

THE CITIZEN

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Spirits were low in Llanelly and gloom pervaded the atmosphere. Tragedy, in the shape of Lewis Jones' departure to Rugby League, had struck deep into Welsh hearts. Like the king of old, it seemed this rugby stronghold would never smile again.

But the smiles did return. And they grew broader as Llanelly proceeded to thrash Gloucester at Stradey Park, 22 points to six, in a brilliant exhibition of rugby.

Even "Wonder Boy" Jones at his best could not have inspired the Scarlets to greater heights.

Daniels and Ray Williams were the architects of victory. The Gloucester backs gave them far too much scope and paid dearly, Llanelly scoring tries through Malcolm John (2), Roy Williams, Ray Williams and Mansell. Phillips converted two and kicked a penalty.

Yet in this disappointing display, young Bill Smith was a pillar of strength at full-back and could not be blamed for any of the tries. His two goals, too, were beauties.

Gloucester were better served forward where Ford was outstanding in attack and defence. He received stout support from Watkins, Shelley and Stower.

Though Gloucester were weakened by County calls, Llanelly played scintillating football and were full value for their win.