

THE CITIZEN

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LATE GLO'STER RALLY FAILED TO THWART "TIGERS"

It is not very often that an English club records a "double" over Gloucester in any one season, but Leicester gained this distinction on Saturday when they won at Kingsholm by a goal and a penalty goal (8 Pts.) to a try (3 Pts.).

Although the "Tigers" were deservedly leading a quarter of an hour from the end, Gloucester outplayed them in the last few minutes and did everything but score.

The foundations of Leicester's victory were laid by the sound work of their heavy forwards in the set scrums and linesout.

S. Pratt, the "Tigers" hooker – who has not yet met his match this season – was a bit too good for Gloucester's reserve hooker, H. Hiam, though the latter beat him to the strike several times when Gloucester badly needed to get the ball back during their closing rally.

In the loose the Gloucester forwards compared very favourably with their opposite numbers, Hudson, Ryder and Hodge being among the hardest workers.

DANGEROUS THREEQUARTERS

Leicester's fast threequarters – particularly Nicholas and Cullen – were always dangerous when in possession and it says much for the keenness of the Gloucester marking that the home team's line was crossed only once.

Eddie Turner, Gloucester's left-wing, again tackled excellently.

The Gloucester three-quarters did not get many real chances and the wing men saw very little of the ball, though W. B. Cartmell, the former Lancashire outside-half, showed himself to be a good opportunist in the centre.

Howard Terrington, again in form at outside-half, got the Leicester defence in a tangle more than once when initiating Gloucester attacks.

But on two occasions late in the game when he attempted to drop a goal it might have paid better dividends if he had tried to get his backs away.

LEICESTER POLISH

In the first half Thomas got a try for Leicester after a good three-quarter movement, Morris converting.

After the interval Gloucester replied with a try by Tom Day, and Morris landed a penalty goal for the visitors.

Superior in the set scrums and lineouts, Leicester gave a more polished display than Gloucester.

But the home team – with four reserves in the side – were a little unlucky not to get on level terms during their fine rally late in the game.