

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER'S WIN WAS CONVINCING AND WELL-DESERVED

A star-studded Cardiff fifteen took the field at Kingsholm with every intention of avenging the crushing defeat suffered at the hands of Gloucester a year ago.

And, though on paper they appeared to have a good chance of winning, that was just about the nearest they every got to gaining their revenge.

The final whistle was the signal for an outbreak of tumultuous cheering in salute to another great Gloucester victory.

Though not so shattering as the previous one, Gloucester's 14–9 win was convincing and thoroughly deserved.

It was a tremendously hard game and, despite the fact that intensely close marking made good handling movements few and far between, the match never lacked interest.

Cardiff were the first to score. But this, instead of discouraging Gloucester, had quite the reverse effect !

The Cherry and Whites swept back to the attack with such determination that within two minutes they had nullified the Cardiff lead and had gone ahead themselves.

This advantage they maintained to the end.

FORWARDS EARNED GLORY

Much of the credit for Gloucester's fine win must go to the forwards, who all played splendidly in the loose. Hard-tackling Dennis Ibbotson, his wing-forward colleague Peter Ford, and John Gwilliam were particularly outstanding.

A special pat on the back is also due to hooker Cyril Thomas, who got through enough of the ball to ensure that Gloucester were in no danger of being worn down.

And so deadly was Gloucester's tackling that the visitors' backs must have thought they had come up against a brick wall.

Behind the scrum, the home side also had to fight for every inch of ground, and wingers John Taylor and Ernest Turner hardly ever saw the ball.

THEY NEVER GAVE UP TRYING

But half-backs John Hobbs and "new boy" Lewis Morgan never gave up trying, and centres Michael Baker and Howard Terrington made some plucky attempts to break through Cardiff's defence.

And, last but not least, full-back Trevor Halls again justified his recall to the premier side, with another confident display.

Gloucester's tries were scored by Hobbs and Turner. Baker converted one and kicked two penalty goals.

Morris got a try for Cardiff and Llewellyn landed two penalty goals.

SUTTON SUPERB IN DEFEAT

With Cardiff Arms Park staging the schoolboy international game, Cardiff Athletic met Gloucester United at Sophia Gardens, and won 16pts-3.

But their margin of victory did not fairly represent their slight superiority.

United, who were on top for a long period in the first half and gave the Welshmen some anxious moments after the interval, never deserved to be so many points in arrears at the end.

Two Cardiff tries came from breakaways – Gloucester United were twice at fault in short lines-out – while the third was the result of a bad defensive blunder.

International Dr. Jack Matthews produced touches of his former brilliance for the Welshmen, but his opposite number, David Jones, was not overshadowed in attacking movements.

The man of the match, however, was United centre, Roy Sutton. He gave a superb display both in attack and defence.

His devastating tackling saved two certain tries and he twice grassed Matthews – a difficult man to stop – in magnificent fashion.

Apart from their two line-out lapses, [the] United pack gave a splendid performance, and Burford won them a fair share of the ball in the scrums.

In the loose no-one worked harder than Hastings, Wadley, Steinhobel and Solomon.

Smith landed a penalty for United.