

# THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER'S NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT  
FIRST VICTORY AT LLANELLY FOR 38 YEARS

BOUGHTON'S GOAL DECIDED THE ISSUE

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GLOUCESTER recorded another brilliant performance to-day, when they defeated Llanelly at Stradey Park. This was only the second occasion the City team had triumphed at Llanelly, the previous victory being obtained in season 1898-9. That year was noteworthy for the defeat of the famous Welsh quartette – Newport, Cardiff, Swansea, and Llanelly.

The first meeting between the teams at Kingsholm provided a remarkable game. Gloucester led 14-3 at the interval, but Llanelly made a great recovery to win by 19 points to 14.

Field goals featured the match, Llanelly being credited with two dropped and a penalty, and Gloucester one dropped. Dai John and Harold Boughton were the outstanding players for their respective sides.

Llanelly have enjoyed a most successful season, but Gloucester's recent form suggested the visitors would give their famous opponents a close game.

GLOUCESTER

BACK : H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS : E. L. Phillips, J. C. Brooks (capt.), F. G. Edwards, and R. E. Hook.

HALF-BACKS : E. Day and Don Meadows.

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

LLANELLY

BACK : L. G. Clement.

THREE-QUARTERS : W. H. Clement, G. Harris, G. Treharne and E. L. Jones.

HALF-BACKS : A. R. Smith and G. Jones.

FORWARDS : Ivor Jones, W. H. Williams, Bryn Evans, E. Evans, J. L. Morgan, W. G. Lewis, J. Lang, and E. Hughes.

The teams turned out as selected. Unfortunately the weather was unfavourable, and there were only about 2,000 spectators at the start. The ground was very heavy after drizzling rain all the morning.

### THE GAME

Play opened in the Llanelly half, but Hughes led a forward rush which was not checked until the Gloucester 25 was reached. The visitors were early penalised for off-side, but Ivor Jones was very wide with his shot for goal, and Meadows found touch nicely with his return.

The game was kept with the forwards, but Llanelly eventually opened out. G. Jones punted ahead, but Boughton gathered smartly, and put in a fine return. Williams, however, was ruled off-side in following up, and some 30 yards were lost.

Gloucester cleared from this point, and from a pass by Day, Meadows kicked well down the field. L. Clement fumbled the ball, and the City got close to the line, where the Welshmen saved two yards outside.

### CITY OPEN THE SCORING

Gloucester attacked strongly, and the ball was taken over the line, but E. Jones just gained the touch. From the drop out the City returned to the attack, and Llanelly were fortunate in gaining the mark under pressure. Immediately after Hordern fielded a punt out, and following a sharp dash, cross-kicked.

The Llanelly backs misfielded the ball which rolled over the line, and MORRIS scored wide out. Boughton converted with a very fine kick.

This was a splendid start, and Gloucester renewed the struggle with great vigour.

Well-judged kicking by the City backs confined play to the home half. Boughton got in one tremendous touch-finder. Gloucester were heeling smartly, and twice the backs handled neatly, but they could not break through.

Gloucester maintained the pressure for several minutes, and through a well placed punt by Brooks, the Welsh line was in danger. The ball, however, rolled awkwardly for Hook and the situation was saved.

#### LLANELLY ON THE DEFENSIVE

A combined forward rush headed by Morgan brought relief to the home team, but Boughton sent them back with a magnificent kick which carried 50 yards. This placed Llanelly on the defensive again, but a touch down brought relief.

The City forwards were playing splendidly together, and except for the first few minutes had held the upper hand. Neat work by G. Jones helped Llanelly, and from a long kick down, Boughton knocked on and E. Jones dribbled close. G. Jones took a left footed drop for goal, but he missed by a couple of feet.

Llanelly now assumed the aggressive, and twice Gloucester were closely pressed. Hordern and Brooks in turn, however, cleared. Another combination by the Welsh backs looked promising, but the attack was stopped in time. Then a combined forward movement by the Gloucester front brought play out to midfield, Hook assisting with a flying kick. Forward play followed, both packs working with great energy.

Gloucester asserted superiority again, and for the next two minutes were well inside the home half.

No tangible results, however, rewarded their efforts, and the interval arrived with no further scoring.

HALF-TIME :  
GLOUCESTER ..... 1 Goal  
LLANELLY ..... Nil

Llanelly re-started in workmanlike style and Gloucester early on had to concede a touch down from a kick near the line. Llanelly, using the touch to advantage, gained a good position on the drop out, and the City had an anxious time. Brooks brought temporary relief with a punt out, but the Welshmen rushed back, and were nearly over. The defence, however, never gave way.

It was hard going for the City now, Llanelly working desperately to get on terms. There was little back play, but on one occasion W. Clement made a dashing run, but fell to numbers. The Welshmen were getting the ball pretty frequently from the scrums, but their handling was very uncertain.

#### GLOUCESTER'S LEAD REDUCED

Offside by Gloucester cost them a penalty in front of the posts 30 yards out, but Ivor Jones could not find the distance. Hordern only partly cleared, and immediately afterwards Llanelly just missed a corner try.

Try as they would the City could not make any advance, and from another sharp attack E. EVANS was given a try in the corner after some argument as to his having infringed the touch-line.

From the difficult position Ivor Jones failed to convert.

Gloucester's lead was reduced to two points.

Desperate forward work followed on the resumption, ending in Gloucester making headway [word/words unreadable] some keen following up and hard kicking [word/words unreadable] Phillips and Edwards being to the [word/words unreadable] Llanelly broke away with passing, but it broke down, and Meadows sent well past L. Clement [word/words unreadable] The latter was hard pressed, and only just saved in time.

#### LLANELLY'S NARROW ESCAPE

Useful kicking brought the Welshmen out of danger, but the City forwards returned with combined dribbles, and they were stopped just a few yards from the goal-line.

Llanelly had a narrow escape a couple of minutes later, and excitement ran very close. Aided by a couple of penalty kicks, however, the home team worked clear.

#### EXCITING FINISH

With both teams fighting desperately, there was some exciting exchanges. Gloucester travelled half the length of the field with a forward burst, but they lost the ball at a crucial moment, and Llanelly replied with a similar effort, almost reaching the goal-line before being checked.

The Gloucester defence held out after another desperate attack, and with a [word, words unreadable] effort completely changed the position. Edwards and Phillips following up a punt, Meadows kicked over the Llanelly line, but Clement won the touch.

This was a lucky escape for the Welshmen. Only two minutes were left for play and nothing further was done, and Gloucester had achieved their great ambition.

#### RESULT :

GLoucester ..... 1 goal (5 points)  
Llanelly ..... 1 try (3 points)

## REMARKS

To the whole City team congratulations on their wonderful triumph. History was made to-day, for it was 38 years since the City had their last victory over the Welshmen at Stradey Park.

It was a strenuous struggle throughout [word/words unreadable] the forwards, with honours, on the day fairly divided.

Llanelly had great moments of attack in the second half, but the Gloucester defence was very fine.

Boughton, at full back, was again distinguished, and was far in advance of Clement.

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