

# THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER 14 Pts., LEICESTER 9

CITY'S SEVENTH VICTORY AT KINGSHOLM

WINNERS' IMPROVEMENT IN SECOND HALF

SPLENDID TRIES BY HOOK AND BOWN

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Gloucester entered the third month of the season with their home record still intact, and to-day Leicester were added to the list of defeated teams. In the four previous matches between the clubs at Kingsholm, all won by Gloucester, the City had aggregated 102 points to 26.

Gloucester had to make a late change – an important one – owing to the withdrawal of W. H. Hopkin from the three-quarter line. R. E. Hook filled the vacancy.

I was informed Hopkin was assisting his old club, Newport, who were seriously weakened by the calls of the Welsh Union trial and the Police Union.

Hook, who had been out of the Gloucester side for five weeks with a broken bone in the hand, had arranged to have a test with the United to-day. Members of the County Selection Committee attended to watch the form of candidates for the team to oppose Cornwall. The side will be chosen at Bristol this evening.

The weather was dull, and there was a slight mist when the rival fifteens took the field, before a capital attendance, between 4,000 and 5,000.

## GLOUCESTER

BACK: H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS: C. C. Tanner, J. H. Bown, E. L. Phillips, and R. E. Hook.

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

FORWARDS: A. Carpenter, T. Price, C. Harris, J. G. A'Bear, R. Morris, S. Mabbett, Dr. Dick, H. M. Hughes.

## LEICESTER

BACK: R. J. Barr.

THREE-QUARTERS: G. E. Pollard, A. Squibbs, R. W. Clark, and J. B. Fox.

HALF-BACKS: W. G. Moseby and D. E. Bevins.

FORWARDS: G. B. Herbert, T. G. Ridgway, D. Bolesworth, W. Bainbridge, J. R. Sharp, J. T. Berry, N. Adams, and P. E. Ward.

Referee: Mr. J. H. Phillips (Pontypridd).

## THE GAME

Pollard made a high return to Tanner from Gloucester's kick-off, and the latter's reply being charged down, the ball rolled to touch near the centre.

Leicester were penalised at the first scrum, and Boughton gained 20 yards with his kick, but the visitors soon worked back.

Gathering a rather wild pass by Day, Meadows ran a few yards and handed to Bown, who cut through beautifully, but Hook, the last to receive, could not make the distance. Leicester punted out, and then the Gloucester backs handled.

Tanner ran and cross-punted, but the situation was saved with the Gloucester forwards well up.

## BOUGHTON OPENS THE SCORING

Fast play followed ending in Leicester gaining a footing in the home half. From a penalty, Herbert had a shot for goal, but was wide, and Boughton effected a good clearance.

Fielding another long kick, Boughton started passing, and a punt upfield found Barr in danger.

There was a scramble, ending in a visitor being penalised for not playing the ball, and from a favourable position BOUGHTON gave Gloucester three points with a neat goal.

## LEICESTER EQUALISE

Leicester restarted, and there were some keen exchanges at the centre. Gloucester moved ahead on the left with some good work, but the forwards over-ran the ball, and Squibbs punted back to touch. The same player was prominent again with a sharp burst and kick ahead, but Boughton was very safe.

Inside the Gloucester half Carpenter opened out from a loose scrum, but Leicester checked when matters looked dangerous. Good loose work by the Leicester forwards resulted in the home 25 being visited.

Mabbett, tackling an opponent offside, was penalised. HERBERT took a place for goal, and with a well-directed kick, equalised the scores.

Gloucester had slightly the better of the exchanges after this, but dropped passes spoiled one or two likely movements.

Leicester struck back with interest, Moseby and Barr shining in quick succession with strong bursts. Mistakes in fielding allowed the visitors to get very close, and the City were in dire danger. Useful clearance kicks brought relief, and the forwards backed up with some capital loose rushes.

Leicester, however, were keeping things moving, and Gloucester were placed on the defensive again. Herbert had another try for a penalty goal, but met with no success, and play was transferred to midfield.

Gloucester were playing a very scrappy game, and with the backs uncertain, the football was not of very high class. More mistakes in passing followed on either side, and Gloucester once allowed Moseby to dribble over the line, Boughton touching down.

#### GLOUCESTER TAKE THE LEAD AGAIN

Leicester improved considerably after this, the backs combining well. A series of sharp exchanges gave Pollard a possible chance under the posts, but the pass was missed, and Hughes coming along made a splendid relief run.

The "Tigers," however, were quickly on the aggressive again, and the City were closely pressed. Bown eventually broke away cleverly, and punted upfield. Fox saved, but in some loose play HARRIS picked up, and with a fine dash cleared the defence and scored. Boughton made a fine attempt to convert.

In the next few minutes Gloucester put in some excellent work. Phillips shone with a splendid cut through, finally punting to the line, but Leicester managed to save. The same player was through again shortly afterwards, and a short punt placed the visitors' line in danger. Barr, however, was safe, and a penalty gave Leicester breathing space.

Centre play followed, with little in it. Once Tanner was sent away by Bown, but the international could not clear Pollard. Gloucester had rather the better of matters to the interval, but there was no further scoring.

#### HALF-TIME :

Gloucester ..... 1 goal (p.) 1 try  
Leicester ..... 1 goal (p.)

Gloucester had crowded their best work in the last 10 minutes, but the City's form as a whole was very patchy. The handling on both sides was again very faulty.

Leicester were the first to be on the offensive, dribbling through to Boughton after Gloucester mistakes in fielding in midfield.

The City quickly got out of danger, and there was some exchange kicking ending in favour of the visitors.

### HOOK'S GREAT TRY

On the Gloucester 25 Meadows gathered in the loose and opened out to Bown, who short-punted for Phillips to race up and collect the ball on the bounce.

The old Oxford Blue ran up to Barr, and then yielded to Hook on the centre line. Putting on his best pace, HOOK kept his lead over Fox and finished a great run by scoring behind the posts. Boughton easily converted and Gloucester led 11-3.

Gloucester renewed the struggle with great energy, the forwards combining in a loose rush, which carried them 20 yards. Leicester warded off a desperate assault, and with well-judged kicks worked to the half-way line.

Gloucester getting the ball from the scrum, some passing saw Hook placed in possession. The latter punted high and across, but a visitor fielded and cleared. Gloucester kept up the pressure, and from a loose kick up the field Boughton fielded, and only just failed in a splendid effort to drop a goal from 40 yards out.

### CITY FURTHER AHEAD.

Following the drop-out Leicester reached the home half, but they were unable to do much. The City forged ahead again. Meadows essayed the short punt, but this time the home backs knocked on and the movement was stopped.

Leicester just now were being outplayed, and the defence was sorely tried. Hook missed an attempt to drop a goal, but Gloucester had hard lines with one or two openings later. The City, however, persevered, and BOWN, picking up, sneaked away, and beating Barr scored a clever try. Boughton just failed with his goal-kick.

#### LEICESTER SCORE

From the restart Gloucester opened out, and a splendid bout of passing between backs and forwards ended in the Leicester 25 being reached. The invasion was beaten off, and Squibbs, with a sharp run, turned defence into attack. Hughes saved from a dangerous rush close in, but after Bevins had been held up outside, WARD crossed for the visitors' try. Barr failed at goal.

Subsequent play was fairly even for a time, until the Gloucester backs moved away with good work. Tanner, receiving an inside pass from Meadows, broke through, and there was a long pass out to Hook, but nothing resulted. Hook and Dick combined in an effort which tested Barr, and later the former forced a minor with a kick over the line.

#### MORE POINTS FOR "THE TIGERS"

Gloucester maintained the pressure for the next few minutes, but a long dribble by the visiting forwards changed the position. Clever passing by the home backs gave the ball to Hook, who raced away to Barr, when he gave up to Bown. The latter, however, was upset with a swift tackle. Leicester retrieved the position in quick style. Fox was conspicuous with a dashing run and kick ahead which took the ball to the line. Boughton tried hard to save, but MOSEBY touched down for a try. Soon after the end was called.

#### RESULT :

GLUCESTER ..... 2 goals (1p.) 2 tries (14 pts.)

LEICESTER ..... 1 goal (p), 2 tries (9 pts.)