

# THE CITIZEN

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## TREVOR HALLS TOPS 100 IN GLO'STER WIN

One member of Gloucester's First XV, who had particular reason to feel satisfied with his share in the club's 18-3 victory over Guy's Hospital at Honor Oak, was reserve fullback Trevor Halls.

Not only did his goal-kicking bring Gloucester nine points – made up of a penalty goal and three conversions – but he also carried his total of points scored for the premier side, during the 1951-2 season, past the century mark.

His personal tally now stands at 101.

Halls gave a good all-round display against Guy's and his penalty goal, kicked from a difficult position, was a very nice effort.

When Trevor set about goaling Gloucester's third try the ball sailed straight for one of the uprights. Fortunately it struck the right side of the post and rebounded over the crossbar to give him his "hat-trick" of conversions.

It was another game in which Gloucester left things late. Mid-way through the second half they were three points down, but after this they pulled up their socks and made it quite plain that they did not intend to be done out of their first post-war win at Honor Oak.

Although Guy's suffered the handicap of being a forward short for a considerable part of the game, their marking and tackling was so keen that Gloucester were not as effective behind the scrum as they have been in many of the matches this season.

In the end, however, the West Country pack proved too strong for the Hospital and in the last quarter Gloucester put on 18 points without reply.

Among Gloucester's "stars" in this match was scrum-half Vivian Davies, who made a capital opening for Hudson to score the first try and also got a good individual try himself.

A disappointed member of the team was wing threequarter Roy Blair, playing in his first game for the premier side. Like the other winger, John Taylor, he was given little chance to show what he could do.

Near the end of the game, however, on one of the few occasions when he did get the ball, he produced a 50 yards touchline dash which certainly shook Guy's.

Gloucester's final try was scored by centre Roy Sutton.

#### UNITED DOMINATE

Gloucester United trounced Stratford-on-Avon to the tune of 24pts. to 3pts. at Kingsholm, and in doing so recorded their 15th consecutive win.

They owed their success to a fine hard working pack, well supported by a fast and clever threequarter line.

The speed of the home threes – who were strengthened by the inclusion of Crabtree – was the dominating factor. Stratford were slower by yards and never seemed able to stop their will-o'-the-wisp opponents.

Gloucester scorers – R. Beamish, D. Hill, B. Hudson, E. Turner, I. Jones, and D. Ibbotson. Bill Hook converted three.