

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER XV WERE QUICK IN GRASPING CHANCES

Playing in sub-Arctic weather Gloucester put up another fine performance in beating Bristol 11 points to 6 at the Memorial Ground.

This brought them their first "double" of the season – no small achievement when gained at the expense of such formidable opposition as that provided by their old West Country rivals.

Partially covered by a thin layer of snow, the Bristol ground was unusually firm as a result of frost.

It was probably uncomfortable to fall on but it helped to produced a fast open game which well pleased the 4,000 spectators who braved the elements.

CONFIDENT HANDLING

Gloucester, in particular, threw the ball about freely and despite the numbing cold they were much surer in their handling than Bristol.

The home side never really recovered from the shock of being eight points down after only a quarter of an hour's play.

Although their backs showed better form towards the end of the game they found Gloucester's defence hard to penetrate.

Although there was not a great deal to choose between two strong packs in the loose, Gloucester's eight were generally livelier than the Bristol men, and hooker Cyril Thomas got his side a good share of the ball in the tight.

GOOD HALF-BACK WORK

Once again Gloucester half-backs Davies and Cartmell were real thorns in the side of their opponents and both gave clever displays.

Davies' performance was particularly creditable in view of the fact that he is suffering from a strained tendon in his leg.

Terrington and Teakle showed considerable thrust in the centre, but Gloucester's wing three-quarters, in common with their Bristol opposite numbers, did not get many real chances.

Bristol's Olympic sprinter, Jack Gregory, was always a potential danger but Gloucester usually managed to keep him well bottled up.

Gloucester's tries were scored by Davies and Terrington. Hook, who gave a steady display at full-back, converted one and kicked a penalty goal.

Gregory scored a try for Bristol and Bain landed a penalty goal.

Better handling behind the scrum and quickness to seize their chances played a big part in Gloucester's well-deserved victory.