

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1930.

GLOUCESTER 27 Pts., U.C.S. OLD BOYS 5 Pts.

FREE SCORING AT KINGSHOLM.

MEADOWS' CLEVER DISPLAY.

FINE GOAL KICKING BY BOUGHTON.

SPECIAL BY "W.B."

The University College School Old Boys (London) opened the holiday programme at Kingsholm this afternoon, but the bitterly cold weather, and more rain, was all against a big attendance. The Old Boys played Gloucester last season, but were outclassed and defeated by 5 goals and 4 tries (35 points) to nil.

Gloucester were short of McCanlis. Crichton-Miller, Hemming, and Davies. Bendall was also unable to play, but he will be available for Monday and Tuesday.

The visitors had to make several alterations in the selected team. The attendance was the poorest of the season for a First team match.

Teams : –

GLOUCESTER.

BACK : H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS : Roy James, L. Abbey, R. L. Baker, and A. Hough.

HALF-BACKS : D. Meadows and F. Price.

FORWARDS : L. E. Saxby (capt.), A. Carpenter, F. Wadley, E. Comley, G. Foulkes, F. Russell, T. Hiam, and K. Smith.

U.C.S. OLD BOYS.

BACK : R. Hunt-Cooke.

THREE-QUARTERS : N. T. Ringdahl, R. A. Amlot, H. T. Hewitt, and F. Weston.

HALF-BACKS : G. Mackenzie and R. Chicken.

FORWARDS : A. Millard, D. A. Kelly, M. Knapp, C. T. Every, H. L. Wilsdon, H. G. Loxdale, E. Almenrader, and E. W. Parker.

Referee : Mr. A. E. Richardson.

THE GAME.

The Old Boys started, and opening play was at the centre after exchange kicking. Gloucester early tried to open out, but the handling was faulty, and little ground was gained. The wind caused the ball to do all sorts of tricks, and the players found it difficult to retain a hold.

Play was very scrappy, but fast and keen following up by the visitors, coupled with good tackling, kept the City attacks in subjection. Baker and James were prominent with capital runs, and Saxby came through with a long dribble, but nothing definite resulted.

Gloucester kept play moving, and tried hard to find an opening, but without success, the centres being pulled down before being able to gain an opening. James, with a brilliant dodging run, looked likely to clear, but he was checked on the 25. The City, however, went very close, and the ball coming out to BAKER he dropped a neat goal.

OLD BOYS TAKE THE LEAD.

The Old Boys restarted, and Boughton gathering, came along and started a bout of passing. Meadows and Abbey handled, and the latter cut through and passed to Baker, who fed James, but the defence held out. Gloucester were doing all the attacking, but there was no finish.

From off their own goal line the Old Boys broke away on the left, but Hough effected a sound tackle. At the centre a pass was intercepted by Hewitt, who ran to Boughton and passed to WILSON, for the latter to race home near the posts. McKenzie converted, and the Old Boys unexpectedly took the lead.

GLOUCESTER'S POOR FORM.

Gloucester restated with vigour, but a long kick to Boughton saw the City custodian fumble and lose the ball. A visiting forward kicked over the line, but Comley ran back and touched down – a lucky escape for Gloucester. The City were showing poor form, passing badly and making numerous mistakes in handling. The Old Boys took full advantage and again the line was in danger. Boughton eventually conceded a minor.

A strong run by Wadley put Gloucester well down, and a little later Hough, from a pass by Abbey, made a splendid run down touch. He was partly checked by the full-back but got up and went on, only to succumb to numbers.

MEADOWS' FINE WORK.

The game was very open, but the standard of football was moderate except for the keen marking and tackling of the visitors. Gloucester had several chances, but failed to utilise them, until Meadows short-punted, and following up re-gathered. He went strongly for the line, but being collared just outside he gave BAKER possession for the latter to score behind the posts. Boughton added the goal points, and the tally was 9-5.

On the restart, the Old Boys gained a footing in the City half, but good kicking sent them back. McKenzie tricked the defence cleverly and went right through to Boughton, but there was no one up in support, and a fine scoring chance was lost. A penalty to Gloucester regained the ground, and play settled in the Londoners' end.

Hunt-Cooke, the Old Boys' full-back injured his shoulder in a tackle, and had to retire. With a man short the visitors played up pluckily, but were penalised, Boughton attempting a shot for goal from half-way. His effort, however, was not successful.

HALF-TIME :
GLOUCESTER 2 goals (1d.)
U.C.S. OLD BOYS 1 goal

GLOUCESTER MOVE AHEAD.

Gloucester set up strong attacks on the resumption, but the defence was excellent. The City were again sadly at fault, and mistakes allowed the visitors to clear. In turn the Old Boys showed clever tactics, aided by some woefully weak tackling by the home players. Meadows, with a beautiful breakaway, reached the full-back, when he passed, but the try was averted.

Several sharp attacks followed by Gloucester, but no success met their efforts until Meadows burst away, and fed BAKER, who scored behind the posts for Boughton to convert.

Gloucester continued to have most of the play, and on the restart Abbey shone in a splendid run through, ending in his transferring to JAMES, who sprinted over and scored in a favourable position for Boughton to again add the goal points.

There was some smart back play on both sides on the resumption, but Gloucester had by far the most chances. The ball came pretty regularly from the home forwards and Price and Meadows started numerous rounds of passing, but all did not go kindly, though promising well at the outset. The football had the holiday spirit and Gloucester took risks in throwing the ball about they would not have attempted against better-known rivals.

Gloucester added to their lead shortly afterwards through ABBEY, who had a gift of a try after clever work by Meadows and James. Boughton landed his fourth goal.

MORE POINTS FOR THE CITY.

Boughton put Gloucester in a good position from the restart, and Meadows led a fine dribble which the forwards took up. The Old Blues, however, saved a dangerous movement, and were helped in relieving the pressure with a penalty kick. The City at once returned, only a slightly forward pass from Meadows to Abbey robbing the centre of a probable try.

Gloucester continued on the attack, but an interception gave a visitor an opening, and the City were pressed on their 25. Gloucester quickly came away, and Meadows opening out beautifully to Baker, the latter brought off a strong run and pass to Abbey. The latter yielded to HOUGH, who dashed over in the corner. Boughton missed the goal points by inches – a grand kick from near the touch-line.

Rain now fell and made things more difficult for the players. The Old Boys kept going pluckily, but they were clearly outclassed on the ball.

The City kept up continual pressure, and James was only stopped by grand tackles close in. After two or three other narrow escapes, the Old Boys broke away, and might have had a chance with a bit of luck. The Gloucester defence, however, was too good.

It was Meadows who shifted the venue of play. The outside-half made a fine opening, side-stepping cleverly, but the movement broke down when he passed. The end arrived soon afterwards,

RESULT :

GLO'STER 5 gls (1d.) 1 try (27 pts.)
U.C.S. OLD BOYS 1 goal (5 pts.)

REMARKS.

As a team the Old Boys were outplayed, but they gave a plucky display against odds, for all through the second half they were a man short.

The feature of the game, which had a decided end-of-the-season about it, was the display of Meadows, who was wonderfully effective in attack and was mainly concerned in all the tries scored. Price gave his partner a good service and the scrum worker was greatly indebted to the forwards for the way in which they practically monopolised the ball in the scrums.

Boughton added appreciably to his goal points with four conversions in five attempts, and the one missed was, perhaps, the best kick of the match.

The Old Boys had one or two good individual players in their ranks, but they were overweighted forward, and the few attacks they originated came from the loose, or mistakes by home players.

The tackling of the visitors was exceptionally good, and in the closing stages of the second half they staved off disaster on several occasions by their close marking.

Next week : Monday, v. London Welsh at Kingsholm; Thursday, v. Lydney, at Lydney; Saturday, Gloucester Boys v. Penygraig Boys, at Kingsholm.

Last Football "Citizen" next week. Will secretaries send in club records as early in the week as possible to ensure insertion.