

## THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1963

### GLO'STER SCORE FIRST AT CAMBRIDGE

Wing forward Peter Ford opened the score for Gloucester in their match against Cambridge University this afternoon with a try after only 12 minutes. But just after he had touched down, the University XV equalised with a penalty goal.

Fly-half Terry Hopson kicked off for Gloucester and the first few minutes saw the Cherry and Whites force a line-out inside the Cambridge 25.

But the University kicked themselves out of trouble and play then swung to the Gloucester half when a spirited run by centre Rosser beat wing threequarter Peter Meadows and a bouncing ball took them to the visitors' 25.

From a lineout a kick to touch by Hopson momentarily relieved the pressure but before long Cambridge were back on the attack.

A high kick from their stand-off Briggs was collected by Alan Holder but he was left no time in which to boot it back again and the Gloucester skipper put back a pass, and Gloucester were lucky to scramble the ball clear.

### FORD SCORES

Then, after 12 minutes, Gloucester surprisingly took the lead. Scrum half Mick Booth caught a neat punt to touch from his opposite number, Williams, and dashed across the field before passing to fly-half Hopson who sent the ball via centre Ron Pitt to wing three Tony Osman who sprinted for the Cambridge line, but ran in to touch.

From the line-out wing forward Peter Ford took the ball over for the first try of the afternoon.

Lock forward Gary White mis-kicked the conversion attempt, the ball gaining neither the height nor the distance required.

But Gloucester were not to hold their slender lead for long. Minutes later a penalty five yards inside the half-way line and directly in front of the posts was awarded to Cambridge, and with a splendid kick their second row forward John Harvey provided the equalising points.

Shortly after the equalising penalty wing three' Peter Meadows put in a sparkling run along the flank and he passed at least half a dozen Cambridge men before he was finally brought down.

An attack on the other side of the field saw the Gloucester threes handled splendidly with skipper Alan Holder stepping in to make the extra man before the ball was put into touch.

In both these instances Gloucester handled their way out of trouble instead of kicking at every opportunity as Cambridge seemed to be doing.

#### HALF-TIME

CAMBRIDGE UNIV. .... 3PTS.

GLOUCESTER ..... 3PTS.

Cambridge University: R. Walter; S. A. Martin, D. W. A. Rosser, G. P. Frankcom, B. J. Hewett; P. D. Briggs, B. J. Williams; N. J. Drake-Lee, B. Rees, A. R. Pender, C. S. Dutson, J. R. W. Harvey, J. H. H. James, L. J. McMorris, A. M. Pate.

Gloucester: A. Holder; A. Osman, R. Pitt, J. Bayliss, P. Meadows; T. Hopson, M. Booth; A. Townsend, M. Wetson, A. Brinn, D. Owen, B. Hudson, P. Ford, G. White, R. Smith.

Referee: Mr. A. E. R. Cotterill (North Midlands).