

THE CITIZEN

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TOUGH GOING FOR UNITED

BATH UNITED. 22PTS.
GLOUCESTER UNITED NIL

Gloucester United were no match for a strong Bath United side which eventually piled on two goals, one penalty goal and three tries without any reply from the visitors, at Bath.

Gloucester arrived a man short – not a very happy state of affairs in view of the fact that their first team had no match. Bath's Gordon Mobley eventually made up their numbers.

From the start Bath pressed, and the only sign of attack from Gloucester was for the few minutes prior to half-time when left-wing Roberts almost got over for a try in the corner.

By half-time Hall, Robson and Martland had scored tries for Bath. Hawgood converted two. They went further ahead in the second half with a penalty goal by Hawgood and unconverted tries by Martland and Rimmer.

Bath in their search for outsiders, were playing the old international in the centre as an experiment.

Gloucester had very little of the ball and were on the defensive throughout. Hawker at fullback did very well under this pressure and half-backs Ainge and Griffiths showed to advantage, Ainge in particular kicking well. The pack had a pretty unhappy day, but, to be fair, the home eight included a number of players with a good deal of first class football experience.