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**Friday 5  
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### **Match Action**

A look back at the  
Northampton Game...

### **Player Poster**

Rob Fidler...

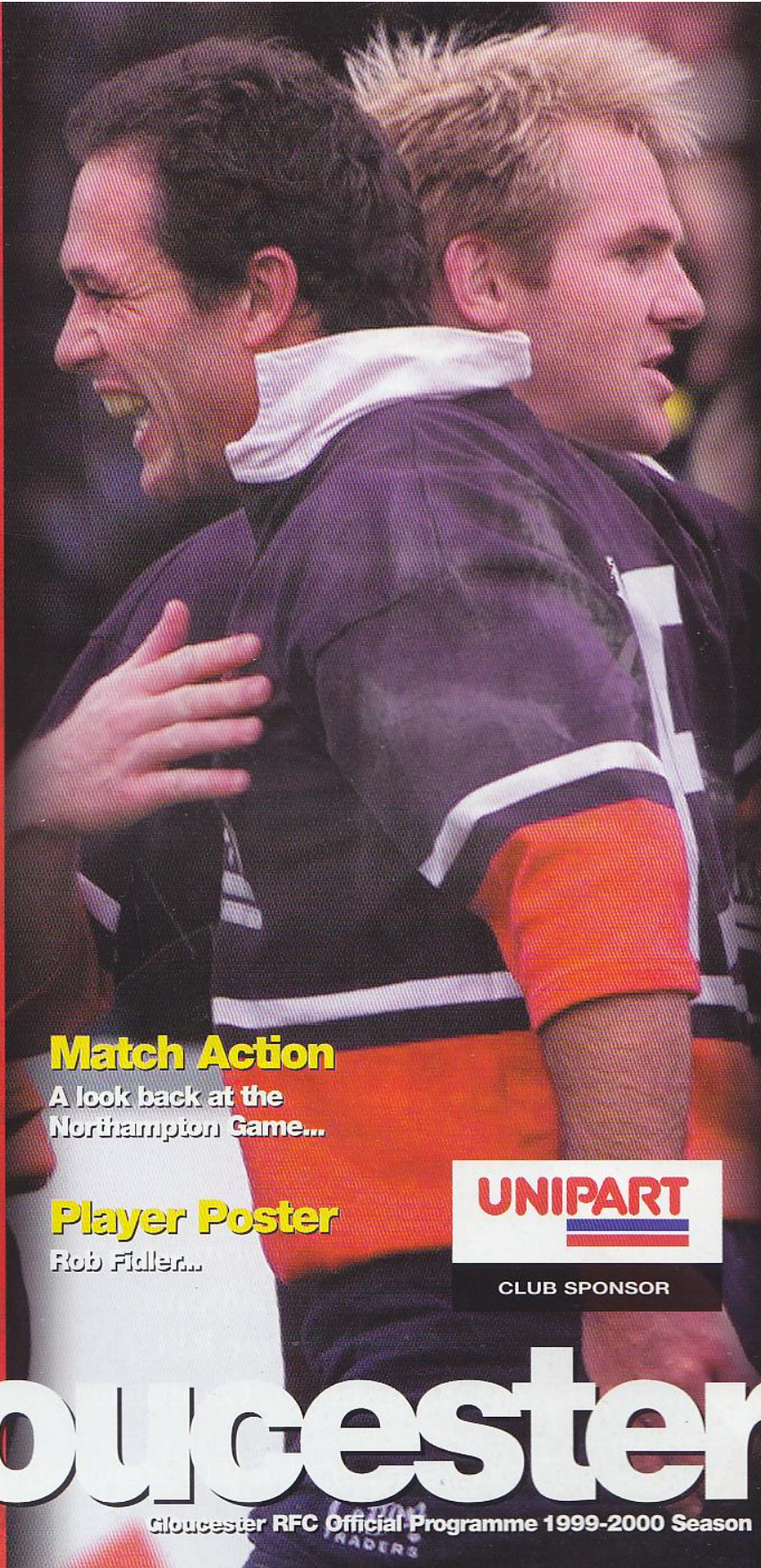
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# Welcome from The Editors

A welcome tonight to our friends from Sale. As is mentioned elsewhere in this programme, there is an increasing affinity between Gloucester and Sale – strengthened in the past year or so by the trading of players.

Despite this natural friendship, it is fair to say that after inflicting an Allied Dunbar Premiership defeat on Gloucester last season at Kingsholm and Sale dropping the "Manchester" bit in preference for "The Sharks", sales of shark repellent in this city has been brisk all week!

Mind you, Sale are up for a win here tonight – they still remember being dumped out of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Cup in the semi final here earlier this year.

Peter Arnold writes on page 32 of the two Phils – and both have returned to their respective clubs from England duty in the World Cup and have been named in the starting 15s.

Many of you have requested a little humour and following a meeting with representatives of the Gloucester Rugby Supporters Association, we hope that this area has been addressed. The GRSA has agreed to come up with some humour which hopefully will raise a chuckle or two in the Shed – and all other parts of the ground.

In the last match programme, you might remember the letter concerning whistling, booing and chanting. There have been



several responses to this letter. We had planned to feature these responses tonight, but they have been "held over" for a week.

The reason is simply because we wanted to reflect on Adrian Turton who died last week.

A player with Gloucester in the early 1980s, Turts was a "giant", in all senses of the word, in local rugby and put so much into the game.

We ask you to stand silently for a brief time before kick off to

remember Adrian Turton, former player with the Gloucester, Cheltenham and Stroud clubs, a capped Gloucestershire player, and Head of Sports at Chosen Hill School.

On the basis that a picture is worth 1,000 words, we offer the only photograph we could find of Adrian Turton in action.

It was taken during the John Player Cup semi final against Coventry in April 1982 – a match that put Gloucester into the final against Moseley.



# Coach's Viewpoint

Philippe Saint-André

**"You're never lucky in rugby - it all comes down to the spirit of the players and this is what is important."**

The target at the start of the season was five wins out of the first seven games and now we are four out of six and we'll know if that was a good target after tonight. However, it will not be an easy game against Sale and we must have a lot of respect for them.

We played great rugby against Northampton, a reward for some very hard work over the last three months. It was very good for the guys to know they can win away, especially as Northampton had all their stars back such as Allan Bateman, Pat Lam and Tim Rodber.

I was very happy with the guys, they played good collective rugby but it's only one away win. The first half performance was the best I have seen by a Gloucester team in two or three years. But the players must be humble and not get carried away. We are starting to play like a team now, the guys worked very hard in defence, we scored three tries and gave none. I consider the defence to be 50% better than last season.

I decided that the International players must train for two or three days with the team before they can start a game. Every player must be prepared to give 120% for the

collective - rugby is not a sport for selfish players. If you give nothing, and you may even play one or two Internationals, you will not be top of the world. Rugby is a hard game, a collective game and you commit your body to the cause. I do not want 15 selfish players. You are never lucky in rugby - it all comes down to the spirit of the players and this is what is important.

Everyone said Gloucester will finish in tenth place and that might be true, but it will not be easy for teams to come here and win. I am thinking about the future and not just the present. Each game will be very hard but we must work harder than the other team.

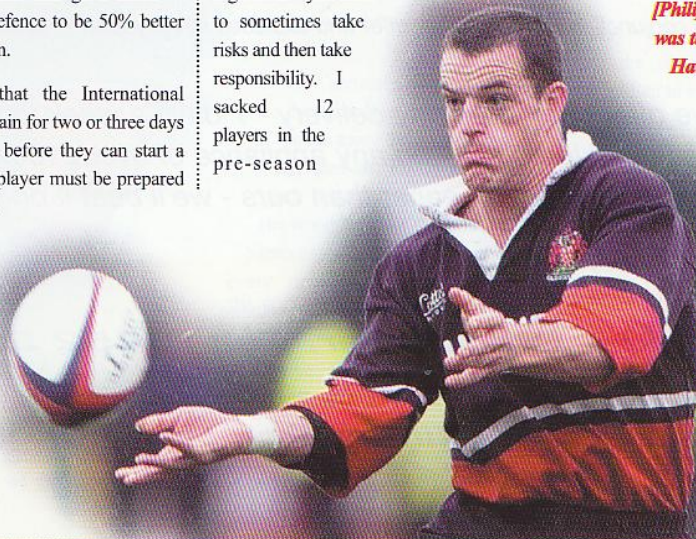
I had to take a lot of hard decisions during the summer. Some people are doubtful but time will tell. Sometimes you make mistakes but I know about rugby at a high level - you have to sometimes take risks and then take responsibility. I sacked 12 players in the pre-season

and everyone thinks I am the bad boy - but I will take responsibility.

I was very surprised and, of course, pleased that France beat New Zealand. In reality the All Blacks had no respect for France - they had the 54-7 win during the summer. New Zealand may have the best team but they tried to play as individuals - a team will always play better than 15 individuals. It's the same as Gloucester against Northampton, we played as a team and for 55 - 60 minutes we were the kings on the pitch.

It was a typical French performance, they can be the worst in the world one day, but the players worked together and the French flair came back. After our win against Northampton I hope that more people will come to see us and that the stadium will be full tonight. We have worked very hard to have success and we need the support of all the fans.

*[Philippe Saint-André was talking to Steve Hawker]*



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# "Turts"

A Hell of a nice Guy

**It is with great regret that we report the death of Adrian Turton, a player with the club in the early 1980s.**

Adrian was born in Warwickshire but moved, with his parents, to Cheltenham and attended Cheltenham Grammar School where he excelled at rugby.

As a youngster he reached the highest level of the sport, playing for England. Then, as an adult, he went on to play for three of the four top clubs in the county - Cheltenham, Stroud and, of course, Gloucester. He was also 'capped' by Gloucestershire.

During his Gloucester career almost 20 years ago, he was seen as a solid 'United player' - in those days a player had to make 20 or more appearances a season to be considered a 'firsts' player.

But he was always there when the first fifteen were short of a lock (or a number eight) and was selected more than 50 times for a full Cherry and White appearance.

"Many of us remember him as a tall, almost gangling, performer who rose like a bird in the lineouts ...and whose long legs seemed deceptively lazy, but he covered the pitch at a surprising rate," was how Turts was remembered by one correspondent.

Looking at old programmes, Adrian always seemed to be in the team when Gloucester met Saracens - and these encounters with the club, then from Highgate in North London, seem to provide the most stories about him.

He was reputed to be invariably the last person to get on the team bus for the return trip to Gloucester. Team mates such as John Brain, John Fidler, Pete Butler and Mike Teague never really minded the delay, but - the story goes - the committeeman was not amused!

After graduating from Goldsmiths College in London, Adrian embarked on a teaching career - a career that took him to just one school, Chosen Hill in Churchdown, where he rose through the ranks to become head of sports.

Many a lad who attended Chosen Hill has gone on to play rugby for clubs at all levels.

To a man they would all say that Adrian was a top rugby coach and teacher, not to mention a hell of a nice bloke. As one of his former pupils put it at the weekend, "he

certainly turned me from a fat kid to a fat kid who played and loved his rugby" - a quote that Adrian would have had a chuckle about.

He would no doubt smile at another of his former charges who, when asked if there were any action photos around of Turts, replied that he thought there was one of him "in mid-air when we threw him into a canal in Holland" - obviously a rugby tour!

Adrian was a sport in every sense of the word. In rugby, he was always there, yet rarely the star.

It was just the same in basketball where he graced the local courts, there to block a shot rather than to perform the spectacular slam-dunk!

The thoughts of everyone at Gloucester Rugby Football Club are with Adrian's wife Margaret and his family.

*Adrian Turton lost his battle against cancer and died at his home on Wednesday October 27, 1999, aged 50.*

*A memorial service is being planned for later this month.*



# Captain's Comment

Kingsley Jones

**Well, I knew it would come! , and there was no better way to get that away win than at Northampton, with all their big guns - well, so-called big guns - coming back from World Cup duty.**

Yes, the way we did it was tremendous, but I have to say that we could have attacked more in the second half. We decided to defend, and defend well – and we did.

To go up to Northampton and score three tries and come away with them scoring none is a great achievement. I would go as far as saying that it probably ranks as one of my best away wins with any club in my career – which includes going to Llanelli and winning!

While the result last Saturday was good for the city and the supporters, we have to bear in mind the saying that one swallow does not make a summer!

However, we celebrated last weekend's high – but there have been a few lows to forget! The weekend has gone and we have to get on with the job of preparing for tonight's game – and the games that follow.

We now have a good chance of being up towards the top of the table at Christmas. After tonight, we have a visit by Saracens next weekend and then, after a couple of European Conference games, we visit Bristol in December – all of them massive games for us.

We are joint top now – third on points difference of the four clubs on eight points. So, at worst, we are guaranteed third place at Christmas if we can win our next three Premiership games.

Tonight is going to be a tough game. We must not take anything for granted – if we go sleeping and relaxing on the result up in Northampton then we will pay dearly.

Put simply, if we mess up tonight against Sale, last weekend will mean nothing – we all know that. We have to be focused and up for it tonight, because I know for sure that Sale will be!

Remember that Sale came down here last season in the Allied Dunbar Premiership and won – so they have the knowlledge that they can beat us in our own backyard! But we'll be wanting to pay them back for that.

So tonight is a big game for us. Then we get over seven days to prepare for the visit of Saracens on the Sunday of next weekend – and that will be another big game as Saracens are currently top of the table.



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# At Last!

Northampton Saints 9  
Gloucester 25  
by David Musson

**Gloucester RFC finally won away from Kingsholm for the first time in a year with a superb performance at Franklin's Gardens. The travelling Gloucester fans, or 'Shed on Wheels', were singing "Easy! Easy!" at the final whistle and, overall, it was just that - easy!**

The opening 10 minutes was a very scrappy affair with the forwards seeing a lot of the ball. Paul Grayson's kicking was looking good, and he continued his late World Cup form with 2 early penalties.

Gloucester then picked themselves up and scored 2 tries within 10 minutes of each other. The first was a well-engineered move down the left wing. Tom Beim and Simon Mannix combined well for full-back Richard Tombs to score in the corner.

Gloucester's second try again came from a move on the left wing. It was Beim and Tombs this time who set up Simon Mannix to score under the posts and Mannix converted to make the half-time score 12-6 to Gloucester.

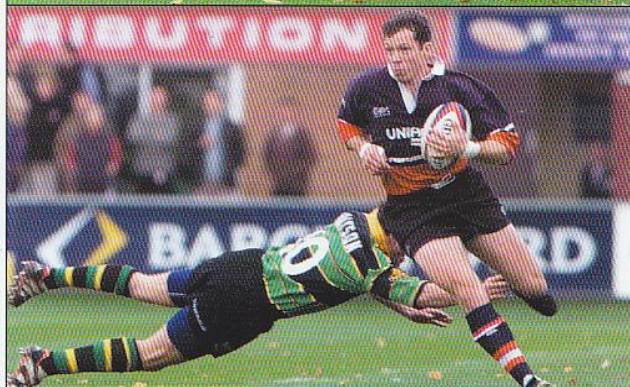
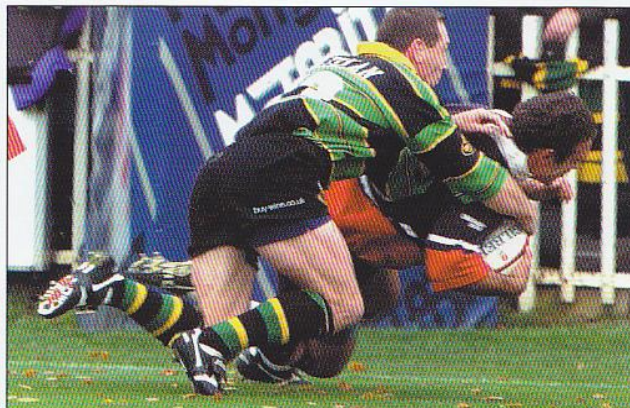
Northampton came out fighting for the first 10 minutes of the second half and were rewarded with another Grayson penalty who then left the field and the Northampton challenge slowed down. In saying this, Saints could have easily have scored 2 or 3 tries but for the desperate defence of the Gloucester XV.

Gloucester then had another scoring spree to make the win even more convincing. 2 penalties from Elton Moncrieff made sure of the points and a late try under the posts from Chris Yates made the win even better for Gloucester. Moncrieff converted to make the final score 25-9.

The final whistle was greeted with huge cheers from the travelling

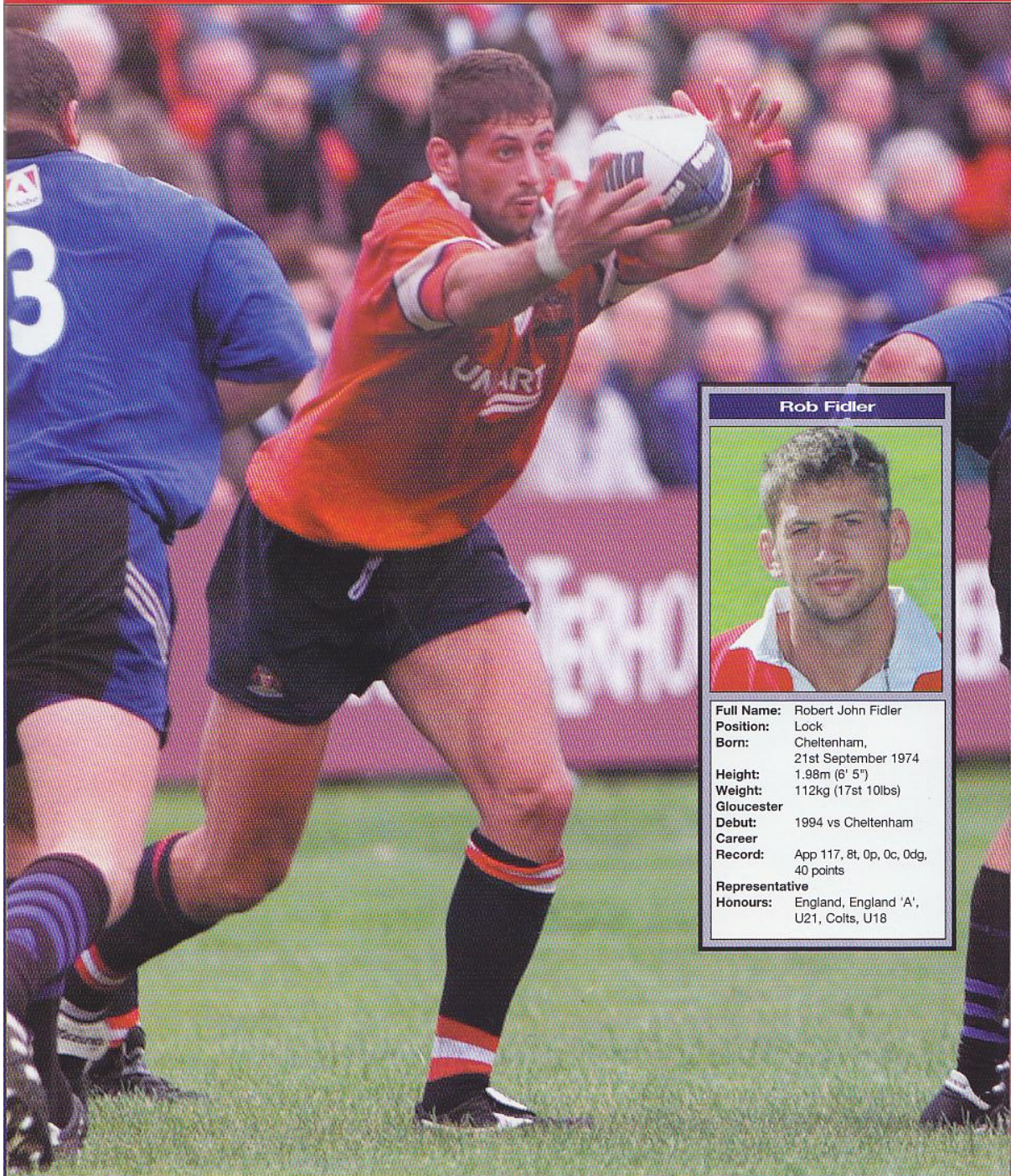
Gloucester fans, and the Gloucester players even did a lap of honour! All this celebration for just 2 league points, what would the celebrations be like if Gloucester win the league title?

*David is one of Gloucester's younger supporters. He is 13 years old and aspires to being a sports writer. So when he is a well-known writer on a national newspaper, just remember where you read him first!*



# Player Profile

## Rob Fidler



Rob Fidler



**Full Name:** Robert John Fidler  
**Position:** Lock  
**Born:** Cheltenham,  
21st September 1974  
**Height:** 1.98m (6' 5")  
**Weight:** 112kg (17st 10lbs)  
**Gloucester**  
**Debut:** 1994 vs Cheltenham  
**Career**  
**Record:** App 117, 8t, 0p, 0c, 0dgt,  
40 points  
**Representative**  
**Honours:** England, England 'A',  
U21, Colts, U18



# Player Profile

## Rob Fidler

Rob started his Gloucester career at no. 6 but has since gone on to excel and gain full international honours at lock. His talent lies in his ability not only to act as Gloucester's 'Get Out of Jail' card at the front of the line-out, but also in his effectiveness as a highly mobile and aggressive tackler. During a turbulent last season, Rob demonstrated great character after being awarded the captain's role at the club

Rob is set to reprise his double act with former

Cherry and White skipper Dave Sims when they pair up in the Barbarians side, that will face the Combined Services team, here at Kingsholm next Tuesday. The Gloucester lock is looking forward to his first Barbarian game, "I've been asked three or four times before but it's harder these days to commit to those sort of games. Playing with Dave Sims will be a bit of fun though!"

Despite being one of a small group of players to have shone during one of English rugby's darkest hours in Australia last summer, Rob has disappointingly failed to feature in the England selectors' plans since then.

"I was very pleased with the way the tour went for me, even if the results weren't that good. But it's always hard when someone like Martin Johnson is in your position. I'll just keep my head down and my first priority is to play for Gloucester.

I'm still not that old and I'll bide my time and maybe England will come back to me."

The 25 year-old lock has a very positive attitude over the changes that occurred when a number of the team left during the

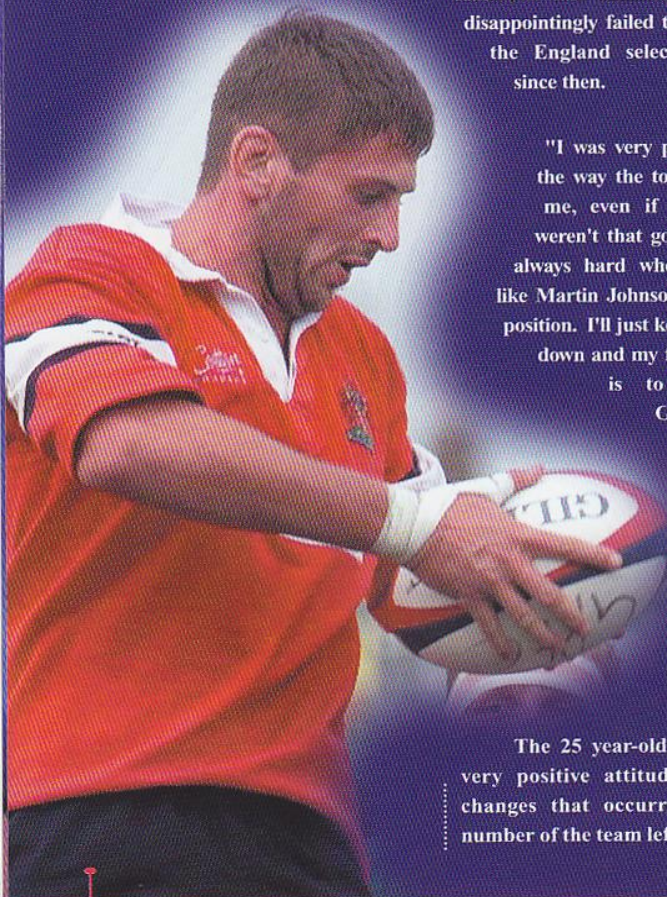
summer, "It's sad when players that you've grown up with leave, you form good relationships, especially when the team are struggling. You make a strong bond with those players but the game is professional and you have to have a professional attitude and take these things as they come."

Fidler has been one of the ever-presents in the Gloucester pack over the last few years and is well placed to comment on the development of the squad, "We've improved, we're always improving and the main area is the way we look at a game as a squad. We're a lot more focussed on our aims and how to get there. Philippe has developed a very simple style, nothing fancy and, from simplicity, comes the rugby."

"The icing on the cake was the game against Northampton - it all came together and it's a big relief. We had an extremely poor record away from home but we've all put in a big effort and the hard work came to fruition. But we mustn't get carried away, we must keep our feet on the ground and not get over-excited."

Rob - as all the squad do - appreciates the support the team gets, not only at Kingsholm but also on the road, "I'd like to dedicate the win over Northampton to all the fans who've travelled to watch us and haven't had much joy. I hope they enjoyed the feeling as much as we did and that they stick with us. Thanks and keep coming."

Interview by Steve Hawker





# Fireworks tonight?

by Pete Wilson

**SALE.** A word that conjures up many thoughts in the mind of a Cherry and White supporter – and not always rugby-related ones at that.

How about the tour - not of Cornwall, where Digger performed "The Old Pig Song" on many a night – but of Debenhams? Partners stretch our flexible friends to near breaking point, while our minds - and those of Kingsley and the boys - are on a Sale of a very different kind.

The path between the two clubs has become a well trodden one during the last 18 months, and there is no doubt the SALE of Phil Greening was the most controversial.

Shedites watching Phil's performance in the World Cup, where he muscled his way past Leicester's Richard Cockerill in the Queue for the England number two jersey, will have been shaking their heads at the club's decision to sell him.

As the son of a butcher, the saying 'fit as a butcher's dog' could not be more apt, and credit to forwards' coach John Mitchell for that.

Who knows, sometime in the future Phil may once again be back in a Cherry and White shirt doing what he does best.

But back to SALE.

You could write a few snappy picture captions using a word starting with each of the four letters S-A-L-E.:

How about Phil Greening's last game at Kingsholm in a Sale shirt? Phil could again come face-to-face tonight – quite literally – with Neil McCarthy, reviving memories of the first scrum on that last visit. 'Stitch A Left Eye' would have been very appropriate, as Neil will surely remember.

As for today, Neil could have the last laugh in it's 'Sale Annihilated – Left Exhausted', while the request of South African fly-half Jannie de Beer to be released from his contract at Heywood road would give you 'South African Leaves Early'.

Imagine the reaction at Kingsholm if it had been Gloucester who had released de Beer, and you had watched him produce a class display to knock England out of the World Cup.

Sale have reacted quickly to sign the Fijian Nick Little, but that is a bit like getting a consolation prize.

Sales are two way deals, of course, and the North West's leading side has lived up to its name in transactions with Gloucester.

Firstly, it was Simon Mannix, now at last perhaps silencing some of the doubters. Then there's the old favourite Tom Beim – not part of Richard Hill's plans, but a player who blossomed at Sale and who could be a bargain on his return.

Finally, there is Chris Yates, the man Philippe brought in to act as a foil for the slighter frame of Joe Ewens – the man to do the donkey work and take all the knocks.

If selected, all those playing against their old clubs tonight will be keen to do well! There could be some fireworks tonight on this 394th anniversary of Guy Fawkes conspiring to blow up the house of Lords while King James I was inside.

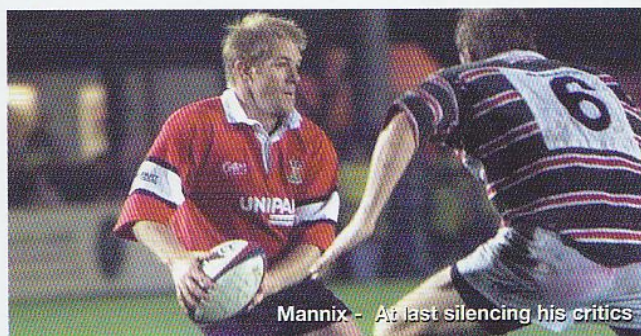
With Kingsley in charge of the gunpowder, who's to say the plot won't be remembered in fitting style at Kingsholm tonight.

1605 was the year – how about 16-5 to Gloucester!

C'mon Glaws!

*Pete Wilson is a freelance presenter with BBC Radio Gloucestershire. His weekly programme 'The Pete Wilson Show' can be heard on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.*

*Pete also contributes to BBC Gloucestershire's sports output and is often at Kingsholm helping with their live coverage.*



Mannix - At last silencing his critics

# Mike Weaver Reviews....

**As the World Cup draws to a close, we once again find ourselves scrutinising the shrivelled state of our own league structure and standing before the familiar twin horns of club and country.**

The Gloucester contingent did themselves and the club proud and the pick of the bunch was the supercharged Vickery, who has now firmly established himself on the world stage. Junior Paramore also demonstrated that he continues to be one of the most dangerous back-row forwards in the world as he gained plenty of hard yards and put in some typically aggressive Samoan tackles before succumbing to injury. I for one cannot wait for his Gloucester debut, but he'll have to force himself to the front of what can only be described as the most impressive squad of back-row players we have had at the club for many years.

Only the most hard-hearted of Gloucester supporters would begrudge the plaudits won by Phil 'New Slimline' Greening. The way he has realised the potential we all knew he had since moving to Sale has been quite breathtaking to watch. In open play, he never seemed to be more than a pass away from the ball carrier and any appetite he may have lost for burgers and chips has certainly been reinvested in his hunger for the game.

It'll be a treat to see him back out before the

Kingsholm faithful this evening, where I'm certain he'll have a point to prove. On the other hand, Neil McCarthy is certainly not a man prepared to let himself become England's 'forgotten hooker' and we shouldn't rule out a repeat of last year's fireworks!

Of course, the closure of the English campaign was met with the usual round of calls from washed-up old pros who were all-too willing to sacrifice their hard-won reputations for a few cheap, juicy soundbites. I guess that's just what you have to learn to expect in any professional sport, but what may linger longer in the smoke-filled rooms of the agenda-setters themselves is the notion that we, in the Northern Hemisphere, have to alter the structure of our game to be able to produce players capable of taking on the Tri-Nations.

The idea has a fair share of heavyweight supporters and this may well be the last season when we will be supporting club rugby as we know it. Yet, to my mind, a British league launched next season could represent an irreversible first step on the road away from our current patchwork of tribal loyalties, towards a rationalised system of 'super clubs' along the lines of the Super 12.

As has happened with English and Welsh clubs in the professional era, as the 'elite competition' gains in status and sucks in all media and advertising revenue, it becomes harder for clubs and players outside that league to lead a professional existence. As the hits become harder there will then come calls for less fixtures from the players and administrators and greater economies of scale from the owners. Ally this with a campaign to improve the national game and the odds on a Super-12 competition for the Northern Hemisphere within 2 or 3 years of a British League being set up shorten dramatically.

Is this then the moral dilemma facing the British rugby supporter at the start of the 21st century? Will we be forced to choose between club and country? Put bluntly, would you rather spend you summer evenings supporting the 'Western Warriors' down at the Rec, humming 'Swing Low' to yourself as a reminder that it was all for the good of the nation? Or would you rather stand freezing in the Shed screaming for Glaws as they fight to stay in contention for the National League title, with the 6 Nations and World Cup featuring as a welcome occasional international party piece?



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# Next away fixture

versus Spain

**Our next away game is in Madrid against Spain in the European Shield. As you might be aware, many supporters were caught up in the change of fixture date for this match from Saturday November 27 to Sunday November 28.**

The club has now received notification that the match will be played on Sunday November 28 at 12:30 p.m.

Last weekend, the club, after doing all it could to look after the interests of our supporters who had booked trips to support us in this game, issued the following press statement:

#### Spain v Gloucester—European Shield

Following extensive consultation, official notification has been received from European Rugby Cup Limited (ERC), the organisation responsible for running the European Rugby Union Cup and Shield competitions, confirming that the match between Gloucester RFC and Spain must be played on Sunday November 28, 1999 (kick-off 12.30 p.m.) in Madrid.

The match had originally been scheduled for Saturday November 27 but was switched by Spain at the request of Spanish television. ERC, in their correspondence to Gloucester RFC, stated:

“ERC has examined the background to this and the competition rules and I have to advise you that, in the light of the information available, the Spanish have

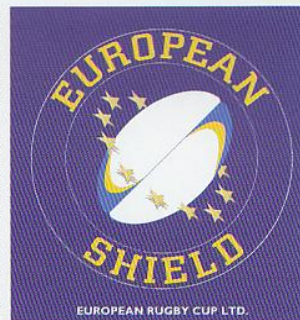
not been in breach of the regulations.

“I know this is of little comfort to those of your supporters who have made early bookings but, although sympathetic to them, the fixture will have to be honoured on Sunday, November 28, 1999.”

The latest indication is that at least 69 spectators are affected by the decision of ERC and every effort has been made to provide an amicable solution.

Spectators (59) who made their bookings through Mike Burton Sports Travel Limited are being given the option of altering their travel times to enable them to see the match, alternatively they will receive a full refund. Spectators who made their arrangements through Mike Burton Sports Travel should contact Gary Robinson or Kate Sattin on telephone number 01452 503771.

Spectators (10) who made independent travel arrangements via Go Fly, and were initially informed that they could not change their flights, have now had their return flights extended to a later time to enable them watch the match. Gloucester RFC officials have made extensive enquiries to find any other supporters affected



by the change of date and they are keen to hear from any supporters who have made independent travel arrangements and are still unable to make the necessary change.

The promoters for the match in Spain have indicated their regret that the change of date has adversely affected Gloucester supporters and they have agreed to give all supporters who made travel arrangements prior to the change of date, complimentary match tickets and an after-match drinks reception.

Furthermore they will ensure that all Gloucester supporters are located together in the stadium in Madrid.

As yet, we have no map or details of the stadium where the match is being played. All we know is that it is at the University,β close to the centre of Madrid.

# Peter Arnold

## The High and the Backlash

We could well be feeling a Sale backlash this evening following the mauling that Saracens handed out to our welcome visitors last weekend.

On the other hand, Gloucester will be on a considerable 'high' after the great win at Northampton. This could easily be a 'no prisoners taken' affair.

Whatever, it's always good to see Manchester Sale, especially if they bring Phil Greening with them. Have a great visit, chaps !

### THE RIGHT PHIL-OSOPHY

This, of course, is Gloucester's first home game since Janie de Beer, then under contract to Sale, drop-kicked England out of the World Cup. Quite a nice coincidence actually, because if anyone enhanced their reputations in that competition it was the two Phils, Greening of Sale and Vickery of Gloucester.

I thought that Phil Vickery's performances were enormous. He took on some of the biggest and most formidable prop forwards in the world, never did less than hold his own, and in some cases, frankly crucified his opposite number.

Furthermore, he was faster around the field than one would have thought likely for a man of his size and weight. And, as props go, he's only a youngster yet.

For connoisseurs of forward play, as we all are at Kingsholm,

young master Vickery is becoming one of the spectacles of world rugby. Once he's got his hands on the ball he always breaks the gain line, makes a few - or more than a few - yards ground, and in true Glawster fashion, inevitably makes the ball available.

It was just such a run which made Phil Greening's first try in the slaughter of Tonga. By contrast, his second was the easiest he'll ever score. If you didn't see it, then I should explain that Austin Healey made one of his mazy runs, went over under the posts, and found Phil Greening standing alongside him. For some reason, he simply handed the ball to Phil who, literally, only had to fall over to score.

The point was that Phil Greening was in the right place to receive the free gift, which just about sums up his whole World Cup. He never seemed to stop running, popped up in the most damaging spot time and again and even showed an improvement in his throwing in. And he struck like a snake.

Of course, both Phils learned most of their art right here at Kingsholm. Phil Vickery may have started his career in Cornwall and arrived at Kingsholm as nothing more than

a raw talent. Once he'd been, as Mike Burton would say, 'Gloucesterized', he was always going to be a formidable operator, and his injury problems now appear to be little more than a hiccup. I have a feeling that we haven't seen the best of young Master Vickery yet.

Phil Greening's story is quite the reverse, of course. He may be a Sale payer now, but at heart he's a Gloucester lad, through and through.

The forced move North is probably the best thing that ever happened to him. Let's face it, he didn't really perform during his last couple of seasons at Kingsholm.

The reasons for that are unclear, although injuries didn't help him either. Now, he has become the player we always knew he could be.

What both players have is the heart, the passion and the soul which becomes instilled into the very bones of a forward trained at Kingsholm. That has served them both in good stead during the World Cup and long may it continue to do so.

We look forward to their further progress with great interest.

# Flashback

by Steve Hawker

## One Down, One To Go...

Sunday March 21, 1999 C & G Cup Semi-Final  
Gloucester 45, Manchester Sale 37

Gloucester took another step towards retaining the Cheltenham & Gloucester Cup with the squeakiest of wins over a very determined Manchester Sale side. The Cherry and Whites played the greatest psychological trick ever as they slumped to a 20-6 half-time deficit and then ran in six second-half tries, knocking the stuffing out of Sale in the process. They certainly had the spectators fooled!

Gloucester handed the first half to Sale, with the assistance of the referee who gave a penalty try when Sale collapsed a scrum right on the stroke of half-time. But the Cherry and Whites stepped up a gear or three in the second half and threw everything into attack - especially Terry Fanolua who played most of the half as a flanker! This left gaping holes in the Gloucester defence, aided by some non-existent tackling, which allowed the visitors to score three tries.

However, a splendid forward effort produced six tries in the half as Gloucester racked up 39 points after the break. Substitute flanker Adam Eustace finished off a move that was started with an interception and Martyn Kimber's conversion sent the home spectators wild and Gloucester into the final for the second year running.

For the most part the first half was a dull, drab affair. Joe Shaw and Kimber exchanged penalties before Sanderson opened Sale's try account. Shaw and

Kimber again exchanged penalties before Sale were awarded their penalty try. Gloucester lost Andy Deacon in the 17th minute and he was replaced by Trevor Woodman, fresh from a cameo appearance for England 'A' on Friday afternoon.

The only bright spot for Gloucester supporters in the first half was the break made by Rory Greenslade-Jones. Fed the ball on the Gloucester 10-metre line, the Welsh winger shrugged off a few tackles before making ground speedily towards the Sale 22. Only a strong tackle by full-back Jim Mallender prevented a certain try, though one had to wonder why the chip and chase wasn't employed as there wasn't any cover defence to speak of.

### Half-Time:

Gloucester 6, Manchester Sale 20

Either Philippe or John Brain had got the speech just right or some other agency was at work because the Gloucester pack that played the second half was the caged animal released that all England knows it can be. When was the last time Gloucester scored six tries in one single half against opponents from the same division? If ever?

Mould-breaking? It would be a definite stretch of the imagination to go that far, indeed one could argue this was "back-to-basics" in a sense as the Gloucester pack managed to get their pick-up-and-drive tactic well and truly into top gear.

One could almost sense the

apprehension whenever a Cherry and White back got the ball, and for that apprehension to be replaced by relief when a forward took it back.

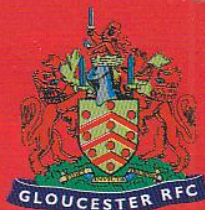
That's not to say that the backs played poorly, but to emphasise the level of control the Gloucester forwards - to a man - had over the game. Chris Fortey, whose battle with Phil Greening was a joy to behold as the Calton Road boy showed the real meaning of belligerence, started the try-fest as the pack pushed him over from a lineout on the Sale line.

Holding the advantage in the lineout, with Richard Ward more than proving his worth as a deputy - one wonders what more this man has to do to get a 'proper' first team start! Gloucester once more started pushing the maul line-wards only to be stopped in their tracks as the referee determined that Andy Morris's entry to the maul from the wrong angle prevented a certain try and the penalty try count was thus equalled!


Kimber enjoyed the most wonderful of lucky bounces when his chip landed in front of Mallender - and bounced away from the Sale man, right back into Kimber's arms and the 22 metre trot was greeted with jeers, cheers and joy from the Gloucester faithful.

But while Gloucester were scoring these hard-earned points, Sale were being gifted tries at the other end. Ed Pearce in particular was guilty on more than one occasion of waving the man through instead of putting his body in the way.

# Gloucester Squad




**Kingsley Jones**



Debut:  
1998 v Leicester.  
Honours:  
Wales and  
Wales A.

date of birth	19/6/70
height	6ft
weight	15st 10lb
position	Back Row
former club	Cross Keys


**Neil McCarthy**



Debut:  
1997 v Begles-  
Bordeaux  
Honours:  
England,  
England A,  
U-21s, U-19s,  
and Under 16s.

date of birth	29/11/74
height	5ft 9in
weight	16st
position	Hooker
former club	Bedford


**Junior Paramore**



Honours:  
Western Samoa.

date of birth	18/11/68
height	6ft 2in
weight	16st 7lb
position	Back Row
former club	Bedford


**Martyn Kimber**



Debut:  
1994 v West  
Hartlepool.

date of birth	20/9/68
height	6ft
weight	14st
position	Outside Half
former club	Stroud


**Elton Moncrieff**



Debut:  
1999 v Cardiff.  
Honours:  
Super 12's.

date of birth	8/6/72
height	5ft 7in
weight	12st 8lb
position	Scrum Half
former club	Queensland


**Ed Pearce**



Debut:  
1996 v  
Newbridge.  
Honours:  
England  
Under-21s.

date of birth	2/9/75
height	6ft 6in
weight	19st 5lb
position	Back Row
former club	Bath


**Simon Mannix**



Debut:  
1998 v  
Richmond.  
Honours:  
New Zealand  
and Barbarians.

date of birth	10/8/71
height	5ft 9in
weight	13st 3lb
position	Fly Half/Centre
former club	Sale


**Steve Ojomoh**



Debut:  
1998 v Wasps.  
Honours:  
England,  
England A,  
U-21s, Colts and  
Barbarians.

date of birth	25/5/70
height	6ft 2in
weight	16st 4lb
position	Back-Row
former club	Bath

**Adey Powles**



Debut:  
1994 v Wasps.  
Honours:  
Gloucestershire  
and U-21s.

date of birth	14/3/67
height	5ft 11in
weight	18st 1lb
position	Prop
former club	Berry Hill



### Stephane Sanchez



**Representative Honours:**  
French Students and French Military.

<b>date of birth</b>	2/1/73
<b>height</b>	5ft 9in
<b>weight</b>	15st 5lb
<b>position</b>	Prop
<b>former club</b>	Montferrand

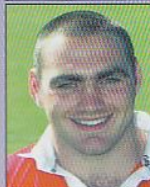
### Richard Tombs



**Gloucester Debut:** 1997 v Begles-Bordeaux.  
**Representative Honours:**  
Australia, Under-21s and Super 12.

<b>date of birth</b>	4/1/68
<b>height</b>	5ft 11in
<b>weight</b>	14st 2lb
<b>position</b>	Centre
<b>former club</b>	Queensland

### Trevor Woodman



**Gloucester Debut:** 1996 v Harlequins.  
**Representative Honours:**  
England, England A, Under-21s and Colts.

<b>date of birth</b>	4/8/76
<b>height</b>	5ft 11in
<b>weight</b>	17st 13lb
<b>position</b>	Loose-head Prop
<b>former club</b>	Bath

### Ian Sanders



**Gloucester Debut:** 1997 v Begles-Bordeaux.  
**Representative Honours:**  
England A, Under-21s, Colts and U-16s.

<b>date of birth</b>	22/1/71
<b>height</b>	5ft 9in
<b>weight</b>	13st 5lb
<b>position</b>	Scrum-Half
<b>former club</b>	Bath

### Phil Vickery



**Gloucester Debut:** 1996 v London Irish.  
**Representative Honours:**  
England, England A, Under-21s, Colts and U-16s.

<b>date of birth</b>	14/3/76
<b>height</b>	6ft 3in
<b>weight</b>	19st
<b>position</b>	Tight-head Prop
<b>former club</b>	Redruth

### Chris Yates



**Gloucester Debut:** 1999 v Begles-Bordeaux.  
**Representative Honours:**  
England Sevens and The North.

<b>date of birth</b>	13/5/71
<b>height</b>	6ft 1in
<b>weight</b>	15st 10lb
<b>position</b>	Centre

### Richard Stott



**Gloucester Debut:** 1999 v Leeds.  
**Representative Honours:**  
South West Colts, Under-18s and U-16s.

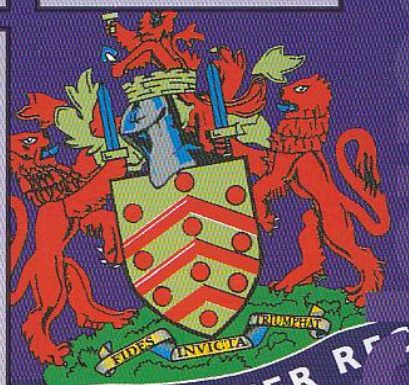
<b>date of birth</b>	1/9/78
<b>height</b>	6ft 6in
<b>weight</b>	17st 4lb
<b>position</b>	Back-Row
<b>former club</b>	Old Richians

### Richard Ward



**Gloucester Debut:** 1996 v Harlequins.

<b>date of birth</b>	26/11/70
<b>height</b>	6ft 6in
<b>weight</b>	18st 8lb
<b>position</b>	Lock




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# Gloucester Squad


**Laurie Beck**



**Debut:** 1990 v Lydney.  
**Honours:** England Under-21s, South West Under-21s and Gloucestershire.

date of birth	2/1/71
height	5ft 10in
weight	12st 12lb
position	Scrum-Half
former club	Cheltenham


**Chris Collins**



**Debut:** 1999 v Waterloo.  
**Honours:** England Colts, Under-16s, South West U-21s and Colts.

date of birth	20/5/78
height	5ft 11in
weight	15st 12lb
position	Hooker
former club	Cheltenham


**Adam Eustace**



**Debut:** 1999 v Leeds.  
**Honours:** England Under-21s and Under-19s.

date of birth	9/1/79
height	6ft 4in
weight	16st 7lb
position	Back Row/Lock
former club	Widened Old Boys


**Tom Beim**



**Debut:** 1996/7 v Sale.  
**Honours:** England, England A and Emerging England North.

date of birth	11/12/75
height	6ft
weight	14st
position	Wing
former club	Sale


**Mark Cornwell**



**Debut:** 1994 v Lydney.  
**Honours:** England Under-21s, South West Under-21s and Gloucestershire.

date of birth	22/2/73
height	6ft 7in
weight	17st 13lb
position	Lock
former club	Old Richians


**Joe Ewens**



**Debut:** 1999 v Begles-Bordeaux.  
**Honours:** England A and England Under-21's.

date of birth	16/12/77
height	5ft 11in
weight	14st 2lb
position	Centre
former club	Bedford


**Chris Catling**



**Debut:** 1996 v Pontypridd.  
**Honours:** England A, Students, England Under-21s and Schools.

date of birth	17/6/76
height	6ft 2in
weight	14st 2lb
position	Full-Back
former club	Exeter


**Andy Deacon**



**Debut:** 1988.  
**Honours:** England A, Barbarians, Emerging England and Gloucestershire.

date of birth	31/7/65
height	6ft 2in
weight	17st 8lb
position	Tighthead Prop
former club	Longlevens

**Terry Fanolua**



**Debut:** 1997 v Begles-Bordeaux.  
**Honours:** Samoa.

date of birth	3/7/74
height	6ft 1in
weight	13st 8lb
position	Centre
former club	Auckland



**Rob Fidler**



**Debut:**  
1994 v  
Cheltenham.  
**Honours:**  
England (2),  
England A,  
U-21s, Colts,  
and U-18s.

date of birth	21/9/74
height	6ft 5in
weight	17st 8lb
position	Lock
former club	Cheltenham

**Tai Glasse**



**Debut:**  
1999 v Cardiff.  
**Honours:**  
New South  
Wales All  
Schools and  
Sydney Schools.

date of birth	10.6.71
height	6ft 3in
weight	16st 5lb
position	Wing
former club	Gordon (Aus)

**Andrew Hazell**



**Debut:**  
1997/8 v  
Newcastle.  
**Honours:**  
England U-21s,  
South West  
U21s and U19s.

date of birth	25/4/78
height	6ft
weight	14st 7lb
position	Back Row
former club	Hayle

**Chris Fortey**



**Debut:**  
1995 v Lydney.  
**Representative  
Honours:**  
Barbarians,  
South West  
Under-21s and  
Colts.

date of birth	25/8/75
height	5ft 11in
weight	16st 3lb
position	Hooker
former club	Widden Old Boys

**Joe Goatley**



**Honours:**  
South West  
Under-18s and  
Gloucestershire  
U-16s.

date of birth	23/10/80
height	6ft 1in
weight	13st 3lb
position	Outside Half
former club	Old Richians

**Brian Johnson**



**Debut:**  
1997 v  
Newcastle.  
**Honours:**  
England A,  
Combined  
Services, Army  
and England.

date of birth	22/7/72
height	5ft 11in
weight	12st 6lb
position	Wing
former club	Newbury

**Peter Glanville**



**Debut:**  
1992 v  
Northampton.  
**Honours:**  
South West, and  
Gloucestershire.

date of birth	10/6/71
height	6ft 3in
weight	16st 3lb
position	Blindside Flanker
former club	Longlevens

**Adam Harris**



**Debut:**  
1992 v  
Northampton.  
**Honours:**  
South West, and  
Gloucestershire.

date of birth	4/7/78
height	6ft 6in
weight	17st 2lb
position	Outside Half
former club	Hayle

**Ian Jones**



**Honours:**  
New Zealand.

date of birth	17/4/67
height	6ft 6in
weight	16st 5lb
position	Lock
former club	Waikoato Chiefs

# Flashback

But the Cherry and Whites continued with their game plan and yet again came up trumps as the pack pushed Adam Harris over for a try. With injury time 10 seconds old, they repeated the feat with Ward being the recipient of a well-deserved try. Although Kimber struggled and failed to get the conversion attempts anywhere near the posts due to the vicious wind, Gloucester were now in the lead, incredibly, for the first time in the match

And that was when Sale pressed the self-destruct button. Instead of plodding on as they had done, waiting for Gloucester to roll out the red carpet, they tried to play expansive, Champagne rugby and gifted Gloucester a try. Chucking the ball high infield found the advancing Richard Stott, who intercepted, and finding Kimber et al in support, went charging off to the Sale line. Indeed the Cherry and Whites held such a manpower advantage one would have to be extremely imaginative to find a way not to score, but Gloucester re-cycled the ball and Eustace looked initially stunned and shocked, and then delighted as the Sale defence decided not to tackle him until after he had crossed the line and touched the ball down. Kimber converted and the cup-holders were through.

The celebrations started immediately and Philippe came out of the tunnel to acknowledge the curtain calls. But even he looked bemused as his team played the get-out-of-jail-free card in a big way. Thirty-nine points in one half? It really did happen!

*Final score:*

*Gloucester 45 Manchester Sale 37*

	Gloucester	Sale
First Half	6	20
Second Half	39	17
Final	45	37

## Gloucester:

Audley Lumsden; Rory Greenslade-Jones, Terry Fanolua, Mike Davis, Rob Jewell; Martyn Kimber, Ian Sanders; Tony Windo (capt), Chris Fortey, Andy Deacon (Trevor Woodman, 17th minute), Adam Harris Richard Ward, Richard Stott, Nathan Carter (Adam Eustace, 40th), Ed Pearce.

### Replacements not used:

Brian Johnson, Chris Collins, Laurie Beck, Ed Mallett, S. Mannix.

### Scorers:

**Tries:** Fortey, Kimber, Harris, Ward, Eustace, penalty try.

**Conversions:** Kimber (3).

**Penalties:** Kimber (3).

### Kicking:

#### Conversions:

Kimber 3 of 6 (50%).

**Penalties:** Kimber 3 of 5 (60.00%).

**Overall:** Kimber 6 of 11 (54.55%).

**Cards:** nil

## Manchester Sale:

Jim Mallender (capt); Matt Moore, Chris Yates, Barry-John Mather, Joe Shaw (Richard Smith, 69th), Jos Baxendall, Kevin Ellis; Duncan Bell, Phil Greening, Davie Theron, Dave Baldwin (Simon Raiwalui, 54th) Raiwalui was replaced temporarily by Paul Knight, 69th - blood), Chris Murphy, Pat Sanderson, Alex Sanderson, Andy Morris.

### Replacements not used:

Tom Barlow, Simon Mills, Phil Winstanley, Steve Diamond.

### Scorers:

**Tries:** Sanderson (2), Yates (2).

**Conversions:** Shaw (3).

**Penalties:** Shaw (2).

### Kicking:

**Conversions:** Shaw 3 of 5 (60%).

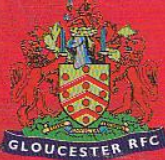
**Penalties:** Shaw 2 of 2 (100.00%).

**Overall:** Shaw 5 of 7 (71.43%)

**Cards:** nil

## Scoring Sequence:

Min	Gloucester	Score	Manchester Sale
9	-	0-3	Shaw (p)
12	Kimber (p)	3-3	-
22	-	3-10	Sanderson (t), Shaw (c)
25	-	3-13	Shaw (p)
32	Kimber (p)	6-13	-
40	-	6-20	Penalty try, Shaw (c)
<b>HALF TIME</b>			
43	Fortey (t)	11-20	-
48	Kimber (p)	14-20	-
49	-	14-27	Yates (t), Shaw (c)
53	Penalty try, Kimber (c)	21-27	-
60	-	21-32	Sanderson (t)
63	Kimber (t), Kimber (c)	28-32	-
67	-	28-37	Yates (t)
75	Harris (t)	33-37	-
80	Ward (t)	38-37	-
80	Eustace (t), Kimber (c)	45-37	-



## Today's Officials

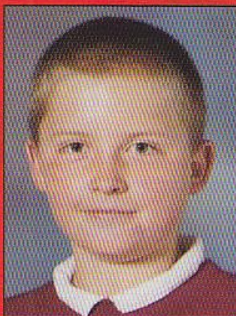
**Referee:**  
Ashley Rowden

**Touch Judges:**  
Doug Chapman  
Andy Melrose

### Today's Mascot:

#### ASHLEY BENNETT

Twelve-years old Ashley lives in Gloucester with his mum, dad and eight-years old sister Amber. He is a pupil at Oxstalls Community School. Apart from a love of rugby, Ashley's other sporting passion is swimming - but he does like all types of sports.



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# Today's Line-Ups

## Gloucester 35

15 Richard Tombs (I)

14 Chris Catling 2T

13 Terry Fanolua 1T

12 Chris Yates

11 Tom Beim (I)

10 Simon Mannix (I) 3c3P

9 Elton Moncrieff 1T

1 Serge Simon (I)

2 Chris Fortey

3 Phil Vickery

4 Richard Ward

5 Mark Cornwell

6 Steve Ojomoh

7 Kingsley Jones (I)(C)

8 Ed Pearce

## Sale Sharks 16

15 Joe Shaw

14 Matt Moore

13 Barrie-John Mather

12 Andy Blyth

11 Steve Davison 1T3P

10 Jos Baxendall (c)

9 Craig Turvey

1 Paul Smith

2 Phil Greening

3 Dawie Theron

4 Mark Tinnock

5 Andy Whittle

6 Alex Sanderson

7 Pete Anglesea

8 Guy Manson-Bishop

## Replacements

16 Ian Sanders

17 Joe Ewens

18 Neil McCarthy

19 Andy Deacon

20 Trevor Woodman

21 Adam Eustace

22 Andrew Hazell

16 Chris Saverimutto

17 Paul Devlin

18 Richard Wilks

19 Dave Baldwin

20 Phil Winstanley

21 Duncan Bell

22 Joe Clark

(I) Denotes International

There will be a one minute silence prior to the kick-off in memory of former Gloucester forward Adrian Turton who died last week