













"Good afternoon and welcome to Kingsholm for yet another West Country derby..."



ood afternoon and welcome to Kingsholm for yet another West Country derby, this time it is our friends from Worcester and back to Zurich Premiership rugby.

Last week it was Bristol and the Powergen Cup, a pretty miserable afternoon in terms of the weather, but as an occasion it was a fantastic atmosphere, and a decent game considering the conditions.

To be honest, an ugly win would have been enough, but there were many aspects of the performance we were pleased with.

Understanding and playing the conditions has become a necessity (not an option) this winter. Every time we take the field it seems to rain or blow a gale, and usually both! Valuable lessons have certainly been learnt and will undoubtedly help us to become a more complete team.

I could not move on without mentioning the Powergen Cup draw. Having been assured just hours before the draw, that the first and third balls would be home venues, we

36 hours later) and still I don't have a clue as to where we will play our semifinal tie against Bath. Surely it is not that difficult! : (It's Kingsholm – see page 7)

Today, we welcome Worcester Warriors to Kingsholm, having been a thorn in everyone's side during the first half of the season, I am certain they will continue this theme well in to April, particularly at Sixways, you only have to remember our titanic battle back in October!

For Andy Keast, John Brain, Tony Windo, Lee Fortey, Clive Stuart-Smith and Thinus Delport we give an especially warm welcome, their careers may have moved on, but they have all made a significant contribution to the success of Gloucester rugby in the past.

Next week, international rugby moves back onto the agenda with the Six Nations Championship. International selections will undoubtedly play their part in the final Premiership positions of many clubs, and we will all continue to discuss the merits of playing through this period.

Whatever the merits I am sure that each contest will be keenly contested and the fans of premiership rugby will be getting behind their teams, with or without their top players.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and enjoy the game.



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were then thrown into total confusion as Terry Burwell announced that the venues would be announced in the next 24 hours

So here I am writing my programme notes on Wednesday afternoon (over

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The official matchday programme re-lives an unusual story from the time that Gloucester played Worcester in 1999.

AN UNUSUAL DAY at kingsholm

It is un-usual for 7,000 people to be told about a baby's birth before the father! The father in question was Mark Mapletoft, now of London Irish but on that January day of 1999, Mark was a vital cog in the Gloucester team.

While Mark was busy scoring 16 points in Gloucester's hard fought 31-17 victory in the Tetley Bitter Cup match, his partner was giving birth to 6lbs 8oz Ellie in nearby Cheltenham General Hospital.

Mark did not hear the public announcement of a safe delivery and it was only as he was coming off the pitch that the 27-year-old fly half discovered the news. 'As I was walking off the pitch I heard something about a baby but just thought they were wishing me luck' said Mark.

It was not until he saw his sister Leigh at the end of the Kingsholm player's tunnel that he realised what had happened when he saw her grinning.

There had been no messages from the touchline, they were all restricted to tactics and not maternity hospital bulletins.

John Fidler, the Gloucester team manager at the time, admitted someone had told him Mark's wife had given birth to a girl.

John said: 'Tofty told me at 7.30am she had gone into Cheltenham Hospital so I told him to go in with her, but obviously we would expect you to play unless there were complications.

The Gloucester director of rugby on that day was Richard Hill (of last week's visitors Bristol Shoguns), who said at the time: 'I said it would be highly unlikely if the baby came between three and 4.30pm!'

However Mark concluded

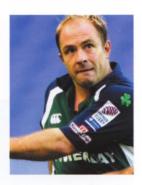
this most unusual episode by saying, 'It might have been different had I been on the bench but once selected I was always going to play'.

Impending fatherhood did not deter Gloucester's point scoring machine from scoring 16 points to ensure of the home team's victory.

Mark, now of London Irish, joined the Kingsholm staff from Rugby RFC. After leaving Gloucester he had short spells with two other London clubs, Harlequins and Saracens, before he moved to the Madejski Stadium.

Even to this day Mark enjoys career records with Gloucester RFC - the most points 848 between 1994 and 1999 - most conversions 90 and most penalties 183. Mark scored 34 points in a match versus Ebbw Vale in 1996 in a 59 points to 7 victory.

At the commencement



of this season only Tim Stimpson of Leeds Tykes with 1,202 points, Paul Grayson, Northampton Saints 1,164, Jonny Wilkinson Newcastle Falcons 1,101 and Barry Everett also of London Irish with 908 and Alex King Wasps 817 have scored more than Mark's 693 points in the Premiership.

Despite his success including his solitary England cap, versus Argentina on 7 June 1997, that day of 9 January 1999, when Worcester last visited Kingsholm will live longest in his memory.

David King

Programme contributor Dave King looks back at a clash between Gloucester and Worcester from 1999.

REMEMBER When?

How times have changed for Worcester. In 1989-90 they were playing in North Midlands One, and in 1999 they arrived at Kingsholm with seven former Gloucester players in their team for a Tetley Bitter Cup tie.

The ground with its wet and muddy conditions enhanced the chances of the underdogs but both teams managed to produce some skilful and entertaining rugby. The Premiership Two team gave a good account of themselves and it was only in the second half that

Gloucester were able to assert their superiority.

Former Gloucester scrum half Bruce Fenley led the Worcester team, ironically Bruce has made two appearances for our Zurich 'A' League team this season. He was accompanied by Gloucester old boys Chris Raymond, Nigel Richardson, Pete Mitchell, and replacement James Broady in the Worcester pack, while Simon Morris and Paul Holford were on the wings.

With seven promotions in the previous nine seasons they did not arrive at Kingsholm for a mauling. Mark Mapletoft opened the scoring after sprinting 90 metres to score a try after Worcester spilled the ball in

for Gloucester in 1999

Chris Catling scooped it up to set Mark Mapletoft on his run. Mapletoft converted to put the home side seven points clear within seven minutes of the kick off.

Embattled Worcester fought back and were awarded a penalty when Rory Greenslade-Jones impeded Richardson off the ball. Liley kicked to the left corner again and Worcester kept the ball in the forwards from the line out and Richardson powered over for a try, which Liley converted.

A mistake by John Liley following a kick ahead by Chris Catling led to a Gloucester line out and then a penalty after a drive by Trevor Woodman. Mark Mapletoft kicked a further penalty to put Gloucester in the lead by 13 points to 7 after twenty minutes.

Two minutes later the home side increased their lead as Trevor Woodman made a thirty metre break, the ball was recycled and Philippe St Andre was set free on the left for a try. Mark Mapletoft missed the conversion.

Gloucester forwards were penalised for offside and Liley kicked the resulting penalty. From a scrum in front of the posts Mitchell was held up on the line but Jenner picked up the ball and drove over for a try that Liley converted. Gloucester had a one-point advantage at half time by 18 points to 17.

Gloucester replaced Neil

McCarthy with Chris Fortey at half time and within three minutes of the restart scored a further try when Steve Ojomoh found himself on the end of a three quarter movement. After missing the conversion Mark Mapletoft made amends by kicking a 57th minute penalty.

Just three minutes later another half time replacement, Dave Sims took a line out ten metres out to see the Gloucester pack power Chris Fortey over to conclude the scoring and enable the Kingsholm team to register a 31-17 victory.

It's interesting to look at how the teams have changes in the space of six years. There will be no Worcester players returning for today's match. Terry Fanolua, Mark Cornwell, Andy Hazell and the injured Chris Fortey still remain with Gloucester.

Of the others, Brian Johnson has now retired. Philippe St Andre and Trevor Woodman are with Sale, Nigel Cane with Plymouth Albion, Neil McCarthy coaches Walcot Old Boys in Bath, Andy Deacon has retired so has Adey Powles, Rob Fidler is with Bath, Ed Pearce with last week's visitors Bristol, Nathan Carter is with Birmingham Solihull and Steve Ojomoh has also now retired. Dave Sims is with Exeter Chiefs, and Chris Raymond and Bruce Fenley are with Old Patesions of Cheltenham.

Dave King

Gloucester:

C.Catling

BJohnson

T. Fanolua

R.Greenslade-Jones

P.St Andre

(ALumsden 74th min)

M.Mapletoft

N.Cane

T.Woodman

N.McCarthy (C.Fortey 40th)

A.Deacon

(A.Powles 40th min)

R.Fidler (Capt)

M.Comwall

(D.Sims 40th min)

E.Pearce

S.Ojomoh

N.Carter

(A.Hazell 66th min)

Worcester:

J.Liley

S.Morris D.Hughes

(P.Holford 54th min)

R.Myler

N.Baxter

(N.Malone 57th min)

R.LeBas

B.Fenley

(Capt, S.Powell 77th min)

M.Linnett

D.Ball

(G.Houston 77th min)

P.Mitchell

(J.Broady 28-35th min)

R.Denhart

C.Raymond

G.Clark

(M.Gilbert 74)

J.Jenner

(E.Orgee 54th min)

N.Richardson

Referee: R.Goodliffe (RFU)

in 1998-99

That in the 1998-1999 season the following players made their debuts for Gloucester RFC? They were Simon Mannix, Rory Greenslade-Jones, Andy Dawling, Kingsley Jones, Andy Hazell, Mike Davies and Adam Eustace.

In the 98-99 season there were no ever presents. Steve Ojomoh made 25 appearances with 1 as a replacement.

A total of 36 players were used with five as a replacement during the season.

It was a season where Chris Catling became the third Gloucester player to score a hat trick of tries in a league match when he scored three times in a home win versus Newcastle.

That Mark Mapletoft extended his record of scoring in consecutive League matches to 48

That Chris Catling and Philippe St Andre finished the season on eight tries, to equal the dub record achieved previously by Paul Holford and Terry Fanolua.

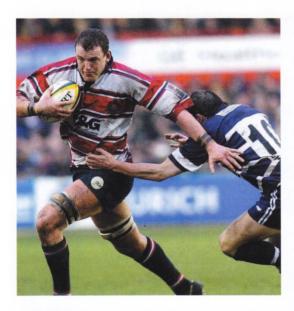
That Simon Mannix scored 28 points versus Northampton in the final match of the season scoring a try, converting all four of Gloucester's tries and kicked five penalties, therefore beating Mark Mapletoft's previous record by one point.

That Make Mapletoft finished the season as the dub's leading try scorer in League rugby with 19, which was two more that Paul Holford's previous record.

B B C radio gloucestershire



BBC Radio Gloucestershire's lan Randall reviews the last few weeks including the novelty of watching last Saturday's win over Bristol from the TV.



B B C RADIO GLOUCESTERSHIRE

I wasn't around for last Saturday's Cup win, but with the game being televised on BBC 1, I had the luxury of being able to watch the match on video, and found it quite a different experience. For one, I had no microphone for the commentary and was purely watching the game (even if I do admit to listening to Andrew Cotter's style rather closely!), but equally, sat in the comfort of your armchair, I realised how much of the match day ritual you miss. The walk to the ground: reading the match programme; getting in and going to your particular spot to watch the game; and the build up to the point where the teams come out - all this ahead of the match itself. The 'live' element of being at a game cannot be replicated at home.

That said, the detatched nature of watching a game with all the aids of television gives you a much better

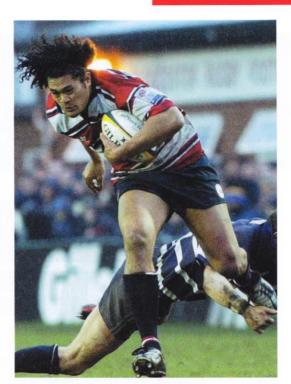
view of everything. I came to the video knowing the result but not knowing how it was achieved. I'm sure Nigel and Dean will have dissected the performance piece by piece, but what struck me was that it was the fourth game in a row where the cutting edge we all crave for in the back division looked to be missing. Since the first 10 minutes against Leicester, opposition defences haven't had that look of fear when Gloucester run at them. Admittedly two of the games have been played in dreadful conditions, but against Bristol I would have expected to see a greater gap in class considering their non Premiership status. Richard Hill's side hope to follow - or possibly replace - today's opponents in the top division next season, and if the atmosphere last Saturday is anything to go by, they'll be a welcome addition.

The sell-out of seven days ago is replaced today against last season's National Division 1 Champions. Gloucester got a real fright at Sixways in October and their home form may yet be enough to steer them clear of trouble at the foot of the table. Unlike Rotherham, who regularly found themselves on the wring end of big scorelines, Worcester have rarely crumbled, so don't expect them to today. John Brain and Andy Keast know Kingsholm well, and may see a Gloucester side not firing

on all cylinders as one they can upset. It's an important game for both clubs with fixtures starting to run out.

Gloucester have eight Premiership matches left after today, four here and four away. It's not inconceivable that a team in form could achieve a clean sweep of victories, but I'm sure I'm not alone in thinking the side isn't in overdrive just now.

A win today and at Ouins next week would consolidate the mid table position, though I must confess I couldn't predict wins at Newcastle, Sale and London Irish with any confidence at this stage. I would hope to send Leeds and Saracens home from here empty handed, probably along with Northampton, while the clash with Bath looks the hardest of the remaining home games. Nigel and Dean are still setting the top three as a target. It could be a real scramble to get there, but it's what we need.





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Resident club historian Dave King looks at a moment when Gloucester players supposedly 'went on strike' and looks at former player Roy 'Digger' Morris.

FROM THE chive



On a winter's day at the beginning of January (2nd) in 1965 a Gloucester United team were reported by the media to have 'gone on strike'!

The reason was that they were due to travel to Bargoed in South Wales a man short. A few minutes before the coach was due to depart from Kingsholm news reached the United team that there had been three late cry offs. The waiting players were in consternation as to whether to travel to the South Wales club or not!

However, reserves were mustered, and even one of the Gloucester premier team reserves was asked to travel to the Welsh match. He readily agreed to do so. Everyone was placated and it was agreed to travel.

Then a further cry off caused one player to remark, 'No bloody way am I travelling to a Welsh club with a fourteen man team'. The rest of the team quickly followed suit and they refused to travel to Bargoed.

Subsequently, the coach was cancelled and the players quickly disbanded, some returning to watch the first team play London Scottish.

Meanwhile Bargoed were totally unaware of events at Kingsholm. Their team had already changed into

their playing kit, the club organisers had laid on food and the customary barrel of beer! No Gloucester team appeared.

The then team secretary Mr Douglas Dawe had to telephone the Welsh club to tell them that Gloucester could not raise a team. A club official made a statement declaring, 'It was a strike if you like to put it that way'. He also added that Bargoed expenses would be paid from Kingsholm funds.

He went on to say, 'We are very worried about the irresponsible way in which some players leave it to the last minute before crying off'. The game has certainly moved on.

Roy 'Digger' Morris

Some of our supporters have expressed an interest in the playing career of Roy 'Digger' Morris. It is well chronicled that he attended Hatherly Road School and he gained a regular place in the Gloucester team in the 1932-1933 season when he appeared in 35 matches.

He left Kingsholm at the end of that season after obtaining work in Birmingham and joined Moseley for the 1934-1935 season. One year later 'Digger' returned and formed a formidable second row for Gloucester alongside John A'Bear.

'Digger' was selected for Gloucestershire in 1937, the first of 15 caps he would be awarded by the County

selectors. This brought him to more prominence and he had a trial for England in 1938.

He joined the Royal Air Force and this led to appearances in some exotic locations. 'Digger' appeared for the English Services versus the Welsh Services in Egypt! He was selected for an RAF touring team in 1945 and played for United Services team versus South Africa in Rome. Only the best venues - Egypt and Rome, putting Twickenham, Cardiff Arms Park, Murrayfield and Lansdown Road in the shade!

Immediately after the Second World War 'Digger' was selected as a reserve for England in 1945 and 1946. He was joint captain of the club with Tom Price in the 1945-46 season. The following season of 1946-47 he captained Gloucestershire in the County Championship.

He brought an end to a colourful career on Saturday 2 October 1948 versus Bedford. A match, which ended in 6-6 tie.

The Gloucester fifteen on that Autumn afternoon was:-

P.Nicholls; M.Sutton, S.H.Davies, R.Knight, J.Wilson; R.Sutton, R.Mitchell, H.Meadows, C.Thomas, J.Chamberlayne, Roy 'Digger' Morris (Captain), I.Jones, (No, not from New Zealand), C.Down, S.Smart, R.Hodge.

The club was shorn of eight regulars for that match for W.Hook, S.Dangerfield,



K.Daniell, C.Crabtree, D.D.Burns, T.Day, J.Watkins and G.Hudson were assisting Gloucestershires to a 26-8 victory over Dorset and Wiltshire in the County Championship at Victoria Park, Salisbury.

Mike Burton characterised 'Digger' in his autobiography (published in 1982 with the assistance of Stephen Jones) when he related that 'Digger' had told Mike after he had been floored in a Longlevens third XV match at Cainscross,

'Come on son, never stay down!. 'Digger' was on the touchline giving everyone the benefit of his opinions, the referee, Cainscross and a Longlevens third XV.

'Digger' began his career with the defunct Gloucester Wagon Works; his playing career eventually led to a County Championship Final in 1947. A Final lost after a replay, I am sure he would be pleased with what we witness today at Kingsholm.

David King



Shed head Bob Fenton looks back at last weekend and recalls some funny moments from over the last few years.

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I suppose it was inevitable wasn't it... A Gloucester versus Bath PowerGen cup semi final.

At the time of writing the venue hasn't been decided but I think Kingsholm is free that weekend, and as we were the first team out of the hat (or third to be precise) we should be the home side so that's okay, and our 13,000 capacity will be enough for the usual Gloucester crowd and the average coach load of travelling Bath fans.

I have to say that I had it down for the final, after all Twickenham would have been pretty well packed as the Gloucester faithful and the Bath supporter(s), hangers on and bit part glory hunters

rolled into town.

Instead we are to re-enact the Clash of the Titans in the penultimate round, and like a kid with a handful of pennies waiting for the ice cream man to turn up, I can't wait for it to arrive!

But I'm going to have to, and all the cup stuff has to be put on hold for a few more weeks. Here we are today, another Saturday, another full house and another local derby. Does it get much better than this?

Having had Bristol scoot thirty odd miles northwards last weekend, Worcester travel about the same distance south today reportedly bringing a few thousand

supporters with them. I hope so, because Kingsholm was a great place to be last weekend. Noisy, funny (more on that later) and more or less how it used to be when the fixture was part of the regular season.

If the season carries on the way it has been then maybe we should start planning for a mass invasion of the Memorial Ground next season. That is if Bristol end the season on top of the pile and, more importantly, politics do not prevent them from being promoted.

It's unfortunate that with several months of the season remaining a whispering campaign suggesting that they would be prevented

from joining the premiership elite has already started. This is so very wrong. If they are the best team in the division them they deserve the promotion, and the team at the bottom of the Premiership should go down, whether it is Worcester, Harlequins or anyone else. And yes, I would be saying the same thing if it was Gloucester stuck in the mire at the bottom of the heap.

I cannot see how anyone can say that the Memorial Ground is not up to scratch, it was fine for the seasons that they were in the Premiership and it is miles better than the likes of the Rec.

The argument that the owners put money into the dubs is true enough, but that's their decision. Just the same as stocks and shares - clubs are likely to go down as well as up, you pay your money, you take your chance. And you don't see football dub owners clamouring to change the rules if their club gets relegated.

So come on Premiership, let sport dictate who gets promoted and relegated, not decisions behind dosed doors.

Anyway, a big Kingsholm welcome to Worcester, their ex-Gloucester contingent of coaches and players and their supporters today, and a special hello for Thinus (DelBoy) Delport. Thinus is a top man who, just before the Powergen cup final a few seasons ago allowed me to 'shadow' him to get an insight into his preparation for the big game for an article that appeared in the programme.

He also let the boy, then aged nine, interview him. Given that Thinus was probably more used to answering



searching questions from the international rugby media he could have been excused for going through the motions a bit, but not a chance. He answered every question thoughtfully, and explained what he meant so that Matthew would understand.

As a result one of Matthew's favourite pictures is of him with Thinus at a reserve match and he was gutted when he left. So was his Mum as she was deprived the opportunity of ogling pictures of him in the Gloucester programme each week...

And don't forget the venerable old - well 35 - Tony (Reg) Windo, a player who has a place in Gloucester folklore as the first ever winner of the Shedhead Player of the Season Award. Another top man is our Tony, in case you have forgotten he scored his only try of the season against us up at Sixways, so he'll fancy his chances again today.

Earlier on in this piece I mentioned funny comments. A few weeks back a guy from my work was at Kingsholm and he thought the stick handed out to Stuart Barnes (ie "He's fat, he's round he can't get off the ground" and a rousing chorus of "Who ate all the pies") was hilarious. I told him that wit was one of the cornerstones of the shed, and was promptly asked for some examples.

That got me thinking, what would be the top few funny comments that I could remember. Of course many of them would be unprintable in a family publication like this one, so a couple of my all time favourites have been left out. If you want to know what they were, you'll have to

So, in no particular order my favourite Shed 'sledging' moments would be:

Leicester came to town with the ready-made kids party favourites Derek Jellev and Paul Gustard in their ranks which prompted prolonged singing of Da Da Da Da Da etc - you know the Rhubarb and

Custard theme music.

James Forrester early in his Gloucester career making a break through the middle and some guy yelling "Run, Forest, Run!" – as heard in Forrest Gump.

Audley Lumsden was reduced to fits of laughter when, after scoring a try. He was asked if he dicked his shiny red boots three times would he go back to Bath – he became known as 'Dorothy' on the back of that one.

A few years back Harlequins came to town with David Officer (who went on to play for Worcester) on the wing in place of the injured (surely not!) Dan Luger. He forced a grin when some guy up the back yelled out in a daft German accent, "Officer! Ver iss your Luger?!"

There's a load more, in fact I think I will start a poll on the Shedweb site for the funniest comment heard at a game. You have my starters for 10, let's have some more and I'll compile and all time top 10.

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Gloucester Bristol Shoguns

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Gloucester cruised through to the semifinal of the Powergen Cup with a well-worked and sensible 21-0 win over West Country rivals Bristol Shoguns at

Attendance: 13,000

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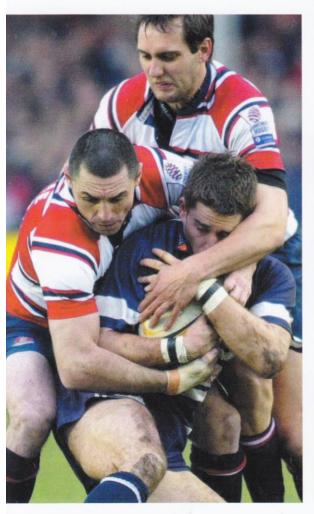
The wind and the rain were in force, but the atmosphere from the 13,000 sell-out crowd created a very special environment that rivalled

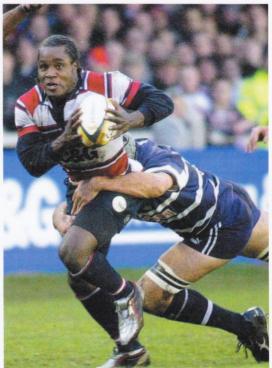
Kingsholm last weekend.

those legendary clashes with Munster over the last two seasons.

Referee: Steve Lander

The Shoguns came out fighting and gave Gloucester the battle they expected. The experience of the Kingsholm club came through, with points from the boot of Henry Paul and tries from Andy Gomarsall and Alex Brown sealing a place in the semi-final.





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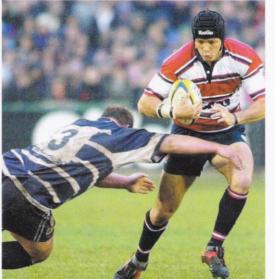
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Gloucester Scorers							
Henry Paul	0	1	3	0	11		
Any Gomarsall	1	0	0	0	5		
Alex Brown	1	0	0	0	5		



Gloucester	Teams		
Jon Goodridge			
Marcel Garvey			
Terry Fanolua			
Henry Paul			
Seti Kiole			
Duncan McRae			
Andy Gomarsall			
Christo Bezuidenhout			
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Neil Clark
Ollie Kohn
Richard Martin-Redman

Bristol



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Zurich Premiership Round 14, Saturday 29th January 2005, KO 3.00pm

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				Marcel Garvey	14	Giscard Pieters				
				Terry Fanolua	13	Dale Rasmussen				
				Henry Paul	12	Thomas Lombard				
				Seti Kiole	11	Darren O'Leary		1		
				Duncan McRae	10	James Brown				
				Andy Gomarsall	09	Matt Powell				
				Christo Bezuidenhout	01	Tony Windo				
				Mefin Davies	02	Andre Van Neikerk				
				Phil Vickery	03	Chris Horsman				
				Adam Eustace	04	Tim Collier				
				Alex Brown	05	Craig Gillies				
				Jake Boer (c)	06	Drew Hickey				
				Andy Hazell	07	Pat Sanderson (c)				
				Adam Balding	08	Brad Macleod-Henderson				
					replacements					
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				Terry Sigley	17	Chris Hall				
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				James Bailey	22	Ben Hinshelwood				

Zurich Premiership 2004/05

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	Α	TB	LB	PTS
Leicester Tigers	13	10			389	191			51
London Wasps	13	9	1	3	308	247	2	3	43
Sale Sharks	13	8	0	5	321	236	2	3	37
Newcastle Falcons	13	7	-1	5	307	318	3	1	34
Bath Rugby	13	7	1.	5	274	261	1	2	33
Gloucester	13	7	0	6	250	270	2	1	31
London Irish	13	6	0	7	240	259	0	3	27
Saracens	13	5	2	6	197	248	-1	2	27
Northampton Saints	13	4	0	9	229	254	2	4	22
Leeds Tykes	13	4	0	9	232	288	0	5	21
Worcester Warriors	13	4	0	9	202	327	-1	4	21
NEC Harlequins	13	3	1	9	224	274	1	5	20

Today's Match Officials

Referee: Tony Spreadbury RFU 1st TJ: Lloyd Jackson RFU 2nd TJ: Steve Savage RFU

Replacement Ref: Robin Goodliffe RFU 4th Official: Mark Tovey GLOS SOC 5th Official: Matt Carley GLOS SOC

Today's Result

Gloucester

Worcester Warriors

