

**THE CITIZEN**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1923**

FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER'S LAST MATCH.

CROSS KEYS WINNERS BY FOUR POINTS.

GOOD TRY BY SID BROWN.

Gloucester were engaged in the concluding match of the season to-day when they appeared at Cross Keys for the return fixture. The Monmouthshire Club have enjoyed another very successful season, and when at Kingsholm in September, they beat the City team by 16 points to 3, this being one of the heaviest reverses sustained by Gloucester at home for a number of years.

Gloucester were unable to command a full side to-day; the absentees including Collett, Smart, Voyce, Evans, and Collier. James played full back, with Millington taking up the centre three-quarter position again.

Teams : –

GLOUCESTER.

BACK : R. H. James.

THREE-QUARTERS : S. Brown, T. Millington, S. Stone, and N. Daniell.

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

FORWARDS : F. Ayliffe (capt.), G. Holford, A. Hall, T. Coulson, S. Bayliss, A. Rea, J. Owner, and F. Mansell.

CROSS KEYS.

BACK : R. Lyons.

THREE-QUARTERS : T. Benson, O. Hicks, B. Lorrimore, and D. Williams.

HALF-BACKS : F. Reeves and Martin.

FORWARDS : T. H. Evans, S. Winmill, Bennett, Richards, Pettiford, Hicks, Phillips, and Blakemore.

Referee : Mr. F. Salvage (Welsh Union).

## THE GAME.

Gloucester started against a fair wind, with the sun at their backs. The first exchange favoured the visitors who rushed away, and a good passing bout immediately afterwards looked dangerous for the homesters. Daniell, however, failed to take a high transfer, and Lyons kicked away to touch, which was further improved by Williams putting in a great kick, which left Cross Keys on the attack.

A good passing movement was checked by O. Hicks spoiling when he had a couple of men clear, and the homesters were again subsequently pulled up by a forward transfer. After further movements had broken down, Martin, receiving from Reeves, made a perfect opening. Hicks made no mistake, and giving a nice pass to Benson, the wing scored a fine try in the corner. Hicks failed to convert.

Gloucester paid a brief visit to the homesters' territory. Afterwards Cross Keys used the wind to good advantage, and Gloucester had to defend again. Stone broke through in good style, and kicked well up the field. From a further punt on Millington just failed to gather with a good opening.

Daniell obtained possession but was promptly bowled over. Lyons again brought relief with a couple of fine kicks, which left play right on the Gloucester line, but the home team could not press home their attack. Their play about this time was very ragged. Then Gloucester used their feet in promising style, until Lyons checked them with a good pick up and kick to touch.

In further play Stone made a clever opening, which he spoiled by holding on too long. Winmill and T. Evans brought off a fine passing movement which left play near the visitors' line, but again Stone intercepted cleverly and raised the siege for a time. Reeves, however, kicked finely to touch and put the visitors again on the defence, and a good move by Martin was again checked by a knock-on.

Martin again made an excellent opening and Benson went over, but he had infringed the touch. A moment later Lorrimore made a fine opening, but again a knock-on spoiled the movement. After a further attack H. Bennett scored wide, the place kick failing.

HALF-TIME SCORE :  
CROSS KEYS ..... 2 tries  
GLOUCESTER ..... Nil

Cross Keys restarted and Gloucester returned to the open, and Reeves kicked to touch in the Gloucester quarter. Then the visitors started a good round of passing, but Brown knocked on. Play remained at half-way for a time. Then Daniell intercepted a pass and raced away, but when faced by Lyons he punted, and Benson raced back, picked up, and kicked to touch.

In subsequent play Winmill broke away in brilliant style and started a fine passing movement, but again a forward transfer robbed the home team of a score. Gloucester worked down by clever footwork and neat use of the touch-line, and when play was at mid-field one of their forwards snapped up a low pass from Reeves and ran strongly, but Lyons brought him down with a grand tackle, and when the ball went loose Benson and Hicks kicked down the field.

The home forwards started a grand rush from half-way, and worked the ball to the left and then to the right for P. Evans to score in the corner. The kick again failed.

Immediately on the restart Gloucester passed in fine style, and Millington sent in Brown with a great try, which the former converted.

Both sides played in earnest fashion afterwards, neither having the ascendancy until Morton ran practically through the whole of the visitors' side, only to be tackled from behind.

Millington gained relief for his side with a good touch-finder, and a few minutes later Cross Keys were penalised, and Millington tried for a goal from beyond half-way, but failed.

RESULT :

CROSS KEYS ..... 3 tries (9 points)

GLOUCESTER ..... 1 goal (5 points)

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