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GLO'STER'S VICTORY NO FLUKE

UNITED COMPLETE MEMORABLE DOUBLE

Gloucester's great win over star-studded Cardiff at Kingsholm will rank as the crowning achievement of their famous ground's memorable Diamond Jubilee season.

They put it across the mighty Welsh club to the tune of 14 points to nil and there was no fluke about their win – Gloucester were unquestionably the better side !

Cardiff were made to look mediocre as their high-speed scoring machine was first blunted and then disorganised by Gloucester's deadly marking and tackling.

The foundations of Gloucester's victory were laid by their splendid forwards who were altogether too good for the Cardiff pack in the loose and also held the whip hand in the set scrums.

Gloucester half-backs Vivian Davies and Bill Cartmell almost invariably managed to do the right thing at the right time.

The whole Gloucester fifteen played like heroes, in fact, and none more so than reserves Dennis Ibbotson, Michael Baker and Don Hill, who all rose to the occasion magnificently.

Baker and Hill allowed Cardiff's dangerous international centres Jack Matthews and Bleddyn Williams no rope at all, while wing-forward Ibbotson – here, there and everywhere – was a constant thorn in the Welshmen's side.

Full-back Bill Hook gave one of his best displays of the season. His lengthy touch-finders were a real treat to watch. Gloucester's tries were scored by Taylor and Cartmell. Hook converted one and kicked a penalty goal, and Baker dropped a goal.

UNITED SHINE, TOO !

Gloucester United completed a very nice day's double by defeating Cardiff's second string at the Arms Park. They owed much of their victory 23-year-old machinist Ron Beamish, who score two very fine tries.

It was the work of Gloucester forwards in the loose which proved the deciding factor in a hard and interesting game.

Gloucester took the lead with a penalty goal kicked by T. Halls, but Cardiff replied with a try from G. Rowlands, which A. Priday converted.

Then came two flashing tries by Beamish, a fast and clever wing, one of which Halls converted. Cardiff replied with a penalty goal by Priday, but Gloucester always held a little in hand.