

THE CITIZEN

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LLANELLY 19 Pts., GLOUCESTER 14

REMARKABLE SCORING IN FAST GAME AT KINGSHOLM

WELSHMEN'S SECOND HALF RECOVERY

GLOUCESTER'S FIRST HOME DEFEAT

SPECIAL BY "W.B."

Gloucester fielded the same team which defeated Cardiff, Hordern and Edwards, still unfit, being absent. L. C. Watkins was originally selected at right wing, but could not accept.

The Welshmen brought full strength, and included at full-back, D. P. Lewis, who has played for Oxford University, but failed to gain his Blue.

The match proved a big attraction, and there was a splendid attendance. Bright sunshine prevailed when the teams took the field, but a strong wind was likely to bother the players. Llanelly, who had made application to play two "40's" a request which was acceded, made a later appeal for the usual two "35's" but it was finally decided to play the longer period.

GLOUCESTER

FULL-BACK: H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS: R. E. Hook, J. C. Brooks (capt.), T. Pugsley, and Roy James.

HALF-BACKS: C. Fifield and Don Meadows.

FORWARDS: A. Carpenter, C. Harris, T. Price, J. G. A'Bear, R. Morris, A. Welshman, Ken Smith, and Ivor Williams.

LLANELLY

FULL-BACK: D. P. Lewis.

THREE-QUARTERS: W. H. Clement, E. Davies, W. R. J. Jones, E. Jones.

HALF-BACKS: D. John and R. Smith.

FORWARDS: I. Jones, B. Evans, W. H. Williams, G. Lewis, R. Harris, E. Evans, J. Lang, and J. L. Morgan.

REFEREE: Mr. H. V. L. Day (London Society of Referees).

THE GAME

The Welshmen, who lost the toss, kicked off against the sun, and there being no reply play opened in the Gloucester half. The City heeled from the first scrum, and there was a round of passing, but James knocked on. Two penalty kicks, well taken by Boughton, gave the City a position near the Llanelly 25, but the visiting forwards quickly regained the ground with a sharp dash, which was checked by Fifield running into touch.

Exchanges between the forwards followed just over the centre-line, and then from a punt down, Lewis ran across, but was cut off. He attempted to pass, but the ball was snapped up by Hook who made a capital run, beating a couple of opponents who had got back.

LOVELY TRY FOR GLOUCESTER

There was a good opening, but passing inside the transfer was taken by an opponent. Gloucester were having the better of the scrums, and heeling well, and there was a nice movement ending in Hook finding touch.

Next came a lovely combined effort by Fifield, Meadows and Brooks. The captain burst through finely, and a timely pass to WILLIAMS gave the latter a try between the posts. Boughton converted, and Gloucester led by five points after ten minutes' play.

Play on the restart was keenly contested, with Gloucester doing the better work, both in the scrums and outside. A penalty gave Llanelly a good slice of ground, and Dai John further improved matters with a well-judged touch kick.

Close work followed 15 yards from the home line, but off-side by the visitors enabled Boughton to change the position.

CITY SCORE AGAIN

From a scrum Fifield secured and sent out a long pass to James, and the ball went along the line to Hook, who ran and punted well beyond Lewis. There was a race for possession, but a Welshman got back and found touch.

Lewis was forced to play the ball and the Gloucester forwards getting together in a bunch forced the ball over the line, and HARRIS was credited with a try.

The position was fairly easy, and Boughton added the goal points amidst cheers. Ten points up was good for Gloucester, and the lead was thoroughly deserved.

SPLENDID FOOTBALL

Gloucester, encouraged by this further success, played fine football, Hook, with another splendid kick and follow-up, collared Lewis in possession.

The same player next threw out a long pass to the right, and neat handling looked promising for another try. James, however, failed to accept from Brooks.

Keeping up the pressure the City attacked with clever work, and A'Bear was prominent with a dashing burst, which carried him some distance. Fifield was also distinguished, and Llanelly were kept busily engaged.

PENALTY GOAL FOR WELSHMEN

John eventually gave Llanelly position with a beautifully-judged punt, but Boughton sent back with an equally fine effort. Mistakes by Gloucester lost ground, and then 30 yards out the City were penalised for offside.

The play was in front of the posts, and Ifor Jones made no mistake with his shot, giving Llanelly their first points.

BOUGHTON'S GREAT KICK

Gloucester went off with splendid dash on the resumption, and the home team gained a footing just in their opponents' half. From a punt Boughton gathered near touch, ten yards from the centre line.

It looked an impossible position for a goal, but the International took deliberate aim, and with a wonderful effort landed a goal.

The kick was aided by the wind, but all the same Boughton's effort was a remarkable one.

FAST PLAY

Subsequent play was fast and exciting, with the battle between the forwards very keen. The Welshmen were very good in the loose but had a tendency to get off-side, and suffered several penalties in consequence. From one of these kicks Boughton just failed to land a goal from a long shot.

On the drop-out, Llanelly, with good forward work and useful kicking, reached the home half, where they set up an attack. A drop at goal failed, but the ball bouncing to the right Clement dashed for the corner. He, however, lost the ball, and James brought splendid relief with a screw kick to touch.

The Welshmen continued on the offensive and John ran and short punted, but Boughton gathered grandly, cleared, and shot to touch 30 yards upfield.

Play to the interval favoured Llanelly, but there was no more scoring.

Half-time :

Gloucester 3 goals (1d.)

Llanelly 1 goal (p.)

Gloucester had displayed their best form in attack so far this season, and their lead – surprising as it was – was well deserved.

Play in the second half opened with several charged down kicks, but neither side was able to take full advantage.

Llanelly early tried to open out, but a pass went astray. A quick punt, however, went to Boughton, who had to run in to gather. He, however, did this successfully, and eluding a couple of forwards got in a splendid touch-finder.

LLANELLY ON TOP

Llanelly quickly removed the play with short, sharp dashes, the forwards being well together. Emrys Jones, with a strong burst, got clear but was rolled to touch just in time. The Welshmen were well on top just now, and twice the Gloucester line had a narrow escape. Clement tried hard for a corner try, but Hook held him, and forced him over the touch line.

It was hard going for the City for the next few minutes, Llanelly attacking with splendid dash.

Clement was again set going, and looked a possible scorer, but Boughton came along and effected a smothering tackle.

WELSHMEN REDUCE THE LEAD

Gloucester, with super efforts, warded off repeated attacks, but eventually from a pass on the short side of the scrum Clement punted and JOHN, dashing up, took the ball and scored a good try. Ivor Jones converted, and the score was now 14–8 in Gloucester's favour.

SCARLETS SCORE AGAIN

Up to this point Llanelly had completely turned the tables on Gloucester this half, and only twice had the City crossed the centre line. The home forwards had lost control of the ball in the scrums, and the dash and determination of the visitors in the loose gave a lot of trouble.

On the drop-out play remained in the Gloucester half. Outside the 25 the City heeled, but the pass was snapped by Ivor Jones, who went through and passed to MORGAN, who scored easily. The goal kick was disallowed for some infringement, but only three points now separated the teams.

AND TAKE THE LEAD

Llanelly, on the resumption, put on tremendous pressure to get on terms, and reward came a few minutes later. From a kick-out by Boughton the ball went to DAI JOHN, who with a lovely drop kick cleared the cross-bar to give his side the lead. It had been a remarkable recovery by the Welshmen, who had done all the attacking this half.

JOHN AGAIN

Matters got a bit out of hand following the restart, and the referee called a halt for a couple of minutes. When play was continued Gloucester had a possible chance of scoring. Brooks put in a splendid dash, and passed to Hook, but the wing man could not beat the defence.

Llanelly got out of danger with loose dribbles and fast following up, but Boughton was remarkably safe.

The Welshmen, however, had further reward, for JOHN, securing possession in the open dropped another fine goal.

The veteran had played a prominent part . . .

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. . . honours were shared (two each), with the City's first score the best of the match.

Smith and Fifield waged a keen contest at scrum half, but, as already indicated. John dominated the play in the fly-half position, although Meadows got through a lot of smart work.

Llanelly were a more finished line of the quarters, but individually Brooks was as good as any. Gloucester's best work was all done in the first half.

The attendance was 6,000, and the gate receipts £140.

Next week: Gloucester v. Cheltenham, at Cheltenham; Gloucester United v. Cheltenham United, at Kingsholm. Gloucestershire v. Devon at Torquay (County Championships).