

# THE CITIZEN

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## CARTMELL CARVED VICTORY PATH

### HE DAZZLED OLD BLUES

It was Gloucester's elusive, will o' the wisp, fly-half W. B. Cartmell, who demoralised the Old Blues and who did more than any other player to underline the home team's second half domination.

To begin with the visitors put up surprising opposition and shocked Gloucester by snatching the lead.

Their quick-tackling and the inspiration of D. R. W. Silk, at full-back, checked a team who were slow to warm up and who at times spoilt their own chances by erratic passing.

But after the interval it was a different story with the score board rattling merrily as Gloucester piled on the pressure.

Silk still played magnificently and at times went racing through to give his three-quarters an object lesson, but it would have needed half a dozen such players to curb Gloucester and Cartmell.

With Vivian Davies shooting out a consistently good service, the outside-half played havoc with the visiting defence.

Supporters roared their appreciation as with consummate skill he carved out openings for Peter Ford – a forward who showed excellent anticipation – to score three picture tries.

The forwards, too, gathered strength as the game progressed and at the end were in complete command, their work in the loose being particularly impressive.

Smith at full-back is improving rapidly; it would be difficult to fault him on this display and his tackling was first-class.

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