

THE CITIZEN

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1923.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER v. LYDNEY.

RECORD CROWD WITNESS FREE-SCORING GAME.

DISORGANISED CITY TEAM VICTORS BY FOUR POINTS.

For their return fixture at Lydney, Gloucester experienced great difficulty in getting a side together, and only a remnant of the regular forward division was available. Ayliffe's injured ankle prevented his playing, and other forwards unable to make the journey were Voyce, Bayliss, Smart, Evans, Collier, and Rea. In addition Hughes and Daniell were absentees from behind the scrummage, and James also had to cry off. Fortunately J. C. Collett returned from London at mid-day, and needless to say on his reporting his arrival his services were promptly requisitioned.

The visit of the City team to the Forest always creates exceptional interest. and in Lydney the match had been looked forward to for weeks' past. It was a great pity Gloucester could not command their full strength, but the circumstances could not be avoided.

GLOUCESTER.

BACK : J. C. Collett.

THREE-QUARTERS : S. Brown, T. Millington (capt.), S. Stone, and R. N. Loveridge.

HALF-BACKS : W. Collins, and C. A. Watkins.

FORWARDS : G. Holford, A. Hall, T. Coulson, Owner, Harding, Merry, Carpenter, and Manns.

THE GAME.

A record crowd assembled to watch the game. The City were first to attack, Hall securing from a line-out and feeding Millington, but the final transfer to Brown was forward, and a good scoring chance was lost.

The home forwards dribbled [to] half-way, and Stone effected a good clearance. The City backs passed well, but the Lydney defence was equal to the occasion.

Fletcher and Hughes placed Lydney on the attack, and Manns fumbled, but luckily was covered by Collett, who saved right on the line.

The Lydney backs then passed finely, but holding too long spoilt two good chances. The homesters, however, were not to be denied, and Fletcher beat the defence and scored a good try, which Kerwood converted.

The Timplaters were playing splendidly, and Watts scored again, the kick failing.

Gloucester then attacked, and Stone cut out a good opening for Brown, who scored a try, but the kick at goal failed.

The game became very fast and even. Then Gloucester attacked through good footwork, causing Lydney to defend. The ball was well handled by the City backs, and Stone again did well in the centre and passed at the right moment to Collett, who scored an unconverted try.

The Lydney backs passed, but Stone intercepted, and although overtaken by Kerwood he rolled over with a try, the kick at goal again failing.

Collett added a further unconverted try for Gloucester.

HALF-TIME SCORE :
GLOUCESTER 4 tries
LYDNEY 1 goal, 1 try

In the second half Remnant, the home back, who had been off injured for ten minutes, pluckily resumed. Collins was early prominent by giving the "dummy," but Kerwood saved.

The City forwards were good in the loose and caused Lydney to defend, which they did well. Good play by Biddle relieved to half-way, and from fine footwork Davies was almost over. The City were pressed right on their line, and Kerwood was just held in time by Manns. The City forwards again came to the rescue and dribbled to half-way.

From a scrum on the Lydney line Collins passed to Watkins, who dropped a good goal.

Lydney were playing well, and the forwards dribbled to the City end, and the ball was well handled. Davies passed to Biddle, who dropped a fine goal.

Millington missed two good passes, and the Tinplaters benefiting thereby came near to the City line. Hall relieved by a good kick.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER 1 goal (d), 4 tries (16 pts.)

LYDNEY 2 goals (1d), 1 try (12 pts.)