

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER AGAIN IN FORM

Although Exeter had not beaten Gloucester for many years it was expected that, as usual, they would give the local club a hard game when they visited Kingsholm to-day.

It was the fourth encounter between these clubs since the war. Gloucester had won two of the previous matches and one game had been drawn.

Both teams fielded as selected.

Teams : –

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

EXETER: N. J. Discombe; J. Stark, G. Ryall, J. G. Harrison (capt.), S. G. Brown; M. French, R. Pike; A. J. Heard, C. L. Smale, J. Stagg, A. Fernandez, E. P. Chave, M. Davies, H. C. Drew, J. Hilton.

Referee : Mr. E. L. Thompson (Bristol Society).

The game began with a short period of midfield play in which neither side was able to make any substantial gain in territory.

Subsequently Gloucester were penalised just outside their 25, and Chave was wide with a shot at goal from a difficult angle.

An inside pass by Exeter's left centre Ryall to Stark looked threatening for Gloucester, but the Exeter men were checked by keen tackling.

It was soon Gloucester's turn to press, and Hook was not far out with a long shot at a penalty goal.

This was followed by a capital breakthrough by Terrington just inside the Exeter half. Sutton carried on the good work but the movement broke down 20 yards from the visitors' line.

GLO'STER ON TOP

Exeter fought back strongly and after their threequarters had featured in a dangerous movement in which Harrison was prominent, Gloucester were forced to touch down.

Gloucester now got right on top and after a period of consistent pressure the threequarters appeared to have the Exeter line at their mercy when Stark misfielded.

But Discombe appeared out of the blue snapped up the ball and saved the situation for the visitors.

It was Terrington who paved the way for Gloucester to open their score. He broke through in the centre and passed out to Hudson who was tackled almost on the Exeter line.

Tom Day then whipped out a long pass to CRABTREE, and the Gloucester right wing crossed in the corner for an unconverted try.

EXETER HARD PRESSED

Gloucester almost got another score very soon afterwards.

Terrington got the ball near the Exeter 25 and passed outside to Crabtree. This time however the Gloucester winger was bundled into touch just short of the line by three Exeter defenders.

Exeter came a little more into the picture in the later stages of the half, and on one occasion Hook touched down when the ball was kicked over his line.

Just before half-time Chave came close with another attempt to land a very long penalty goal for Exeter.

HALF-TIME :
GLOUCESTER 1 try
EXETER Nil

Exeter opened strongly in the second half with a useful passing movement by the threequarters, but Gloucester quickly took advantage of a handling mistake and left wing Ernest Turner carried play very close to the visitors' line.

Just afterwards Turner almost succeeded in scrambling the ball over in the corner.

Although getting more of the ball from the set scrums Gloucester were now finding the visitors forwards very lively in the loose, and at this stage were not having things by any means all their own way.

Hook had a good shot at a long dropped goal from five yards inside the Exeter half, and then following a scrum in front of the Exeter goal posts Terrington put the ball over for what appeared to be a dropped goal, but a score was disallowed, the ball having been apparently touched in flight.

In subsequent Gloucester attacks the two wing men, Crabtree and Turner, both came very close to scoring, and Hudson was also unlucky not to get a touchdown.

Gloucester went further ahead when Terrington had a clever run almost parallel to the Exeter goal line before sending BAKER over for a try which Hook converted from half-way out.

HOOK increased Gloucester's lead with a grand penalty goal from almost half way, and TERRINGTON added a drop goal.

RESULT :
GLO'STER ... 3 goals (1p., 1d.) 1 try (14 pts.)
EXETER Nil