THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1950

RUNAWAY WIN FOR GLO'STER

GLO'STER'S WINNING RALLY

Kingsholm – where Gloucester met Bath to-day – has, in the past, been a "bogey" ground for the Somerset club. Up to this afternoon Bath had won only two games there in 67 years.

To-day, however, Bath brought a very strong side, including nine county players, and Gloucester, not at full strength, were obviously not going to have things their own way.

The ground was in good condition in spite of the cold wind.

Both teams fielded as selected.

GLOUCESTER: T. Halls; M. Baker, R. Sutton, S. J. Troughton, C. Beamish; J. Teakle, D Humphris; T. Day (capt.), R. Chamberlayne, R. Parry, G. Hastings, J. Watkins, D. Ibbotson, R. Hodge, G. Hudson.

BATH: P. Sullivan; R. Hambly, G. Addenbrooke (capt.), R. Todd, J. Donnelly; G. John, M. Hanna; T. Smith, F. Hill, J. Roberts, L. Harter, G. Brown, T. Lewis, A. Todd, J. Dingle.

REFEREE: Mr. G. Goldsworthy (Welsh Union).

A spell of mid-field play marked the opening stages of the game. Thanks to the hooking of Fred Hill, Bath had the better of the early scrums, and at length carried play inside the Gloucester 25, Halls being forced to touch down when the ball was kicked over the Gloucester line.

Subsequently Todd found touch very close to the Gloucester line and at this point the home team were penalised.

Sullivan, the Bath full-back, was wide with his kick from a difficult position.

Troughton Opens The Scoring

Gloucester established themselves in an attacking position following a good break away and punt ahead by left centre Troughton, and opened the scoring after a quarter of an hour.

The home team heeled from a scrum inside the Bath 25, and a quick handling movement by the Gloucester backs ended in TROUGHTON cutting through the Bath defence to score a try under the posts. Halls converted.

Up to this stage there had been little to choose between the teams.

Sullivan failed with two more penalty shots for Bath and Baker was not far out trying to kick a long penalty goal for Gloucester.

Bath Reduce Arrears

Bath established themselves in the Gloucester half for a few minutes and at length succeeded in reducing the arrears. A foot rush led by Donnelly and Harter carried the ball to [the] Gloucester line where HARTER got a try wide out. Hambly missed with the kick.

Soon afterwards when Gloucester had regained the initiative Beamish nearly got clear after a dash down the left wing.

Teakle, the Gloucester outside-half, gained possession from a loose maul inside the Bath half and forced his way past several Bath men.

Then Hodge and Ibbotson led a rush nearly to the Bath line.

Gloucester's forwards, with Hudson prominent, made a fierce onslaught but could not quite get over.

HALF-TIME:
GLO'STER .... 1 goal (5 pts.)
BATH .... 1 try (3 pts.)

As the game progressed Gloucester were getting a bigger share of the ball from the scrums and on the whole the first half had been very even.

After the interval the game re-started with Gloucester on the attack, but Sullivan was very safe in the face of some fierce pressure. Roy Sutton found a nice touch not far from the Bath goal line, and subsequently Teakle missed with an optimistic shot at a drop goal from a difficult angle.

It was now Bath's turn to press for a short time, but Troughton, running very hard and straight, managed to regain a lot of ground for Gloucester.

HALLS' GOOD KICKING

Halls just missed a long shot at a penalty, but it was not long before Gloucester increased their lead. David Humphris got out a good pass from a loose scrum on the Bath 25 and Baker, with a determined run, shook off two half-hearted tackles and got almost to the Bath line, where SUTTON scored a good try in the corner. Halls converted with a grand kick.

Soon afterwards Halls landed a very good penalty goal for Gloucester.

Gloucester had now got right on top and TEAKLE added a good drop goal, which was followed by an unconverted try by BAKER.

HODGE and IBBOTSON added tries for Gloucester, one of which Halls converted.

RESULT:
GLOUCESTER ..... 5 gls. (1p. 1d.) 2 tries (27 pts.)
BATH .... try (3 pts.)

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