

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER MAKE A ROUSING START AGAINST SALE XV

Despite the absence of international Evans and centre threequarter Griffiths – both touring France with the Lancashire County XV – northern visitors Sale offered a strong challenge to Gloucester at Kingsholm today.

The last time the teams met was two years ago when Sale won by 11pts. to six – and the North country men were hoping to repeat the feat.

GLOUCESTER: W. Smith; J. Taylor, H. Terrington, R. Sutton, E. Turner; W. Cartmell, W. Nield; R. Parry, N. Burford, G. Hastings, H. Hudson, A. Wadley, P. Ford, R. Hodge (capt.), G. Hudson.

SALE: A. Lewis; G. Barnaby, J. Lee, J. Whitby, M. Kelly; D. H. Dean, L. Joseph; J. Fernie, L. Bullock, R. Porisse, I. Van Heerden, R. Hardham, T. Barker, K. N. D. McMillan, S. Alexander.

Referee: Mr. M. Henderson (Bristol).

Wadley soon gather the ball and broke through.

From the ensuing scrum the crowd were immediately thrilled with a fine run by the Gloucester threequarters which broke down on the visiting 25.

FINE DUMMY

Sale relieved and from the line out the ball went to Cartmell who giving a fine dummy found touch inside the Sale 25.

Reserve hooker Burford was winning the early scrums and with a clean heel sent Gloucester away again, but they were recalled for a slight infringement.

Gloucester won the next two scrums in quick succession and Cartmell and Terrington executed the scissors move to break open the Sale defence. But the pass was ruled forward.

By no means out of the picture, Sale too employed some clever tactics, but could not pierce the strong Gloucester defence.

MORE THRUST

Gloucester had made a rousing start and showed more determination and thrust than they did on Saturday.

Magnificent work by Ford in the lineout again sent Gloucester threes away and when it seemed certain they must score Terrington's pass was snapped up by a Sale defender.

It was now Sale's turn to attack, but in almost miraculous fashion Cartmell obtained possession from a ruck of players and a magnificent passing movement took play back to the halfway line before a forward pass – another scissors movement – called a halt.

A further scrum on the halfway line saw the ball whipped out smartly to TAYLOR. The right winger left four defenders floundering with a magnificent swerving run from over half the length of the field to score midway out.

The kick grazed the outside of the upright.