

THE CITIZEN

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BILL CARTMELL CELEBRATED HIS RETURN TO GLOUCESTER XV

Bill Cartmell celebrated his return to Gloucester's premier fifteen by scoring two fine solo-effort tries against Guy's Hospital at Kingsholm.

Though sometimes inclined to do too much on his own, the outside-half showed that he has lost none of his old cleverness.

Co-operating well with his inside partner John Hobbs, Cartmell's baffling runs often made him a real thorn in the Hospital team's side.

Gloucester won 20 points–10 but they could have made their victory considerably bigger if they had taken all their chances.

It was a game in which the Red and Whites completely dominated the first half and then allowed Guy's – quick to pounce on Gloucester mistakes – to fight back pluckily and with quite a fair measure of success.

HALLS ON TARGET

With their pack presenting them with a good supply of the ball, the Gloucester outsides handled in lively fashion.

But there were often occasions when better timing of passes would have produced more successful results.

An outstanding feature of the game was the excellent place-kicking of Gloucester full-back Trevor Halls.

He converted all four of his team's tries, two of the kicks being taken from very difficult positions.

Gloucester's tries, in addition to those gained by Cartmell, were scored by George Hastings – who showed good form on his reappearance in the pack – and John Taylor.

Hawley and Osborne scored tries for Guy's Hospital, Howells converting both.

UNITED NEARLY SNATCHED WIN

THEY MADE THRILLING RECOVERY

Half-time: Coventry Extra 1st XV. 14pts., Gloucester Utd. 0. And spectators at Coundon-Rd, began to wonder just how many points the Midlanders would pile up !

Apart from a few sporadic inroads into enemy territory, Gloucester United had accomplished little to command the respect of Coventry Extra 1sts., and an overwhelming defeat seemed certain.

But no-one considered for a moment the possibility of a United recovery. Yet in the last ten minutes anxious home supporters were exhorting their team to superhuman efforts to stave off defeat.

The transformation was amazing. From a listless group of individual players, the United forwards changed into a compact, rip-roaring pack who struck time and again at a mesmerised Coventry.

Under such treatment, the home defence cracked.

Lewis Morgan, at outside half, and elusive David Jones turned the crack into a wide gap and Coventry were in dire distress.

And they were fortunate in holding out until the final whistle to win 14pts.-13, for three times United were recalled after crossing.

Skipper Ivor Jones rallied his men splendidly and young Don Meadows, former Spartans' player, gave a superb display at wing-forward.

Nield and David Jones scored United's tries and Morgan dropped a goal. Smith, who had a good game at full-back, converted both tries.

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