

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1922.

## FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER'S GREAT TRIUMPH.

FAMOUS GUY'S TEAM ECLIPSED.

BEATEN BY SIXTEEN POINTS.

The visit of the famous Guy's Hospital team provided one of the most attractive fixtures at Kingsholm, and with the gorgeous summer-like weather prevailing the attendance was easily a record for the season. The Hospital came with an unbeaten record – five successive victories – and Gloucester's only reverse was against Cross Keys. The records of the two teams prior to the meeting were interesting : –

|            |     | Points |    |    |    |      |       |
|------------|-----|--------|----|----|----|------|-------|
|            |     | P.     | W. | L. | D. | For. | Agst. |
| Gloucester | ... | 7      | 6  | 1  | 0  | 81   | 34    |
| Guy's      | ... | 5      | 5  | 0  | 0  | 112  | 9     |

The rival teams had contested on four previous occasions, Gloucester winning both games at home, and the Hospital returning the compliment at Honor Oak. Guy's were regarded as the best club side in England last season, and their opening performances suggested that the combination (largely composed of South African players) was as strong as ever. The students were without their captain and crack centre (Albertijn) and two forwards (Duncan and Harvey) this afternoon; but Gloucester were also handicapped in having Holford and Dix unfit, and Harris indisposed. Gough again deputised at scrum half, and Coulson (of the Reserves) filled the vacancy in the pack. Otherwise the teams were as announced.

## GLOUCESTER.

BACK : J. C. Collett.

THREE-QUARTERS : N. Daniell, S. A. Brown, F. Meadows, and S. R. Crowther.

HALF-BACKS : T. Gough and T. Millington.

FORWARDS : F. W. Ayliffe (capt.), T. Voyce, Major Roderick, M. Evans, S. Bayliss, S. Smart, A. Hall, and T. Coulson.

## GUYS HOSPITAL.

BACK : S. H. Daneel.

THREE-QUARTERS : G. R. Mostert, J. G. van Schalkwijk, C. L. Steyn, and A. Hirschberg.

HALF-BACKS : F. W. Bekker and E. L. Sprong.

FORWARDS : W. D. Doherty, W. H. Taylor, E. Nesor, F. G. Hutchinson, B. G. Scholefield, J. Biddle, A. Zoudagh, and N. M. Holloway.

Referee : Mr. J. Pippin (Somerset Union).

## THE GAME.

The ground was in splendid condition, and everything favoured a fast and open game. The Gloucester captain won the toss, and Guy's kicked off against the powerful sun. The return went to touch, and a series of lines-out followed near the centre. Twice the visitors got the ball away, but the passing was fumbled, though Steyn recovered and got in a short punt to Gough, who returned, but off-side caused a penalty to be given against the City.

Immediately after the Hospital were penalised for a scrum infringement, Collett finding touch in good style. Some clever play followed at midfield until the Guy's backs broke away. Steyn cut through smartly and secured a nice opening, but his pass was spoiled, and Brown gathering sent to touch. Evans was prominent with a sharp dash, but threw forward and Gloucester were checked.

A clever run by Mostert, who shook off a couple of opponents cleverly, gave the City some trouble, but Brown secured and punted high. Daniell raced up and prevented a return, but a good kick gave Guy's a position at the centre.

The Gloucester forwards breaking up quickly rushed away, and Voyce pulled Daneel down in possession, giving Gloucester a good position just outside the 25 line. Here Gough passed out to Millington, who dropped for goal but missed, a minor only resulting.

Voyce was pushed over in fielding the drop-out, and the Guy's forwards dribbled ahead, only to see Collett turn the ball to touch. A strenuous struggle was fought out between the forwards, ending in Gloucester rushing their opponents for a dozen yards or so. Working well together Gloucester asserted superiority, and Millington was prominent with a beautiful cut through and pass to Meadows. The centre, however, was collared from behind and threw forward.

Immediately after Millington made another grand opening, beating his men in fine style. Twelve yards from the line he let the ball go, and Hall picking up forced himself over the line with a splendid try amidst great enthusiasm. Millington added the goal points, at which there was a further demonstration of delight.

Guy's restarted, the ball going to Ayliffe, who ran across and punted to touch. Fast and exciting play ensued at midfield, where Schalkwijk stopped the Gloucester forwards with a clean pick up and punt to touch. Gough was twice in evidence with smart bits of work, and then Brown and Daniell, following up keenly, tackled Daneel in possession. The City looked like clearing, but the visitors saved the situation with a relief kick.

Gloucester pressed heavily, but close tackling prevented an opening. Inside their 25 the Hospital backs opened out, and Steyn dashed through at a great pace. Facing Collett he essayed the dummy, but it did not come off, and the South African was pulled down.

Heeling by the City forwards saw Gough open out, but Brown missed Millington's pass. Guy's worked back with dashing forward play and good kicking, but the Gloucester backs being put in possession there was a series of exchanges which left the ball with Daniell. The wing man cross-kicked, but the ball was secured by an opponent, who, however, was at once tackled.

The City went very close after this, and Guy's were forced to defend. Millington, gathering the ball from the ground, made a heroic effort to break through, but he was held by a couple of opponents when looking dangerous. Gloucester still kept up the pressure, but eventually off-side enabled the Hospital to clear.

Their advance to the home half, however, was only temporary, for Gloucester at once worked back. Here Millington made another lovely opening, and raced up to the full back with Crowther in attendance. The latter had only to take the ball to run over the line and behind the posts, but he unaccountably missed and there was a groan of disappointment all round the ground. Gloucester struggled hard to make up for this mistake, but a wide pass out by Brown was taken by Steyn, who ran and passed to Hirschberg, but the latter knocked on.

Gloucester were getting the ball nicely in the scrums, and Gough was more than holding his own with Bekker. Some loose play, however, favoured Guy's, and Schalkwijk and Mostert ran down to Collett, but the City custodian robbed them of the ball and dashed through to clear nicely.

The game was fiercely contested, with Gloucester playing in brilliant style. Daniell was to the fore with a great run on the right, but he just failed to beat Daneel. The effort, however, led to a desperate attack on the Guy's line, and the City just missed a couple of scores. Keeping it up Gloucester maintained their advantage, and Millington throwing out a wide pass to Daniell the wing man gathered on the bounce, and with a wonderful dash beat the opposition and scored in the corner. Millington's shot for goal fell short.

Eight points up was good for Gloucester, and the City thoroughly merited the lead. Guy's restarted, but soon afterwards the interval was called.

HALF-TIME SCORE :  
GLOUCESTER ..... 1 goal, 1 try  
GUY'S ..... Nil

The first half had produced some fine football, in which Gloucester had had distinctly the best of it. All round the City had shown fine form, and the two tries scored scarcely did justice to the advantage they held.

Gloucester restarted, and the first item of incident was a solo effort by Gough, who slipped away from the scrum and went clean up the field. Nearing Daneel he essayed a pass out to the left, but there was no Gloucester player up and a fine opening went astray.

Just after the Gloucester backs shone in a brilliant movement, initiated by Millington. Brown raced hard and passed to Daniell, but the latter failed to accept. Brown, however, recovered and tried a burst through but could not succeed. From the ensuing scrum, however, the ball came to Millington, who picked up and was over the line in a trice. The same player converted, and Gloucester held the substantial lead of 13 points – a fine achievement, and one the crowd were not slow to appreciate.

Voyce received from the restart, and though tackled held his own in the scramble which ensued. The City were outplaying their opponents forward, and all round the City were doing finely.

Sid Brown came into the picture with a smart bit of play, punting high and getting up on Daneel before the visiting custodian could do anything. Good kicking by Guy's enabled them to hold their own for a time, but in general play the advantage still rested with the City. Forward it was a keen struggle, and the tackling on both sides was immense.

Gloucester getting a little slack, Guy's increased their efforts, and one splendid bit of combination, in which forwards and backs took part, looked likely for a score, but the final participant dropped the ball, and the Gloucester line escaped.

Millington eased the pressure with a useful touch kick, and then the home forwards, with clever footwork, were not stopped until well out of danger. Another timely touch-finder put Gloucester further down, but a risky pass by Voyce was snapped up by a visitor, who started a bout of passing, which left the ball with Hirschberg. The latter cross-kicked, but Gough got back and effected a good clearance.

Guy's went strong after this, but the passing was too methodical, and nothing resulted. Coulson was responsible for an advance by the home men, which was not stopped until 30 yards had been covered. The Hospital got back with kicking, but Hall led the City backs in a fine sustained rush. Picking up, Hall dashed on and passed to Daniell, who, however, was brought down. Just previously Daneel had only just cleared from a lofty punt by Ayliffe.

Gloucester were now in a good attacking position, but the Guy's kicking again came in useful when things looked bad for the side. Gough, with a tricky effort, put Gloucester close, and Brown and Daniell made a determined effort to beat the defence. But a lofty pass to the wing man went to touch.

For the next few minutes play was wholly with the forwards, play being fought out inside the Hospital 25. Gough was laid out for a short period, but he returned, and soon after the City had a possible chance, but the defence proved too sound. At length Guy's got out of danger with kicking, but Gloucester never allowed them to pass the centre. From a high cross punt by Brown, Gloucester once looked like breaking through, but only a minor resulted.

To the end Gloucester maintained their advantage, and right on time clever combination between Gough, Millington and Brown ended in the centre scoring a fine try, which Millington failed to convert.

RESULT :  
GLOUCESTER .... 2 goals, 2 tries (16 pts.)  
GUY'S HOSPITAL ..... Nil

#### REMARKS.

A great and glorious triumph for the City ! Guy's came with a wonderful reputation, and with all their South African stars with the exception of Albertijn; but the team went down badly before a combination superior at all points. Gloucester played football to-day of the best class – the attacks were incisive and well-conceived, and the defence equal to all and every occasion. Yet, with the tackling so deadly and hard on both sides, the game was contested in a spirit that left no bad feeling – Rugby at its very best.

Sixteen points to nil must represent one of the severest defeats sustained by Guy's for a long time; but no one could cavil at Gloucester's pronounced win. The City all round was in a winning mood. The whole fifteen were out for a great occasion; and how magnificently the players asserted themselves is manifest in the score-sheet. Will our London Press friends now recognise Gloucester can play football ? I wonder !

Guy's are recognised as possessing a great pack of forwards, but the Hospital Students could not cope with the dash, vigour and cleverness of the City eight this afternoon. In the scrums the Gloucester men held a distinct advantage, and it was pleasing to see the smart way they got possession and heeled. But in other departments the City front were equally good. Some of the best dribbling I have seen for a long time was given by Ayliffe and his colleagues, and but for some sterling saving by the visitors the defence would almost certain have given way.

It was dashing football, and to the whole pack high praise is due. All were distinguished at one time or another, but I should like to pay tribute to Hall's splendid work in the lines-out and his effective tackling, which was a marked feature and as good as anything he has ever done.

It was generally expected Gough would be outshone by such an experienced scrum half as Bekker, but the Gloucestrian surprised everyone with a display which was easily the best he has ever given for the premier team. At the heels of the forwards Gough gave little away; he marked Bekker with conspicuous success, and now and again he broke away on his own in characteristic style. His understanding with Millington, too, showed a vast improvement, and the result : Millington accomplished work this afternoon good enough for anything.

At times the vice-captain was positively brilliant with his cuts through, and besides scoring one try himself he had a share in the obtaining of the three other tries. That represented his work in attack; in defence Millington was none the less prominent, and his beautifully-judged kicks to touch not only rested his forwards, but often staved off threatened danger. Millington rarely gets an off-day; this afternoon he touched International form, and if any of the Selectionists had been at the match he must have received a number of good marks.

There was plenty of open play by both teams to-day, and for soundness and general effectiveness the Gloucester backs were the more successful. The City quartette combined in some clever movements, and if one or two transfers went astray there was possibly some excuse in the excitement of the moment. Brown and Meadows in the centre were ever on the alert both in attack and defence, and for the most part they did not give the opposition much room to manoeuvre. Daniell was the more conspicuous of the wings. He put in several fine dashes, whilst he tackled with more certainty. Crowther held his own with Hirschberg, and made few mistakes. He was probably the most disappointed man on the field when he missed that sitter in the first half from Millington.

Collett was not so good this afternoon, the sun's rays appearing to bother him in the second half in judging the flight of the ball. Still he made no serious error, and he certainly pleased the crowd when he refused to take the "dummy" from Steyn and upset his man. Daneel was useful without being brilliant for Guy's.



Guy's did not prove the dangerous attacking force I saw at Honor Oak last March. For one thing Bekker and Sprong did not have such an easy time at half-back, and, again, the Gloucester team was a far different proposition in all departments. The Hospital front imparted plenty of vigour into their play, but they lacked the cleverness of their opponents, and certainly were not in such condition as the home men. This fact was in evidence in the last ten minutes, when Gloucester were rarely out of the Londoners' 25.

The Hospital backs had sufficient opportunities of doing something, but too often the passing was done standing still, and was easily checked. Occasionally Steyn burst through on his own, but only once did the sprinter give really serious trouble. Schalkwijk did some fine kicking, which materially helped his side, but generally speaking the visitors were rather disappointing behind.

This was Gloucester's third victory over the Hospital, and the biggest and best.

Next week : Cardiff, at Cardiff. Another great tussle.

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#### GLOUCESTER A v. BREAM.

#### CITY RESERVES BADLY BEATEN.

At Bream, in fine weather, before a fair crowd. Bream kicked off, and from the first scrum started passing, Meek kicking into James's hands. He failed to hold the ball, and Stone gathered and raced over, but was called back.

Gloucester got relief by a touchdown, and from the kick Jenkins gathered and romped over, but lost possession. Bream were having all the play, and a good dribble by Birt over the line was just touched down in time by Gloucester.

Bream next started passing, but a knock on spoiled a good chance. Gloucester were penalised, and Yorke kicked a good goal.

From the restart the Bream backs got going, and Sam Stone crossed with a beautiful try, Yorke converting.

Bream were all over the visitors, and Stone after running half the length of the field grounded on the line. From the next scrum the Bream backs got going, and a good run by Stone sent Wasley over in the corner, York failing with the kick.

HALF-TIME SCORE :

Bream ..... 2 goals (1p) 1 try  
Gloucester A ..... Nil

Gloucester re-started, and from the first line out Robbins started a good round of passing, only to see Stone pulled down on the line. Bream were having the best of matters and kept Gloucester on the defensive, only to be driven back by a good kick by James. From a fine burst by Preece, who set the home backs going, Sam Stone went over in the corner with a good try, but Yorke failed with the kick.

From the kick-out Meek, getting possession, made a mark and kicked another good goal for Bream. Bream were warming things up, and Wasley got knocked out in making a dash for the corner.

RESULT :

Bream ... 3 goals (1p 1m) 2 tries (17 pts.)  
Gloucester A ..... Nil