

# THE CITIZEN

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## BOYS' RUGBY

### GLO'SHIRE XV's RECOVERY WAS TOO LATE

A fighting recovery by Gloucestershire Schools XV, in the closing stages of their game at Kingsholm last night, came too late and they lost to the lively Monmouthshire Schools side by 11pts. to 16.

Both sides played attractive football, but Monmouthshire deserved their win by virtue of their brilliant threequarter play. They often split open the Gloucestershire defence which failed dismally in tackling.

Star of the match was the fast moving Monmouthshire international centre, R. Cecil, whose first try was one of the highlights of the game. In the lines-out the home side had the measure of their opponents, but the threes generally frittered away their chances. Johnson (Glo'shire) and Allen the two hookers shared honours; in the loose, however, the bustling Monmouthshire forwards were generally on top.

The home side never gave up, and their dogged tenacity was rewarded towards the end when they reduced arrears in an all-out attack. N. O. Burt, A. J. Herbert (1951 international) and G. Johnson were the best of the Gloucestershire forwards, and outside-half and captain K. Ibbotson gave a sound capable display.

Gloucestershire scorers were N. Burt and J. Pratt (one try each) and A. Herbert (one penalty goal and one conversion).

For Monmouthshire, R. Cecil and B. Jones each scored two tries and R. Greenway converted two.