

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER SHARE HONOURS

A badly weakened Gloucester team drew nil-nil with the United Services in a hard game at Portsmouth.

The heavy ground led to much of the play being of a forward nature and there was a grand struggle between two well-match packs.

Gloucester got a good share of the ball from the set-scrums and outside-half Bill Cartmell was often seen to advantage with some clever runs.

On one occasion his swerve and speed beat five opponents, but his final pass was knocked on not far from the Services' lines.

The Services' backs were often dangerous, but poor handling lost them chances.

This was another game in which a draw was a fair result.

UNITED CHECK O. LUCTONIANS' WIN SERIES

In view of Old Luctonians' fine record, Gloucester United had a stiff task before them when they travelled to Kingsland (Herefordshire).

They discharged their task manfully, however, and put an abrupt end to Old Luctonians' run of matches without defeat.

Despite a certain amount of mis-handling there was some first class rugby.

One of the best performances for the visitors was given by R. Blair, who besides scoring the first Gloucester try, kept hard at it in the second half. G. Cummings was also prominent.

J. James gave a masterly display for Old Luctonians and his accurate touch finding was a welcome relief when his side were under pressure.

A. E. Davies, for Old Luctonians was successful with a penalty after the interval. Gloucester were not to be outdone, however, and Spires went over for a try under the posts. Blair converted.

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