

THE CITIZEN

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FOOTBALL

WEAK CITY TEAM AT LLANELLY

A FAST AND OPEN GAME

WELSHMEN'S TWENTY-FOUR POINT WIN

Gloucester had a very weakened side at Llanelly to-day, the absentees including A. Hudson, G. Holford, W. Dix, T. Voyce, S. Smart, L. Hamblin, N. L. Hayes, and F. Ward. Under the circumstances anything but a defeat for the City appeared out of the question, as on their own ground the Scarlets are one of the hottest teams in Wales. Behind the scrum Llanelly were strongly represented, three members of the third line – Jenkins, Bryn Evans, and Williams – having been "capped" by Wales this season, in addition to Edgar Morgan (forward.).

Teams : –

GLOUCESTER

BACK : G. Welshman.

THREE-QUARTERS : F. Webb, T. Millington, J. Brown, and W. Washbourn.

HALF-BACKS : J. Humphries and A. Hall.

FORWARDS : E. Richardson, F. Ayliffe, S. Bayliss, J. H. Webb, C. Mumford, F. Mansell, G. Turner, and A. Redding.

LLANELLY

BACK : F. Samuel.

THREE-QUARTERS : Bryn Williams, Albert Jenkins, Bryn Evans, and Frank Evans.

HALF-BACKS : S. Congdon and T. A. Jones.

FORWARDS : T. J. Bowen (capt.), Edgar Morgan, R. Evans, Rev. J. Stephens, O. Davies, Rhys Davies, D. J. Phillips, and J. Owen.

THE GAME

The attendance exceeded 10,000. Gloucester fielded their weakest side of the season, having seven substitutes. Three minutes from the start Jones beat the visitors' defence and passed to Jenkins, who scored. The kick failed.

Washbourn then came into prominence with a run and looked like scoring, but Bryn Williams pulled him down. The visitors were for a time hard pressed. Gloucester lost a forward with an injury to the knee.

Welshman played brilliantly for Gloucester, and saved his side continually. A passing movement that looked like producing a score was spoilt through a knock-on. A minute later Webb took advantage of a misunderstanding, and scored a great try, which was easily converted, giving Gloucester the lead.

A penalty to Llanelly was taken by Jenkins, who kicked a goal, thus regaining Llanelly the lead by a point.

So far there was little to choose between the teams, Gloucester doing well considering that they were a man short. Welshman all but dropped a goal, only falling short by inches.

For a quarter of an hour Gloucester kept the Welshmen in their own half. In the latter part of the half Llanelly made a big effort to increase their lead, but were not successful.

HALF-TIME SCORE :

LLANELLY	6 points
GLOUCESTER	5 points

Considering the handicap through being a man short, Gloucester had done remarkably well. An opening by Bryn Williams let in Jenkins, who scored, but failed with the kick.

Evans scored a minute later, and the goal kick again failed.

Gloucester were now feeling the effects of playing a man short. Three Gloucester men were laid out at the same time in a collision, but were able to resume.

Hall charged down a kick and dribbled away, but the ball rolled into touch. A moment later the same player ran to within a few yards of the line. Play then fell away somewhat, and Gloucester lost several chances. Welshman continued to play brilliantly.

Albert Jenkins fielding in the 25 dropped a goal, having plenty of time. Bryn Williams now scored the most brilliant try of the match, running half the length of the field. Jenkins easily converted.

Webb and Brown made a short run, the latter being pulled down by the full back when all but through. Jenkins then kicked a penalty goal, and followed up with a try which Congdon converted.

Gloucester were now kept all the time on the defensive. The Llanelly men made a big effort to pile on all the points possible, and in the end won by 29 points to five.

RESULT :

LLANELLY ... 5 goals (2p 1d) 3 tries (29 points)

GLOUCESTER 1 goal (5 points)

REMARKS

Play was of a fast open character, and Gloucester had far more of the game than the score indicated. They were, however, much handicapped through playing a man short for the greater portion of the game.

Welshman at back did brilliantly, and was the outstanding player on the losing side, being sound and resourceful.

GLoucester A v. TREDWORTH

Following the Schoolboys' match the Kingsholm ground was occupied by Gloucester A and Tredworth.

Teams : –

Gloucester A. – G. Smith; B. Mace, N. Daniell, H. Ashmead. and S. Brown; B. Cook and G. Thomas; A. Comeley, A. Wright, F. Hodges, S. Meadows, E. Curtis, J. H. Merrett, Martin, and T. Atwell.

Tredworth. – H. Adams; Ellis, Woodward, E. Allen, and Staunton; Dean and A. Allen; M. Evans, Young, J. Meadows, J. Ramsay, Smith, Creswell, M. Little, and D. Kingscott.

Referee : Mr. Lawrence, Cheltenham.

Tredworth kicked off against the sun and play was keenly contested in mid-field for some time, neither side gaining much advantage until the Gloucester threes picked up in the loose and Ashmead put in a clever run, going through a bunch of opponents and planting the ball for the first try. The kick failed.

Gloucester now pressed, but the Tredworth defence was keen and the ball travelled about freely. The Gloucester pack were getting the better of the scrums, and Cook and Thomas were giving the ball plenty of air, but the ball travelled along the line and into touch.

The Tredworth men were tackling strongly, and by dint of fierce rushes worked up to the Gloucester 25, where they maintained play for a short time. Continuing to press, Gloucester again became dangerous, and after a struggle in the visitors' 25 the ball travelled to Daniell, who added a second try too wide out for conversion.

HALF TIME SCORE :

Gloucester A	2 tries
Tredworth	Nil

The resumption was marked by a run by the home three's, the ball travelling across the field and back again to where Mace had a clear run over in the corner. The kick failed.

Tredworth were now hard put to, but they cleared with a dribble which carried them well up into the home territory. Their advantage was short-lived, however, and again Tredworth had their work cut out to protect their line.

A fruitless attempt to kick a penalty goal was followed by scrambling play, but the Gloucester defence relaxed, and Tredworth opened their account with a try scored in the corner by Evans. The kick went wide.

Tredworth continued to press, and Gloucester twice had to touch down.

RESULT :

Gloucester A 3 tries (9 points)
Tredworth 1 try (3 points)

COMMENTS

The game was keenly contested, but was of a scrambling nature. Gloucester A played better than usual, and were the stronger team in all departments. The Gloucester three-quarter line did well, and in the pack Tredworth were nowhere in it. They played up better towards the end, however.