

## THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1950

### GLOSTER'S HARD FOUGHT WIN

Bedford – who so heavily defeated a badly weakened Gloucester fifteen in the only encounter between the two clubs last season – provided tough opposition at Kingsholm to-day.

This year the Bedford team have again shown considerable scoring prowess. They have beaten the Old Whitgiftians by 42 points to nil and Headingly by 24 points to nil.

Gloucester were obliged to make two changes from the side announced earlier, Bill Hook is having trouble with a pulled muscle in his leg, and his place at full-back was taken by Trevor Halls. Ivor Ryder came into the pack in place of Hastings, who hurt a knee on Thursday.

Bedford played L. W. McClean at full-back in place of H. W. Rose, and D. Parren deputised for T. R. Marshall in the pack.

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

BEDFORD: L. W. McClean; L. F. Oakley, A. Towell, P. Ralphs, D. Parker; R. H. Haines, G. F. S. Gilbert; W. S. Bennett, J. R. Mee, D. Parren, J. Bance, M. R. Hale, G. Jenkins, R. G. Furbank, P. Collingridge.

Referee : V. S. Llewellyn (Swansea).

Glo'ster found an early touch inside the Bedford 25, but a penalty kick put the visitors well inside the Glo'ster half.

When Bedford heeled nicely from a scrum near the half way line, Gilbert whipped out a quick pass to Haines, who put the visitors in an attacking position with a long touch finder.

Subsequently, Gloucester were penalised, and Haines narrowly missed a goal from a difficult angle.

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Gloucester pushed Bedford back again, and when the visitors were penalised for off side Baker was short with a very long shot at a penalty goal.

It was now Gloucester's turn to press. Bedford's left wing, Oakley, was brought down inside his own 25 by Baker and Turner, and then Day and Parry forced play to within a few yards of the Bedford line.

Bedford regained their lost ground, however, and another penalty kick put them back in the Gloucester 25.

Gloucester were lucky to escape without conceding a score when Bedford followed this up with a determined onslaught on the home team's line.

Once more Glo'ster regained the initiative and when Oakley tried to break loose inside his own 25, he was crashed down by Turner.

### BAKER OPENS SCORE

Ibbotson nearly won the race for the ball when it was subsequently kicked over the Bedford line, and soon afterwards Gloucester opened the scoring.

The visitors were penalised for a scrum infringement and BAKER kicked a nice penalty goal from 35 yards.

A breakaway by Gordon Hudson inside the Bedford half brought a roar from the crowd and then Gloucester's forwards who were playing excellently in the loose, again carried play to within a few yards of the visitors' goal line.

There had been very little to choose between the teams in the first half.

HALF-TIME :  
GLOUCESTER ..... 1 goal (p.) (3 pts.)  
BEDFORD ..... Nil

The second half began with Gloucester again on the attack but they could not find a way through the keen Bedford defence.

There was a nasty moment for the visitors when their full back McClean knocked on when fielding a long kick, which put the ball about ten yards from his own line. Gloucester heeled from the subsequent scrum but Terrington could not hold a rather difficult pass from Humphris.

The home team appeared to have an excellent chance of scoring when their forwards gained possession from another scrum, and Terrington punted just ahead of his threequarters inside the Bedford 25. They failed to make use of the opportunity, however.

The second half had been nearly all Gloucester and excitement mounted when left wing Turner almost got over in the corner.

#### IBBOTSON'S GRAND TRY

Gloucester continued to pen the visitors in their own half and there was further excitement when Crabtree cross-kicked to the Bedford line.

Ibbotson sprinted up to try and get the touchdown, but Oakley was there to gather and relieve the pressure with a long touch-finder.

Gloucester went further ahead when IBBOTSON gained possession about 30 yards out and scored a try wide out after cutting through the Bedford defence with a fine run. Baker added the goal points with a beautiful kick.

During a Bedford attack late in the game the visitors' threequarters had two or three dangerous runs, but excellent tackling by Gloucester kept them out. Before the end Gloucester forced play back to the half-way line.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER ..... 2 goals (1p.) (8 pts.)

BEDFORD ..... Nil

UNITED FIND WORCESTER STRONG RIVALS

Gloucester were early dangerous when Burrows collected a loose pass from the Worcester scrum-half, to send his threequarters tearing for the line in the game at Worcester to-day.

A Gloucester forward knocked on and from the resulting scrum the Worcester fly-half found a good touch well inside the Gloucester half. The home side attacked and a fine threequarter movement resulted in Clapton scoring near the corner. Walter's kick at goal was just wide.

Worcester continued to attack and the Gloucester defence was working at full pressure. Water, the home full-back, was narrowly wide with an attempted penalty and a minute later missed by inches with a drop kick from the half way line.

Gloucester settled down to play good rugby, and play was mostly confined to mid-field.

Following a spell of midfield play in which Burrows was often dangerous, the Worcester three-quarters again combined cleverly and Clapton, the home captain, scored another try near the corner flag.

HALF-TIME :  
WORCESTER ..... 2 tries (6 pts.)  
GLOUCESTER UTD. .... Nil

From the re-start the Gloucester three-quarters broke through brilliantly, and WEBLEY scored a try near the corner flag.

EVERTON, the Worcester centre, made a brilliant run from the halfway line to score a try near the post, which Walters converted.

Cole kicked a penalty goal for Gloucester.

RESULT :  
WORCESTER ..... 11 Pts.  
GLOUCESTER UTD. .... 6 Pts.