

THE CITIZEN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1923.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER DEFEATED AT BATH.

A SEVEN POINTS' MARGIN.

HOME TEAM HAVE MUCH THE BETTER OF GAME.

Bath were in a position to avenge their defeat at Kingsholm early this season, for the Gloucester team which went to Bath on Thursday were woefully weak in the forward line. Voyce, Ayliffe, Holford, Roderick, Hall, and Coulson were all absent, and the three-quarters were short of Brown.

Bath were successful in defeating Gloucester in the holiday fixture last year by three tries to two tries, and it was anticipated that they would have no difficulty in securing victory.

GLOUCESTER.

FULL-BACK : R. James.

THREE-QUARTERS : R. Miller, F. Meadows, T. Millington, and W. H. Mullins.

HALF-BACKS : H. W. Collins and E. H. Hughes.

FORWARDS : J. Merry, H. Collier, P. Carter, F. Mansell, J. Hemmings, A. Manns, G. Manns, and H. Ford.

THE GAME.

Bath started with a great rush, which ended in Gibbs getting a grand try in the corner.

Five minutes after Chaddock charged down a kick by James and following up scored another unconverted try.

The game became very vigorous, but the Bath forwards dominated their opponents, and their three-quarters were much safer in handling.

HALF-TIME :

BATH 2 tries

GLOUCESTER Nil

A very exciting second half was seen.

Bisgrove started a great movement, Considine handing to Gibbs in the Gloucester 25, the latter scoring behind the posts.

Meadows got through for the visitors, and Millington converted. Then Bath got a lovely try by Considine.

Bath had much the better of the game.

RESULT :

BATH 4 tries (12 points)

GLOUCESTER 1 goal (5 points)