

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1950

GLOUCESTER AGAIN PLAY WELL

Gloucester faced one of their hardest games of the season when they travelled to Rodney Parade to-day to meet the all-conquering Newport fifteen.

Newport had won six of the previous post-war encounters between these two clubs, whereas Gloucester have been victorious on only two occasions. The other two games were drawn.

Neither of Gloucester's wins had been registered on the Newport ground.

Gloucester had to make a late change. Bill Hook had a recurrence of trouble with his injured leg, and Trevor Halls was brought in as full-back.

Newport fielded as selected. They were at full strength and the side included three Welsh international trialists, outside half Roy Burnett who captained the team, T. Sterry, and Peter Davies.

NEWPORT: R. Hughes; Graham Ross, L. Smith, Bryn Williams, J. Lane; R. Burnett, W. A. Williams; G. Hirst, L. Davies, T. Sterry, B. Edwards, L. E. T. Jones, Peter Davies, D. Ackerman, H. A. Davies.

GLOUCESTER: T. Halls; 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.

Referee : Mr. E. Williams (Cilflynydd).

The ground was very wet following continuous rain which was still falling when the teams came out.

Newport were quickly off the mark with a snappy passing movement, and right wing Graham Ross found touch well inside the Gloucester 25.

Terrington brought Gloucester a measure of relief but when the visitors were penalised Ben Edwards was only just short with an attempt at a penalty goal from half way.

Newport's threequarters subsequently lost a good chance through bad handling.

So far Newport had done nearly all the attacking.

Baker missed a difficult shot at a penalty goal, and when Newport tried to break away, it was Crabtree who sent them back with a long touch finder just before he was pulled down.

For a time Newport were forced to defend. Their marking was very keen, however, and Gloucester found it difficult to penetrate much beyond the home team's 25.

Gloucester were now putting up an excellent performance against the formidable opposition and both sides were having a good share of the play.

Soon afterwards Hodge and Ibbotson were the mainsprings of two vigorous attacks by the Gloucester forwards which had Newport in trouble.

At last Newport returned to the attack and it was then that reserve fullback Trevor Halls earned the applause of the crowd for gathering coolly, and finding a very nice touch in the face of a rush by Newport's forwards.

Newport were now finding Gloucester's defence every bit as good as their own, and eventually were forced back into their own half.

It looked as though Gloucester might go ahead when the ball was scrambled over the Newport line, but Ross just beat Baker to the touchdown.

Newport swept back down the field and took the lead just before half-time when Edwards kicked a fairly easy penalty goal.

HALF-TIME :
NEWPORT 1 pen. gl. (3 pts.)
GLOUCESTER Nil

The second half opened with Newport on the attack, and the ball was knocked into touch only a few yards from the Gloucester goal line. Gloucester's forwards here held up attempts by their opposite numbers to force a way over.

This was followed by a dangerous breakaway by Newport 's outside half, Roy Burnett, but a grand tackle by Roy Sutton flung him into touch. At this stage Newport were pressing Gloucester very hard. Further attempts to cross by the Newport three-quarters were foiled by hard Gloucester tackling.

When Newport gained possession from a scrum five yards out, Bryn Williams came up like an express train to take a pass from scrum-half Williams, but knocked on almost immediately afterwards. Hirst was forced into touch in goal.

Gloucester weathered the storm however and at last returned to the attack.

JOHN LANE added an unconverted try for Newport.

RESULT :
NEWPORT 1 goal (p.) 1 try (6 pts.)
GLOUCESTER Nil

UNITED TRIED OPEN PLAY

Despite the heavy rain which was falling, Glo'ster United, while the ball was still moderately dry, pressed with open three-quarter tactics in their clash with Newport United at Kingsholm this afternoon.

Bill Moreland, the home scrum half, gave several pretty passes to put the threes into action. Keen tackling, however, broke up the movements.

Newport broke away and after Deryck Jones and Rowlands had handled, Sargent dived over in the corner but the referee's whistle went for an infringement. Neither side completely mastered the wet ball but there were some gallant efforts to keep the game open.

Then 25 minutes after the start HARRY TOVEY fell on the ball mid-way out. No Gloucester player was there to prevent him scoring. Nash's kick went just wide.

Newport went further ahead, DAI JONES crossing between the posts for Owen to add the points.

HALF-TIME :

GLOUCESTER UNITED Nil
NEWPORT UNITED ... 1 gl. 1 try (8 pts.)

Gloucester went near at the restart with some lively play and Cole had a penalty shot at goal which only just fell short.

NASH added a penalty goal and SARGENT and ROWLANDS unconverted tries for Newport.

RESULT:

GLOUCESTER UTD. Nil
NEWPORT UTD. ... 3 tries 2 gls. (1 pen.) (17 pts.)