

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER, SALE GAVE 5,000 CROWD HOLIDAY TREAT

Hearts were a little heavy in the Sale dressing room before the game with Gloucester at Kingsholm yesterday.

For Lancashire, on tour in France, had robbed them of two of their star players, international hooker Evans, and centre threequarter Griffiths.

Yet even at full strength it is doubtful if Sale could have beaten a revived Gloucester fifteen, who showed much improved form in every department to win 9pts.—nil.

And if the Cheshire side felt a little disappointed, they did not show it in their play.

BRIGHT AND OPEN

Apart from one dull period in the second half, both teams treated an appreciative holiday crowd to a bright, open display of Rugby.

Though sometimes a victim of the assiduous attentions of Sale's wing-forwards, Cartmell often sparkled with characteristic capers which led the visitors a merry dance.

His partner, Nield, had an even better match. Besides making the opening for Gloucester's second try, he got through a tremendous amount of work.

Smith, deputising at full-back, gave a sound display.

Taylor thrilled the 5,000 crowd with several dazzling runs down touch, one of which brought him a superb try after beating four defenders in fine style.

Sale, for whom Pendleton, Van Heerden and McMillan impressed, had the better of the lines-out.

But they were forced to play second fiddle to a fiery Gloucester pack in the scrums, where Burford hooked particularly well.

Skipper Hodge, Wadley, Ford and Gordon Hudson were the pick of the home forwards in the rousing loose exchanges.

Taylor, Ford and Parry scored tries for Gloucester, who, except for a period later in the game, always appeared to have matters well in hand.

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