

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 1925

## FOOTBALL

### WHOLSALE ABANDONMENT OF FIXTURES

#### PROTECTED GROUNDS PENETRATED BY THE FROST

The continuance of the severe weather necessitated the wholesale abandonment of Rugby matches for the second week in succession.

The day's programme included some very important games – Gloucester v. United Services, at Portsmouth; Bristol v. Newport, at Newport; Guy's Hospital v. Richmond; Cross Keys v. Swansea; Yorkshire v. Cumberland (County Championship), and Glasgow v. Edinburgh (Scottish Trial).

At Newport the ground was protected with straw, but the covering was not effective.

At Glasgow straw was laid down five days ago, and on removal yesterday the pitch was found unplayable. Exposure to the keen air, however, made it freeze and within the space of eleven minutes it was found too hard !

Another ground in the district was frozen to a depth of from six to nine inches – testimony to the severity of the weather in Scotland.

In Yorkshire braziers were utilised in the hope of making the grounds fit, but without success.

## THE DAY'S PROGRAMME

### CANCELLED AND POSTPONED FIXTURES

Gloucester v. United Services  
Gloucester A v. Cinderford A  
Yorkshire v. Cumberland  
Blackheath v. Blackwell  
Guy's Hospital v. Richmond  
London Welsh v. Glamorgan Wanderers  
Rosslyn Park v. Old Blues  
St. Bart's Hospital v. R. N. C. (Greenwich)  
Birkenhead Park v. London Scottish  
Newport v. Bristol  
Northampton v. Sale  
Coventry v. Rugby  
Aberavon v. Llanelly  
Neath v. Cardiff  
Cross Keys v. Swansea  
Pontypridd v. Mountain Ash  
Glasgow v. Edinburgh  
Edinburgh Academicals v. Royal High School  
Edinburgh University v. Edinburgh Institution  
Cheltenham v. Birmingham University  
Nuneaton v. Birmingham  
Chatham Services v. Old Merchant Taylors  
London Irish v. St. Thomas's Hospital  
Pontypool v. Penarth