

# **GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECHO**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1938**

**HOOK'S PART IN GLOUCESTER WIN**

**BATH CONCEDE SECOND HALF TRIES**

Bath were without R. A. Gerrard when they met Gloucester at Kingsholm to-day.

The home team were giving a trial to F. Gough at scrum-half in place of E. R. Day, who has partnered Don Meadows for nearly three seasons.

Gloucester had the advantage in the opening play, and had the ball back several times, although the threes could not find an opening.

Smart work by the forwards and good kicking by Boughton kept them in the visitors' half.

Bath made their first attack ten minutes after the start, and were nearly through when Boughton mis-handled a pass from Hook.

The full-back saved the situation with a punt to touch.

A minute later Hughes saved an almost certain try when Bath rushed towards the line on the left.

Gloucester made a strong rush which took them close, only to see Phillips dribble out of danger for Bath.

Boughton had a shot for a penalty, and his kick fell short.

Play went back to the centre again, where Wardle burst through and made an opening for Moon. Boughton checked the movement, but Bath kept up the attack, and Meadows had to concede a minor.

Hook relieved pressure with a touch-finder.

Gloucester attacked hotly after this, and after A'Bear had been stopped, Phillips ran through on the right and was brought down within inches of the line.

Half-time :

Gloucester ..... Nil

Bath ..... Nil

Bath opened the second half strongly, but Gloucester were the first to score, through a grand try by HOOK.

The home threes broke away in their own half. The ball went loose and Hook, gathering in his stride, outdistanced Harris and ran round to score under the posts. He converted his own try.

Bath again attacked strongly and went all out for a score, but over-eagerness hampered their movements.

PHILLIPS added to Gloucester's score with a clever try and Hook converted.

Final :

Gloucester ..... 2 goals (10pts.)

Bath ..... Nil