

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1898

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. LLWYNYPIA

Played at Kingsholm, being the return encounter between the teams. Gloucester had two alterations from the side which drew with Rockcliff, Luce and W. Hughes taking the places of Dovey and Goulding, the latter suffering from an injury sustained in the Barbarians' v. West of England match on Thursday. The Rhondda champions, who have performed with great credit this season, brought a powerful side, both their Internationals (Hellings and Alexander) being included in the team. The players took the field at 3.40, the large crowd of spectators according both teams a hearty reception.

The men lined up in the following order : —

GLOUCESTER	Positions	LLWYNYPIA
G. Romans	Back	T. Saunders
W. H. Taylor	Three-quarters	W. M. Llewellyn
P. Stout	"	R. Foster
F. M. Luce	"	I. Edmunds
G. F. Clutterbuck	"	E. Jones
A. Stephens	Half-backs	A. Powell
Car Cummings	"	I. Thomas
C. Williams	Forwards	R. Hellings
C. Hall	"	W. H. Alexander
C. Rose	"	B. Phillips
F. Stout	"	G. Evans
A. H. Click	"	R. Jones
B. L. Watkins	"	A. Powell
G. H. Smith	"	W. Gabe
W. Hughes	"	J. Atkins

Referee : Mr. Lawes (Bristol)

THE GAME

The ground, thanks to the rain of the previous night, was in good trim, but a strong wind blew slantways across the field. Gloucester won the toss, and Llwynypia started against the wind. Clutterbuck returned into touch near the centre, and from the first line the home forwards made a few yards.

From a scrum the visiting halves got possession, but one of the centres kicked, and the ball went to Taylor, who missed. A Gloucester player, however, secured, and put in a capital punt down the field. Taylor ran on and took the leather on the bounce. The home captain punted past Saunders, and there was a race for possession. Jones, however, got back in time to touch down.

On the drop out the Gloucester forwards, headed by Watkins, Hall, and Stout, were prominent with a grand burst, Jones only just managing to get the leather into touch in time. From the throw out Watkins secured, and went over in the corner with a determined dash, loud cheers greeting the early success. The Gloucesterian was laid out in effecting his score and a stoppage ensued. Watkins, however, recovered in a couple of minutes or so. Percy Stout took the shot at goal, but the angle proved too difficult to negotiate successfully.

The Welshmen dropped out, and they quickly got to the centre. Here the ball got amongst the visiting backs but Luce, with a clever screw kick saved nicely. Llewellyn in his endeavour to turn the ball into touch kicked it on towards his own goal, the leather going out of play inside the Llwynypia half. Hellings brought the play out to the centres, Llewellyn further improving matters for his side with a capital punt.

Ensuing play was evenly contested at the centre, both sets of forwards being conspicuous with some good work. For not putting in straight the visitors were penalised, and from the half-way line, Percy Stout, with the aid of the wind, narrowly missed dropping a goal, a touchdown resulting.

On the re-start play settled at the centre, but a smart bout of passing by the Llwynypia backs and a neat kick by Jones sent the ball to Romans. The latter only got in a weak return and Hellings securing the Welshmen obtained a good position in the Gloucester quarter.

The visiting halves securing from the forwards, they started a bout of passing. The ball was sent prettily along the line to Llewellyn, who raced for the corner. P. Stout came across the ground and attempted to head him off, but the International just failed, and Llewellyn was credited with a corner try. The kick at goal proved abortive.

Gloucester re-started, and the visitors were early penalised through an illegal charge by Hellings, another minor resulting from the kick. Clutterbuck replied to the drop-out with a long kick, which fell into touch a dozen yards from the visitors' lines. Gloucester looked likely to score from this position, but a wild pass by Percy Stout to Taylor – which went yards behind the City captain – lost considerable ground, the Welshmen eventually forcing Stout into touch-in-goal.

HALF-TIME SCORE :

Gloucester 1 try
Llwynypia 1 try

RESULT :

Gloucester 8 Points
Llwynypia 3 Points