

THE CITIZEN

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DEFENCES SUPREME IN HARD-FOUGHT GLO'STER 'DERBY'

As anticipated, Gloucester's local "Derby" with Cheltenham at Kingsholm produced a very close game. The standard did not rise to very great heights but there was plenty of excitement and a pointless draw was not an unfair reflection of the play.

Gloucester's form in this match was a little disappointing. They were often much slower than Cheltenham to seize opportunities.

The home team were without their regular centres, Roy Sutton being unfit and Michael Baker unable to get away from his R.A.F. station. Their places were filled by Wally Burrows and Gordon Hudson. Ivor Ryder was brought into the second row of the pack.

LIMITED CHANCES

Cheltenham had much more of the ball from the set scrums, held a slight advantage in the lineouts, and, in consequence we saw little of the Gloucester threequarters.

Young D. S. Humphris, Gloucester's scrum-half, found himself up against stiff opposition in Iltyd Pearce, the newly-selected county scrum-half, and, with very limited opportunities, often had difficulty in getting the ball away.

Pearce played a very useful game but showed a tendency to get offside.

The Cheltenham halves and threequarters used the touchline with good effect and it was their kicking as much as anything that kept them in Gloucester territory for long periods.

In the loose the Gloucester forwards were every bit as good as their opponents and Cheltenham had to keep a close watch on Dennis Ibbotson.

Mid-way through the first half Cheltenham should have gone ahead with a penalty goal, but Pearce missed an easy kick. Later in the game Terrington brought down Hartley when he seemed almost certain to score for the visitors.

Gloucester had a good chance to score in the second half when Ibbotson broke away, but there was no-one up to take his pass, and towards the end Burrows nearly sent Crabtree over in the corner.

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

CHELTENHAM: D. Harvey; B. Knight, S. J. Walter, W. A. Handley, W. P. C. Davies; W. M. Ednie, I. Pearce; T. W. Price (capt.), A. D. Carpenter, R. Adams, D. A. Howarth, F. Steinhobel, D. J. Hartley, S. Burford, Flt. Lieut. J. W. King.