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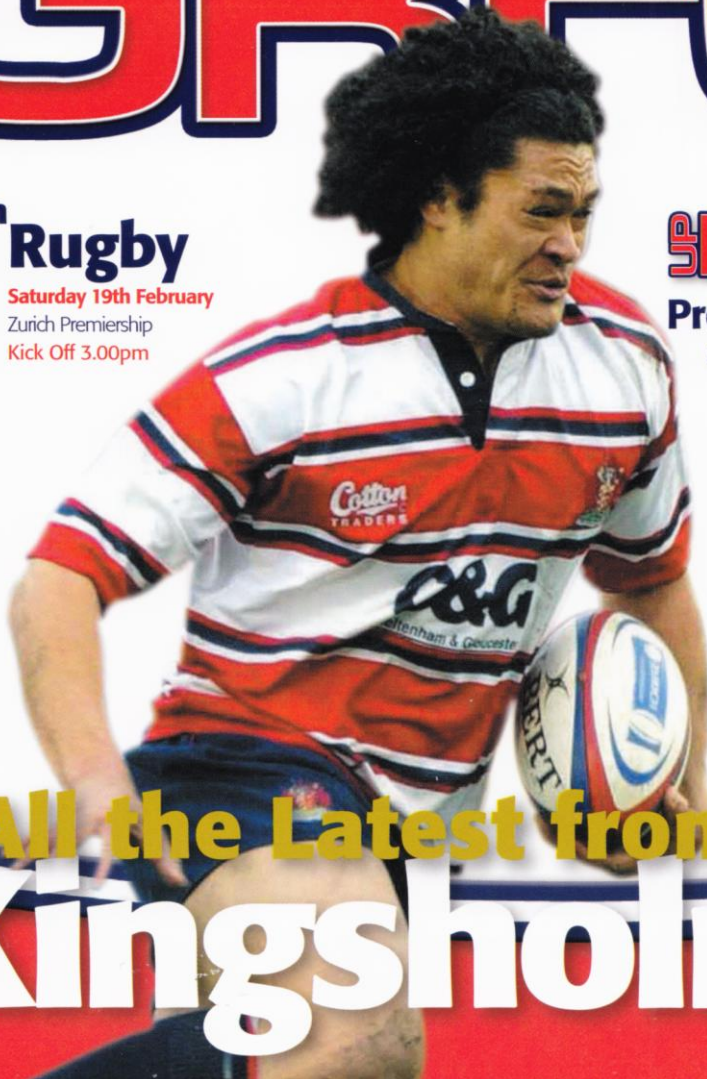
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“Good afternoon and welcome to Kingsholm for yet another West Country derby...”



Good afternoon and welcome to Kingsholm for yet another West Country derby and the first leg of our cup and league double header against Bath.

Following our poor performance away at Harlequins just two weeks ago, I can safely say, we cannot wait to get back on the field today.

In terms of preparation, both sides have been affected by Six Nations call-ups. I have never been a supporter of playing through international

release periods and my opinion has not changed in recent weeks.

This weekend we welcome back Mefin Davies, Phil Vickery, Andy Hazell and Henry Paul, not to mention Dave Ellis! All played a part in last week's Six Nations games, but only two arrived back with a smile on their faces!!

Elsewhere, Premier Rugby Limited (PRL) has confirmed that an additional allowance of £250,000 will be available for each Zurich

biggest issues facing the game at present. While everybody has been quick to jump on the 'have a go at Andy Robinson' bandwagon, I wonder how well England would be faring if everyone were available for selection.

This is a subject that directors of rugby have been facing all season. It is no exaggeration to say that 'the doctor picks the team'.

At times this season, it has been a case of the last 22 standing play at the weekend. Increasing squad sizes may be one answer, but quantity does not guarantee quality!

Now that the problem with injuries is starting to affect the national team performance, there appears to be a growing collective who will want to address the issues.

One thing that we can guarantee today, such is the intense rivalry between Gloucester and Bath, the competitive edge to today's game at Kingsholm remains intact. Every player will give his all for his Club today.

Last week's England game at Twickenham appeared to lack a certain amount of passion both on and off the field. That certainly won't be the case this afternoon.

Have a great afternoon.

Nigel's notes



Nigel Melville
Director of Rugby

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Premiership club within the salary cap regulations for the 2005-06 season. PRL are now looking at a mechanism to ensure that this allowance is used to increase squad sizes

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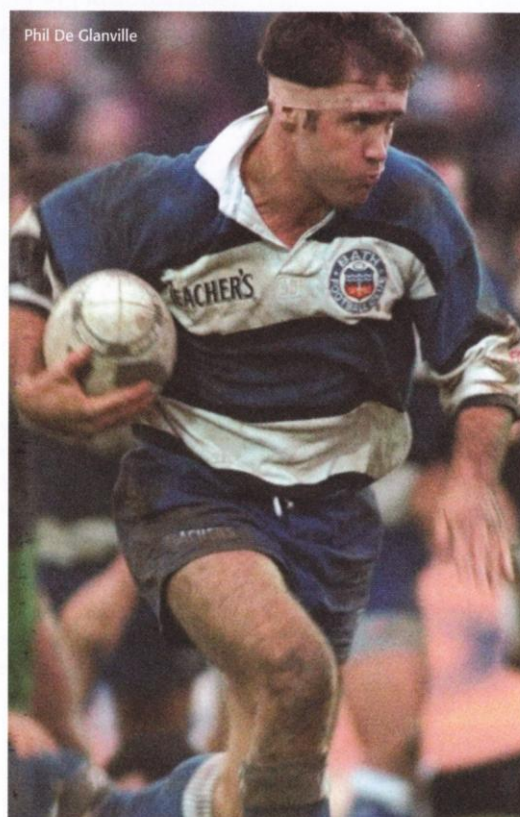
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Resident club historian **Dave King** looks back to **1996** and a previous clash between Gloucester and Bath at Kingsholm.

REMEMBER when?



This afternoon Gloucester's South West rivals Bath arrive at Kingsholm for the 182nd match between the two clubs. The overall record in these matches is

Home:

Played	90
Won	68
Drawn	7
Lost	15
Points For	1403
Points Against	667

Away:

Played	90
Won	36
Drawn	10
Lost	44
Points For	1005
Points Against	1132

Neutral:

Played	1
Lost	1
Points For	6
Points Against	48

DID YOU Know?

On the evening Gloucester defeated Bath 16-10 they announced the signing of England Under 21 winger Eral Anderson from Moseley on a six-month contract.

Two days previous Gloucester had won the Kettering Sevens tournament defeating Bedford 26-12, Knebworth 41-0, Hinckley 33-10, Leicester 26-14 and Spalding 42-5.

The Gloucester squad for the Sevens event was Bruce Fenley, Nathan Carter, Howard Dawson, Peter Hart, Eral Anderson, Dave Timmington, Tim Smith and Charlie Mulraine.

Tony Windo made his 103rd first team appearance versus Bath on 10 April 1996.

On the eve of the match Andy Robinson announced his decision to leave Colston's College as a teacher to become a full time professional. The 32 year old had joined Bath RFC eleven years previous.

When Bath visited Kingsholm on Wednesday 11 April 1996 they came as the League leaders of Courage League One. The table read as follows: -

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
1st Bath	14	13	0	1	26
2nd Leicester	14	12	0	2	24
10th Gloucester	14	4	0	10	10



Dave Sims



Scott Benton

The Championship which had seemed deeply ensconced in Bath's pocket was powerfully removed on that April evening at Kingsholm.

Gloucester set off at a sensational pace and within ten minutes were ten points ahead! A try on three minutes was beyond everyone's wildest expectations. Scott Benton, the Yorkshire born scrum half took a free kick so quickly that no Bath player was in position to defend, he sprinted fifty yards to put Paul Holford over in the corner.

Tim Smith's touchline conversion was followed by an easy penalty. Despite the greater territorial advantage the visitors held during the remainder of the first half, they were relieved to reach half time no more than seven

points adrift after Rich Butland had kicked only one of three penalty opportunities.

Bath fly half Rich Butland missed another penalty at the start of the second half and after Tim Smith had missed three penalties in a five-minute spell, the Gloucester full back hit the target again with eighteen minutes of play remaining.

Although Mike Catt put Phil de Glanville over for a Bath try which Butland converted, a rapturous reception was awaiting when Tim Smith had the final say with a penalty wide on the left to give Gloucester a 16-10 victory and administer the coup de grace and give the club their first League win against Bath since 1989.

Dave King

Gloucester:

T.Smith;
P.Holford,
D.Cummins,
M.Roberts,
L.Osbourne;
M.Kimber,
S.Benton;
T.Windo (H.Brown 75th min),
J.Hawker,
W.Bullock,
P.Miles,
D.Sims (captain),
A.Stanley,
I.Smith,
C.Raymond,

Other Replacements:

C.Gibson, L.Beck, P.Hart

Bath RFC:

A.Lumsden;
J.Sleightholme,
P.de Glanville (captain),
M.Catt,
A.Adebayo;
R.Butland,
A.Nicol;
D.Hilton,
G.Dawe,
J.Mallett,
M.Haag,
N.Redman,
A.Robinson,
B.Clarke (E.Pearce 67th min),
E.Peters.

Other Replacements:

- I.Sanders, M.McCarthy,
K.Yates

Referee: N.Cousins
(London Society).

Attendance: 10,032

Statistics from that Match:

Penalties:
Gloucester 16 21 Bath

Free Kicks:
Gloucester 3 0 Bath

Scrum Awarded:
Gloucester 18 13 Bath

Lineouts:
Gloucester 19 15 Bath



After a few weeks off through illness Peter Arnold, a contributor to the programme for more than 25 years, is back.

Peter ARNOLD

SORRY ABOUT THAT

I don't know if you've missed my contribution over the last couple of matches, but I've certainly missed providing it. The fact is that I was simply too sick to scribble. Obviously I have been under the weather at various times before, but never to such an extent that I couldn't get something down on paper.

My period on the sick list covered four matches. The first was the disaster against Stade Francais, and the latest was the shambles at the Stoop. In between came two

fair-to-middling wins against Bristol and Worcester.

Do me a favour chaps. Get back to your old selves if only for the sake of this ailing old curmudgeon.

NOTHING NEW

I well remember one Cup game against London Irish when Dave Sims led the side out at Kingsholm. I just knew they were going to lose that one before a ball was kicked in anger, simply by the way they trudged out on to the field more like a gang of old-time convicts on their

way to the rock pile than a proud rugby team about to do battle for one of the most prestigious prizes in the English calendar.

That was towards the end of Richard Hill's reign, and similar periods plagued us under Philippe St Andre.

The combination of international calls, illness and injury hasn't helped at all of course, and we've hardly had a settled squad all season, but we've always managed to turn things around before, and I've no doubt we will again. Whatever it takes.

SWELL GUY

Talking about illness, you have to feel sorry for Marcel Garvey. Mumps is one of those ailments for which no adult male gets any sympathy. It's regarded as a childhood disease, to start with, and it's seen as a bit demeaning in a grown-up. More important, its possible effects on what the 'Citizen' called "a sensitive area" arouses nothing but ribald mirth among one's peers.

Rugby players aren't noted for the subtlety of their sense of humour, so I expect poor old Marcel will have had to endure some pretty robust leg-pulling, if that's not an inappropriate phrase to use.

One problem with mumps is that there isn't really a treatment for it. It's a viral disease, so antibiotics don't work, and all that can be done is to administer painkillers. It's a thoroughly miserable experience all round, but perhaps the inherent fitness of a professional rugby player will serve young Mister Garvey well. It's to be hoped so, anyway. The sooner we get the Pocket Thunderbolt back to full fitness and scorching the turf as only he can, the better.

Get well soon Marcel. We need you. While on the subject, Duncan McRae must be feeling a bit low, too. To have recovered from a very frightening neck injury, succumbed to an injured knee, and then have the joint flare up again must be frustrating to say the least. It also leaves a gaping hole in our first-choice mid-field. So



Andy Gomarsall in action against Worcester

we wish Mac well, and hope to see him back soon.

WELCOME MIKE

The good news to have come out of Kingsholm over the last week or two is the arrival of Mike Tindall over the close season. There's no doubting the class of the man, and assuming his current injury problems are resolved satisfactorily, I suppose the only thing we have to worry about is just how much we will see of him bearing in mind his England commitments.

The other point that crosses my mind is that we have, in my opinion, been missing Robert Todd this season, and if one had to pick a replacement for that trenchant character, one of the first names to cross one's mind would be that of Mike Tindall.

Of course, his private life is nothing to do with us, but we are entitled to wonder

if a young lady called Zara might be seen around the Shed next season.

WHERE WERE THE ANDIES ?

If you think that Gloucester has problems, spare a thought for the England management. Seldom has a pair of performances by the national side made me so depressed and even angry.

I can endure defeats by better sides, or even through bad luck, but to watch a professional thoroughly trained and coached England team press the self-destruct button so conspicuously in two successive matches does arouse my displeasure.

After all, Gloucester, and other Premiership sides are deprived of their best players in the national interest for long periods at crucial points in the season, which one doesn't like but is prepared to accept, so we are entitled to wonder what we are

getting for our forbearance.

I suppose we could debate the reasons all night, and everyone is going to have a different view of the matter, but might I respectfully suggest that a study of the video of the England v. France 'A' game at the Rec the other Friday might provide a clue?

The view from the telly revealed that Leicester's Andy Goode had a decisive influence on the England win, not just through his prodigious kicking, but his general play around the field, too.

Of course, he had the great advantage of being on the end of Andy Gomarsall's long and accurate pass, that gave him more room to move than poor old Charlie Hodgson and friends enjoyed in either of the Internationals. It was noticeable that Mr Goode didn't look so impressive after Andy was replaced by Nick Walshe late on in the game.

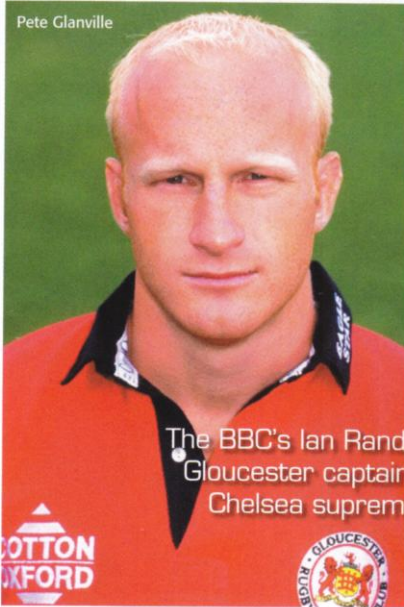
Gomarsall and Goode for England?

BBC radio gloucestershire



BBC Radio Gloucestershire's Ian Randall offers a general round-up on all things rugby in this week's programme article.

The staff at BBC Radio Gloucestershire had an 'away day' in Gloucester the day after the defeat at Harlequins. It was designed to look at some detailed analysis of our radio audience, and to generate discussion and ideas. Where are we doing well, in what areas could things be improved, and what resources do we have to achieve this? I imagine Nigel Melville may have pondered similar questions in recent weeks.



Pete Glanville



Jose Mourinho

The BBC's Ian Randall compares former Gloucester captain Pete Glanville with Chelsea supreme Jose Mourinho

A lot of fans have had their say over the performance against Harlequins, and the rumour mill has been in overdrive. What is happening with the out of contract players? Is Ludo coming back, and how can the current squad make sure that Mike Tindall doesn't arrive with the prospect of playing in the European Challenge Cup? Given the traffic on the BBC website, some of the punters are getting restless. A steady hand is needed on the tiller.

Gloucester have seven Premiership games to play, and in my humble opinion it is about peaking at the right time. The side simply must be buoyant when Bath come calling, not today, but in a fortnight's time for the Powergen Cup semi final. Clearly we'd like to win today as well, but given the choice of only one, it's a 'no-brainer' in my view.

Gloucester should be able



to gather enough points to make the Wildcard play offs (I'm not considering a top three finish from here), but it's how you're playing then that matters. It's not always the side that finishes the highest that wins them.

Suffice to say, however, the only way is up. I recall a Keith Richardson interview after Gloucester lost at home to West Hartlepool in October 1992.

In his words: "If we play like that we'll never beat anyone in Division One again. We can't play that again. All I hope is that it serves as something to galvanise the players into producing something better. That has

to serve as the lowest point, and to embarrass everyone associated with the club to the point where we say we've got to do better than that." I fancy Nigel will have thought much the same on a somber journey back from the Stoop.

Outside the professional game, a former Gloucester captain is rapidly becoming akin to Jose Mourinho at Chelsea, chasing honours on multiple fronts.

Pete Glanville's Cinderford would love to be at Twickenham with Gloucester on April 16, and they stand just 80 minutes from making it after a 20-19 Intermediate Cup quarter

final win last Saturday. The semi final draw is at home to Morley, but they're also still in the County Cup and leading the pursuit of National League rugby from South West One.

Several of the Cinderford players have had Gloucester connections too. Martin Roberts, Richard Ward, Andrew Martin, Mark Nicholls as well as the Goatley brothers are seen the first team jersey. It looks odds on they'll be joining Lydney and Old Patesians in the same division next season, and six local derbies is a tasty prospect for beer sales and Treasurers alike.

As for today, John

Connolly's team were impressive in their defensive organisation at Wasps recently in a try-less match won by Bath, and you don't need me to tell you that the last two meetings between the teams, both at the Rec, have seen Gloucester fall considerably short.

With no Duncan McRae, I'd expect Henry Paul to run out at ten today, with a consequent reshuffle in midfield. After their first weekend of the season without a game, fingers crossed it's a resurgent, refreshed and more confident side for the break that looked so badly needed a fortnight ago.



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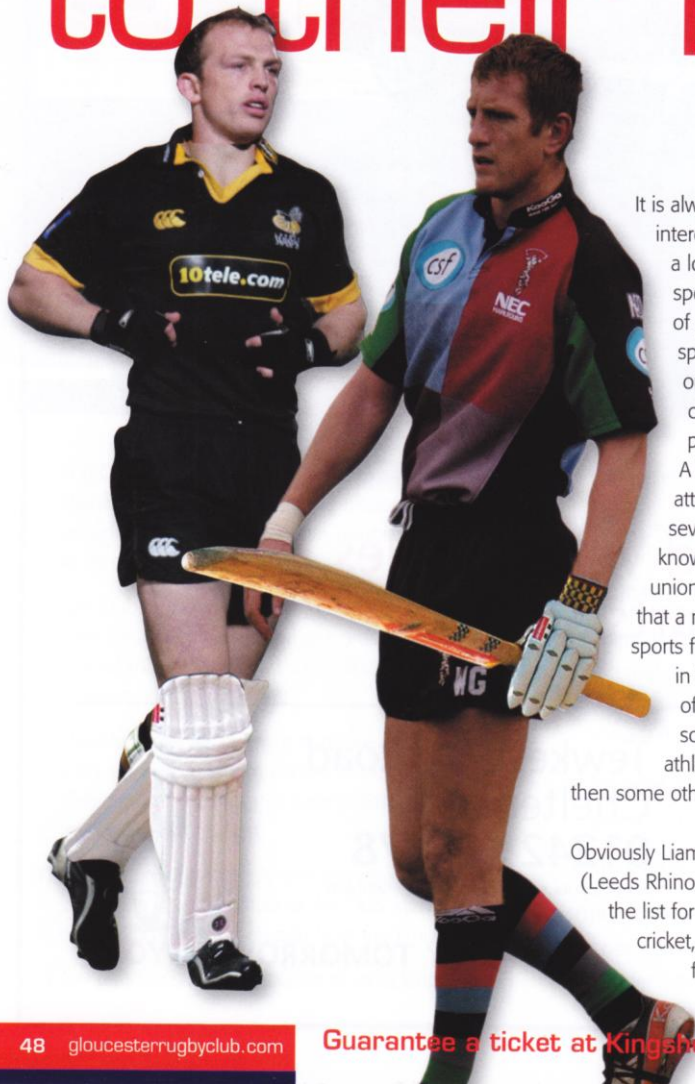
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Regular programme contributor Dave King looks at rugby union players who have also had a few experiences in other sports.

MORE THAN ONE STRING to their bow?



It is always interesting to take a look at the sporting prowess of professional sportsmen outside their chosen profession.

A look at the attributes of several well-known rugby union players show that a number of sports figure highly in their range of skills, some soccer, others athletics and then some other sports.

Obviously Liam Botham (Leeds Rhinos) heads the list for prowess at cricket, having taken five wickets

for 87 runs for Hampshire versus Middlesex in a County Championship match. Liam became the first player to appear at first class level at three sports, cricket, rugby union and rugby league.

Others who have excelled at cricket are Matt Dawson (Wasps) as a wicket keeper for Buckinghamshire. Will Greenwood (Harlequins) played for Lancashire Schools. Rob Howley (now retired) for Wales Schoolboys. Andy Long (Newcastle) played for Dorset in the Minor Counties.

Nels Mordt (London Irish) appeared for England Under-15s. Bryan Redpath (Sale) played for the South of Scotland at cricket and also appeared in their

athletics team. Hugo Southwell (Edinburgh) played county cricket for Sussex. Dave Walder (Newcastle) captained England Schoolboys. Jonathan Thomas (Ospreys) appeared for Wales Under 14 while Leon Lloyd (Leicester) played for Warwickshire, the Midlands and England Under 16s.

At soccer Matt Cairns (Saracens) had trials with Liverpool. Kenny Logan (Glasgow) had goalkeeping trials with Dundee United and Hearts. Mark Mapletoft (London Irish) appeared for Coventry City reserves. David Rees (Leeds) played for Newcastle Schoolboys. Iain Balshaw (Leeds) had trials with Blackburn Rovers. Ollie Barkley (Bath) did likewise with Plymouth Argyle.

Our former scrum half Dimitri Yachville (Biarritz) had trials with French club Nice. Joe El Abd (Bristol) was a professional footballer after joining Brighton and Hove Albion's YTS scheme at the age of 16 years. His brother Adam, still plays for the south coast club while younger brother, Sam plays for Crawley Town in the Nationwide Conference, quite a family!

At athletics there is an impressive list of performers, Craig Joiner (Edinburgh) was a Scottish Schools 100 metres champion. Ugo Monye (Harlequins) won honours and could cover 100 metres in 10.6 seconds! Kevin Morgan (Gwent Dragons) was a Wales Under 18 triple jump champion. James Scaysbrook (Bath) threw the

javelin for England Schools. Marco Stanojevic (Bristol) was an England Schools long jump competitor and also at 100 metres.

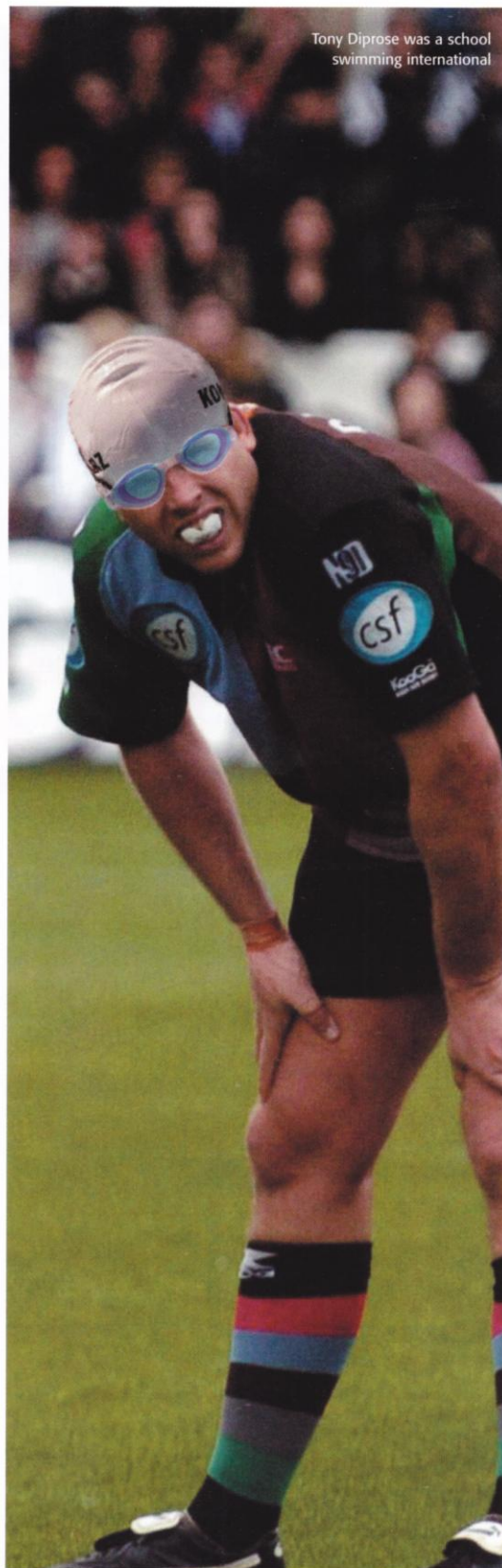
A few have shown talent at swimming. Tony Diprose (Harlequins) was a school international. Darren Morris (Leicester) swam for Mid Glamorgan Schools. Paul O'Connell (Munster) was an Irish junior and Mark Regan (Leeds) represented South West Schools.

Other various sports to be displayed at a high level by rugby union players have been Scott Murray (Edinburgh) who represented Scotland Under 17 at basketball. Carlos Spencer (Blues) was a New Zealand international at softball. Chris Wyatt (Llanelli) represented Wales at volleyball. Gordon Ross (Leeds) has represented Scottish Schools at golf. As we are aware our own Duncan McRae has played rugby league for London Broncos, Canterbury Bulldogs and Sydney Rabbitohs. Henry Paul likewise with Bradford Bulls, Wigan, Wakefield and Waikato.

Some have been dual representatives like Iain Balshaw who represented Lancashire Schools at tennis, as did Ollie Barkley for Cornwall Under 18s. David Rees represented Northumberland Schools at athletics. Bryan Redpath did likewise with the South of Scotland Schools and Darren Morris with Mid Glamorgan Schools.

A talented bunch of players I'm sure you would agree!

David King



Tony Diprose was a school swimming international



After last weekend's England result a rather unhappy and depressed Bob Fenton put pen to paper for this week's view from the supporter.

Fanzone

BOB FENTON

So here we go again, then. Another Saturday, another local derby match. First Bristol, then Worcester and now Bath, have we ever had three successive home fixtures like that before? Well if we have I can't remember it.

If we win today that must give us bragging rights over all of our near neighbours, though Bath today will present a much sterner test than anything we have faced in the last few weeks.

Once again we have another sell out, Bath will bring a decent bunch of people along with them, probably including my mate Glen who runs the unofficial Bath web site. Glen's actually famous - or he should be - because

he was the first person to produce a rugby fanzine, getting in just ahead of the launch of Shedhead many moons ago.

A few years ago Glen and I met at the launch of the Rivals network in London. He was accompanied by Victor Ubugo who had a website for a while and Glen mentioned I was one of the two behind Shedhead. This prompted a growl of acknowledgement from Victor who clearly recalled some of the less flattering things we had said about him in the past and didn't look best pleased to meet me. I wasn't scared - much!

Not the first time that the esteemed Shedhead got

me into bother with players here and there, but that's another story....

Last year - in case you need me to remind you - Bath did the double over us. The win at Kingsholm was Rob Fidler's first visit to the place after moving down the A46 and he kind of took the gloss of people's memories of his efforts in a Gloucester shirt with some pretty over the top badge kissing in front of the shed at the end of the game.

None of that today please, all a bit unnecessary if you ask me. After all it's not as if we went over the top a few years ago when we put 68 points on Bath did we. I mean you didn't see people wandering around in T-shirts

with 68–12 on them or anything. Yeah right!

If you look back at the results between the two clubs over the last five or so years, with a couple of exceptions like the one mentioned above (and the other exceptions all saw heavy scores against, rather than for, us) the matches have all been close affairs with only a few points separating the teams.

On that basis I suppose we can forget about seeing a feast of free flowing, bonus-point scoring rugby. Not that I would care, given some of our recent performances I'll take a three–nil victory secured by an injury time penalty.

And lest we forget our next visitors after today's game will be Bath again in the semi-final of the Powergen cup. The winners today will claim a psychological edge in the preparation for that encounter.

Looking outside the golden triangle (or should that be square now) of English rugby, England's progress in the Six Nations has been err... well not the best, shall we say.

But you have to ask whether it is being played at the right time. For me it should be at the end of the season when the players no longer have commitments to their clubs. At the time of writing (England have just been humiliated by France and I am looking forward to a heap of stick from my French colleagues that should last until around July) the international call-ups are not known, but we could easily be without at least six players for a couple more Premiership matches.

When you play the top sides



Mark Cornwell in action against Worcester

the playing field is levelled as they are similarly weakened, but a couple of weeks ago, at Harlequins, we were denied key players while they had a virtually full strength squad. Not that this excuses the result there, but enough has been said about that already.

So while I enjoy the competition I don't believe that it should be at the expense of the clubs. These next few games may well decide the rest of our season, and could determine whether we get into the Heineken Cup next year. The financial implications to the club of not making it are huge and the absence of these players could tip the balance against us.

It cannot be right to deny clubs some of their best players at a crucial time. Of course every sportsman wants to represent their country, but were you to ask me, and I suspect nearly every other supporter here

today from either side, which would I prefer: a successful Gloucester or a successful England, there would only be one answer. With the greatest respect to our international playing contingent the answer is simple: club before country every time.

The present set up discriminates against clubs who try to nurture home-grown talent, and encourages clubs to look elsewhere for their players as they know they will be able to field a virtually full strength squad throughout the campaign. You can't blame them either, an international player commands a higher salary so the clubs end up paying more for the privilege of not being able to pick their players when they want them. Madness.

So ask yourself, how can this situation be good for the sport as a whole? The answer is that it patently isn't. The Six Nations should

be moved, it's only played at this time of year because of tradition, there is no other reason for it to be played in mid-season so it should be moved, and the sooner the better. But that's just my view.

Blimey, that was all a bit heavy – I'll get off me soap box now...

Finally it's great news to see Mike Tindall signing on the dotted line for Gloucester. Of course there has been much speculation as to why he has moved, some people even suggesting that he was under pressure from his somewhat high profile girlfriend.

Surely not, she couldn't have put a bit of bit of pressure on Mike to sign because her brother, Peter, ran out for Gloucester Colts on a few occasions, could she?

Anyway, welcome in the summer Mike, and welcome back to everyone else for today's game.

The official matchday programme rounds up all of the international news from recent weeks that has seen a number of Gloucester players in Six Nations action.

International round-up



Mefin Davies

England

Andy Hazell made his Six Nations debut at the Millennium Stadium two weeks ago, but was on the losing side as an inspired Welsh side took the honours. But the game was a step forward for two other Kingsholm stars. Phil Vickery made his international come-back from the replacements bench after a number of months away from the international set-up, and James Forrester got his first full cap when

he came on in the closing minutes.

In England's second outing of the Six Nations, there was again, one Gloucester player in the starting line-up and two on the bench. Vickery started in the front row, and Andy Hazell came off the bench, with Henry Paul missing out on any game time from the bench.

England 'A'

Andy Gomarsall and Alex Brown started for England 'A' in the 30-20 win over France last weekend. Gomarsall's experience and insight showed as he controlled the game from scrum-half, and Alex Brown was an influence in the

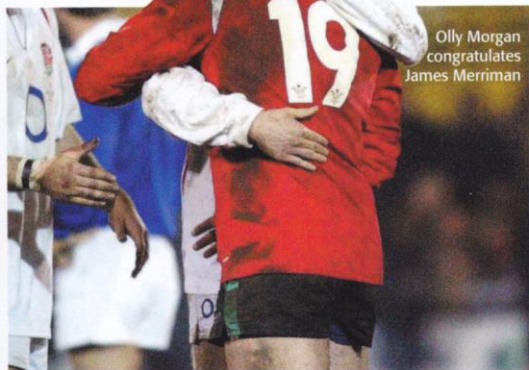
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Alex Brown



Olly Morgan congratulates James Merriman



Ryan Lamb

set-piece as well as the loose in horrendous conditions.

England U21s

Olly Morgan started England's game against Wales on the first weekend of the U21s tournament after four months out injured. The full-back missed out on last weekend's game against the French with a slight hamstring injury, and was rested in preparation for the other tournament games.

England U19s

Gloucester's Ryan Lamb, currently on loan at Division One side Pertemp Bees, started from the bench against Wales in the first

game of the U19s event. The 18 year-old replaced Leicester's Alex Wright at scrum-half, a position he has played for the Gloucester United side, and a solid showing earned him a start in the number nine shirt against the French last Friday and against Scotland last night. The win just over a week ago, saw two wins from two for the young England side.

Wales

Gloucester hooker Mefin Davies can hold all the bragging rights at the moment, after two impressive performances for the Welsh national side. He was right up there with the

top performers in the win over England, and followed that up with another hard-working game against the Italians, to maintain Wales' 100 per cent record.

Wales U21s

After coming off the bench in their opening win over England U21s Gloucester's James Merriman was given the captain's armband for the clash in Italy last Friday. The talented open-side capped off a fine performance with a try in his side's 40-3 win over the Italians. Merriman's U21s appearances have been a massive boost for the Club, after he missed the last six months with a knee injury.

Still to come

England

Ireland Vs England,
Sun 27 Feb, Lansdown Road, Kick off 3pm (Live on BBC)

England Vs Italy,
Sat 12 Mar, Twickenham, Kick off 4pm (Live on BBC)

England Vs Scotland,
Sat 19 Mar, Twickenham, Kick off 6pm (Live on BBC)

England U21

England U21 v Ireland U21,
Fri 25 Feb, Donnybrook, Kick off 7.30pm

England U21 v Italy U21,
Fri 11 Mar, Northampton Saints, Kick off 7.30pm

England U21 v Scotland U21,
Fri 18 Mar, Northampton Saints, Kick off 7.30pm

England U19

Ireland U19 v England U19,
Sat 26 Feb, Blackrock, Kick off 2pm

England U19 v Italy U19,
Fri 11 Mar, Doncaster, Kick off 7pm

Wales

France Vs Wales,
Sat 26 Feb, Paris, Kick off 4pm

Scotland Vs Wales,
Sun 13 Mar, Murrayfield, Kick off 3pm

Wales Vs Ireland,
Sat 19 Mar, Cardiff, Kick off 3.30pm

Wales U21s

France U21 Vs Wales U21,

Fri 25 Feb, Aurillac

Scotland U21 Vs Wales U21,

Fri 11 Mar, Aberdeen

Wales U21 Vs Ireland U21,

Fri 18 Mar, Neath

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Worcester
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Saturday 29 January 2005, Kingsholm

Attendance: 13,000

Referee: T. Spreadbury

A good first half performance secured the points for Gloucester over Worcester in another West Country derby at Kingsholm.

games. Paul converted and Duncan McRae's drop goal took Nigel Melville's team into a 21-3 lead after 36 minutes.

James Brown's second penalty on the stroke of half time saw Gloucester take a 21-6 lead at the break.

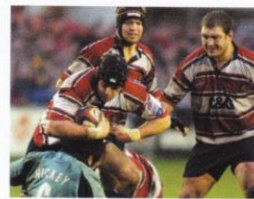
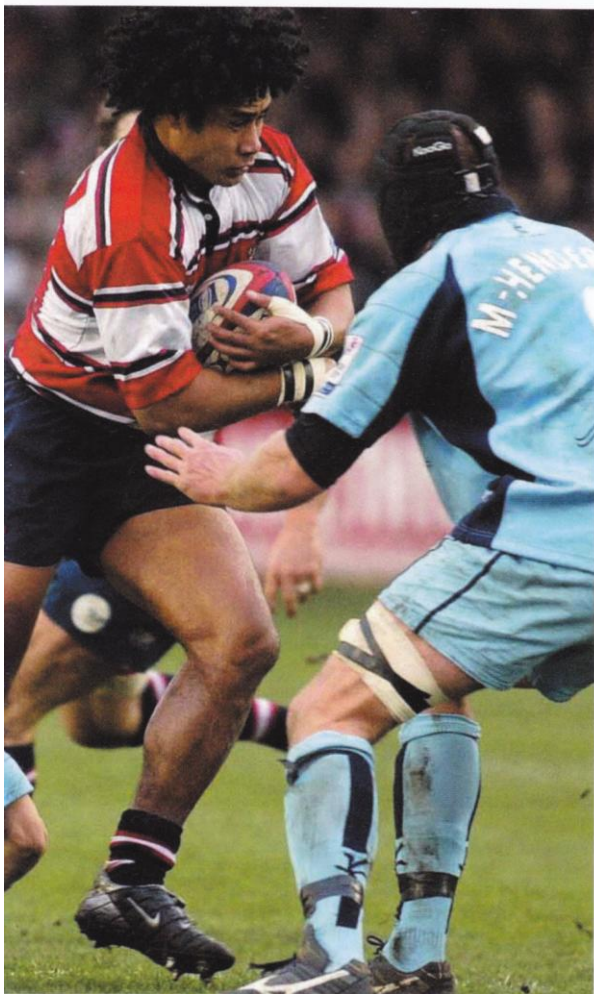
The Worcester fly-half slotted his third successful kick after 57 minutes, before loose-head prop Terry Sigley put his name to Gloucester's third try of the game. Henry Paul converted.

Late pressure from Worcester saw them close the gap when Matt Powell scored and Brown converted.

The only change to the starting line-ups was James Bailey coming in for Marcel Garvey on the wing. Garvey had been diagnosed with mumps over night.

Gloucester built a lead through two penalties from Henry Paul before Seti Kiole grabbed his first try for the club.

James Brown added three from the boot for Worcester, before Andy Gomarsall scored his second try in two



Name	Tries	Conv	PK	DG	Points
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Gloucester Scorers

Seti Kiole	1	0	0	0	5
Andy Gomarsall	1	0	0	0	5
Terry Sigley	1	0	0	0	5
Henry Paul	0	2	2	0	10
Duncan McRae	0	0	0	1	3

Yellow Card: Phil Vickery

Worcester Scorers

Matt Powell	1	0	0	0	5
James Brown	0	1	3	0	11

Yellow Card: Andre Van Niekerk

MATCH action



Harlequins
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Gloucester
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Saturday 5 February 2005, **The Stoop**

Attendance: **8,782**

Referee: **A.rowden**

Gloucester's aim of a top three finish was hit a massive blow with a bad performance against NEC Harlequins at the Stoop as they went down 38-9.

Coach Dean Ryan said: "We lacked passion which is unacceptable for a team from Gloucester. In the first half we didn't have any.

Quins had gone down to 14 men on the half hour after Ace Tiatia was red carded for a punch on Terry Sigley, but the Gloucester team just couldn't get into the game.

"But whether there are 15, 14 or nothing if you lack passion we can't play and by the time we found any we were too far behind and playing suicide rugby."



Name	Tries	Conv	PK	DG	Points
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Harlequin Scorers

Tom Williams	1	0	0	0	5
Simon Keogh	2	0	0	0	10
James Hayter	1	0	0	0	5
Jeremy Staunton	0	3	4	0	18

Red Card: Ace Tiatia

Gloucester Scorers

Henry Paul	0	0	3	0	9
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Yellow Card: Adam Balding

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Gloucester				Bath Rugby			
T	C	P	D	T	C	P	D
			Jon Goodridge	15			Matt Perry
			Marcel Garvey	14			Alex Crockett
			James Simpson-Daniel	13			Andy Higgins
			Terry Fanolua	12			Olly Barkley
			Seti Kiole	11			Andy Williams
			Henry Paul	10			Chris Malone
			Andy Gomarsall	09			Nick Walshe
			Nick Wood	01			Matt Stevens
			Mefin Davies	02			Lee Mears
			Phil Vickery (c)	03			Duncan Bell
			Adam Eustace	04			Steve Borthwick (c)
			Alex Brown	05			Danny Grewcock
			James Forrester	06			Geraint Lewis
			Andy Hazell	07			James Scaysbrook
			Adam Balding	08			Zak Feunati
				replacements			
			Noel Curnier	16			Jonathan Humphreys
			Terry Sigley	17			Christian Loader
			Mark Cornwell	18			James Hudson
			Peter Buxton	19			Rob Fidler
			Jake Boer	20			Martyn Wood
			Alex Page	21			Ryan Davies
			James Bailey	22			Tom Cheeseman

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TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	TB	LB	PTS
Leicester Tigers	15	11	3	1	427	214	6	1	57
Sale Sharks	15	10	0	5	367	266	3	3	46
London Wasps	15	9	1	5	345	288	2	5	45
Bath Rugby	15	8	2	5	292	276	1	2	39
Newcastle Falcons	15	8	1	6	349	378	3	1	38
Saracens	15	7	2	6	250	281	2	2	36
Gloucester	15	8	0	7	287	324	2	1	35
London Irish	15	6	0	9	251	284	0	4	28
Leeds Tykes	15	5	0	10	263	315	0	6	26
Worcester Warriors	15	5	0	10	240	370	1	4	25
NEC Harlequins	15	4	1	10	279	315	2	5	25
Northampton Saints	15	4	0	11	273	312	2	5	23

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Today's Match Officials

Referee: Dave Pearson
1st TJ: Andrew Pearce
2nd TJ: Stuart Terheege

Replacement Ref: Steve Leyshon
4th Official: Matt Carley
Assessor: Colin High

Today's Result

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Bath Rugby **16**

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