

# THE CITIZEN

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1963

GLOUCESTER MADE SURE IN FIRST HALF: TWO FORD TRIES

REDRUTH 9PTS., GLOUCESTER 15PTS.

A great second half display saved Redruth on Saturday from humiliation as they were outplayed in every stage of the game and it was surprising that Gloucester did not score more than 15 points.

Gloucester started at a great pace with some delightful Rugby. A score always appeared imminent and Peter Ford, the outstanding forward on the ground, charged down Abraham's kick to score a try.

Holder converted.

## BRINN INJURED

Mike Sweeney quickly reduced the arrears with a penalty goal but with their superior skill and pace, especially behind the scrums, assisted by half-hearted tackling, Gloucester cut the Redruth defence to ribbons.

They quickly scored two further tries through Mace and Ford, Holder again converting both.

Redruth forwards brought play near the Gloucester line and Sweeney kicked another penalty.

## SAFE HOLDER

In the second half Gloucester lost Alan Brinn who was carried off with an ankle injury. Referee Sedgeman also left the ground with a pulled muscle and a former Redruth player deputised.

Redruth forwards, inspired by Bonzo Johns, took command, and Gloucester's defence had some anxious times; the backs also improved and it came as no surprise when Johns sent Sweeney over in the corner for a try.

But in the main Gloucester's full back Holder was immovable. He was largely responsible for keeping down the score by his clever anticipation of the directions of the Redruth attack.

Time after time he was there to beat down a forward rush and he did not hesitate to go down on the ball at the feet of the heavy Redruth pack-men. His fielding too was good and his touch-finding accurate.

Late in the second half Gloucester did stage a promising recovery but they had lost their smart finishing and could not penetrate the Cornish defence.

Redruth: P. Bleanes; R. Orchard, K. James, M. Richards, J. May; D. Johns, M. Sweeney; R. Buckingham, K. Abrahams, A. F. Mitchell, C. R. Johns, D. Bennetts, C. W. Fox, F. F. Furse, J. Phillips.

Gloucester: A. Holder; R. Timms, J. Bayliss, J. Lowe, T. Osman; T. Hopson, M. Booth; J. Fowke, K. Taylor, A. Townsend, A. Brinn, B. Hudson, P. Ford, D. Owen, G. White.