

THE CITIZEN

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GLO'STER'S GRAND VICTORY

HARD GAME AT KINGSHOLM

Kingsholm saw the first "Invasion" of the season from Wales when Llanelly, always popular visitors to the City, were expected to provide formidable opposition for Gloucester.

Gloucester were still without Terrington and Hudson, but welcomed the return of their County players.

Llanelly were forced to make three changes from the selected team – two being positional.

The game opened in dull but dry weather before about 5,000 spectators.

GLOUCESTER: W. Hook; C. Crabtree, R. Sutton, S. J. Troughton, E. Turner; J. A. Teakle, V. Davies; T. Day (capt.), R. Chamberlayne, R. Parry, H. G. Wells, I. Ryder, G. Hastings, R. Hodge, D. Ibbotson.

LLANELLY: M. John; M. Griffiths, G. Morse, H. Davies, K. Hughes; Hywel Thomas, R. Greville; Ken Jones (capt.), C. Higgins, Don Christopher, Will Francis, R. Williams, Ossie Williams, Peter Stone, Peter Evans.

Referee: M. Seymour.

Gloucester were soon on the attack and two cross kicks by Hook nearly brought scores.

Then Llanelly gave away two penalties, but Hook's shots were just wide.

Next a fine cut through by Sutton saw Teakle actually touch down, but the referee ruled a forward pass.

Gloucester, who at this point were doing all the attacking, did not have long to wait for their reward.

A brilliant opening by Teakle left SUTTON in possession; the centre went straight and crossed between the posts, Hook having no difficulty in adding the extra points.

The next movement which brought the crowd to their feet was a stirring rush by the City forwards, well led by Day and Hodge.

GLOUCESTER'S CLEVER PLAY

The game at this stage was all Gloucester, and Crabtree was hurled into touch at the corner flag.

Insisting on throwing the ball about Gloucester continued to thrill the crowd with clever football.

Llanelly eventually found relief and shortly afterwards looked dangerous when Mel Griffiths tore away down the line. Sutton, however, brought off a grand tackle but was injured in the process.

He was able to resume almost immediately, but now Glo'ster were playing with 14 men, Wells having been assisted off the field with a leg injury.

From a drop out the Welshmen tried a short kick, but Ibbotson collected beautifully and tore away with a fine run.

He handed to Sutton, whose kick ahead however went dead.

Gloucester were now playing in grand form and penned Llanelly in their own half for long periods.

A neat passing movement between Troughton and Sutton spelt danger for Llanelly, but the latter was tackled when almost clear.

A penalty against the Welshmen 10 yards inside their own half gave Hook another chance at a penalty, but his kick fell short.

Llanelly put in a sharp attack but were coolly driven back with a fine clearance from Hook, who so far had not been severely tested.

At half-time Gloucester were still pressing though the Welsh forwards tried valiantly to break away.

HALF-TIME :

GLOUCESTER 1 gl. (5 pts.)

LLANELLY Nil

Gloucester were quickly on the attack again after the interval and another fine piece of work by Ibbotson left Sutton in possession.

He cross-kicked to three waiting backs, but a knock-on spoilt a glorious opportunity.

Although Gloucester still maintained heavy pressure on the Llanelly line, the Welshmen were next to score, much against the run of play.

A loose rush by their forwards from their own half took play to the Gloucester line, where from a quick movement GREVILLE crossed in the corner, the kick failing.

Vivian Davies was giving an impeccable service from the scrum and striking up a grand partnership with Teakle.

Malcolm John tried a shot at goal from inside his own half, but the kick was well short.

Gloucester, through a neat touch finder by Hook, returned to the attack. Then from a free kick on the half-way line, the full backs found another grand touch by the corner flag.

TWO FINE PACKS

Hook had two great chances to put Gloucester further ahead but both his shots at penalties were wide.

The game now developed into a duel between two fine packs, and Llanelly were beginning to see more of the play.

Crabtree and Hughes the respective wings both made fine runs but both movements were spoilt by infringements.

Llanelly were trying desperately hard to snatch the lead, but the Glo'ster defence held firm.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER 1 gl., 5 pts.

LLANELLY 1 try, 3 pts.

UNITED PACK WELL MATCHED

Cleve immediately took play into the Gloucester United 25 at Bristol, but Oakes managed to scramble the ball away.

The Gloucester defence started somewhat shakily, and [on] one or two occasions were slightly lucky to keep their line intact.

Halls went down to the feet of Cleve forwards in courageous manner, picked up and found a useful touch.

Williams initiated a three-quarter movement which nearly resulted in Cleve taking the lead.

Chiefly play was confined to the packs which were of equal merit.

Gloucester at last found their form and the whole threequarters took part in a bout of passing and interpassing which was a treat to watch.

HALF-TIME :

CLEVE Nil

GLOUCESTER UNITED Nil

The United had equally as much of the play as their opponents but their efforts lacked finish.

Thorne and Clarke scored unconverted tries for Cleve.

RESULT :

CLEVE 6 Pts.

GLOUCESTER UNITED Nil