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'Campo' the Legend



Back in 1971, Gloucester played an Irish President's XV, as part of the club's Ground Centenary celebrations, and also to give the Irish a game as preparation for the World Cup. To most people's surprise, Gloucester won that one.

Yet, a couple of weeks later, virtually the same Irish XV gave the mighty Australians the fright of their lives. In fact, with only a few minutes left, it looked as if the eventual Cup winners were going to be on the receiving end of a very nasty defeat. It took a few moments of magic from a Genius to swing the game. The man in question? David Ian Campese.

The word 'genius' is over used, especially in the sporting context, but few would deny that the legendary 'Campo' deserves the title, as much as any star in the sporting firmament.

So it is with very great pleasure indeed that we welcome David Campese to Kingsholm today. The prospect of seeing him in direct opposition to our own Philippe Saint Andre is one that would warm the cockles of any rugby man's heart.

It's especially nice that 'Campo' has come along as part of the Padova squad, because he was born, not far away, in October 1962 to be precise. His father, Tony, emigrated to Australia when David was only a nipper, yet he's never lost his Italian accent. He has an elder brother and two younger sisters.

In fact, we nearly lost him. Growing up in the suburb of Queanbeyan, he played rugby league until he was 17. After he left high school, the Principal of St

Edmunds private college asked him to go there, and play rugby for the school. He politely declined. His big break came when he represented ACT against New South Wales. At just 19 years old, he put in such an outstanding performance that a few influential people marked him down for greater things. He went on to his first Wallaby tour (to New Zealand) before the end of 1982. After his Test debut, the name 'Campese' was on everyone's lips, so impressive had his confrontation with the great Stu Wilson. He also scored his first Test try.

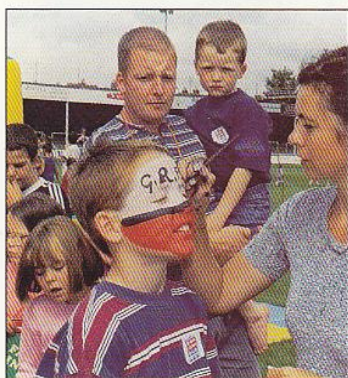
Since then, it's all been history. David Campese holds the world record for tries in Tests with 64. He has scored tries against every Test opponent except the British Lions. He shares with Greg Cornelsen, the Australian record for most tries in a Test with 4 – exactly the same number, one can't help noting, that Gloucester's Gordon Hudson once scored against Ireland.

He also holds the Australian record for Test appearances with 101, and his 100th was scored against Italy at – you've guessed it – Padova. And that was the first game which his Mother and Father had ever seen him play overseas.

Off the field, David is a great car lover. He drives a white BMW with the registration number 11. He's also partial to pasta, the odd glass of red wine and Indiana Jones movies.

It's a tremendous pleasure to welcome him to Kingsholm. We all hope that he enjoys being here at least as much as we're pleased

The Italian



Queuing up for 'War Paint'

It's always good to welcome visitors from far-away places about which we know little, and especially good to see Padova here today. They aren't the first Italian side to visit Kingsholm in recent years, but when Milan and Treviso descended on us, it was simply for the fun of the thing, while today's little conversazione is a competitive occasion, adding a little bite to the occasion. Indeed, if as we fondly imagine, we do manage to 'get into Europe', as everyone seems to be phrasing it, these days, then these Conference matches will be invaluable experience for us.

Our other opponents in this competition are, of course, French, so today's respected visitors will be the only Italian side we see, this season.

On the grounds that time spent on reconnaissance is never wasted, I did a little research, and was fascinated to find just how many similarities there are between our two cities. We claim to have been here before the Romans, and so do citizens of Padova, which is probably better known as 'Padua' in this country. Padova, it is said, was founded by one Antenore, who was an exile fleeing the fall of Troy.

So both cities have a long and unbroken history, although there was a slight hiccup in the case of Padova. In 452, one Attila the Hun played an away game in that fair city, and his supporters enthusiastically trashed the joint before they left.

Padova is fundamentally an industrial town with aspirations towards tourism. So are we. We're proud of our Cathedral, and they feel the same way about their Basilica del Sant'Antonio. We have our Docks, they're only 20 kilometres (that's twelve and a half miles in old money) from the famous Lagoon at Venice.

Most important for today's purposes, of course, both cities have highly respected rugby teams.

Last season, Padova finished third in their National League Championship, behind Milan and Treviso. This involved them in a two-leg play-off, and they must have thought they were in good shape when they beat Treviso in the away leg. They then managed to lose at home, and also came second in the decider. However, there is no doubt that the season established Padova as one of the leading sides in Italy, by no means inconsiderable opposition for any English side.

I haven't seen today's team at the time of writing, but I do know that they can call upon nine Italian Internationals in their squad. They also have two New Zealand utility backs, and there is, of course, that solitary Aussie. His name is David Campese, and that's all I need to say about that. Except, perhaps that the prospect of witnessing a direct confrontation between the legendary 'Campo' and our own Philippe St. Andre, right here on the Sacred Turf of Kingsholm, is a mouth-watering one.

All things considered, we are in for a fascinating afternoon. Everyone will want to extend an extremely warm welcome to Padova, and everyone who has come along to join them on their visit to Gloucester.

And we'll look forward to savouring the delights of their fair city in the return leg.

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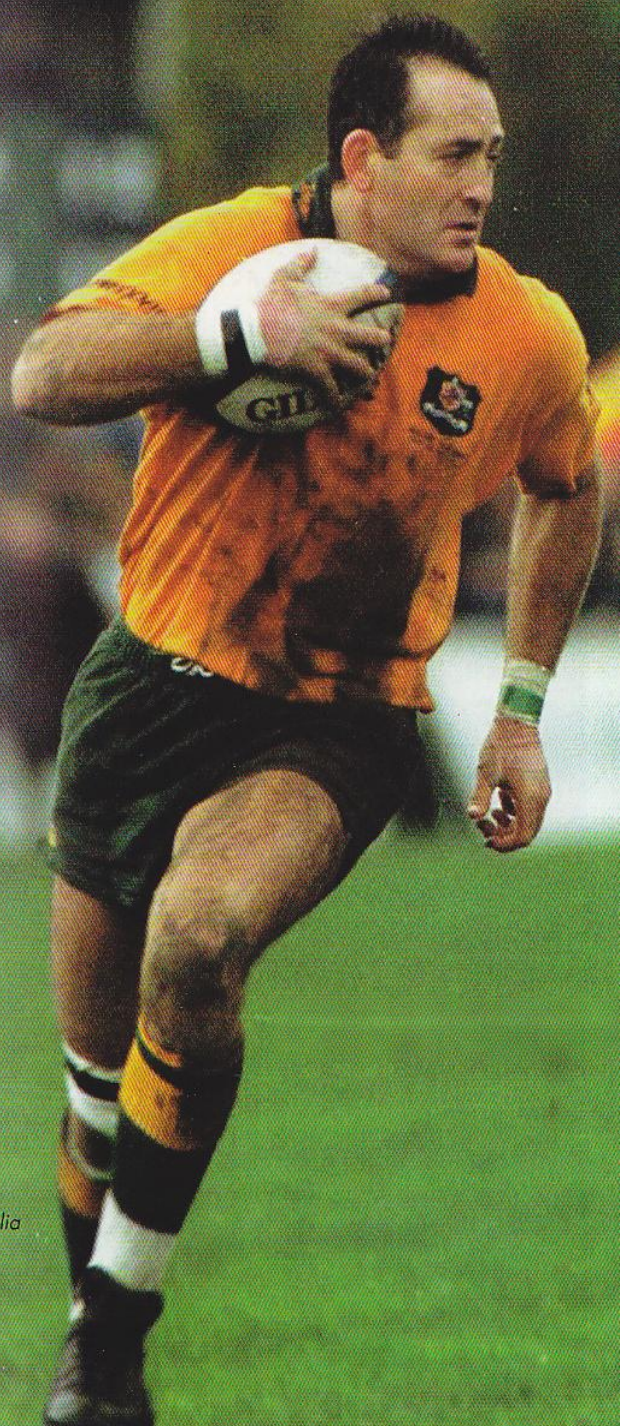
THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING

I can't imagine that anyone would deny that the various authorities were perfectly correct in postponing this game for 24 hours, given the tragic circumstances. However, our very welcome guests from Padova have travelled an extremely long way to play this game, and the short-notice switch must have given them some logistical problems.

It's only right, therefore, to thank them, most sincerely, for their co-operation and understanding in this unique, and very sad, situation.

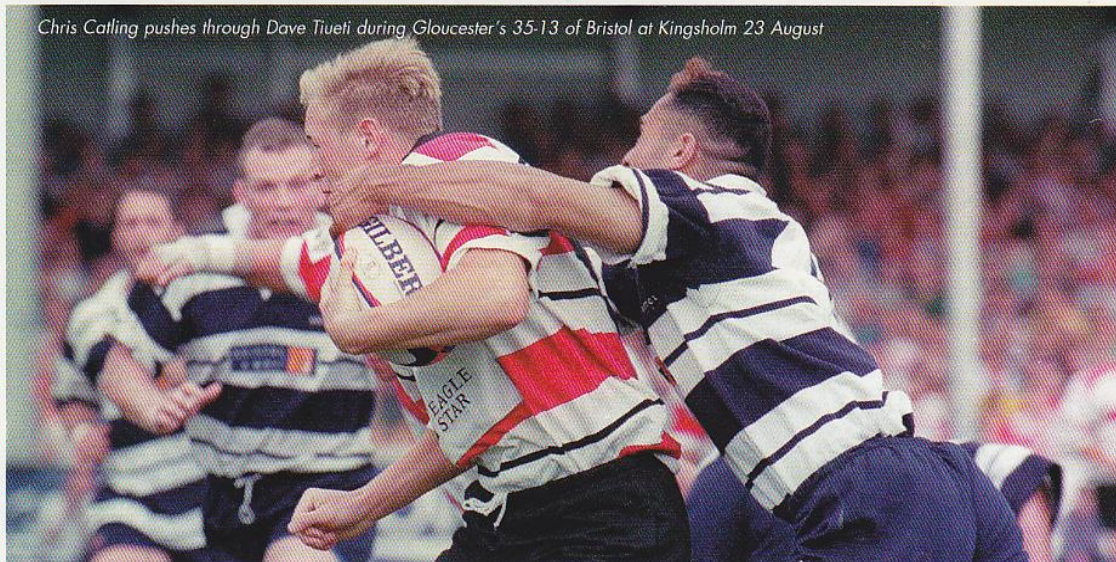
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David Campese Padova's Left Wing playing for Australia
against the Combined Districts, November 1996

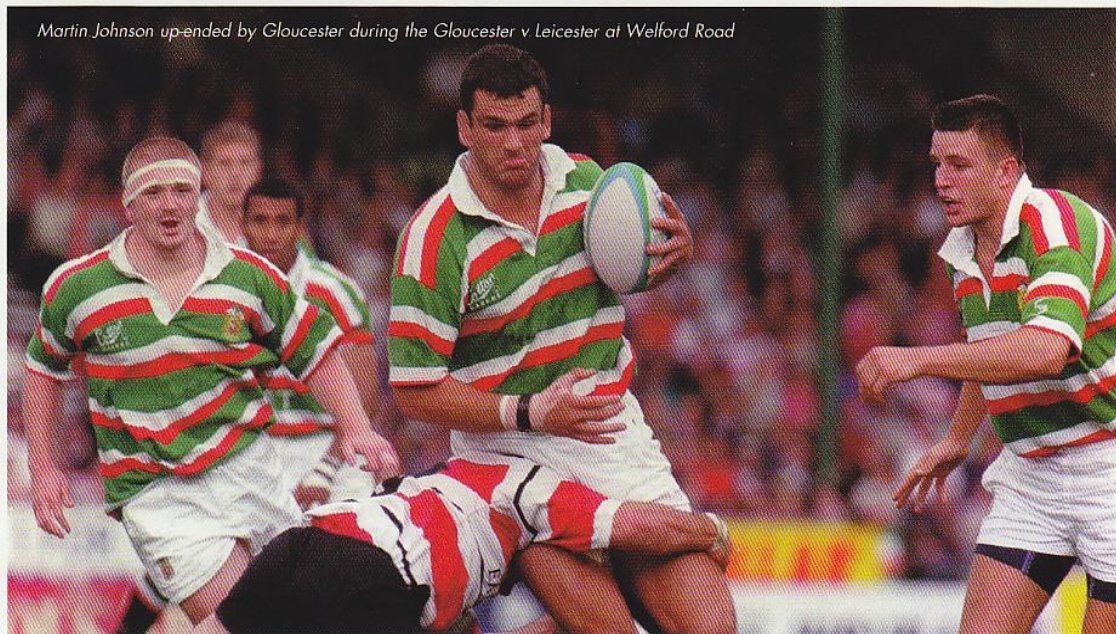


Gloucester in Action!

Chris Catling pushes through Dave Tiveti during Gloucester's 35-13 of Bristol at Kingsholm 23 August



Martin Johnson up-ended by Gloucester during the Gloucester v Leicester at Welford Road



Going into Conference

I think that last season's initial attempt to get the European Conference off the ground caught many clubs, including Gloucester, by surprise. We didn't take our games all that seriously, with the result that we didn't do ourselves justice. Now, I have no way of knowing what Richard's selection policy is going to be this year, but there is no doubt that the Competition is a much more substantial affair than it was last time round. So perhaps a few details are in order.

To start with, the Conference has been extended to include 32 clubs rather than last season's 24. All those teams seem to have come from France, who

have doubled their representation from eight clubs to sixteen.

The reduction of the Welsh first division to just eight top clubs means that they have lost out in the European Conference. They are now providing just four sides instead of last year's seven.

There's just one other change to the earlier set-up: Romania is providing a side, which is a national representative team, rather than a club one. So some lucky club is going to be taking on the same outfit which was so comprehensively trounced by Wales last week.

The new system also means that there will be more matches to play, partly because of the

increased number of clubs participating, but also because the earlier pool games are to be played on a home-and-away basis. Fancy an away trip to Padova? Then on to Beziers and Toulon?

One good reason for taking the whole affair more seriously in financial. If we reach the quarter-final stage, the club will receive £7,500. Semi finalists pocket another £20,000 each, and the two finalists rake in another £30,000, so that the two teams which get that far will be richer by a very useful £57,500. Which, as they say, ain't to be sneezed at.

It's a Complicated season

Allied Dunbar Premiership, European Conference, League Cup, Pilkington Cup - it's all going to take a bit of keeping up with. Let's spell out who's doing what and to whom over the next few weeks.

Next Saturday, we have a very tough assignment, here at home, against the formidable Toulon outfit from France. It will be even tougher when we travel there on September 27th,

because if there is a Gallic equivalent of Kingsholm, in terms of local support, it's their Mayol Stadium.

We shall have had a taste of French competitive rugby the week before that, however, when we visit Beziers on the 20th. If memory serves, they're a team noted for their forward power, which should make life interesting. On October 4th, Beziers come here, and then, a

week later, we make the long trip to Italy to repeat today's exercise on Padova's home turf.

So, after next Saturday, our next home fixture is a Premiership job against London Irish That's on SUNDAY (note that), October 19th, and the game is scheduled for Sky Television. It's down for an early kick-off, but I hear a whisper that Sky may change it to 3.15pm, or thereabouts, so watch this space.



What's in a Name?

Quite a lot actually. At least, as far as one prime porker is concerned.

If you've taken a trot along St. James's Street, here in Gloucester, recently, then you may well have noticed a Gloucester Old Spot pig, possibly wearing a Number 2 Cherry-and-White shirt. He is thus caparisoned because his name is, would you believe, 'Phil Greening'. There's another one called 'Sid Lawrence'.

This is all part of the launch of Gloucester's new city farm, now officially named St. James's Farm. The organisers thought it would be a nice idea to name some of the animals after local celebrities, especially sporting ones.

Derek Brown, whose brainchild the whole project is,

tells me that when he asked the real Phil Greening permission to take his name in vain this way, Phil had no hesitation. "I've been called so many things in the scrum," he commented, "That this is pretty mild, actually."

One interesting sideline on this story is that, for years, Gloucester were known as 'The Pigs' down Cardiff way, half a century or more ago, so one old piece of Kingsholm mythology has come home to roost. (Do pigs come home to roost? Well, they might fly, they say).

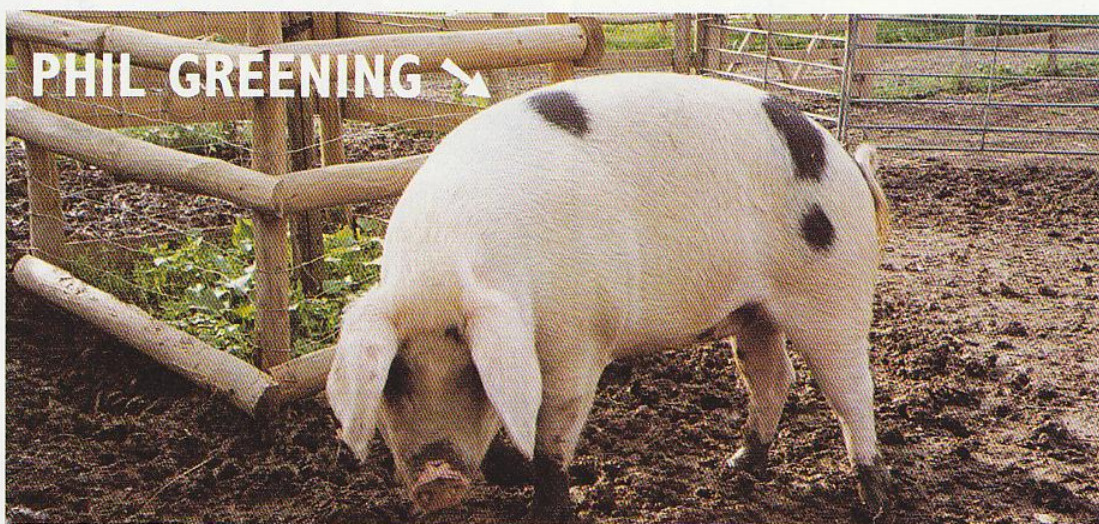
Had everything gone according to plan, St. James's Farm would have been staging its first open day, today, but you'll understand their decision to postpone the event by one week. It

will now be held on Sunday, September 14th, from around 10.00am onwards.

I'm told that our own Phil Greening, as different from the porcine version, may well be along to add his considerable weight and authority to the proceedings.

Could be well worth a visit for both you and the kids. And you might even get Phil Greening's autograph. Both of them, in fact.

Peter Arnold





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Sunday 7th September 1997

Kick-off 3.00pm

GLOUCESTER 43
Cherry & White

PADOVA 10

15	CHRIS CATLING	Full Back	KELLY ROLLESTON	15
14	RAPHAËL SAINT ANDRE <small>IT</small>	Right Wing	VITTORIO D'ANNA	14
13	TERRY FANOLUA	Centre	MATTEO PIOVENE	13
12	RICHARD TOMBS	Centre	LUCA MARTIN	12
11	PHILIPPE SAINT ANDRE (I) <small>IT</small>	Left Wing	DAVID CAMPESE (I)	11

10	MARK MAPLETOFT (I) <small>1P 5C</small>	Outside Half	FILIPPO RAMPAZZO	10
9	IAN SANDERS	Scrum Half	FEDERICO DALLA NORA	9

1	TONY WINDO	Prop	PAOLO VIGOLO	1
2	NEIL McCARTHY	Hooker	MORETTI ANDREA	2
3	PHIL VICKERY	Prop	CARIO CRISTIAN	3
4	ROB FIDLER	Lock	ALESSANDRO GIACON	4
5	MARK CORNWELL	Lock	SIMONE STOCCO	5
6	PETE GLANVILLE* <small>3T</small>	Flanker	ROBERTO SAETTI	6
8	ED PEARCE	No.8	RICCARDO PIOVAN	8
7	NATHAN CARTER	Flanker	CORRADO COVI*	7

CRAIG EMMERSON	Replacements	CIRO BORRELLI
ALEX MORRIS		STEFANO SANDONNINI
LAURIE BECK		HECTOR DE MARCO
ANDY DEACON		ANDREA ZULIAN
PHIL GREENING (I)		RENATO DE BERNARDO
RICHARD WARD		CLAUDIO CHIUSO
		STEFANO SCHIAVON

Referee

Gaston FFR

Reserve: John Hackett RFU

(I) International
* Captain

Touch Judges

Barrabes FFR

No.2: Ramon FFR

1997-98 FIXTURES & RESULTS



Date	Teams	Kick-off	Result						
August									
23	BRISTOL	3pm	W 35-13	C Gelling	R Saint-Amand	T Fowles	R Tumber	P Saint-Amand	M Hargreaves 14/19
30	Leicester	3pm	L 33-16	C Gelling	R Saint-Amand	T Fowles	R Tumber	P Saint-Amand	M Hargreaves 11/14g/14/2p
September									
7	PADOVA	3pm							
13	TOULON	3pm							
20	Beziars	3pm							
27	Toulon	3pm							
October									
4	BEZIERS	3pm							
12	Padova	3pm							
Sun 19	LONDON IRISH	3pm							
Sun 26	Saracens	3pm							
November									
1	European Conference quarter-finals								
Sun 9	HARLEQUINS	3pm							
15	West Hartlepool	3pm							
Fri 21	Northampton	3pm							
January									
Sat 3	P/Cup Round 4								
Sun 11	Wasps	3pm							
Sun 18	Bristol	3pm							
Sat 24	P/Cup Round 5								
Sat 31	EC Final								
February									
Sun 1	Euro Final								
Sun 1	Leicester	3pm							
Sat 7	Wakefield	12pm							
Sat 14	Northampton	3pm							
Sat 21	L/Cup 1/4 Final								
Sat 28	KO/Cup 1/4 Final								
March									
Sat 7	London Irish	3pm							
Weds 11	Wasps	3pm							
Sun 15	Saracens	3pm							
Sat 21	L/Cup Semi-Finals								
Sat 28	KO/Cup Semi-Finals								
Sun 29	Harlequins	3pm							
April									
Sat 4	L/Cup Final								
Sat 11	Newcastle	3pm							
Sat 18	Bath	3pm							
Sat 25	Richmond	3pm							
May									
Sat 2	Sale	3pm							
Sat 9	KO/Cup Final								
Sun 17	Northampton	3pm							

Key: KO Cup, National Knock Out Cup



Stick to what you do best



I had a sight, recently, of the video diary which Phil Greening and Mark Mapletoft put together, at the behest of Central South Television, while on the pre-season French tour.

Well done, chaps. But don't give up your day jobs.

Eagle Star has Landed

This is the first chance I've had to comment on the very welcome news that Eagle Star, based in Cheltenham, of course have entered into a two-year sponsorship deal which benefits both Gloucester RFC and the Danka Arrows Formula 1 team. Very interesting that. I don't think that rugby union and motorsport have ever been linked in this way before.

Steve Wigzell, Eagle Star's Marketing Director, explained it thus: "Eagle Star believe that excellence in both sport and engineering should be encouraged in the UK. This association combines both these things, and backs our belief with financial commitment."

Can't argue with that. For the record, Eagle Star is one of Britain's largest life and general insurers and non-life reinsurers. It

is a leader in motor, household, travel and employers' liability insurance, as well as a major supplier of life assurance, pensions and investment products. The company is active in some 30 countries, and employs over 12,500 people.

Just off the top of my head, I can't recall a larger organisation ever supporting Gloucester RFC in this manner. We're accordingly very grateful.

Tail Piece

Katie Coker's interview with Paul Balsom, our former bobsleigh international fitness expert, the Citizen's excellent 'Cherry and White' publication

makes enthralling reading. I was fascinated to read that each player now has to take his pulse before getting up in the morning, and the figure acts as a

benchmark for the rigours of the day.

But surely - doesn't that depend on who you're in bed with?



View from the *Bar*

One 'rover's crossed over', as the old song said. When Rob Gough announced that he had decided to leave the Kingsholm Inn - 'The Jockey' to anyone who knows anything - everyone was extremely sorry. Not only had he turned the old pub, right opposite the ground, into a real haven for rugby people, but he'd made it into a thoroughly welcoming sort of boozer, too.

The news that he had decided to give up the licensed trade altogether simply compounded things. So when we all heard that GRFC was to take on a full time steward, and what's more, that the incumbent was to be Rob Gough, himself, joy and merriment was unbounded throughout the land.

He's already made his presence felt. It's all right having posh new, comfortable bar facilities, but if you haven't got the right faces pulling the pints, then it's all so much wasted effort. Rob has already made several innovations as he reveals in the following informative article, for which we are grateful.

And, incidentally, I'm hoping that this 'View from the Bar' feature will become a regular feature. If I can get Rob to stand still long enough.

It's a funny old game so the saying goes. Who would have thought after nearly 4 years in The Kingsholm Inn, I would move across the road to the cauldron of rugby? However the challenge to develop the sports club was something I could not turn down.

The Directors of the club have shown a lot of faith in me and have been very co-operative with all the suggestions put forward by Sandra and myself. The players now have a club they can be truly proud of.

As a young lad my Saturday afternoons were spent climbing over the wall and playing rugby on the tump, which has now been replaced by the hospitality boxes. The professional era is well & truly upon us, Richard, on the players' side with the help of Tom Walkinshaw, and the directors, Sandra and myself on the social side with a lot of support from Jonathan Davies.

I made many friends in my days at The Kingsholm Inn and it has been nice to see many of these faces again. A first for the Sports Bars is the introduction of cask conditioned ales, which proved to be very successful for me in the past. Also pre-match meals and fast food are available. There are plenty of new staff, I hope you will find are all very pleasant.

Pub sports are played every night of the week. We are looking for shove h'penny and pool players etc: Hopefully to enter sides in the leagues. If interested please contact myself.

We are now open all day Sundays with Sunday lunches available at £3.95.

Private functions and buffets can now be catered for any day of the week.

On to the rugby front - The new players seem to have settled in well. The team atmosphere looks very good. There was certainly a buzz in the club house after the second - half performance against Bristol where we took them to the cleaners.

It was very nice to see the 1st team in the club after returning from Leicester last Saturday, joining their supporters at the club disco. The disco, by the way, is open to the public every Saturday evening. So why not give it a try?

Lastly Sandra, myself, and all the Staff would like to wish Pete Glanville, Richard Hill and all the lads all the very best for the season.

Rob Gough

Coaches



To take the strain off the office on match days, we're trying a new system for booking coach seats for away matches. Bob Barge and Pat Berriman have agreed to organise things, and you'll find them operating from the entrance to the Sports Bar, inside the ground.

Of course, that doesn't mean that you can't book your coach at other times.

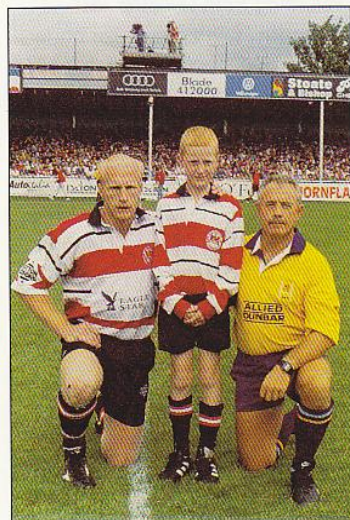
Do that by ringing Bob on 01453 890333, or Pat on 01905 613191, during working hours.. Incidentally, I hear whispers that consideration is being given to a trip to Beziers next week. Interested ?



Pete Glanville leads the Cherry and Whites onto the field

Catching 'em Young

Pete Glanville with his nephew who was the Gloucester Mascot in the Gloucester v Bristol at Kingsholm



You might recall that Laurence and Peter Brown did us the honour of sponsoring the club's famous clock last season. Laurence has now emerged again by supplying two Match Mascots today. I don't think I can do better than quote verbatim from the letter he sent me on the subject.

"Nick is just 10 years old, and Tom is 8 going on 65. Both of them attend Churchdown Village School.

"I took Nick to his first Kingsholm match when he was just four weeks old. He slept through most of it, but it was only Pontypridd. He broke his leg recently, falling from a soccer goal post - I've told him time and again what a stupid game it is.

"Tom wants to be like Deano when he grows up, and told him so last Saturday"

Anything I add to that would be superfluous. Thanks for coming, chaps !

Philippe Saint-Andre Flying Frenchman

In all the welter of signings, movements, retirements, and all the rest during the close season, there's little doubt that the arrival of Philippe Saint Andre at Gloucester caused most stir. The buzzings around the world would have driven a swarm of killer bees into an inferiority complex according to some sections of the French sporting press, the departure of Philippe was little less than a national disaster.

Our own players had some inklings of this on the pre-season French tour, when they experienced at first hand the level of hero worship which their new team mate attracts in his native country. When visiting a local night spot one evening, the whole party was announced by the DJ as "Philippe Saint Andre and the Gloucester team."

There are good reasons for the adulation, and it only took about 50 minutes of Philippe's first game at Kingsholm for him to demonstrate them. Not once, but twice, in the

space of ten minutes he sliced a bemused Bristol defence into small Oxo cubes, leaving not-the-slowest wingers in the world, gasping in his wake. "Hey!" said the chap sitting by me, "He ought to be fined for leaving scorch marks on our turf!"

Philippe Saint Andre is 30 years old, just about in his prime for a wing and centre. He stands 1m. 80cm in his rugby socks, and weighs 89kg. He moved here from Clermont, where he occupied the opposite wing from his brother Rafael, who has also joined Gloucester, and is scarcely a less dangerous proposition than his famous brother.

Philippe has played 64 times for his country, skippering the side in 29 of them. He rates his best moment in rugby as "winning two Tests in New Zealand", and who can blame him? His worst moment was losing in the Semi-final of the World Cup in 1995.

Also high on his memorabilia list is skippering France for the first time in 1994. Yet he doesn't rate any of these occasions as his best performance. That, he thinks, was reserved for the display he put on in helping Gloucester win their domestic final a few years ago. His prime ambition nowadays is to help Gloucester win both the League and the Cup. He would also dearly love to be in the French squad for the 1999 World Cup.

Philippe Saint Andre is married to Sylvie. When not playing he's a great reader, and might well be seen behind a glass or so of red wine. His favourite pub, he says, is the Montpellier Wine Bar, but doesn't specify whether it's one in his home town or Cheltenham. From day one, Philippe has expressed a desire to become a hero of 'Le Shed', who had a decided influence on his decision to come to Kingsholm. No one could have made a better start.

Philippe Saint-Andre signing autographs during the Gloucester open-day on Wednesday 13th August 1997

Factfile

Age:	30
Height:	1.8m
Weight:	89kg
Honors:	France 64 times, 29 as Captain
Previous Club:	Clermont

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