



### Heineken Cup







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**Round Six** 



Welcome to Kingsholm.
I hope you all had a good festive period and once again, many thanks for all your messages.

Last week was a big down point, but we did come away with a point. At the end of the day they took their chances better than we did.

Concentration was key, and we conceded a couple of penalties and their try early on in the second half to give them impetus in the second period.

We prepared for a wet and windy game, and the weather didn't disappoint. It came down at full force turning Ravenhill into a traditional Irish bog.

In terms of sticking to our strategy the first half was a great success. We dominated territory and points with excellent kicking performances from Henry Paul and Simon Amor.

At the back Jonny Goodridge showed maturity under the high ball, but we knew it'd be tight and decided by the detail. Phil Vickery spoke to the media after the game and mentioned the "one per cent'ers", he was exactly right.

But you have to move on and we come into today's game with everything to play for. After our defeat in Paris in round one we always knew we'd have to beat Stade Français here, so that hasn't changed. We know what we've got to do.

This weekend is a reverse of the situation we faced in Munster a couple of seasons ago. The pressure is already building for Stade Francais, while we lie in wait as excited as at any time this season.

The headlines have said we need a miracle. You only have to look back to that game away at Munster two years ago, but this time It's impossible to thank each and every one of them personally, but the whole squad is so proud of the role you play and the efforts you make to support your team.

Overall you have to rate the Heineken Cup. So many teams have so much to play for on this final pool weekend. Take Wasps going to Biarritz. The Heineken Cup champions need a win and bonus point, but who would back against them. The pressure is now on Biarritz in their own backyard.

It's the same for Newport Gwent Dragons. The pressure is on Newcastle, who don't look like they have a recognised goal kicker available through injury.

Same for us, as people outside of Kingsholm don't think we can do it. Inside our camp we know what we're capable of and we know what we've got to do.

Today is the start of a rugby packed few weeks in Gloucester. After today's game against Stade, we welcome Bristol, then Worcester to Kingsholm, with Bath visiting in mid-February, and these games represent three different tournaments, the Heineken Cup, the Powergen Cup and of course the return to the Zurich Premiership.

It looks like every single ticket has been sold for all the games, and with us gradually getting back from our horrendous injury situation week-by-week you have to be optimistic.

Once again, thanks for your support and enjoy the game.



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we're on the other side of the fence.

We also know, from our Munster experience, that the crowd will also play a crucial role. In my opinion we have the best fans in Europe, last Friday they stood in their hundreds on the terraces of Ravenhill in the pouring rain screaming us on.

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Dave King looks at Stade Francais c coach Fabien Galthie's career as both a player and in the last 12 months as boss of the French outfit.

# REMEMBER When?

a name revered throughout the world of rugby union. A star among scrum halves until he retired from playing in the finale of the 2002-2003 season. On a summer's day, 7th June 2003, Fabien Galthie bade farewell to a delirious Parisian crowd as 75,000 fans filled the stadium and witnessed Fabien, at 34 years of age and 17 seasons

of first

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rugby,

Fabien Galthie is

actually playing his first Championship Final!

It was a night where Stade Francais were to win their third championship title in the Paris club's spectacular return to the top flight of French rugby in the late 1990s. Fabien had stated before the match with Toulouse, who incidentally included a certain Patrice Collazo in their team, that he had never touched the Bouchier de Brennus. Within hours he had not only touched it but was able to show it off to all of Stade Francais supporters.

In the match his influence was enormous, scoring a try and prompting his colleagues to silence the ubiquitous Toulouse drums as they defeated Toulouse 32 points

to 18. It enabled former Springbok coach Nick Mallet to become the first 'foreign' coach to win a French Championship. Nick Mallet had succeeded the current Bath director of rugby, John Connolly, to the post.

However, Nick Mallet eventually returned to South Africa and the French Club's President Max Guazzine turned to Fabien Galthrie to lead the glitzy Parisian outfit. So at 35 years of age, Fabien became the youngest coach of any of Europe's leading clubs. He took over at a difficult time with the French club having achieved back-to-back wins in their demanding National Club Championships. Difficult, because he had to maintain the momentum and was also facing the retirement

Fabien Galthie

IPPO!

of the free scoring Diego Dominquez and the departure of Parick Tabacco who decided to join Ludavic Mercier's new club, Pau while hooker Benoit August also moved to Biarritz.

Fabien, the former Colomiers scrum half who featured against Gloucester in the Heineken Cup campaign of the 2000-2001 season, also played for Colomiers against Ulster in the 1999 Heineken Cup Final.

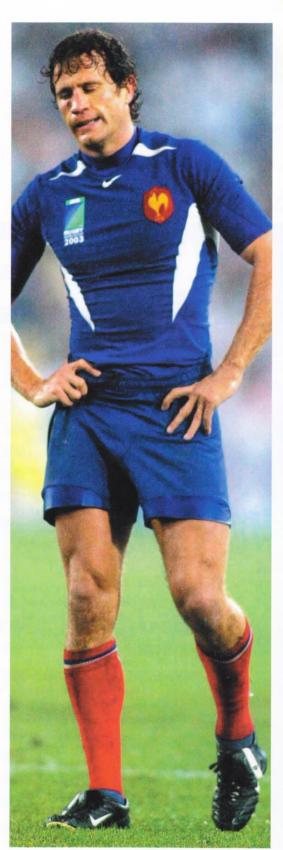
A veteran of 64 French International caps, he is a perfectionist in all respects, always seeking to improve and better his own personal performances when he was a player but also now as a coach.

As a player he kept his own records, keeping files on fitness, diet and health. In fact he kept his own database.

Here at Kingsholm we need little or no introduction to certain players at the French club such as our former player Rodrigo Roncero or to former Bristol Shoguns scrum half Agustin Pichot. There is no doubt that Fabien Galthie faces a new and challenging career as a coach, but he's doing pretty well so far.

Surely a player who was his country's most capped scrum half, who played in four World Cups will bring his mental strength, rugby brain and brilliant leadership qualities to bear on the immediate and long term future of Stade Français?

By David King



That Stade Français scored the most points in a season of Heineken Cup Rugby - 379 in nine matches in 2001-2002.

That Diego Dominguez scored 188 points of that total in 2001-2002

That Stade Français were defeated 34-30 by Leicester in the 2001 Heineken Cup Final in Paris

That Diego Dominguez scored all of Stade Français 30 points in that 2001 Final versus Leicester

That Terry Fanolua had made more appearances in the Heineken Cup than any other current Gloucester player - 22.

That 59 players have appeared for Gloucester in their 26 matches in the Heineken Cup to date.

That this is the 13th match played at Kingsholm since the Club entered the Heineken Cup competition. All wins except for 22 points all draw with Colomiers.



BBC Radio Gloucestershire's lan Randall updates supporters on behind the scenes at the station, including a couple of roles for a few familiar faces.

### by Paul Furley

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BBC Radio Gloucestershire started broadcasting in 1987, and Gloucester Rugby Club has been top of the sporting agenda ever since.

At that stage the station engaged Peter Butler, the club's record point scorer, to be a regular part of its commentary team at Kingsholm, and it's a role he still enjoys 18 years on. This season, however, he's shared the role with two members of the front row union, though it's fair to say one of them wasn't planned.

Gloucester legend Andy Deacon is one of the familiar faces on board this year. Alongside the commentator Deacs adds a recent insight into not only the front row, but the players, that only 12 months ago were his team mates.

His pre-season trial started a run behind the microphone that has encompassed all Gloucester's home
Premiership matches. Deacs is prone to a certain amount of 'desk thumping' during a game, but because of his inside involvement with the United side, 'Deacs' can offer those snippets of knowledge you wouldn't otherwise

get, for example Dean Ryan's dislike for losing the ball in wide areas.

He also nailed his colours to the mast concerning James Forrester in the away game at Wasps, calling for Forrester to be found a place in the team. It's unfortunate for James that regular starts for Adam Balding have seen him produce consistently good form over the last couple of months.

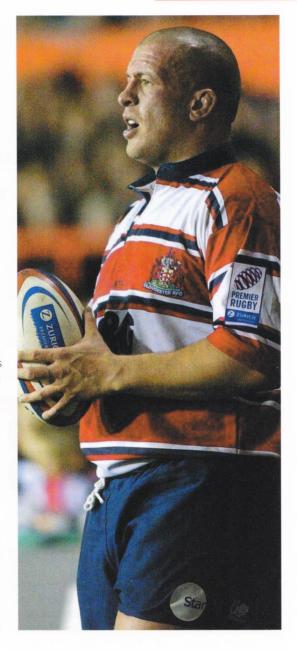
It's not just Deacs who's been running with the microphone this season. Chris Fortey's unfortunate injury against Sale opened an opportunity once it became obvious he wasn't going to be travelling to away games for a while.

With the Powergen Cup tie at Leicester and the Heineken Cup game in Belfast last Friday both being televised, the radio station invited 'Four-o' to come into the studio and be part of the output covering the games while watching on a monitor in the comfort of the studio.

The first time, he was Steve Kitchen's guest as part of the Saturday FM output, where there are regular reports in a more general programme, chipping in after each one with views on what he'd seen.

Against Ulster, knowing more about what was required, he was happy to be part of the commentary team, and was able to confirm that Tommy Bowe's try last in the first half was a 'harsh' decision against the home team.

On a wet night at Ravenhill, it's fair to say the real entertainment was in the studio. As well as calling all the off-sides and thumping the table at regular intervals in encouragement or frustration, Chris was getting text messages from his mates who were mercilessly ribbing him about his 'radio' voice.



After a run of five successive televised games, don't forget that BBC Radio Gloucestershire's commentary continues in the coming weeks for the sell outs against Worcester and Bath here, and the away trips to Quins and Newcastle, which is a Sunday lunch time game at the end of February. Everyone at BBC Radio Gloucestershire is hoping for a Heineken quarter final at the beginning of April to plan for as well.....



Now in his 26th year as a contributor to the matchday programme Peter Arnold looks forward to the next few weeks.

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#### IN THE BLEAK **MIDWINTER**

I was very disappointed with the Ulster result. Frankly, I thought we had it won, but you do have to hand it to the resilience of the Ulstermen. Their ferocious fight back was exactly what we would have expected from our own lads had the position been reversed and the game taking place at Kingsholm.

Conditions suited the Ravenhill side precisely, of course, but we can't complain about that.

That game, and today's little

tête-à-tête, come at the end of just about the most demanding few weeks of rugby which most of us can remember. To face Leicester, Wasps, Leicester again, Ulster and then Stade Français on successive weekends verges on masochism. The good thing about it is that we have now played both Wasps and Leicester in the Premiership twice so neither of them can do us any more damage.

Not that I'm underestimating the challenges we now have to face. In the next two weeks we shall be entertaining Bristol in the Powergen Cup and

then Worcester in the Premiership.

Both of them are parochial affairs that will, no doubt, be called local derbies. Both will be salivating at the chance to play at Kingsholm. Their travelling support will be positively multitudinous and massively partisan, which is as it should be.

And think of the personalities involved! Richard Hill will be returning with Bristol, who will find Dean Ryan awaiting him. Worcester will be bringing John Brain and Tony Windo. Perhaps we ought to issue an old boys tie.

#### **MORE TO BE SAID**

But, of course, we can't leave it at that. The return of the Old Enemy to Kingsholm warrants more than a passing mention.

Anyone who has been around the scene for more than a few years will be very well aware of the special relationship that has always existed between Gloucester and Bristol. It never mattered which of the two were the stronger on paper, the games were always hard fought affairs and the scores usually close.

Some of us recall one homeric encounter at Kingsholm when for only four minutes in the whole game were all 30 players on the field. And that was before yellow cards and replacements were even thought of. Gloucestershire Royal Hospital was virtually running a shuttle service between the ground and the accident unit.

John Fidler will recall that match. At one point they had him on a stretcher, but before they reached the touch line he got off and rejoined the fray. In fact, I have a feeling he scored a try later.

Yet, as the referee was at pains to explain to a rapacious press corps after the match, it wasn't a dirty game. It was hard and rough, certainly, but no more than that. The whole thing was compounded by an extremely keen wind blowing down the ground, and in those cases muscles become tensed and a knock that might otherwise be shrugged off, really hurts,

A friend of mine was paying his first visit to Kingsholm that night. He was a fair player himself, having made something of a name for himself around Hertfordshire and Northampton. Yet he came into the bar afterwards white and shaking. "Never seen rugby like that before" he muttered. It didn't stop him going on to play for Gloucester Old Boys though.

One good thing is that the BBC West is to screen the game live, the first time a region has ever shown a game other than the one on national TV. I know most City residents receive Midlands TV, but if you have Sky or cable, you'll be able to watch via their networks.

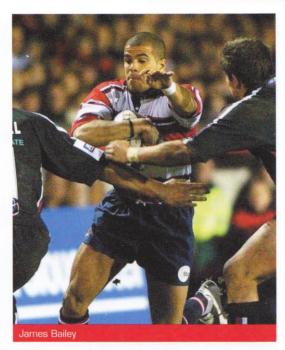
It's going to be an enormous occasion.



Many people throughout Gloucester will have been saddened by the news of the death, last week, of Roger Payne. He was, of course best known as the leading amateur drama stalwart in the City, Chairman of Trustees of the New Olympus Theatre, and the moving spirit behind the acquisition of the Barton Street building for the use of the Gloucester Operatic and Dramatic Society.

He was also a distinguished Magistrate, chairing the Licensing Committee for an extended term.

What isn't so widely appreciated is that he was a fanatical rugby man, playing for Gloucester Old Boys in his youth, and



a passionate supporter of GRFC. For years his routine on a Kingsholm match day, was to meet with his son, Mark and daughter, Sarah, in the 'Jockey', where they would be joined by an edectic group of like-minded stalwarts from the New Olympus. They would absorb lubrication for a while, before strolling over the road and adding their considerable contribution of badinage from the Shed

They also travelled to away matches, now and then, with one memorable trip to Biarritz, I recall.

Roger once wrote a letter to the Club that was reprinted in the match programme. The tenor of his remarks was that, after one Barton Fayre, having been up and about since 5.30am until after midnight, I pleaded exhaustion and toddled off home. Roger pointed out that that was all very well, but that I had left a pint of beer, only half drunk, on the bar. He regarded this as

such a unique occurrence that the wider rugby public should hear about it.

It was also the Paynes, pere et fils, who staged a production of the extremely funny play 'Up and Under' at the New Olympus. This involved transferring the Rugby League setting to a Union version. The Club cooperated, even allowing the cast to train with the players at Kingsholm, an event which was covered on television.

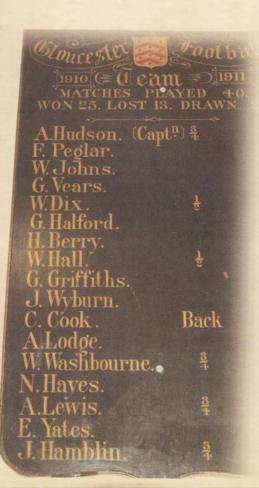
The passing of Roger Payne leaves a big hole in the social life of Gloucester. He was a very shrewd character who always seemed to be able to laugh about things, and was always available for a chat about rugby in general and the Gloucester club in particular.

He will certainly be missed in many spheres. We send our condolences to Mark, Sarah and his wide circle of relatives and friends, of whom I am proud to be one.



Resident Club facts man Dave King looks at a previous French clash for Gloucester, this time in 1911.

## REFLECTIONS we were pioneers!



Amazingly the first time Gloucester faced French club opposition was on 28 February 1911! Although the Club has now faced French clubs on no fewer than twenty-two occasions, the first match was staged 94 years ago!

The game in question was a trip to Toulouse. The southern based French club had agreed to pay the substantial guarantee asked by the City (that is the name by which the club was referred to then, for a sum of £150) - on the condition that the City took a full strength team.

The team journeyed to London after facing Abertillery on Saturday 25 January, and crossed over to Paris on the Sunday.



Departing from Charing Cross to Folkestone, then arriving in Boulogne and onto Paris. A journey that took seven hours! The following day, Monday they departed from Paris at 8.20am and arrived at Toulouse 7.16pm. A further nine hours of travelling!

The players who made the trip were: C.Cook, A.Hudson (Captain), J.Hamblin, H.Barnes, W.Washbourne, W.Dix, W.Hall, G.Vears, W.Johns, H.Berry, G.Holford, G.Griffiths, F.Pegler, A.Lodge and F.Yates.

The Reverend O.E.Hayden was in charge of the party accompanied by John Hanman and Arthury Fielding. They travelled 1,800 miles with the

train journey from Paris to Toulouse taking 12 hours!

The match that was staged on 'Shrove Tuesday', was a national holiday in France, and was witnessed by 6,663 spectators. The first half of the match was hard fought with the City club holding a 13-point to three interval lead. Holford and Pegler scored tries, both of which were converted by Cook, who was also handed a penalty. Amilhat, with a penalty was the lone scorer for the hosts.

In the second half a try by Hall, converted by Cook increased the lead but a strong response by Toulouse saw Jaurrequy and Minahan score tries but City held on to record a 18 points to thirteen

victory. The match was officiated by the Reverend O.E.Hayden!

After the match the Gloucester team was entertained to a splendid banquet where the proceedings were described as 'merry and bright'. Arthur Hudson the Gloucester captain expressed the hope that they would like to see the Stade Toulousians, one day, play in England!

A large crowd of Gloucester supporters greeted the City team as they returned to Gloucester's Great Western station on the Thursday night, where excited supporters mobbed them. The Gloucester players hurriedly pointed to the fact that the Reverend

Hayden had officiated and his decisions did not please the French crowd although the Gloucester contingent thought that he had favoured the French by overlooking infringements to 'give'em a bit'. Scrum half Willie Hall, was a major attraction to the French, his darting runs causing admiration and consternation in equal amount.

So Gloucester Rugby Club were one of the pioneers of playing rugby union at club level outside the boundary of these Isles, but it took virtually another 50 years for the cross channel fixtures to be resumed after the following season of 1911-1912.

**David King** 



Shed regular Bob Fenton calls on everyone to give everything this afternoon in what promises to be a superb occasion.

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It's Heineken Cup time again. So a warm welcome to Kingsholm to the Stade Francais team and especially to the supporters who have made the journey over to Gloucester, and to my two French friends from work who are enjoying thief first visit to Castle Grim and are sitting somewhere in Row M in the Buildbase Stand.

And welcome back to our old friend Rodrigo Roncero - I bet he didn't expect to be back here so quickly after leaving us in the summer. I wonder if his French is as good as his English!

After the game in Paris earlier in the competition we know that we are in for a tough match

today, so I hope you enjoy your day with us but not too much as I obviously want Gloucester to win the game and progress in the competition. You will find plenty of bars in the city to drown your sorrows after the

Sometimes, though, I hate this Heineken Cup competition. Not the rugby and the excitement of the matches, the chance of watching the best teams in Europe - rather it's the endless permutations you have to try to work out when you get to this stage of the competition.

It's a case of working out that if they score 'x' number of tries we have to score an extra one, unless another team playing elsewhere in the world scores more. Then we have to get another and double that if Mars happens to be in line with Venus on the given match day.

Add to that the fact that the angle of incident is the same as the angle of reflection while taking into account that the square on the hypotenuse of a right angle triangle is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides then take away the number that you first thought of and you may just be about there.

Either that or take my chosen route: drink several pints of your favourite alcoholicallyfuelled beverage, rot a few

more brain cells and hope that someone else has worked out all the options and can explain them in words of preferably one syllable before kick off.

Of course there is an argument that you should have a few more teams, eight pools and just the winners would go through, but this would take away (a) all the headache mentioned above (a plus point), but (b) all the excitement, the finger crossing and the knowledge that losing one game - or even two - does not necessarily end your team's involvement.

I do have a radical plan for Nigel and the rest of the boys to consider though, next time win all the games and we go straight through! Simple, no problem for anyone and it'll save me a lifetime worth of mathematical gymnastics.

But today is easy. Gloucester must score four tries, not let Stade Français score any tries or a bonus point and we have a chance, any other result probably means we are out of the competition - it can't be simpler, or rawer than that. And isn't that what sport is all about?

So a massive game for the club, and a massive game for supporters. For ages we have been banging on about what a wonderful bunch of supporters we are down here. So let's prove it.

After the last few games I don't think I have read so much whinging from a dub's own supporters. Of course everyone is disappointed that we lost a few games but let's keep things in some sort of perspective. We lost to Wasps and Leicester - two of the best clubs in the land, and we lost to Ulster on a ground where they had not been

beaten for 12 consecutive European matches.

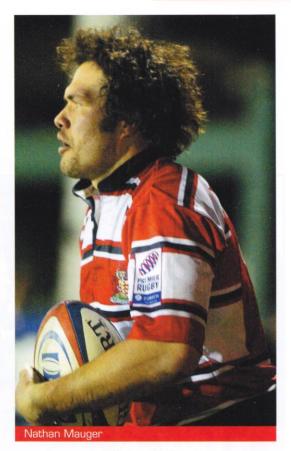
And the latter was in conditions that most humans would have struggled to stay upright in, let alone run around chasing an odd shaped ball. Yet do we see any sort of recognition for effort? No, unbelievably I read that people want to sack the coach, get rid of this player, get that player.

Reading some of the stuff people have written you would think that the season is finished and we've just about clung on to a Premiership place. Hardly: nine league games left, more home than away matches to play, we have played almost all the top sides home and away, we've key players coming back from injury. Plus we're two games away from a Twickenham final. Blimey if you think it's bad for us - imagine being a Quins supporter...

I feel sorry for the players et al who read some of the comments that people write on websites. How do you think that makes them feel? Hardly likely to go out and want to bust a gut for such an unappreciative audience.

So come on, be real. How does it go "...If you can meet with triumph and disaster; And treat those two impostors just the same...[Then one day, my son, you will be a man]." So said Kipling - no, not the cake making bloke, the other one.

Think about it for a moment, no one sets out to lose a game – well maybe except for that French club a few seasons ago – so show a little respect to the players and management that we are supposed to support. It's easy to support a team that's winning, sometimes it's not



so easy to support one that's lost a few games.

And seeing as I am ranting about support, it's right that I mention the little incident that happened in the Shed during the Leicester game. For those who missed it, the stewards were asked to calm down a few Leicester and Gloucester supporters who were getting a bit heated.

To cut a long story short the Leicester guys reacted in kind to some barracking of their kicker when Henry was taking a pot at goal. I have to say that there is a definite increase in people in our crowd making a noise when the opposition is taking a penalty. This is an annoying trend, and the vast majority of supporters condemn it every time.

So to those few who think

it is funny to make a racket please take note that it isn't, it doesn't work (these guys could probably kick their goals in a firework display) and just gives people the opportunity to paint us as mindless idiots. So stop it.

Just watch what happens at Thomond Park when a kick is being taken, you'll have to watch, because you won't hear so much as a pin drop, and that is what we should aspire to.

Enough of me grumbling, lets show everyone that we deserve the 'best supporters in England' tag and create enough noise (at the right time, of course) and atmosphere to help get the boys home today.

All together now (takes deep breath) Glllllaaaaaaaaaaawww wwsssttteerrrrrrlll

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Gloucester

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Leicester Tigers





Referee: **D.pearson** 

Attendance: 13,000

A superb opening quarter looked like setting up a victory over Leicester at Kingsholm two weeks ago, but well taken chances from the Tigers and a number of missed chances from Gloucester in the second half, saw the visitors run out 28-13 winners

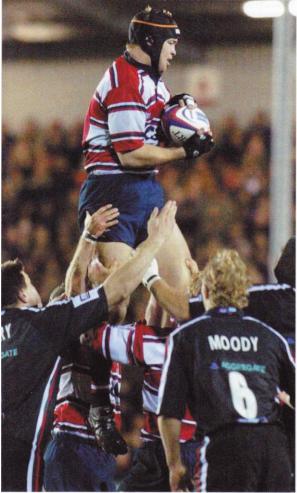
Tries from Nathan Mauger and Adam Eustace in the first 12 minutes set the scene, but Leicester hit back with tries from Leon Lloyd and Ollie Smith, as well as 11 points from Andy Goode.

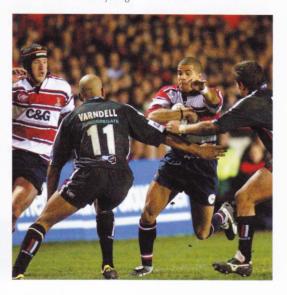
Gloucester threw everything

at Leicester in the second half, and a 45th minute penalty from Henry Paul narrowed the score to 21-13.

But a lucky bounce against the post from a Goode grubber kick saw Daryl Gibson secure a touch down, and Andy Goode's conversion stretched the visitor's lead after 51 minutes.

Forrester made an impact when he came on for Balding after the score, but as Gloucester maintained possession, and the ball was played wide, the Leicester defence held out.





#### The **Honour**





| Name               | Tries | Conv | PK | DG | Points |  |
|--------------------|-------|------|----|----|--------|--|
| Gloucester Scorers |       |      |    |    |        |  |
| Nathan Mauger      | 1     | 0    | 0  | 0  | 5      |  |
| Adam Eustace       | 1     | 0    | 0  | 0  | 5      |  |
| Henry Paul         | 0     | 0    | 1  | 0  | 3      |  |
| Leicester Scorers  |       |      |    |    |        |  |
| Leon Lloyd         | 1     | 0    | 0  | 0  | 5      |  |
| Ollie Smith        | 1     | 0    | 0  | 0  | 5      |  |
| Daryl Gibson       | 1     | 0    | 0  | 0  | 5      |  |
| Andy Goode         | n     | 2    | 2  | 1  | 12     |  |



| Gloucester            |
|-----------------------|
| Jon Goodridge         |
| Marcel Garvey         |
| (68, James Bailey)    |
| Nathan Mauger         |
| Terry Fanolua         |
| Seti Kiole            |
| Henry Paul            |
| Andy Gomarsall        |
| Christo Bezuidenhout  |
| (51, Terry Sigley)    |
| Mefin Davies          |
| Phil Vickery          |
| Adam Eustace          |
| (66, Peter Buxton)    |
| Alex Brown            |
| Jake Boer (c)         |
| Andy Hazell           |
| Adam Balding          |
| (51, James Forrester) |
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| Leicester Tigers           |
|----------------------------|
| . Geordan Murphy           |
| (58, Sam Vesty)            |
| Ollie Smith                |
| Leon Lloyd                 |
| Daryl Gibson               |
| Tom Varndell               |
| Andy Goode                 |
| (80, Matt Cornwell)        |
| Harry Ellis                |
| Darren Morris              |
| George Chuter              |
| (30-40,41, James Buckland) |
| Julian White               |
| Martin Johnson             |
| Ben Kay                    |
| Lewis Moody                |
| Neil Back                  |
| Martin Corry               |
| (23, Will Johnson)         |
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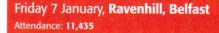


Ulster Rugby **14** 



Gloucester

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Gloucester narrowly lost out 14-12 to Ulster in last weekend's clash at Ravenhill.

Despite a superb first half showing Gloucester had to hold out as Ulster hit back in the opening period of the final 40 minutes.

The Irish win saw Ulster extend their magnificent home run in the Heineken Cup to 12 matches over four seasons.

A night of incessant rain turned the game into a kick and rush affair. Gloucester had the upper hand in the first half and sailed into a nine-point lead thanks to three penalties from the trusty boot of Henry Paul.

David Humphreys grabbed Ulster's first points two minutes from half time with a near 50 metre penalty, but an injury time drop goal from Gloucester outside half Simon Amor restored his team's nine point advantage at the break.

Welsh referee Nigel Whitehouse incurred the wrath of the home fans in the last play of the first half when he ruled that right wing Tommy Bowe was in front of Humphreys as he latched on to his clever cross kick to seemingly score.

But while that try was ruled out, Whitehouse had no complaints six minutes after the break when Humphreys and Bowe repeated the move to clear the way for fullback Bryn Cunningham to race 15 metres to score.

That gave Ulster the momentum they required and penalties after 68 and 72 minutes from Humphreys gave the battling home side the lead for the first time.

Gloucester rallied in the closing stages and used their forwards to drive on in search of the points they needed to clinch victory but the closest they got was another snap drop goal attempt by Amor on the stroke of full time, which drifted wide of the posts.





#### The **Passion**



#### Jake Boer



A superb effort from the team just wasn't enough, but if one man had to picked it was Jake Boer.



| Name                | Tries | Conv | PK | DG | Points |
|---------------------|-------|------|----|----|--------|
| Ulster Scorers      |       |      |    |    |        |
| Bryn Cunningham     | 1     | 0    | 0  | 0  | 5      |
| David Humphreys     | 0     | 0    | 3  | 0  | 9      |
| Gloucester Scorers  |       |      |    |    |        |
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| Simon Amor          | 0     | 0    | 0  |    | 0      |

| Ulster                  | Teams | Gloucester           |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Bryn Cunningham         | 15    | Jon Goodridge        |
| Tommy Bowe              | 14    | Marcel Garvey        |
| Kevin Maggs             | 13    | Terry Fanolua        |
| Paul Steinmetz          | 12    | Henry Paul           |
| Tyrone Howe             | 11    | James Bailey         |
| David Humphreys         | 10    | Simon Amor           |
| Kieran Campbell         | 9     | Andy Gomarsall       |
| Simon Best              | 1     | Christo Bezuidenhout |
| Rory Best               | 2     | James Parkes         |
| Rod Moore               | 3     | Phil Vickery         |
| Gary Longwell           | 4     | Adam Eustace         |
| Matt McCullough         | 5     | Alex Brown           |
| Campbell Feather (capt) | 6     | Jake Boer (capt)     |
| Neil Best               | 7     | Andy Hazell          |
| Roger Wilson            | 8     | Adam Balding         |
| Paul Shields            | 16    | Robert Elloway       |
| Ronan McCormack         | 17    | Terry Sigley         |
| Rowan Frost             | 18    | Mark Cornwell        |
| Andy Ward               | 19    | Peter Buxton         |
| Neil Doak               | 20    | James Forrester      |
| Adam Larkin             | 21    | Alex Page            |
| Paddy Wallace           | 22    | Nathan Mauger        |





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|   |   |   |   | Jon Goodridge        | 15   | Juan Martin Hernandez |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Marcel Garvey        | 14   | Christophe Dominici   |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Terry Fanolua        | 13   | Stéphane Glas         |   |       | 1 |   |
|   |   |   |   | Henry Paul           | 12   | Brian Liebenberg      |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | James Bailey         | 11   | Julien Arias          |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Duncan McRae         | 10   | David Skrela          |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Andy Gomarsall       | 09   | Agustin Pichot        |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Christo Bezuidenhout | 01   | Rodrigo Roncero       |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | James Parkes         | 02   | Mathieu Blin          |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Phil Vickery         | 03   | Pieter de Villiers    |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Adam Eustace         | 04   | David Auradou (c)     |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Alex Brown           | 05   | Olivier Brouzet       |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Jake Boer (c)        | 06   | Pierre Rabadan        |   | - 1/1 |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Andy Hazell          | 07   | Mauro Bergamasco      |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Adam Balding         | 08   | Shaun Sowerby         | - | *     |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |                      | replacements   |                       |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Rob Elloway          | 16   | Alexandre Castola     |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Terry Sigley         | 17   | Sylvain Marconnet     |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Mark Cornwell        | 18   | Mike James            |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Peter Buxton         | 19   | Remy Martin           |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | James Forrester      | 20   | Raphaël Poulain       |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Alex Page            | 21   | Olivier Sarramea      |   |       |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | Nathan Mauger        | 22   | Jerome Fillol         |   |       |   |   |

### Today's Match Officials

Referee: Nigel Williams Touch Judge: Nigel Owen **Touch Judge: Clayton Thomas** 

### Today's Result

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