

THE CITIZEN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1938

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

ARMY CUP : FOURTH ROUND

WELCH REGT. v. SCOTTISH BORDERERS

The fourth round of the Army Rugby Cup was staged at Kingsholm, Gloucester, this afternoon, when the holders (1st Batt. Welch Regiment, Belfast) were opposed by the 1st Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, Portsmouth. There was one alteration forward in the Welch side, Pte. W. E. Buss replacing Pte. E. J. Pennell, while the only alteration in the Borderers' side was Pte. Buchanan for L./C. Richardson, also in the forwards.

The attendance was about 1,000.

The Welch kicked off, and were 3 points up in as many minutes, Sergt. Ibbitson slipping the defence to score a good try. The position was favourable, but Lieut. Cowey failed to convert. Thus encouraged, the Welch subjected the Borderers' defence to severe pressure. The Borderers fought back well, however, and following a scrum in the Welch 25, Sergt. Ibbitson, their fly-half, missed a pass, and, seizing his chance, Corpl. Forbes snapped up the ball to equalise the scores. L./C. Minto failed to add the points.

The game had then been in progress 15 minutes, and in ensuing play the Borderers more than held their own. The Welch were penalised for a scrum infringement, and Minto landed a good goal. The Borderers did not hold the lead for long, however, Lieut. Mackie again bringing the scores level with a penalty goal. It was a great tussle, in which the Welch backs were the cleverer and the more speedy, but the Borderers more than holding their own forward.

Half-time :

Welch Regiment 1 goal (p.) 1 try
Scottish Borderers 1 goal (p.) 1 try

The first ten minutes of the second half were contested in the Welch territory, and L/c. Minto regained the lead for the Borderers with another penalty goal. The Welch backs were seen in a beautiful passing movement which took play to the Borderers' line, and Lt. Mackie again brought the scores level with a good try, which went unconverted.

The closing stages saw the Welch on top, and tries for them were added by Lt. Cowey and Pte. Delaney.

RESULT :

WELCH REGT. 1 goal (p.) 4 tries (15 pts.)
Scottish Borderers 2 goals (p.) 1 try (9 pts.)