

# THE CITIZEN

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1963

## PACK SUPREMACY MADE IT GLOUCESTER ALL THE WAY

GLOUCESTER 30PTS., PONTYPOOL 8PTS.

In what must have been one of the most open games seen at Kingsholm this season, Gloucester easily beat a Pontypool side that never looked in the same class.

The credit for this runaway win must go to the Gloucester pack.

Faster in every way, tackling, dribbling and making openings, they were a delight to watch, the back row of Ford, Owen and White being outstanding.

### IN FIRST MINUTE

Brinn scored for Gloucester after 30 seconds, White's goal attempt being just wide.

This early score set the tempo for the rest of the game which was fast, open and full of incident.

Gloucester captain, Booth, saved a certain try with a fine piece of covering. However, Pontypool were pressing hard and centre Cooper pounced on a defensive error by his opposite number, racing 35 yards to score between the posts. Full back J. Evans converted easily.

Gloucester hit back almost immediately with a try in the corner by White, after Ford, with Owen in support, had made the openings. White converted his own try with an excellent kick from the touchline.

## KEPT INITIATIVE

Five minutes later Gloucester scored again, Timms collecting a loose ball from a short kick by Hopson and diving over. White kicked another good goal.

Gloucester continued to press until half-time, further scores coming from Brinn (try after a dummy pass from the scrum by Booth); and Timms (another try from a Booth-Hopson movement).

Both of White's goal attempts were wide.

After the interval Gloucester maintained the initiative, Hopson dropping two superb goals, one from 35, and the other from 40 yards. White left the field early in this half with a hand injury and did not return.

## INCIDENTS

Things became somewhat hectic in the loose mauls. Various incidents, culminating in a select, fist-throwing, free-for-all behind the Gloucester line pointed to the fact that Pontypool were a little upset by the beating they were taking.

A further try by Timms converted by Booth completed the Gloucester scoring. N. Williams scored a second try for Pontypool; this was not converted.

C. Colley and N. Williams worked hard in the Pontypool pack.

Cliff Ashton, guesting, showed one or two flashes of brilliance and John Evans was tireless in defence.