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MORGAN TRY BOOSTS GLOUCESTER

THE pace of winger Derrick Morgan helped Gloucester to a six point half-time lead in their John Player Cup quarter final against Harlequins at Kingsholm this afternoon, writes Terry Phillips.

Morgan swept past the challenge of England full-back Marcus Rose to go over in the corner for the only try of the first half as Gloucester battled to extend their unbeaten home run to 19 matches.

In a fiercely competitive opening Gloucester made a bright start and went ahead after three minutes.

Full back TIM SMITH kicked a penalty and Harlequins looked in trouble against heavy pressure. But two more penalty attempts by Smith were missed – one falling short and the other going wide.

Dominance in the line-outs was proving a major bonus for Harlequins and they levelled matters after 14 minutes. Mike Teague was penalised and MARCUS ROSE was on target with the penalty.

ROSE put Harlequins ahead from a penalty after 25 minutes.

Soon after Smith missed a penalty for Gloucester, but the Cherry and Whites went ahead when DERRICK MORGAN scored a try in the corner after good work by Mike Hamlin. The conversion by SMITH was successful leaving Gloucester 9-6 ahead.

A late tackle by Jamie Salmon on Gloucester's Mike Hamlin enabled the home side to extend their lead. From the resulting penalty SMITH made it 12-6.

It was a deserved half time lead for Gloucester, but they could easily have been more points ahead. Smith, normally so accurate, missed four of six kickable penalty attempts in the opening period.

HALF-TIME :
GLOUCESTER 12 pts.
HARLEQUINS 6 pts.

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GLOUCESTER WIN

GLOUCESTER 31 pts., HARLEQUINS 12 pts.

Gloucester second half scorers : Smith con., 3 pens; Morgan try; Price, try. See Page One.

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