

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1913

FOOTBALL.

GOOD FRIDAY MATCHES.

GLOUCESTER BEAT ABERTILLERY.

Despite the unsettled weather a good holiday crowd witnessed the return match between Gloucester and Abertillery at Kingsholm.

The City played four reserve forwards – Johns, Hayes, Vears, and Millard standing down – but the home team was never seriously troubled. In the first half there were some bright periods in which the Gloucester backs handled smartly, but judgment and finish were lacking on several occasions. Washbourn eventually scored after a lovely movement in which all the backs, except Cook, took part.

A little later J. Harris got away with a clever dribble, and beating the full-back scored wide out. Both place-kicks by C. Cook failed.

Gloucester continued to have all the game to the interval, and Dix contributed two exceptionally smart efforts, which only just failed to materialise.

In the opening ten minutes of the second half Gloucester attacked strongly, and Abertillery were lucky in warding off tries on two or three occasions.

Subsequently the play fell off considerably, and for twenty minutes there was scarcely an incident to excite interest. Once a clever bit of combination, in which Washbourn shone, sent Bowen clear, but the right wing stumbled and fell, and though he passed to Lewis when on the ground, the latter was pushed to touch a few yards outside.

Abertillery made a few spasmodic bursts, but they were a moderate lot behind the scrum, and the Gloucester line was rarely in danger.

Cook played a very sound game at full-back for the City, and Dix was the pick of the backs. The forwards worked well together under the leadership of Halford, Harris showing up prominently.

RESULT :

Gloucester 2 tries (6 Points)

Abertillery Nil