

# THE CITIZEN

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## NEWPORT'S BACKS WERE TOO FAST AND CLEVER FOR GLOUCESTER

Gloucester's hopes of becoming the second team to beat Newport this season were running high at the half-way mark of Saturday's match at Kingsholm.

The speed and cleverness of the visitors' three-quarters, however, eventually proved a decisive factor.

Gloucester lost their slender three points lead and Newport went on to win by a goal, a penalty goal, and a try (11 points) to a drop goal (3 points).

About 12,000 people – the best crowd of the season at Kingsholm – saw the game.

Playing with a strongish wind in their favour during the first half, Gloucester were able to do more of the attacking and Newport were penned in their own territory for much of the time.

Gloucester led at half-time by a drop-goal kicked by Terrington, but after the interval the Newport threequarters – who had been slow to settle down in the face of Gloucester's close marking – really came into their own.

## SOURCE OF DANGER

They began to throw the ball about freely and their hard, clever running, long passing and good handling was a constant source of danger to the home line.

Gaps in the Gloucester defence, which were quickly taken advantage of by the Newport backs, enabled J. Lane – a very dangerous left wing – to score two good tries wide out, one of them being converted by Ben Edwards.

Newport's other score was a very nice penalty goal, also kicked by Edwards from a point not far from the touchline.

Gloucester's forwards, especially Hodge and Parry, played particularly well in the loose.

### SLOW TO HEEL

In the set scrums the Gloucester hooker, Roy Chamberlayne, did as well as his opposite number but often the pack did not heel as quickly as Newport.

This proved something of a handicap for half-backs Humphris and Teakle, though they did their best to provide the threequarters with openings.

Howard Terrington was individually the best of a Gloucester back division which, with fewer chances did not match the Newport threequarter line for thrust.

Newport had to fight hard for victory, but the speed and cleverness of their threequarters enabled them to gain the upper hand.