

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1919

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

AUSTRALIAN TEST TRIAL

FLYING CORPS v. TRENCH TEAM

Two important Rugby matches were set for decision at Kingsholm, the first being an Australian test trial preliminary to the selection of the side to take part in the Empire Services League Competition. The Trench team, which has been very successful since coming from France, were opposed to the Flying Corps representatives (hitherto unbeaten) from the Leighterton and Minchinhampton Aerodromes.

The ground was in fine condition, and there was a fair attendance when the game opened. The Trench team were a hefty lot forward, and in the early scrums displayed a distinct superiority in getting possession. From a passing movement initiated by Auglezark the ball was handled perfectly by the backs, Stenning completing a fine movement by scoring a try. The place-kick failed.

The Flying Corps, with useful kicks, paid a brief visit to their opponents' 25, but the Trench backs quickly changed the venue, and from another splendid round of passing Stenning notched his second try. The goal points were not added, but a few minutes later Stenning landed a fine goal from a mark. Thus in less than ten minutes the Trench side were leading by nine points.

The Flying Corps played up pluckily, but they were obviously outclassed in all departments. A fine rush by the Trench forwards beat all opposition, and Suttor picking up ran over near the posts. No goal resulted.

The game continued to go all in favour of the Trench team, and from a scramble near the line Quinn added an unconverted try; whilst a little later Stenning, after a splendid dodgy run, scored under the posts, the same player kicking a goal. Before the interval Stenning scored two further tries, the Trench team leading at half-time by 28 points to nil.

The Trench team attacked strongly on the re-start, and early on Stenning nearly scored after a splendid round of passing. From the right wing the ball came along to the left, and Hickey giving the "dummy" ran over cleverly, Stenning missing the goal points.

The game continued one-sided, and further tries were added by Hickey (2), Suttor, Watson, Carpenter, and Stenning, two being converted.

RESULT :

Trench Team ...	5 goals (1p)	9 tries (50 pts)
Flying Corps		Nil