

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1963

ALMOST COMPLETE FREEZE-UP OF RUGBY

Wintery conditions are once again having a disastrous effect on sport. Two nights of severe and unexpected frost have resulted in iron-hard grounds, and consequently a widespread cancellation of national and local fixtures.

Heading the 'matches off' list came Gloucester's away game with Coventry (called off yesterday afternoon), while the Extra's game which was to have been played at Kingsholm was also cancelled.

Stroud Rugby also suffered a complete wipe-out this afternoon. The First XV's away game with Esher, the Nomads home game against Keynsham at Fromehall Park, and the Stroud Extras - Cheltenham North matches have been cancelled.

Lydney's away game with Walsall and the Lydney Old Boys away game with Walsall Reserves, Cinderford's game with Chepstow, and Cheltenham's home game with Oxford have also had to be postponed.