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GLO'STER'S WIN WAS NOTABLE TRIUMPH

To beat Leicester on their home ground is no inconsiderable achievement on the part of any team.

And this distinction has now been gained by Gloucester with a win which might easily have been more decisive than the margin of 6 pts.—3.

It was only Gloucester's second post-war victory at Welford-road.

By it they join the select company of Cardiff as the only other side who have got the better of the Tigers at Leicester this season.

One of the most encouraging aspects of Gloucester's performances was the attacking superiority of their backs.

With Billy Nield proving an able deputy to Vivian Davies at scrum-half, his partner Bill Cartmell had plenty of scope to harass the Tigers with his wily play.

Howard Terrington and Alan Baimbridge were well-paired in the centre, and usually looked faster and more dangerous than their opposite numbers.

Gloucester handled in such lively manner at times that it would have come as no surprise had the Tigers' stubborn defence conceded more points.

There was a hard battle between the packs, but for three-quarters of the game the Gloucester forwards were just a bit too good for the Leicester eight.

Gloucester's back row trio of Ibbotson, Hodge and Ford were all in good form, and other forwards who did particularly well were Watkins and Hastings.

Nineteen-years-old Gloucester full-back, Bill Smith, had some testing moments but came through with flying colours.

Gloucester's tries were scored by Crabtree and Taylor, and Jenkins got a try for Leicester.

VICTORY NO. 10

Proudly displayed on the programmes for the Kingsholm clash between Gloucester United and Leicester "A" was the home side's record: played 9, won 9.

Though the Tigers arrived one short – former Tredworth player, Tom Oakes, completed their side – they came determined to lower the United's colours.

But by half-time, Ivor Jones and his men had virtually destroyed Leicester's hopes, and despite a second half rally by the visitors, finally romped home yet again – by 16pts–nil.

Despite the efforts of Leicester's international scrum-half, W. T. K. Moore, who tried hard to set his backs in motion, United held the upper hand in all departments.

Brumfitt, at outside-half, was a constant danger to the Midlanders, while Baker and Sutton did grand work in the centre.

Hall, too, gave a much improved display at full-back. Besides kicking two penalty goals – one a superb shot – he converted tries by Sutton and Blair.