

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER HAD A SEVERE TEST

GAVE A GOOD DISPLAY

Gloucester avenged two successive defeats at the hands of the R.A.F. when they beat the airmen by a goal and a penalty goal (8 pts.) to nil at Kingsholm.

Although, on the run of play, the Air Force deserved a draw, it was no small achievement on Gloucester's part to get the better of a side containing six internationals.

In view of the slippery conditions underfoot and the wet ball, the game was surprisingly open – particularly in the second half.

Both sides started off rather shakily, but the handling improved considerably as the game progressed.

STRONG THREEQUARTER LINE

The Air Force team's greatest strength lay in their threequarter line – Scottish international K. Dalglish and G. Whitson being especially dangerous – and had it been a dry day the visitors' backs might have turned the tables on Gloucester.

As it was they severely tested the Gloucester defence at times, and looked likely to score on two or three occasions near the end of the game.

The packs were well matched in the loose, Gloucester held a slight advantage in the set scrums, but the R.A.F. did better in the line-outs.

USEFUL WORK

Despite strong opposition, half-backs Humphris and Teakle both got in some useful work but the Gloucester threequarter line was not as thrustful as the visitors' back division.

Terrington, however, did well as an individualist.

After 25 minutes of the second half Baker gave Gloucester the lead with a nicely directed penalty goal from fairly wide out.

A fine solo effort by Crabtree was responsible for Gloucester's other score.

Three minutes before the end he broke away inside his own half with the ball at his feet, kicked over the R.A.F. line and got the touch-down.

Although the score was disputed, the referee awarded a try to Gloucester and Baker converted.

Gloucester put up another good performance against a very strong side but a draw would have been a fairer result.