

# THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER BACKS SHINE

TWO POINTS' VICTORY OVER GUY'S

A dull misty day, following yesterday's snow, and a heavy ground were the miserable conditions which greeted the teams at Honor Oak, where Guy's Hospital, who have had a bad season, entertained Gloucester.

At the last moment Halamandres, the full-back who was expected to return to the side after many weeks absence, was found to be still unfit.

GLOUCESTER

BACK: H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS: Ivor Jones, J. H. Bown, T. Stephens, and R. E. Early.

HALF-BACKS: Don Meadows (capt,) and E. R. Day.

FORWARDS: H. Edwards, R. A. Carter, N. Powell, R. Morris, T. Rose, A. Welshman, W. Barrow, and E. Bayliss.

GUY'S HOSPITAL

BACK: E. C. Sharp.

THREE-QUARTERS: J. L. G. Hurlley, T. H. Birks, H. B. Allen, and A. Baxter.

HALF-BACKS: J. P. Crawford and J. E. Lewis.

FORWARDS: M. R. Kark, E. S. Nicholson, H. H. Crabbs, J. R. D. Williams, B. P. Finnigan, C. S. Darke, I. T. Robin, and F. Watt.

REFEREE: G. Beynon.

Gloucester kicked off, and Guy's made ground with a forward rush, but Boughton cleverly picked up and kicked down the field.

Gloucester in the early stages were forcing the pace, but a long raking kick down the field was mis-fielded by Boughton, and let Guy's in for a try, CRAWFORD running strongly scored near the corner flag. Kark failed with the kick.

Gloucester replied with a strong attack, and Meadows receiving from Day made a spectacular run before passing wide out to Early, who was pulled down a yard from the line.

Considering the treacherous state of the ground play was very fast, and the handling remarkably good.

Boughton shortly after missed a drop at goal when favourably placed, after the Gloucester pack had put in a thrilling rush.

Following a good passing movement by the Gloucester three-quarters, IVOR JONES went over for a try, Boughton just failing with the kick.

Later on a forward pass by Bown to Ivor Jones spoiled a promising movement by the visitors. A good kick to touch by Crawford saved Guy's from a desperate situation.

Boughton failed badly when trying a drop at goal from near the half-way line after Guy's had been penalised for off-side.

Day cross-kicked, and MEADOWS gathering the ball as it dropped near the goal line slid across for a try, which Boughton easily converted.

#### HALF-TIME :

Guy's Hospital ..... 1 try  
Gloucester ..... 1 goal 1 try

On the resumption Guy's scored in less than a minute. Crawford received the ball from a loose scrum and broke through the visitors' defence, and when tackled by the back transferred to WATT, who went over for a try near the posts. Kark struck the upright with his kick at goal and the ball bounced back.

Heavy rain made the ball difficult to handle. Guy's were pressing hard and playing much better than in the first half.

Owing to the heavy state of the ground the game resolved into a battle between the forwards, Guy's used their feet to advantage.

Boughton, at back, shone with good kicking, and Ivor Jones, Meadows, and Day were outstanding players for Gloucester. Crawford, Allen and Baxter did equally well for Guy's.

Off-side relieved the pressure on the Guy's line. Allen cleverly sold the "dummy" and covered a useful slice of ground before kicking ahead, and a thrilling race for the ball between Crawford and Boughton ended in the latter just saving a desperate situation.

Towards the finish Guy's began to take control, and play was confined to the Gloucester half, but the great defence of the visitors enabled them to hold on to their slender lead.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER ..... 1 goal 1 try (8 pts.)

GUY'S HOSPITAL ..... 2 tries (6 pts.)