

## THE CITIZEN

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### GLOUCESTER SCORED SIX TRIES WITHOUT A CONVERSION

Crossing the Harlequins' line no fewer than six times at Kingsholm, Gloucester must have sighed rather ruefully for the goal points which would have made their victory an even more handsome one.

They beat the famous London side by the wide margin of 21–5, but at the same time accomplished the almost unique feat of scoring six tries without a single conversion. The usually reliable Trevor Halls was sadly off form with his place-kicking, although he did land one nice penalty goal which opened the scoring for Gloucester.

Later in the game Michael Baker was also given one or two kicks at goal, but they were difficult shots which he could not quite manage. With their solid pack getting a monopoly of the ball in the early stages, the visitors' backs handled crisply and looked as though they were going to give Gloucester a run for their money.

But the 'Quins' hopes were quickly dashed when the Gloucester forwards began to win a good share of the ball. The visitors were kept defending almost continuously for more than threequarters of the game and it became largely a question of how big Gloucester's victory was going to be.

Ibbotson, Hodge and Hudson were an excellent back-row trio in a Gloucester pack which was too strong in the loose for the visitors' eight, and a considerable measure of the credit for the home team's superiority was due to half-backs Davies and Cartmell.

Reserve wing-threequarter Roy Blair – playing in only his third game for the premier side – impressed with his determined running and was unlucky not to get two tries.

Gloucester's tries were scored by Davies (2), Ibbotson, Hudson, Taylor and Thomas. W. P. C. Davies scored a try for the Harlequins, Bartlett converting.

While the game was in progress, the flags of both Gloucester and their visitors were flying from the same mast – an unusual spectacle at Kingsholm.

### UNITED FOUND IT EASY

Gloucester United resumed winning ways with a comfortable victory at Worcester on Saturday, but the home side's defensive lapses made things easier for the winners.

Gloucester had the more dangerous threequarters and Worcester had no one to compare with the Gloucester scorers, Hill (2), and Gladwin (2).

The home side had more of the ball from the set scrums but their attacks fizzled out quickly owing to lack of thrust.

Reade played a useful game at the base of the scrum for Gloucester and was well supported by his partner, Burrows.

Hill, with a try after three minutes, scored for Gloucester and after Everton had equalised for Worcester, Hill and Gladwin scored further first half tries for the United.

Worcester had the better of a ding-dong second half, but near the end Burrows made a clever opening for Gladwin to score Gloucester's fourth try between the posts and this time Heath converted.