

THE CITIZEN

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LEICESTER EXTRACT A FULL REVENGE.

CITY BACKS HAVE A POOR DAY.

VISITING PACK OVER-WEIGHTED.

WEAKENED GLOUCESTER RANKS.

SPECIAL BY "W.B."

Gloucester, who defeated Leicester at Kingsholm in October by 20 points to 11, were seriously handicapped for the return match at Welford Road this afternoon, Saxby, Davies, Carpenter, and Hemming, all being unavailable forward. Leicester, on the other hand, were exceptionally strong in this department, and with a clever back division the chances, on paper at least, favoured the Midlanders reversing the previous result.

GLOUCESTER.

BACK : H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS : Roy James, M. A. McCanlis, G. Baker, and A. Hough.

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

FORWARDS : F. Wadley, H. J. Hyett, E. Comley, G. Foulkes, D. Crichton-Miller, F. Russell, K. Smith, and T. Hiam.

LEICESTER.

BACK : C. Manson.

THREE-QUARTERS : C. E. A. Flewitt, R. A. Buckingham, R. D. Cotton, and W. E. Farndon.

HALF-BACKS : H. D. Greenlees and B. C. Gadney.

FORWARDS : F. D. Prentice, D. J. Norman, G. R. Beamish, D. A. Kendrew, R. A. K. Wiener, S. H. Saunders, E. G. Coleman, and P. S. Clarke.

REFEREE : Mr. J. H. Hughes, London.

The ground was in splendid condition for a fast game but there was a blustering wind likely to trouble the players, The attendance was about five thousand.

THE GAME.

McCanlis started for Gloucester, and early on the Leicester forwards broke away but kicked too hard, and Loveridge gathered and sent to touch at the centre. From the loose Price opened out and Meadows punted ahead, but the three-quarters could not do anything.

Big kicking, aided by the wind, enabled the home team to gain a good position, and following a kick through the ball was missed by Boughton and went over the line. SAUNDERS followed up at a fast pace, and scored a try, just winning the touch. Prentice failed at goal.

CLEAN BREAK THROUGH.

This score came within less than five minutes of the start, but Leicester added to their lead almost immediately. From a scrum at midfield Gadney broke clean through and up to Boughton, when he passed to GREENLEES, for the latter to score in a good position. Prentice, however, missed the goal kick.

Six points down was a bad start for the City, and the visitors fully realised the position. Comley was noticeable with a sharp dash, and later carried on with a dribble. A miskick by Greenlees let Gloucester close, but they were beaten back with good touch finding.

BOUGHTON HARD PRESSED.

Gloucester tried passing but it broke down, and Boughton was hard pressed. He, however, cleared effectively, which he repeated a little later. Apart from [a] few loose rushes Gloucester so far had been badly out of it, and a strong burst by Gadney was nearly successful.

Scrums followed close to the City line, but an infringement caused the home forwards to be penalised. This brought temporary relief but the visitors were soon on the defensive again.

The wind was proving a big help to Leicester, and they took full advantage. The Gloucester defence was hotly assailed, and three times in quick succession the line narrowly escaped.

A PLUCKY STRUGGLE.

Strenuous tackling, however, kept the home team out. Gloucester were playing pluckily against a much heavier pack, but they saw little of the ball. Price once started his backs moving nicely, but James was upset by Farndon.

BOUGHTON'S CLEVER WORK.

The game was fast and interesting, but most of the attacking was done by Leicester. Clever work by Boughton gave the City a position at centre, but off-side spoiled it. A lucky flying kick gave Leicester the advantage again, and from a scrum inside the 25 Gadney broke away on the short side, and serving FLEWITT, the wing man struggled over with a corner try. The goal points were not added.

Gloucester did better after this third reverse, but the City were never properly together, and were never really dangerous.

Leicester came again, and from a drop-out for a minor, the ball went to COTTON, who coolly dropped a goal. Gloucester attacked later, but could not score.

HALF-TIME :

LEICESTER 1 goal (d.) 3 tries.

GLOUCESTER Nil

Gloucester had experienced a strenuous time in defence, and on the run of play the City were a well beaten side. The strong wind against them had been a severe handicap, however.

The Gloucester forwards were giving away a lot in weight, but at times they showed up well in the loose, with Wadley, Russell and Hiam doing well. Price put in good work at the scrum, but there was little or no combination displayed behind. Boughton had been severely tested, but performed splendidly.

From Prentice's restart Boughton received and with a huge punt found touch well inside the home 25.

CITY'S DESPERATE WORK.

Wadley, with a dashing burst, tried hard to go through, but was well tackled. Then Baker tried a drop at goal, but his kick was charged down. The City worked desperately on the left to effect a score, but they were beaten off. Useful kicking and a strong run by Cotton gave Leicester a position at centre, where GADNEY went clean away from a scrum and scored a fine try. Again the goal kick failed.

Gloucester restarted with determination, but were held up at the quarter line.

A GREAT EFFORT.

From a penalty ten yards on his own side of halfway, Boughton had a shot for a goal, and only missed by a foot or so, his great effort being loudly applauded. Gloucester were having the better of the exchanges, but the backs were not happy in combination and few passing bouts came to anything. Boughton's big kicking gave Gloucester territorial advantage, but they displayed poor finish and ability in attack. It was scrappy and poor football just now, and few movements made progress.

HANDLING RESULTS.

The ball played all sorts of tricks and there were numerous mistakes in handling. Gloucester at length got a showing and McCanlis and Loveridge were well away on the left wing.

A return pass from Loveridge gave McCanlis a splendid opening, but just as it looked as if he was going through he decided on a transfer and the ball was lost. Next the City forwards dribbled away and Foulkes took the ball over the line, but Mason robbed him of the touch.

GLOUCESTER PRESS.

Gloucester continued to press after this but they muddled up several possible openings. It was a poor day for the City backs, who could not seem to do anything right.

The Leicester backs, too, were very faulty, but individually they had the better men, Gadney and Greenlees being very smart.

After a long spell of defence Leicester had a breathing space, but Meadows dribbled back to the centre.

A FINE GOAL.

Gloucester set up strong attacks again and Crichton-Miller got clear and partly handed off Manson, but was pulled down from behind, with Meadows waiting for the pass. The City, however, were not to be put off, and following some fine work BAKER scored wide out. Boughton landed a magnificent goal from near the touch line.

Having opened their account, Gloucester showed great improvement behind, and there was a fine round of passing, ending with a dashing effort by Loveridge.

The defence, however, proved too good at the finish. Nothing further was done, though Gloucester pressed hard.

RESULT :

LEICESTER 1 goal (d), 4 tries (16 pts.)

GLOUCESTER 1 goal (5 pts.)

REMARKS.

Gloucester pressed almost continuously in the second half and they had opportunities at making much closer figures, but the team lacked the necessary scoring powers.

Throughout the visitors had some very bad luck in losing tries. The erratic wind, no doubt upset the passing, for the players on both sides found it difficult to handle correctly.

Boughton was outstanding for Gloucester, and his kicking in the second half was splendid. The heavy Leicester pack held the advantage in the scrums, but they were worried a great deal in the second half.

It was a bad defeat on paper for the City, but on the whole they came out much better than the first half scoring suggested.

SCRAPPY GAME AT KINGSHOLM.

CITY SECONDS TOO GOOD FOR LYDNEY A.

Both Gloucester A and Lydney A fielded weakened sides at Kingsholm this afternoon, before a meagre attendance.

Lydney attacked at the outset, and pressed play into the Gloucester half. Following a line-out, Voyce kicked up-field, but the ball was knocked on when a try seemed imminent. The home team was awarded a penalty kick through an off-side infringement, but Ash narrowly missed with the kick. Gloucester opened the score with a try from Welshman, who crossed from a scramble in the visitors' 25. Ash failed with the kick.

Voyce cut along the line beautifully from a scrum, and was brought down when going in great style. Croose took the ball, but was forced into touch.

A scrum in the Lydney 25 led to Welshman charging down a strong kick and nipping over the line, Ash again failing with the kick. Lydney rallied and regained ground, but Heath broke away with a fine sprint, only to stumble when going well.

Half-time :

Gloucester A 2 tries

Lydney A Nil

The City Seconds re-opened the game with a loose rush which culminated in Orpin securing the ball and going over with a try, despite being tackled by a Lydney defender. Ash converted from an easy position.

Heath broke away well from a scrum, but he was tackled and bundled into touch when within a yard of the line.

Lydney pressed hard towards the end of the game, and tussles almost on the Gloucester line were frequent, but the home defence was too good for the visitors. At length D. Hampton secured a try from a melee, but the kick failed.

In the last couple of minutes Croose added another try for the City seconds and Ash added the goal points.

Result :

Gloucester A 2 goals 2 tries (16 pts.)

Lydney A 1 try (3 pts.)