

THE CITIZEN

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LATE 'BLITZ' TOO MUCH FOR GLOUCESTER

LEICESTER 21 Pts., GLOUCESTER NIL

Driving rain, and mud, did not help Gloucester on Saturday. County calls didn't help either.

A full Gloucester side, even, would have had a job on against the Tigers at Welford-rd. A depleted side didn't really have a chance.

In the event, they did not do too badly – 21 points against may look a little unhealthy; but nothing like as sick as the 45 and 42 points they conceded at Coventry and Newbridge.

The soggy going had something to do with it, of course, but there is no need to speculate about the 'might have been.' Suffice it that Gloucester kept it down to 21 points.

HARD FIGHT

It looked at one stage as though the damage might be a good deal less. In spite of the fact that they didn't see all that much of the ball, the Red and Whites held the Tigers to an eight-points interval lead.

It was only in the last twenty minutes or so, when Leicester switched from handling to kicking, to the punt ahead, that the Red and Whites really went under.

Up to then, Leicester had scored two tries – one by scrum half Allen, who rushed over from a five yard scrum, and another by full back Chilton, Leicester's 'fifth' three-quarter.

Then came the 'blitz' – Chilton scored another try, and so did Matthews and Quick. It was a good day for Chilton; besides his tries, he kicked three conversions.

Peter Hawker had a busy day for Gloucester at full back, as did all the visitors' defenders. Gloucester's newcomers – or comparative newcomers – can't complain of 'featherbedding.'

Price and Kington both well in evidence got all the opposition they wanted – and so, for that matter, did their colleagues.

Not a fantastic match from Gloucester's point of view. But then, nobody expected it to be.

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