

## THE CITIZEN

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### GLO'STER XV RECOVER, GAIN FOURTH WIN IN A ROW

Gloucester recorded their fourth consecutive win this season when they beat Blackheath by 14 points to 8 before a crowd of 5,000 people at Kingsholm last evening.

The visitors – probably the strongest club side in London – gave Gloucester a hard fight and were unlucky to be a man short for much of the game.

They were captained by the English international D. W. Swarbrick, who played on the right wing.

As in the match against Bristol, the kicking of Bill Hook played a big part in Gloucester's win, but good work by the forwards brought two useful tries.

Gloucester were surprisingly slow in settling down and could hardly complain at being five points in arrears at half-time. But they made amends after the interval and provided the crowd with plenty of thrills.

### WEAKEST POINT

The threequarter line was undoubtedly Gloucester's weakens point in this game. Openings made by outside-half Howard Terrington were often wasted by poor handling and inability to run straight.

Working behind a Gloucester pack which had the better of the exchanges in set scrums and loose, D. S. Humphris made a favourable impression at scrum-half.

The forwards were sometimes slow in heeling, but Humphris generally made good use of his opportunities and sent out an accurate service.

Blackheath opened the scoring with a nice try after the game had been in progress only five minutes, D. C. PARKER scoring near the posts for Mears to add goal points.

#### BLACKHEATH DEPLETED

Not long afterwards Blackheath's left-centre, J. Odam, had to go off with an injury to his ankle. He returned to the field for a short time, but then had to go off for good, and A. A. Dunn was brought out of the pack into the three-quarter line.

It was not until the second half had been in progress for several minutes that HOOK opened Gloucester's account with a fine penalty goal from a difficult angle.

Gloucester took the lead soon afterwards. Roy Sutton broke away near the Blackheath line, sent a perfect pass to BILL HOOK who was up in the three-quarters in front of the goalposts, and the full-back put the ball plumb between the pots for a nice drop goal.

#### RETURNED TO ATTACK

The London team wrested the lead from Gloucester when PARKER – a very fast threequarter – intercepted the ball following a lineout and sprinted 40 yards for an unconverted try.

Gloucester returned to the attack and soon went ahead again, WELLS crossing for an unconverted try.

Nineteen-years-old wing forward DENNIS IBBOTSON used his speed with good effect to get Gloucester's last try. Hook converted.

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

BLACKHEATH: D. le Clus; D. W. Swarbrick (capt.), D. C. Parker, J. Odam, W. A. Gray; I. P. Campbell, B. H. Gale; J. E. Aldridge, K. Gardner, E. K. Motley, P. D. Robinson, H. Roland Price, A. D. Dunn, R. Mears, P. B. C. Moore.

REFEREE: Mr. D. G. Walters (Gowerton).

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