

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER CUP PLACE SAFE FOR NEXT SEASON

GLOUCESTER 20 Pts., PLYMOUTH 15 Pts.

Weakened Gloucester had to struggle for long periods before containing and then conquering Plymouth at Kingsholm on Saturday.

It was a narrow and barely deserved victory but vitally important as Gloucester now go forward to play in next season's John Player Cup competition.

Former Gloucester player Simon Durkin was in the Plymouth line-up and he must have grown in confidence as his forwards gave Gloucester plenty to think about.

Though Gloucester had scored first Plymouth held the advantage for much of the game and with 20 minutes to go looked the likely winners.

However, in the later stages, Gloucester regained their composure, won much cleaner possession and ensured the victory with the last three scores of the game.

There was an excellent try scored by winger Derrick Morgan, following a neat chip ahead by Taylor and earlier good work by Hamlin.

Gloucester's second try was provided by Steve Boyle, who forced his way over from a tap penalty move.

Scorers: Gloucester: Tries, Morgan, Boyle. Penalties, Smith (4).

Plymouth: Try, Hocking. Con., Hocking. Penalties, Turton (2), Durkin.