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LOCAL RUGBY MATCHES OFF

Rugby matches in Gloucester and district will not be played on Saturday. Association football games are to take place, with appropriate mourning.

Announcing that Gloucester Rugby Club's fixture with Bath at Kingsholm had been cancelled, the hon. secretary (Mr. Arthur Hudson) told "The Citizen" to-day that, in common with other clubs, Gloucester would conform to the wish of the Rugby Union that no games should be played until after the funeral.

Stroud Rugby Club's home match with Clifton is also cancelled, and Lydney's home game with Bridgwater is off. Other Forest rugby clubs are expected to follow their example.

Mr. R. E. Smith, chairman of the North Gloucestershire Combination, stated to-day: "In view of the action taken by the Rugby Union and Gloucester R.F.C. we have decided to follow their example and put off all games for Saturday." [The] Gloucestershire Police match with Somerset Police has also been cancelled.

Gloucester City are following the lead of the Football Association. The match with Dartford at Longlevens will be played, but members of both teams will wear black armlets and a one minutes' silence is to be observed. Similar observances will also take place at the North Gloucestershire League games, announces the chairman, Mr. A. W. Williams.