

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER BEAT PIRATES; EQUAL RECORD OF WINS

Defeating Penzance-Newlyn 8pts.-6 last night in the second game of their South-Western tour, Gloucester equalled their club record of 29 wins in a season.

But Gloucester would probably have won by a larger margin had they forgotten all about records, writes a Penzance critic.

The visitors showed themselves to be a fine side with speedy threes inspired by W. Cartmell, at outside half.

He received an admirable service from his partner, V. Davies. Beamish and Taylor took a lot of watching on the wings and at full-back Halls fielded the ball cleanly.

Gloucester's forwards had the better of the lines-out and the loose, Parry, Watkins and Hodge being outstanding.

For the home side, John Williams, centre, played at wing forward and his presence was sadly needed by the threequarters, who lacked construction.

When he did come out it was too late to save the game, though the Pirates finished on the attack.

HODGE TRY WAS A WINNER

The home side held the lead at half-time with two well-judged penalty goals by I. Barnes against a clever try by Beamish for Gloucester, converted by Halls from the touchline.

The only score of the second half was a deciding try by Hodge midway through after a combined forward rush.

Play became distinctly robust in the second half and it was unfortunate that so late in the season, G. Hastings, a front row Gloucester forward, should have been sent off.

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