

# THE CITIZEN

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## GLO'STER HELD RECORD, ENDED ANOTHER

Two clubs with much to gain and much to lose took the field at Kingsholm on Saturday when Coventry provided the opposition for Gloucester.

For Coventry there was the incentive to try and take Gloucester's unbeaten home record, while Gloucester were afforded the opportunity of becoming the first English club to defeat the Midlanders this season.

Once again Gloucester rose to the occasion in splendid style and Coventry became yet another club whose bid to capture the Kingsholm record ended in failure, Gloucester winning a hard game by 16 pts. to eight.

Although it could not be compared with the epic encounter between Gloucester and Oxford University, the match produced plenty of good rugby, and it was a pity that tempers became a little frayed in the later stages.

## MAN OF THE MATCH

From Gloucester's point of view the man of the match was Howard Terrington, who has developed into one of the most thrustful centres that the City club have had for some time.

It was Terrington who got Gloucester's first try, and he later followed this up by going through the Coventry side like a knife and making a brilliant opening for Vivian Davies to take a pass at full speed and flash over for a second try.

Terrington began the movement just inside the Coventry half and seldom, this season, can the Midlanders' have had their defence pierced in such a disconcerting manner !

Until a head injury deprived the team of the services of wing forward Peter Ford mid-way through the second half, Gloucester had nearly always held the upper hand.

Their pack, well led by skipper Jack Watkins, was a shade too good for the vigorous Coventry forwards in both the loose and the tight, and, with half-backs Vivian Davies and Bill Cartmell again in fine fettle, the home side gave another enterprising display behind the scrum.

#### K.O. TACKLE

John Taylor showed great determination on the right wing and on one occasion went so hard for the line that he was knocked out by a last minute tackle.

But when Ford – one of Gloucester's best forwards – had to go off, the Coventry pack began to beat Gloucester for possession and the visitors took the initiative.

International outside-half Ivor Preece launched many attacks by the Coventry threequarters but Gloucester's tackling – in common with that of the visitors – was very thorough, Coventry being kept out until shortly before the final whistle.

Coventry's only try was scored by Dupenois, and converted by Mottram, who had kicked a penalty goal in the first half.

Trevor Halls gave another praiseworthy performance at full-back for Gloucester and scored 10 of his side's points, with two conversions and two penalty goals.

Gloucester met a strong challenge with great confidence. Until forced to play a man short they nearly always had the measure of their formidable opponents.

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