

THE CITIZEN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1964

SHEER BACK LUCK FOR UNITED

GLOUCESTER UNITED 6 Pts.

SWINDON 14 Pts.

This scoreline flattered Swindon considerably; it was tantamount to exceedingly rough justice on Gloucester United, who looked the better equipped in all departments, yet, perhaps, failed to capitalise on their opportunities.

Indeed, United gave one of their best displays of the season ! John Vallender and Roy Morris performed extremely creditably in the centre, and with better support might easily have won the match for the visitors.

Mike Nicholls, too, had the better of the set scrums, despite the fact that he was opposed to Brian Miles, the Dorset and Wilts County hooker, while Mike Teague created a very favourable impression on his first appearance for the Gloucester club.

As it was, each scored a try, but Swindon, with two second half dropped goals, put their score beyond the reach of a gallant United, who had the experience of having a seemingly good try by Ian Laurie disallowed.

Wing-forward Dave Kington, who formerly played for St. Ives, put United in front with an unconverted try, but Jim Panting converted a try from Dave Crook, then landed a penalty goal to give Swindon an interval lead.

In the second half John Kingdon and hooker Miles – the latter almost in hope rather than expectation – dropped goals to make the issue safe for the home side, though Tom Sparey reduced the deficit for United with a penalty goal.

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