

THE CITIZEN

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NO STOPPING GLOSTER'S 'BLITZKREIG'

GLOUCESTER 46PTS., OLD BLUES 3PTS.

Kingsholm can hardly be described as a 'happy hunting ground' for the Old Blues.

No-one, in fact, expects them to win there these days. It is a question of 'How much will Gloucester win by?' rather than "Will Gloucester win?" The rivalry and tensions of a Gloucester v. Bristol match, for instance, are entirely absent.

This would not be so bad if one could be sure of a reasonably balanced game from time to time. As far as the Old Blues are concerned, it does not happen very often.

They were certainly no match for Gloucester on Saturday, despite the fact that a number of Gloucester players were on duty at Torquay.

To their credit, the Old Blues fought well in the early stages, and gave little away. Wild passing by Gloucester and reasonable tackling by the visitors served to stabilise the position for some time.

In the 25th minute, however, Alan Brinn scored the Red and Whites' first try. The writing was on the wall.

CLEVER, SPEEDY WHITE

The man to spell it out in big, big letters was wing forward Garry White, who burst into the limelight with four tries in almost as many minutes.

White, who scored five tries in all, showed a blend of opportunism and speed which left the visitors gasping.

His one man "blitzkrieg" put the issue beyond all doubt. From then on it was all over bar the shouting.

Flashes of excitement were provided from time to time, more often than not by Jeremy Taylor, who had an extremely good game. But the party was over; at least, as far as the Old Blues were concerned.

Gloucester try scorers were White (5), Brinn, Osman, Hopson, Jackson and Taylor.

Mick Booth was in great form with his kicking, and converted eight tries.

Bertram scored a try for the Old Blues.

UNITED UNLUCKY NOT TO GRAB WIN

ABERCARN NIL
GLOUCESTER UTD. NIL

This was a very keen game but despite the greasy conditions, players handled the ball with great skill in the early stages.

Abercarn missed a splendid chance to take the lead when K. Doody failed to find the target with an easy penalty.

Gloucester opened out the play and kept the home defence busy for a time, but Mace failed to turn two reasonable chances of scoring from penalties. Abercarn had two players off at the same time and Gloucester forced the pace with some good back play, but they lacked finish, and so lost some excellent chances of tries.

United's Russell Hillier proved to be the outstanding player on view, saving a couple of almost certain scores with some great tackling.

Stone, Mace and Hawker were always in the thick of things.

The closing stages were played in semi-darkness, with the United having all the play, but the outside men should have clinched a victory.

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