

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1889.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL MATCHES.

GLOUCESTER v. CARDIFF.

A strong team went down to Cardiff to represent Gloucester in the first of the quartet of matches arranged with the Welsh team this season, and a large crowd witnessed the game in the Park.

Gloucester kicked off, and at the end of the first half, which was well contested, the score stood 1 try each.

Upon resuming Cardiff asserted their superiority, but raid after raid proved abortive through the grand tackling of the Gloucester team.

Result : — Cardiff 2 tries, 1 minor; Gloucester, 1 try (obtained by George).

GLOUCESTER II v. CARDIFF II.

Whilst the first teams were engaged at Cardiff, the second Fifteens met on the Spa, in fine weather.

Powell started, and the game commenced near the centre, and after Cardiff had made a short incursion into the home 25, Gloucester worked out to the centre, aided by a judicious kick by Smith, and the advance being continued, Jackson got possession and passed to Watts, who transferred to Phelps, who ran over and scored a try, which Watts failed to convert.

Dere put in a splendid dodgy run, and got close to the line, but the immediate danger was removed, and the game fought out for some time near the Cardiff 25 line.

Eventually the Welshmen relieved the pressure, and a good kick by Rooney being followed by a dribble by the forwards, the home line was threatened. Smith kicked out to the 25, and Gloucester again got into their opponents' end and quickly exacted three minors. The siege of the visitors' goal was well sustained, until half-time, when Gloucester led by a try to nil.

Following the re-start, Cardiff went off with a rush, and scored a minor point, but the home team soon transferred the game to the Welsh 25, and after a little invasion of the goal, two more minors were put on, one from a kick at goal by Jackson, when he had a fair opening for a try.

Notwithstanding some big kicks by Biggs. Gloucester kept the game continually in their opponents' half, and George with a magnificent dribble took the ball over the goal line, but was unable to touch down and a minor only resulted.

Cardiff now kept the game towards the centre, until another rush by the Gloucester forwards carried the leather over the line and resulted in the seventh minor, another following almost immediately.

Cardiff worked away to the other end, and the play waxed fast and furious at the home 25 line for a few minutes, but the home men started a round of passing and got out to the centre, with all prospect of a try, when Jackson missed a pass.

Cardiff were again forced back into their 25, but once more raised the siege, and with the ball at the centre "no side" was whistled.

Gloucester thus won a one-sided game by a try and eight minors to one minor.

The following were the players : —

Gloucester : E. Smith, back; R. W. Stoddart, G. F. Dere, H. George, and W. Jackson, three-quarter backs; T. Phelps and J. Watts, half-backs; T. B. Powell (captain), A. Collins, S. E. Clutterbuck, G. Morgan, E. Dangerfield, A. H. Gorin, E. D. Tandy, and C. Williams, forwards.

Cardiff II : E. Rooney, back; J. Kingscote, G. P. Biggs, A. F. Hill, and G. H. Baker, three-quarter backs; S. Biggs and J. Merrett, half-backs; W. D. Evans, J. Yorath, J. Proud, H. Millward, A. Morris, C. E. Allen, J. Allen, and E. Owen, forwards.