

# THE CITIZEN

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## GREAT GLO'STER RALLY ATONED FOR EARLY MEDIOCRITY

Only two days after beating the Army for the first time in five years, Glo'ster recorded another notable achievement when their 10–6 victory over Leicester gave them their first "double" at the Tigers' expense since 1947-8.

Outstanding feature of the game was the splendid rally which brought Gloucester the winning points only a couple of minutes from time.

This helped to make amends for the Cherry and Whites' somewhat disappointing display in the earlier part of the match – which may very well have been due to a "hangover" from Thursday's tough battle with the Servicemen.

Leicester certainly went down fighting! Until the last quarter they were the more dangerous side – particularly behind the scrum – and Gloucester's attacks seldom looked like penetrating their defence.

Up against a very strong pack, the Gloucester eight lacked their usual fire in the loose and the heeling in the scrummages was often not as quick as it should have been.

## WHAT A CHANGE !

Then, a quarter of an hour from "no-side," came the great transformation !

With Bob Hodge playing a real captain's role, and splendid supporting work coming from Parry, Wells and Ford, the home eight suddenly began to master Leicester's pack.

The ball came back more cleanly from the tight, and half-backs John Hobbs and Bill Cartmell showed a big improvement in launching attacks by the threequarters.

Leicester really had their backs to the wall at this stage !

Cartmell, Baker and Terrington all played an important part in the fine Gloucester movement which ended in left-wing Ernest Turner making an all-out effort and grounding the ball for a try in the corner just before he was crashed into the flag.

Michael Baker's conversion from the touchline was one of the best kicks seen at Kingsholm this season.

Gloucester's earlier try, also converted by Baker, was scored by Terrington after Leicester had taken the lead through tries by Smith and Jenkins.

John Taylor on Gloucester's right wing gave a good individual performance and several times worried the Tigers with his determined running.