

THE CITIZEN

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TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

GLOUCESTER v. CLIFTON.

Played at Clifton. The home team kicked off and loose play ensued, when Ball got away and passed to George, who transferred to Page, the latter scoring behind the posts. Hughes converted.

Clifton re-started, and Gloucester got a "free" for off-side. Hughes made an unsuccessful shot at goal. Clifton gained some ground, but Bagwell relieved with a fine run, and soon after scored the second try, which Hughes converted. A dribble by the Gloucester forwards gained a touchdown, but nothing further occurred till half-time.

On change of ends Cromwell kicked off for Gloucester, and a fine run by Healing enabled Bagwell to score the third try, which Hughes converted. Clifton pressed for a short time, but Cromwell getting possession of the ball ran more than half the length of the field and scored behind the posts, Hughes being again successful in his kick at goal.

Witcombe receiving the ball from Bagwell, scored the fifth try, but Hughes failed to convert. Wansey put in some good play for Clifton, and C. K. Brown scored the sixth and last try by a magnificent run. Hughes did the needful, and nothing further of any note occurring till "no side," Gloucester were left winners by five goals and a try to nothing.

Gloucester: — A. F. Hughes, back; C. E. Brown (captain), T. Bagwell, G. J. Witcomb, and F. H. Healing, three-quarter backs; S. A. Ball and W. George, half-backs; Cromwell, R. C. Jenkins, T. Collins, E. Ellis, H. V. Page, J. Williams, C. Williams, and H. G. Brown, forwards.

GLOUCESTER II v. MONMOUTH

This match was played on the Spa under favourable conditions. The visitors kicked off and soon caused Gloucester to save, but the ball was kicked over the visitors' line, and only Nicholas's pace saved a try. Gloucester caused Monmouth to defend again, and a three-quarter having his kick charged on the line, Morgan scored a clever try, and Watts placed a goal, which was quickly followed by another, placed by Watts from a try by Stoddart, after a capital run.

This the visitors disputed, and several pretended to walk off the field, but eventually kicked off from the centre. Nicholas, who had gone into the front division, dribbled over the home line, and Smith was just in time to touch down. After the usual "breather," Trevor Powell picked up near the centre, and, running splendidly, evaded all opposition, and placed the ball behind the posts, Watts again doing the needful.

After a lot of fast play the ball was beautifully passed to Dere from a loose scrum, and he kicked across the ground. Stoddart rushing up just saved the ball from going into touch, and dribbled over the visitors' goal line, and scored a try, which the visitors disputed, alleging that the ball crossed the touch line.

The referee, Mr. T. G. Smith, decided that the try was valid and Watts kicked a fourth goal. The visitors refused to charge the kick, and also refused to give way and go on with the game, and after waiting some ten minutes the referee declared the game over and left the field.

The players then retired amidst the hoots of the crowd, Gloucester having scored 4 goals to nil.

The following were the teams:

Gloucester: — K. Smith, back; G. F. Dere, R. W. Stoddart, W. James, and W. Munro, three-quarter backs; T. B. Powell (captain), A. Collins, E. Dangerfield, A. Gorin, G. Jones, G. Morgan, E. D. Tandy, and C. Williams, forwards.

Monmouth: — C. Bastock, back; Geo Morgan (capt.), T. L. Nicholas, J. Yearsley, and M. Watkins, three-quarter backs; W. Monningson and C. Barnby, half-backs; C. Gladden, C. Crondace, F. James, T. Herbert, T. Fuller, T. Lewis, T. Walters, and J. Jackson, forwards.

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