

# THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1955

## GLO'STER BEATEN BY LATE PENALTY KICK

Gloucester lost the final game of their West Country tour last evening by 14pts. to 11 through their inability to turn the many opportunities that came their way to account.

After equalising a surprise first-minute Teignmouth try with a penalty goal, the visitors stormed the home line but when the ball came out to the threequarters Morgan too often tried to break through the centre on his own, only to find himself securely held by his opposite number, Full.

## CLOSE MARKING

The ball rarely came along the line but when it did the marking of the home defence was so close that little progress was made.

Blair was conspicuous with some jinking runs along the left wing but he too was guilty of hanging on to the ball too long.

Eight points down at the interval Gloucester fought back well in the second half and once they drew level it looked as if they had the game in hand.

A penalty to Teignmouth, however, in the last few minutes gave the Devon side a victory they just about deserved.

Bill Smith, at back, was the outstanding Gloucester player, and he got his side out of many difficulties with his sound fielding of the ball and his long touch kicks.

Blair and D. Jones were the most dangerous of the threequarters whilst among the forwards, Hastings, Solomon and Ibbotson were outstanding.

Teignmouth's first try came as a result of an interception by centre threequarter Rooke; Rogers, a forward, being up to dribble the ball over the line.

Morgan equalised with a penalty kick and Teignmouth again comfortably led at the interval with tries by Rooke and Full, the first being converted by Full.

#### MORGAN'S POINTS

Ibbotson started a movement which reduced Gloucester's arrears, Blair receiving to send Morgan over for a try which the last named converted.

Perks obtained the equaliser when he sped through a gap in the home defence, but in the last few minutes Full gave Teignmouth the game with a penalty.

Teignmouth: W. Scourfield; L. Matthews, G. Rooke, T. Connell, P. Nathan; F. R. C. Full, R. Stevens; J. Belton, W. Woodley, J. Richards, R. Lang, C. J. Booth, W. H. Rogers, G. H. Scown, A. J. Hooper.

Gloucester: W. J. Smith; R. Blair, D. Jones, D. Perks, B. Field; L. Morgan, P. Meadows; G. Hastings, J. Lowe, D. Solomon, D. A. Jones, M. C. Jones, P. Ford, R. Hodge, D. Ibbotson.