

# THE CITIZEN

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## TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

LYDNEY SUCCEED IN HARD GAME

GOAL KICKING SETTLES ISSUE

Lydney, who defeated Gloucester in the first match at Kingsholm this season by 5 pts. to 3, had great hopes of completing the "double" this afternoon.

GLOUCESTER.

BACK : G. W. Parker.

THREE-QUARTERS : J. T. Andrews, A. E. Brookes, G. Orpin, and L. Abbey.

HALF-BACKS : H. Aplin and J. C. Brooks.

FORWARDS : F. Wadley (capt.), F. G. Merrett, T. Hiam, K. Smith, H. J. Hyett, L. Franklin, Dr. Steele-Perkins, and A. Welshman.

LYDNEY.

BACK : J. Jay.

THREE-QUARTERS : W. Thomas, R. Moore, W. Richards, and E. Pritchard.

HALF-BACKS : T. Wellington (capt.), and E. Kelsey.

FORWARDS : J. Willis, P. C. Anderson, P. C. Taylor, S. Nelmes, B. Nelmes, J. Wintour, P. Brice, and F. Williams.

Referee : Mr. R. Pollock (Newport).

Gloucester were again weakly represented owing to the county match, and Boughton was still unfit to turn out.

Dr. J. V. Worthington, National Labour M.P. for the Forest of Dean, kicked off amid cheers at the Gloucester v. Lydney match at Lydney this afternoon. Both teams were as selected.

Before a large crowd Gloucester worked up the field, but Jay sent them back with a great touch-finder. Lydney attempted a passing movement, which broke down. The Lydney forwards got away well. Pritchard marked and kicked high, and Wintour was prominent with footwork. Lydney were having the best of matters, but passing frequently broke down.

A nice bout of passing by the Lydney backs enabled Thomas to make a good effort, and Gloucester were hard pressed and had to touch down. Lydney were on top and Richards was almost over near the posts. Gloucester were penalised, and KELSEY landed a goal.

A. E. Brookes did good work for the City, and Parker saved well from Kelsey and Thomas. Pritchard cross-kicked for Lydney, but off-side lost a good chance of increasing the lead.

#### A DROPPED GOAL

Wellington brought play to the Gloucester line, where Kelsey attempted a drop at goal. The City passed, but Andrews was brought down with a good tackle. THOMAS dropped a goal for Lydney, and Gloucester reduced their arrears when J. BROOKS broke away and scored a try which Parker converted,

#### HALF-TIME SCORE :

Lydney .....	2 goals (1d., 1p.) (7 pts.)
Gloucester .....	1 goal (5 pts.)

#### CITY DEFENCE TESTED

Shortly after the resumption Lydney were penalised, but Parker failed with a shot for goal. The Lydney forwards, with great footwork, fully tested the Gloucester defence.

It was a great struggle at this point, and excitement ran high, as Lydney were making strenuous efforts to increase their lead. From a free kick A. Brooks relieved for Gloucester with a neat touch-finder.

Lydney, however, were not to be denied, and took play again near the City line, where a knock-on lost a certain try. Jay was playing well for Lydney at full-back.

#### GLOUCESTER RECOVER

Andrews made a run for Gloucester, and although beating a couple of men, was in the end well tackled. The City were playing better now, and A. E. Brookes made a nice breakaway. Richards beat the opposition and Pritchard was brought down inches from the line.

A dangerous rush by the Gloucester forwards saw Jay tackled in possession, but the home side saved.

The closing stages were desperately contested, both sides trying hard to score. Merrett was injured and had to be carried off the field.

#### RESULT :

LYDNEY ..... 2 goals (1d., 1p.) (7 pts.)

GLOUCESTER ..... 1 goal (5 pts.)

#### COMMENTS

Lydney have at last achieved their ambition by obtaining a "double" over Gloucester for the first time in the history of the club. They fully deserved their victory and would have won by a larger margin, but over-eagerness lost them many chances, especially in the first half. After the interval Gloucester were a different team, and A. E. Brookes was always prominent among the backs. The Lydney forwards played a great game and so did Thomas on the wing. Both full backs performed extremely well. In the Gloucester pack Wadley was always outstanding.