

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1923.

SCHOOLBOYS' INTERNATIONAL.

ENGLAND v WALES, AT BRISTOL.

HEAVY DEFEAT FOR ENGLISH BOYS.

The annual Rugby International between the schoolboys of England and Wales was played at the Memorial Ground, Bristol. Gloucester supplied one boy to the English team in F. Meadows (half-back).

## ENGLAND.

BACK : R. W. Powell (Bristol).

THREE-QUARTERS : A. Borlace (Plymouth), S. Blake (Coventry), J. Raven (Leicester, capt.), and C. E. Timson (Leicester).

HALVES : J. G. Giles (Coventry) and F. Meadows (Gloucester).

FORWARDS : A. Stevens (Plymouth), E. Curry (Plymouth), F. J. Williams (Bristol), H. T. Trickett (Coventry), A. J. Rowley (Coventry), L. R. Harris (Leicester), F. Hollister (Bristol), and J. W. McCreadie (Rugby).

## WALES.

BACK : W. Taylor (Port Talbot).

THREE-QUARTERS : Beynon (Neath), Beaven (Neath), Matthews (Swansea), and Walters (Neath).

HALF-BACKS : E. Foots (Mountain Ash, capt.), and Taylor (Tredegar).

FORWARDS : O. J. Butler (Abertillery), Bates (Neath), A. G. J. Pearce (Newport), Bird (Llanelly), Courtenay (Pontypool), Grace (Abercarn), B. G. Tanner (Cwmbran), and E. Wakely (Abertillery).

Referee : Commander W. M. Fox (Ireland).

There were 10,000 spectators. The Lord Mayor kicked off for England, a scrum being formed at the centre. Within five minutes of the start Beynon crossed for Wales with an unconverted try. Wales added to their score after some clever play, Matthews crossing under the posts for Bates to convert. Wales continued to press, and A. Tanner crossed with another try. The visitors were playing clever football, and were by far the better team. Meadows put in some excellent work for England, both in attack and defence, but the Welsh boys scored again through Beynon, and Pearce literally threw himself over a little later. Bates added the extra points.

HALF-TIME SCORE :  
Wales ..... 2 goals, 3 tries  
England ..... Nil

Bates restarted for Wales, and at once carried play into England's territory, where Matthews intercepted and scored. Bates' kick struck the post and rebounded into play. The visitors continued to have the best of the play, Matthews, of Swansea, being very prominent, and also Beynon, who completed his "hat trick" for the afternoon.

Meadows, of Gloucester, made desperate efforts to stem the tide, but without success. From a cross-kick Beynon took the ball and swerving past Powell scored under the posts, Bates having no difficulty in converting. Play continued in favour of Wales, and Meadows gained applause for a tricky run and kick. Bates finished the scoring and Foot added the extra points. Time was called with Wales pressing.

RESULT :  
WALES ..... 4 goals 5 tries (35 pts.)  
ENGLAND ..... Nil