

# THE CITIZEN

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GLOUCESTER START WELL – BUT LOSE

SCORE FIRST AT CARDIFF

Travelling to Wales for the second time this season, Gloucester opposed Cardiff on the famous Arms' Park ground this afternoon. Although they have run the Welsh club very close on two or three occasions since the war, Gloucester had not up to to-day, beaten Cardiff since 1938.

A considerable number of Gloucester supporters were among the crowd of 10,000 present at the kick-off.

The ground was on the heavy side following recent heavy rain. There were no late changes to either side.

CARDIFF: F. Trott; H. Morris, D. James, B. L. Williams, D. G. Murphy; C. Morgan, R. Willis; W. E. Davies, J. R. Phillips, C. Davies, W. E. Tamplin, M. Collins, P. Goodfellow, D. J. O'Brien, G. Williams.

GLOUCESTER: W. Hook; C. Crabtree, R. Sutton, S. J. Troughton, S. F. Dangerfield; J. Teakle, V. Davies; T. Day (capt), R. Chamberlayne, R. Parry, G. Hastings, J. Watkins, D. Ibbotson, R. Hodge, G. Hudson.

Referee : Mr. D. C. Joynson (Rogerstone).

The first five minutes of the game saw Cardiff hard-pressed. A Gloucester three-quarter movement in which Sutton and Troughton were prominent, took play well inside the Cardiff 25 and the Welsh team's efforts to break out were foiled by dropped passes and keen Gloucester tackling.

It was not long before Gloucester drew first blood.

Cardiff were penalised about 35 yards out for a scrum infringement and HOOK landed a nice goal.

Gloucester continue to press and after Denis Ibbotson had broken through and almost scored himself, the ball was slung out to ROY SUTTON who dived over in the corner for a try. Hook's kick was just wide.

Cardiff now began to fight back and it was not long before they were able to reduce the arrears.

Bill Hook misfielded, and the Cardiff winger MORRIS shone in a fine solo effort, going half the length of the field with the ball at his feet before dropping on it for a try, which Tamplin converted.

It was now Gloucester's turn to defend desperately for Cardiff would have been over again if James' pass to Murphy on the left wing had not gone astray.

Cardiff were not to be denied, however, and after the ball had gone loose a few yards from the Gloucester line, the Welsh team's international scrum-half, REX WILLIS, slipped over for a try near the posts which Tamplin converted.

Gloucester fought back and a foot rush by their threequarters had Cardiff in trouble, but Frank Trott, the Cardiff full-back, gathered coolly near his own line and found a good touch just before he was tackled by Sutton.

So far the exchanges had been fairly even territorially.

Cardiff returned to the attack and were at length able to increase their lead when MORRIS outstripped the Gloucester defence and scored wide out after a 35-yard dash down the right wing. Tamplin failed with the kick.

Cardiff had more of the play in the later stages of the half, but dropped passes by the three-quarters lost them chances.

HALF-TIME :

GLOUCESTER ..... (p.), 1 try (6 pts.)

CARDIFF ... two goals, one try (13 pts.)

Cardiff had gradually been getting the upper hand in the scrums, but Gloucester's forwards were standing up to them very well in the loose, Ibbotson, Hodge and Hudson being especially hard workers.

Soon after the interval the visitors' pack took play very close to the Cardiff line, and for some minutes the Welsh team were penned in the region of their 25.

At length, Cardiff regained the initiative, but Hook was safe when Murphy tried to charge him down almost on the Gloucester line.

Cardiff went further ahead when MORRIS kicked the ball over the Gloucester line and dropped on it for an unconverted try.

Gloucester battled on gamely and a grand break through by Sutton enabled IBBOTSON to cross for an unconverted try.

RESULT :

CARDIFF ..... 2 gls., 2 tries (16 pts.)

GLOUCESTER .... 1 gl. (p), 2 tries (9 pts.)

UNITED WERE REDUCED TO 13 PLAYERS

Gloucester United fielded a rather weakened side against a strong Cardiff Athletic at Kingsholm to-day.

Play was fast and fairly open at the start with Gloucester always looking slightly the more dangerous.

Twice Trevor Halls narrowly missed scoring with penalties.

United threequarter Glasscock went off injured.

Cardiff attacked strongly but superb defence by the fourteen kept them out until a Cardiff movement led to an unconverted try by EVANS in the corner.

HALF-TIME :

GLOUCESTER UTD. .... Nil

CARDIFF ATH. .... 1 try (3 pts.)

Twice during the first few minutes of the second half, the first aid men had to attend to a Gloucester player.

Cardiff crashed over for another unconverted try through EVANS.

Numbers began to tell and HARVEY added a third try for Cardiff which Llewellyn easily converted.

Gloucester were still trying hard but Cardiff had the upper hand and Gloucester's hopes were dashed when Trevor Halls was taken off.

LLEWELLYN had no difficulty in scoring a penalty in front of the posts.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER UTD. .... Nil

CARDIFF ATH. .... 22 pts.