

THE CITIZEN

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1898

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. PENYGRAIG

At Kingsholm in miserable weather, and before a moderate attendance for a holiday fixture.

The visitors came short of Dai Evans (International), but were otherwise well represented.

The teams lined out at 3.35 as follows : —

GLOUCESTER	Positions	PENYGRAIG
Ben Hipwood	Back	E. Jones
W. H. Taylor	Three-quarters	Dai Rees
P. W. Stout	"	R. F. Bush
F. M. Luce	"	A. Maxwell
G. F. Clutterbuck	"	H. Morgans
A. Stephens	Half-backs	T. Granville
Car Cummings	"	D. Williams
C. Williams	Forwards	A. Chant
C. Hall	"	T. J. Griffiths
C. Rose	"	H. Jones
F. M. Stout	"	W. Lewis
B. L. Watkins	"	G. Evans
G. H. Smith	"	G. H. Raysons
J. Lewis	"	T. Whelan
F. Goulding	"	G. Mead

Referee : Mr. W. Bowen (Cardiff)

Frank Stout started for Gloucester in a heavy rain, and the home team, following up a big punt by Taylor, at once attacked. The visitors relieved by the aid of useful kicks, and play hovered at the centre.

Another punt by one of the opposing backs sent the leather into touch inside the Gloucester quarter. Here, Stephens, securing from a scrum, passed out neatly to Luce, who evaded the opposing centres and ran to Jones, when he passed to P. Stout. The latter took his pass nicely, and having a clear field romped home behind the posts with the first try. The same player converted.

On the restart the rain came down with increasing severity, rendering the ground in a shocking condition. Penygraig, by good forward play, kept operations confined to the Gloucester half for some little time, till a bout of passing gave Percy Stout possession. The International ran half the length of the field, but he passed forward, when a score seemed absolutely certain. Soon afterwards Hipwood forced a minor from a kick over the line.

The visitors, on the drop-out, immediately rushed to the Gloucester end, and Bush getting hold from a line-out obtained a splendid opening. Hipwood alone barred his way, but the City custodian was easily beaten, and Bush notched a good try near the posts. A goal resulted.

Gloucester re-started, but the visitors continued to have the best of the play, or rather mud larking, and the home men had to concede a minor. Following this, Gloucester had a look in, and Taylor, with a good run, put Penygraig on the defensive.

The city captain got another chance a minute later, but he could not get through. Subsequently, however, Stephens crossed from a line-out, the half-back receiving the ball from F. Stout. The kick at goal failed.

HALF-TIME SCORE :

Gloucester	1 goal, 1 try
Penygraig	1 goal

Penygraig resumed, and play opened in the Gloucester half. The City forwards rushed away with a good dribble (Hall and Lewis being prominent), and this effort took operations to the centre. Owing to the wretched state of the ground, correct play was out of the question, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the men could keep a footing.

The game hovered between the two 25's for the next few minutes and was of a fairly even nature. At length Cummings dribbled right to the visitors' lines, but Maxwell turned into touch. The Penygraig front brought the necessary relief and then scrum followed scrum with monotonous regularity. The Welshmen got the better of the scrums, and by the aid of one good rush got close to the home line. Gloucester quickly relieved, and the City three-quarters getting possession Taylor had a couple of good chances, but he failed to take the ball in each instance.

The concluding stages of the game were very tame, except for the amusement the players afforded the spectators by floundering about in the mud. No further scoring took place, and players and spectators alike (especially the former) appeared very thankful when the referee's whistle sounded for a final cessation of hostilities.

RESULT :

Gloucester 1 goal, 1 try (8 points)
Penygraig 1 goal (5 points)

GLOUCESTER A v. GORDON WANDERERS

A PLAYER'S ARM BROKEN

Played at Kingsholm this morning, before a numerous company. Play was of a scrambling character throughout, though there were occasional flashes of smart play which relieved the monotony somewhat. Goddard opened the scoring for Gloucester after a series of neat exchanges, but Romans failed at goal.

Ensuing play was fairly even, but at length Whacker Smith slipped through the opposition and notched a good try. J. Trigg attempted to collar Smith near the line, but he was pushed off, and, falling with his arm under him, the limb was broken just above the wrist – a most unfortunate occurrence. J. Mansell, the Wanderers' captain, rendered "first aid," and Trigg was subsequently sent to the Infirmary in a hansom. Romans failed to convert the try.

On resuming the Wanderers held their own for a time, but Payne added another try for the home side, which was successfully negotiated by Romans.

Gloucester only played 14 men in the second half, J. Lewis retiring, so that the teams finished the game on equal terms. Play in the concluding portion was almost devoid of interesting features. Cook scored again for Gloucester, and Smith obtained his second try after a good bit of play by Romans. The latter converted one.

RESULT :

Gloucester 2 goals, 3 tries (19 points)
Wanderers Nil