

THE CITIZEN

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WEAK GLO'STER SIDE ON TOP

Although weakened by County calls – Bill Hook, Roy Sutton and Gordon Hudson selected for Gloucestershire, and John Teakle for Somerset – Gloucester fielded a useful side against Old Blues at Kingsholm this afternoon.

The visitors had yet to record their first post-war win over Gloucester, and, in the absence of surprises, the City were expected to add another victory to their credit to-day.

The Old Blues made one change, their captain G. Smith being unable to get away from business, and his place was taken by F. R. Brown.

Teams : –

GLOUCESTER: T. Halls; C. Crabtree, T. N. Williams, S. J. Troughton, E. Turner; W. Burrows, V. Davies; T. Day (capt.), R. Chamberlayne, R. Parry, I. Ryder, J. Watkins, D. Ibbotson, R. Hodge, G. Hastings.

OLD BLUES: M. Fulford; D. N. Bateson, D. Stephenson, R. A. Leach, J. M. Murphy; A. C. Breden, B. D. Allen; R. A. Jacobs, G. S. F. Ashby, E. Dickinson, S. W. Taylor, R. W. Freeman, A. J. L. Gayfer, F. R. Brown, M. Phillips (capt.).

Referee: Lt. Cdr. B. S. Arnold, R.N., Somerset.

Opening play was confined to the visitors' half. Turner got away on the left for Gloucester but was tackled within sight of the line and the ball rolled into touch.

Burrows was next in the picture with a useful punt, but nothing tangible resulted.

The first three-quarter movement came from the visitors. All their threes handled and gained a nice slice of ground, but Bateson, their right winger, was hauled down.

Back the Gloucester forwards came with a dangerous rush.

The first really exciting incident was when Davies kicked ahead and over the Old Blues' goal line; Fulford, the visiting full-back, just winning the race for the touchdown.

A minute later the visitors were penalised and from a favourable position TREVOR HALLS landed a neat goal. This was after 25 minutes.

CRABTREE'S TWO TRIES

Gloucester were controlling the scrums and lines out and with this advantage were having the better of the exchanges.

At one period the Old Blues had to defend desperately to keep their line intact.

The Gloucester attacks were eventually rewarded when following a bout of passing, CRABTREE crossed in the corner. Halls just missed the points.

A few minutes later, with Gloucester still on top CRABTREE crossed with his second try from a pass by Hodge, and this time Halls converted.

HALF-TIME :

GLOUCESTER	2 gls. (1 p.)	1 try (11 pts.)
OLD BLUES		Nil

The opening of the second half was a repetition of the first with play settling in the visitors' territory.

Following a series of attacks Hodge kicked ahead and over the line. IBBOTSON beat the full-back to the touchdown. Halls converted.

Gloucester were now on top but in one solitary breakaway there was an exciting race between Bateson and Halls for the line. Halls won and kicked the ball dead.

The relief was only temporary for the Old Blues, for back Gloucester came, and following a scrum in front of the posts BURROWS dropped a neat goal.

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TROUGHTON added try for Gloucester.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER ... 4 goals (1p. 1d.) 2 tries (22 pts.)

OLD BLUES Nil

Comments: Gloucester were not flattered by their easy win. They were attacking for [the] greater part of the game, and were superior in all departments.