

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1914

## FOOTBALL

### HEADINGLEY'S BRILLIANT DISPLAY

### DECISIVE DEFEAT FOR GLOUCESTER

Before a large attendance at Kingsholm on Good Friday a weakened City team suffered a decisive defeat from Headingley by 1 goal 4 tries (17 points) to 1 dropped goal (4 points).

From a spectators' point of view the game was one of the best and brightest seen at Kingsholm this season, the visitors giving a delightful display of open football. In skill, pace, and combination the Gloucester three-quarters were completely eclipsed, and the Yorkshiremen were full value for their win.

The City, though short of Smart, Hayes, Millard, and Ayliffe forward, held their own for the most part, and the half-backs, too, opened out on many occasions, but once the ball left Hall very little headway was made. Lewis once lost the ball after crossing the line, and Thomas experienced hard lines in being pushed to touch a yard outside after a spirited dash, but on very few other occasions did the home threes look dangerous.

On the other hand, the Headingley outsiders – it was practically the Yorkshire county combination – were continually in evidence. The men ran with splendid dash and judgment, handled the ball with delightful precision, and utilised the inside pass with great effect. Again and again the City defence was out-manœuvred, and five times over the line by no means exaggerated the Northerners' superiority.

Headingley scored two brilliant tries in the first half by Watson and McIlwaine, and led at the interval by six points to nil – a meritorious performance, for the Yorkshiremen had to operate against a strong wind.

Following a heavy rain-storm, the wind dropped after the change of ends. Gloucester did better in the second half, but though the forwards played with splendid dash (Halford, Saunders, and Lawson worked like Trojans), the backs continued very ineffective.

Headingley swept up the field with some very fine passing runs, and Watson raced over twice, while Trenham crossed again following hesitation in clearing on the part of Cook. To these tries Hamblin replied with a clever dropped goal for Gloucester.

By 17 points to 4 Headingley finally triumphed, and it was a win thoroughly deserved in every respect. What Gloucester's full team would have done must be a matter of speculation, but on Headingley's form yesterday (writes "W.B.") they would have taken a mighty lot of stopping. The Yorkshiremen have reason to be proud of their performances at Kingsholm, for four years ago they beat Gloucester pretty well as badly. They are the first English club to win on the ground this season.

The following were the teams : –

Gloucester. – C. Cook; A. Lewis, L. Hamblin, S. Sysum, and E. Thomas; J. Baker and A. Hall; G. Halford (captain), J. F. Lawson, A. Saunders, J. Meadows, W. Parham, W. Dovey, J. H. Webb, and J. Lewis.

Headingley. – N. Edwards; R. C. Calvert, E. Myers, H. L. McIlwaine, and K. F. Watson; A. King and A. F. Hamilton; H. F. Downes, J. Hilton, J. A. King, C. A. Stockdale, C. Tosney, F. Trenham, H. J. White, and B. W. Marchant.

Referee : Mr. J. H. Miles.