

THE CITIZEN

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SOLDIERS AT PLAY

FOOTBALL MATCH AT KINGSHOLM

EASY WIN FOR 5TH GLOUCESTERS

The Reserve Battalion of the 5th Gloucester Regiment and the Reserve Regiment of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars met in friendly rivalry on the football field on Saturday at Kingsholm, by kind permission of the Gloucester F.C. There was a good attendance of spectators, and while no charge was made for admission, ladies with boxes collected from the crowd in aid of the Belgian Refugees' Fund.

With the splendid training the men had undergone, the rival teams fielded in capital condition, and from the outset there was no mistaking the keenness of the players. For the first few minutes the Hussars confined play to their opponents' end, but the Gloucesters soon dropped into form and attacked strongly. That the players knew something of the game was evident by the clever tactics frequently exhibited, and the football at times was really good.

The Gloucester forwards showed a capital idea of loose play, and were always well together. The backs, too, ran and passed with commendable skill, and there was some bright open play at intervals. From a determined attack on the left wing the Gloucesters obtained a good position, and from a line-out Cook scored nicely in the corner. Angell failed at goal.

The Yeomanry resumed with plenty of pluck, but the opposing side was too good for them. From a punt down the field Lieut. Badcock fielded at full-back, and with a strong run beat several opponents. Letting the ball go at the right moment, all the three-quarters handled, Newman scoring a fine try wide out. The place-kick failed.

Ensuing play favoured the Gloucesters, who improved as the game progressed. Badcock again came into prominence with a fine swerving run in which he completely beat all the opposition, finishing a great effort by scoring near the posts. Angell converted, and the Gloucesters held the substantial lead of 11 points.

The game went wholly in favour of the Fifths after this, and taking advantage of a mistake by the Hussars' full-back, Cook notched another try, the goal-kick failing.

HALF-TIME SCORE :
5th Gloucesters 1 goal 3 tries
Hussars Nil

The Gloucesters resumed very strongly, and from a passing movement, which went to the right wing and back to the left, a try should have resulted, but failure to pick up at the critical moment lost the opportunity. Just afterwards Angell failed with a good attempt from a penalty.

Still keeping up the pressure, the Fifths worked hard to increase their lead. A tricky run by Moore ought to have materialised, but his pass was fumbled. However, the same player broke away again, and after a couple of exchanges Lane crossed with a try, which Angell could not convert.

There was another spirited attack by the Gloucesters, following an effort by Badcock, on the restart, but it did not result in a score. After this, the Hussars made a spurt, but they could not keep it up, and they were soon forced to defend again. A fine forward rush by the Gloucesters carried all before them, and Smith taking the ball over the line was credited with the sixth try of the match. The place-kick, however, failed. The Fifths had matters pretty much their own way subsequently, the work of the whole team being very praiseworthy. Clever combination by Moore and Cook at half nearly led to a score, the final re-pass being a bit forward with Cook a certain scorer.

From the next scrum Moore was well away, and the ball going to Lane, the right centre cut inside beautifully and scored a nice try. Angell this time landed the extra points.

In the closing stages the Hussars played up splendidly, one or two smart efforts being witnessed. In some loose play in front of goal C. Bennett secured and dropped a neat goal amidst hearty applause.

RESULT :

5th Gloucesters 2 goals 5 tries (25 points)

Hussars 1 goal (d) (4 points)

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