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GLO'STER WON HONOUR IN DEFEAT AT CARDIFF

Once described by Cardiff as "The Happy Knights of Kingsholm," Gloucester proved yet again, in their latest encounter with the Welsh Metropolitans, that this tribute was well deserved.

Like knights of old they made a heroic attempt to capture Cardiff's so far impregnable bastion at Arms Park and, though the attempt failed, they won glory in defeat.

Nearly 20,000 people went to the famous Welsh stadium to see the team who last season humbled Cardiff so decisively at Kingsholm.

And they saw the Welsh Metropolitans preserve their unbeaten ground record – but only just! Cardiff were more than flattered by their 8-0 victory!

Apart from a spell early in the first half, during which Cardiff got their first try, it was Gloucester who largely dictated the play.

The Cherry and Whites' team-work was better than Cardiff's and the pack gave its best all-round display of the season.

Freddy Steinhobel and John Gwilliam were towers of strength in the lines-out, and noble work was also done by quick-breaking wing forwards Dennis Ibbotson and Peter Ford.

EXTRA THRUST NEEDED

Gloucester's backs often handled freely, but unfortunately could not produce that extra bit of thrust in midfield which might have cracked the Cardiff defence.

Young Gloucester full-back Bill Smith gave another sound display and brought off some good clearances.

With Cardiff's forwards having to play second fiddle, the Welsh club's backs had only limited opportunities, and keen Gloucester marking helped to bottle up their powerful threequarter line.

International left-wing, Haydn Morris, got both Cardiff's tries, the second coming in the last minute after a lucky Cardiff fly-kick had sent the ball deep into the Gloucester half.

Morris has now scored seven tries against Gloucester in the last three games at Cardiff. This gentleman needs watching, Gloucester!

Gloucester's form against the strongest club side in Britain augers well for the future.

VICTORY NO. 8

Cardiff Athletic came to Kingsholm with an unbeaten record, and in high hopes of avenging last season's reverse at Arms Park.

Though the result was in doubt to the final whistle, the Welshmen met with the same fate as all clubs who have played Gloucester United this season.

The home side, who deservedly won 9 pts.-6, were well on top for three parts of the game, but a storming finish by Cardiff seemed likely to rob them of victory.

David Jones, receiving a good service from partner Nield, produced several deceptive runs which kept the defence guessing, while Sutton and Bainbridge were sound in the centre.

Pick of a virile United pack were Daniels, Shelley, and wing forwards Evans and Gordon Hudson.

Halls landed two splendid penalties for United and David Jones crossed for a try. Cardiff Athletic replied through a try by Murphy and a penalty goal by Priday.

This was United's eighth successive victory of the season.

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