

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER BEATEN BUT NOT DISGRACED

Although Gloucester were beaten by 11pts. to 3 in their first visit to Redruth yesterday evening, they made a good impression.

They gave a fine display of open football, and it was far from end-of-the-season rugby.

There were some fine forward rushes with R. Hodge, D. A. Jones, and D. Ibbotson outstanding in the Gloucester pack.

It was Ibbotson who went to right centre threequarter when P. Lewis had to go off with an injured knee after 20 minutes play.

This setback certainly made a difference to Gloucester's play for although Ibbotson did well in attack the forward thrust was weakened by his absence.

Gloucester attacked from the kick-off and maintained their pressure through most of the first half hour. They should have scored but the Redruth defence was sound with full-back Bray in his best form.

His positioning was very sound, and he relieved the steady Gloucester pressure with frequent long touches.

It was one of these long touches which put Redruth back into the visitors' half and gave them the necessary drive for Osborne to score an opportunist try.

Then Gloucester were penalised for offside and Stevens kicked a fine 30 yards goal.

Redruth had Roy Harris, of Plymouth Albion, as a guest player, and he had much to do with their win.

It was his grand break from a set scrum 35 yards out which sent Peters over with a splendid try which Stevens converted.

Maintaining the pressure well during the second half, Gloucester reduced the lead when L. Morgan put over a penalty goal from wide out.

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