

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1962

SMART TRIES BY BOB SMITH IN CONVINCING UNITED VICTORY

GLOUCESTER UNITED 21PTS., N. GLOS. COMBINATION 3PTS.

Gloucester United's "Have Ball – Will Travel" technique upset quite a few calculations last night.

One does not usually expect a flurry of points between two old rivals such as these, and United were certainly not expected to win so clearly. After all, hadn't the Combination thrashed Herefordshire last week by 19 points to nil ?

As it was, the United men showed more speed, and displayed greater creative ability than their opponents, and fully deserved their convincing victory.

TAYLOR DOMINANT IN SCRUMS

A key factor in Gloucester's supremacy was the dominance of Ken Taylor in the scrums. He completely out-hooked his opposite number, Graham Hill, who was standing in for Averiss, of Spartans.

This match was something of a joy-ride for United's right winger, Bob Smith. He was here-there-and-everywhere.

He scored three tries in all, two of which were almost entirely his own creation.

EXTRA MAN

His first try was inspired by full-back Russell Hillier who, instead of kicking for touch, came up into the threequarter line to make the extra man. The result was a Smith 'flyer' in the corner.

Smith's second and third tries were almost identical.

On both occasions he kicked ahead, raced after the ball, and beat the defenders to the touchdown.

INTERCEPTION

United's other try was scored by wing forward Mike Maybury, who intercepted a pass near the line to dive over near the posts.

In all, Hillier converted three tries, and kicked a penalty.

Jim Walden scored a consolation try for the Combination.

THE TEAMS

Gloucester United: R. Hillier; B. Jackson, E. Stephens, J. Lowe, R. Smith; T. Hopson, G. Mace; J. Herbert, K. Taylor, M. Nicholls, A. Brinn, D. Owen, P. Hawker, A. Davies, M. Maybury.

North Gloucestershire Combination: R. Smart (Gordon League); J. Howell (Widden Old Boys), J. Walden (Widden Old Boys), J. Vallender (Tredworth), R. King (Spartans); D. Phelps (Gordon League), B. Johnson (All Blues); A. Ricketts (Civil Service), G. Hill (Widden Old Boys), D. Head (Old Centralians), E. Wakefield (Tredworth), D. Terry (Old Cryptians), A. Milton (Old Centralians), D. Barley (Spartans), N. Sysum (Gordon League).