

THE CITIZEN

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LAST TRIAL SURPRISE WIN BY 'UNKNOWNNS'

Gloucester Rugby Club's final trial at Kingsholm yesterday evening provided something of a surprise packet.

The Whites – a team composed mainly of reserves and players whose capabilities have not yet been fully explored – beat the Colours – a side containing many First XV. players – by 18 points to 6.

To a certain extent the Colours had themselves to blame, for they perhaps took things a little too easily while the Whites never let up the whole time.

Their lightning backing-up was particularly effective and this, coupled with quick thinking, largely accounted for their success.

Each team had to rely upon a deputy hooker and the heeling by both packs was not all that it might have been.

It was a pity that the wing men – Taylor and Turner for the Colours and G. Jones and Lewis for the Whites – did not see more of the ball. With somewhat limited opportunities they all made a good impression.

Alan Baimbridge, new recruit from Stroud, gave a useful display in the centre for the Whites, and David Jones – this time at outside-half – and Gladwin were also in form.

THREE SUCCESSFUL KICKS

Tries were scored for the Whites by Ash, Evans, David Jones and Gladwin. Smith succeeded with all of his three conversion attempts.

Halls kicked a penalty goal for the Colours and Hastings scored a try, which the side did not attempt to convert.

The teams which initially took the field were : –

Colours: T. Hall; J. Taylor, H. Terrington, R. Sutton, E. Turner; W. Burrows, G. Cumming; G. Hastings, F. Daniels, R. Parry, H. G. Wells, F. Steinhobel, G. Hudson, R. Hodge, P. Ford.

Whites: W. Smith; Lewis, D. Gladwin, A. Baimbridge, G. Jones; D. Jones, D. Humphris; I. Oakes, T. Oakes, B. Hudson, House, B. Ash, L. Evans, D. Ibbotson, W. Nield.

After the interval Cartmell came on as Colours' outside-half, Burrows going off with a damaged knee, and Humphris and Nield changed places in the Whites' team.