

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1927.

GLOUCESTER v. CHELTENHAM.

HOSPITAL BENEFIT MATCH.

CITY EASY WINNERS.

Cheltenham and Gloucester having arranged two extra fixtures in aid of local charities, the City visited the Athletic Ground this afternoon, for a match in aid of the Cheltenham General Hospital Extension Fund. The crowd numbered between 1,500 and 2,000.

Roy James gave place to A. W. Lewis in Gloucester's third line and Holford came into the pack for Hall. I. Baker had been chosen as Cheltenham's fly-half, but James, having recovered from his injury, appeared in his old place. Kenny came in for Harry in the front line. Otherwise the teams were as selected.

The home forwards made some headway, and Vaughan, picking up in the loose, ran to within a few yards of the Gloucester line. A poor pass spilt the effort, and Boughton with a good kick relieved the situation. Vaughan got away again, but once more the passing went wrong.

From the ensuing scrum Vaughan took the ball, but his attempted transfer to James was intercepted by Milliner, who ran 40 yards, and set his threes in motion. The ball becoming loose MEEK picked up and crossed with a try which Boughton failed to convert.

Milliner opened out to Hyam, but Hart brought him down. Milliner got round the blind-side, but was held up on the line, and J. Stephens received and ran down to Watson, when by his throw forward a good chance was lost.

HALF-TIME :

GLOUCESTER 1 try
CHELTENHAM Nil

Immediately on resuming the Gloucester forwards came away with the ball at their feet, and CARPENTER fell on it to score, the place kick failing.

A smart bit of play by James opened an attack which, however, was quickly repulsed. Gloucester were now all over Cheltenham, and five scores came in quick succession.

T. HIAM crossed from a scramble on the line, and THOMPSON caught the ball at mid-field and went over after beating several opponents. HIAM, with a strong run got in next. Then CARPENTER put in another try, and J. STEPHENS carried over one more. Boughton goaled two of the tries.

In trying to stop Thompson, Watson injured his knee and had to leave the field. Just afterwards Price was carried off suffering with concussion from a kick in the head.

Cheltenham were reduced to 13 men, when Gloucester increased their lead by a try by FRANKLIN, which Boughton converted.

Goring and Hart each brought off good runs, but could not pierce the defence.

RESULT :
GLOUCESTER 3 goals 5 tries (30 pts.)
CHELTENHAM Nil