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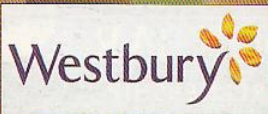
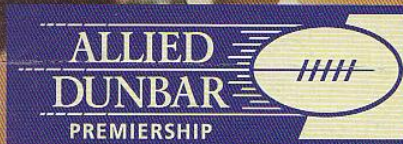
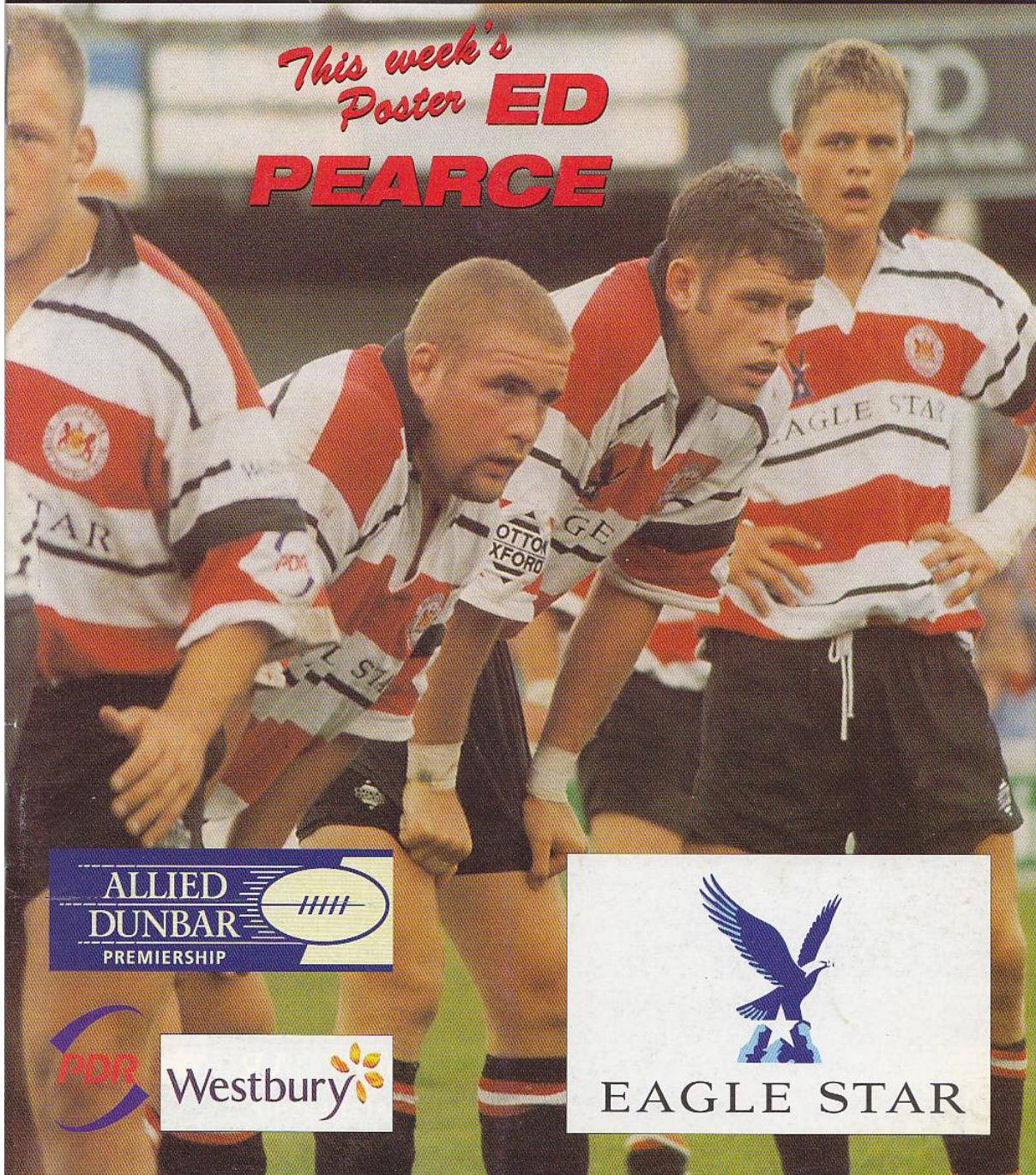
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<b>5</b>	<b>DAVE SIMS</b>	<b>Lock</b>		<b>MALCOLM O'KELLY</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>PETE GLANVILLE*</b>	<b>Flanker</b>		<b>KEN O'CONNELL</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>NATHAN CARTER</b>	<b>Flanker</b>		<b>KIERON DAWSON</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>16</b>	<b>PHIL GREENING (I)</b>	<b>Replacements</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>NICK BRIERS</b>	<b>16</b>
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Referee

**E. MORRISON**  
(RFU/Bristol Society)

(I) International  
\* Captain

Reserve Touch Judge  
**A. BIGGS** (Glos Soc)

Touch Judges

**G. WARREN** (RFU)  
**E. SUTTLE** (RFU)

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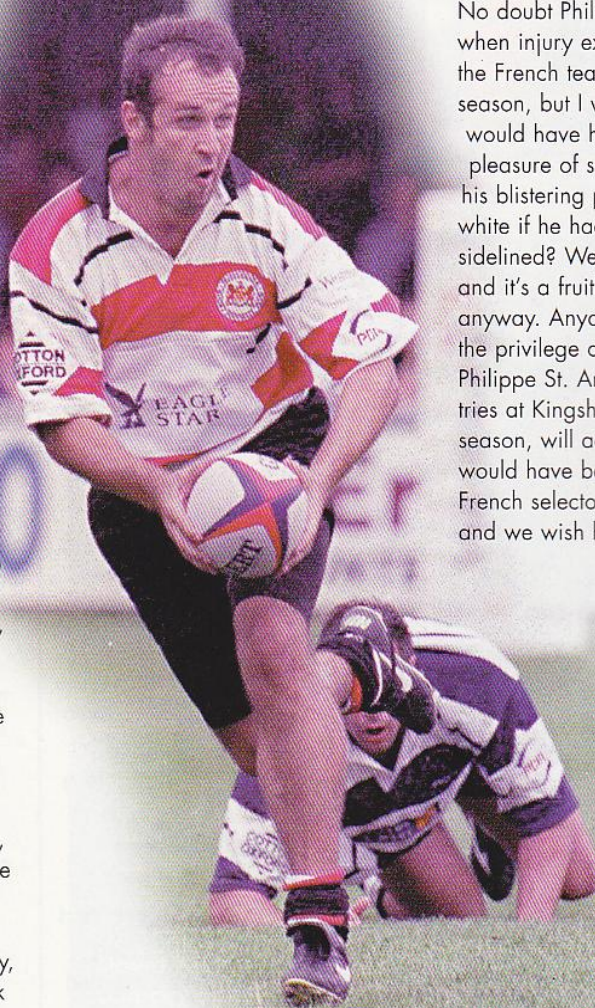


*Peter Arnold*

Congratulations to Philippe St. Andre on being recalled to his national squad for the forthcoming Latin Cup. We shall certainly miss his mercurial presence for a few matches, but when did we ever complain about a Gloucester player turning out for his country? We may be in a professional era, these days, but let's not throw the baby out with the bathwater by ditching all our traditional values. It's always been a cause for celebration when one of our own has been called to the colours, but even against that background, Philippe's return to the French squad is a little special. I don't think, for a start, that we've ever had a player with 64 Caps to his credit, and we've certainly never been able to claim a player who has actually captained his national team 29 times. Over the years I've been scribbling these notes, I think I've only had the pleasure of being able to congratulate one Elver Eater on being awarded the national Captaincy, and that was that trenchant lock forward, John Orwin. Of course, John Gwilliam skippered Wales while playing lock for

Gloucester, and No.8 for his country, but that was before my time as a scribe. It's odd how things work out.

No doubt Philippe was gutted when injury excluded him from the French team for all last season, but I wonder if we would have had the extreme pleasure of seeing him employ his blistering pace in cherry-and-white if he hadn't been sidelined? We shall never know, and it's a fruitless speculation, anyway. Anyone who has had the privilege of watching Philippe St. Andre's scorching tries at Kingsholm so far this season, will acknowledge that it would have been difficult for the French selectors to ignore him, and we wish him well.



**Philippe St Andre**



# LETTERS



*Peter Arnold*

The French for 'imbecile' is, I'm told, 'imbecile'. I mention this because there appears to have been at least one of the breed present when Gloucester visited Beziers a few weeks ago. You'll agree with the description, I'm sure. We may give visiting supporters a friendly roasting, at times, but we're never reduced to throwing stones at them, and the unfortunate incident when our own Roger Payne, and his daughter, Sarah, were subjected to this form of abuse at Beziers. Roger and Sarah are not exactly backward in coming forward in the badinage stakes themselves, so you can judge how unpleasant the experience was by the fact that Roger actually rang me from France after the match to tell me about it. Gloucester RFC were very quick to respond to the situation, contacting all relevant bodies as soon as was humanly possible after the event. It was very reassuring, therefore, to receive the following note from Roger Payne telling me how the matter was resolved.

*Dear Peter*

## BEZIER v GLOUCESTER

*It seems that the world and his wife (or should that now read "Partner"?) are aware of the problems Sarah and I encountered at the Beziers away game. I am dropping you a short note to tell you that, following correspondence with various bodies, we were invited to meet the President of Beziers after the return match at Kingsholm. He was most charming and effusively apologetic for what had happened. It transpires that the transgression of the normally high standards of hospitality offered to visiting supporters by Beziers was committed by a single individual whom, I am assured has been "suitably dealt with".*

*I also want to make it clear to all true supporters of Rugby that my main concern over this incident, which followed so closely on the heels of the infamous post-Brive Match shenanigans was that*

*this kind of behaviour should become the norm for British-French encounters. I love my Rugby, I enjoy being able to stand next to and exchange views with visiting supporters in The Shed and even, (sometimes) buying them a pint after the game. I would hate this friendly attitude to be destroyed by mindless individuals.*  
*Yours sincerely*  
*Roger*

So there you are. They couldn't really do more than that, could they? And I happen to know that Monsieur le President insisted on buying the Paynes drinks after their discussion, "as a matter of Honour". Nice Gallic touch, that. I must also add that Jon Davis has asked me to make it crystal clear that Gloucester RFC have no axe to grind with the Beziers club whatsoever over the affair, and does not consider that the club could have been held responsible in any way. And that's a sentiment with which Roger and Sarah Payne wholeheartedly concur. So all's well that ends well. Our second letter this time is on a much happier note. It's from John and Sarah Horner, who were the brains and the talent behind the various refurbishments which went on around the club over the close season and subsequently. The completion of the eight new hospitality boxes draws a line under that activity, so it seemed right to write to me about it. Here's what they had to say.

*Dear Sir*

## CHANGES AT KINGSHOLM

*As Players Representative in the early seventies I presented a scheme to the Committee to move the player's changing rooms from the "Shed" side of the pitch to their present location and to develop the underside of the stand.*

*In the early eighties I was pleased to be given the opportunity to make those early ideas a reality.*

*You can therefore understand our delight*

*at being involved in the nineties, updating the Club facilities to meet the needs of the new professional era, and to be entrusted with the interior design and the important aspect of displaying club photographs and memorabilia.*

*We have rediscovered and restored many items of Gloucester's proud history and have also used many current images to show the Club's professional strength. The bold and stylish interior we now have promotes the dawn of a new era for the Club's successful future.*

*Our apologies to all those members who were unable to enjoy a summer pint at the Club while the alterations went on but we hope we have managed to create a favourite place within the bars for all regular users, we certainly enjoyed the challenges posed by the scheme.*

*Our thanks to A&E Construction and all who worked on the project for their positive and professional approach to a job well done.*

*The most recent additions with which we were involved are the eight new hospitality suites completed and occupied for the Beziers game.*

*Many thanks to JP Construction and all involved for their speedy and successful contract.*

*Finally, our thanks to all the Club members and officials for their support and encouragement throughout the project. We are proud to continue to be associated with this great Club.*

*John & Sarah Horner*

Just one more thing. In a covering note, John Horner makes the following request. "If anyone has any unique GRFC items or pictures, they will be gratefully received".

And given due acknowledgement, I'm sure. So if you've been carefully hoarding grandad's cherry-and-white athletic support all these years, give John Horner a ring on 01993 822489. Or you could fax him on 01993 823614. He'll be glad to hear from you.



# Before and



## The Band of the Wiltshire Regiment

*Peter Arnold*

We are privileged, today, to welcome the Lucknow Band of the Prince of Wales's Division who will be playing for us before the game, under their Bandmaster, Captain John Huggins. It's great to see them. As, surely, everyone in Gloucester knows, the Regiment was formed from the amalgamation of the Gloucestershire Regiment and The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment. That's over 300 years of tradition, so it's entirely appropriate that they visit the finest old Rugby ground in the country. The Regiment is

officially described as 'Combat Infantrymen', which these days means more than footslogging. They use armoured vehicles, high-tech weaponry and helicopters. Considering that they've only been formed for a few years, they've certainly got about a bit. Since 1990, they have been on operations in Belize, Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Cyprus and the Falklands. They've also trained in New Zealand, Australia, the United States, Germany, France, Spain, Egypt, Kuwait, Jordan and Oman. And our lads thought they were globetrotting, going to

Padova, Toulon and Beziers! Speaking of which, the Regiment is well and truly into its sport. Following in the footsteps of the old 'Glosters', they regard rugby as being one of their main sporting strengths, as one of our pictures shows. They also particularly fancy themselves at cricket and boxing, but any of their soldiers also gets a chance to try his hand at mountaineering, parachuting, sailing, canoeing, scuba diving and sailing. It's a far cry from the days of the 'Old Braggs' who have come along to see the game today. If anyone would like



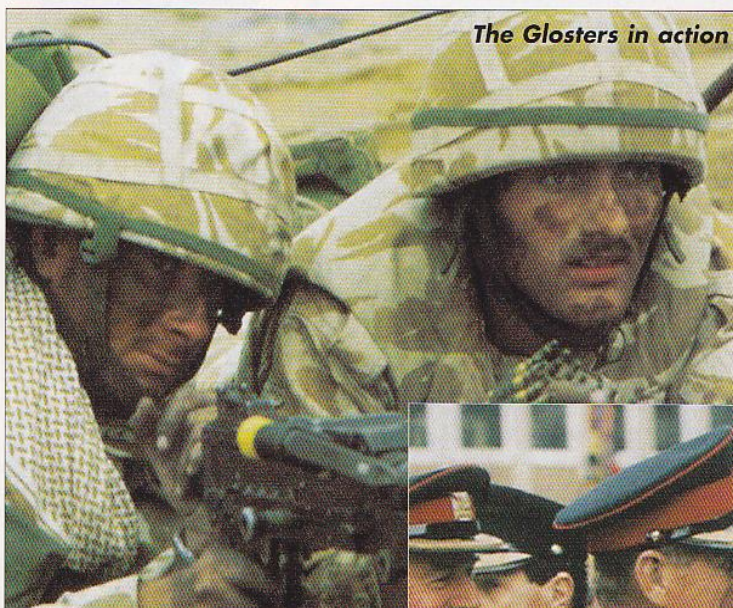
*The regimental band*



# After



## Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire & Wiltshire followed by the Pat Carr Duo

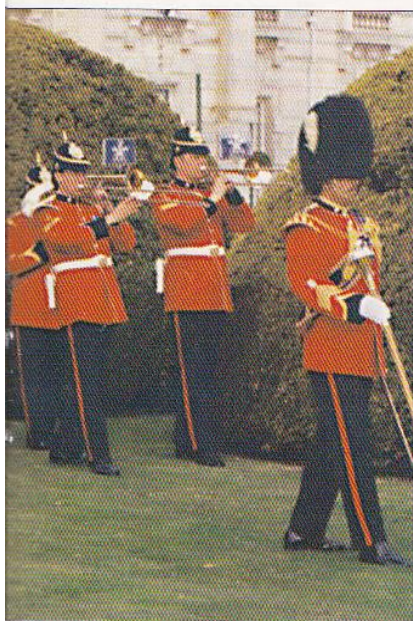


*The Glosters in action*

the game, at around 5.30, we have the Pat Carr Duo doing their thing in the Clubhouse. Which makes sense, because how can we reasonably entertain London Irish without a spot of Irish music? Pat Carr is billed as the finest Irish button accordion player on the circuit, and we have no reason to argue with that. If you have a penchant for Irish country music and the Ceili sound, then Pat's yer



*Regimental inspection by the Duke of Edinburgh*



to know more, there's a unit on the ground who will be glad to talk to you. Or you could drop along to the Army Careers Information Service at the Britannia Warehouse in the Docks. Welcome, lads! It's great to see you.

I hope there isn't a touch of the 'after the Lord Mayor's Show' about this. It isn't intended, I assure you. We start today with the Regimental Band, but following

man. Not quite sure who the other half of the duo is this evening. It could be Sean Dunn, who is the best all-round singer of that sort of music around at the moment. On the other hand, Pat might have brought his drummer with him - he also sings - but either way, we'll have an excellent entertainment session. Nice to see all this sort of thing happening at Kingsholm, isn't it?



# London Irish without the Saint



Gloucester will be without Philippe Saint-Andre on Sunday against London Irish. The French captain is on international duty and will be replaced in the Gloucester starting line-up by Audley Lumsden. The only player who was not in the frame for selection was Simon Devereux who injured an ankle during the European Conference match at Toulon three weeks ago.

Former Gloucester captain Dave Sims will be making his Allied Dunbar Premiership debut this season as he returns from an ankle operation during the summer. He played the full 80 minutes last weekend in Padova.

Also returning from injury is scrum half Scott Benton who makes his first start in any match since injury at

Leicester at the end of August. Last weekend in Padova, Benton played in the second half, proving his fitness when he won the chase with the legendary Australian winger David Campese to ground the ball for Gloucester's final try of the match.

The competition to get the start on Sunday at hooker was fierce. Neil McCarthy is preferred to England reserve Phil Greening who has been troubled with a minor neck injury.

It was decided to give McCarthy the start, allowing Greening a possible further week to "heal".

However, Greening will be on the bench.

ANDREW HARLEY

## GLoucester v LONDON IRISH

### Head to Head - Previous League Meetings

Statistics compiled by Stuart Farmer

Date	Venue	Glos	Irish	Glos scorers	Irish scorers
25 Mar 1992	Kingsholm	22	15	P. Ashmead (t), J Perrins (t) S. Morris (t), M. Hamlin (d)	R. Moloney (t), M. McCorcoran (2t, cp)
9 Jan 1993	The Avenue	18	6	Penalty T, M Roberts (t, c, 2p)	P. Burke (d), M. Corcoran (p)
9 Oct 1993	Kingsholm	9	10	M. Roberts (3p)	D. Dooley (t), P. Burke (cp)
12 Mar 1994	The Avenue	15	12	T. Smith (d4, p)	M. Corcoran (4p)
7 Dec 1996	Kingsholm	29	19	M. Roberts (t), S. Benton (t) M. Mapletoft (2c, d, 4p)	R. Henderson (2t), D. Humphreys (3p)
11 Jan 1997	The Avenue	21	20	P. Glanville (t), R. Fidler (t) M. Mapletoft (c, d, 2p)	C. O'Shea (t), D. Humphreys (5p)

In six previous league encounters London Irish have only beaten Gloucester on a single occasion and that was by the narrowest of margins, 10-9 at Kingsholm in October 1993.

TRENDS: London Irish have only won one of their last six league games and that was a playoff fixture against Coventry. Gloucester have only lost one of their last ten home league matches, 27-11 to Harlequins on 19th April.

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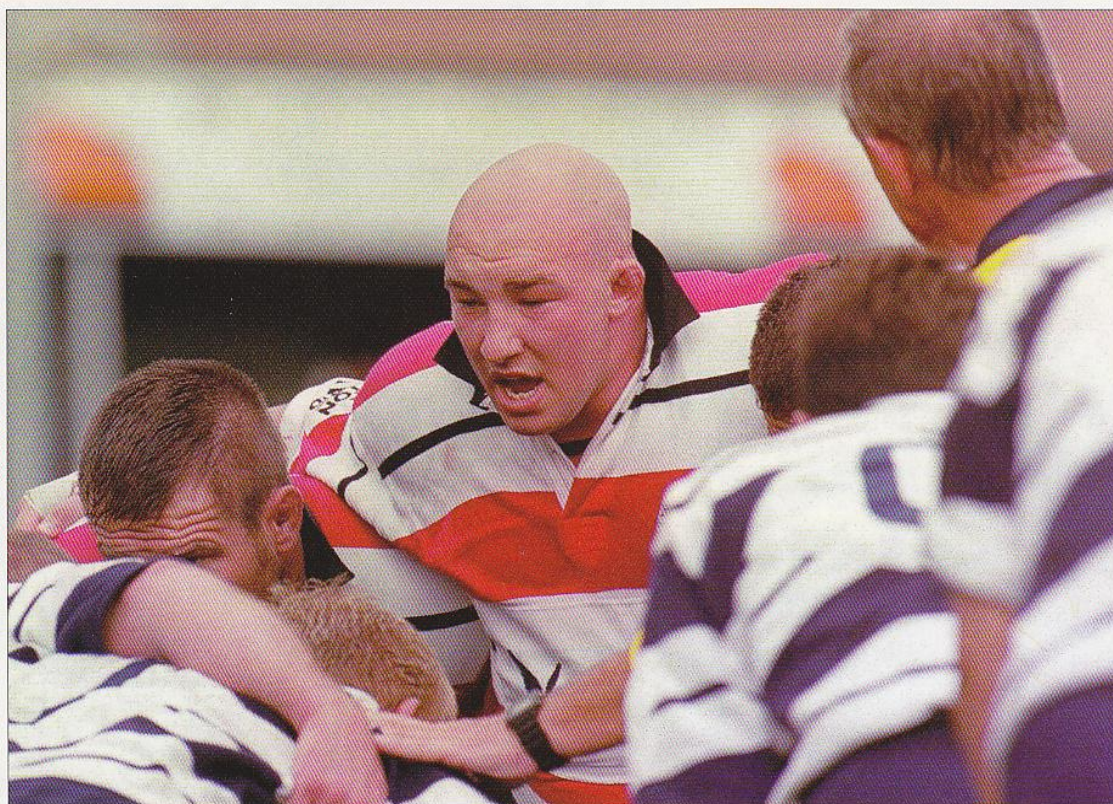
# Phil steps up

*Peter Arnold*

It's always good to record Gloucester players translation to the International reckoning, but I find the announcement of the latest England Training Squad particularly gratifying. Phil Greening was always going to be in there, of course, and one of only two hookers in the Squad, he must be pretty confident of a run-out or two somewhere in the run of matches against New Zealand, South Africa and Australia. I suppose

that Mark Mapletoft's name was likely to crop up somewhere along the line, too. He did, after all, tour Argentina with England last summer, so he obviously rates his chance, albeit in the 'Emerging Players' strand. The name which pleases me, however, is that of Phil Vickery. It's the first time our young and enormous prop has featured at this level, and he certainly deserves his chance. In my view, anyone who can contest that

position at Gloucester with Andy Deacon has simply got to have a lot going for him. I've no doubt that the experience will do him the world of good, and the selection boost his confidence enormously. Good luck to all of them. We'll be watching events with interest, while wondering how long it can be before Dave Sims, Scott Benton and Chris Catling enter the reckoning.



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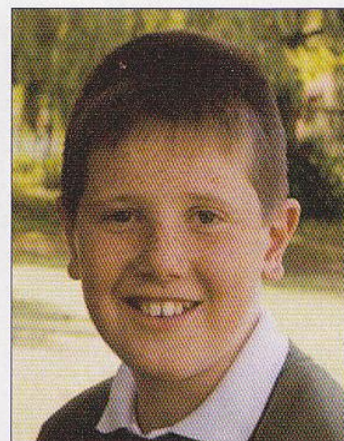
# Catching 'em Young



*Peter Arnold*

Our Match Mascot today is Glenn Wainwright, who is apparently known as 'Bertie' for no reason I have been able to discover. He's 11 years old, and goes to Chosen Hill School. He plays for Longlevens U12's, and is also into sailing and computers. His other hobby, I am reliably informed, is 'annoying his sister', which is what brothers are for in any

case. 'Bertie' is described as 'A true Shedhead since the age of seven'. His favourite player is Phil Greening. Thanks for coming Bertie!



## *The Face in the Crowd*

**Congratulations! The Face in the Crowd wins 2 FREE tickets for a Premiership One match of your choice at Kingsholm**



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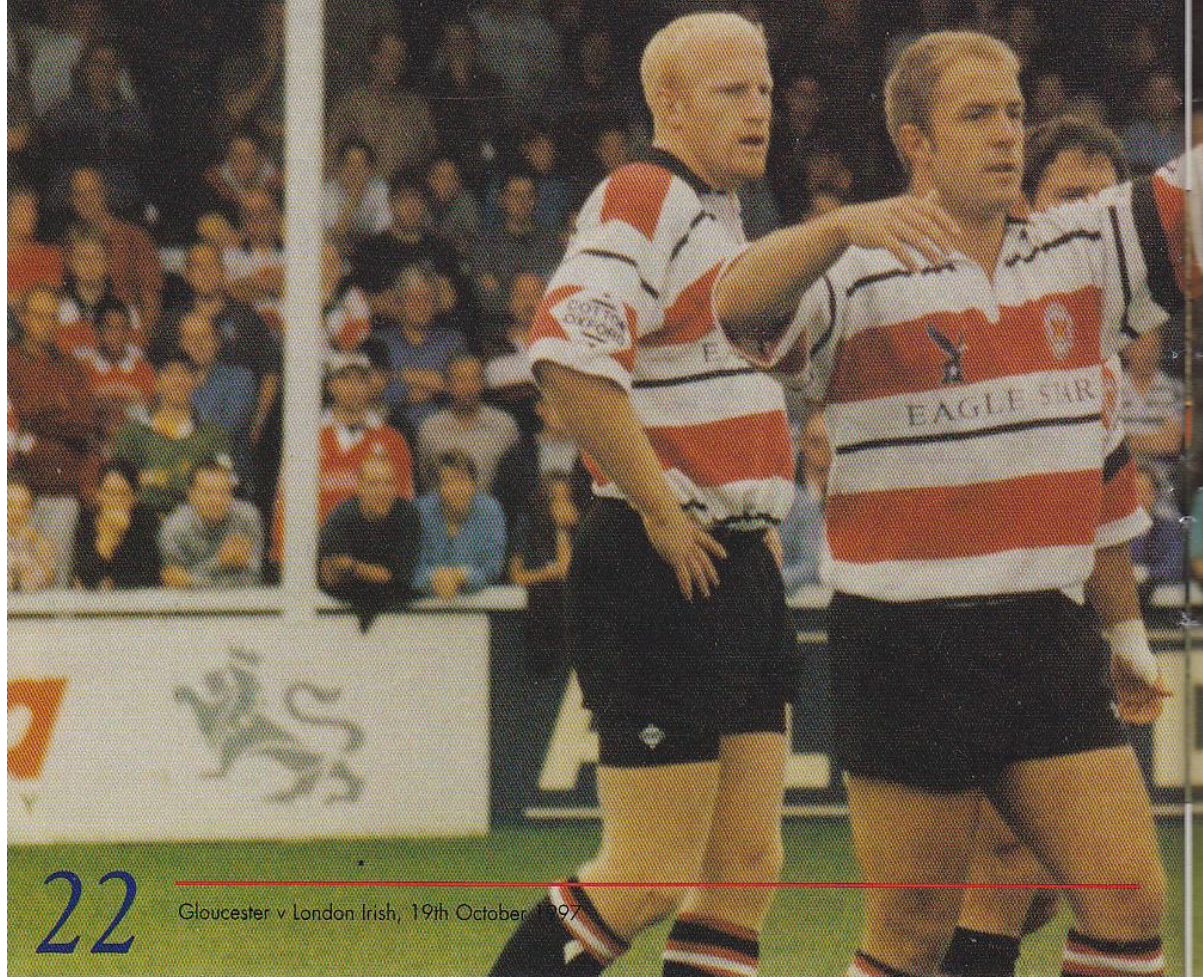


# Profile

On Christmas Day, 1971, Mrs Mapletoft gave birth to a baby boy. Combining Christmas and birthday in this way obviously has serious implications for the number of prezzies one receives, but in the case of young Mark the luck associated with Christmas babies has manifested itself by endowing rich gifts in other directions, especially on the rugby field. We first became aware of this, a few years ago, when Gloucester were drawn away to

Rugby in the Cup. We did struggle, rather, to win, and the player most responsible for that was a young, carrot-headed full-back who looked as if it only needed a strong puff of wind to blow him away. So when Mark Mapletoft arrived at Kingsholm, ready and willing, to contest the spot with the veteran but respected Tim Smith, we cocked our collective eyebrows and awaited events with interest. Didn't have long to wait. Mark started kicking goals from all over the park,

and showing us the blistering breaks, and chip-and-chase which have become his trademarks. Then, last season, he declared his intention of trying his hand at outside-half. 'Good on you', said the supporters. 'Have a go lad!' And didn't he just! In just one season he topped the England points scoring table, a position he still holds as I write, even if Thierry Lacroix is breathing down his neck. At 5' 7" he's still not the largest outside-half you've ever seen, although he







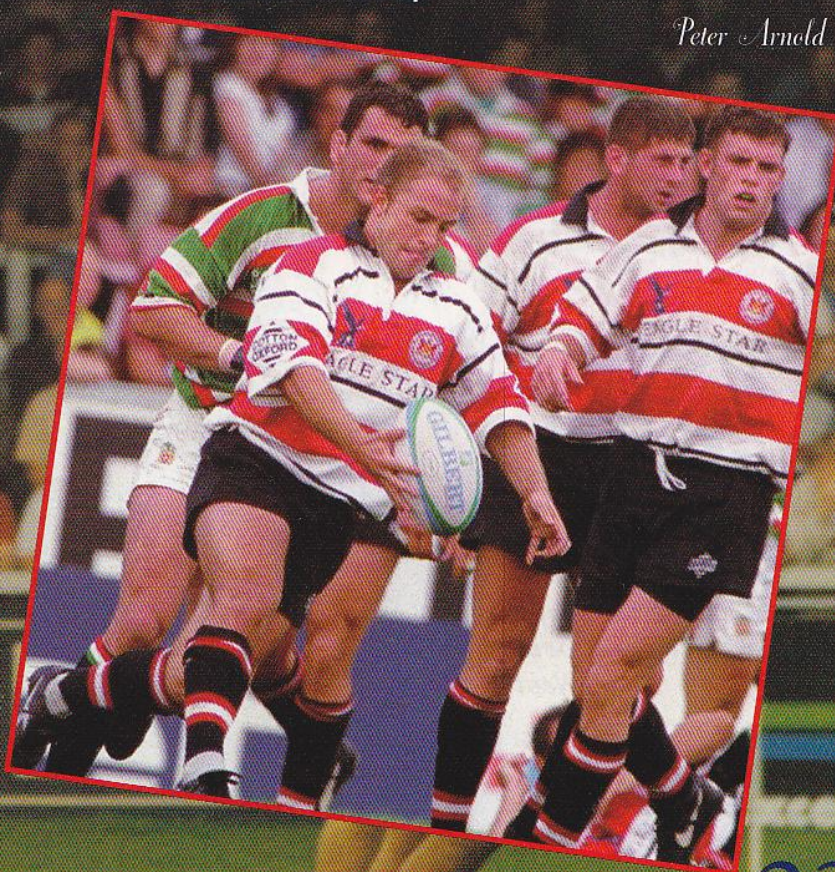
# Mark Mapletoft

has put some poundage on since his Rugby Lions days. He has that touch of arrogance which marks the really good fly-halves, and his eye for an opening has, if anything, sharpened over the past season or so. Honours have come his way. He has played for England Schools, England U21 and England 'A', The Midlands and the England Sevens team, and to date, has won one full Cap, against Argentina on the summer tour. There might well have been more if a serious knee injury hadn't put him out

of the reckoning for a full year. He's also had a niggly groin injury for a while, and it's to be hoped that can be sorted out before long. 'Tofty' says that the best thing about playing for Gloucester is "the crowd", and doesn't think there is a worst feature. He's the only player I've ever heard quote Northampton as his favourite away ground, and obviously, his best moment, so far, is winning his first Cap. That was rapidly followed by his worst moment, when England lost. He rates his most memorable match as the Cup

Semi Final against Leicester last season, although he thinks his best performance was in the victorious League fixture against the same opposition around ten days later. His immediate ambition is to 'win the Cup with Glos.' Mark doesn't admit to having a partner or any children, and reckons he spends his non-rugby hours eating and sleeping. He drinks lager, and frequents the Retreat. We probably haven't seen the best of Mark Mapletoft yet. That's a pleasure to come

*Peter Arnold*



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