

THE CITIZEN

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1951

GLOUCESTER HAD AN OFF-DAY

SALE EXPLOITED THE GAPS

Gloucester suffered an unexpected reverse in their Easter Monday fixture with Sale, who beat them by a goal, a penalty goal, and a try (11 PTS.) to two penalty goals (6 PTS.).

Rain and muddy conditions underfoot prevented the rugby from reaching a high standard, but Sale, who included one international and five county players in their side, were the more enterprising team.

There was a hard battle between the forwards and although the Gloucester pack got a good share of the ball from the scrums their heeling was often slow.

Half-backs Davies and Cartmell were well marked and found themselves up against doughty opponents in their opposite numbers, Joseph and M. Kelly.

SMART THREEQUARTERS

The visiting backs frequently resorted to kicking in order to gain ground and it was the quickness of the threequarters to seize chances and exploit gaps in the Glo'ster defence that led to Sale's two tries.

Sale were leading at the interval through a try scored by J. A. P. Kelly, which Griffiths converted.

With Glo'ster doing more of the attacking in the second half Bill Hook kicked two penalty goals to put the home side ahead.

Late in the game, however, Sale regained the upper hand and Griffiths kicked a penalty goal and scored a try.

Sale were good value for their win, though Glo'ster had an off day.

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