

THE CITIZEN

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THE REF BECAME THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION

GLOUCESTER 6Pts., LEICESTER 8Pts.

Gloucester won this match territorially and, according to the crowd who cat-called throughout the game, statistically as well.

For a doubtful try and an even more doubtful conversion by Scotland had the partisan home supporters shouting the odds to such an extent that interest became centred round the referee rather than the play for much of the game.

Leicester's prop forward F. Chawner scored the opening unconverted try and a few minutes later Gloucester's Terry Hopson equalised from a move by skipper Mickie Booth and a break by wing forward Peter Ford.

Leicester were quick to respond when the Leicester winger, D. W. Bird crossed for a try and this was when the trouble began.

NO HESITATION

A number of Gloucester's defenders and more than a few sections of the crowd saw a flagrant forward pass by a Leicester attacker. We all waited for the whistle but it did not sound. And Leicester's Bird did not hesitate to seize his opportunity.

The real crescendo came when fly-half international, Ken Scotland, took the kick. It was a fine long, high boot. Many thought it passed exactly over the left hand post.

Both linesmen signalled a goal and even Scotland was surprised at his success.

The score stood at 3pts. to 8 at half-time.

STRONG RUNS

In the post-interval period Gloucester were even more powerful in attack. They played positive Rugby, with the two centres, Ron Pitt and John Bayliss exemplary in every respect. Their strong striding runs were not matched by the wingers however, and most of the frequent open sorties came to nothing.

The single exception was the open attack which led, appropriately, to Pitt scoring his try.

This was the last score of a match which was [word, words unreadable] too much negative kicking.

Undoubtedly, Scotland played the right sort of game, kicking safely for touch in a defensive display which was cool, sure, casual and thoroughly exasperating !

DAZZLING FINISH BY UNITED

CLEVE 3PTS.
GLOUCESTER UNITED ... 29PTS.

After a dull first half in which they only just managed to get on terms, Gloucester United burst into life at Cleve on Saturday, and overran the home team to score 26pts.

United were fortunate to get three points in the first half with a penalty goal kicked by Hillier, after McFarlane, the Cleve captain, had given his side the lead with an unconverted try.

In the second half, the Gloucester skipper, P. Hawker, changed his tactics and let the pack take control with stirring foot rushes that had the Cleve defence reeling.

Of the six tries scored in the second half, the pack claimed four, with Hawker (two), G. White and J. Davies touching down.

In addition, the halves Mace and Stephens combined splendidly, to give the threes plenty of chances, from which Owen scored a fine try.

Then Lowe scored following a defensive blunder by the Cleve full-back.

Hillier had a good game at full-back, and kicked four conversions in the second half, as well as a long penalty goal early in the game.

For Cleve, Les Millard, the ex-Bristol scrum-half, and Rees at full-back did best in an overworked Cleve defence.

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