

## THE CITIZEN

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### GLO'STER WERE ENTERPRISING BUT LET CHANCES SLIP

By no means disheartened at the loss of their ground record, Gloucester Rugby Club returned to winning form with a 15 points to 8 victory over Richmond at Kingsholm.

Considering the heavy state of the ground, play was surprisingly open and the tries interesting and clear-cut.

Given more handling chances behind the scrum than Richmond, Gloucester often failed to make the best use of them.

But members of the back division atoned for this by enterprising play which brought about all three of the home team's tries.

Gloucester's hard working pack were set a fine example by their leader, Jack Watkins, and proved a little too good in the loose for the visiting eight.

### SLOW PASSING

Taking the game as a whole, Gloucester's forwards also had the better of the set scrums and lines-out, though there were periods when the initiative in these departments was held by the visitors.

When Gloucester did heel, however, the ball did not always travel quickly enough to the threequarters, whose passing was also inclined to be slow at times.

Terrington and Taylor were Gloucester's best threequarters, the latter having a particularly good day.

Richmond's backs did not have as many opportunities as their opposite numbers but, when chances did come their way, they were usually too orthodox to be able to evade Gloucester's close marking.

Taylor scored Gloucester's first try after a great individual effort.

Good backing up by Ford and Wells enabled them to cross for two further tries, which were made, respectively, by Davies and Terrington, and by Taylor.

Bill Hook, who gave a useful display at full-back converted all three tries.

Saville kicked a penalty goal for Richmond and converted a try by Griffith.

Gloucester were good value for their win, but they could have made more use of some of their opportunities.

#### UNITED HAD ALL-ROUND SUPERIORITY

Without the slightest doubt Gloucester United were full value for their 17 pts. to three victory over Cleve at Bristol.

They were better served in every department, and it would be unfair to single out one player for special praise, unless, perhaps, Turner, who not only scored three tries, but also gave an object lesson in positioning. He was always on the alert, trying to find loopholes, which, of course, he did.

Despite the heavy going and the slippery ball, the game itself never fell below par, In fact, at times it was brilliant.

Turner crossed with an unconverted try early in the first half, but the kick at goal was too far out. Later Turner went over again, but with no major points.

Then came a really grand try by Beamish. Halls converted, Turner again crossed.

There was little between the sides after the interval. Lewis reduced the arrears with a penalty goal, and Blair made the issue safe.

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