

# THE CITIZEN

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## ARMY'S EXTRA THRUST BEAT GLOUCESTER

After more than holding their own in the first half of yesterday's game, Gloucester suffered their second home defeat of the season when the Army beat them by a goal (5 points) to nil.

The Army took the initiative in the second half largely as a result of lively play on the part of their backs.

Gloucester defended stoutly but were caught napping by a cross-punt and Black scored the only try of the match when the ball was kicked over the home line. Rhys converted.

Before the interval Gloucester's pack had had slightly the better of the exchanges in all departments except the lines-out.

## NOT ENOUGH THRUST

Reserve scrum-half Gordon Cummings was sometimes erratic with his passes but he and Cartmell gave Gloucester quite a good number of chances to open out.

The threequarter line as a whole failed to produce enough thrust to find a way through the Army's defence, however, and more co-ordination was needed.

Appearing in the centre for the first time, Brumfitt made quite a favourable impression.

He broke through once or twice in a way which might have led to a score had he received more support.

## SERIES OF ATTACKS

In the second half the Army's forwards got the ball back much more often than hitherto.

The visitors' teamwork also showed a big improvement and their fast-running backs launched a series of attacks which Gloucester often found difficulty in containing.

Hardy and Shuttleworth – the Army's international halves – would have been more dangerous if their handling had been surer, but the former's tactical kicking proved very useful to the visitors at times.

## TAYLOR'S FINE TACKLING

A feature of the game was the excellent tackling of Gloucester's right-wing, John Taylor, who did not, unfortunately, get many chances as an attacking three-quarter.

He allowed his speedy opposite number, A. G. I. Wood, very little rope.

Bill Hook gave a polished display at fullback for Gloucester and his touch-finders frequently gained much valuable ground.

With several reserves in their back division Gloucester were less thrustful than the Army behind the scrum.