

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER – NOT THE SCOTS – CELEBRATED

Even bagpipes and the close proximity of hogmanay could not bring London Scottish a repetition of the success they gained at Kingsholm two years ago.

The 1953 invasion of the Scots from the Metropolis was well and truly repelled by Gloucester, who won a fast and on the whole open game 23 pts. to 3 pts.

Although Scottish started off as if they really meant business, it took Gloucester less than a quarter of an hour to blunt the edge of their attack. And subsequently the visitors' strong XV – which included two internationals – had to be content with a mainly defensive role.

FORWARDS IN GREAT FORM

Despite the absence of Bob Hodge and John Gwilliam, playing in the English and Welsh final trials, Gloucester's pack were in great form.

Hooker Cyril Thomas saw to it that Gloucester had a very good supply of the ball from the set scrums, and the pack were also a bit too strong for the opposition in the lines-out and the loose.

Wing forwards Peter Ford and Dennis Ibbotson were among the most hard working members of the Gloucester eight, while reserve second-row man Brian Hudson again did well.

CARTMELL HAD PLENTY OF SCOPE

John Hobbs' service from the scrum gave outside-half Bill Cartmell plenty of opportunities to use his guile, and the home threequarters were a lively, quick-thinking combination.

London Scottish also looked dangerous behind the scrum, but their pack could not win them enough of the ball.

On the comparatively few occasions when Gloucester's line was threatened, fullback Bill Smith always looked safe and reliable.

Taylor and Ford each scored two tries for Gloucester, and the other try was gained by Baker.

Goals were dropped by Terrington and Baker, who also converted one try.

Fly-half R. T. S. Macpherson landed a penalty goal for London Scottish.

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