

THE CITIZEN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1927.

FOOTBALL.

WEAK GLOUCESTER TEAM BEATEN AT CINDERFORD.

For their closing match of the season at Cinderford on Tuesday Gloucester experienced the greatest difficulty in getting a side together. The only First-team forward available was Short and two substitutes had to be picked up at Cinderford. The pack was therefore a very scratch lot. The full team was : H. Boughton; A. Hough, Roy James, E. Stephens, and L. Abbey; R. Milliner and T. Millington; M. Short, A. Hall, L. Franklin, T. Hiam, E. Spiers, Edwards, Beard, and R. Holford. Cinderford were also below strength.

Cinderford won by 1 goal 3 tries (11 points) to 1 try (3 points), and thoroughly deserved their victory. They were, indeed, rather unlucky not to add to their score on two occasions, when Annetts and Roberts were pushed into touch near the corner flag.

The home team scored early through H. Roberts after nice handling. Greenman made two good attempts to land penalties, and Jordan failed with a drop goal by inches. The Forest forwards showed great form and before the interval Greenman scored two excellent tries, one of which Fields converted.

The second half was less interesting, play being mostly with the forwards. Following strenuous work near the Cinderford line, Beard intercepted and scored the City's only try. Fields and Greenman were a splendid pair of half-backs for Cinderford. Short, Hall and Beard were the best of the Gloucester forwards, and Milliner, Stephens and James the pick of the outsides.