

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER UNLUCKY IN HARD BATTLE

Until four minutes from the end of Saturday's game at Kingsholm it looked as though Gloucester were going to hold Cardiff's powerful fifteen to a well-earned draw.

Then Gloucester were penalised and spectators held their breath as W. E. Tamplin prepared to take the kick five or six yards inside the Gloucester half and not very far out from the touchline.

One of the best place-kickers in the game to-day, Tamplin made no mistake. The ball soared between the posts for a beautiful goal and Gloucester lost by six points to three.

Cardiff's other score was a try in the first half by right-wing Alan Thomas, Gloucester replying after the interval with a penalty goal kicked by Bill Hook.

DETERMINED TACKLING

It was quickly obvious that Gloucester would have to allow the Welsh club's dangerous three-quarter line no rope at all.

This was done with such success that the visitors' international centres, Jack Matthews and Bleddyn Williams, were hardly ever able to get going.

All of Gloucester's backs marked and tackled with great determination and Roy Sutton was the most consistent of the three-quarters.

PACK'S MAGNIFICENT WORK

The Gloucester forwards played another magnificent game in the loose and got a bigger share of the ball than usual from the set scrums.

Largely due to the efforts of the forwards, Day, Parry and Hodge being among the best, Gloucester actually did more of the attacking than Cardiff.

David Humphris, and Bill Cartmell, at half-back for Gloucester, compared very favourably with their opposite numbers.

CARTMELL IN FORM

Cartmell was in great form both in attack and defence and his touch-kicking proved invaluable.

Bill Hook, Gloucester's full-back played a very sound game. He was unlucky not to kick another penalty goal when he just failed to land a drop-goal.

Roy Sutton was also unfortunate not to collect three points for Gloucester with a shot at a drop-goal during the first half.

Although defeated in a very hard game Gloucester put up one of their best performances of the season. On the run of play they did not deserve to lose.