

THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER'S MATCH AT LEICESTER OFF

FOURTH SINCE COLD SPELL BEGAN

Leicester RFC committee men were out early this morning, inspecting the Midland pitch and, predictably, came up with the now familiar "no play this week" cry.

Ice and snow still cover the Tigers' ground and, even if a sudden thaw set in now, play would be impossible on Saturday, they stated.

Gloucester players have now not had a match since December 27.

Their last game was at Cardiff and this is the fourth match to be cancelled since winter's icy grip started to strangle the national sporting scene.

With the pitch at Fromehall Park still heavily covered with snow, Stroud's attractive home match with Streatham on Saturday has also been cancelled.

This is the fourth in a row of the Town's fixtures to suffer this fate.

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It looks as though it will be another blank Saturday for local sport in general.

Grounds are covered with several inches of hard packed snow and it seems unlikely that any pitches will be fit for play by Saturday.

Prospects of the Lydbrook-Woking Amateur Cup game being played are remote.

By tomorrow evening practically all the soccer matches in the north of Gloucestershire – including the County Cup tussles postponed from last Saturday – are expected to have been called off.

It is also just as certain that all local rugger fixtures will go by the board and all in all it looks like a very bleak weekend for the local sportsmen.

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