

THE CITIZEN

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JACK FROST "WON" MOST LOCAL GAMES

[The] greatest hold-up in sport since the disastrous season of 1947 robbed thousands of fans in Gloucester and district of their Saturday sport this afternoon.

Faced with pitches frozen hard as concrete by the relentless frost of the past few days, Rugby and soccer club officials had no alternative but to postpone their games.

Risk of grave injury would have existed had any attempt been made to play in such dangerous conditions.

Even if teams travelling to away matches could have played when they reached their destination there was always the possibility of becoming stranded at the other end through transport difficulties.

Local soccer league and Rugby secretaries were this morning inundated with phone calls bringing news of postponements. "The bell has been ringing all the morning," one of them said.

TRIP OFF

Gloucester R.F.C.'s away fixture with Coventry was one of those which had to be cancelled.

Although the ground was covered with straw officials found that it was much too hard for play.

This morning it was also decided to cancel Gloucester United's home match with Coventry Extras.

The Kingsholm ground is very hard and has a covering of frozen snow.

Lydney's match at Clifton and Stroud's game with Bristol University at Bristol shared the same fate, as did the annual match between Sir Thomas Rich's Old Boys and the School and a host of other local games.

The Cheltenham XV. were unable to take the field against London Hospital.

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