

THE CITIZEN

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DETERMINED GLOUCESTER GAINED A FIRST-RATE WIN

Gloucester's great victory over a strong Northampton side at Kingsholm by three goals, a drop goal, and a try (21 Pts.) to nil, was as convincing as its margin was unexpected.

Northampton, soundly beaten in nearly all departments, suffered their heaviest defeat of the season and their first at the hands of Gloucester for five years.

The superiority of Gloucester's forwards and the excellent hooking of Chamberlayne gave the home team's backs plenty of chances.

It was one of the most open and exciting matches seen at Kingsholm for some time.

STOUT RESISTANCE

For the greater part of the game, the "Saints" put up stouter resistance than the score suggests.

But they appeared to go to pieces in the last 10 minutes and it would have come as no surprise if Gloucester had piled up even more points.

At this stage of the match Gloucester's forwards, as well as the backs, were throwing the ball about freely and the Northampton defence seemed completely at a loss.

FINE PARTNERSHIP

John Teakle, playing stand-off half for Gloucester was in really grand form and his partnership with Humphris developed into one of the best features of the game.

In the centre, Roy Sutton and D. Hill, a reserve from the United, both did well, but the two wing men, Crabtree and Turner did not get many chances.

Gordon Hudson and Bob Hodge who, together with Tom Day, were again among Gloucester's best forwards in the loose – got tries in the first half and these were converted by Hook, who also had a very good game.

After the interval Teakle dropped a goal and further tries were added by Hudson and Hill, Hook converting one.

Gloucester gained a really first-rate victory in this match, all members of the team pulling their weight and showing the greatest determination.

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