THE CITIZEN

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1921.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

O.M.T.'s BADLY BEATEN AT KINGSHOLM.

A big holiday crowd assembled at Kingsholm on Monday afternoon to witness the annual match between Gloucester and the Old Merchant Taylors. There was only one change in the City team, T. Voyce playing wing three-quarter in place of Robbins, and F. Mansell filling the vacancy in the pack.

Gloucester early asserted superiority, and the result was never in doubt. The Taylors forwards indulged in some capital loose rushes, but behind the visitors were outclassed. In the first half, Daniell (2), Voyce, and Ayliffe scored tries, one of which Millington converted. Changing over the Taylors had the benefit of the wind, but though making some spirited attacks they were rarely dangerous. Gloucester, on the other hand, combined cleverly, and Harris, Webb, Smart, and Voyce all added to the score, Millington placing one goal.

Those four tries were all brilliant efforts. Harris scored as the result of a fine breakaway from a line-out by Holford; Webb sold the "dummy" beautifully to the defence when he crossed, Smart's try was the outcome a great dribble by Harris and Ayliffe more than half the length of the field; and Voyce raced home from midfield after a fine cut-through and pass by Webb. These fine movements, however, were interspersed with a lot of scrambling play on both sides. Sanders, the Taylors' full back, was the outstanding player on the side, and he saved repeatedly.

Gloucester. – Kerwood; Daniell, Hughes, Webb and Voyce; Dix and Millington; Smart (capt.), Holford, Ayliffe, Hall, Roderick, Harris, Collier, and Mansell.

Taylors. – Sanders; Hickman, Melluish, Earle and Macgregor; Illingworth and Cockell; Bryant, Scott, Fagnani, Jago, Cove-Smith, Sketchley, Tollworthy, and another.

Referee: Mr. J. Southby (Bristol).

GLOUCESTER A'S FINE SCORE.

Gloucester A visited the Recreation Ground, Tuffley Avenue, on Monday morning, and gained a fine victory over the Wagon Works by 30 points to 3. Scorers of tries were Crowther (3), Hopcroft (2), Curtis, Hawker, and Bridges. Burns converted six of the tries and also kicked a penalty goal. Hancocks scored for the Wagon Works.

RESULT:

Gloucester A ... 7 goals (1p) 2 tries (39 pts.) Wagon Works 1 try (3 points)