

# THE CITIZEN

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## GLOUCESTER REACH PEAK FORM IN MEMORABLE WIN AT NEWPORT

NEWPORT NIL, GLOUCESTER 16PTS.

Gloucester skipper Mick Booth raised his side to a tremendous crescendo of effort less than five minutes from the end of this memorable Cherry and White victory at Rodney Parade on Saturday.

The nippy little scrum-half, who led his men admirably right from the kick-off, had five minutes earlier been involved in a mishap which left him with a bleeding nose.

At this juncture Gloucester were leading 8 points to nil and one would have thought that Booth would have allowed himself and his side to coast along until the final whistle.

Not a bit of it.

Within seconds Gloucester were back in their familiar attacking role and Booth made an audacious run across the field, leaving the Newport side gasping, before passing to winger Dick Smith who touched down for Gloucester's third try.

It was indeed fitting that Booth should add the extra points with the conversion but was he contented! No.

The final blow which completely nonplussed Newport was yet to come.

Booth found himself positioned near the Newport 25 and, an opportunist if ever there was one, he tried his boot at a drop goal.

The Newport crowd were on their toes to see the ball sail into the air right between the uprights. Seconds later came the full time whistle.

So for the first time in six years (to the day) Gloucester had won at Rodney Parade, and it was a fine win at that.

### OPEN RUGBY

But despite the part which Mick Booth played, it was by no means a one-man win.

The pack gave a fast and furious exhibition of open Rugby, simply refusing to allow the game to be closed up, while the threes weaved in and out of their Newport counterparts with ease.

Outside half Terry Hopson played with all the dash and verve which he displays when the Kingsholm eyes are on him, and he made the initial break which brought Gloucester's first try when the ball was interpassed between Ron Pitt and Peter Meadows, and then came back to him within yards of the line.

Holder missed with the conversion, but a little later Ford strode over for a second try and Mick Booth added the extra points.

### RICHLY DESERVED

It was a richly deserved win, despite the fact that Gloucester took quite a time to settle down during the initial stages.

But, as one supporter commented, the Gloucester total would have been far greater if over-eagerness in the second half (when the centres lost a valuable chance and the forwards misjudged the bounce of an up-and-under from Booth) could have been curbed.

## UNITED WORTHY WINNERS

GLOUCESTER UTD. .... 16PTS.  
NEWPORT UTD. ....3 PTS.

Gloucester United made it a splendid club "double" on Saturday by accounting for Newport United in convincing style at Kingsholm, despite losing prop forward John Mace, carried off in the second half with a neck injury.

Newport began briskly and confidently, and with two internationals looked like providing extremely tough opposition. Gloucester, however, after the visitors' initial onslaught, settled down to play attractive Rugby.

## LIGHTER PACK

Their lighter pack, with Gary White, Alan Brinn and skipper Peter Hawker in great form, subdued the heavy Newport eight in the loose exchanges, while the hooking of Mike Nicholls gave them a good share of the ball from the scrums.

Gary Mace was an inspiration at scrum-half. He gave a streamlined, bullet-like service to Richard Clutterbuck, besides stealing craftily away on individual sorties. Russell Hillier was again coolly efficient at full-back.

Gloucester took the lead when Gary Mace dropped a neat goal, but Newport equalised shortly before the interval with a clever corner try by Tony Yorath, their left centre.

## WELL ON TOP

Well on top in the second half, Gloucester added tries through Gary White, Peter Hawker and Barry Jackson. Russell Hillier converted two of the tries, to give the home side a fully deserved victory.