

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1927

FOOTBALL

LLANELLY 12 POINTS; GLOUCESTER NIL

WEAK CITY TEAM'S PLUCKY FIGHT

For the return match with Llanelly, at Stradey Park, Gloucester had to make a big call on the reserves, the captain and vice-captain (Voyce and Loveridge), J. Stephens, Hughes, Thomas, Saxby, Rea, and Pitt all being unable to make the journey.

At Kingsholm in the first game Gloucester won by 11 points to 6.

Teams : –

GLOUCESTER

BACK : H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS : A. Hough, Roy James, L. Abbey, and S. R. Crowther.

HALF-BACKS : R. Milliner and T. Millington.

FORWARDS : G. McIlwaine, M. Short, G. Foulkes, F. Russell, J. Hemming, H. J. Ferris, T. Wadley, and L. Franklin.

LLANELLY

BACK : E. Thomas.

THREE-QUARTERS : E. Finch, A. Jenkins, Syd Hay, and W. J. Davies.

HALF-BACKS : A. John and D. John.

FORWARDS : Ivor Jones (capt.), A. Parker, E. Griffiths, F. Harries, Rees Thomas, A. Skym, Bob Evans, and Iorwerth Jones.

THE GAME

The weather at Llanelly was wretched, the teams turning out in drizzling rain. There was only a small attendance. The teams fielded 20 minutes late.

Gloucester had the advantage of the opening stages, but on the first occasion the ball came out on the Llanelly side Jenkins got away and made an opening for Finch, who was pushed into touch on the line.

The smart Gloucester halves quickly worked out of danger, and, well supported by the forwards, soon returned.

A Gloucester back was next tackled in possession and Hay missed a chance through slipping his pass. Finch shot for goal and the ball fell short. Llanelly were now doing all the pressing and attacked hotly.

Under great pressure Gloucester defended well. Llanelly had many chances but the backs did not handle so well as usual.

The Gloucester forwards, when looking dangerous, were pulled up for an infringement. The visitors were soon on the line, Ewart Thomas being upset with the ball in his possession.

A penalty brought Llanelly much needed relief but Gloucester were again quickly in the home quarter. Poor handling by Llanelly lost them every opportunity to score, Hay being weak in the centre.

Boughton was applauded for his fine kicking and daring work. ALBERT JENKINS scored following a forward rush. The kick failed. When the interval came Gloucester were pressing.

HALF-TIME :

LLANELLY 1 try
GLOUCESTER Nil

Llanelly forced a minor on the restart and their forwards played with more dash than in the initial half. Millington broke through but was recalled. A little later he set his backs in motion but they failed to make headway, the greasy ball being difficult to handle.

Llanelly were now using their feet more and adapting themselves to the conditions. Boughton, however, frequently pulled them up on the line. Jenkins took a penalty kick which fell short.

Gloucester continued to put up a sound defence but when opportunities arose their backs displayed weakness in attack.

Llanelly brought off some smart passing, all the backs handling, and made their way to the Gloucester quarter but good kicking sent them back.

Llanelly now fell away, but brought off one great movement, Jenkins, Finch and Davies covering half the length of the field with interpassing, but Millington tackled Davies when he was about to cross the line.

Llanelly again fell away, and the forwards were not holding up at all well against the smarter Gloucester pack. Passing by Llanelly ended in IORWERTH JONES scoring far out and Jenkins failed with the kick.

Resuming, Gloucester with a rush sent to the Llanelly line and dribbled over, but in the race for possession Finch secured and touched down. IVOR JONES kicked a penalty for Llanelly.

REES THOMAS then scored a try, the kick for goal failing.

RESULT :

LLANELLY ... 1 goal (p.) 3 tries (12 pts.)
GLOUCESTER Nil

REMARKS

Keen play in the loose by the City forwards prevented the home backs showing their best form. Llanely were well served by Albert Jenkins and Dai John. Crowther and Boughton did great defensive work for Gloucester.

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