

THE CITIZEN

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LYDNEY SCORE IN FIRST MINUTE –
BUT GLO'STER TRIUMPH 14-3

By the time the interval arrived in last night's match with Lydney, the Severnsiders must have given up any hopes they may have cherished of recording a double over their distinguished visitors.

For by that time the Lydney men found themselves with a five points arrears to wipe off in the second half.

This didn't sound much of a handicap in view of Lydney's recent displays, and when Lydney outside half Michael Probert kicked off to start the second half hope sprang anew in every Lydney breast.

But it was short-lived for as the game wore on it was evident that Lydney were not going to repeat their performance.

FIRST MINUTE SCORE

The game started with Lydney on the attack and in the first minute the home side were awarded a penalty. The ball was tossed to Probert who promptly slammed over a beautiful long range penalty.

This incentive brought even more effort from Lydney, and for a time they held on to their lead, but soon Gloucester drew level with a try by Bob Timms.

Timms didn't have an easy time scoring his three points for he ended up underneath three Lydney players all of whom made desperate efforts to hurl the Gloucester winger into touch as he plunged for the line.

In fact there were some who thought Timms didn't make it, but the referee had no hesitation in awarding the try.

GLOUCESTER GO AHEAD

This seemed to be the signal for Gloucester's forwards to turn on more pressure and before long they took the lead when Eric Stephens charged down a Lydney clearance kick on the goal-line and dropped on the ball for a try which Gary White improved.

Mick Booth and Terry Hopson worked well together and did useful work in attack and defence.

Lydney, for some reason or other failed to live up to their early promise, and in fact appeared to develop an attack of nerves from which they never properly recovered.

Lydney pack leader George Staite urged his men on at every opportunity, and they responded well, but for all that they were never able to dominate the Gloucester eight in which White played an outstanding game. At times he could have quite justifiably been mistaken for a threequarter.

The Lydney threequarters didn't have a great deal of opportunity to show what they could do, but now and again there were some good movements. Too often, however, the ball was kicked too hard, a pass went astray or a player tried to do too much on his own.

WHITE AGAIN – A PENALTY

The net result of all this was that Lydney players overlapped each other in their efforts to swing the game in their favour, and by so doing, defeated their object.

Gloucester, on the other hand, continued their swift attacks and in their enthusiasm Lydney got offside and gave White another chance to prove he had his kicking boots on when he landed a penalty goal. Later Tony Osman crossed for a corner try which finally sealed Lydney's fate.

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