

THE CITIZEN

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ANOTHER GREAT GLO'STER MILESTONE

UNITED ALSO TOP 400

Gloucester Rugby Club passed another milestone in a memorable season when their 14-3 victory over the R.A.F., at Kingsholm, enabled them to top the 400 points mark.

Thanks largely to the efforts of their forwards the R.A.F. held Gloucester well in the first half, but once the home pack began to win more of the ball for their backs the airmen's hopes were soon dashed.

A tactical move which proved of considerable benefit to Gloucester after the interval was the switching of right wing John Taylor into the centre.

Playing in that unaccustomed position, hard-running Taylor soon made himself quite at home. Showing his usual dash and determination, he brought increased thrust into the centre and, with Davies and Cartmell able to provide more chances, the threequarter line became steadily more efficient.

Centre-threequarter Roy Sutton, appearing for the premier side for the first time in four months, also settled down and was prominent in a number of Gloucester's later attacks.

Any R.A.F. selectors present at the game must have looked long and hard at Gloucester wing-forward Aircraftman Peter Ford.

Peter, who has not yet appeared in any of the inter-Services matches, was one of the best forwards on the field.

Gloucester's tries were scored by Hodge, Taylor, Davies and Sutton, Hook converting one. Channer dropped a goal for the R.A.F.

UNITED SHOW CLASS

Class prevailed when Gloucester United, after being behind in the initial stages beat B.A.C. 19pts.-3 and topped 400 points for the season.

Gloucester's strength was their strong threequarter line, in which Beamish and Blair, beside their scoring activities, gave sterling displays.

Full back Halls, after missing an early conversion, rarely put a foot wrong and Reade, Gloucester's scrum half, also took the fancy of spectators.

Of the forwards Ivor Jones was the "star." He was the best player on the field.

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