

THE CITIZEN

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MORGAN MAKES HIS MARK

GLOUCESTER 33 Pts., GLAMORGAN WANDERERS 3 Pts.

A low key performance from Gloucester was enough to totally outclass a poor Glamorgan Wanderers' side at damp and misty Kingsholm last night.

In a game which never hit the heights of excitement, Gloucester scored six tries against a side who suffered badly through injuries.

Derrick Morgan will best remember his night's work. He scored a hat-trick of good tries, including a wonderful effort from 40 yards, where a couple of shimmies and a change of pace took him past five defenders.

Gloucester dominated a small Wanderers pack – the shortened line-out apart – and had the greater cohesion among the threequarters.

Wanderers' problems stemmed from scrum-half where Gerald Lewis had a nightmare in the damp conditions.

He continually fumbled and Spencer Wood and Wilmott were able to harry him, and the Wanderers' backs, into constant mistakes.

After a subdued first-half, Gloucester played some reasonable rugby after the break without ever really threatening to run riot.

Tim Smith gave a confident display at full-back, joining the line with pace and flair, although he was rarely put under pressure in defence.

Wilmott gave a rapid service to his backs but on occasions his kicking was off target.

Taylor kept up his much improved run with some penetrating breaks while Morgan, who still has a raw edge or two, looked dangerous when in possession.

At number eight, Larry Cummins gave a hard-working display while the Gloucester pack in general were quicker to the breakdown and more organised in the set pieces.

Gloucester face sterner opposition in their next two fixtures. Rosslyn Park, who always boast a competitive pack, are the visitors on Saturday whilst next Wednesday sees the appearance of South Wales Police, a major success story in Wales this season.

Gloucester: Tries, Morgan (3), Smith, Price, Hamlin. Cons., Smith (3), Pen., Hamlin.

Glamorgan Wanderers: Pen., Hembury.

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