

# THE CITIZEN

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## GLOUCESTER FIND THEIR WINGS

GLOUCESTER 36 Pts., SARACENS 9 Pts.

Gloucester discovered what wingers are for on Saturday and put on a super display to send Saracens packing.

For once there was an urgency to move the ball wide and with full-back Tim Smith ever keen to make the extra man, Gloucester spluttered, coughed and suddenly fired to destroy the Londoners.

It was like an Irishman discovering that the horse down the garden was not for pulling carts. It was Shergar and when the news broke everyone wanted a ride !

Breeze and Price must have felt like that on Saturday; suddenly everyone was trying to give them the ball.

## TELLING

It was good stuff. A touch of spring fever which brought six splendidly constructed second-half tries and sent us all home wanting more.

Tim Smith's return at full-back undoubtedly had much to do with Gloucester's flair.

He was always willing to join in attacks and contributed a series of telling midfield breaks which split Saracens and gave the powerful Breeze and ever-willing Price yards of space in which to move.

Smith had given the crowd a hint of what lay ahead in the sixth minute when he crashed through the centre to score a try which he converted.

Gloucester promptly went to sleep. For much of the first half they let Saracens do the attacking on snippets of possession and score a beautiful try through winger Phil Anthony, converted by Ferris.

Nick Price, put free on the blindside following good play by the back-row and lock Steve Boyle, nudged his team ahead by the break but Gloucester had not looked convincing.

But it was just a matter of time. Saracens' pack had taken a pounding and had little to offer.

As their resistance disintegrated Gloucester went to town winning all the possession.

A break by Breeze put Mike Teague over then Breeze scored himself, a simply try created by a superbly judged kick to the corner by Richard Mogg.

Smith joined his three-quarters to put Nick Price in for the next try and as the Gloucester machine began to function fluently, flanker Jeremy Bennett was rewarded with a try.

The final two touchdowns were gems.

All the backs took part in a sweeping move which ended with Breeze crashing over in the corner. Then Teague returned to the scene for his second try, again rounding off a superb passing move.

It mattered little that Smith converted only one while poor Saracens were limited to a single penalty goal kicked by Ferris.

MAN OF THE MATCH : Tim Smith.

## UNITED FRONT.

BRIDGEND SPTS. 9 Pts., GLOUCESTER UTD. 13 Pts.

A superb performance by the United forwards paved the way for a great win in Wales.

With the front row of Peter Jones, Kevin White and Robert Phillips winning the tight heads and number eight Larry Cummins in good form they set up a solid platform.

Two penalty goals by Steve Parsloe gave United the half-time advantage.

He increased the lead in the second half with another penalty and United tied things up when flanker Ian Smith scored an unconverted try.

Bridgend were restricted to three penalty goals.

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