

## THE CITIZEN

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### GLOUCESTER AND LIGHT BLUES SERVED UP SOME FINE RUGBY

To full-back Trevor Halls – recalled to Gloucester's First XV after an absence of several months – went the satisfaction of kicking the two vital points which brought his side a thrilling 11-9 victory over Cambridge University at Kingsholm.

Gloucester's first two tries had gone unconverted, Michael Baker being unable to add the goal points from rather difficult positions.

When the third try levelled the scores the goal kick – now made the responsibility of Halls – had to be taken from so close to the touchline that there seemed only a forlorn hope of a conversion.

But Trevor had other ideas! He judged his kick beautifully, and a great cheer went up as the ball soared between the posts to put the Cherry and Whites ahead.

Gloucester's win over the formidable Light Blues will certainly rank as one of their outstanding achievements of the season.

The game was so keenly contested, however, that the result could have gone either way. And Cambridge had the consolation of knowing that it was not until after they had lost international wing three-quarter K. J. Dalglish with bruised ribs, a few minutes before the end, that Gloucester got the deciding score.

### FINE EXHIBITION OF BACK PLAY

Cambridge set a cracking pace in the first half, and although the ball was inclined to be greasy, gave a fine exhibition of University rugby.

Receiving much more of the ball than their opposite numbers, the Cambridge backs handled crisply and were often threatening the Gloucester line.

The Cherry and Whites changed over three points behind, but in the second half the whole team rose to the occasion magnificently. With Cambridge now feeling the effects of the pace the tide began to turn in Gloucester's favour.

The Gloucester pack, superior to the Cambridge eight in the loose, began to get the ball in the tight, and the home backs produced some movements which would have done credit to the skilful Cambridge outsiders.

Gloucester's wing forwards, Peter Ford and Dennis Ibbotson, were not slow in doing their stuff, and Gwilliam, Ford and Hudson were also particularly prominent[*sic*]. Taylor and Baker shone among the backs.

Tries were scored for Gloucester by Hobbs, Turner and Baker, Halls converting one. McClung, Roberts and MacEwan got the University's tries.

All the proceeds from the match are to be given to the Gloucester Cathedral Fabric Appeal Fund.