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# Welcome from The Editors

Combined Services V Barbarians

A Warm Welcome

This is the part of the season when the rugby Premiership takes a leaf out of the soccer Premiership book as far as the compilation of the table goes. Every win from this weekend onwards is worth three league points.

Thankfully, we haven't gone down the World Cup route and introduced a point for turning up and coming second in a match!

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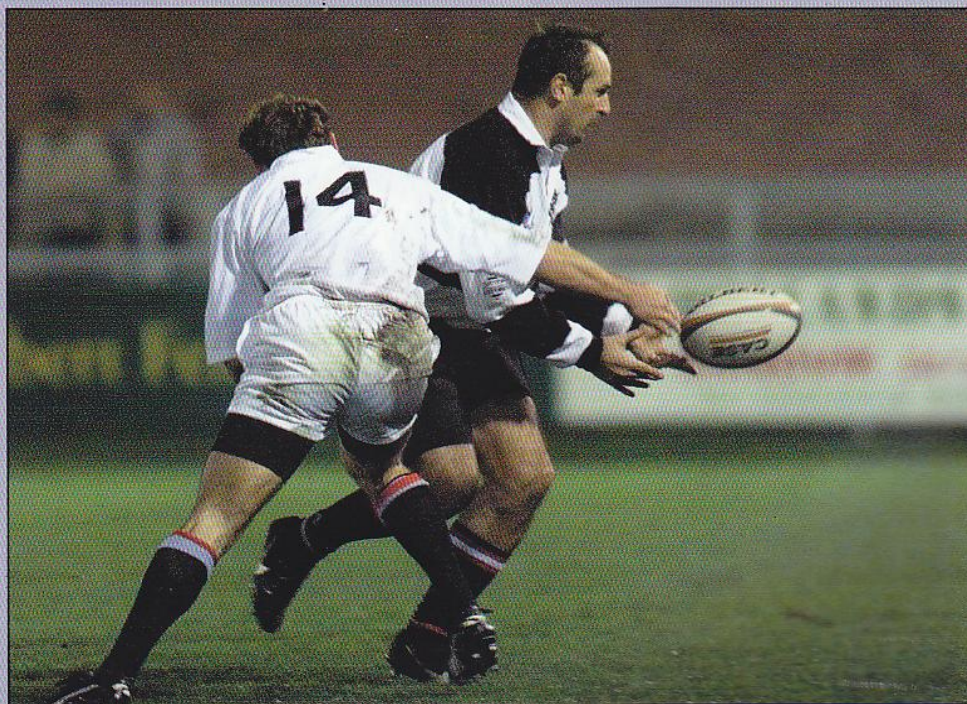
Last Tuesday evening. Was it Philippe's final appearance at Kingsholm? Only time will tell. But he is saying that he is Gloucester's seventh choice winger, so it is fair to assume that there are no plans for a scheduled first team appearance!

Those of you at the Combined Services vs Barbarians match would have seen the delight on the face of the French wing master when he scored the try. And the look became a positive beam when

The Shed gave voice to the French national anthem. The intriguing match-up at that game was 14 vs 11 - or Brian Johnson of Combined Services and Gloucester vs Philippe Saint-André of the Barbarians and Gloucester.

On the basis that a picture is worth 1,000 words, we offer the photo below. What could BJ be saying to Philippe as he made the tackle?

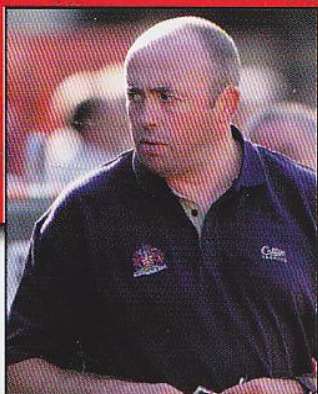
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# Coach's Viewpoint

John Brain

**"No one is taking us seriously and everyone outside of Gloucester thinks that Saracens are better than us. Now if we win today then everyone will sit up and take notice."**

At the start of the season the coaches believed that we would win five out of our first seven matches, we might even get six. I'm not sure anyone else would have believed it, not even some of the players. After all, a French winger and an ex-Gloucester lock with no international caps as the coaching staff? All the predictions at the start were that we would end up tenth, that we're not a good team.

We've achieved our first semester target, although we've proved nothing yet and its nothing in the scheme of this year. We must stay on track. Philippe, Audley and I believed we would win five out of seven and though not everyone would have seen it that way, yet here we are.

We're now setting our targets on the games through to the Bedford game on the 27th of December. That's four league games and some European shield games. We've set a target for the European games and we intend to involve all of the squad in the Shield matches. It will be a good experience for everyone, especially against Biarritz.

By the time we play Bedford I fully expect that they will have

won a few games. I played for Bedford for a couple of years and Goldington Road is a difficult place to go to and win. Its not an easy place to travel to, there's that sloping pitch and, of course, the partisan crowd! A couple of weeks ago I would have said everyone should have beaten them, but they're not an easy option now.

Today's match is very, very important to the squad. No one is taking us seriously and everyone outside of Gloucester thinks that Saracens are better than us. Now if we win today then everyone will sit up and take notice. We have to make Kingsholm a fortress and we mustn't slip up. Effectively you could say we're looking down the barrel of a six point loss - as with all home games - after all, we're not favourites to win away. This home game is very important and is against a good team and one we respect. They are very professional and its the most important game of our season so far.

We didn't play well at Bath and although we played better at Wasps, they deserved to win. Against Quins at the end of the game they scored but we went straight back and scored. We showed the will to win when

under pressure and that whole passage of play might well prove to be vitally important at the end of the season. Simon didn't strike it well but he was willing it over, the squad were willing it over and the crowd were willing it over. It shows we've got a bit of fighting spirit!

To be successful you've got to have the right collection of individuals, good communications - the players have to know what to expect in terms of communications and support they'll be getting from the coaches - and the right individuals who want to play for the team.

Its important in sport that no matter how talented the players are, they have to want to play for the team and its the successful managers who have found the trick of getting highly paid players to play together as a team. And I think that rugby is the team game - each player is heavily dependent on others for individual success, the team must come first. Its a slow process but we've started on the road. Not everything is right yet, we are getting things right and we're on the way.

*[John Brain was talking to Steve Hawker]*



# Ian Jones

A letter about our latest signing

**A few days ago, the club received a letter from Jock Moffatt about a chance encounter with our latest 'signing', Ian Jones.**

Jock, who lives in Beaconsfield, is now retired after a distinguished career in the Army where he played rugby and went on to referee.

To put it simply, he loves rugby - though he admits to not specifically being a supporter of the Cherry and Whites!

Back to his letter, and his chance meeting with Ian Jones: "I travelled with the Scottish squad to New Zealand in May/June 1990 when Ian got his first cap in the Dunedin Test. The Sunday papers headlined his excellent debut.

"That Sunday morning, quite by chance, I sat beside him on the flight to North Island and he showed great modesty about his performance. He was more keen on talking about the hospitality he had received when touring the UK with a junior team.

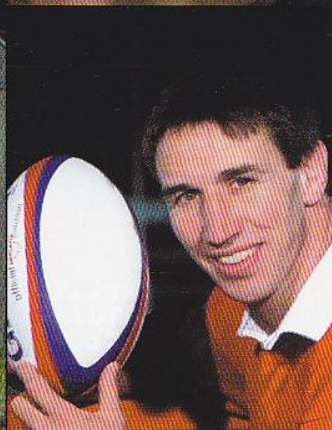
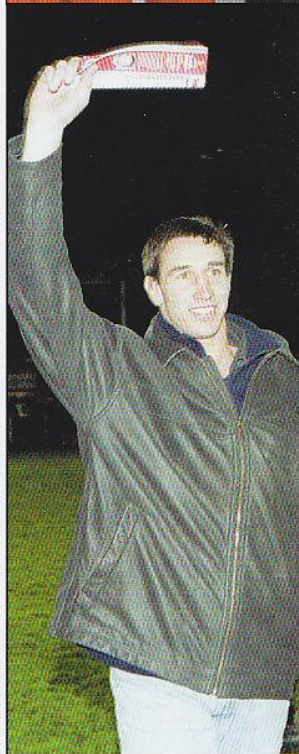
"He challenged me as to why I was carrying a rugby ball with me so I explained that I had had it signed by all the Scottish squad to be given to a rugby-mad 11 year old relative back in Scotland.

"His immediate reaction was to suggest that he should get it signed by the All Black team the next weekend in Auckland. This he did and the ball is still with that young man who has since

been in the Scottish under 18 squad." Ian Jones' kind action almost ten years ago is, I am sure, still typical of his character and perhaps is proof that even second row forwards have great hearts.

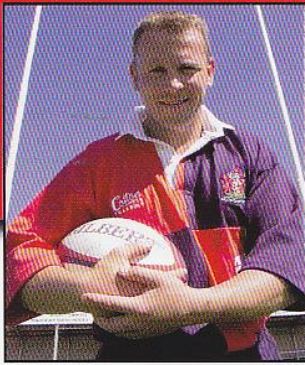


Clockwise from top: Ian in the Gloucester changing room with Mike Potter, signing with Tom Walkinshaw, posing in Gloucester colours, and greeting the Kingsholm crowd.



# Captain's Comment

Kingsley Jones



**"We are certainly not going to be complacent and rely on history to repeat itself! Saracens are always a dangerous team, with quality players throughout their side"**

Saracens! It's a game that we look forward to - games of this calibre are the reason we play rugby! Just look at the quality of players that they have...

It is the game I have looked forward to more than any other so far this season. It is a great game to

be playing in, and I'm sure that everyone in the Gloucester team realises that.

I think that the other teams in the Premiership will now have to give us a lot of respect - we went into this weekend second in the table. If they think that it is a bit of a one-

off because the Premiership has not really started yet because of the World Cup, well that's fine!

If people want to treat us with disrespect, it suits me fine - it is up to us to put the record straight, and keep doing it every week.

I am sure Saracens will be taking nothing for granted - and I am sure that all their players are aware that in a total of 20 visits to Kingsholm the club has yet to claim a win here!

We are certainly not going to be complacent and rely on history to repeat itself! Saracens are always a dangerous team, with quality players throughout their side.

To put it simply, they have to be treated with respect and we will be doing just that!

One thing is for certain - Saracens will be very much up for this game. But then, so will we!

On the personal side, I can report that my leg continues to hold up well. I think that I am as fit as I am going to be. And the timing has been just right - when the teams have got their World Cup stars back.

Playing opposite Richard Hill is something for me to look forward to - and relish. In fact the Gloucester back row against the Saracens back row is a considerable challenge for the six of us!



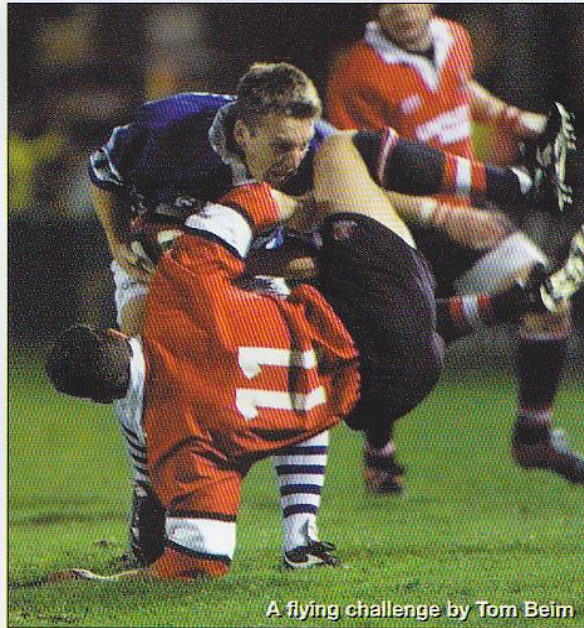
Kingsley Jones in action during Gloucester's 25-9 win at Northampton

# Match Action

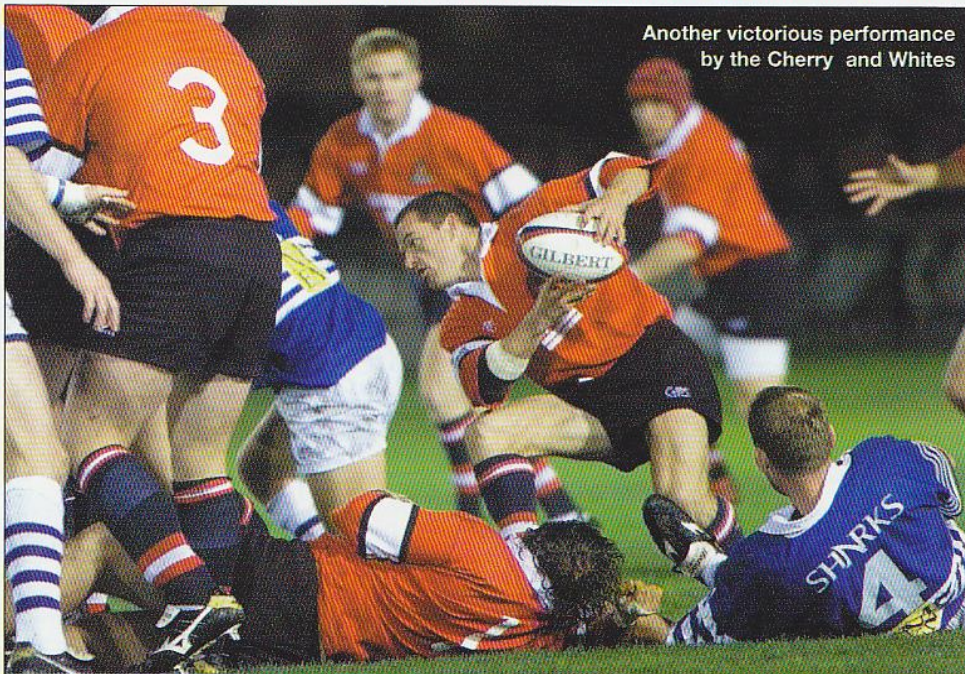
Gloucester v Sale Sharks



Elton Moncrieff escapes with the ball



A flying challenge by Tom Beirn



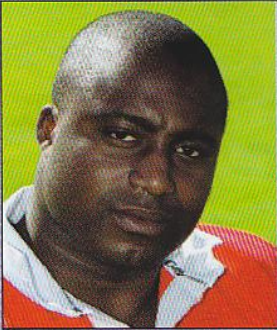
Another victorious performance by the Cherry and Whites

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# Player Profile

## Steve Ojomoh

**Steve Ojomoh**



**Full Name:** Steve Oziegbe Ojomoh  
**Position:** Back Row  
**Born:** Benin City, Nigeria,  
 25th May 1970  
**Height:** 1.89m (6' 2")  
**Weight:** 108kg (16st 14lbs)  
**Gloucester Debut:** 11th January 1998 vs Wasps  
**Career Record:** App 54, 6t, 0c, 0p, 0dg,  
 30 pts, 0.55 ppg

**Playing Career:**

1988	England Schools, Joined Rosslyn Park as a Colt
1989	England U19s, Joined Bath
1991	England U21s
1992	England 'B'
1993	England Tour to Canada
1994	Full England debut vs Ireland England Tour to South Africa
1995	England World Cup Squad
1997	England Tour to Argentina
1998	Signed for Gloucester on New Year's Day England Tour to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa



# Player Profile

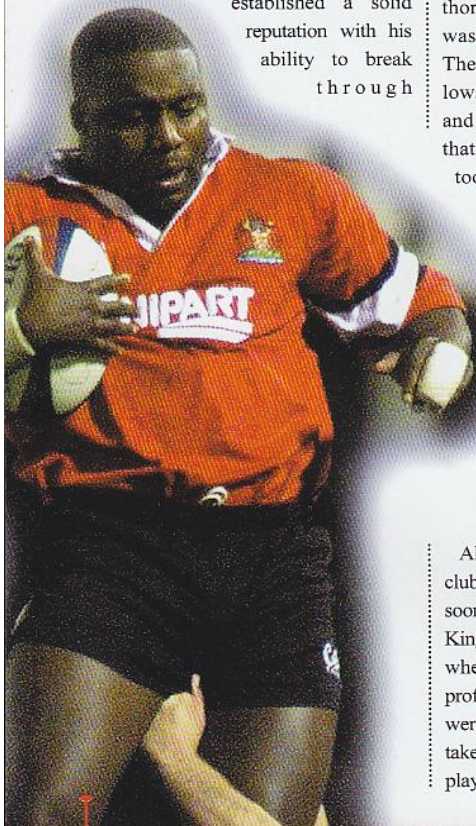
## Steve Ojomoh

***"All the players have a duty to ourselves and the fans to play at a higher level week in, week out."***

Steve was born in Nigeria but came to England in 1981 to attend West Buckland school, near Barnstaple. School chums there included fellow Bath and England international Victor Obogu and world triple-jump record holder Jonathon Edwards - and though the young Ojomoh showed a distinct talent for that event, he opted for rugby instead.

But after a year of playing for Rosslyn Park as a Colt, he was signed by a certain team at the southern end of the Cotswold Way. Gaining international honours

along the way, Steve established a solid reputation with his ability to break through



defences by breaking powerfully from the base of the scrum or gain vital yards when given space in open play.

Having long been the bane of Gloucester's defence down the years, his arrival in January 1998 was warmly welcomed by even the most parochial Cherry and White supporter. Since then "Oj" has become as much a part of Kingsholm as the Shed and gets a rousing cheer whenever he carries the ball.

Steve has no regrets about moving up the A46, "It's been brilliant and I've thoroughly enjoyed it! Last season was the longest of my life though. The sackings and all the highs and lows took their toll - both physically and mentally - and the best thing was that I didn't go anywhere on tour! I took ten weeks away from the club and everything and it was a chance to recuperate. I came back feeling refreshed and ready to go."

He isn't joking about the duration of last season. After all, he played 2003 minutes of Premiership rugby, considerably more than any other Gloucester player.

Although Bath were one of the first clubs to embrace professionalism Steve soon found that not to be the case at Kingsholm, "Having come from Bath where things had already gone professional, it was clear that Gloucester were a year behind everyone else. It's taken time for things to settle. All the players have a duty to ourselves and the

fans to play at a higher level week in, week out. When Philippe released the established Gloucester guys he was sending out a wake-up call. People thought it couldn't happen but he meant business. He's not one to suffer fools."

Steve is a very level-headed and laid back individual and is certainly not about to get carried away just because the team have won one away match, "We're not there yet. The top five is our goal and we want to play European rugby. It was quite pleasing to see that the squad didn't get too carried away when we won the last game of our target. People kept their perspective. To be brutally honest I don't think we will win the league this year, but it would be brilliant!"

Although Steve denies he's an opera buff, he does admit to enjoying musicals and even took a trip to New York just to see *Les Miserables*, "Nothing beats Broadway and I'd do it again if I get the chance! I like musicals and I enjoy rap music - I guess it goes with being a Gemini!"

Once his playing career is over, the chances are that Steve will go into the import/export business just as his father did - though he doesn't rule out the possibility of resuming his career in the City, "My contract ends in May next year and maybe I've still got three years or so left in me. I'm only 29 - it only seems that I've been around so long because I started young - I might continue until I'm 32 at the most. My number one choice is to go into the import/export business that my father started - the infrastructure is still there. Failing that I may return to the City where I worked as a money broker."



# Mike Weaver Reviews....

**If there is one thing that the Gloucester coaches are disappointed with so far this season it must surely be the team's apparent lack of discipline.**

If we take last week's victory against Sale, our visitors should have been well and truly shut out of the game before they got a whiff of a half-time orange.

Yet they were given fresh hope by Gloucester's failure to learn from the referee who had shown himself to be totally unforgiving of hands in the ruck and the slightest hint of offside.

Because of that, Steve Davidson was able to maintain the weak pulse of the Cheshire side with some good penalty kicking, topped off with a try following a series of Gloucester infringements.

Of course it was a convincing result in the end - and a fair reflection of the gulf between the teams. But I think most of us, including the coaches, came away thinking we should have done better against a team who could only name 20 fit players from a squad of 30. Nevertheless, for an all-to brief 18 hours we were top of the league!

Heady stuff, I know, but as John Brain commented after

the match, we'll have a much clearer picture of how the Premiership lies by Christmas.

The Gloucester players should need no reminding that they cannot commit the same amount of mistakes today and hope to get a result. If fit, Mark Mapletoft would surely relish the chance to put one over on his former club at the first time of asking.

After all, I can't think of any other player who, in recent seasons, would have spent more time staring down the twin barrels of the Kingsholm posts to line up vital penalty points!

I hope that Tofty receives a similarly warm welcome as that afforded to 'New Slimline' last Friday night! Over the years we built up a large debt of gratitude to the diminutive number ten - his composure in front of the posts together with the odd dash of brilliance and arrogance in open play brought us back from the brink on far too many occasions to mention.

But the bright lights of London Town became too much for him to resist in the end and after refusing the offer to stay at Kingsholm as full-back he declared himself willing to swap over the Sarries' number 10 jersey with Thierry 'ave a good fun' Lacroix.

These days, of course, you wouldn't catch him anywhere

near a number 15 shirt! The prospect of emerging as league leaders after this game should spur both sides on to massively committed performances.

Saracens have managed to maintain some good form during the World Cup, hammering Bedford and Newcastle at home, as well as Northampton and Sale away.

On a final note, I really hope that we haven't seen the last of our bearded Gallic talisman, Monsieur Simon. It has been reported that he has now played his last game for the club having provided valuable cover during the World Cup period. John Brain was still hopeful of maintaining his services when speaking after the Sale game, but acknowledged that Serge's inability to train with the squad during the week was a significant problem not likely to be overcome.

It was fantastic to see how he immediately captured the hearts of the Shed with his 'back-to-basics' style of rugby, together with the camaraderie he displayed towards his team-mates whenever any one of them became isolated from the pack and was surrounded by studs and fists!

I'm sure that when we end up at the top of the pile come May, few will forget his unique contribution to the squad's success!

**I suppose that the less imaginative among the pundits will be billing today's game as a 'top-of-the-table clash'. It's nice to be able to feature in such a confrontation, and anyway, what's wrong with a cliché or two between friends?**

Add to that the thought that we tied with Saracens in the equivalent fixture last season - in somewhat controversial circumstances I recall - and you have a recipe for a memorable occasion this afternoon. Not that we need it to welcome the 'Sarries' because we've had some great times with them, home and away, in the past.

This is also the day when we move into post-World Cup mode. Three points for a win and only two 'foreign' players allowed on each side. What happens to Bedford's postponed matches from here on in?

I assume that the matches they couldn't play will be staged under the former two-point and three-player ruling. It wouldn't be fair on the rest of us otherwise, but it adds another complication for people trying to forecast the future league leaders.

Perhaps it's better to, as Confucius he say, just lay back and enjoy it

### **GLOUCESTER AT THE GALLOP**

Had a call from Fraser Garrity the other day. Mr Garrity is Clerk of the Course at Windsor Racecourse. 'What' you may well ask, 'is such an eminent official of the Sport of Kings doing ringing the likes of us?' It turned out to be quite a nice story, actually.

Apparently, Mr Garrity, unusually, hadn't been able to find sponsors for all the races on the card at the recent Windsor meeting, and you can't just let horses race around the course unless the event they are running in has a name of some sort. So, being a Gloucester supporter, and having friends in our fair city, Mr. Garrity decided to call one race 'The Cherry and White Maiden Stakes'.

Gloucester RFC has been awarded many honours over the years, but I don't think that we have ever had a horse race named after us before. I wonder how, say, Harlequins and Saracens, geographically and, dare I say, socially, much more closely aligned with the Gentlemen of the Turf than we are, feel about that.

Thanks for the thought, Mr. Garrity. We'll try and be worthy of it.

### **NOSTALGIA SPOT**

I should have known. My unguarded remark that Harlequins were the first side I ever saw play at Kingsholm was almost certain to provoke a response. And it did - from Bryan

Mabbett, who has a collection of programmes dating back to 1936, and who has been kind enough to send me a copy of the very match I attended. Gloucester v. Harlequins, April 9th, 1938.

A fascinating document it is too. At that point, Gloucester had played 32 matches, won 25, lost 6 and drawn 1. Quins were having a great run as well, so it was a bit of a crunch match. We won by 14 points to 13 in a match which the programme writer of the day regarded as featuring "the best forward display of the season."

That pack included Tom Price, 'Bumps' Carpenter, 'Digger' Morris and John A'Bear. Our late President, the Rev. Mervyn Hughes didn't play because he was suffering from a broken hand which kept him out for the rest of the season, and knowing Mervyn, I'll bet he was sick about that.

The programme, which cost just one old penny, attracted a healthy number of advertisements which make nostalgic reading. The Hippodrome in Eastgate Street was showing Warner Oland in 'Charlie Chan on Broadway'. The Great Western Railway would take you to London and back for 12 shillings and 6 pence (62p.) and you could buy a 'Morris Motor Car' from Wicliffe Motors for £126. A bottle of whisky would set you back 12 shillings (60p.) and a similar brandy 14 shillings (70p.) You can't get a half of bitter for that nowadays!

Great stuff Mr. Mabbett. Thanks a lot.

# Flashback

by Steve Hawker

## Gloucester get out of jail, again!

Saturday, November 21 1998, Allied Dunbar Premiership One  
Gloucester 28, Saracens 27

Saracens came to Kingsholm looking for their first win over Gloucester in 16 visits but came away empty handed - twice! This peculiar result came about for two reasons: Gloucester used their 'Get Out Of Jail Free' card for the second home game in succession; and the Shedheads beat the Fez Boys in a pre-match tug-o-war!!

Unlike the 'important' match that was to follow, the eight Shedheads trounced their opposite numbers - with not a hint of a comeback in sight! Winning 2-0, the victorious home supporters re-took their positions in the Shed to rapturous applause by their compatriots, whilst the vanquished slunk away with their tails firmly between their legs.

If anyone thought that the fun was over at this point then they were quite mistaken, but had they thought they were caught in a time-warp and took a jump back two weeks - they were absolutely right. Same old story, different day. Gloucester won the first half convincingly - and in some style - and then allowed the opposition to creep back into a game they had no right to be in.

Not surprisingly, the away support had their excuses ready. Saracens lost a number of first-team choices to international duty and injuries - but Gloucester afforded themselves the opportunity to rest a number of

players and even had 3 internationals on the bench.

Simon Mannix opened Gloucester's account in the fourth minute with a penalty after sterling work by the forwards had powered the Cherry and Whites down to the Saracens' line.

From the re-start Gloucester marched right back up the field with excellent ball handling skills shown by the pack. Richard Tombs burst through the cover to send Brian Johnson lineward. As Johnson was tackled at the line he popped the ball back to Tombs who keenly sidestepped referee Ed Morrison before touching down to raucous acclaim. Mannix converted.

Although Saracens threatened the Gloucester line on a number of occasions, coming away with only a Gavin Johnson penalty, it was the Cherry and Whites who touched down next. Mannix by-passed Terry Fanolua as Saint-Andre carved a hole through the Saracens' cover and then found Fanolua providing support to score in the corner. Mannix missed the conversion.

Saracens lost their influential fly-half Alain Penaud at this point and this must have made some impact on the game because, although Penaud looked in control and spoiled much of Gloucester's hard work with massive clearances, it meant that the excellent Johnson took over at number 10.

Mannix and Johnson exchanged penalties but it was from the Saracens' score that the champagne moment occurred. Mannix re-started and Gloucester immediately regained possession. Ian Sanders passed to Mannix who sold a wonderful dummy to the Saracens' back row and flipped the ball to Tombs. Tombs had a straight run to the line and made no mistake to send the home crowd wild. Mannix converted with the last kick of the half.

### Half-time: Gloucester 25 Saracens 6

The old adage that says lightning doesn't strike twice clearly doesn't apply at Kingsholm and Richard Hill must surely be investigating the contents of the half-time refreshments. Gloucester were 22-0 up against Bedford and yet contrived to scrape home - this time the Cherry and Whites raided the Monopoly box for yet another narrow escape.

Saracens replied early in the second half with a well worked three-quarter move that sent Kevin Sorrell through and now it was time for Johnson to step up and influence the proceedings.

The Springbok was at the core of everything that Saracens did well and only sheer bloody-mindedness on behalf of the Gloucester defence prevented a collapse.

But eventually and inevitably Saracens pulled another score out of

# Flashback

the hat as the Gloucester pack, after solid defence on the line, all pulled the wrong way and Phil Ogilvie spun out of a maul to score. Johnson converted.

The key moment in the match came with just eight minutes remaining. Gloucester had enjoyed a number of storming runs from Lumsden - who seemed to have learned from his much younger counterpart Catling as he turned defence into attack - and eventually gained a penalty which Mannix eagerly converted. The sigh of relief as Gloucester gained an eight point advantage was heard throughout the ground.

Nevertheless, Gloucester still managed to contrive to shoot themselves in the foot. Tombs took off on yet another forceful run, this time wide on the left, and was rewarded when Saracens conceded a penalty.

Mannix kicked for the corner, but from the resulting lineout Saracens stole the ball and brought the ball all the way back, through several phases of possession, to score under the posts. Happily for Gloucester Johnson's conversion was the last kick of another exciting yet nail-biting game.

**Full-time: Gloucester 28 Saracens 27**

	Gloucester	Saracens
First Half	25	6
Second Half	3	21
Final	28	27

## Gloucester:

A. Lumsden; B. Johnson, T. Fanolua, R. Tombs - capt, P. Saint-André, S. Mannix, I Sanders; T. Windo (T. Woodman), C. Forrey (N McCarthy 55), A. Deacon; R. Fidler, M. Cornwell (D. Sims, 76); E. Pearce, N. Carter, S. Ojomoh.

### Replacements not used:

C. Catling, M. Mapletoft, S. Benton, A. Dawling.

### Scorers:

**Tries:** Tombs (2), Fanolua.

**Conversions:** Mannix (2).

**Penalties:** Mannix (3).

### Kicking Percentages:

**Conversions:** Mannix: 2 from 3 attempts (66.67%);

**Penalties:** Mannix: 3 from 3 attempts (100%)

## Saracens:

G. Johnson; B. Taylor (B Daniel 58), K. Sorrell, S. Ravenscroft, R. Wallace, A. Penaud (M. Singer 27), B. Free, B. Reidy, G. Chuter, W. de Jonge (A. Olver 40), K. Chesney, C. Yandell, P. Ogilvie (B. Cole 74), F. Pienaar, T. Diprose - capt.

### Replacements not used:

M. Olsen, G. Botterman, T. Rocque.

### Scorers:

**Tries:** Sorrell, Ogilvie, Ravenscroft.

**Conversions:** Johnson (3)

**Penalties:** Johnson (2).

### Kicking Percentages:

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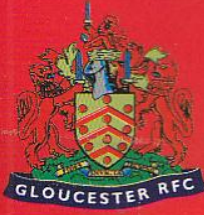
**Penalties:** Johnson 2 from 2 attempts (100%)

## Scoring Sequence:

Min	Gloucester	Score	Saracens
4	Mannix (p)	3-0	-
8	Tombs (t), Mannix (c)	10-0	-
12	-	10-3	Johnson (p)
27	Fanolua (t)	15-3	-
35	Mannix (p)	18-3	-
40	-	18-6	Johnson (p)
40	Tombs (t), Mannix (c)	25-6	-
<b>HALF TIME</b>			
46	-	25-13	Sorrell (t), Johnson (c)
62	-	25-20	Ogilvie (t), Johnson (c)
72	Mannix (p)	28-20	-
80	-	28-27	Ravenscroft (t), Johnson (c)

Referee: Ed Morrison (RFU/Bristol)

Attendance: 6,627 (61.36 % capacity)



# Gloucester Tame Sharks

**Gloucester moved to top of the table with a less than convincing win over Sale Sharks. The Manchester side came down to Gloucester confident after successfully completing the double over the Cherry and Whites last season.**

But the target set by player-coach Saint André of five wins out of seven during the World Cup was reached.

Sale opened the scoring with a penalty after Mannix had missed two of his own. Then Elton Moncrieff darted to the line and scored under the upright after 16 minutes from a good set piece.

Moncrieff's try enabled Mannix to slot through an easy conversion from in front of the posts. Mannix then added to his points with a further penalty.

Full back turned winger Chris Catling collected the first of his two tries due to the Sale defence failing to ground the ball in their own try area.

Sale could only respond with penalties before Catling touched down again for another fortunate try with the ball popping out of a Sale defensive scrum in their twenty two. Mannix's conversion attempt went just wide, but he added a penalty just after.

The Sharks must of breathed a sigh of relief when Gloucester replaced scrum half Moncrieff. The little Kiwi scrum half had been causing problems throughout the first half.

The Shed who were quiet during the game were made silent as Davison completed his scoring spree of all Sale's 14 points just after half time. Manu Samoan centre Terry Fanoula went over for a great try after some good passing out wide with Mannix adding the conversion and an earlier penalty.

After a tremendous performance away to Northampton last week Gloucester looked tired and below par.

For Gloucester to still come away with a win by such a big margin against Sale, the signs are hopefully there for Gloucester having a good season. Saint-André said:

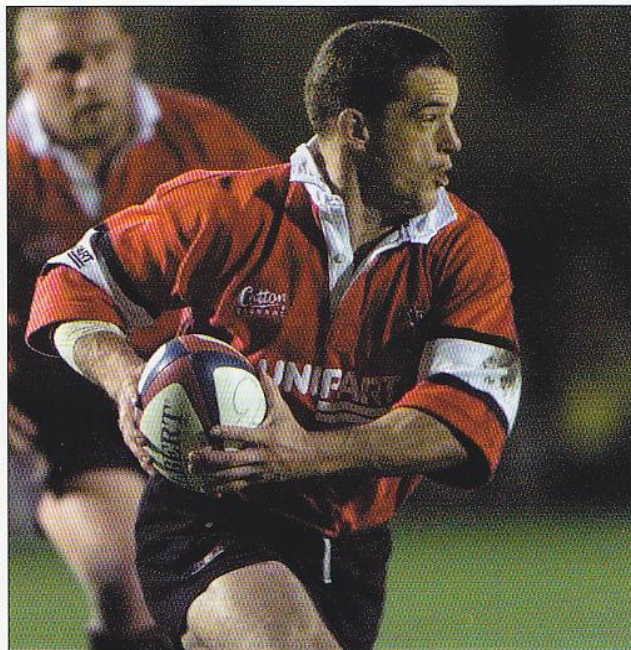
"This game was not that great, but it was a win and it is good for the

players to reach their targets." So let's look forward to the Cherry and Whites having their names on the Allied Dunbar Premiership title!

Before the match, Gloucester's new summer signing of lock Ian Jones was introduced to the Kingsholm faithful.

The 79-capped New Zealand second row had made the short journey from Cardiff on Thursday after watching the All Blacks defeated by South Africa in the third place game.

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## Today's Officials

### Referee:

**John Barnard**

### Touch Judges:

**Steve Savage**

**Bob Ockenden**

### Fourth Official:

**Matthew Fellows**

### Today's Mascot:

#### DEBS LIDDINGTON

During a conversation in the staff room at the Early Learning Centre where I work, I said that I would give anything to be a mascot for Gloucester Rugby Football Club! My colleague, Lynne, who is on the fund-raising committee of the local charity Cloud Nine, immediately challenged me and asked that if she could arrange it would I make a donation to the charity? YES!!! - that was my immediate response. I have now achieved one of my lifelong ambitions, even if I am a couple of years older than the usual mascots!



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# Today's Line-Ups

## Gloucester 22

15	Richard Tombs
14	Chris Catling
13	Joe Ewens
12	Chris Yates
11	Tom Beim T
10	Simon Mannix 1c5p
9	Elton Moncrieff
1	Trevor Woodman
2	Chris Fortey
3	Phil Vickery
4	Rob Fidler
5	Mark Cornwell
6	Steve Ojomoh
7	Kingsley Jones (C)
8	Ed Pearce

## Saracens 19

15	Rob Thirlby
14	Ryan Constable
13	Ben Johnstone
12	Kevin Sorrell
11	Darragh O'Mahony
10	Thierry Lacroix 1c4p
9	Nick Walshe
1	David Flatman
2	George Chuter
3	Julian White
4	Kris Chesney
5	Bill Davison T
6	Richard Hill
7	Francois Pienaar
8	Tony Diprose

## Replacements

16	Ian Sanders
17	TBA
18	TBA
19	Adey Powles
20	Neil McCarthy
21	Adam Eustace
22	Andrew Hazell

16	Matt Powell
17	Jeremy Thomson
18	Matt Leek
19	Paul Wallace
20	Matt Cairns
21	Danny Grewcock
22	Ben Cole