

THE CITIZEN

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HILLIER'S PENALTY JUST WON THE DAY FOR GLOUCESTER

GLOUCESTER 3Pts., HEADINGLEY NIL

Although never lacking in spirit and enthusiasm, Gloucester's game with Headingley at Kingsholm on Saturday, could by no means be termed a Rugby classic. The open threequarter moves that delight so many fans were evident from Gloucester in the second half, but there was no direct method or result from their tactics.

The only changes in the selected Gloucester team that drew with Lydney, were at centre, where 18-year-old County centre John Bayliss made a return taking the place of J. Low, who moved to fly-half in the position of Terry Hopson.

Mick Booth returned to the scrum-half position in place of young John Spalding.

Gloucester opened somewhat lethargically and it was not until well into the first half before they began to warm to the game with any zest.

Headingley during this early period moved play into the Red and White's half and kept it there with only spasmodic attacks from the home pack giving their supporters any hope.

FORWARD ATTACKS

However, it was a different story when Gloucester did start work and they continually pressed their opponents' line with forward attacks led admirably by Peter Ford and Alan Townsend.

A penalty to Headingley, taken by full-back Grieveson, found touch near the half-way line and gave the visitors some respite, but Gloucester always looked the stronger from then on.

Russell Hillier, who played a safe game at full-back for Gloucester did not have much success with his place kicking, but his attempts at touch always put Gloucester out of any danger that they encountered.

It was unfortunate that he was taken off the field shortly before the close of the game with slight concussion after attempting to tackle Headingley's left wing M. L. Booth who was in full flight.

FAST PASSING

With a half-time score of nil-nil, Gloucester opened the second half with some good attacking play and immediately began to make use of their threequarters who moved the ball quickly from one to the other.

At one stage, Headingley were bemused by the speed of the passing in their own 25, but although this play looked good, Gloucester made no headway with these tactics.

Hillier secured Gloucester's victory points with a well-placed penalty.

Gloucester forwards were not to be outdone by the moves of their three's and they came close to scoring on several occasions by foot rushes, but they found stiff opposition from Grieveson and centre Ventre, who always seemed in the right position at the right time to fly kick the ball into touch or pick up and kick upfield.

In fact, during this period the Headingley defence stood up superbly under the volley and full marks must go to them.

Of the Headingley pack, Jaggar, the captain, led his men admirably and Ventre, in the centre, was always on hand in attack or defence.

Lowe, at fly-half for Gloucester, made some nice runs and was well served by scrum-half Mick Booth.