

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER WIN BY GOAL KICKS

Gloucester's first away match of the season was a West Country "Derby" at the Memorial Ground, Bristol, to-day.

Not quite at full strength Gloucester were opposed by a strong Bristol side, whose heavy, vigorous forwards were likely to prove troublesome.

Last season Gloucester drew with Bristol at Kingsholm, but the away match was cancelled owing to frost.

Both teams fielded as selected, and county selectors from both Gloucestershire and Somerset watched the game.

BRISTOL: M. J. Hill; J. A. Gregory, M. D. Corbett, R. T. Moule, D. C. Golledge (capt.); P. S. C. Jones, A. N. Rees; J. A. Scott, D. Woodward, J. E. Wilson, E. H. McCall, E. G. Hopton, D. G. Pratten, A. Macdonald, D. Gunson.

GLOUCESTER: W. Hook; C. Crabtree, R. Sutton, M. Baker, E. Turner; H. L. Terrington, W. Moreland; T. Day (capt.), R. Chamberlayne, R. Humphris, I. Ryder, H. G. Wells, R. Hodge, G. Hastings, D. Ibbotson.

Referee: Mr. W. Davies (London Society).

Bristol were quickly on the attack but a forward rush by Gloucester brought relief.

From a scrum just outside the Gloucester 25 Moreland got the ball away nicely to the threes, and a punt ahead by Sutton put Gloucester in an attacking position.

Bristol regained some of their lost ground but when they were penalised for feet up in the scrum Hook only narrowly failed with a good attempt with a penalty goal from 40 yards.

The Bristol threes mounted a dangerous attack and Hook saved a nasty situation by marking on his own line after Bristol's left wing Golledge had cross kicked.

Shortly afterwards Gregory, Bristol's other wing snapped up a loose ball just inside the Gloucester half and almost got clear, but was tackled by Baker and Turner. So far the exchanges had been fairly even and Gloucester had found Terrington's touch-finding a great asset.

HOOK'S TWO GOALS

Bristol opened the scoring with a try after 17 minutes. Their three-quarters gained a lot of ground inside the Gloucester half, and in spite of desperate tackling the ball was punted over the visitors' line, and GREGORY won the race for the touch down just before the ball went dead. Hill failed to convert from a not too difficult position.

It was not long however before Gloucester got on even terms. Bristol were again penalised for a scrum infringement and HOOK landed a nice goal from a slightly easier position than before.

Bristol's fast three-quarters with Gregory prominent again began to worry Gloucester and when Golledge punted to the Gloucester line it was a mark by Terrington which brought Gloucester out of danger.

Gloucester's forwards, with Hastings, Ibbotson and Day always prominent, were more than holding their own with the Bristol pack but the threes could not shake off the keen Bristol marking. Shortly before half-time Gloucester went ahead when Macdonald was penalised in the line-out and HOOK kicked a beautiful goal from 40 yards.

HALF-TIME :

BRISTOL 1 try (3 pts.)

GLOUCESTER 2 gls. (6 pts.)

The second half began with the Bristol three-quarters gaining ground with two quick passing movements.

From a scrum inside the Gloucester half, however, Moreland found Terrington with a long accurate pass, and the outside half brought relief with a useful touchfinder.

Gregory's speed again spelt danger for the visitors and his cross-kick near the Gloucester 25 almost caught the defence on the wrong foot.

For some minutes after this Gloucester were penned inside their 25, but the defence was too good for the Bristol threes at this stage.

At length the Gloucester forwards broke away to the Bristol half, and Baker and Turner penetrated inside the 25 with the ball at their feet.

A penalty lost Gloucester their advantage, however. Hook was very safe in the face of renewed Bristol thrusts, and Golledge missed a chance to put Bristol on level terms, when the visitors were again penalised.

Gloucester now came much more into the picture.

It seemed that Terrington had an almost certain try after a brilliant run from halfway, but he threw the ball forward when trying to ground it.

Soon afterwards, however, TERRINGTON put Glo'ster further ahead with a lovely drop goal from 30 yards.

RESULT :

BRISTOL	1 try (3 pts.)
GLOUCESTER	3 gls. (2p. 1d.) 9 pts.

GLO'STER UNITED OUTCLASSED

The first few minutes of play at Kingsholm this afternoon gave an indication that Gloucester United were going to have to fight to keep out their opponents, Bristol United, who started in a lively manner.

It was the United's first home match of the season.

With their forwards slinging the ball about the visitors' took play into Gloucester's half, Smith – their right winger – being prominent in a lengthy dash.

The first chance came to the visitors way when Denham, their full-back, took a penalty way out but failed badly.

Halls, the Gloucester full-back, gained ground on several occasions with pretty touch-finders. Then the inevitable happened. Twenty minutes from the start, K. C. SMITH sped through the home defence and went over in the corner. Denham failed to add the points.

Two minutes later a brilliant 30-yard solo run by centre Lloyd – who sidestepped Halls – gave the visitors three more points. He crossed beneath the posts but the kick was disallowed.

Then Gloucester pressed, and although the ball came out on their side of the scrum several times they could do little with it.

Halls then had bad luck. His kick at goal hit the crossbar.

The same player ran hard to make the ball safe when it was kicked over the home side's line.

Half-time saw the visitors deservedly holding an advantage.

HALF-TIME :
GLOUCESTER UTD. Nil
BRISTOL UTD. 2 tries

Bristol opened the second half with more lively play as a result of which the home side were penned in.

Lloyd only just failed to give Bristol more points with a penalty kick.

Day, Lloyd (2) and Dalziel added tries for Bristol United, Lloyd and Griffin converting two.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER UTD. Nil

BRISTOL UTD. ... 2 goals 4 tries (22 pts.)

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