

# THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1913

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER v. CHELTENHAM.

The second of the two extra matches arranged between these teams with the object of assisting the funds of the two clubs, was decided at Cheltenham on Wednesday. There were several changes in the Gloucester selection, and so little interest was taken in the fixture that scarcely a dozen supporters accompanied the City team. Cheltenham were also weak.

Gloucester. – C. Cook; E. Bowen. W. Sysum, L. Hamblin, and W. Washbourn; W. Dix and W. Jones; G. Halford (capt.), F. Lewis, F. Pegler, N. Hayes, S. Smart, A. Cook, J. Harris, and S. Millard.

Cheltenham. – W. Gibbons; G. Bendall, A. Bendall, A. C. Cherrington, and D. Sullivan; H. Maynard and J. Baker; F. Vick, H. Wixey, F. T. Wixey, F. J. Hopkins, J. Dodwell, A. F. Burnell, C. Cresswell, and C. Bennett.

Cheltenham kicked off, and there was no return. A penalty to Cheltenham was taken by Sullivan, but Hamblin fielded and put in a nice touch-finder. A mistake by Bowen lost Gloucester a slice of territory, but they advanced to the home quarter. Sullivan obtained from a scrum and brought his side out of danger. A fine dribble by Hamblin saw that player pick up and cross-kick, with the result that Halford gathered and went over with Gloucester's first try. Hamblin failed with the kick at goal.

From the line-out soon after the restart the ball came out to Washbourn, who ran round the home backs in fine style, and scored. Dix failed to convert.

Resuming, off-side by Jones, let Cheltenham into the visitors' half, where another infringement resulted in Baker putting his side well up with a good kick. The Town had now obtained a footing in the Gloucester quarter, but a free to the City brought relief.

Play alternated at the centre, and then Pegler obtained from a scrum, and a likely bout of passing ended in a knock-on. Hopkins then carried the game into the City 25, but a good touch-finder by Cook, followed by a sprint by Bowen, changed the venue. Gibbons pulled the visitors up by making his mark.

Gloucester now advanced to the home line, but the Cheltenham backs put up a keen defence. Burnell received an injury and had to leave the field. Bowen then made a splendid dribble, which ended in Sysum scoring, Gibbons failing to save. Cook missed the goal points.

Immediately after Jones picked up, and giving the "dummy" to Bendall and Hopkins, who had gone full-back, scored Gloucester's fourth try. Cook again failed.

A strong run by Sullivan on the drop-out resulted in his being bored to touch within a few feet of the line. The City then came away, and traversed the length of the field, but Burnell ran back and saved splendidly. Hamblin was conspicuous for a splendid run in and out of the home backs, but Burnell saved well.

HALF-TIME SCORE :  
Gloucester ..... 4 tries  
Cheltenham ..... Nil

On the resumption Gloucester invaded the home quarter, but Cheltenham worked out with the aid of a penalty. A good tackle by Baker brought a likely run by Washbourn to an end, but the Gloucestersians held their position in the Cheltenham half. A free to the Town was taken by Sullivan, who tried in vain to kick a goal. Cherrington then made a splendid dash for the visitors' line, but was pulled up in time. Gloucester obtained from a scrum and relief came.

An attempt by Bendall to kick a penalty goal failed badly, and Washbourn obtaining gained a slice of territory. The Cheltenham forwards, with Wixey at their head, came away with the ball at their feet, but Hamblin was there and sent them back with a nice kick to touch. Cheltenham worked down to the visitors' 25, and Baker obtained and tried to drop a goal but missed; and the ball went dead. Hopkins now got into the wars and had to retire with a bad kick in the face. He went back again a few moments later.

A forward rush by the home pack forced Gloucester to concede a minor, and then the Town front advanced again and Cresswell fell over with a try from a scramble. Baker failed to convert.

A plucky rush by Hopkins on the drop out was nicely stopped by Cook, who put in a good kick which, however, was nullified by Bendall. Cheltenham were now doing well and keeping the visitors on the defensive. An exchange of kicks favoured Gloucester, who worked up to a more favourable position. A rush by the homesters saw Hamblin pick up, but a knock-on pulled up the Gloucester threes.

RESULT :

Gloucester ..... 4 tries (12 points)  
Cheltenham ..... 1 try (3 points)