

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1929

FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER 10 pts., CARDIFF 9 pts.

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TRIED TO CUT THROUGH.

Turnbull served by Pool tried to cut through but slipped and fell. some close exchanges followed, ending in McCanlis making a good effort, but Gloucester were penalised for off-side. Boughton, however, returned the kick with interest.

The forwards were playing on top of one another, but in some loose play Davies broke away in fine style being just beaten for possession by Stone. Cardiff came along at the critical moment. Several City forwards played the ball off-side, and Cardiff had a penalty in a favourable position. The kick, however, failed.

A CHANGE OF PLACES.

Owing to the failure of Edgar Price at outside-half for Cardiff, he changed places with Stone, and this at once improved the home team's back play. Cardiff had the better of the exchanges, and attacked hotly at times, but a stubborn defence kept them out. Then Stone was

prominent with a clever run, and though tackled he got the ball away to ANDERSON, who scored wide out. The goal-kick failed.

A LUCKY ESCAPE.

Having opened their account the Welshmen played up strongly to wipe off the arrears. It was hard going for both sides, with Cardiff the more aggressive. Stone was again conspicuous with a smart move and pass to Turnbull, who reversed to Anderson, but the latter knocked-on with an open line.

This was a lucky escape for Gloucester. Immediately after the City forwards cleared effectively, but they were beaten back in some exciting play inside the Gloucester half. JONES picked up and running strongly got to the line and though tackled was able to get the ball down. No goal resulted and Gloucester were still four points up.

Would the City last? It was grim football with Gloucester rallying splendidly. Getting on the attack a wild pass lost the position, and Cardiff rushed to the other end. The Welshmen made desperate efforts to snatch victory and following several attacks THOMAS scored a very fine try. The goal-kick was vital to Cardiff but Poole failed miserably.

Only a few minutes were left and the play was keenly followed. Cardiff tried hard to gain an opening, but they were foiled. Touch-finding by Stephens warded off the pressure, and the City gradually forced play to mid-field. Here operations were vigorously contested, Gloucester working manfully to keep their lead. They succeeded and the end came amidst great excitement with Gloucester winners at Cardiff for the first time for 32 years.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER 2 goals (10 points)
CARDIFF 3 tries (9 points)

REMARKS.

The result was hailed with great enthusiasm by the Gloucester supporters and it was indeed a notable victory after thirty-two years wait.

Those last five minutes of the game were tremendously exciting, Cardiff putting forth strenuous efforts to gain the lead, whilst Gloucester fought with equal determination to retain it.

It was a great finish to a great game vigorously contested. If not reaching a high standard of Rugby, Gloucester deserved their triumph if only for their opportunism and superb defence.

The whole team rose to the occasion splendidly and the City never faltered in face of severe onslaughts. Boughton was fine at full back and Stephens and McCanlis rendered splendid service. There will be jubilation in the old City to-night.

SCORING IN PLENTY.

GLOUCESTER A IN FORM.

A FINE LEFT WING.

Conditions favoured good open football when Gloucester A met Bromsgrove at Kingsholm this afternoon.

Teams : –

Gloucester A : W. Ash; A. Hough, J. Orpin, E. Voyce, and W. Pittman; D. Meadows and R. Shelley; A. Rea (capt.), A. Webb, N. Powell, Dr. Bryson, J. Hyett, S. Edwards, T. Hiam, and K. Smith.

Bromsgrove : J. H. Vause; E. H. Harris, D. B. Mountford, T. H. Fairclough and C. R. Rushton; M. F. H. Roe and W. J. Weaver; F. C. J. Bognall, G. Atkins, S. J. F. Fairclough, T. G. Hall, R. W. Weaver, E. Merrick James, P. Voice, and L. Griffiths.

Bromsgrove had won three matches and lost two this season. There was a fair attendance to witness the game.

The opening play was scrappy and Gloucester held a slight advantage. At midfield Pittman broke away for Gloucester and passed neatly to VOYCE, who found no difficulty in crossing. Ash converted.

From a midfield scrum the Gloucester threes got going but the movement was spoiled by a knock-on. Gloucester threes again broke away with a good round of passing, and PITTMAN touched down in the corner. The kick failed.

Up to now Bromsgrove had been holding their own in the scrum, but could not get the ball away neatly. Ash earned applause by a neat pick-up, but his punt was quickly returned. The Gloucester threes got away and Pittman passed to VOYCE who scored again, but the kick failed.

The Gloucester left wing were in good form and a round of passing left PITTMAN with a clear run. He touched down near the posts and Ash converted.

The Bromsgrove backs got possession and gained about 30 yards before Harris kicked to touch. Gloucester relieved with a fine run .

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After the resumption Hough raced away for Gloucester and actually touched down but he had been pushed into touch before. Meadows broke away but hung on to the ball too long. The Gloucester threes were now running strongly and HOUGH crossed by the flag for a try he richly deserved. Ash did not secure the other points.

Bromsgrove were awarded a free for an off-side infringement and Vaux tried a place kick but failed. Gloucester were continually pressing, and Meadows receiving from a scrum essayed a drop kick, but it was smothered.

Ash led a brilliant run and after swerving past several visitors gave to ORPIN a few yards from the line. Ash was unable to improve Orpin's try.

Hough secured a good pass and he made good going for the line but was hurled into touch within a yard of scoring.

Gloucester decidedly held the upper hand, and breaks by the visitors were few. Ash was playing well upfield and getting the ball from the loose he passed to MEADOWS, who put the home score up 3 more points, Ash failing to convert.

On the other wing PITTMAN gained possession and secured another try, the kick failing. The next try was also scored by PITTMAN, and Ash converted with a strong kick.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER A 3 goals 8 tries (39 pts,)
BROMSGROVE Nil

COMMENTS.

Gloucester A were obviously the superior team, although it took them some time to settle down. The ground favoured open play by the threes and although at first the Gloucester backs were inclined to

mis-time their passes, they did some good work. The first try was a splendid effort and the home left wing was always in evidence.

As an individual player Meadows stood out for his defence and his swerving. Ash's kicking compared favourably with that of Vaux, his opposite number, but the touch-finding was not all that could be desired. Hiam and Smith showed up well in the scrum, but the Gloucester tackling was not hard enough.

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