

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER ON TOP IN CUP CLASH

TRIES from scrum half Marcus Hannaford, prop Richard Pascall and winger Derek Morgan put Gloucester in command of their John Player Cup third round tie against Richmond this afternoon.

After a shaky [start] Gloucester put Richmond under pressure. Scrum half Marcus Hannaford was off target with a couple of passes in the opening minutes, but gradually his partnership with fly half Mike Hamlin began to prosper.

Gloucester had a chance when they were awarded a penalty for off-side, but full back Tim Smith pulled his kick wide.

In the muddy conditions Gloucester had the edge but found it hard to break down the spirited Richmond defence.

The first points went on the board after 21 minutes when Gloucester were awarded a second penalty. This time SMITH made no mistake to put the Cherry and Whites in front.

After 32 minutes HANNAFORD crossed for a try when Mike Teague picked up the ball at the back of the scrum 10 yards out. Smith narrowly missed the conversion.

Richmond were awarded their first kickable penalty soon after, but outside half Simon Smith completely miscued his attempt.

Seconds before half time Gloucester extended their lead following a superb penalty move. Malcolm Preedy drove through a bewildered defence when the ball was fed from Hamlin, and he was stopped on the line.

When it came out again Teague slipped the ball to PASCALL, who went over to score.

SMITH converted for a half time score of 13-0.

Immediately after the restart Gloucester extended their lead.

From a 5 yard scrum they attacked on the blindside and winger DERRICK MORGAN scored a try which SMITH converted.

Back row forward JEREMY BENNETT scored a try after 50 minutes to put Gloucester 23 points ahead. Smith was wide with his conversion attempt.

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JP CUP RESULTS

GLOSTER 29pts, RICHMOND 0

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