

THE CITIZEN WEDNESDAY APRIL 11 1900

GLOUCESTER v. BARBARIANS

At Kingsholm tomorrow (Thursday) kick off at 5.15 The following are the teams:-

Gloucester - G. Romans, back; W. H. Taylor (captain), G. F. Clutterbuck, J. Stephens and C. Smith, three-quarter backs; R. Goddard and G. Hall, half-backs; C. Hall, A. H. Click, J. Lewis, H. Manley, F. Oswell, G. H. Smith, A. Hawker and J. Gough, forwards.

Barbarians - F. W. H. Weaver (Birkenhead Park), back; R. Forest (Blackheath and English International), R. F. Cumberlege (London Harlequins), E. Beaching (Blackheath), and H. G. Alexander (Newport), three-quarter backs; J. C. Marquis (Birkenhead Park and English International) and P. D. Kendall (Birkenhead Park) half-backs; P. C. Tarbutt (Blackheath), T. Drysdale (London Scottish), R. I. C. Thompson and E. C. Thompson (Marlborough Nomads), C. Witt (Rosslyn Park), W. P. Scott (West of Scotland and Scottish International), J. G. Franks (Trinity, Dublin and Irish International), G. R. Gibson (Northumberland), and D. P. Wood (Liverpool Old Boys), forwards.

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A drizzling rain fell, and the attendance was moderate considering the importance of the match. The kick off did not take place until 5.25 when Gloucester started from the Worcester Street goal against the wind. Forest got in a good return, and play opened at the centre. The Barbarians, carrying a scrum, worked to the home 25, but Taylor, with a dashing run down the touchline, regained the ground. In some loose play Taylor was again prominent with a smart bit of play, but the Gloucester backs failing to field a little later, the visitors dribbled over the line, Romans kicking dead. The drop-out saw the ball quickly taken back to the Gloucester quarter, the Barbarians taking advantage of the wind. Goddard and then "Whacker" Smith enabled the home side to clear for a time. A well judged punt by Alexander put Gloucester on the defence, and Romans failing to stop a rush of the visiting forwards, matters looked dangerous. "Whacker" Smith, however, saved in daring style a few yards outside. After this Clutterbuck showed up with a punt, which Taylor tried hard to get up to, but he just failed. From the ensuing scrum Goddard got away beautifully, but his pass was spoiled by Alexander. The Barbarians, by the aid of some strong forward play, rushed down to the home 25, where C. Hall effected a grand save. Gloucester relieved slightly, but the visitors continued to have the better of matters. The home team, however, defended grandly. A splendid touch kick by Romans enabled Gloucester to reach the centre, where, from some loose play, the ball got to "Whacker" Smith, who put in a sharp punt. The ball in its transit

touched a visitor, and the City forwards being put on side, Lewis picked up and ran and passed to Click, who romped over with a good try. Romans converted with a splendid kick. On the re-start play was fast and interesting. The visitors once had a good opening, but Taylor came across and stopped Cumberlege finely. After this Stephens, Taylor, and Clutterbuck combined in a movement which took play to the Barbarians end. The ball was punted to Weaver who essayed a flying kick. "Whacker" Smith ran and fielded the ball nicely, and running round scored in the corner. Romans made a grand effort to convert, the ball hitting the cross-bar and rebounding into the field of play. The visitors resumed, but Gloucester at once pressed. Taylor brought off a magnificent run, beating all except the full-back, who only brought him down ten yards from the line. Play to the interval was decidedly interesting but there was no further score.

#### HALF TIME SCORE :

Gloucester ..... 1 goal, 1 try  
Barbarians ..... Nil

The Barbarians restarted, and the first five minutes was occupied mainly in lines out and scrums. Opening out the game a bit Marquis executed a fine run up the field, and a series of transfers which ensued apparently left the line at their mercy, but Gloucester got round and saved in a wonderful manner. The Barbarians still attacked, but they could not score. Hawker brought relief to the home team with a big punt, and then some even play followed at mid-field. Operations, however, were principally confined to the forwards, and lacked interest. Gloucester more than held their own, and gradually they found a footing in their opponents' end. Once or twice the home men looked dangerous, but the situation was saved. At length G. Hall fairly caught the opposition napping, and running clean to the full-back he passed to Lewis, who went over under the post. Romans easily converted. On the resumption the visitors made one brief incursion into the Gloucester end, but they were quickly sent back. The Barbarians several times rushed the scrums in fine style, but they were always held in check. To the end play was fairly even, and nothing further was scored.

#### RESULT :

Gloucester ..... 2 goals, 1 try (13 points)  
Barbarians ..... Nil

The gate receipts, with tickets sold, amounted to about £35.