

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER PUNISH PARK WITH POINTS

GLOUCESTER 49 Pts., BROUGHTON PARK 3 Pts.

Broughton Park paid dearly for the fight started by prop Roger Hudson after only three minutes at Kingsholm on Saturday. Hudson was cautioned for an assault on Malcolm Preedy that started a rumpus involving many players from both sides, but the punishment did not end there.

Gloucester inflicted a savage defeat on Manchester club Park, who are by no means the worst side to visit Kingsholm this season.

"That fight woke us up," said hooker Kevin White. "From that moment Park were in trouble."

The visitors gained a fair share of possession from line-outs and they scrummaged reasonably well, but Gloucester dominated the ruck and mauls. They won enough good ball for the threequarters to run Park ragged.

Gloucester earned their biggest win of the season thanks to tries from full-back Tim Smith (2), Marcus Hannaford (2), Jim Breeze, Jeremy Bennett, Mike Teague and Ian Smith plus four conversions and three penalties by Tim Smith.

It was an impressive all round display by the Cherry and Whites, although Tim Smith was again in form, running up a 25 points personal tally. Smith's speed and confident kicking have been vital to Gloucester. He joins the line at every chance and his two tries against Park were a tribute to his attacking style.

But the match did not start at all well for Gloucester. After only eight seconds skipper John Orwin injured a cheek and he was eventually replaced by Ian Smith at half-time.

Tim Smith kicked an early penalty and Park hit back with an Andy Rimmer dropped goal. That was virtually the last time Park offered a serious attacking threat. By half-time Gloucester led 23-3 and one line of entertainment for spectators was trying to guess how many points their team would score by the end. With six minutes to go Gloucester reached 49 and it looked certain they would top the half century, but the time slipped by as Park held on.

Gloucester: Smith; Morgan, Taylor, Ellis, Breeze; Hamlin, Hannaford; Preedy, White, Pascall, Orwin, Brain, Bennett, Longstaff, Teague.
Ian Smith replaced Orwin after 40 minutes; Pointon replaced Hannaford after 77 minutes.

Broughton Park: Edwards; Brown, Ward, Morgan, Heath; Rimmer, Livsey; Hudson, Brabbins, Russell, McMahon, Stone, Wilde, Ingram, Sever.

Referee: C. Little (London).

MAN OF THE MATCH: Tim Smith.

NEWPORT HSOB 8 PTS., GLOUCESTER UNITED 12 PTS.

Larry Cummins scored two tries for United as they recorded their 12th successive victory, and preserved their unbeaten record.

But they were made to struggle by a tough Welsh side who were always in with a chance. Full-back Peter Wickenden converted both Cummins' tries.