

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1924.

FOOTBALL.

GUY'S HOSPITAL TOO GOOD FOR GLOUCESTER.

CITY BEATEN BY TWELVE POINTS.

THREE TRIES DOWN IN THE FIRST HALF.

Gloucester were engaged to-day at Honor Oak Park in the return match with Guy's Hospital. The City were minus the services of Collins (half-back), Voyce, Coulson and Hall (forwards) – a serious weakening of the ranks which did not give much hope that the visitors would prove good enough to win. The Hospital, who were beaten at Kingsholm in October by 6 points to 4, were strongly represented, Doherty and Bekker returning to the side.

Teams : –

## GLOUCESTER.

BACK : R. James.

THREE-QUARTERS : S. Brown, T. Millington (capt.), F. Meadows, and N. Daniell.

HALF-BACKS : G. Poole and E. Hughes.

FORWARDS : J. Hemmings, F. Ayliffe, S. Bayliss, H. Collier, J. Merry, P. Carter, A. Rea, and E. Triggs-Herbert.

## GUY'S HOSPITAL.

BACK : P. D. B. Spence.

THREE-QUARTERS : J. W. Finnemore, C. L. Steyn, H. Graham-Davies, and G. Fellowes-Smith.

HALF-BACKS : J. G. Van Schalkwijk and F. Bekker.

FORWARDS : W. D. Doherty, B. G. Schofield, N. M. Holloway, E. F. Fouraker, G. G. T. Tregarthen, De Wet Vorster, J. W. Schabort, and G. C. Cameron.

## THE GAME.

The weather was ideal, but the turf was very heavy. The City reached Paddington after nearly four hours' journey, and motored to the ground.

The game opened with a strong forward rush by Guy's, but James relieved, followed up, and almost collared Spence in possession. Schalkwijk came through with a dribble, but he was stopped within a few yards of the Gloucester line.

Several scrums followed near the Gloucester line, but eventually Hughes broke away to the 25 line. The Guy's forwards rushed again, but the Gloucester forwards packed well, and again danger was averted; but this was only for a moment, for a fine passing movement ended in STEYN scoring far out after eight minutes, Tregarthen failing with the place-kick.

From the re-start Gloucester rushed the ball into their opponents' territory, where, however, they were penalised for feet up. The free-kick did not bring relief, and a minute later Millington tried to place a goal from a kick for off-side, but the position was too difficult.

Gloucester then indulged in their first passing movement, Poole, Hughes, Millington and Brown taking part, but the final pass was forward. The subsequent play was of a very scrambling nature, generally in midfield, though once Graham Davies looked like breaking through when a Gloucester forward brought him down. Guy's gradually worked their way along the touch-line, and a movement which promised a score followed, but Finnemore failed to take his pass.

James almost let his side down when he mis-judged the ball, but recovered in time to clear; while Hughes followed with a clever run, but Guy's were playing the superior football, and the three-quarters took the ball to within a yard of the Gloucester line, and in a forward rush HOLLOWAY obtained a second unconverted try at the end of twenty minutes.

The Guy's forwards continued to gain possession in the scrums, and frequent attacks followed on the Gloucester line. The visitors were doing well in the loose, but from a line-out SCHOFIELD added a third unconverted try, Spence this time failing with the kick.

Though a number of scrums followed at the centre, Guy's continued attacking. Striving hard the Gloucester forwards fought well in the scrums, but still the opposing eight kept them penned in.

The visitors' three-quarters on several occasions endeavoured to combine, but defective passing spoiled their chances, and they seldom made more than a few yards, whereas when the Guy's backs were on the move they were difficult to stop.

As the interval approached several rushes by the Gloucester forwards threatened danger, but the Guy's backs went down to the ball, and a fine kick into touch by Steyn brought relief. The touch-finding of the home players was generally below that of their opponents. Gloucester so far had played like a disorganised team, and Guy's well deserved the lead of three tries to nothing which they held at the interval.

HALF-TIME SCORE :  
GUY'S HOSPITAL ..... 3 tries  
GLOUCESTER ..... Nil

Gloucester restarted well, and the ball coming out to Poole he passed to Hughes, who dropped the ball. This gave Guy's their chance, and they went away with a forward dribble, only to be pulled up near the 25 line.

The Gloucester halves opened up the game, and Millington effected a clever run, but his pass did not reach the player for whom it was intended. The Gloucester pack were now securing more frequent possession in the scrum, but Bekker frequently tackled Poole before he could get the ball away, and the advantage was nullified.

Several passing movements by the home threes were stopped by clever tackling, but the second half had only been in progress eleven minutes when STEYN sprinted over for the fourth unconverted try.

As the result of touch-finding, Gloucester worked their way down into their opponents' 25, and Brown was bowled into touch near the line in following a pick up.

Though Guy's could not get far away from their own line, their defensive tactics were countering their opponents' efforts to get through. Following a cross-kick by Millington, the Gloucester forwards wheeled the scrum, but could not force their way through.

Millington had a drop at goal which failed to rise, but with Spence knocking forward a scrum followed on the home line. From this the ball was got over the line, but a Guy's forward managed to fall on it first.

The home defence was now experiencing some difficulty in keeping out the rushes of the Gloucester forwards, but the visiting backs were still defective in their passing. On one occasion the ball did pass from wing to wing of the Gloucester line, but they scarcely gained more than half a dozen yards when Brown was tackled.

A series of exchanges followed between Millington and Spence, neither being able to find touch until a free kick against Gloucester for off-side ended the situation.

The ground had gradually grown worse as the game progressed, and it was almost impossible to identify the players. Line-out and scrum followed in succession with an occasional rush, but the play was very scrambling.

A sharp forward dribble by the visitors took place within a few yards of the Guy's line, where play was kept for some minutes, but only five-yards scrums resulted, though Millington was nearly through once.

A free-kick for off-side eventually relieved the pressure, but only for a moment, and Spence had to clear his lines twice in quick succession. The Guy's backs once more came into operation, and Finnemore was brought down, following a clever cut through by Steyn, when almost in.

James later stopped several dangerous rushes by the Guy's pack; while in contrast when the Gloucester threes tried to open up the game the opposing forwards were so speedily amongst them, and their tackling was so deadly, that the ball rarely travelled far.

Towards the end of the game Millington once got into a dangerous position in front of the Guy's posts, and appeared likely to drop a goal, but he was rapidly surrounded and smothered.

RESULT :

GUY'S HOSPITAL ... 4 tries (12 points)  
GLOUCESTER ..... Nil

REMARKS.

Gloucester deserved to do better than lose by four tries to nothing. In the second half they were undoubtedly the better side, their forwards being particularly good. The backs, however, could rarely get going, a weakness at half being noticeable. Millington was much the best of the threes.

GLOUCESTER A v. YORKLEY.

CITY SECONDS EASY WINNERS.

Yorkley visited Kingsholm this afternoon to oppose Gloucester A. There was a good attendance and the conditions were excellent.

The Seconds set up a keen attack from the kick-off, and after a strong forward burst there was a melee on the Yorkley line from which Webb opened the Gloucester score with a try which Williams failed to improve upon.

The Foresters were unable to free themselves, and after a smart movement by the Gloucester halves Crowther was put into possession, and with a fine dash scored wide out. The kick was too difficult for Williams.

At length the Yorkley men began to wake up, and after making to half-way set up a determined attack. Their forwards rushed to the home line, but the defence held. The visitors tried to kick a goal from half-way from a penalty, but without success, and Miller and Crowther changed the venue with a nice run. Gloucester A continued to test the Foresters' defence, which was again pierced by Crowther, who touched down in a loose burst with Manns in close attendance. Williams this time landed a good goal.

Loveridge was the next to score. He ran strongly, and skipping over James, the Yorkley full-back's hands when he tried to tackle, he touched down wide out. Fisher scored the next try, which Williams failed to convert. Miller was the next to score after a useful burst, Williams goaling.

HALF-TIME :

Gloucester A ..... 2 goals 4 tries  
Yorkley ..... Nil

Smart and Webb led off with a dribble to the Yorkley line on the resumption. The Foresters kept them out, but were penalised. Fisher tried a shot for goal, but the ball was charged down. The pace of the Seconds' backs had fallen off somewhat, but Yorkley were unable to work free and did little but defend.

They were successful in preventing further scoring for ten minutes, and then Hogg cut through and sent to Miller, who swerved through the opposition and scored in the corner. From practically on the touch line Williams landed one of the best goals seen at Kingsholm for a very long time.

With 27 points against them, Yorkley now came into the picture with a burst to the home quarter, but it was only a flash in the pan, and they were quickly placed on the defensive again. A nice bit of combination by Miller and Fisher led to another try by the wing man, Williams' kick being a failure.

On the restart the Foresters penetrated to the home 25, where they were awarded a penalty, but failed to goal from an easy position. Mansell added another try, which Williams did not improve upon.

RESULT :

Gloucester A ... 3 goals 6 tries (33 points)  
Yorkley ..... Nil

REMARKS.

Yorkley proved to be a poor test for the City Seconds, who took charge of the game from the start, and with the exception of two or three rushes when Yorkley reached their 25, they kept them defending desperately. The only man of the Yorkley side who appeared to be really useful was B. James, the full back, who did well considering the weak defence of his team.

The home three-quarters and Hogg had a field day, all playing with dash and good judgment. Williams was safe at full back. His goal-kicking was fair as a whole; but his one goal from the touch-line was a beauty.