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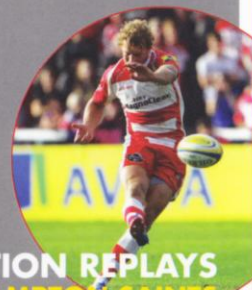
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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

TOM SAVAGE

What a difference a couple of weeks make!

When I wrote my last set of programme notes, we had started the Aviva Premiership season with two defeats and were coming into a really tough home fixture against Northampton Saints.

Two weeks, and two victories, later and everything is looking a lot more positive.

We took a lot of flak after those first two performances and, to be fair, some of it was deserved. In the Sale

minutes and life would have been a bit less stressful.

The same thing applied at Kingston Park last weekend against Newcastle Falcons really, when we found ourselves hanging on to clinch the win.

After a slow start, we actually managed the game quite well and could have scored several tries in the second half. We didn't finish off the chances though, and had to defend our line for all it was worth.

What did come through in both

"WE'RE NO SOFT TOUCH AND EVERY MAN HAD TO DIG DEEP..."

game in particular, we didn't perform to our potential.

However, despite the fact that we were obviously unhappy with our start, there was no panic in the squad. We knew what we're capable of, and the main feeling was one of frustration.

In a funny sort of way, although they were flying high at the time, Northampton were the ideal team to play because we knew that we'd have to perform at a high level in order to have a chance of beating them.

Predictably, it wasn't easy, and we made life that little bit trickier for ourselves on the day by not taking our try scoring chances. We could have been a couple of scores clear going into the final few

those games, was the character of the side. We're no soft touch and every man had to dig deep to make sure we emerged with the win.

We'll need more of that team spirit today against the Exeter Chiefs. During their time in the Aviva Premiership, they've shown over and over again that they're a side with plenty of character themselves.

We've had some really tough matches with them recently. We won the game here at Kingsholm by just two points last season. They pipped us by a point down at Sandy Park.

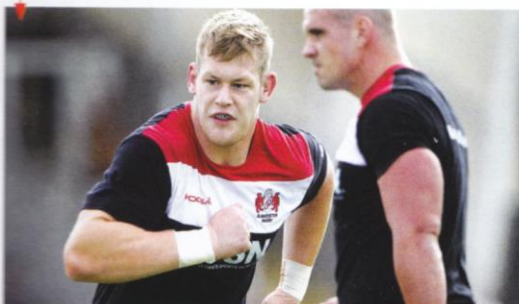
They lost to the Leicester Tigers last weekend so they'll be looking to get back to winning ways and finish this first phase of Premiership games on a winning note.

Then again, so do we! We want to go into the Heineken Cup on the back of three wins.

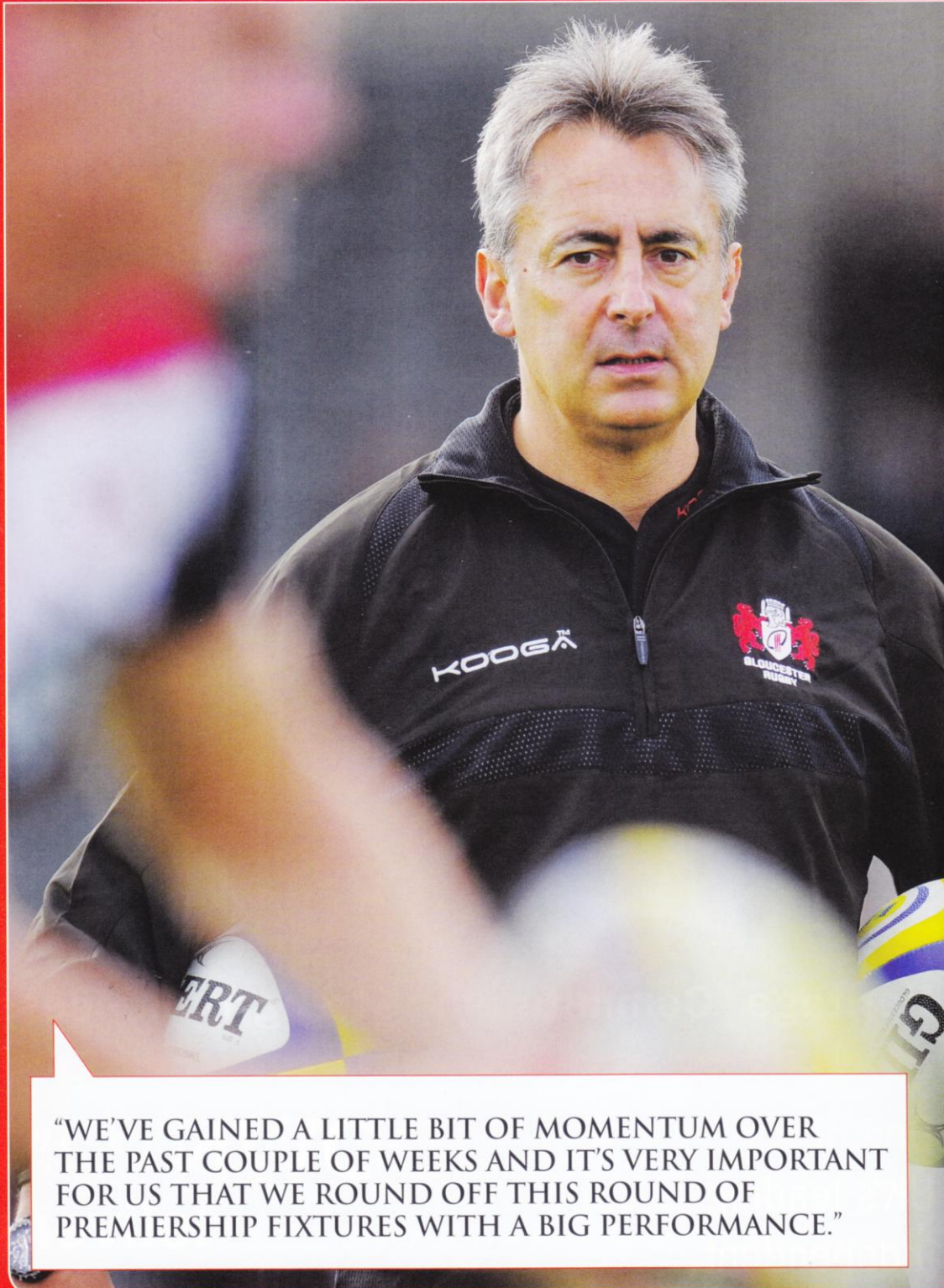
It'll be tough, we know we're in for a real fight this afternoon. But we're up for that fight.

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Capitaining a team with such great spirit is a real honour



NIGEL DAVIES DIRECTOR OF RUGBY



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COACH'S NOTES

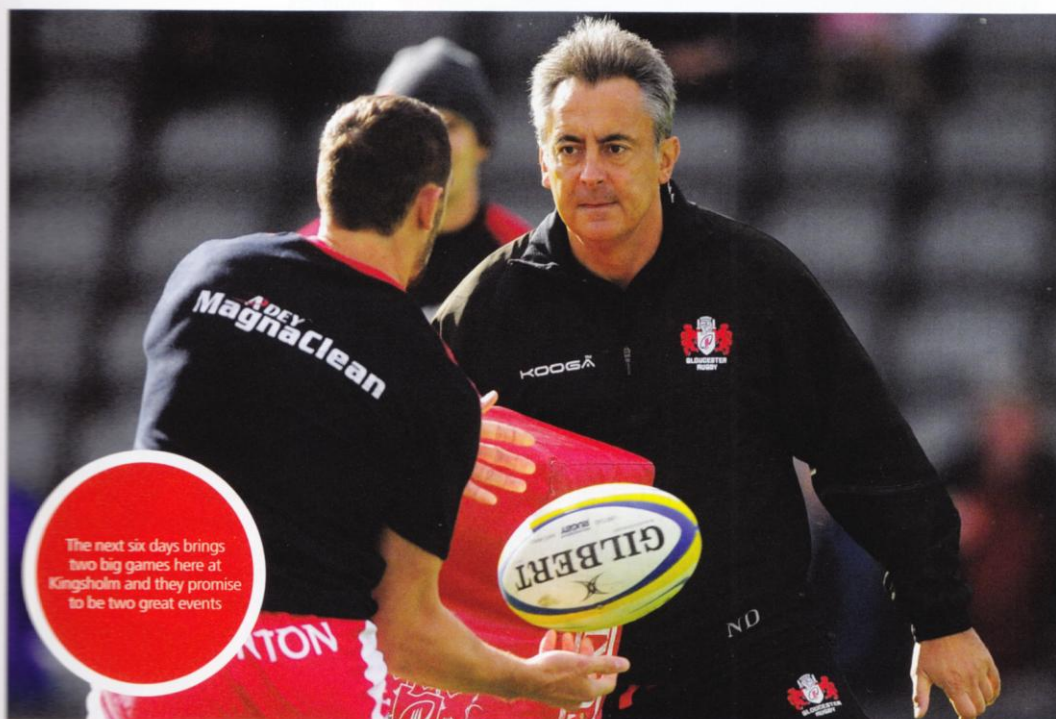
On behalf of everyone at Gloucester Rugby, I'd like to wish the players, staff and supporters of Exeter Chiefs a very warm welcome to Kingsholm this afternoon.

played some decent rugby at times in the wins over Northampton and Newcastle. However, we can be much better!

We could have made life considerably more comfortable for

and a bit more clinical in terms of finishing off the chances we create then, sooner or later, we're going to deliver a more comprehensive performance.

We've gained a little bit of



The next six days brings two big games here at Kingsholm and they promise to be two great events

The last couple of games have seen us get our season off and running after a difficult first couple of weeks.

It was obviously important for us to get a couple of results, but it was equally important to deliver some improved performances.

We've managed to get the wins, but they've both been pretty close run affairs and we've had to show great character and determination to close those games out.

However, we've still got plenty of work to do in terms of our accuracy and execution.

Don't get me wrong, we've

ourselves against Northampton had we taken a couple of very good try scoring opportunities in the first half.

And it was a similar story up in the North East last weekend, when we ended up hanging on for the win when we should really have put the game to bed much earlier.

On the one hand, it's frustrating that we're creating chances but not finishing them off. However, we are at least creating the chances in the first place. If we didn't look like scoring tries, then I'd be more concerned.

If we're a bit more accurate

momentum over the past couple of weeks and it's very important for us that we round off this round of Premiership fixtures with a big performance.

The next six days see us play two big games and they promise to be two superb occasions here at Kingsholm.

Your support will be incredibly important to us, and we'll do our best to give you all something to shout about.

Enjoy the game,

Nigel



VIEW FROM The Citizen

with **NICK PUREWAL**

Nick talks to Gloucester's captain Tom Savage about dealing with injury, the impending Heineken Cup fixtures and the honour he feels from being made captain this season.

LEARNING CURVE

Tom Savage's knee let him down in the warm-up, and sparked one of his lowest moments in rugby.

The bullish back-five forward had spent the first two months of the 2011/12 season announcing himself on the Kingsholm scene.

After grafting first to a Cherry and Whites contract, Savage had seized his opportunity to force his way into Bryan Redpath's regular

selection thoughts in his first senior season.

Still fighting to get to grips with the Premiership then, Savage was dazzled by the mere mention of taking on French giants Toulouse at Stade Ernest Wallon.

When Head Coach Redpath

picked him to start, the Shropshire-raised youngster was desperate to make his European mark.

Cue that untimely knee complaint then, with Savage despairingly trying to prove his fitness before kick-off, and having to submit to the injury.

Toulouse edged Gloucester out 21-17 on Sunday, November 13, 2011, with Savage stunned by the ferocity and intensity from the stands – but he still wishes he had been out on the field.

"It's fair to say the Toulouse away game, pulling out in the warm-up was one of the most disappointing points of my career so far," he recalled. "It was difficult to deal with."

"The boys went out there and almost won that game as well, which was amazing to watch – but clearly it would have been better to play in."

A week after his Toulouse despair, Savage made his Heineken Cup debut in Gloucester's 29-8 defeat at Harlequins.

The 24-year-old cannot wait to add to his European credentials – especially going up against former

Tom will be drawing on experience from some of the 'seasoned' players



Gloucester team-mates Luke Narraway and Alasdair Strokosch against Perpignan on Saturday.

Savage admitted he will pick the experienced Heineken Cup heads in the Kingsholm squad, as Gloucester prepare for the 'ultimate test' in club rugby.

He continued: "I've been involved with the Heineken Cup in that season, and the excitement to get into it again is huge.

"We had a bit of exposure to some top French sides last year in the Amlin and that can stand us in good stead.

"You just know you've got to be at the very top of your game in order to succeed in this tournament.

"Biarritz made us pay with some clinical finishing last season in that Amlin quarter-final, so we know full well you have to be right on the money every time.

"You can't be off any per cent otherwise it will cost you. It's the ultimate test and it's hugely exciting.

"Everyone wants to be able to play against the best teams and players, and have the chance to show what you can do as both a player and a team.

"We know we can cause opponents issues when we get things right and that's the challenge now.

"There's added spice with Naz and Strokes coming back to play against us, so that will be one the boys are particularly looking forward to us too.

"They are two guys I've got massive respect for, and learned a great deal from when I was coming through at the club.

"They helped me a massive amount and I'm sure they're just as much looking forward to playing at Kingsholm as I am playing against them.

"It's a place they both loved and had a great time at, so it will be special for them I'm sure.

"They will prepare their team-



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mates as best they can for what playing at Kingsholm will be like. We of course want to use that to our advantage.

"But at the same time I'm sure going down there to play them in France will be extremely tough too.

"I'll definitely draw on the European experiences of the senior players in the squad, that's important.

"Look at guys like Mike Tindall,

James Simpson-Daniel and Andy Hazell, just to mention a few, and their Heineken Cup experience is extensive.

"Then you have Pete Buxton and Alex Brown in the backroom staff who have a great deal of European games under their belts too.

"So it's great to be able to feed off that, especially ahead of that first run of Heineken fixtures as captain."

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ARTHUR HUDSON

A GLOUCESTER HERO

Arthur played 260 matches for Gloucester, scoring 235 tries, and was captain for 5 seasons from 1908 to 1913.

He won 29 County caps, scoring 14 tries, and captained them to the County Championship. He won 8 England caps, scoring 9 tries.

At 12st 7lbs and 5ft 11ins, he was a fast attacking wing three-quarter. His running style, with a high knee action, made him very difficult to tackle.

His contemporary, Dai Gent, described Arthur as "...a wing who thrilled me – a splendid example of a man using his excellent physique to the best advantage."

Born in Gloucester in 1882, Arthur first played soccer. Indeed he played at Kingsholm for the City Albion soccer club on what is now the car park.

In 1902 he switched to rugby, and devoted the rest of his life to the Gloucester Club.

Even before he stopped playing, he had taken up administrative duties, and became "The Grand Old Man of Gloucester Rugby".

PROLIFIC TRY SCORER

Arthur made his debut for Gloucester against Cheltenham,



Arthur, captain, 1911-12

scoring 2 tries in a 14-11 win. He had come into a team in transition, struggling to win more games than it lost, and he himself struggled for a couple of seasons.

The arrival of Jimmy Harrison from Lydney to play inside Arthur lit the blue touch paper.

Arthur had to wait until the end of October 1904 to score his first try of the season, but then scored 7 against Broughton Park, 6 against United Services, 4 against Old

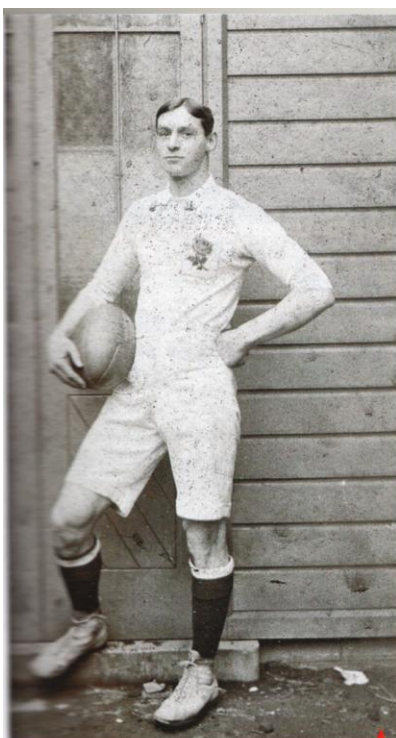
Edwardians, 3 against Clifton, and 2 in three other games to end up as the Club's top try scorer with a record-breaking 35.

The following season, Arthur raised the bar again with 41 tries, including 6 against Bream in the County Cup, 5 each against Penylan and Hartlepool Old Boys, 4 against Bedford, and 3 against Old Merchant Taylors.

With "Whacker" Smith scoring 27 tries on the other wing, Gloucester finished the season with a whole host of new records - aside from Arthur's try scoring, the team total of 158 tries, the points aggregate of 661 (against 165), and the glut of tries allowed George Romans to set a new individual scoring record with 152 points (70 conversions, one mark goal and 3 penalties).

Arthur's try scoring feats brought him to the attention of the England selectors, and he scored on his debut, a 3-16 defeat by Wales in 1906.

Later in the season, Arthur travelled to Paris and scorched across the turf of the Parc des Princes to score four tries, a feat matched by a couple of England players in the century since, but never exceeded.



Arthur in his England strip

AN ENFORCED CAREER BREAK

During the Great War, Arthur served in the Navy, spending much of his time in submarines, but playing rugby as often as possible when he was ashore.

When rugby returned to Kingsholm in 1919, so did Arthur, now aged 36. He had lost none of his dash, and was again the leading try scorer, including four of the eight tries in a 24-0 trouncing of Bath away.

He led Gloucestershire in the County Championship Final against Yorkshire at Bradford, and a famous victory was won 27-3, but Arthur had to leave the field with a dislocated shoulder, and this ended his playing career.

SETTING UP SHOP

Whilst Arthur was playing his first game for England in 1906, his place in the Gloucester side was taken by an All Black, Duncan McGregor, who had returned to Gloucester at the end of their tour.

The two became friends, and when McGregor returned again a year or so later, he set up a sports outfitter shop, using Arthur's name to promote it.

Arthur's sister, Bessie, continued to run the shop when McGregor went back to New Zealand, and Arthur himself took over when his playing days ended.

The family business later passed to his son, Gordon (296 games for Gloucester, captain, secretary and chairman), and then to his grandson, John, who also now runs the Club shop at Kingsholm.

SUPREME CLUBMAN

In 1920 Arthur was appointed as Secretary of the Club, a post he was to hold for 42 years, but he did so much more, with stints as Treasurer and Fixtures Secretary, controlling the day-to-day running of the Club and keeping the Club sound financially. Yet he also found time to devote to organising County rugby, athletics and tennis.

He worked hard to preserve Kingsholm through the depredations of the Second World War, and the Club rewarded him



Arthur flanked by "Doc" Alcock and Tom Voyce during WW2

rugby was such that the 1972 All Blacks, on their way back to their hotel from Kingsholm, called in



with an honorarium of £150, which he insisted be used to start a fund to purchase a ground for local rugby as a memorial to those players who had lost their lives in the war.

The result was the Memorial Ground on Tuffley Avenue, of which Arthur remained a trustee until his death in 1973, and which is still home to the Old Cryptians and Widden Old Boys clubs.

His reputation in the world of

to pay their respects to Arthur, now 90 years old, who had played against their predecessors in 1905.

Arthur himself said, "I do not begrudge one minute of the time I have devoted to Rugby. To me it has been a labour of love; it has given me some of my richest memories."

He was described by the Club's President, Dr Arnold Alcock, as "...the heart and soul of Rugby in Gloucester."



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Henry Trinder @HenryTrinder

"@DylanHartley: The fish and chips at Gloucester are amazing #staypositive" ha can't go wrong with a glos battered sausage and chips!

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Henry Trinder creates
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Champagne Moment

MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME

PART OF ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING BACKLINES IN THE AVIVA PREMIERSHIP, AND A KEY LYNCHPIN IN GLOUCESTER'S MIDFIELD, **HENRY TRINDER** IS BEGINNING TO REALLY MAKE HIS MARK ON THE PITCH.

The side-stepping and speedy centre had a frustrating campaign last year through injuries, but with a full pre-season under his belt, Trinder is really enjoying his rugby at Kingsholm and starting to turn on the style.

After a disappointing start in terms of results, the team have hit back with two wins over Newcastle and Northampton and the mood in the camp has lifted accordingly.

"We wanted that first win. It was a long time in coming but

we needed it and we got it. Now we've put it behind us and need to push on and build on it, so we're happy with that.

"On a personal level, I had a good pre-season and I'm happy to be back playing regularly. I'm happy with how I'm playing and my form, so now I can push on and put together a run of strong performances."

With focus being placed on the Gloucester backline due to the exciting talent it possesses, Trinder insists that the crew of Burns,

Twelvetrees, May, Sharples, Cook and the experienced Simpson-Daniel take all the media plaudits in their stride.

"We're a laid back group, who like joking around and getting on with each other away from the pitch, but then flicking the switch and applying ourselves once we cross the whitewash. We take the focus about us in our stride to make sure we perform.

"We can only go on what the forwards provide for us, and recently they've stepped up and worked hard and that gives us the platform to move on.

"Those are the boys that dig in and work hard. We run around and grab the headlines, but we'd be nowhere on the pitch without the grunt from the boys in the pack."

The Swindon born centre is also quick to mention some of his



fellow backs, although one of them may not be so happy with the back handed compliment!

"I've played with Freddie (Burns) for a number of years now, through the Academy. He's stepped up and done superbly well and had a great year, and we work well together. Throw Billy into the equation and it's good for us all.

"Billy's added a lot to our back line. He's a lot fatter than the rest of us so he's got the size to go up the middle whilst we try and go around the sides!"

Involved in the Exeter Chiefs side that come to Kingsholm this afternoon is Trinder's old neighbour Dave Lewis, a former Gloucester young gun, and he is looking forward to catching up with his good friend.

"It's sad for me that Davey was moving on. He was with me in the Academy and he's now doing well down in Exeter. He's a great player and he's doing what he deserved and playing well.

"It's obviously a big game, Exeter are a tough opposition and we had



a great game down at Sandy Park at the end of last season, so we know what to expect and it'll be tough.

"It's always a good game, we both have great fans who go head-to-head. A lot of teams come here and try to get one up on the Shed, but few rarely do!

In media circles, Trinder's name has been mentioned in terms of England selection recently, but Trinder insists he has to get it right in GL1 in order to follow in the footsteps of recent caps Burns, May and Twelvetrees.

"Obviously I would love to push for England,

but I know I have to keep focused on the job in hand at Gloucester,

play well and, most importantly, keep Mike Tindall on the side lines and out of the team.

"Then I can focus on performing to the best of my abilities on a regular basis. If that leads to England recognition, that'd be great. But I have to turn it on with Gloucester first."

"I HAVE TO KEEP FOCUSED, PLAY WELL AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, KEEP MIKE TINDALL ON THE SIDE LINES..."



KINGSHOLM NEWS with BOB FENTON

Maybe we should all go to the fancy dress hire shop and dress up as cowboys and have a right old shoot out – make the pre-match footage on the telly a bit more interesting for the viewers than dear old Austin and Florence droning on anyway.

What a difference a few days make. After a pretty dismal start to the campaign, the wheels are back on the bus and we are rolling in the right direction. Two wins from two makes for good reading and good moods – well mostly – and sets things up nicely for the West Country derby today.

Last time we were here at Kingsholm we saw an enthralling game. Within a couple of minutes it looked like we were going to be on the wrong end of a bit of a lashing by the visiting Saints.

But we showed some of the dog that kept us in many games last season and, had it not been for a horrible bounce in the in goal area, and the strangest of strange 'no look' passes to a bemused ball boy we could have been well in front at the break.

As it was we had to wait until just after half time to see Billy Twelvetrees – and isn't his early decision to sign on for another couple of years great news – dive over, followed a little later on by Elliott Stooke crossing for his first score for the big boys.

For the Saints game I was prised out of my usual position in the Shed and given 'escort duties' for some guests from work. While I'll admit that the good food and wine make for a pleasant experience, I do prefer to be on the other side of the track. But this time the seats afforded me prime position to

watch a very special moment.

Our seats were pretty obviously in the seats put aside for players, friends and families. Sat in front of us were a row of remarkably turned out identikit young ladies – clearly the partners of some of the guys on the field.

I mentioned Elliott Stooke going over to score – sat right behind us was his Dad. I have never seen such excitement and joy, he jumped to his feet shouting, 'My boy has scored, my boy has scored!' He was so proud and excited and was great to witness.



The Gloucester players enjoy the tense victory over Saints

They enjoyed themselves though, testing perfumes (oh how I enjoyed them) and applying various makeups while the rest of us were having minor heart palpitations, as the game see-sawed about on the pitch. Good though that obviously was, it wasn't the best bit.

Made me smile all afternoon.

The end of that game was not without a bit of controversy though. I can understand Saints' fans being more than a bit aggrieved at that last penalty – heaven knows how we would have felt and reacted had it all happened the other way

around. It was good to see so many Glos fans leaping to the defence of the ref though - there's something you won't see too often!

Then last Sunday, it was a long, long trip to the furthest flung corner of the Aviva Premiership outpost – or Newcastle as it is known – not the happiest hunting ground for us over the past decade or so.

Come to think of it, that applies to pretty much every other Premiership ground. I was there last time we won but not this time, unfortunately.

Reading the reviews, and talking to people who did make the trip, it seems we showed a good deal of grit to get the result. Chances are that we will need that today.

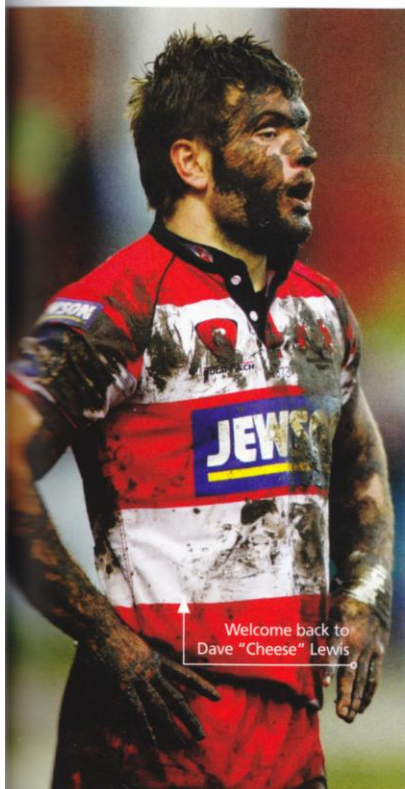
Having had my travel permit revoked last weekend, I watched a bit of the Exeter v Leicester game.

Although the score would suggest that Leicester had the game in the bag, it really wasn't that straight forward. Exeter have some excellent ball carriers and a monster sized pack so it's going to be a very tough afternoon.

It'll also be a chance for us to welcome back Dave Lewis who headed out of the Castle for a bit



Fancy Dress? We Gloucester fans are far too sophisticated for this kind of set up!



Welcome back to Dave "Cheese" Lewis

further South West at the end of last term.

I guess with the emergence of Dan Robson and with Jimmy Cowan here, his chances of regular first team action diminished. So, moving on was understandable.

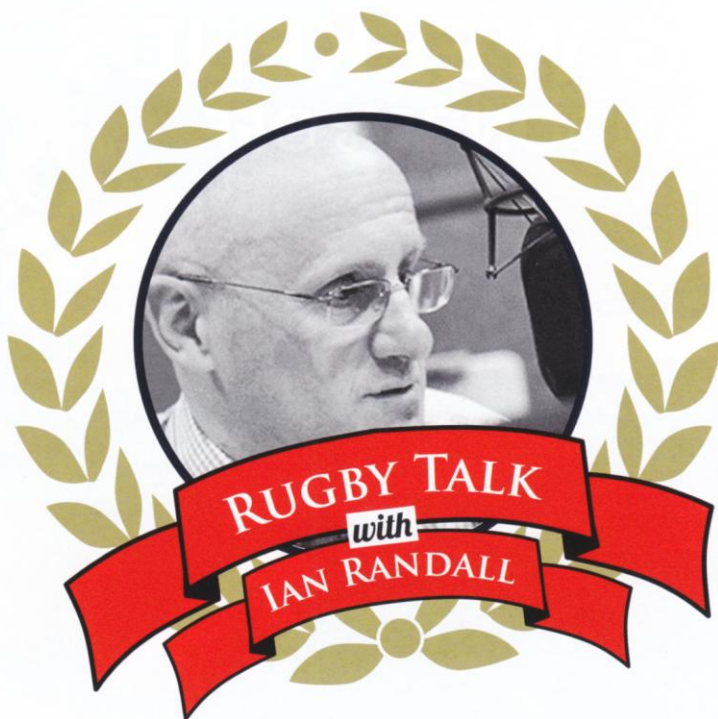
Shame though, always liked him as a player and hope he does great things down there. He'll have to oust another Gloucester old boy first, as Haydn Thomas seems to be intent on defying the years and can still cut it at the ripe old age of 43. OK, he's really only 31, but seems to have been around for years...

Exeter coming here also means we welcome back the long lost tribe of indigenous American natives (have I got the PC terminology right, apparently I'm not allowed to say 'Indians' anymore. Lucky they

stopped making Westerns – films not cider). I confess – the idea of going to a rugby match with a kids feather headdress and an inflatable tomahawk is not something that, even in one of my most deluded moments, I would ever consider doing, but if it makes them happy – go for it.

Maybe we should all go to the fancy dress hire shop and dress up as cowboys and have a right old shoot out – make the pre-match footage on the telly a bit more interesting for the viewers than dear old Austin and Florence droning on anyway.

After today, next time we come back here it's Heineken Cup time... As Gregg Wallace – the shouty one on Masterchef – may well say, 'Rugby doesn't get any tougher than this'! Can't wait...



RECRUITMENT IN TOP FLIGHT RUGBY IS ONE OF THE KEY PLANKS IN A SUCCESSFUL CLUB, ESPECIALLY WITH A SALARY CAP TO ADHERE TO.

ITEND to think of it in three phases - bringing in the right young players at the bottom, signing and retaining good players in their prime, and - the difficult bit - knowing when a player's career with you has run its useful course.

As Scyld Berry wrote recently in the Sunday Telegraph, Surrey's relegation from Division 1 of cricket's County Championship was due to too many young and too many old

players, and too few in between who were good enough. One wonders what the management were thinking, but I digress.

Gloucester's recent financial results show how the club's spending has a balance to it.

I once spoke to the late John Brain about the process of signing players and he made the point that you never want to tie up too much of your budget in one position.

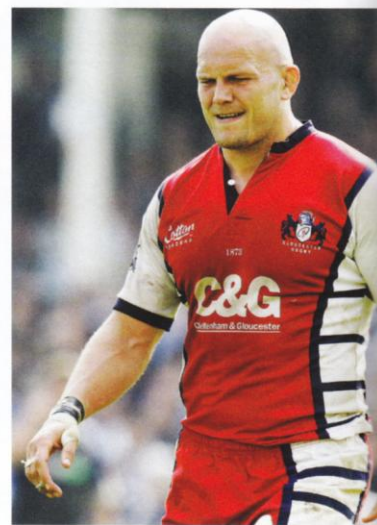
Look through the current senior squad and you'll find a mix of signings with, ever the eye for someone not spotted by others, no fewer than 11 players brought in from Championship or National League teams.

When nearly a third of the squad come from those levels, there's some good homework being done.

The most lucrative route to Kingsholm has been up the A30 from the Cornish Pirates, but it's

not been one way traffic. While five players have joined Gloucester in recent seasons, two have gone the other way. Each has their own story.

Will James started the ball rolling in 2006, the same year that Gloucester's Academy Manager Mark Hewitt had joined the Pirates as Assistant Coach.



Already 29, James told me Dean Ryan had watched him play in a game against Otley the season before, and saw enough to pursue his interest, offering James a two year contract.

Four Wales caps, a World Cup and 150 Gloucester games later, James is now in his eighth season at Kingsholm, and is currently going through the re-election process within the player's body, the RPA, where he is currently Chairman.

Arguably the best part of James' career has come when some players are thinking about retirement.

James' Director of Rugby at the Pirates was Jim McKay, now the Australia attack coach. He and Mark Hewitt worked together and brought through hooker Darren Dawidiuk, who left Cornwall for Gloucester in 2009 after another scouting trip for Dean Ryan and Mark Cornwell.

Little was seen of "Dukey" until his second season, but he's now



(left) The late John Brain did his homework and bought in players such as Will James (above right)

a solid performer with decent experience domestically and in Europe - and he's still only 25.

If you think Gloucester have had good value from Darren, then the Pirates have been equally well served by Rob Elloway, who, short of chances at Kingsholm, joined Pirates in 2007, and has been a regular in the number 2 jersey since Dawidiuk moved on.

While Drew Locke's time at Kingsholm saw limited opportunities because of injuries and the good form of those in front of him, the former Pirates centre (now with Jersey) did put in a word for team mate Rob Cook.

Speaking to Pirates' media officer Phil Westren this week, he said no-one at the club has been surprised by the full back's smooth adaptation to the Premiership.

While at Nuneaton, Cook had



top flight came relatively late, but has been no less merited as his consistently high performance levels

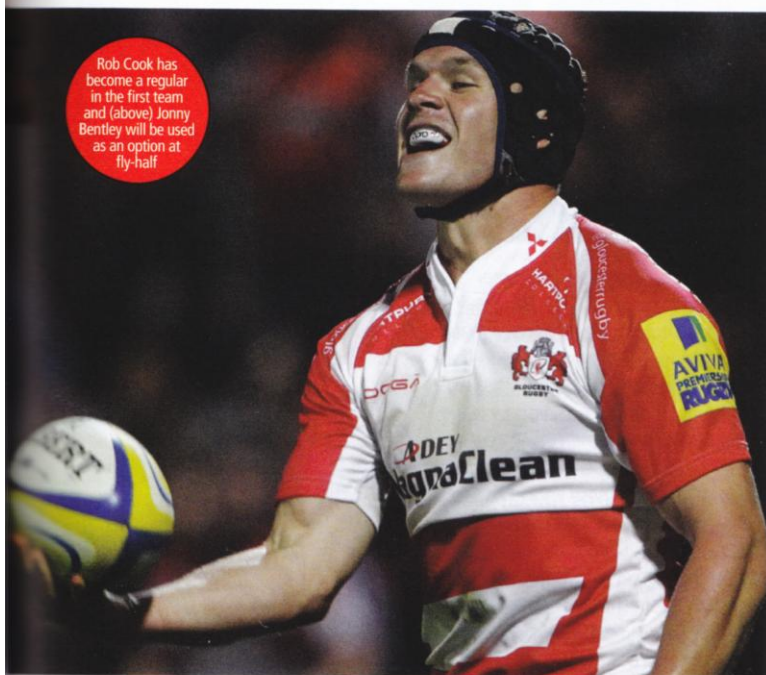
Kiwi's name to Alex Brown when finding out Gloucester were looking for cover at outside half with Tim Taylor's return to full fitness still some way off.

Only at that stage, with the Championship season almost over last spring, was Bentley aware a move to Kingsholm might be possible.

Brown's awareness of player development also saw him recommend young lock forward Will Graulich to the Pirates as he sought a good first team opportunity after graduating from the Gloucester Academy.

For the record, Gloucester's other Championship recruits came from Nottingham (Kalamafoni, Molenaar and Taylor), Rotherham (Monahan) and Pertemps Bees (Qera) plus, from the third tier, Tynedale (Harden) and, on the doorstep, Hartpury (Savage).

Without exception, all can be said to have contributed to the cause. In global terms you generally get what you pay for in terms of quality, but there are still gems to be unearthed closer to home - especially, it seems, in the land of the Pirates.



Rob Cook has become a regular in the first team and (above) Jonny Bentley will be used as an option at fly-half

played for the England Counties team coached by Harvey Biljon, who was then at Blackheath. Biljon moved to the Pirates in 2009 as backs coach and recruited Cook for his new club.

Like James, his move to the

have shown.

Increasingly, season on season, agents can orchestrate where players end up, and that was the case with the 2013 recruit in this group. Jonny Bentley.

His agent had mentioned the

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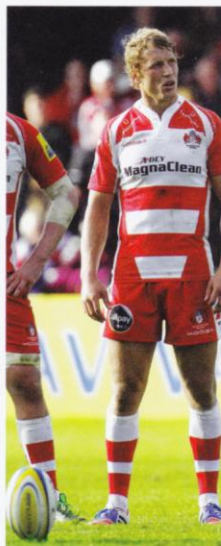
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12	C	Billy Twelvetrees
11	W	James Simpson-Daniel
10	FH	Freddie Burns
9	SH	Jimmy Cowan
1	P	Dan Murphy
2	H	Darren Dawidiuk
3	P	Rupert Harden
4	L	Tom Savage
5	L	Elliot Stooke
6	F	Matt Kvesic
7	F	Akapusi Qera
8	N8	Sione Kalamafoni
16	R	Koree Britton
17	R	Yann Thomas
18	R	Shaun Knight
19	R	Will James
20	R	Ben Morgan
21	R	Dan Robson
22	R	Mike Tindall
23	R	Jonny May

NORTHAMPTON SAINTS

#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Ben Foden
14	W	Jamie Elliott
13	C	James Wilson
12	C	Luther Burrell
11	W	George North
10	FH	Stephen Myler
9	SH	Kahn Fotuali'i
1	P	Alex Waller
2	H	Dylan Hartley
3	P	Tom Mercey
4	L	Samu Manoa
5	L	Christian Day
6	F	Tom Wood
7	F	Calum Clark
8	N8	Sam Dickinson ■
16	R	Mike Haywood
17	R	Ethan Waller
18	R	Gareth Denman
19	R	GJ van Velze
20	R	Phil Dowson
21	R	Lee Dickson
22	R	George Pisi
23	R	Ken Pisi



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TRIES: Sharples (37), Twelvetrees (42), Stooke (65) CON: Burns (42) PENS: Burns (13, 54), Twelvetrees (80)

NORTHAMPTON SAINTS

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TRIES: Foden (5), Manoa (44), Elliott (78) CONS: Myler (6, 45, 79) PEN: Myler (36)

KINGSHOLM'S APPETITE FOR DELIVERING DRAMA CONTINUED, AS TWO TOP CLASS SIDES LOCKED HORNS ON A FIERY AFTERNOON IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

A last gasp Jamie Elliot try looked to have stolen the game for the visitors after a stunning George North break, but the home side hit immediately back through Billy Twelvetrees' long range penalty.

It was a dramatic finish and, with the points looking set to be heading back to the East Midlands, in the eyes of the Saints referee Martin Fox was the sinner as Gloucester never gave up and clinched their first win of the season at the third attempt.

Jim Mallinder's men arrived in town with an exciting and talented side, in top form and took on Nigel Davies' side, who had struggled to hit the heights in their opening outings.

An early stroll home for a try from England full back Ben Foden, who found a yawning gap in the home defence, got the Saints off to a flyer.

This kicked the Cherry and White masses into gear, with the bumper crowd finding their voices. And the team duly responded.

Patience was the key and, after the hosts had failed to convert a duo of gilt-edged chances, Charlie Sharples finished off some mesmerising interplay from Burns and Twelvetrees.

As Burns and Myler exchanged penalties, the Cherry and Whites went into half-time, feeling on top

although trailing on the scoreboard.

Gloucester flew out of the blocks in the second period, following quick thinking from Jimmy Cowan who turned down an easy three points to coax Twelvetrees through a healthy

Gloucester attempted to run the clock down and preserve the six-point advantage. However, in the 79th minute, after a reasonably quiet game, George North sprung into life.

Chased by Henry Trinder and

Champagne Moment:

James Simpson-Daniel showed his class as, with Gloucester forcing the Saints defence back, the experienced winger side stepped his way through the defence to set up Elliott Stooke for a try on his first start

gap to cross for the second try.

Hitting back instantly, the Saints kept plugging away, utilizing the main weapon of the rolling maul. Samu Manoa was a grateful recipient as he touched down to regain the visitors' lead.

Burns was on target from the tee again, and then a moment that young lock Elliott Stooke won't forget.

James Simpson-Daniel - a player at the other end of the experience spectrum - picked the ball up at second receiver, after a spell of powerful phases, skipped through Dylan Hartley and left George Pisi for dead, before offloading to a gleeful Stooke whose finish invited the stands to erupt in celebration.

Jonny May, the Welsh superstar skipped past defender after defender, then offloaded to Calum Clark who fed Elliott who scuttled home for an outstanding score. Kingsholm was stunned into complete silence and disbelief.

With home fans collecting their coats to head to the exits after a heartbreaking finish, the Cherry and Whites fashioned one more chance; eager runners from the kick-off forced Saints to knock-on and, from the resulting scrum, referee Martin Fox awarded a penalty to the home side.

All that was left was for Twelvetrees to step up and write a final chapter into a pulsating Aviva Premiership match.

"SAV (TOM SAVAGE) WAS OFF THE PITCH SO I WAS CAPTAIN, AND I JUST THOUGHT I'D STEP UP AND DO IT. I LOVE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES AND THAT'S WHY WE PRACTICE GOAL-KICKING SO HARD IN THE WEEK."

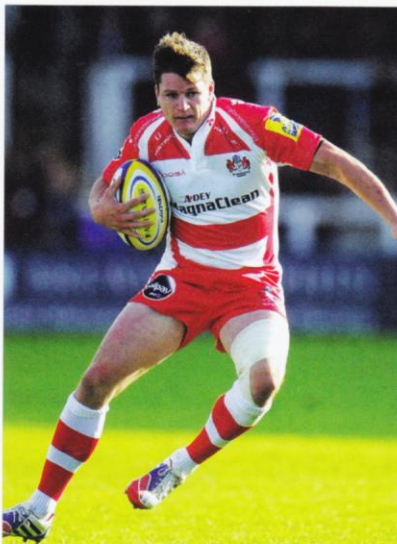
BILLY TWELVETREES, ON TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO WIN THE GAME

GLoucester Rugby

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NEWCASTLE FALCONS

#	POS	NAME
15	FB	Alex Tait
14	W	Noah Cato
13	C	Adam Powell
12	C	James Fitzpatrick
11	W	Tom Catterick
10	FH	Rory Clegg
9	SH	Mike Blair
1	P	Franck Montanella
2	H	Matt Thompson
3	P	Oliver Tomaszczyk
4	L	Scott Macleod
5	L	Dom Barrow
6	F	Mark Wilson
7	F	Will Welch (c)
8	N8	Ally Hogg
16	H	George McGuigan
17	P	Rob Vickers
18	P	Scott Wilson
19	L	Sean Tones
20		Chris York
21	SH	Warren Fury
22	FH	Phil Godman
23		Alex Crockett



NEWCASTLE FALCONS

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TRY: Catterick (0) CON: Clegg (1) PENS: Clegg (17, 24), Godman (58)

GLOUCESTER RUGBY

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TRIES: Cook (30), May (52) PENS: Burns (19, 47, 65, 76)

GLOUCESTER SECURED THEIR FIRST AWAY WIN OF THE AVIVA PREMIERSHIP SEASON WITH A HARD FOUGHT 22-16 VICTORY AT NEWCASTLE FALCONS.

And it was a rare one in the North East for Nigel Davies and his side, Gloucester's last triumph at Newcastle coming back in December 2007.

It wasn't easy, and it was far from pretty at times. But the Cherry and Whites had to battle their way back from a distinctly dodgy start to head back down the motorway with four points in the bag.

For a team that hadn't scored a try all season, Newcastle started the game like a house on fire. Indeed, a smart blindside move saw winger Tom Catterick gallop over for a try within a minute of the kick off.

If Gloucester were slightly stunned, they received another blow when starting prop Dan Murphy had to leave the field injured shortly afterwards.

Falcons fly half Rory Clegg was kicking beautifully, both out of hand and off the kicking tee, and quickly made it a 10-0 scoreline. It looked as though it could be a long afternoon for Gloucester.

The home side were keeping it simple. Their gameplan was evidently to take Gloucester on up front, win the territory battle and

take points when on offer.

Nigel Davies' side were more ambitious. However, a few handling errors undermined their early efforts to get back into the game.

Freddie Burns got Gloucester on

13-8 down, but had the momentum. And they emerged at the start of the second half in no mood to relinquish their grip on the game.

They piled on the pressure up

Champagne Moment:

It's difficult to actually single out one player this week. But, whoever got under the ball right at the death to deny Ally Hogg a potentially match-winning try, should take the plaudits!

the board with a penalty, quickly matched by one from Clegg before Burns saw a well struck effort blown off course by the capricious Kingston Park wind.

However, it finally clicked around the half hour mark. Forwards and backs started to combine, and some continuity entered Gloucester's game. Patient play stretched the home side and Ben Morgan put Rob Cook in at the corner.

Morgan then very nearly smashed his way over for a memorable try, leaving would be tacklers strewn behind him, but lost the ball in contact.

So, Gloucester turned around

front, and a penalty for Burns was the result, quickly followed by a try for Jonny May.

Phil Godman soon made it 16-16, but Burns finally conquered the conditions and landed two tricky penalties to ease Gloucester ahead.

However, Gloucester were their own worst enemies in the closing stages. A number of great try scoring chances were squandered and the Cherry and Whites very nearly paid a high price.

They spent the final couple of minutes defending for their lives, and the final whistle was greeted with huge relief with the Falcons held up over the line.

"IT'S A FRUSTRATING PLACE TO BE AS I FELT WE CREATED A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES. BUT WE STRUGGLED TO FINISH THEM OFF AND, BECAUSE OF THAT, NEWCASTLE HAD A SHOT TO COME THROUGH AT THE END AND GET THE RESULT.

"THEY GAVE US A GREAT GAME TODAY."

NIGEL DAVIES, DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

Teams correct at time of print: 3rd October 2013



TODAY'S TEAMS



GLoucester Rugby

ROB COOK	FULLBACK
JAMES SIMPSON-DANIEL	RIGHT WING
HENRY TRINDER	CENTRE
BILLY TWELVETREES	CENTRE
JONNY MAY	LEFT WING
FREDDIE BURNS	FLY HALF
JIMMY COWAN	SCRUM HALF
DAN MURPHY	PROP
DARREN DAWIDIUK	HOOKER
RUPERT HARDEN	PROP
TOM SAVAGE (C)	LOCK
JAMES HUDSON	LOCK
SIONE KALAMAFONI	FLANKER
MATT KVESIC	FLANKER
BEN MORGAN	NO.8
HUIA EDMONDS	REPLACEMENT
YANN THOMAS	REPLACEMENT
SHAUN KNIGHT	REPLACEMENT
ELLIOTT STOOKE	REPLACEMENT
AKAPUSI QERA	REPLACEMENT
DAN ROBSON	REPLACEMENT
MIKE TINDALL	REPLACEMENT
CHARLIE SHARPLES	REPLACEMENT

EXETER CHIEFS

PHIL DOLLMAN	FULLBACK
IAN WHITTEN	RIGHT WING
JASON SHOEMARK	CENTRE
SAM HILL	CENTRE
TOM JAMES	LEFT WING
GARETH STEENSON	FLY HALF
HAYDN THOMAS	SCRUM HALF
BRETT STURGESS	PROP
JACK YEANDLE	HOOKER
HOANI TUI	PROP
DEAN MUMM (C)	LOCK
DAMIAN WELCH	LOCK
TOM JOHNSON	FLANKER
JAMES SCAYSBROOK	FLANKER
DAVE EWERS	NO.8
CHRIS WHITEHEAD	REPLACEMENT
BEN MOON	REPLACEMENT
CARL RIMMER	REPLACEMENT
TOM HAYES	REPLACEMENT
BEN WHITE	REPLACEMENT
DAVE LEWIS	REPLACEMENT
HENRY SLADE	REPLACEMENT
MATT JESS	REPLACEMENT

IN CHARGE TODAY:

Referee: Matthew Carley
Assistant Referees: Roy Maybank & Ashley Rowden