

# THE CITIZEN

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## GLOUCESTER IMPROVE

### GAIN FINE WIN

In an exciting game, seen by 4,000 people, at Kingsholm last evening, Gloucester Rugby Club gained a fine win over their new rivals, Waterloo, by three tries (9 points) to one goal (5 points).

With Gloucester leading by 6 points to 5 at half-time, Waterloo made determined efforts to score after the interval and the issue was very much in doubt until 10 minutes from the end, when Gloucester staged a fine rally which brought them another try.

Bill Cartmell, Gloucester's stand-off half played a big part in two of Gloucester's scores.

In the first half he baffled Waterloo defence with a clever 50-yards run which enabled Taylor to score, and it was a nicely judged cross-kick on his part which sent Beamish over for the final try.

Waterloo generally got the ball back from the lines-out but Gloucester held their own in the set scrums apart from a period in the second half when Wilde was out-hooking Thomas.

Gloucester's forwards were again in good fettle in the loose, but the vigorous Waterloo pack often proved something of a handful.

Hodge, Wells and Ibbotson were among the Gloucester forwards who worked hardest, the latter getting another of his typical opportunist tries.

## CLEVER RUNNING

Cartmell did not always take Humphris' passes from the scrum too well, and his own passing was sometimes at fault, but he amply made up for this by his clever running and tactical kicking, which often helped Gloucester to gain much-needed ground.

Fairly well served by their own half-backs, Waterloo's three-quarters combined better and showed more thrust in the centre than Gloucester's backs – Marsden being particularly troublesome to Gloucester.

John Taylor, however, on Gloucester's right wing looked as dangerous as any three-quarter on the field and reserve Ron Beamish on the other wing also played a good game.

R. Uren, Waterloo's international full-back, was in great form with his long accurate touch-kicking.

Trevor Halls, deputising for Hook at full-back for Gloucester, was not always too successful in finding touch but he played a safe game, taking the ball well under pressure.

Foster got a try for Waterloo in the first half, Uren converting.

Gloucester gave a much improved display on the whole and deserved their win, though thrust was still lacking in the centre.