch and the ruck broke up, it quickly became clear something was wrong as Fortey remained prone on the ground.

In our commentary box



Andy Deacon made the point long before the referee took both sides off the field to give the medics time and space to do their job: "I know Chris Fortey inside out and he doesn't act like that unless it's a bad injury."

A broken fibula, low down the leg region - effectively a broken ankle - seems like richly undeserved bad luck after his sterling performances of late, where he had been one of the club's few senior players able to step in to the breach amid multiple absences due to injuries and international call ups.

To classify Fortey merely as cover for Olivier Azam would be seriously unfair, and despite Azam getting the nod in the early part of this season, he returned

to Kingsholm admitting he would have a fight on for the number two jersey.

Nigel Melville's reaction last Friday night after the Sale game said everything for how Fortey had been playing of late.

Melville who quipped with a hint of irony in his diagnosis "I'm not a doctor, but I'm becoming one," described Fortey as having "done fantastically well" of late.

"We're so disappointed for Chris, he's come in for Olivier Azam and got stronger and stronger, everything was going well for him, he'd curbed his temper a little bit, got a lot more discipline in his game, and he's been



a highlight of the last few weeks for me.

By the time you read this, hopefully Fortey will have had his operation, but he has had to play a waiting game with the injury swelling up.

The hope in these cases is that a surgeon can operate in the hours following injury before it swells up, if that passes then it takes six to 10 days for the swelling to go down before they can operate. The reason is that a swollen ankle is like a ripe tomato, cut the skin and you can never manage to join it back together again.

All I can say is I know what he is going through, so too does Adam Eustace who also broke his fibula in the Parker Pen Shield quarter final win over Ebbw Vale back in January 2002 and was out for eight months.

The road back is a long one.

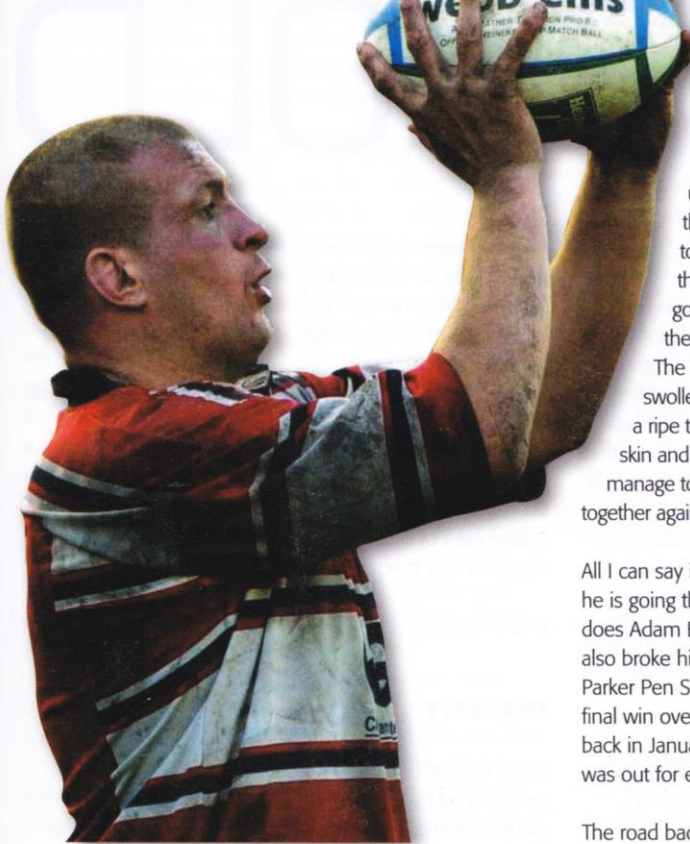
I broke my ankle in July, but unlike Fortey mine simply went "CRACK" under my own body weight and not at the bottom of a ruck. The first thing the specialist said to me was: "you can resume your playing career at the start of the 2005-06 season."

I had six weeks in plaster, and could drive again two months post op and now on good days I can walk without a limp, while bizarrely I run better than I walk. I have had plenty of physio, but you can guarantee with all the expert help on tap at the club, he will recover far quicker than me.

In the meantime everyone at BBC Radio Gloucestershire will miss talking at training to the liveliest interviewee in the Gloucester squad, a man seemingly known to everyone as Four-o, who's local accent and "make no bones about it" style of talking often makes for entertaining radio.

We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

That surgeon when he opens Fortey up will no doubt find he is cherry and white through and through.





A veteran of 26 years writing for the matchday programme, Peter Arnold looks at developments in recent weeks and looks ahead to Christmas.

Peter ARNOLD

JINX

Would you Adam-and-Eve it! Just when we thought we could see some light at the end of the tunnel, the Kingsholm Jinx strikes again, laying low the player we could least afford to lose in the light of the indecently long injury list we've been enduring for, what seems like, forever.

Chris Fortey's broken ankle is particularly galling. He'd been playing out of his skin for several weeks, to such an extent that, dare I say it, we've hardly missed the formidable services of Ollie Azam. Obviously

Chris is going to lose some momentum on his return, but we do wish him all the best and see him back to his rampaging best soon.

One mischievous thought occurs. We know Chris cherishes his Iron Man image, but was there really any need to augment it by adding a layer of ironmongery to his ankle?

Bionic Four-O!

TRAVESTY

I never thought I'd hear myself saying this, but I'm actually glad to have a rest from the

Premiership for a while. That's not to denigrate the Heineken Cup, or today's welcome visitors in any way. It's simply that the last three weeks or so have been traumatic, to say the least.

The Autumn international season was always going to be a problem for any club with players with England aspirations. Almost by definition, that means for the best and most successful sides, probably the leaders in the Premiership table.

That's fine for the dubs in the mid-to-low reaches of the table because it gives them a chance to make up a little



Terry Fanolua scores his first half try against Sale Sharks.

ground on their more illustrious rivals, but it's very hard on the others, especially when, like Gloucester, they have an injury list to contend with too.

Last week's game provides a case in point. On paper, given the evidence of results so far this season, and remembering the pulsating equivalent match last time round, Gloucester Vs Sale at Kingsholm should have been one of the highlights of the season, but in the event, both sides were castrated to such an extent that it virtually became a United fixture.

We all know that such circumstances can produce some exciting rugby, and give a chance for young hopefuls to show what they can do, but one does have to say that quality of play inevitably suffers, and as last week, what should have been a trial of strength between two giants of one of the best and toughest leagues in the world became a travesty of what it should have been.

You can't blame the management of the clubs.

At the start of the season, Gloucester looked to have a squad quite strong enough to cope with the depredations of the England squad, but no one could have foreseen that we would have to cope with an injury list of almost a dozen players just at the time when three more were required for the Autumn internationals.

We're not alone, of course. I see that Leicester had to call Richard Cockerill from the coaching team to start as first-choice hooker last weekend, and that Rob Andrew could well have been without Jamie Noon for Newcastle's game against Saracens about 48 hours before the game was due to take place, which had him spitting blood.

Bath have had their problems too, but I think that we can claim to have been more badly affected than anyone.

One thing we can't deny. That is that you can't knock the sheer commitment, effort and spirit that the tattered remnants of the squad have shown over the last month or

so. They've played their hearts out, and we're grateful to them for that.

For certain, the situation is unsatisfactory from the point of view of the clubs, the players and the supporters. Surely, something has to be done because, if nothing else, qualification for next year's Heineken Cup could well be affected by results from this time of the year, and that has enormous ramifications, financial and otherwise.

I'm too senile to pretend to have an answer, but better rugby brains than mine must find one, and quickly. Didn't there used to be a rule that allowed clubs with three or more players away on international duty to postpone the fixture?

I hope all this doesn't sound like whingeing, because I do think we have a right to feel hard done-by.

GESTURE

We all send our condolences

to our old mate, Phil Greening, on the loss of his mother. I thought it was a particularly nice gesture for the Wasps players to wear black armbands during their loss to Worcester as a mark of respect.

GREETINGS

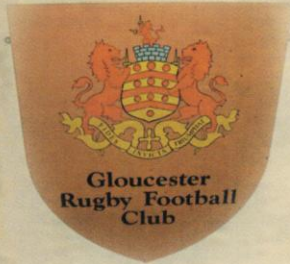
I think that this is the last time I shall have the pleasure of writing to you before the onset of the Festive Season. I hope you have a thoroughly good time, and over-indulge yourself outrageously. Don't forget that the Club shop is an excellent source of prezzies should you find you've forgotten someone at the last minute.

It's been a funny old year, hasn't it? We've had high points and low ones, seen some excellent rugby and some which has been less memorable, and even acquired a new stand.

Really, there's only one thing left for me to say.

A Merry Christmas to both my readers.

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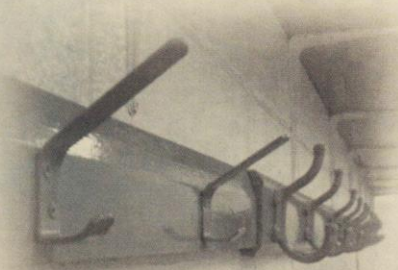


Archive writer Dave King looks at both rugby and cricket after one question in the summer got him thinking.

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A question asked by Justin Hopwood the Club's Media Manager during the summer months was, 'Did Gilbert Jessop play rugby union for Gloucester RFC?' The enquiry emanated from the Bible of Cricket – Wisden. The mind boggling and statistical marvel stated that he did play at Kingsholm.

Gilbert, lived at nearby Churchdown when he appeared for Gloucester Rugby Club. He was always referred to as the 'Croucher' and appeared as a wing three quarter. Gilbert was also a fine sprinter at athletics.

At 5'7" tall and weighing 11 stone he appeared in nine matches for the Club. He played cricket for Gloucestershire from 1894-1914, scoring 18,936 runs from 605 innings for an average of 32.53, and scoring 36 centuries. The former

Cambridge University Blue played 18 tests for England.

There have been others who have played for Gloucester Rugby Club and excelled in whites. Tony Lewis the outgoing MCC President played cricket for Glamorgan and England. Tony represented Gloucester Rugby Club while stationed at RAF Innsworth where he was serving as a National Serviceman.

Tony, who played at full back will be replaced at his MCC post by none other than Tom Graveney, one of the finest of Gloucestershire's batsman. Tony led England to India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in 1972-1993. Born on 6 July 1938, he played in nine tests scoring 457 runs for an average of 32.64.

Graham Parker, who played at full-back for Cambridge

University, Gloucester, Blackheath and England, became the County Secretary. Graham, who competed for the full back position at Kingsholm with Harold Boughton, was a double Blue.

Graham also played soccer for Gloucester City. His playing career for Gloucestershire spanned the period 1932-1951. In 70 matches he scored 1,954 runs for an average of 18.97. He took 32 wickets at an average of 42.68. Graham died in 1992.

Willie Jones, who played for Neath Rugby Club and also here at Kingsholm, played for Glamorgan CCC. The diminutive Welshman was a fine left hand bat and a brilliant fielder.

Born on 31 October 1916 in Carmarthen, Wales. He passed away on 25 July 1996 in Gloucester at the age of 79 years. Willie played 345 matches for Glamorgan CCC, he had 563 innings for the Welsh County, and was not out in 64 of them. Willie totalled 13,536 runs at an average of 27.12, his highest score was 212.

Willie hit 11 centuries and 78 half centuries. One of those half centuries came in the Cheltenham Cricket Festival of 1951 in a drawn match between the host county and it's Welsh visitors. Willie actually made 65 runs in completing his half century.

Willie was a reliable catcher and held onto 119 in his career. He bowled 11,750 balls to emphasise his all round prowess, bowling a career 439 maidens, and

conceding 5,782 runs in taking 192 wickets at an average of 30.11. His best bowling figures were 5-50. Willie was capped by Glamorgan in 1946 and in his benefit season he collected £4,460.

In his career here at Kingsholm Willie Jones recorded 38 dropped goals, three behind Micky Booth's club record of 41. Willie had a hat trick of drop goals versus Bedford in the 1946-1947 season. He also landed a career total of 83 conversions. Willie scored 17 dropped goals in the season of 1947-1948, still a club record!

E.J.Stephens played for Gloucester Rugby Club and Gloucestershire, and once upon a time had a cricket coaching school at Longford. His career with Gloucestershire spanned 10 years from 1927-1937. In 216 matches he scored 4,593 runs for an average of 17.73 and took 29 wickets at a cost of 40.37 runs average. He was the uncle of Eric Stephens the point scoring legend who totalled 1,562 points in his career with Gloucester.

Maurice McCanlis, played for England, Oxford University, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, Kent, Blackheath and the Barbarians at Rugby Union. He made one solitary appearance for Gloucester CCC, he did not bat and his bowling analysis was Overs 7, Maidens 0, Runs conceded 32, failing to take a wicket.

Maurice gained three cricket 'Blues' for Oxford University from 1926 to 1928, captaining the University in 1928. Maurice later played for Surrey CCC making 30



appearances. In 45 innings, he averaged 15.40 runs. He also played for Ragputa in India. Born on 17 June 1906 in Quetta, India he attended Cranleigh School and later Oxford.

He later tutored at Cheltenham College, but passed away on 27 September 1991 at Pershore in Worcestershire. Maurice was capped twice by England at Rugby Union as wing three quarter in 1931 versus Wales and Ireland, both matches were played at Twickenham.

Another player who played for Gloucester RFC and Gloucestershire was H.V.Page who played for Gloucestershire CCC from 1883-1895. Representing the County in 102 matches he scored 2,538 runs for an average of 17.03. He took 112 wickets for an average 24.10. A photograph of the Gloucestershire CCC team of 1888 shows H.V.Page

sat alongside the great W.G.Grace and his brother E.M.Grace .

H.V.Page captained Gloucestershire RFC in their losing semi final against Lancashire in 1891 at Manchester. All but one of the players were from Gloucester RFC. The one outsider was Welsh International S.H.Nicholls of Cardiff. A former master at Cheltenham College he had the career distinction of scoring four half centuries for the County in Cheltenham Cricket Festivals! Herbert Page died in a Cheltenham nursing home in 1927.

Seven players who proved that they were accomplished at both sports, will we see their like again? A muddied oaf in winter and the tranquil run maker in summer or is it a sense of 'de -ja-vu' for the multi talented?

David King



Regular Shed man Bob Fenton looks at last weekend's win over Sale and also the England international.

Fanzone

BOB FENTON

Well hopefully the win over Sale last weekend put paid to some of the doom and gloom being peddled by some people recently. Yes we'd lost a few games, but it was hardly the end of the world.

Last Friday was a fine performance, but unfortunately the win came at the expense of another serious injury to a member of our squad.

Have you ever known a season like this for injuries to key players? Like every other club our players get some knocks and bruises, that's the nature of the game, but this season! Did

I miss something over the summer and has someone put a curse on the place.

Things are so bad that rumour has it that the next series of Casualty and ER are going to be filmed in the treatment rooms at Kingsholm, such is the steady flow of patients.

It's not just the usual run of the mill sprains and strains, these are serious injuries. If watching Duncan McRae getting trapped in the tackle a few weeks ago wasn't bad enough, seeing Chris Fortey breaking his ankle last weekend was horrible.

With Alex Brown, Sinbad,

Olly et al on the injury list our squad is being severely tested. Fortunately we are able to welcome back our guys from the Autumn internationals, so that will help take the pressure off.

Talking of the internationals I have to say that some of the criticism of Henry in some sections of the media was a bit over the top. It didn't come from the usual rugby writers, rather some faceless dude from BBC on-line sport.

To suggest that in some way Henry was single-handedly responsible for England's defeat was laughable. Just remind me, how many kicks at goal did he miss? How

many last-ditch tackles did he miss? None, I think you will find, so to make such an assertion is just daft.

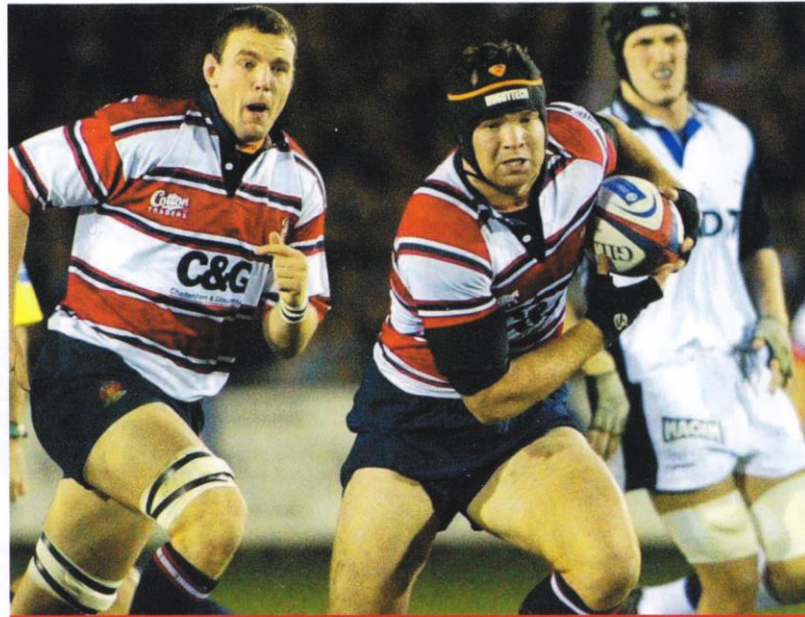
So a short break for a couple of Zurich Premiership matches, and now we're back to the Heineken Cup and back-to-back matches with Cardiff.

It's only a matter of a few years since Cardiff came calling in the Heineken Cup. It was 27 January 2001 to be precise and we ran out 21-15 winners on that day. Our pack absolutely murdered their opposite numbers that afternoon. The front row of Trevor Woodman, Oliver Azam and Phil Vickery had total dominance, and Junior Paramore played the best game of his Gloucester career so far.

We just went over them like a steamroller, the only surprise was that we did not score a try. All the points came from penalties, three in each half from Simon Mannix, and one from Byron Hayward, who replaced Mannix in the second half.

Most of the squad from that team have long gone, only Terry Fanolua and Jake Boer remain from the starting line up. Three more, Andy Gomarsall, Andy Hazell and Chris Fortey were among the replacements, but as for the rest, some of them are still around at other clubs, but for most of them it's a bit of a case of where are they now?

Just to complete the jaunt down memory lane, most people won't need reminding that in the semi finals we went down 19-15 to Leicester at Vicarage



Jake Boer charges forward

Road. The way Leicester scored their last try after we were given no advantage from a penalty still rankles.

We were underdogs that day, and most of the pundits wrote us off. But underdogs can bite, so even though we are probably favourites for the points today, let's hope that Cardiff will not be underestimated by our coaches or players today.

Whatever the result today, it will not be long before there is a chance for retribution with the 'second leg' of the fixture being played in Cardiff next weekend. Poor timing for me, I'll be working and trying to keep up with the details via mobile phone, radio or whatever.

Having to keep up with a game like that has to be the most stressful thing there is for a supporter. You just pace around, pretending you are paying attention to whatever it is you are supposed to be doing, while all the time you are

wondering what the score is, and whether anyone has actually noticed that you are wearing your lucky everything under a work suit.

That and the fact that you do not have the liberty of dancing round like a girl if we win or collapsing in a heap of frustration if you lose. Smile through gritted teeth and get on with it, is the order of the day. Not easy, I can assure you.

And after these fixtures we hop straight into another cup competition, this time the Powergen Cup. Winning the cup a few seasons ago has to be one of the great highlights for most supporters. Yes the Zurich Championship win the season before was good, but this one was the real deal. And the way we put away Northampton that day was truly fantastic.

This year we couldn't have asked for a more difficult opening fixture, away at Welford Road. They don't

come much harder than that. Still it's a chance to put one over on them and to make up for the league defeat a few weeks ago. If we can get a result there we must fancy our chances of another trip to Twickenham.

I've just realised that this is the last home game before the Christmas and the New Year. I was just reminded of the forthcoming festivities by she who must be obeyed who uttered the words 'Christmas shopping' and worse still 'visiting the in laws'.

I've got out of the former, she's gone this weekend and I have been spared, but the joy of Christmas shopping is yet to come. I can't wait... What do I want for Christmas? Well a late pressie of five points away at Wasps would be rather nice...

So, even though it's a bit early, happy Christmas to everyone, even Cardiff fans, and a great New Year.

MATCH action



Gloucester
24



Sale Sharks
14

Friday 26 Nov, Kingsholm
Referee: Ashley Rowden Attendance: 12,365

Gloucester boosted their Zurich Premiership title challenge with a 24-14 win over Sale Sharks, but the win came at a high price.

forward failed to make the line scrum-half Alex Page recycled the ball out to Simon Amor.

Amor struck a perfect cross-kick to the right wing where Marcel Garvey was waiting and he fended off towering winger Steve Hanley to touch down.

Centre Terry Fanolua was next on the scoreboard with a try he made all on his own. He chipped and gathered superbly, before exchanging passes with Garvey to put him in the clear.

Amor converted but Sale, eager to stay in the top three, clawed their way back into the game before the break with Gloucester old boy Robert Todd powering through.

It was the Sharks' first glimmer of a try all game and Todd seized the opportunity to score straight away.

Hayward reduced Gloucester's lead to just a point minutes into the second half with another penalty but Fortey's replacement, James Parkes, managed to scramble his

Hooker Chris Fortey was stretched off the pitch after breaking the lower part of the fibula in right leg, adding to Gloucester's already injury-hit front row, with props Phil Vickery and Terry Sigley and hooker Olivier Azam also injured.

The game was stopped for seven minutes while Fortey's injury was attended to, after he had collided with Dean Schofield.

Still Gloucester took not only the win, but also an invaluable try-bonus point, which saw them jump back up the table.

Despite going behind to an early Byron Hayward penalty, Gloucester were by far the better team, and after 17 minutes their pressure finally reaped its rewards.

Fortey made a battering break in the midfield and although the powerhouse



way around a scrum dangerously close to Sale's goal line and score.

Amor converted to hand Gloucester a 19-11 advantage, which they never looked like relinquishing

Young full-back Jon Goodridge then grabbed the all-important fourth try to put Gloucester out of reach in the dying minutes of the game, although Hayward had the last word with a 79th-minute penalty



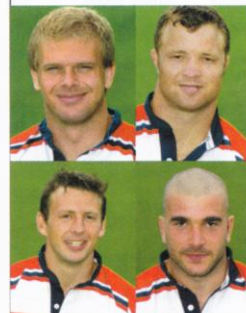
The Honour

Main Man

Balding, Boer, Amor, Parkes



Hard to choose, with awesome performances from Balding, Boer, Amor and Parkes. It has to be split this time!



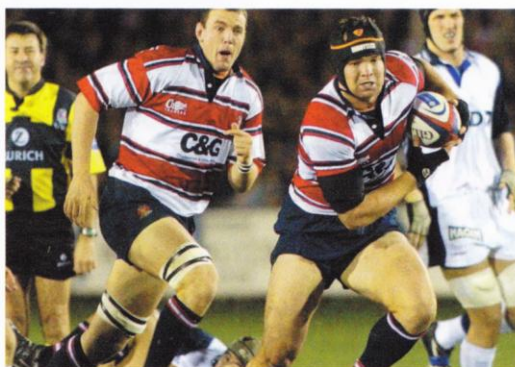
Name	Tries	Conv	PK	DG	Points
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Gloucester Scorers

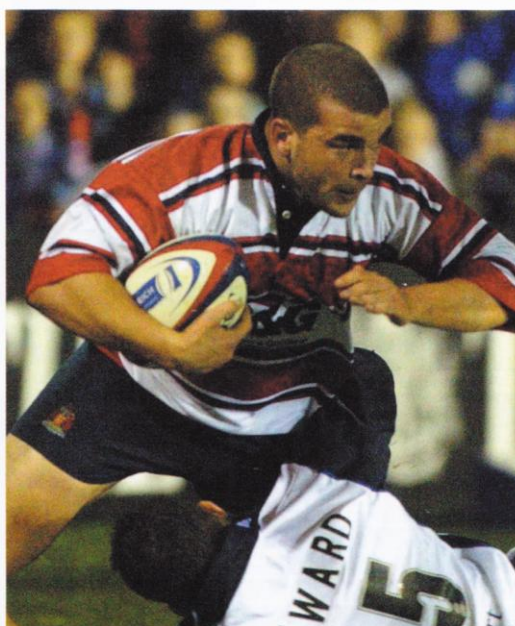
Marcel Garvey	1	0	0	0	5
Terry Fanolua	1	0	0	0	5
James Parkes	1	0	0	0	5
Jon Goodridge	1	0	0	0	5
Simon Amor	0	2	0	0	4

Worcester Scorers

Robert Todd	1	0	0	0	5
Byron Hayward	0	0	3	0	9



Gloucester	Teams	Sale Sharks
Jon Goodridge		Byron Hayward
Marcel Garvey		Chris Rhys Jones
Nathan Mauger		(69, James Moore)
Terry Fanolua		Josh Taumalolo
Seti Kiole		Robert Todd
Simon Amor		Steve Hanley
Alex Page		Jos Baxendell
Christo Bezuidenhout		Sililo Martens
(79, Nick Wood)		(41, Bryan Redpath)
Chris Fortey		Stuart Turner
(20, James Parkes)		(55, Sebastien Bozzi)
Gary Powell		Johnny Rodham
Adam Eustace		Barry Stewart
Peter Buxton		Christian Day
James Forrester		Dean Schofield
Jake Boer (c)		Pierre Caillet
Adam Balding		(55, Magnus Lund)
		John Carter
		Pete Anglesea
		(71, Hugh Perrett)



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The official matchday programme rounds up all of the latest news from the Zurich 'A' League.

'A' Zurich LEAGUE

Quins continue to set hot pace

Defending Zurich 'A' League champions NEC Harlequins recorded a sixth successive 'A' League victory this campaign with a 36-0 win over London Irish at The Stoop, where wing Joe Mbu moved to the top of the try scoring stakes with his seventh five pointer in the competition this season.

Quins lost two of their first

three 'A' League matches last season but have not lost since, racking up an impressive 15 wins in a row at this level. Elsewhere in the South, Bath beat Saracens at the Rec 21-16 with scrum-half Mike Baxter grabbing a brace of tries.

In the Northern Conference Worcester did it again in beating an in-form team – back on 18 October they handed Northampton their first loss of the season - whilst this week they

defeated a Newcastle side that had rattled off four successive 'A' League victories. Chris Hallam scored two tries and Jonathon Higgins went to the top of the Zurich 'A' League scoring charts with 11 more points taking his haul for the season to 59 in the 21-15 win at Sixways.

In the other match Sale Jets clocked up the half century with seven tries in a 51-14 victory over struggling Leeds at Heywood Road.

Zurich 'A' League - NORTH

Team	Record				Points			Attack					Defence							
	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD
Leicester Tigers	7	5	1	1	4	1	27	29	20	9	0	212	10	8	10	0	96	0	1	116
Newcastle Falcons	8	5	0	3	5	1	26	36	26	4	0	244	26	14	6	0	176	2	1	68
Worcester Warriors	8	5	0	3	3	1	24	28	24	7	0	209	22	13	13	0	175	2	2	34
Northampton Wanderers	7	4	0	3	3	1	20	30	13	4	0	188	15	12	7	2	126	1	1	62
Sale Jets	8	2	1	5	2	1	13	29	17	13	0	218	40	28	2	0	262	5	0	-44
Leeds Tykes	8	1	0	7	0	0	4	9	9	8	2	93	48	34	7	0	329	7	0	-236
TOTALS	46	22	2	22	17	5	114	161	109	45	2	1164	161	109	45	2	1164	17	5	

Zurich 'A' League - SOUTH

Team	Record				Points			Attack					Defence							
	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD
NEC Harlequins	6	6	0	0	5	0	29	36	26	3	0	241	7	4	6	0	61	0	1	180
London Wasps	5	5	0	0	4	0	24	25	18	9	1	191	10	5	6	0	78	1	1	113
Gloucester	6	4	0	2	4	1	21	24	12	10	1	177	23	13	9	0	168	3	1	9
London Irish	7	2	0	5	3	1	12	22	12	8	0	158	24	16	10	3	191	4	0	-33
Bath United	8	2	0	6	0	1	9	15	8	12	1	130	36	24	10	0	258	5	1	-128
Saracens	8	1	0	7	2	2	8	15	8	7	0	112	37	22	8	0	253	5	1	-141
TOTALS	40	20	0	20	18	5	103	137	84	49	3	1009	137	84	49	3	1009	18	5	

Latest Results 29 NOVEMBER 2004**WORCESTER WARRIORS 21,****NEWCASTLE FALCONS 15** (Sixways)

Worcester Warriors: Chris Hallam(1T), Neil Cole(1T), Jonathon Higgins(1T, 3C).

Newcastle Falcons: Jason Smithson(2T), Rupert Neville(1C, 1PG).

SALE JETS 51,**LEEDS TYKES 14** (Heywood Road)

Sale Jets: James Moore(5C, 2PG), James Hoyle(2T), Hugh Perrett(1T), Jason Duffy(1T), Neil Dowridge(1T), Ben Foden(2T).

Leeds Tykes: Mark McMillan(1T), Matt Holt(1T), Richard Vasey(2T).

NEC HARLEQUINS 36,**LONDON IRISH 0** (The Stoop)

NEC Harlequins: Maama Molitika(2T), Damu(2T), Joe Mbu(1T), Adrian Jarvis(3C, 1PG), Andy Dunne(1C).

BATH UNITED 21,**SARACENS 16** (The Rec)

Bath United: Mike Baxter(2T), Xavier Andre(1T), Ryan Davis(3C).

Saracens: Steffon Armitage(1T), Ben J. Russell(1C, 3PG).

NORTHAMPTON WANDERERS v**LEICESTER TIGERS**

Postponed

Upcoming Fixtures**MONDAY 6 DECEMBER***Southern Conference*

London Wasps v Gloucester

MONDAY 13 DECEMBER*Southern Conference*

Gloucester v

NEC Harlequins

MONDAY 24 JANUARY*Northern Conference*

Leicester Tigers v Sale Jets

Newcastle Falcons v

Leeds Tykes

Worcester Warriors v

Northampton Wanderers

Southern Conference

Gloucester v Saracens

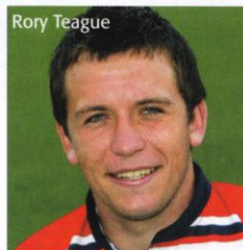
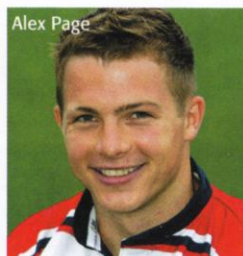
London Irish v Bath United

NEC Harlequins v

London Wasps

TOP ZURICH A LEAGUE TRY GRABBERS

NAME	TEAM	Total
Joe Mbu	NEC Harlequins	7
Ollie Phillips	Newcastle Falcons	6
Alesana Tuilagi	Leicester Tigers	6
Jason Smithson	Newcastle Falcons	6
Alex Page	Gloucester	5
Mike Roberts	London Wasps	5
Henry Barratt	NEC Harlequins	5
Eni Gesinde	Newcastle Falcons	5
Oliver Viney	Sale Jets	5
Topsy Ojo	London Irish	5
Duncan Roke	Worcester Warriors	4
Chris Budgen	Northampton Wanderers	4
Steffon Armitage	Saracens	4

**TOP ZURICH A LEAGUE POINTS GETTERS**

NAME	TEAM	T	C	PG	DG	PTS
Jonathon Higgins	Worcester Warriors	2	17	5	0	59
Rory Teague	Gloucester	3	9	8	0	57
Toby Flood	Newcastle Falcons	1	20	2	0	51
Edd Thrower	London Wasps	1	7	9	1	49
Richard Vasey	Leeds Tykes	2	5	8	1	47
James Moore	Sale Jets	1	9	6	0	41
Ryan Davis	Bath United	3	6	3	1	39
David Blair	Sale Jets	1	7	6	0	37
Ross Broadfoot	Leicester Tigers	1	11	3	0	36
Joe Mbu	NEC Harlequins	7	0	0	0	35
Adrian Jarvis	NEC Harlequins	1	11	2	0	33
Ollie Phillips	Newcastle Falcons	6	0	0	0	30
Jason Smithson	Newcastle Falcons	6	0	0	0	30
Alesana Tuilagi	Leicester Tigers	6	0	0	0	30
Ben J. Russell	Saracens	1	3	6	0	29
Tom Williams	NEC Harlequins	3	4	1	0	26
Roger Warren	Leicester Tigers	1	9	1	0	26

NEXT AWAY

Gloucester's next Zurich 'A' League game is away at London Wasps on Monday 6 December. The game kicks off at 7.30pm at Wasps' Imber Court venue (near Hampton Court).

NEXT HOME

Gloucester's next home game in the Zurich 'A' League is against NEC Harlequins at Kingsholm on Monday 13 December, kick off 7.30pm.

Entrance to the game is FREE to season ticket holders. For non-season ticket holders prices are £5.00 adults and concessions and £3 for U16s. Car parking is £2 in the main stadium car park and will be on a first come first served basis.

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Heineken Cup Round 3, Saturday 04th December 2004, KO 7.30pm

Gloucester				Cardiff Blues			
T	C	P	D				
				Jon Goodridge	15	Craig Morgan/Rhys Williams	
				Marcel Garvey	14	Nick Walne	
				Nathan Mauger	13	Rhys Williams	
				Terry Fanolua	12	Tom Shanklin	
				James Simpson-Daniel	11	Fereti Tuilagi/Craig Morgan	
				Henry Paul	10	Lee Thomas	
				Andy Gomarsall	09	Dean Dewdney/Ryan Powell	
				Christo Bezuidenhout	01	Gethin Jenkins/John Yapp	
				James Parkes	02	Rhys Thomas	
				Gary Powell	03	Martin Jones/Ben Evans	
				Adam Eustace	04	Craig Quinnett/Deiniol Jones	
				Mark Cornwell	05	Robert Sidoli	
				Jake Boer (c)	06	Nathan Thomas	
				Andy Hazell	07	Martyn Williams (c)	
				Adam Balding	08	Kort Schubert	
				replacements			
				Rob Elloway	16	Andrew Lewis	
				Nick Wood	17	Ben Evans	
				Peter Buxton	18	Gareth Williams	
				James Forrester	19	Deiniol Jones	
				Alex Page	20	Nathan Budgett/Robin Sowden-Taylor	
				Brad Davies	21	Nick Macleod	
				James Bailey	22	Shaun James	

Today's Match Officials

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