

THE CITIZEN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1912

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER v. 1ST. GLO'STER REGIMENT.

At Kingsholm on Friday. Gloucester placed practically a reserve team in the field, a risky proceeding seeing that the previous day the Regiment gained a meritorious victory over Cinderford, on the latter's ground, by 5 points to 3. There was only a small attendance of spectators.

Teams : –

Gloucester. – F. W. Hayward; F. Bloxsome, W. Sysum, R. A. Clarke, and E. Bowen; J. Humphries and W. Wilkes; H. Berry, F. Yates, J. Harris, W. Dovey, J. Kingscote, A. Cook, C. Mumford, and F. Pegler.

Regiment. – Pte. Ible; Cpl. Turner, Drummer Green, Pte. Bayliss, and Cpl. Organ; Pte. Murray and Pte. Stephenson; Lieut. Duncan, Sergt. Travill, Lieut. Wilson, Pte. Nash, Pte. Strong, Pte. Organ, Pte. Skuse, and Pte. Atkinson.

Referee : Mr. J. T. Curtis (Stroud).

THE GAME.

Rain fell when the teams took the field, and the conditions generally were as dismal as they possibly could be. The soldiers were a big, heavy lot forward, and all round they looked a workmanlike combination. Pegler kicked off for Gloucester, and the City at once set up an attack, but failure to handle the slippery ball spoiled a couple of efforts to open out. Pegler dribbling well took the ball close to the Regiment's line, where a series of scrambles ensued.

A desperate loose rush by the Old Braggs brought relief, and the movement was not checked until the centre was reached. The City heeling, there was an attempt at passing, but it broke down, and the Regiment took full advantage, going very near in the left corner. Wilkes gained relief with a useful punt, and then there was a kick into the open, which was fielded by Wilkes. The latter ran ahead, but passed too soon to Bowen, who was bored to touch.

A clever bit of footwork by the Gloucester front was spoiled by Yates getting off-side, and a penalty followed. Gloucester, however, had the better of the exchanges, and from a short punt by Bloxsome the ball was taken over the line, a minor resulting.

Play on the drop out consisted mainly of a scramble in the mud, with frequent lines-out alternating. Gradually the Regiment made headway, and centre play followed. A pretty bit of work by Wilkes caused the visitors trouble, but Ible just managed to effect a save by touching down. Gloucester had a couple of possible chances just afterwards, but Berry and then Humphries failed in their efforts to gather the ball.

By the aid of loose forward rushes and short kicks the Regiment reached more favourable quarters, being helped by mistakes quite excusable of the home backs. Hereabouts the Old Braggs indulged in a creditable bout of passing, but Turner was well tackled by Bowen, and the ball rolling away, Pegler took it on. Duncan got back and saved, but for lying on the ball he got his side penalised. Hayward found touch beautifully with the resultant kick, and Gloucester found a footing in their opponents' quarters.

For another infringement the Regiment were penalised, but from a good position Hayward failed with his shot at goal. Gloucester still pegged away, and from a scrum close in Wilkes made a nice opening for Bowen, who dashed over in the corner with a good try. Hayward missed the goal points.

Yates marked from the drop out, but Nash fielded Hayward's kick and sent to touch. The game went in favour of Gloucester to the interval, but there was no more scoring.

HALF-TIME SCORE :
Gloucester 1 try
Regiment Nil

The Regiment restarted, and early on Gloucester got on the attack from a long line-out. Wilkes, however, was brought down when looking likely to clear.

A dangerous forward rush was checked in time by the visitors, but a minute later Harris picked up and with a determined burst beat the opposition and scored a try. Hayward failed with the kick at goal.

The Old Braggs dropped out, and from the return a visitor marked. Sysum was prominent with a useful dribble, but his final kick sent the ball straight in the hands of Ible, who knocked on. Play was still mostly of a scrambling nature, and lacking in incident.

The Regiment were kept on the defensive, but the soldiers fought pluckily. At length Bloxsome got in a short kick, and Ible being collared he had to play the ball. Mumford dribbled on, and taking the ball over the line scored near the posts. The place kick again failed.

The Regiment showed up strongly on the re-start, and a big rush took them three-parts the length of the field. Clarke got back and saved, but he was penalised for not playing the ball. Nash had a shot for goal and successfully covered the cross-bar amidst cheers.

Play was resumed with great keenness and was fairly even for a few minutes. Then Clarke secured and punted high, following up and preventing a return. The City forwards kicked on, and the ball going over the line Bloxsome beat the opposition for pace and scored the fourth try. Sysum failed at goal.

Subsequent play was fairly even, but of no special importance. From near the centre the Gloucester forwards broke away from a line-out, and the ball being taken past Ible, Harris was credited with a try, which Hayward failed to convert.

Soon after the drop-out Mumford was injured in a melee and had to retire, Gloucester continuing with seven forwards. The City, however, well maintained their advantage.

From a long throw-out Harris set his backs on the move, and Bowen securing the left wing made a bold bid for a try, but he just failed to clear Ible. Then on the other wing Bloxsome was stopped in a similar manner after a good combined movement. Nothing further was done.

RESULT :

Gloucester 5 tries (15 points)
Regiment 1 goal (p) (3 points)

GLOUCESTER A v. BLAKENEY.

SECONDS EASY WINNERS.

At Kingsholm on Friday morning.

With the majority of the Seconds playing for the First team in the afternoon, only a scratch side represented Gloucester A, the fifteen being completed on the ground. Players were obtained from Tredworth, St. Mark's, Gloucester Thursday, Gordon League, and Franciscans, and vacancies were filled at the last moment by C. Cook and W. Sysum.

Blakeney, however, were completely outplayed, and in the first half five tries and a penalty goal were scored.

T. Powell (2), Cummings (2), and Sysum were the try-getters, and C. Cook converted one and kicked the penalty.

In the second half Powell and Cummings (2) added further tries, all the place kicks failing.

RESULT :

Glo'ster A ... 2 goals (1p) 7 tries (29 points)
Blakeney Nil

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