

# THE CITIZEN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1984

## MUCH IMPROVED GLOUCESTER ON TOP

GLOUCESTER 30 Pts., GLAMORGAN WANDERERS 21 Pts.

Gloucester earned their second successive win with a solid display in this entertaining match at Kingsholm last night.

This was not Gloucester at their best and they should have won by a much greater margin, but it was a deserved and confidence building victory.

In the first half lively Gloucester threatened to overwhelm their visitors, but the performance fell away as Glamorgan stayed in contention thanks to the kicking of full-back Mark Hembury, a former soccer goalkeeper.

Overall, though, this was a much improved Gloucester. Full-back Paul Ford marked his first appearance of the season by collecting 14 points with four penalties and a conversion, while hooker Glyn Mann emerged with credit from his first full outing.

Marcus Hannaford was sound if unspectacular at scrum-half, while outside-half Mike Hamlin had the Glamorgan defensive cover in disarray with a number of darting breaks.

## CONFIDENT

Hamlin set up Gloucester's second try after six minutes when he burst through, neatly side-stepped a tackle and slipped the ball to the supporting Hannaford, who went over to put his team 10-3 ahead.

With skipper John Orwin and vice-captain Paul Taylor out of the side John Gadd led the side for the first time and was a confident figure in the pack.

It took Gloucester only two minutes to go ahead. Winger Nick Price collected a poor clearance kick and ran on before passing for flanker Gadd to go over.

## DOMINATE

Wanderers recovered through a Hembury penalty awarded in front of the posts for a late tackle, but Hannaford's try, converted by Ford, made it 10-3.

Hembury kicked another penalty to keep Wanderers in touch, but the Gloucester forwards continued to dominate, particularly in the line-out, and Glamorgan had to face a lot of pressure.

Ford extended Gloucester's lead to seven points, but Hembury was soon on target again.

Wanderers lost outside-half Rhys James with concussion on the half hour and almost immediately Gloucester scored their third try. Price went over in the corner.

A knee ligament injury meant centre Richard Mogg could not continue in the second half and he was replaced by Peter Wickenden, who played on the wing and scored a try.

Ford kicked a penalty early in the half, but then Phil Dando produced Glamorgan's first try with Hembury converting to leave the visitors only five points adrift.

Gloucester regained their command with a Ford penalty plus the try from Wickenden, who burst over after collecting a high pass from Larry Cummins.

Ford completed Gloucester's tally with Glamorgan scoring again when Paul Prickett charged through from a penalty five metres out.

Hembury neatly converted to complete the scoring on a night when there was rarely a doubt that Gloucester, always the more skilful side, would win.

Gloucester: Ford; Breeze, Ellis, Mogg, Price; Hamlin, Hannaford; Preedy, Mann, Pascall, Boyle, Brinn, Gadd, Smith, Cummins.  
Wickenden replaced Mogg.

Glamorgan Wanderers: Hembury; Ford, Ward, Francis, Ebdon; Wyatt, Rees; Gough, Shugar, Prickett, Davies, Dando, Bennett, Marley, Williams.  
James replaced Wyatt.

Referee : P. J. D. Williams (Staffordshire).

MAN OF THE MATCH : Mike Hamlin.

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