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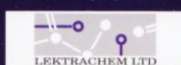
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“Today is Powergen Cup semi final day, a special day in anyone’s calendar.”



Welcome to Kingsholm once again, if you have only been supporting Gloucester for a short time you would be of the opinion that we only play against sides from the West Country, our last four home games have been, Bristol, Worcester, Bath and Bath. Not that there’s anything wrong with that, most of the best rugby is now played in the South West!

Today is Powergen Cup semi final day, a special day in anyone’s calendar.

It gives both sides an opportunity to play in a Twickenham final, something both Clubs and their supporters will be keen to achieve this season.

In the build up to this weekend’s game, many fans have been remembering the Powergen Cup final in 2003, one of the best rugby away-days I can remember.

Today’s game will be yet another passionate West Country derby with a bit of

hammering at Leicester the previous weekend.

It wasn’t until after halftime when we were leading 22-6 that the backlash materialised. I felt we played some of our best rugby of the season in the opening half despite the absence of the usual international call-ups and injuries. However, we were disappointed not to come home with five points rather than three.

Bath were less fortunate at the Rec losing to Harlequins, but that has no implications for today’s game.

Hit by international calls and injuries, Bath had to face a full strength Harlequins side. Having lost away to Harlequins in similar circumstances and having watched Leicester lose to Northampton and Worcester beat Sale, questions will no doubt be asked about the validity of playing through international release weekends.

The good news today is that we are not playing for win or bonus points just a straight win or lose Cup game. The atmosphere will be fantastic and both teams and their supporters desperate to win a place in the Powergen Final.

Have a great day and may the best team win!

Nigel’s notes



Nigel Melville
Director of Rugby

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added Cup spice thrown in, there’s a great game in prospect.

Last week we travelled north to play Newcastle Falcons, expecting a backlash from their

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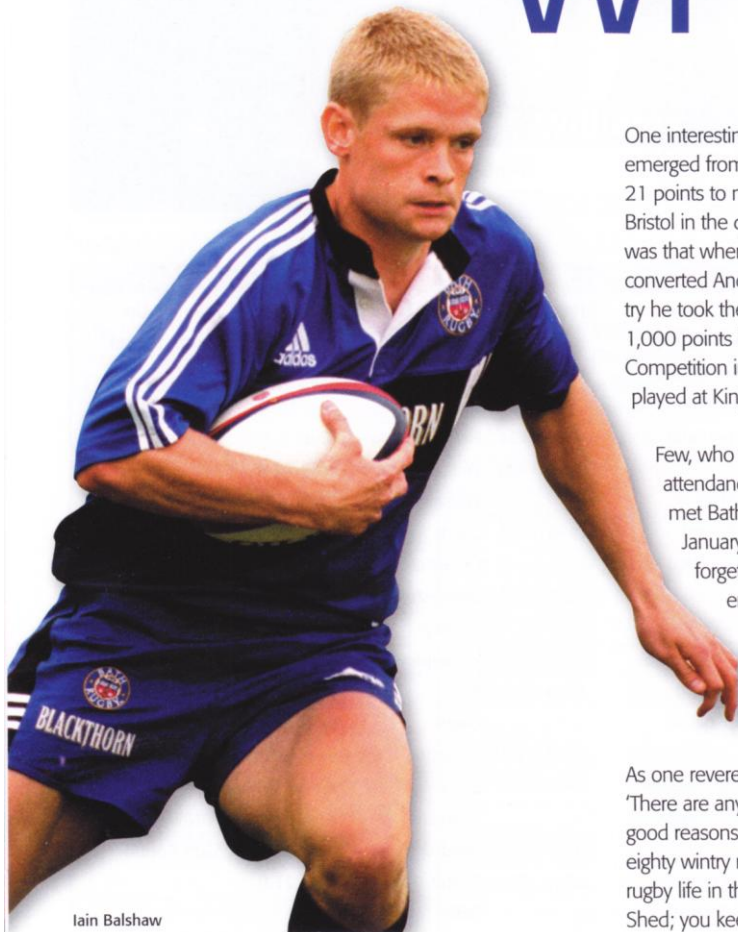
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This afternoon Gloucester entertain their southwest rivals Bath in the Powergen Cup, the Club's 40th home fixture in the RFU National Cup competition. Club historian Dave King looks back at a previous meeting between the two sides in the cup in January 2000.

REMEMBER when?



Iain Balshaw

One interesting statistic emerged from Gloucester's 21 points to nil win over Bristol in the quarter final was that when Henry Paul converted Andy Gomarsall's try he took the club past 1,000 points in the National Competition in matches played at Kingsholm.

Few, who were in attendance when we met Bath Rugby on 3 January 2000, will forget the pulsating encounter that followed under the Kingsholm floodlights.

As one revered scribe said, 'There are any number of good reasons for spending eighty wintry minutes of your rugby life in the Kingsholm Shed; you keep warm,

you keep dry and you get so close to the opposition forwards at line out time that no insult is ever wasted!'

The match was played in a resemblance of a swamp. It was a match where the Gloucester back five led by Kingsley Jones and inspired by All Black great, Ian Jones, were totally magnificent from beginning to end.

The balance of the match swung on a crucial penalty decision awarded by referee Ed Morrison at the end of the first half when Jon Preston was penalised for killing the ball at a scrum. Up until then Bath had led from an 11th minute penalty by Jon Preston. Byron Hayward converted the resulting penalty try.

Gloucester coach Philippe

Gloucester's record in the national competition reads as follow:

	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	FOR	AGAINST
HOME	39	31	1	7	1006	381
AWAY	50	29	3	18	815	627
NEUTRAL	6	4	1	1	101	100
OVERALL	95	64	5	26	1922	1108

Gloucester forwards coach John Brain, now of Worcester Warriors, said of the victory, 'The League is the priority, we are sitting top of the League and it was more important to win at Bedford last Thursday than here.' Mind, nobody among the 10,800 was listening!

Nine clubs contested the first six national cup finals; only Gloucester survive in the Zurich Premiership. Gosforth are now Newcastle Falcons. Of the other teams – Moseley, Coventry, Bristol, London Scottish, Bedford, Waterloo and Roselyn Park are outside the premier clubs.



Byron Hayward

St Andre sent on 'Shed' hero Serge Simon in the 52nd minute and he had an immediate effect when John Mallett was penalised for joining the maul from an offside position. Byron Hayward kicked the resulting penalty for a 10 points to 3 lead.

Matt Perry put Bath within four points eight minutes from time with a fine effort from 35 metres. In the last minute of the game Byron Hayward wrapped up the victory with his second penalty to give Gloucester a memorable 13 points to 6 victory.

Dave King



Jon Preston



Rob Fidler

Gloucester:

- R.Tombs
- B.Johnson
- J.Ewens
- (R.Jewell 76th min)
- C.Yates
- C.Catling
- B.Hayward
- L.Beck
- (I.Sanders 59th min)
- A.Powles
- (S.Simon 52nd min)
- N.McCarthy
- P.Vickery
- (A.Deacon 76th min)
- R.Fidler
- I.Jones
- S.Ojomoh
- K.Jones (Captain)
- J.Paramore
- (E.Pearce 68th min)
- Replacements:** - Not Used:
- S.Mannix, J.Djoudi.

Bath RFC:

- M.Perry
- I.Balshaw
- K.Maggs
- M.Tindall
- A.Adebayo
- S.Berne
- J.Preston
- V.Ubogu
- A.Long
- J.Mallett
- M.Haag
- S.Borthwick
- A.Gardiner
- (G.Thomas 68th min)
- B.Clarke (Captain)
- (N.Thomas 68th min)
- D.Lyle.
- Replacements:** - Not Used:
- R.Pellow, M.Regan, C.Boyd,
- S.Cox, T.Adebayo.

Referee: Ed Morrison
Attendance: 10,800

DID YOU Know?

After the match Bath Coach Andy Robinson criticised Ed Morrison for awarding a penalty try, 'I told Ed I was disappointed. If he had only looked at his watch he would have realised it was half time!'

Bath had been visitors to Twickenham on ten occasions between 1984 and 1996.

Andy Robinson on Jon Preston's gaff with the penalty try, 'I spoke to Jon and he said he had just slipped in the conditions.'

Dan Lyle was the United States Eagles Captain

It was the first Kingsholm sell out of the professional era and the first since 1991 when the All Blacks met the US Eagles in a World Cup Pool match with one Ian Jones in the second row.

The match extended Bath's run to 334 minutes since they had last scored a try!

Junior Paramore made his debut for the club in this match.

One scribe saw Serge Simon as the most threatening hatchet man since Robesierre!!

James Forrester's grandfather David Naylor played for Bath making 13 appearances in the 1953-54 season, 12 in 1954-55, 18 om 1955-56 and 12 in 1956-57.

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26 years and still going strong as a programme contributor and Peter Arnold looks at recent goings on at Kingsholm

Peter ARNOLD

BATH

Bath matches at Kingsholm are always great occasions, and to be able to host two in a fortnight, ices the cake very nicely.

The last meeting was a little too close for comfort, and gave us cause to cheer Brad Davies for touching the ball once and winning the game for us. He hasn't had an easy time in his forays into the Premiership, so it was good to see him grab the headlines for once.

There has never been any doubt about his potential, so

perhaps his moment of glory will spark a very distinguished career. Hope so, anyway.

However, today is all about the cup, which is an equine of a distinctly different hue. Welcome back Bath. Hardly worth your going home, really.

THE BATTERED BULL

Phil Vickery's run of wretched luck continues. To have come back from a serious back injury, shattered his eye socket, and then suffered a broken arm is a remarkable series of events, just about

as bad as that suffered by a hero cursed by the gods in an ancient Greek tragedy.

On thinking about it, however, is it simply a matter of luck? Are we asking too much of our rugby players? There is only so much a human body can stand, and prop forwards have arguably the most physically demanding job on the field.

Perhaps it isn't so surprising that a front-rower, who plays the game with the intensity of the Raging Bull, should be more prone to injury than most. Of course, he's by no means alone. Take a look at

this list:

James Simpson-Daniel

damaged both hamstring and shoulder – out for two months.

Alex Brown

suffered a badly bruised arm – six weeks.

Simon Amor

injured his shoulder – two months

Chris Fortey

broke an ankle – six months.

Phil Vickery

injured his back, shattered an eye socket and broke his arm – an estimated seventeen weeks in total

Olivier Azam

injured his shoulder – three Months

Olly Morgan

broke his wrist – three months

Duncan McRae

damaged both neck and knee – seven weeks,

Terry Sigley

Another neck injury – eight weeks

James Merriman

injured knee ligaments – six months.

Gary Powell

Ankle ligaments – eight weeks

Mark Cornwell

injured his knee - seven weeks

Will Matthews

knee injury has sidelined him for eight months

Rory Teague

broke his thumb – six weeks



James Simpson-Daniel

...and that doesn't include James Forester who hurt his hip and was out for a mere two weeks, and you can't really include poor old Marcel Garvey who caught mumps and also missed two weeks.

There's the makings of a formidable side in the injury list alone. Gloucester's season could have looked very different if they had all stayed fit. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to work out that you simply can't run an efficient campaign with that many long-term casualties in a squad of 34.

We're not the only club to suffer, of course. Today's respected visitors were within an ace of postponing last week's game against Quins because of a shortage of props. International calls played a part there, but Bath have also had a horrendous sick list.

All over the country, clubs have been ferrying in short-term players from all over the world to plug their injury and International gaps. Last week Worcester beat a Sale



Phil Vickery holding his broken arm

side on their own ground, who were missing no fewer than 14 players. That sort of thing distorts the whole Premiership table.

About the only side to have weathered the storm is Leicester, who can call on a squad of 44 players. How do they manage that?

As Nigel Melville said in an excellent interview with the 'Citizen's' Alastair Downey, something has to be done, and done quickly. The problem is complex, and I don't pretend to have an

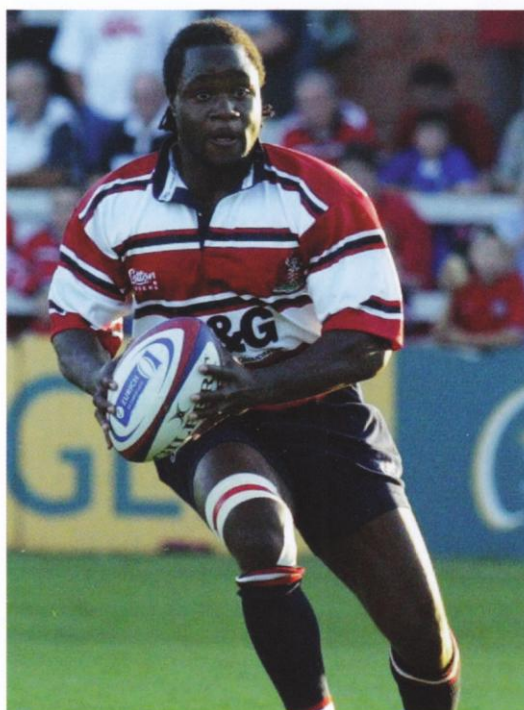
answer, but it's interesting to note that Ireland have gone the cricket route and adopted centrally contracted players, and you can't complain about their recent record.

The immediate thought is that we need larger squads and fewer matches, but that wouldn't please the money men at either club or national level. Supporters would, I suspect, rather have quality than quantity.

Until the situation is resolved the 'butcher's bill' will keep rising.

BBC radio gloucestershire

This week BBC Radio Gloucestershire's Ian Randall puts the Club's winger Marcel Garvey under the spotlight.



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career?



MG: My grandfather.

When I was training as a youngster and I had trial matches for the county, he always took me to them and encouraged me to stick at it.

BBC IR: What's your worst habit?



MG: When I'm running I sometimes kick my toe! I don't know why I do it, it just drags on the ground, so I get a bit of ribbing for that! Also I'm always late when I'm meeting someone, which my girlfriend always points out!

BBC IR: What can you cook to impress people?



MG: I've been getting some cooking lessons off my mum, so it'd have to be a traditional Jamaican meal, rice peas and chicken.

BBC IR: What would be your chosen subject on Mastermind?



MG: American football and the last few seasons of the NFL.

BBC IR: What would you like for your next birthday?



MG: I'd like to hope that all the people who were affected by the Tsunami have managed to get back their lives back together. I've got what I want at the moment, so you have to look at other people and it'd be good for those

BBC IR: What's the best thing about sport?



MG: For me it's doing something I enjoy. I wake up in the morning and know that I'm going to go out there and train and do something I've always wanted to do ever since I was at school.

BBC IR: What was your first job?



MG: I worked in the Sports Soccer shop part time when I was in the sixth form at school, and I did some stuff for Steve Freeman catering from time to time for a bit of extra money.

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



MG: I'm into computers and just starting back on my course at university in computer programming, so it would be something along these lines. I've got some work experience coming up in the off-season, so it'll be interesting to see how it goes.

BBC IR: Who's been the biggest influence on your

people to have something to smile about, and get back to where they were before those tragic events.

BBC IR: What was the last thing that made you laugh?

 **MG:** Watching Arsenal lose!

BBC IR: What's the one bit of advice you'd give to a young player?

 **MG:** It might be frustrating not getting in the team at the start, but you have to stick at it and you'll get noticed.



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Resident historian Dave King looks back into the archive and writes about one Gloucester captain who also played cricket for Gloucestershire.

RUGBY AND CRICKET from the archive



Only one captain of Gloucester Rugby Football Club has played County Cricket for Gloucestershire, his name was George Romans, and he was captain of this club a century ago this season.

In total, George was captain of Gloucester Rugby Club for four seasons in 1900-1901, 1901-1902, 1902-1903, 1903-1904, and along with Bill Johns he was also co-captain in the 1904-1905 season.

George began his career within the confines of the city playing for St Georges RFC and Barnwood RFC. It was from the latter that he joined the 'City' club as this rugby club was referred to in those times, making his debut in 1897.

George Romans captained the team when they only sustained 12 defeats in 65 matches in his first year

as captain. He was always considered to have been unfortunate not to gain a cap for England as he was nominated as a reserve on no fewer than eight occasions. The skilful full back was at that time kept out of the England team by H.T.Gamlin of Devonport Albion, who gained 15 caps after making his international debut at full back in 1899.

George made 235 appearances for Gloucester, kicking 377 conversions, and in one match versus Clifton in 1901 he converted 11 tries! In total George scored 801 points for Gloucester Rugby Club. Only four players have scored more points for the Kingsholm club.

George appeared in the first Gloucestershire rugby team to reach the County Championship final when they met Durham here at

Kingsholm in the 1901-1902 season on the 5 April 1902.

The Gloucestershire team was:

G.Romans (Gloucester), C.G.Smith (Gloucester), Gwyn Nicholls (Newport), E.W.Baker (Bristol), L.Smith (Gloucester), S.H.Foster (Gloucester), R.Goddard (Gloucester), J.L.Mathias (Gloucester), J.Sweet (Bristol), M.Courtney (Bristol), J.Lewis (Bristol), C.Hall (Gloucester), Captain, F.Westbury (Gloucester), F.Stout (Gloucester), C.E.Miller (Gloucester).

Sadly, the visiting county won by nine points to three. George ended his career with Gloucester Rugby Club following an internal altercation half way through the 1907-1908 season and decided to move to Cheltenham RFC.

In the summer months George turned his attention to cricket. He captained Gloucester Wagon Works and Gloucester City second eleven before leading the First XI for seven seasons. His ability at the summer sport attracted the attention of Gloucestershire C.C.C. and he represented the County between 1899 and 1903.

In all, he featured in eleven matches, batted in 19 innings, was not out in three, scored 218 runs, and has a highest score of 62 runs, for an overall average of 13.62.

George also held four catches for the County but

never bowled. He played in the Gilbert Jessop era, who took over the captaincy of Gloucestershire C.C.C. in 1900 following the departure of the Reverend W.G.Grace.

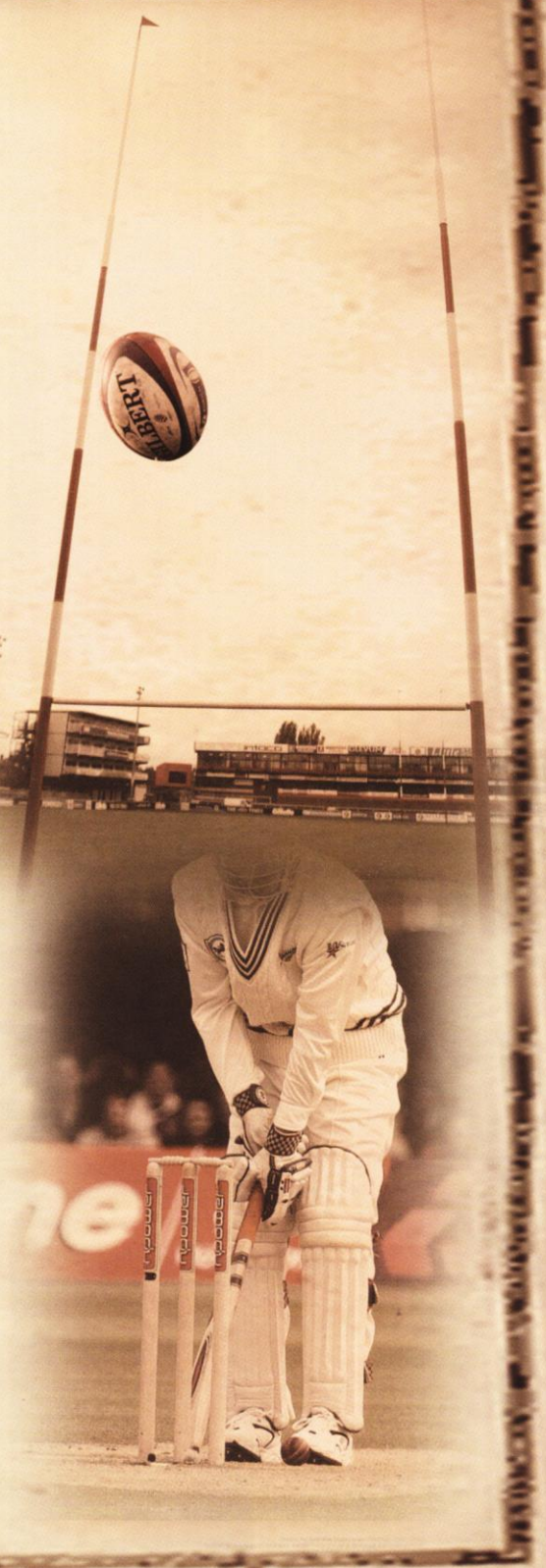
Charlie Townsend and Jack Board were also prominent members of the County team in those days. A feature of this period was when Jack Board and Gilbert Jessop, who incidently also played for Gloucester RFC, added 320 runs for a sixth wicket partnership versus Sussex at Brighton in 1903.

George, an accomplished all-round sportsman, represented Gloucester at hockey, water polo and tennis. He also played for Gloucester Thursday team at soccer. George worked in the timber trade with Messrs J.Romans & Co and he later became host of the Lamprey Hotel in Gloucester.

He departed from the City on 18 April 1939 to set up in business in Bournemouth and so departed the only captain of this club to have played County cricket for Gloucestershire C.C.C., a notable achievement by a multi talented sportsman.

George Romans was only preceded by Tony Bagwell, Walter George, Jon Harman, Charlie Williams and Walter Taylor, as captain of Gloucester Rugby Club. There have been 53 official appointments since but none can claim the distinction of being captain of Gloucester RFC and a county cricketer.

David King





Shed regular **Bob Fenton** looks at recent goings on in the last couple of games, and of course, offers a very special welcome to Bath supporters. There's also a latest update on his very own method of keeping his feet warm during matches!

Fanzone

BOB FENTON

Today is another of those 'biggest game of the season' moments. Yes I know we've had a few of those already this season, but this one is the real deal. The winner goes on for a nice (and very expensive) day out at Twickenham, the losers – well as Anne Robinson might say – leave with nothing.

The old adage about nobody remembering the losers in a semi-final is true. I mean, can anyone remember who we beat in the semi last time out. Okay, we all can remember that it was Leicester, but I'm sure you catch my drift.

We had a rehearsal for this game a couple of weeks ago, and we came out smiling thanks to Brad Davies' heroics

in the 82nd minute (and is there a sweeter way to win a game than that?) but what did we learn from it.

I think the answer is not too much to be honest. Both sides have not really fired on all cylinders this season, and while we came out on top last time around it would be a very silly person indeed who was prepared to suggest that gives us a shoe in today.

Bath will want that Twickenham place as much as we do. The prize is massive now, not just the kudos of appearing in the cup final and having a 50:50 chance of scooping the first major bit of silver wear of the season, but also for the money-spinning entry into the Heineken

Cup that lifting the trophy brings with it. And in today's professional game that is almost as important as the trophy itself.

Given both clubs' current form and league positions, this probably represents the best chance of automatic qualification, and anything that spares us the trauma of the wildcard play-offs and final must be grabbed with both hands.

Having been so narrowly defeated here a couple of weeks ago, Bath will know that they go into the game on even terms and will want a quick revenge. Once again we will be short of a handful of players through injury, but then so will they, so the

playing field is just about level.

We can, though, cross our fingers and hope that their defeat here will have a negative impact on them. And to quote that doyen of the shed and master of the overly-loud put down, Whispering John, let's hope that it doesn't play on their minds... too much!

The injury list allows for the up and coming players to make their mark, and as Brad Davies showed so wonderfully last time, and Luke Narraway showed up at Newcastle last week, we have burgeoning talent throughout the squad who we know will stand up and be counted today should they be asked to do so. Cometh the hour, and all that.

And lets stir up some noise today. Two weeks ago it was a very strange atmosphere at Kingsholm, some people in the crowd seemed to be waiting for another defeat rather than throwing themselves into it.

I suppose that it's only natural that after the game at Quins that some people were going to be a bit deflated and pessimistic, but that was then and this is now. A positive result against Bath last time out, and a decent draw up at Newcastle when many pundits predicted a loss shows we have the ability to get the job done.

It's another sell-out and we know that Bath didn't sell all of their 4,000 tickets so there should be a lot more home fans in the place today. So, can we please have a bit of old fashioned Gloucester thunder – not just at odd times during the match, but all the way through.

We like to be called the '16th man' by the players, let's earn that tag today. I hope you have all remembered your throat sweets, because by the end of today I hope you need them.

We're back on the telly today, on the BBC no less, so we have another show-piece event to display our legendary vocal talents. I don't know who their commentary team is going to be today, but if Brian Moore is here today (somewhere just above my head) can I please ask you to stop trying to find something 'controversial' in almost every aspect of the game.

In last Sunday's Ireland Vs England match you must have found about a dozen incidents that were replayed ad-nauseum while we searched for a minor fault or infringement. It makes you sound like a right whinger, which is something that you could never have been accused of as a player.

And anyway, it says on the back of a Gloucester season ticket that it is the supporter's job to find even the smallest fault in the performance of the referee. Much more of your professional efforts and you will put us out of a job.

And if we have the pleasure of having Jeremy Guscott on the commentary team can I respectfully remind you that you no longer play for Bath and that there are two teams contesting this match.

Again, our season tickets stipulate the use of only one eye when you are a Gloucester fan, commentators have to use both of theirs!

Finally, with all this talk of renovation, new stands,



James Simpson-Daniel

superb new facilities and the like you will be pleased to know that some people are digging deep into their own pockets to bring about some small improvements at Castle Grim.

As all the plans so far see improvements to the grandstand and the Worcester Street end I bring you news of the latest home made developments in The Shed. Not for us the seats – oh no. We're slowly going one better than that – we're having carpets fitted.



As the picture shows, at the Bath Premiership matches the first sections of underlay were put down – albeit a bit patchy – to provide a bit more warmth underfoot. This week we are hoping for a nice fluffy deep pile Axminster job to keep our tootsies warm, even if it does mean we have to exercise a bit more care with the beer trays as we fight our way back from the bar.

Having decided to put the carpet down the thought process turns to what else we can do. Given the pillars put in either side of the halfway line to support Stuart Barnes' super-size bulk when he sits over our heads, don't rule out garden swings and hammocks appearing in the near future...

By the way, has anyone seen those balloons come down yet???

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MATCH action



Gloucester
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Bath
16

Saturday 19 February 2005, Kingsholm

Attendance: 13,000

Referee: D. Pearson

Brad Davies' injury time drop goal, with his first touch of the game, grabbed the points for Gloucester at Kingsholm against Bath two weeks ago.

10-8 up before the break.

The second half didn't see any tries, but the constant switching in score lines kept the fans on their toes.

Henry Paul and Chris Malone both landed two penalties, which gave Bath a 16-14 lead.

Mefin Davies saw a yellow card for killing the ball as Bath hit the Gloucester line midway through the second period.

But the day was saved for Academy fly-half Brad Davies, who had come on for Henry Paul (ankle). Davies had stepped up to the replacements bench late on Friday in place of James Bailey, and slotted a lovely drop goal in the dying seconds to seal the win.

Terry Fanolua's try on 13 minutes, after a moment of magic from Henry Paul, took the lead, but as the second half progressed, the Bath team came back into it.

Bath came back into it with a try from flanker James Scaysbrook after Steve Borthwick won good ball at a line-out.

Chris Malone conversion, followed by a Henry Paul penalty, and three more points from Chris Malone put Bath





Name	Tries	Conv	PK	DG	Points
Gloucester Scorers					
Terry Fanolua	1	0	0	0	5
Henry Paul	0	0	3	0	9
Brad Davies	0	0	0	1	3
Bath Scorers					
James Scaysbrook	1	0	0	0	5
Chris Malone	0	1	3	0	11



Gloucester	Teams	Bath
Jon Goodridge		Matt Perry
Marcel Garvey		Andy Williams
James Simpson-Daniel		Andrew Higgins
Terry Fanolua		Ryan Davis
Seti Kiole		Joe Maddock
Henry Paul		Chris Malone
(78, Brad Davies)		Nick Walshe
Andy Gomarsall		Matt Stevens
Nick Wood		Lee Mears
Mefin Davies		Duncan Bell
Phil Vickery (c)		Steve Borthwick (c)
(28, Terry Sigley)		Danny Grewcock
Adam Eustace		(76, Rob Fidler)
(72, Peter Buxton)		Geraint Lewis
Alex Brown		(76, Gareth Delve)
James Forrester		James Scaysbrook
Andy Hazell		Zak Fea'unati,
(69-76, Noel Curmier)		
Adam Balding,		



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MATCH action



Newcastle
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Gloucester
27

Sunday 27 February 2005, Kingston Park

Attendance: 6,333

Referee: D. Rose

Despite taking three points from the 27-27 draw away at Newcastle on Sunday, Gloucester were disappointed not to have taken the maximum five after a quality first half performance.

The Falcons moved Walder to stand-off at half time and the change was key to their second half comeback.

Gloucester almost put the game beyond the home side in the opening moments of the second period, but Kiole was judged to have put a foot in touch, before Newcastle hit back.

Michael Stephenson's converted try on 60 minutes brought the Falcons back into the game. Only seven minutes later Mathew Tait's try after good work from the Newcastle forwards saw the game change.

With only six minutes remaining Mayerhofer made the most of the advantage rule and went through under the posts. Walder's conversion saw Newcastle take a 27-22 lead with minutes left.

But it only took two minutes for Gloucester to get back into it and save the points. Henry Paul went to touch from a penalty on half way. From the driving line-out Luke Narraway came up with the ball in the corner to bring the scores level. Henry Paul was close with his conversion attempt, but a draw and the four-try bonus point saw Gloucester take three vital Premiership points from a tough away clash.

Terry Fanolua was breaking every Newcastle tackler that dared give it a go, and it was the Samoan who started the move that saw Gloucester claim their first touch down.

Fanolua made good metres and Narraway was held up close to the line before the Falcons cleared. The Gloucester pack brought play straight back up the middle, and Andy Gomarsall's break out wide found space and he dived over in the corner just after 20 minutes.

Five minutes later Gloucester grabbed their second try, when Fanolua drew the Falcons defence, and Marcel Garvey took Henry Paul's pass at full pace for the score. Paul converted.

A Henry Paul drop goal added to the score before Gloucester scored their third try just before half time. Gomarsall and Balding all had a hand in the move, before Fanolua powered over from 10 metres out to see Gloucester take a 22-6 half time lead.





Name	Tries	Conv	PK	DG	Points
Newcastle Scorers					
Michael Stephenson	1	0	0	0	5
Mathew Tait	1	0	0	0	5
Mark Mayerhofler	1	0	0	0	5
Dave Walder	0	3	2	0	12

Gloucester Scorers					
Andy Gomarsall	1	0	0	0	5
Marcel Garvey	1	0	0	0	5
Terry Fanolua	1	0	0	0	5
Luke Narraway	1	0	0	0	5
Henry Paul	0	2	0	1	7



Newcastle	Teams	Gloucester
Dave Walder		Jon Goodridge
Tom May		Marcel Garvey
Mathew Tait		James Simpson-Daniel
Mark Mayerhofler		Terry Fanolua
Michael Stephenson		Seti Kiole
Mark Wilkinson		Henry Paul
(41, Joe Shaw)		Andy Gomarsall
James Grindal		Nick Wood
(59, Hall Charlton)		Noel Curnier
James Isaacson		Gary Powell
(41, Ian Peel)		(68, Terry Sigley)
Andy Long		Adam Eustace
(52, Matt Thompson)		(78, Mark Cornwell)
Micky Ward		Alex Brown
Luke Gross		Peter Buxton
(68, Geoff Parling)		Luke Narraway
Craig Hamilton		Adam Balding (c)
Mike McCarthy		
(59, Semo Sititi)		
Cory Harris		
Phil Dowson (c)		



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Thanks to the Citizen newspaper's Alastair Downey, the official matchday programme looks back to two years ago when a cup semi-final victory over Leicester Tigers took Gloucester on to Twickenham, and ultimately to lift the cup on a magical day.

There were a few debates over use of players in the front row, if supporters remember!

looking back

POWERGEN CUP SEMI FINAL 2003

Extract from the Citizen after the semi-final clash in 2003.



"This was cup rugby in all its rawest glory, an afternoon of high drama and tension to match anything this season. And guess what. Gloucester played all the rugby and won a thoroughly deserved and magnificent victory that should, Rugby Football Union hearings permitting, send them to Twickenham for the first time since 1990 in a domestic cup competition.

"Gloucester should discover today whether they broke the rules concerning the use of front row forward replacements that prompted uncontested scrums with Leicester a Martin Johnson glare away from their line in the fifth minute of added time.

"But the fact Gloucester were the better side was without question and their success was the reward for a gripping and outlandish brand of rugby that stretched Leicester away from the comforts of their unremitting forward jolt. They could not handle Gloucester in the wide areas of the

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field or match the pace and direction of their backs play. It created two brilliant tries for Marcel Garvey and Thinus Delpont in a four-minute period in the second half that effectively decided the game.

"Gloucester then had to repel a ferocious late Leicester assault from 10 line-outs and when injuries took their toll in the front row, from a series of uncontested scrums, before smuggling away possession to secure glory. Leicester were always going to have their period with the ball but could not draw in enough Gloucester defenders at the death to make the killing pass.

"In such adversity, heroes are born and as much Garvey and Delpont's tries did to settle the match, it was Gloucester's do-or-die grit that saw them through. It confirmed they are the best team in England, not only in their seething Kingsholm lair, but also in unfamiliar and testing surroundings away from home.

"The lessons learned from their mincing in Munster have sunk through even the thickest of Kingsholm craniums. Gloucester now look a team as strong in the top three inches as they have always been in the bottom six feet because there was real method about their victory to keep Leicester seriously congested. Their forwards, if not quite at optimum temperature, operated with considerable brawn - from the simply remarkable longevity of Andy Deacon to the blood-soaked yards of Jake Boer and the gliding pace of James Forrester - they were collectively excellent.



The team celebrate their win

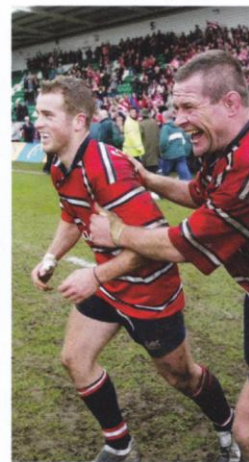
"They did enough to cause Leicester disruption in the loose and went with them toe-to-toe in the scrums, even if Leicester probably just held a sliver of an advantage. But it was Gloucester's cutting edge provided behind the steaming pack that was so outstanding. It was probably a day when the backs outshone the forwards to prove what a good all-round side they can be.

"From Andy Gomarsall, confidence fully restored after his knock from England, to the outstanding contribution made by Henry Paul, who created Delpont's try with a pass of the highest quality, Gloucester were better to a man. Garvey scored a try of individual brilliance from Delpont's inside pass but the full-back's try was a team score of the top order and came through the bewitching hands of Paul and James Simpson-Daniel before the full-back pounced to surge home in the right corner. Gloucester did not freeze as they had done in Limerick. They maintained their outstanding defence and showed a willingness to

play they did not possess in Ireland. Despite their intent, they trailed 6-3 at the interval after two Tim Stimpson penalties to one from Ludovic Mercier undermined their positive approach. Paul and Simpson-Daniel - a makeshift centre pairing - caused considerable problems, particularly Paul, who played with a verve and confidence that was outstanding.

"Leicester had to work exceptionally hard simply to remain at a standstill and looked increasingly uncomfortable when Gloucester shifted play away from the grind to set up open field raids. Rarely can Gloucester have worked so furiously and enjoyed so much dominance against the European Champions for only a seven-point lead. But Gloucester had not shrivelled or shrunk into their shells as so many teams do against the Tigers. There was a belief and a trust in their instinct that drove them forward. Josh Kronfeld's try with five minutes to go set the alarm bells ringing and set up a furious late rally but nothing

more. Gloucester's defence had been outstanding and the Tigers looked exhausted, worn down by the continued dents inflicted by the Cherry and Whites' effort. Rod Kafer came twice at the death, once to be tackled by Adam Eustace and again by Delpont in the opposite corner as Gloucester defended their line by raining in tackles on the Leicester attack. But that was it. The last two scrums might have been uncontested but they were the only two passages of play that were not viciously fought over on a thrilling afternoon for Gloucester."



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player AWARDS

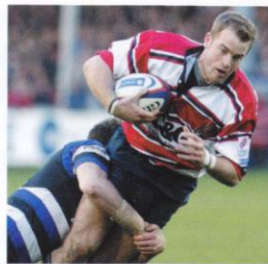
The two awards, organised by the Season Ticket Holders Association, are voted for by the 7,200 club season ticket holders.

This will be the first year of the Doug Wadley Trophy, which will be awarded to the Player of the Year.

The trophy is named after Doug Wadley, who played for the team and was a leading administrator over many years, finishing as Club secretary, shortly before he passed away at the end of 2003.

Season ticket holders can complete their voting slips in their books from 1 March, when the ticket office will have voting boxes available.

There will be voting boxes in the main bar and members bar at the Northampton game on Saturday 12 March, and the awards will be presented before kick off at the final home game of the Premiership season against Saracens on Saturday 30 April.



Gloucester				Bath Rugby			
T	C	P	D	T	C	P	D
			Jon Goodridge	15			Matt Perry
			Marcel Garvey	14			Andy Williams
			James Simpson-Daniel	13			Andy Higgins
			Terry Fanolua	12			Olly Barkley
			Seti Kiole	11			Joe Maddock
			Henry Paul	10			Chris Malone
			Andy Gomarsall	09			Martyn Wood
			Nick Wood	01			Matt Stevens
			Mefin Davies	02			Lee Mears
			Gary Powell	03			Duncan Bell
			Adam Eustace	04			Steve Borthwick (c)
			Alex Brown	05			Danny Grewcock
			Peter Buxton	06			Geraint Lewis
			Andy Hazell	07			James Scaysbrook
			Adam Balding (c)	08			Zak Feunati
			replacements				
			Olivier Azam	16			Jonathan Humphreys
			Terry Sigley	17			David Flatman
			Mark Cornwell	18			Gareth Delve
			Luke Narraway	19			Rob Fidler
			Alex Page	20			Nick Walshe
			Brad Davies	21			Ryan Davis
			Nathan Mauger	22			Tom Cheeseman



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