

# THE CITIZEN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1925

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. CINDERFORD

CITY WIN POOR, SCRAPPY GAME

This annual Barton Fair Day match at Kingsholm did not prove the usual attraction, and at the time of starting the attendance was disappointing. Gloucester had to play several reserves, owing to Voyce, Taylor, Hughes, and Saxby not being available. Cinderford had a good side out.

Teams : —

## GLOUCESTER

BACK : S. Williams.

THREE-QUARTERS : L. Abbey, T. Millington, G. R. James, and S. A. Brown.

HALF-BACKS : G. Thomas and R. Milliner.

FORWARDS : F. Ayliffe, S. Duberley, J. Reed, H. Roberts, J. Hemmings, M. Short, A. Hall, and F. Sturge.

## CINDERFORD

BACK : G. Greenman.

THREE-QUARTERS : B. Roberts, T. Kettle, W. Thomas, and H. Brain.

HALF-BACKS : R. Edwards and W. Fields.

FORWARDS : S. Weaver (captain), F. Carpenter, A. Beard, T. Rodway, T. Coombes, A. Redding, G. Bent, and W. Stubbs.

Referee : Capt. A. S. Burge (Penarth).

## THE GAME

Gloucester kicked off, and opening play was contested in the Cinderford half. From a loose scrum Brown picked up and cross-kicked over his opponents' goal line, but only a minor resulted.

A knock-on by Williams from the drop out gave Cinderford a footing at the centre, and with two or three sharp forward rushes they worked down some twenty yards. A penalty followed to the visitors, but the kick was well returned by Thomas. Gloucester worked out of danger through Reed, and later Millington and Abbey with smart work down the touch line reached the Cinderford quarter. A long punt out brought relief, but it was only temporary, Gloucester getting on the attack again.

Ayliffe once dribbled clear and to the line, but there had been a previous infringement and the ball was called back. Cinderford being penalised for a scrum infringement just outside the 25 line, MILLINGTON had a shot for goal, and with a capital kick landed a good goal, thus giving first points to Gloucester.

Play was keen forward, where Cinderford showed up strongly, but so far there had been little back play. At length Thomas opened out well inside the home half, and the ball came via Millington and James to Brown, who sped away and rounded Thomas. He, however, was well tackled by Greenman, though not prevented from passing to Millington. The latter was immediately upset, and falling heavily, was knocked out, necessitating his retirement to the touch line.

Hemmings was brought out to wing three-quarter when play was resumed, Brown going centre. The game continued mostly with the forwards, and in checking one dangerous rush by the City a visitor was damaged and had to be carried off, this making the teams level as regards numbers. There was little of real incident to record except some good relief kicking by Greenman, who utilised either foot with advantage.

Ayliffe was prominent with a useful dribble and the ball bouncing he gathered and threw wide, but the pass was captured by an opponent, who easily cleared.

The Gloucester backs were twice placed in possession, but nothing was done, the handling being very crude. At length Reed broke away strongly, but Greenman brought him down finely close to the line. Gloucester tried to force themselves over from the ensuing scrum, but Cinderford gained the touch. From the drop out Gloucester got on the attack and clever work by Thomas gave BROWN possession. The acting captain dashed away, and cutting between two opponents, scored wide out. Williams failed at goal.

By this time Cinderford had been reinforced by their injured player, and for a time the Foresters had the better of the exchanges. Milliner was very quick at the scrum and got the ball away nicely to Thomas, but the movements broke down with the centres either failing to handle or passing forward. Nothing further was done before the interval.

HALF-TIME :

GLOUCESTER ..... 1 goal (p) 1 try  
CINDERFORD ..... Nil

Cinderford restarted, the home team being still short of Millington. The opening incident was a round of passing by the City backs, Hemmings, the last to receive, shaking off a would-be tackler and passing inside, but the transfer was ruled forward.

More passing by Gloucester went astray with the players well positioned, but once when the ball came along to Abbey, the right winger fell to a good tackle by Greenman. Gloucester set up a warm attack, but James, in attempting to dodge, was upset and lost the ball. Cinderford kicked ahead and the ball was taken three-parts the length of the field and over the line, a minor resulting. After the drop out Greenman missed a shot from a penalty, the ball going wide and Brown easily clearing.

The football exhibited was of little class, and lacking in interest. Cinderford for the main part made the game a forward one, and when the Gloucester backs tried to open failure generally attended their efforts. Greenman was twice called upon to save at close quarters, which he did effectively, and the Cinderford full back was easily one of the successes of the side.

Ensuing play was scrappy, with some terrific tackling on both sides. Williams shone for Gloucester with some splendid kicks which gave the home team territorial advantage, but they could do nothing in the way of real attack when the ball came out behind.

With typical forward work Cinderford assumed the aggressive, but like their opponents there was no finish to attacking movements. Gloucester through Milliner again assumed the upper hand, but once with a glorious chance James fumbled badly to take a pass from Brown.

Next Brown brought off a solo run and beat Greenman, but was collared from behind a yard from the line. An interception by a Cinderfordian gave him a clear field with the exception of Williams, but he was safely brought down and Gloucester quickly rushed back. The City had two or three more chances of scoring before the end, but failed miserably, and a poor game ended with no score in the second half.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER .... 1 goal (p), 1 try (6 pts.)  
CINDERFORD ..... Nil