

**THE CITIZEN**  
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WEAKENED LEICESTER TEAM WELL BEATEN AT KINGSHOLM

SOME BRILLIANT TRIES

BUT PATCHY FOOTBALL

SPECIAL BY "W.B."

Gloucester continued their winning sequence at Kingsholm to-day with their second victory over Leicester this season. The City won the first fixture by 10 points to 6. For the first time for several weeks fine weather prevailed, and the ground rolled out in splendid condition for a fast game.

Gloucester fielded as selected – Hordern was the only absentee from the side which defeated Llanelly – but Leicester had to completely reorganise their back division, only Barr and Walker remaining of the players originally chosen.

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 D. Meadows.

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

LEICESTER

BACK: R. J. Barr.

THREE-QUARTERS: G. Toone, G. Goode, W. T. Aldridge and L. Baillon.

HALF-BACKS: J. Parsons and S. G. Walker.

FORWARDS: J. Wormleighton, M. A. Robinson, G. Greaves, N. A. York, G. P. C. Vallance, R. J. Willcox, J. T. W. Berry, J. Hopkin.

Referee: Mr. Sanderson (London).

## THE GAME

### GLOUCESTER'S EARLY SCORE

There were between 4,000 and 5,000 present when Boughton started for Gloucester with a big kick, which Barr gathered and returned to touch with an equally good effort. From the first scrum Leicester were penalised for off-side, and Boughton had a long shot for goal, which only just failed to reach its objective.

Barr again punted out, and Boughton, misjudging the ball, it went to touch ten yards from the centre. Subsequent play was a bit scrambling, the bounce of the ball beating both sets of players and causing mistakes in handling.

Near midfield the City broke away, and Meadows kicked to Barr. The latter fumbled, and HOOK, coming along at a fast pace, kicked hard, and gathering on the run, raced round and behind the posts for a nice try. Bought converted easily.

Play was contested at a fast pace on the resumption, the Leicester forwards doing well in the loose, they also heeled successfully, but the backs were not allowed to travel far.

For pushing in a line-out the City had a penalty given against them, and Barr put in a huge punt over the line. Meadows ran the ball out and reached the 25 line, but Brooks dropped the pass, and Leicester looked dangerous. Gloucester cleared through Boughton, and centre play followed for a time. Then the City got moving, and the Tigers were hard pressed.

### SECOND TRY FOR CITY

Boughton found touch well inside the visitors' 25 with a dropping kick, and from the throw-out Williams secured and broke clear. Reaching Barr, he handed to PRICE, who had an unopposed run over for a try. Boughton added the goal points with a grand kick.

## AND PENALTY GOAL FOR LEICESTER

Gloucester's lead of 10 points was against the run of play, for Leicester had held territorial advantage. The City backs were getting a fair share of the ball, but the outsides were none too successful in their aggressive movements.

Ten yards inside the Gloucester half the home team were penalised, and YORK taking the kick landed a fine goal.

Gloucester had the better of subsequent exchanges, and fast following up and dashing tackles by Phillips put Leicester on the defence. Once or twice the City went close, but failed to get over. Useful kicking eased the pressure for the "Tigers," but Boughton always recovered the ground.

## BOUGHTON AGAIN

Well outside their 25 and near the touchline, Leicester were penalised, and Boughton maintained his record by kicking another remarkable goal, amidst loud cheers. Gloucester now led 13–3.

On the resumption the City kept up the attack. Phillips shone with a strong run and punt over Barr's head, but the ball was lost on the line. The attack shifted to the left, where Edwards made a gallant effort to break through, but was pushed to touch.

Next Hook took a drop for goal; it missed, but Gloucester should have scored with better judgment in fielding the ball.

## WILD PASSING

The Leicester line had several narrow escapes after this, but the City backs did not exercise the best judgment when openings were offered. Boughton was given another chance for a penalty goal, but this time he sent wide of the upright.

Leicester, profiting by home mistakes, had more of the play in the next few minutes. Gloucester were continually in possession, but the passing was very wild at times. Phillips once eluded several opponents, and created a fine opening, but the inevitable dropped transfer followed.

Leicester continued to play up with determination, and a good effort by Parsons put his side well down. Brooks punted out straight to BAILLON, who dropped a nice goal.

#### HALF-TIME:

Gloucester ..... 3 goals (1p.)

Leicester ..... 2 goals (1d., 1p.)

Leicester had done much better than expected, but the City had to pay the penalty for a lot of fumbling among the backs. The first incident after the restart was a very smart effort by Phillips for Gloucester. He dashed through from a pass, beat Barr, but stumbled and lost the ball. He, however, re-gathered, and passed, to a forward, but the ball was knocked on with a certain try in view. This was a repetition of mistakes in the first half.

#### BEWILDERING TRY

Subsequent play was all in favour of the City, and reward came with a bewildering score. An attack went to the left with Edwards moving well and a pass to Hook.

The wing man threw across the field to Meadows, who accepted and started an attack on the right. Boughton joined in, and giving a final pass to PHILLIPS, the Oxford Blue dashed over in the corner with a brilliant try. Boughton failed at goal.

Most of the play on the resumption was in Gloucester's favour, but a good deal of promising work was spoiled by inability to handle accurately.

On two occasions Leicester were severely engaged, but they managed to keep their line intact. Combined work by their forwards brought relief, and Gloucester had to do some hard tackling to check further progress.

Gloucester were subjected to severe pressure after this, and there was a series of scrums ten yards from the home line. Relief came at length with a brilliant bit of combination. Brooks went ahead and passed to Phillips, who returned the ball, but the captain had not the speed to get clear. Leicester worked back, and York had a kick for goal from a penalty, but was unsuccessful. Next Boughton saved from a dangerous forward burst.

### HOOK'S SPLENDID TRY

Play was well inside the Gloucester half when HOOK followed up a kick by Meadows. Barr was at fault in gathering, and the Gloucester right winger, snapping up the ball, raced clear to finish a splendid run for a try behind the posts. This was a repeat performance of his effort at Leicester in the first match. Boughton landed an easy goal.

Soon after the restart, following a neat move by Phillips, Edwards and Welshman carried on an attack. Hook was given possession, and with another sprint he again went behind the posts. But his left foot had gone into touch, and he was called back.

In the closing stages, Gloucester showed up with some fine work. Boughton made one marvellous clearance from a Leicester attack, and Edwards was distinguished with a solo effort which took him through the opposition to Barr, but his reverse pass was spoiled. Gloucester should have added to their lead before the end, but the scoring . . .

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