

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1923.

FOOTBALL.

CITY'S MID-WEEK VICTORY OVER CLIFTON.

FROM W.B.'S NOTEBOOK.

The mid-week evening match with Clifton at Kingsholm on Thursday provided the City team with a useful addition of points (23), but this aggregate would have been appreciably added to with decent place-kicking, only one out of seven tries scored being converted !

The successful goal-kicker was George Holford, and the old International's achievement got the biggest cheer of the afternoon. And Holford appeared not a little pleased with himself on his success, as well he might after so many failures !

Gloucester had the game in safe keeping from the start, but the City sandwiched between some clever play a lot of fumbling, and quite half a dozen scores were thrown away by faulty handling. Clifton were by no means strongly represented, but they had one or two fast men in their ranks, and the tackling was very effective.

Owing to the funeral of his father, C. Watkins (Gloucester Thursday and old Stroud captain) could not accept the invitation to appear for the City, and a trial was given to W. Clements, Gloucester A and formerly of St. Mark's. Clements opened rather shakily, dropping his passes badly, but later he shaped with more confidence, and he scored a pretty try after selling the "dummy." Clements is rather slow starting, but his play generally was promising, and he should be encouraged. Collins and Hughes displayed good combination at half-back, and they worked the inside pass very prettily at times. Hughes, too, shone with some clever runs, beating the defence cheaply.

Of the seven tries scored, Sid Brown and Tom Voyce were credited with two each. One effort of Brown's was from half-way. He was hotly chased by Hatcher, but kept his lead and scored behind the posts. Voyce, too, crossed after one dashing run of 40 yards. An opponent, who had cut across, attempted a tackle, but he was handed off in fine style by the International. Voyce's second try came from a cross-kick over the line. Coulson and Collins were the other try-getters.

Clifton have had a good season, but the weakened side they had at Kingsholm were outplayed. Waters, their clever scrum half, and who was reserve for the county, has not played since his injury at Cheltenham, and F. M. Arkle's absence on Thursday was severely felt.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER ..... 23 Pts.  
CLIFTON ..... Nil