

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER DEFEAT LYDNEY IN A DOUR ENCOUNTER

GLOUCESTER 11PTS., LYDNEY NIL

Gloucester gained a convincing enough win over close rivals Lydney on Thursday evening but neither team produced the Rugby they are capable of, and as a result the game did not reach expected heights.

Some astute running by Gloucester centres Ron Pitt and John Bayliss and the reluctance of the Lydney defence to tackle brought the home team's downfall.

At half-time Gloucester were eight points up with winger Bob Timms having twice scored wide out, White converting the second with an excellent kick.

A lone try by second-row forward Dave Owen in the second half sealed Lydney's fate but the score could have been much different if both sides had possessed a really good place kicker, for a number of comparatively simple penalty efforts were missed.

Forward, honours were shared except in the line-outs where Long and Brinn, for Gloucester, accomplished some fine work.

NOT UP TO STANDARD

Outstanding in the Lydney eight were Terry Keyse and Jim Bennett and Keyse, in particular, accomplished some good work in the loose and led a number of fine foot-rushes. For Gloucester Owen and Smith worked well in a pack that did not live up to its reputation.

Meadows, at scrum-half, did well and outside-half Hopson always looked dangerous when given room. His touch kicking was excellent but perhaps he slightly overplayed it a little, for when he linked up with Pitt and Bayliss some good passing bouts were seen which could have paid bigger dividends.

In the Lydney defence only Winston Morris and wingers Tony Jones and Owen James were really solid and it was these three that kept Gloucester out time and time again.

In attack Lydney did not combine as well as they have done recently.

John Morris and Brian Kear, the Lydney halves, were below their usual standard.

STATISTICS

Both fullbacks, Holder and Crook, kicked well, and Holder landed one excellent kick that sent Lydney back well over 30 yards.

For the record there were 53 scrums and 73 lineouts during the match. Ten penalties were awarded against Lydney and 14 against Gloucester.

Teams –

Lydney: M. Crook; O. James, W. Morris, P. Farmer, A. Jones; B. Kear, J. Morris; J. Hoskins, B. Stone, M. Hook; T. Keyse, G. Cooper, C. Farr, J. Bennett, D. George.

Gloucester: A. Holder; R. Timms, J. Bayliss, R. Pitt, R. Smith; T. Hopson, P. Meadows; A. Brinn, J. Taylor, A. Nield, R. Long, D. Owen, P. Ford, G. White, R. Smith.