

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1924.

FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER'S REMARKABLE TRIUMPH.

BRISTOL AGAIN BEATEN AFTER LEADING BY SIX POINTS.

CITY FORWARDS IN SPLENDID FORM.

CHANTRILL INJURED IN COLLISION WITH SPOORS.

Gloucester were unfortunate in having a disorganised team to meet Bristol at Kingsholm this afternoon.

Owing to injuries both the regular half-backs, Collins and Hughes, were unable to play, and a further misfortune befell the team in that Sid Brown found the injury sustained at Cheltenham when playing for Tom Voyce's XV. would prevent him from turning out.

A. Hall was taken from the forwards to fill Hughes' place, G. Poole, the reserve scrum half, appearing for Collins. In the three-quarter line Norman Daniell came in for Brown.

Bristol were without L. J. Corbett, G. Budd filling his place.

Corbett had his ribs bruised in the match with France, and should not have played against Richmond. It is not a serious injury, but he was medically advised to rest to-day in view of the International match next week.

The match attracted a large attendance, the game being fought out in grand weather.

## GLOUCESTER.

BACK : R. James.

THREE-QUARTERS : N. Daniell, T. Millington, F. Meadows, and S. R. Crowther.

HALF-BACKS : G. Poole and A. Hall.

FORWARDS : T. Voyce, S. Bayliss, T. Coulson, F. Ford, P. Carter, F. Ayliffe, J. Merry, and A. Rea.

## BRISTOL.

BACK : G. Budd.

THREE-QUARTERS : R. Quick, B. Chantrill, L. Stinchcombe, and T. A. Spoons.

HALF-BACKS : C. Carter and R. Pickles.

FORWARDS : J. S. Tucker, M. Shaw, F. Coventry, A. Hore, P. J. Williams, F. Cummings, L. Boyd, and H. G. Hasler.

Referee : Mr. R. W. Barry (Cardiff).

## THE GAME.

Gloucester kicked off, and Bristol fielding ran and found touch in the home 25. There was a knock-on from the line-out, and Gloucester heeling, Millington put in a punt which carried Gloucester to midfield. From a line-out Ford put in a fine dash to Bristol territory, but the movement was held up. A further dash by the home forwards saw the ball punted to Budd, who fielded beautifully and sent to touch.

A scrum infringement led to a penalty against Gloucester, and Pickles put in a useful kick to touch, which again placed Bristol on the offensive. A forward burst led by Coventry took Bristol well into the Gloucester quarter, where the ball went to touch.

From the line-out the visiting three-quarters handled, but Spoons muddled his pass and James secured. He had knocked on, however, but from the scrum Millington put in a punt which Budd fielded. He tried to drop a goal but failed.

From the kick-out the Bristol three-quarters secured, and Pickles running well fed Spoor, who beat a man and passed to Stinchcombe. The wing man took an awkward pass beautifully and cut through Ayliffe, Hall, and James, who tried to tackle him, and made tracks for the line. He was now unopposed, but Daniell got across from the other wing and tackled him well, but he was a little too late, STINCHCOMBE falling on the ball just over the line when tackled. Pickles failed with the kick.

On the restart the Bristol three-quarters again handled, Chantrill sending to Spoor, who, however, knocked on. By good forward play Gloucester worked down to the Bristol quarter, where Daniell secured and cut through nicely, but he was pulled down. Millington secured and tried a drop for goal, but the ball failed to rise.

A quick change came over the scene, however, for from the drop-out the Bristol backs again handled beautifully. Stinchcombe gave the "dummy" to Millington and Crowther and, outpacing James scored a second try. Pickles' kick for goal fell short.

This was bad for Gloucester, but they were not disheartened, and working down with short rushes the home team reached the visitors' 25. Here VOYCE broke away from a line-out and, dribbling grandly, passed Budd and fell on the ball behind the posts. Millington landed a goal amidst great enthusiasm.

The home team were now putting more life into their work, and kept Bristol on the defensive for a time. Bristol were penalised for a foul, and Voyce found touch well down. Bristol were again penalised, and Millington took a shot for goal. The ball went wide, and Crowther, who followed up, kicked and tried to gather, but Pickles tripped him, and Gloucester were awarded another penalty. MILLINGTON put in a fine shot for goal from an awkward angle. The ball struck the upright and shot in through the posts, to the great delight of the crowd, and Gloucester were now leading.

Upon the restart the referee got in the way of a rush and received a nasty kick on the knee, the game being stopped for two or three minutes.

The Gloucester forwards were now playing well, and the Bristol backs were finding it more difficult to open up. Voyce and Ford led a burst to the visitors' line, but were held up outside. A strenuous struggle now ensued in the Bristol 25, but the visitors' defence was splendid. Carter put in a good relief kick and temporarily sent the home team back, but Coulson and Bayliss, with smart out-of-touch play, again laid siege to the Bristol line. The defence, however, held.

A smart burst by the Bristol forwards led by Coventry carried play to mid-field, where Pickles gained a good slice of ground with a penalty kick. "Four up" in front led to another penalty against Gloucester, and this time Pickles took a shot for goal. His kick fell short, and Millington put in a useful punt to touch well outside the home 25.

This led to a keen attack by the home forwards, who invaded the Bristol territory. Here a misfortune befell Bristol, Spoons and Chantrill colliding when trying to tackle Millington. Both the Bristol men were knocked out, and had to be carried off. Coventry and Boyd were brought out of the pack to fill their places.

HALF-TIME SCORE :  
GLOUCESTER ..... 2 goals (1p)  
BRISTOL ..... 2 tries

Fortunately for Bristol Spoons was able to turn out upon the resumption. Chantrill was still off, Coventry remaining with the backs.

Ford fielded and punted high, but Pickles put in a return kick which Meadows marked. From his kick the home forwards rushed down the field, Bayliss dribbling strongly. He lost the ball, but Gloucester were well down. A trip by Ayliffe lost Gloucester some ground. Gloucester obtained a free for obstruction, but a penalty for a similar offence was given against them a minute or two later.

Play at mid-field gave way to a splendid burst in which Voyce was prominent. Pickles went down to the ball and sent to touch. The same player a little later relieved to half-way [with] a fine punt.

Despite their handicap, Bristol were still getting the ball from the scrum and it was a rare occurrence for the home backs to handle. A keen attack by Bristol carried play into the home quarter, where Gloucester's defence was severely tested. Then a wonderfully fine forward movement was carried out by the home forwards after Daniell had led the way. This carried play to the Bristol 25, but Daniell got off-side and some of the ground was lost.

Gloucester continued to attack, but could not hold the scrums. Poole got off-side and tackled Carter roughly, catching him in the throat. It was obviously an accidental blow and Carter resumed after a minute. From the penalty kick Bristol broke away and forced Gloucester to their quarter, but their rush was stopped and Ayliffe dribbled down, Crowther gathering and putting in a punt which placed Gloucester in a strong position again. Budd was tackled on the line by Voyce, but an infringement had occurred. Budd was injured by Voyce's tackle and was taken off. Boyd went back in his place and Hasler came on to the right wing.

Resuming, Bristol carried out a sharp attack, Quick kicking down to Voyce, who was tackled by Pickles. Voyce, however, passed back to James, who got in his kick. Following this Ayliffe kicked down and the home forwards carried out a fine burst to the Bristol 25, where a fierce tussle took place. Budd and Pickles, playing a fine defensive game, helped to keep Gloucester out, and although the home team tried their hardest to score they could not break through.

The game had now become very fierce, both sides being all out. Bristol were doing remarkably well, seeing the handicap under which they were playing. So keen was the game that players on both sides were constantly off-side.

Bristol had again assumed the aggressive, and Pickles being placed in possession in a good position tried a drop for goal. His drop was touched in flight and fell short.

Gloucester were penalised a little later, but the position was not good enough, although Pickles put in a splendid kick. Bristol continued to attack strongly and Hore punted to James, who was finely tackled by Stinchcombe. Millington put in a defensive punt and the home forwards, led by Coulson, came away again. They were pulled up. Gloucester could not, however, eject Bristol from their territory for some time, until at length the home pack heeled and Millington punted. Boyd fielded and sent to touch, but Gloucester had gained ground.

A dashing forward burst by Gloucester now took place, and play was in the Bristol quarter, where Pickles got off-side and was penalised. MILLINGTON kicked a fine goal, giving Gloucester a five points' lead.

On the re-start Bristol forced their way into Gloucester territory, and Poole was penalised for picking the ball out of the scrum. Pickles tried a drop for goal from the penalty, but his effort went a little wide. Bristol continued to press and made several dashes for the line, but the home defence was sound, and the end came with Gloucester victorious.

#### RESULT :

GLOUCESTER .... 3 goals (2 p) (11 points)  
BRISTOL ..... 2 tries (6 points)

#### REMARKS.

Although the home team wrested victory from Bristol, it was due to the visitors to say that they played the better football and were very unfortunate all the way through. They were greatly handicapped by the loss of Chantrill, who was off during the whole of the second half and Budd, who had to retire some time before the end. Then, again, Spoor was badly shaken in the collision with Chantrill and was more or less a passenger.

It was surprising that despite their shortage in the pack the visitors were successful in obtaining possession from the scrums nearly every time. Gloucester proved poor scrummagers and had to rely entirely upon strenuous work in the loose. Here they quite outpointed the visiting front line and carried out some very fine movements. Again and again they reached the length of the field with the ball at their feet and only lack of finish and poor support from behind prevented more scoring.

Voyce, Coulson, Ayliffe, Bayliss and Ford were prominent amongst a very hard working band. At half Poole was no match for Carter, who played a smart game. With his forwards heeling splendidly, he was able to open up continually. Pickles combined excellently with Carter playing a very fine game. He was a source of continual worry to the home side, and in the opening stages cut out many openings for his three-quarters.

Poole did his best to hinder Carter and Hall and Voyce spoiled a good few movements at their inception. Still the Bristol three-quarters were dangerous all the time. Stinchcombe and Spoor combined splendidly until the inside received his shaking, Stinchcombe's two tries being the result of fine combination, rounded off by splendid individual work.

The Gloucester three-quarters were by no means convincing. True, they had few chances, as Poole was unable to open up, but they were weak as a line, and never looked like scoring. Millington was the outstanding player in the back division, his defensive work being splendid, but it was left to the forwards to do most of the work.

James played well, being subjected to some keen attacks. His kicking and tackling was better than usual. Budd did quite well in the full-back position for Bristol, but it is doubtful whether Bristol would not have been better advised to have kept the International in his proper place. Gloucester are to be congratulated for turning the tables in what at one time looked like a lost game.

Next week : Newport, away.

## STILL WAITING !

### BRISTOL'S LAST WIN AT KINGSHOLM.

"W.B." writes : Having only just recovered from a "flu" attack, I was advised to remain indoors and was thus prevented [from] seeing this afternoon's contest between the old rivals. The result, it must be confessed, came as a pleasant surprise.

Gloucester's splendid recovery, after being two tries down so early in the game, was a remarkable achievement, and testified to the determination of the team despite the disorganised ranks. It was a bit of bad luck for Bristol to have Chantrill disabled and out of the field for such a long period, and the visitors were handicapped, too, with injuries to other players. But this is all in the game.

Bristol's last victory over Gloucester at Kingsholm was in season 1906, when they beat the City in a memorable County Cup final by 1 goal 1 try (8 points) to 1 try (3 points). Maurice Neale and A. Manning scored the tries for Bristol, and A. E. Wood for Gloucester. It was a surprise reverse for Gloucester, for in the two ordinary fixtures that season Bristol were beaten at Kingsholm by 1 goal 4 tries (17 points) to 2 tries (6 points), and at the County Ground by 1 goal (5 points) to 1 try (3 points).

The rival teams in the cup final referred to were :

Gloucester. – G. Romans; C. ("Whacker") Smith, E. Hall, J. Harrison, and A. Hudson; J. Stephens and A. E. Wood; W. Johns (capt.), A. Hawker, B. Parham, G. Matthews, G. Vears, H. Collins, W. Holder, and J. Merchant.

Bristol. – L. Cranfield; F. S. Scott, H. Shewring, M. Neale, and Gus Parkhouse; T. Lempriere and J. Larcombe; J. L. Mathias, T. Webb, E. Meyer, N. Moore, A. Manning, P. Downs, and G. Phelps.



## THE INJURY TO CHANTRILL.

### WILL NOT PREVENT HIM PLAYING AGAINST SCOTLAND.

On inquiry at the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary this afternoon we were informed that Chantrill's injury was of a minor character. He sustained a superficial wound above the right eye, which necessitated three stitches, and afterwards he left the Institution. It is the opinion of Dr. Davey, one of the resident staff who attended the International, that the wound should not prevent Chantrill from playing in the match against Scotland next Saturday.

## GLOUCESTER A DEFEATED AT BRISTOL.

### VISITORS' GOOD DEFENCE.

Play in the first half, at the Memorial Ground, Bristol, was chiefly in mid-field, but later Bristol proved more dangerous. Williams, however, defended finely for Gloucester at full back; but after Bristol had gone close on several occasions J. A. Tucker and E. P. Tucker crossed for Page to convert.

#### HALF-TIME :

Bristol A .....	2 goals
Gloucester A .....	Nil

Gloucester were on the defensive on the re-start, and E. Tucker soon worked his way over from a scrum on the line. Give-and-take play followed, but towards the end Bristol kept the defence busy. It was Gloucester, however, who got the last try from a passing movement, Loveridge going over with a try.

#### RESULT :

Bristol A .....	2 goals, 1 try (13 pts.)
Gloucester A .....	1 try (3 pts.)