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Welcome to Kingsholm for this afternoon's Powergen Cup quarter final against our West Country neighbours Bristol.

Since leaving the Premiership two season's ago, Richard Hill has done an excellent job taking Bristol back to the top of National Division 1, and pushing to re-join the Premiership once again next season.

As a former Gloucester

Director of Rugby, I am sure you will give Richard a warm welcome back to Kingsholm this afternoon.

Before moving on to this week's game, I must look back to last weekend, one of the most disappointing results of my coaching career.

The stage was set for a thrilling European encounter that could, if everything went to plan, deliver a place in the quarter finals.

of this season's competition.

The response of our loyal supporters was understandable: as a result we have had a difficult week.

The only way we can respond to such a performance is to deliver quality performances, not just this week, but every single week for the remainder of the season.

Today, the winners will progress to the semi-finals of the Powergen Cup, an opportunity to visit Twickenham in April to contest for silverware, and an important European place.

Few will forget their trip to the Powergen Cup two season's ago, few would want to miss the opportunity of repeating such a special day.

West Country derbies are always great occasions, yet again, it's a 13,000 sell-out, and of course the TV are also here.

Enjoy the game.

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In reality it was a contest that lasted less than 40 minutes, three tries gifted to our opponents with no reply ended any hopes of progress to the final stages

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"...it doesn't get much better than a Powergen Cup quarter-final between two old rivals."

Velcome back to Kingsholm and the return of the Powergen Cup. There couldn't have been a more passionate and crucial game to choose to ensure we re-focus and put last Sunday's game behind us.

I've played in a number of

West Country derbies and today is going to be no different, in fact, it possibly has more interest because of the story behind Bristol and their season so far

Last weekend wasn't good, and we've spoken about it this week. We know we can

We've got to attack it today, we need to, and have to, perform today. In the build-up we've had to talk about the negatives from last Sunday to be positive. We've gone over that bad day last weekend, but I've always said that the only way to put that right is out on the pitch.

Preparation was short for this week. We know we let everyone down against Stade and the emotional side of it was hard to take for all parties. We've got to get back to that winning feeling.

We never built our game against Stade Français and we must do that today. I put my hand up to say I didn't perform, and others have also done that, but the only way forward is to move on.

It's been a mixed week with the positives of approaching a cup quarter-final combined with finding answers for last weekend's performance.

It was a huge disappointment for everyone involved, from all of you, through to us, the coaches, and the staff.

After the game I just went home and took time to reflect on what happened. I looked for the reasons behind it and looked for the answers. In fairness I isolated myself, which wasn't great for the family at home, but it was the only way to try and come to terms with what had happened.

We know what we're capable of, we know it's going to be a game today, and we know it's going to be a superb occasion. Take all of this into account, and we will be up there and ready for this.

Enjoy the day.



win and that must start today against Bristol.

Bristol Shoguns are top of division one, they're full of confidence and we'll be treating them just like any top-side in either in the Zurich Premiership or Heineken Cup.

Like I've said, it doesn't get much better than a Powergen Cup quarter-final between two old rivals. We always wanted to do well in the Cup, you only have to think back to 2003 to remember what a cup run can do for everyone, it's a huge lift, and reaching the later stages of this tournament is crucial.

Resident facts man Dave King looks back at a previous cup encounter between Gloucester and Bristol in the 1980s.

REMEMBER When:



Gloucester welcome Bristol Shoguns to Kingsholm today for the 209th encounter between the two clubs.

Whilst for 80 minutes this afternoon there will be a dividing line between the two clubs, there will be a unity thereafter, as the Memorial Ground club endeavour to regain their position once again in the Zurich Premiership.

After this afternoon's game and for the rest of the season, the whole of Kingsholm will be behind Richard Hill and his players, the directors and supporters of the Memorial Ground club, as they push to regain

their lost top-flight status.

This is the fifth encounter between the two clubs in the RFU national cup since it's inception. Previous meetings have been in 1985-1986 - Gloucester 7 Bristol 4, 1996-1997 - Gloucester 18 Bristol 12, and 2001-2002 Bristol 23 Gloucester 37.

The first time the two sides met in the cup competition was in the 1985-1986 season. It was at a stage of the season where Gloucester led the new National Merit Table following an emphatic 25 points to 13 win over Wasps at Kingsholm, the table read as follows:



John Smith's Merit Table

| | PLAYED | WON | LOST | FOR | AGAINST | % |
|------------|--------|-----|------|-----|---------|--------|
| Gloucester | 6 | 5 | 1 | 106 | 92 | 83.33% |
| Nottingham | 1 4 | 3 | 1 | 72 | 42 | 75.00% |
| Harlequins | 3 | 2 | 1 | 68 | 32 | 66.67% |
| Bristol | 4 | 1 | 3 | 66 | 77 | 25.00% |
| Headingly | 6 | 0 | 6 | 61 | 133 | 00.00% |

Gloucester secured their place in the last 16 of the John Player Cup with a 7 points to 4 victory after conceding an injury time try to Bristol's left wing John Carr at the interval.

It was a case of the two Tims coming to the rescue in the second half of a pulsating match as the South West rivals were hell bent on victory.

23-year-old Tim Ford, who enjoyed a fine debut, finished a move involving 14 players. Gaining possession from a powerful scrum Marcus Hannaford kicked ahead. Bristol full back Jon Webb caught the ball and tried to run but was caught by right wing Derrick Morgan. A pass to Paul Taylor saw him start a jinking run which took him pass six

Bristol players. Then from second phase possession the ball was swept out from Marcus Hannaford to Mike Hamlin, and then to Mike Longstaff, back to Hamlin, and out to Tim Fordm who twisted out of the grasp of Andy Dunn and Ralph Knibbs to score.

Tim Smith was off target with the conversion but clinched victory with a cracking 40-yard penalty with ten minutes of play remaining. For Bristol, Andy Dunn at blindside and No 8 Mark Wyatt had stirring games, while Kingsholm fans were grateful for the tough tackling of centres Ruari Maclean and Paul Taylor, the determination of props Pete Jones and Richard Pascall, and the powerful running of Mike Longstaff and No 8 Mike Teague.

Teams:

Gloucester:

Tim Smith; D.Morgan, R.Maclean, P.Taylor, T.Ford; M.Hamlin, M.Hannaford; P.Jones, K.White, R.Pascall, J.Orwin (Captain), J.Brain, J.Gadd, M.Longstaff, M.Teague.

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Replacments: R.Williams, G.Mann

Bristol:

J.Webb; A.Morley, R.Knibbs, D.Sorrell, J.Carr; J.Horton, R.Harding; P.Stiff, K.Bogira, A.Sheppard, A.Blackmore, N.Pomphrey, P.Polledri (Captain), M.Wyatt, A.Dunn.

Replacments: P.Jeffrey, D.Palmer



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There've been some cracking games between Gloucester and Bristol over the years, and the matchday programme rounds up some of the more recent clashes.

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| Results to date | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
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| Gloucester 45 Bristol Shoguns 18 | Saturday 21 September 2002 |
| Gloucester 28 Bristol Shoguns 23 | Saturday 8 June 2002 |
| Bristol Shoguns 40 Gloucester 41 | Sunday 21 April 2002 |
| Bristol Shoguns 23 Gloucester 37 | Sunday 16 December 2001 |
| Gloucester 51 Bristol 17 | Saturday 10 November 2001 |
| Bristol Shoguns 18 Gloucester 9 | Saturday 6 January 2001 |
| Gloucester 38 Bristol 16 | Saturday 30 September 2000 |
| | |

Sunday March '03

Bristol 21 Gloucester 38

Zurich Premiership Memorial Stadium Attendance: 10,693



At the time this game set a new attendance record for the Shoguns, but the home fans went away disappointed after a 38-21 defeat to Gloucester.

With Gloucester riding high in the Premiership, the defeat saw the Shoguns drop one place in the Zurich Premiership to eighth, and with the way other results went, the bottom six started to get very congested.

The game saw the return to the Memorial Stadium of Gloucester coach Dean Ryan who spent four years at Bristol, and it also marked the 100th league appearance for Gloucester lock Mark Cornwell who made his league debut against Bristol in 1995. England prop Trevor Woodman was also making his first start since injuring his neck during the autumn internationals.



Gloucester









Saturday September '02

start their season.

Gloucester 45 **Bristol Shoguns 18**

Zurich Premiership Kingsholm

Attendance 10,117

In the year that Bristol got relegated the Shoguns came to Kingsholm with high hopes of a win to kick

The Shoguns took an early 10-0 lead after only 15 minutes. However, the loss of both captain Ross

Beattie and All Blacks signing Daryl Gibson through injury in the opening five and 18 minutes respectively, reduced the visiting team's options.



Gloucester took the upper hand and Marcel Garvey said 'hello' to the world of rugby with an outstanding individual effort and later completed his

It was still quite a tight affair with 15 minutes to go, Bristol trailed by eight points. A series of mistakes saw Gloucester score three tries in the closing minutes to take maximum points.

Saturday

08

Gloucester 28 Bristol Shoguns 23

Zurich Championship Final Twickenham



Bristol Shoguns' hopes of picking up their first silverware at Twickenham since 1983, when they beat Leicester in the John Player Cup final, were firmly halted by Gloucester.

It was left to the Gloucester and England skipper Phil Vickery to lift the Zurich Championship trophy, the Kingsholm club's first outright Cup since 1978, and leave the Bristol Shoguns team to reflect on what might have been.

Sunday 21 April '02

Bristol Shoguns 40 Gloucester 41

Zurich Premiership Memorial Stadium Attendance: 7,066



If today's game is anything like this one, everyone should go home feeling entertained. It was a points extravaganza at the Memorial Stadium.

The Gloucester pack ran the show and Bristol just couldn't deal with the pressure.

Sunday 16

December '01



Bristol Shoguns 23 Gloucester 37

Powergen Cup Memorial Stadium Attendance: 5,363

This was the last time the two teams met in the Cup and it was a ferocious West Country derby. The final score of 37-22 to Gloucester was slightly flattering. Bristol started the game well when David Rees went over for a try after just two minutes. Bristol continued to put pressure on the visitors, but a Henry Paul penalty took the score to 7-3 and Gloucester went on to dominate.

Saturday 10 November '01

Gloucester 51 Bristol 17

Zurich Premiership Kingsholm

Attendance: 8,431

This was a record defeat for Bristol at Kingsholm. David Rees grabbed a try for Bristol, but Mercier's points and an Andy Hazell try gave Gloucester the lead. The derby match was remembered for an incident after 30 minutes. There



was a fracas at a scrum and the referee signalled for a Bristol
Shoguns free kick. But as the players got up, and in full view
of the official, Garath Archer swung a mighty right hand punch at Trevor Woodman and
Welshman Nigel Williams immediately reached for his red card. A Paramore try just before half
time extended Gloucester's lead. Replacements Andy Gomarsall and James Simpson-Daniel
added further tries to put the seal on their win.

Saturday 06 January '01

Bristol Shoguns 18 Gloucester 9

Zurich Premiership Attendance: 6,903



A superb second half, and a man-of-the-match performance from Felipe Contepomi, sealed Bristol's most recent win over Gloucester. All of the Shoguns' points came from the boot of the flamboyant Argentine fly-half.



Saturday 30 September '00

Gloucester 38 Bristol 16

Zurich Premiership Kingsholm





Brown - now part of the second row at Gloucester

Crompton - returned to Bristol this summer and playing a key role in their surge up the table







Gloucester against Bristol has it all, passion, bravery, spirit and everything else associated with one of the longest standing fixtures in the game and a traditional West Country rugby derby.

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This game will be no different, but it will have a bit of added spice due to the large number of individuals involved today, who have been associated with both clubs in recent years.

The official matchday programme rounds up a few of the stories that may have made the media headlines this week, and some that may not.



Richard Hill

Currently the Bristol head coach, Richard Hill also had just over three years as director of rugby at Gloucester.

Hill has done a good job down at the Memorial Stadium after a tough start following the Club's relegation to Division One.

Hill joined the Shoguns after leaving Newport, and his previous jobs included Ebbw Vale and Harlequins, as well as involvement with England students.

But it all started at Gloucester

as director of rugby after the game turned professional. The former Bath and England scrum-half took the top title at Kingsholm in October 1995, but left in February 1998 to be replaced by one of his major signings Phillip Saint Andre.

Dean Ryan

Currently the coach at Gloucester, Dean Ryan joined Bristol from Newcastle whilst they were pushing for promotion to the top-flight, but injury ruled him out of his first season at the Memorial Stadium club.



Ryan went on to make 28 Zurich Premiership appearances for Bristol, scoring three tries. His playing career came under the guidance of former Australia coach Bob Dwyer, before becoming player/coach in the 2000/01 season.

After he hung up his boots the former England number eight coached Bristol to the Zurich Championship final against Gloucester in 2002, before joining up with Kingsholm club that summer.

Alex Brown

Bristol-born Brown came up through the Shoguns' U21s before going on to became a firm crowd favourite at the Memorial Stadium. The second row forward made 64 Zurich appearances for the Bristol dub, scoring two tries. After relegation to Division One Brown joined his former coach Ryan at Kingsholm, and has gone to earn England squad selection and establish himself as one of the top locks in the Premiership.

Ed Pearce

Ed Pearce has played for all three West Country clubs, and joined Gloucester in the mid 90s after a handful of appearances for Bath. The second row man made 69 Premiership appearances for Gloucester, scoring one try before leaving in the summer of 2003 for a season-long spell at French club Montferrand. Pearce returned to the West Country last summer and has played a major part in Bristol's journey to the top of Division One this season.

James Bailey

Bailey joined Bristol's Academy from Saracens in the summer of 2002. The young flyer showed his talent in the 2003/04 season scoring 14 tries in 21 games for the Shoguns. He joined Gloucester last summer and made a major impact in the pre-season sevens events. He has played in Gloucester's recent Heineken Cup games and has also seen more game time with James Simpson-Daniel out injured during the Autumn. He has also gone to earn England Sevens squad selection.

Also

Former Gloucester Academy prop Mark Irish, who left Kingsholm just over a year ago, has been involved in Bristol's recent United games. The front row man never made a Premiership appearance for Gloucester, but was an un-used replacement on three occasions.





B B C radio gloucestershire



This week BBC Radio Gloucestershire's Ian Randall puts the spotlight on the Club's defence coach Dave Ellis.

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BBCIR: What's the best thing about sport?

DE: The camaraderie with the players and the feeling and belonging to a team. And when you achieve things, the pleasure you get, not only from those achievements, but also the pleasure you give to others.

BBCIR: What was your first job?

DE: It was as a filing clerk in an office in Leeds. I always knew I was going to do something different, although I enjoyed getting paid at the end of the week.

BBCIR: If you weren't in rugby what would be your alternative career?

DE: It's difficult to say, as I've spent most of my life doing what I want to, since I was 16 when I turned professional as a rugby league player, even though I was working in the coal mines at the time, which I did for 10 years. So it's difficult to say as I've known nothing else

apart from working in rugby whether it be league or union, but I suppose it'd be some sort of manual work.

BBCIR:Who's been the biggest influence on your

DE: There's been lots of people who have influenced it. There are two people who have given me the opportunity to succeed. A well-known Frenchman called Jacques Fouroux, who was the head coach at Racing Club De France (Paris) when I went to work there and he was also co-coach of the French national side at the time, and then shortly after that, Bernard Laporte, who gave me the opportunity to work at the very highest level of international rugby.

BBCIR: What's your worst habit?



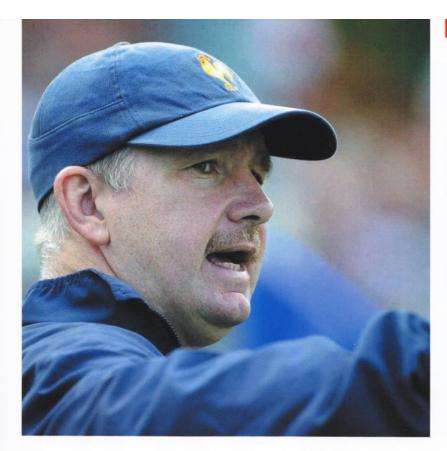
DE: Being a perfectionist.

BBCIR: What can you cook to impress people?

DE: I can cook anything. I've spent a lot of time working in France, so when it comes down to cooking or wine there's not many people much better than me!

BBCIR: What would be your chosen subject on Mastermind?

DE: Anything to do with sport. I could pick rugby, football, athletics, American football,



any sport,. I'm quite knowledgeable about most sports.

BBCIR: What would you like for your next birthday?



BBCIR: What's the one bit of advice you'd give to a younger player?

Actually very, very hard. Actually very, very hard. When you get up in the morning you should be happy that you're going out to do the job. Don't let any second go when you're not working to improve yourself.



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Shed regular Bob Fenton enjoys looking back at years gone by and touches on all those individuals who have been involved with both Bristol and Gloucester.

By the time this programme appears, several million words will have been written about last week's game, so I am not going to add to them here. Suffice to say it is now history, and I suspect that there will have been enough words on the subject this week, so let's move on and look forward to today's events.

Some time before Christmas I was in the car with the boy and an update from the Wasps v Bristol cup game came on the radio. "Who do you want to win?" enquired the innocent one ignoring the fact that I - like every other Gloucester supporter – want Wasps to lose everything. "Bristol," says I. "It would be a great derby and good to see Richard (Hilly) Hill back at Castle Grim."

About ten minutes later thoughts of that derby evaporated as news came through that Wasps scored an injury time try to put the tie beyond Briss.

Fast forward to 23rd December, round about 1pm and all my phones start ringing at once as the news that Wasps had been slung out of the competition for fielding an ineligible player and Bristol would be our opponents. What a great early Christmas present, see Santa does exist and he wears cherry and white!

And here they are today. Welcome Bristol. Of course the last time we played you was at Twickenham a few seasons ago, when we

came home with a big cup, and you didn't in case you can't remember.

Getting this game will no doubt have given Alex Brown, James Bailey ("I'm dead excited," he told me the other day) and, of course, Dean Ryan something to smile about, all having made the short trip up the M5 from the Memorial Ground.

One guy in the Bristol ranks who is a more than a little familiar with Kingsholm is Ed Pearce. Ed left Gloucester along with Olivier Azam bound for Montferrand a few seasons back, he returned to these shores at the same time as Olly, pitching up in his home town of Bristol.

He's already scored a try for

them, I've been scratching my head trying to remember if he ever scored while wearing the cherry and white colours. According to the official stats on the Zurich Premiership site he scored just the one, but I don't remember it. Anyway, nice to see you back Mr Ed.

They are not the only ones to move between Gloucester and Bristol though, the Club's media manager and programme head honcho Justin Hopwood used to earn his corn down there before his undoubtedly lucrative transfer at the start of last season! Here y'go Justin, I'll leave a little gap for your denial(Justin – no comment!)

And Hilly, great to see him back at Kingsholm. For me it was Richer Dill who started the revolution here at Gloucester. Before he came along we were struggling at the wrong end of the table and seemed to be forever destined to carry the boring and over-used tag of "Sleeping Giant".

He may not have woken us up completely, but make no mistake he was the guy who set the alarm clock. He brought in players like Trevor Woodman and Chris Catling among a host of other bright young English players.

He was the man who dared to break the Gloucester tradition of recruiting only local players, bringing in guys like Richard Tombs and it was he who took a risk on a relatively unknown young Samoan lad called Terry Fanolua.

And don't forget that Richer was the man who persuaded Philippe Saint Andre to bring his talents to the English game. Talking of the Saint, I wonder if the Bristol boys remember his first game for Gloucester - two tries for us

against you at Kingsholm!

Richer is without doubt one of the most honest men around in sport anywhere. Back in my 'Shedhead' days I used to speak to him at least a couple of times a season and he always had the greatest of respect for supporters, he showed this by never failing to agree to an interview or to answer a question no matter how dull it was.

Well I say every question, I did ask him one about that infamous England game in Cardiff when all hell kicked off and resulted in him losing the captaincy. He declined, politely, to answer, but fixed me with such a steely gaze that I thought better of pressing him any further.

Before he went into coaching Richer played for some other bit part team from the south west, can't remember their name of the top of my head. At the time the game was amateur and Richer was earning a living from selling insurance.

I told him that he once called on the parents of a friend of mine looking like he had been run over by a bus, and as they did not know who he was they were a bit wary about getting insurance from some hooligan who had been fighting in the streets.

"I remember that, from a game against West Hartlepool," he laughed. "That's what you get for being caught by a prop. I never really thought about that... I guess I didn't look my best. No wonder I got some funny looks," he said.

Richard did wonders for us. and the way he departed was sad. But sometimes revolutionaries need to be replaced to keep the



Phil Vickery in action

momentum going and it was ironic to say the least that it was one of his high profile signings that eventually took over the helm of the ship from him

It's great to see him working his magic down at the Memorial Ground, and I am sure that Bristol supporters have already taken him to their heart, not just for the way he has their team playing, but also for his commitment, honesty and integrity. At the start of the season Bristol didn't figure on the promotion radars of many pundits, but Hilly has got them playing some excellent rugby.

They are gunning their way through the first division at a rate of knots and if they keep that up the great, and original (ie before the shamateur days of Bath) derby games will be back. I know that like many other Gloucester

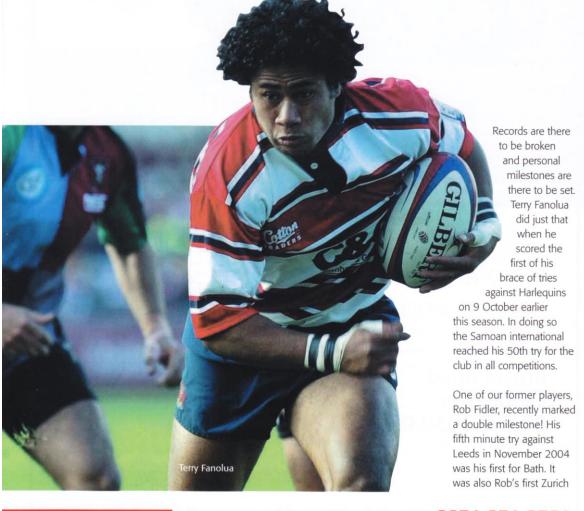
supporters, the game down at Bristol was one of the first I looked for when the fixtures were released, and one that was always enjoyed.

When you think of the financial mess they were in a few seasons ago when it looked like there was a real prospect of them disappearing altogether it makes their progress this term all the more pleasing.

I just hope they were not bargaining on a long cup run, coz while I will gladly take my hat off to their progress on and off the field, you can be too kind to the opposition. So I had better say at this point that while I hope Bristol enjoy their day in the spotlight today, there is only one side that will be going through to the semi final stages.

And that's gonna be the Gloucester boys, I'm afraid. Regular programme contributor
Dave King looks at a few interesting
milestones and comments from
around the game in recent weeks.





Premiership try since 1998. Rob had spanned 126 matches without a single try! Ironically, his last try had been against Bath at Kingsholm! Will Johnson of Leicester is in pole position to surpass Rob's 126 match famine. Currently he has gone 93 matches without scoring!

How about this fact for longevity, Graham Dawe the former Bath, Sale and England hooker is entering his 27th year as a senior rugby player. Graham has been both a player and director of rugby at Plymouth Albion since 1999.

Today's visitors, Bristol Shoguns can boast of providing more players for the clubs in the Premiership than any other club:-

James Bailey and Alex Brown (Gloucester), Ross Beattie (Northampton), Martin Corry (Leicester),



Kris Chesney (Saracens), Phil Christophers (Leeds), Brendon Daniel (Bath), Shane Drahm (Northampton), Simon Emms (Northampton), Daryl Gibson (Leicester), Mark Gabey (Worcester), Paul Hodgson (London Irish), Andrew Higgins (Bath), Michael Horak (London Irish), Josh Lewsey (Wasps), Michael Lipman (Bath), Scott Morgan (Leeds) Tim Payne (Wasps), Mark Regan (Leeds), David Rees (Leeds), Peter Richards (Wasps), Andrew Sheridan (Sale), Fraser Waters (Wasps), Julian White (Leicester) and Michael Worsley (Harlequins) are just a few of the players who have played for Bristol, and who are currently in the Premiership.

The Fanolua family have set a precedent in English rugby. Terry of course is at Kingsholm while his brother Tupa is a fly half with South West one leaders Cinderford. While cousin, Ronnie Patea, is a back row forward with the Forest of Dean club. Their coaches are Martin Roberts and Pete Glanville, former Gloucester players who are master minding the drive towards promotion.

Richard Hill, the Bristol director of rugby, laid a ghost to rest when Bristol defeated Waterloo in an earlier Powergen Cup encounter this season! It was 12 years to the day that Richard had been a member of the Bath team that had been eliminated by the Drummers at Blundell Sands 9-8. That Bath team



also included Martin Haag, now Richard's assistant at the Memorial Ground.

And now it's time for a reflection on some recent comments that have been noted. Some will note the outstanding comment by Stuart Barnes on his thoughts of 2004.

When asked about his long lasting memory of 2004, he commented, 'the enduring meanness and oneeyedness of the Gloucester Shed. So long as that exists then English club rugby will always have its roots. I love going to Gloucester because those miserable

buggers are always there in force!

But it's not just the journalists who get remembered. Match official Tony Spreadbury, in a newspaper interview, stated in a response to possessing a trait of humour, referred to Kingsholm as such!

'When I referee at Kingsholm, 13,000 people watch my every move. They don't like me very much. I'm from Bath. I accept that but if the crowd boo me I referee better. I just penalise Gloucester.

David King

VATCI- Heineken Cup Cup



Gloucester



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Sunday 16 Jan 2005, Kingsholm Attendance: 13,000

Gloucester crashed out of the Heineken Cup after being overpowered and out-played by Stade Français at Kingsholm last weekend.

First half tries from Dominici, Glas and Bergamasco finished the Kingsholm club's European involvement in a very poor first half Gloucester performance.

Nigel Melville's team needed to win, and win well, but the decisions on the pitch didn't seem to mirror the pre-match game plan.

When the final whistle went,

it was the first time that Gloucester had been kept score-less at Kingsholm, since a 20-0 defeat to Bath in February 1993.

The only consolations were a better second half performance and the return from injury of James Simpson-Daniel, who was given the all-clear to play before kick off. The winger showed glimpses of what the Gloucester back-line has been missing in recent weeks.

The team's thoughts quickly turned to the 13,000 sellout Powergen Cup quarterfinal against Bristol Shoguns.





The Passion





| Name | Tries | Conv | PK | DG | Points |
|---------------------|-------|------|----|----|--------|
| Stade Scorers | | | | | |
| David Skrela | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 12 |
| Stéphane Glas | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Christophe Dominici | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Mauro Bergamasco | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 |

| Gloucester | Team | Stade Francais |
|----------------------|------|-----------------------|
| | 15 | |
| Jon Goodridge | 15 | Juan Martin Hernandez |
| Marcel Garvey | 14 | Julien Arias |
| Terry Fanolua | 13 | Stéphane Glas |
| Henry Paul | 12 | Brian Liebenberg |
| James Simpson-Daniel | 11 | Christophe Dominici |
| Duncan McRae | 10 | David Skrela |
| Andy Gomarsall | 9 | Agustin Pichot |
| Christo Bezuidenhout | .1 | Rodrigo Roncero |
| James Parkes | 2 | Mathieu Blin |
| Phil Vickery | 3 | Pieter de Villiers |
| Adam Eustace | 4 | David Auradou (c) |
| Alex Brown | 5 | Olivier Brouzet |
| Jake Boer (c) | 6 | Pierre Rabadan |
| Andy Hazell | 7 | Mauro Bergamasco |
| James Forrester | 8 | Shaun Sowerby |
| Robert Elloway | 16 | Benjamin Kayser |
| Terry Sigley | 17 | Sylvain Marconnet |
| Peter Buxton | 18 | Mike James |
| Adam Balding | 19 | Remy Martin |
| Alex Page | 20 | Raphaël Poulain |
| Nthan Mauger | 21 | Olivier Sarramea |
| James Bailey | 22 | Jerome Fillol |





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| | | | | Jon Goodridge | 15 | Sean Marsden | | | | - |
| | | | | Marcel Garvey | 14 | Marco Stanojevic | | | | |
| | | | | Terry Fanolua | 13 | Rob Higgitt | | - 88 | | |
| | | | | Henry Paul | 12 | Sam Cox | | | | |
| | | | | Seti Kiole | 11 | Luke Nabaro | | | | |
| | | | | Duncan McRae | 10 | Jason Strange | | | | |
| | | | | Andy Gomarsall | 09 | Ross Blake | | 160 | | |
| | | | | Christo Bezuidenhout | 01 | Dave Hilton | | | | |
| | | | | Mefin Davies | 02 | Saul Nelson | 13 | - | | |
| | | | | Phil Vickery | 03 | Jason Hobson | | | | |
| | | | | Adam Eustace | 04 | Ed Pearce | | | | |
| | | | | Alex Brown | 05 | Ollie Hodge | | | | |
| | | | | Jake Boer (c) | 06 | Chris Morgan | | | | |
| | | | | Andy Hazell | 07 | Joe El Abd (c) | | | | |
| | | | | Adam Balding | 08 | Jim Brownrigg | 13 | | 26 | THE REAL PROPERTY. |
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| | | | | James Parkes | 16 | Greg Nichols | | | | |
| | | | | Terry Sigley | 17 | Jon Pritchard | | | | |
| | | | | Peter Buxton | 18 | Adam Billig | | | | |
| | | | | James Forrester | 19 | Alex Clarke | | | | |
| | | | | Alex Page | 20 | Neil Clark | | | | |
| | | | | Nathan Mauger | 21 | Ollie Kohn | | | | |
| | | | | James Bailey | 55 | Richard Martin-Redman | | | 19 | |

The Powergen Cup Quarter-Finals





Friday 21 January



Sale Sharks v Bath Rugby at Edgeley Park

Saturday 22 January



Northampton Saints v Leeds Tykes at Headingley

Sunday 23 January



Saracens v London Irish at Vicarage Road

Today's Match Officials

Referee: Steve Lander RFU 1st TJ: Andrew Pearce RFU 2nd TJ: Paul Emerson RFU

Replacement Ref: Tony Sproadbury RFU 4th Official: Mark Tovey Glos Soc

Today's Result

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