

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECHO

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FORWARD BATTLE

GLO'STER GO DOWN FIGHTING TO HARLEQUINS

The Harlequins were the opposition at Kingsholm to-day, and despite wind and sun Gloucester early set up a brisk attack.

Prescott, however, led a forward rush which took play into the Gloucester territory, but a long punt to touch by Meadows sent them back.

Hook had hard lines when he knocked on in intercepting; Phillips made a similar mistake.

The football was fast, and with Meadows showing cleverness it was all Gloucester.

Early put in a brilliant dash, but was well tackled by Ronald.

All against the run of the play the Harlequins scored.

A rapid breakaway saw Cross cross-kick, and HAMILTON-HILL, unmarked, had an easy run in for Ronald to goal.

Gloucester had a wonderful chance to get on terms when Hook broke through, but Price knocked on when unmarked.

Half-time :

Harlequins 1 goal (5 pts.)

Gloucester Nil

The 'Quins continued to press on the resumption, but off-side in the scrum saw a big kick by Boughton put Gloucester on the attack. Phillips punted ahead, and HOOK gained the race for touch, to score, and Boughton converted a very lucky try.

The battle between the forwards was a fierce one and there was little to choose between them. Right from their own 25 the 'Quins broke away through Dean, and, taking the ball at half-way, HUDSON ran brilliantly to cheat the Gloucester defence and score under the posts. Ronald converted.

Gloucester strove desperately to get on terms, but the 'Quins' defence was rock-like, Ronald being particularly brilliant in his positioning at full-back.

Phillips had hard lines with a strong run and Edwards, too, had a go, but both fell to numbers.

FINAL SCORE :
HARLEQUINS 2 goals (10 pts.)
GLOUCESTER 1 goal (5 pts.)