

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1913

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

A POINTLESS DRAW.

Gloucester concluded the season to-day with an extra match at Cinderford. As usual with fixtures in the "close" season, players were very diffident about turning out, and the City experienced the greatest difficulty in fixing up a side, C. Cook, A. Lewis, G. Halford, W. Johns, S. Smart, A. Cook, and C. Mumford all being absent.

The journey to Cinderford was made by motor char-a-banc – anything but a pleasant trip in the unfavourable weather conditions. The same ill-luck which had followed Cinderford this season again asserted itself, rain falling incessantly hours before the game and during the progress of it.

There were no changes in the Cinderford team.

GLOUCESTER.	POSITIONS.	CINDERFORD.
E. Ruck	Backs	J. Hall
A. Hudson (capt.)	Three-Quarter	H. Nelmes
L. Hamblin	Backs	A. Hall
E. Bowen	"	F. Niblett
F. Webb	"	H. Martin
W. Dix	Half-Backs	S. Young
W. Wilkes	"	I. Woolford
W. Parham	Forwards	G. Bowkett (capt.)
N. Hayes	"	A. Hewlett
S. Millard	"	G. Lodge
E. Osborne	"	A. Redding
W. Dovey	"	B. Webb
J. Harris	"	E. Kilby
G. Vears	"	W. Robbins
F. Lewis	"	A. Sheldon

Gloucester started, Cinderford immediately taking the game to Gloucester territory, and Ruck was obliged to kick dead to save. Continuing the pressure, the home team were again dangerous, but Vears relieved the tension at the critical moment. Still the Foresters were dangerous, and Kilby and Sheldon charged down a Gloucesterian's kick, and the ball rolled out of bounds.

The Citizens now woke up, and with a strong burst reached the Cinderford half, but Young picked up and with a good kick returned to the centre. The City lads were using their feet to advantage, and Wilkes headed a good dribble back into the home territory.

Bowkett returned with a fine kick to touch at centre. Rain continued to fall heavily, and not much could be attempted in the way of handling, but the footwork of both teams was excellent. Gloucester again invaded Cinderford's ground mainly through a good run by Webb, but Bowkett again got possession and half-way was again the venue of play until the interval.

HALF-TIME SCORE :

Gloucester Nil
Cinderford Nil

The re-start by Cinderford was well returned by Hudson, and the City gained a footing in the home half. Gloucester putting on pressure a score looked imminent, the ball going into touch-in-goal. Cinderford worked out of danger, and Nelmes tackling a City player in possession the centre was again the scene of operations. Gloucester tried passing, but a good effort was stopped by a good tackle of Hudson when the old International was going strong. Kilby and Lodge headed a home rush, which was not checked until the Gloucester 25 was reached. Footwork continued to predominate, the sloppy nature of the ground not allowing much handling. Short time was played in both halves.

RESULT :

Gloucester Nil
Cinderford Nil

REMARKS.

Under the conditions which prevailed good football was out of the question, the play being principally confined to the forwards who, however, dribbled finely under the circumstances.

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