

# THE CITIZEN

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1921.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER BEAT BATH.

TEN POINTS WIN FOR THE CITY.

Gloucester were at Bath to-day for this return match, and the fixture aroused great interest. The City made three changes from the side which beat the Old Merchant Taylors on Boxing Day, James displacing Kerwood at full-back, Washbourne figuring at three-quarter, and Voyce and Evans appearing at forward in place of Roderick and Mansell.

Gloucester. – H. R. James; W. Washbourne, F. Webb, E. H. Hughes, and N. Daniell; W. Dix and T. Millington; S. Smart (capt.), G. Holford, F. W. Ayliffe, A. Hall, J. Harris, M. Evans, H. W. Collier, and T. Voyce.

Referee : Mr. A. J. Trollope (Surrey).

## THE GAME.

Gloucester started passing at once, Dix being smart at getting the ball away. Bath were playing seven forwards, and were always beaten in the pack.

After a strong run by Washbourne, who took the ball to the Bath line, Dix served Millington smartly, and the outside half scored. The goal kick failed.

Gloucester continued to get the ball away, and only a fine tackle by Comm saved a further try.

J. Russell broke away for Bath once or twice, but kicked on to James, who always fielded and sent to touch. Millington dropped a goal shortly afterwards, picking up the ball in the Bath 25.

Bath played up better after this, and Woodward narrowly missed a penalty goal from wide range. The home forwards were using their feet well, but lacked finish.

HALF-TIME SCORE :

Gloucester ... 1 dropped goal, 1 try  
Bath ..... Nil

Directly after the restart, through two Bathonians going for the ball near the line and colliding, Harris, who was following up keenly, obtained an easy try, which was not converted.

The Bath forwards were doing very well in the loose, and Manning went over, but a try was not given. Bath got away with a pretty three-quarter movement, but Meine could not get clear and kicked. The Bath forwards carried on, but Millington averted the danger by smartly making a mark. Vowles was playing splendidly, and Bath were having the better of the game at this time. Smart was injured and had to retire for ten minutes. Washbourne taking advantage of a slip by Comm dribbled smartly down the left touch, and scored an unconverted try.

Bath made desperate efforts to cross the Gloucester line, and Dr. Maine, intercepting, ran well to the Gloucester 25, and kicked on. Two or three forwards tried to get to the ball, but a Bathonian dropped on it, and was awarded a try, which Woodward failed to convert.

RESULT :

GLO'STER ..... 1 goal (d) 3 tries (13 pts.)  
BATH ..... try (3 pts.)