

## THE CITIZEN

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1923.

FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER v. CLIFTON.

CITY WIN COMFORTABLY.

Clifton appeared at Kingsholm on Thursday for the one and only fixture with the City this season. Gloucester paid the visitors the compliment of putting a strong team in the field – Stone was the only absentee – but the visitors had to call on several reserves.

A fairly large crowd witnessed the game, which, though one-sided, provided some fast and interesting football at times. Gloucester were immeasurably superior and were continually on the attack; but the handling was very uncertain, and numerous openings were thrown away in consequence. Clifton played pluckily throughout, and their tackling was especially good; whilst Hatcher and Wheatland, the respective wings, made several capital runs.

In the first half Gloucester did not open their account for twenty minutes, and then tries followed in quick succession by Coulson, Brown (2) and Clements. Neither was converted, *[sic]* Voyce failing with three kicks and Collett one.

Changing over the City continued to monopolise the game; but though some clever movements were initiated by Hughes, they all failed to materialise. Once or twice Clifton broke away and seemed likely to score, but nothing resulted. Eventually Voyce scored twice, and Collins also crossed. Collett and Ayliffe failed with the kicks at goal from the first two tries, but Holford being called upon for the next attempt, the old International successfully added the extra points amidst applause.

Clifton played pluckily to the end and, just before the finish, had an easy shot at goal from a penalty. Two kicks were allowed owing to a Gloucester player moving off the mark, but neither was successful.

RESULT :

Gloucester ... 1 goal, 5 tries (23 points)  
Clifton ..... Nil

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