

THE CITIZEN

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BRILLIANT TRIES BY LLANELLY

WEAK GLO'STER SIDE OUTCLASSED

Three thousand spectators watched the match between Llanelly and Gloucester to-day.

Gloucester, who defeated Llanelly last season for the first time in 28 years, were obliged to field nine substitutes, while two of Llanelly's regular players were with the Welsh team at Belfast.

LLANELLY

BACK: R. G. Brown.

THREE-QUARTERS: G. Treharne, G. Elias, F. Rees, and E. Jones.

HALF-BACKS: D. L. Thomas and G. Davies.

FORWARDS: B. Evans, W. H. Williams, E. Evans, F. L. Morgan, J. L. Morgan, D. J. Bowen, Dr. E. N. Rees, and Ifor Jones.

GLOUCESTER

BACK: P. Phillips.

THREE-QUARTERS: R. E. Early, R. E. Burke, S. Walden, and C. K. Yewlett.

HALF-BACKS: D. Meadows and E. R. Day.

FORWARDS: R. A. Carter, H. Edwards, T. Day, R. Morris, K. Smith, E. Bayliss, F. Mustoe, and T. Rose.

REFEREE: Mr. I. David (Neath).

Playing with the wind, Gloucester invaded Llanelly's territory, only to find G. Davies, Llanelly's scrum half, breaking through and transferring play to midfield. Phillips, the Gloucester full-back, was soon afterwards tackled in possession, but the situation was eased for the visitors by F. Walden.

A series of attacks on the Gloucester line followed and D. L. Thomas, Llanelly's nippy fly-half, on one occasion all but broke through. Llanelly kept up the pressure until Gloucester broke away through R. E. Early, their left wing, initiating a dribbling movement.

When confronted by Llanelly's full-back, Early kicked ahead, and a thrilling race followed.

Burke reached it, but failed to ground the ball, a glorious chance of a try by Gloucester being thus lost.

Soon after D. L. Thomas fielded the ball, and breaking through a bunch of opponents, passed to E. EVANS the Llanelly ex-Welsh International forward, who scored near the posts, for R. G. Brown to convert.

LLANELLY FURTHER AHEAD

Bright play followed, Gloucester setting up grim opposition to the terrific attacks of the home side, whose forwards were controlling the scrummages and giving their backs a good service.

Llanelly were attacking in the visitors' 25 when D. L. Thomas dribbled the ball, and smartly sent it to Ifor Jones, who sent Emyrs Evans in motion, the last-named sending G. ELIAS over with a try, which Brown failed to convert.

Gloucester continued to be penned in their own territory, and eventually G. DAVIES, taking advantage of a poor pass by Day from the base of the scrum to Meadows, dribbled ahead to score an unconverted try.

Receiving the ball from D. L. Thomas, G. ELIAS scored another try for Llanelly, which was converted by R. G. Brown.

On resuming the Gloucester forwards heeled the ball cleanly, but Meadows threw away a chance of making headway by knocking on.

Eventually the visiting forwards brought much-needed relief by rushing to midfield, only to find the Llanelly backs regaining the lost ground.

Llanelly were not to be denied, and G. Davies initiated a passing movement to Gloucester's 25 which ended in G. ELIAS performing the "hat-trick" for Brown to convert.

Half-time :

Llanelly 2 goals 2 tries

Gloucester Nil

Llanelly were penalised in their own 25, and Meadows attempted to drop a goal, but the ball went hopelessly wide.

One of the tit-bits of the match was witnessed at this stage, when six of the Llanelly forwards indulged in a passing movement which covered half the length of the field, and Ivor Jones, the last to receive, being held up by Phillips within a yard of his objective.

From the next scrum D. L. THOMAS received from G. Davies to score a try for Llanelly which Brown failed to convert.

Just before time G. TREHARNE scored for Llanelly, R. G. Brown converting.

RESULT :

LLANELLY ... 4 goals 3 tries (29 points)

GLOUCESTER Nil