

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1932

BEATEN BY A POINT

CITY'S FINE FIGHT AT BRISTOL

Owing to the County Final, both clubs had to call on reserves for the return match at the Memorial Ground, Bristol. Gloucester had to field nine substitutes and Bristol five.

## GLOUCESTER

BACK : H. Boughton (capt.).

THREE-QUARTERS : P. Jones, A. E. Brookes, J. C. Brooks, and G. Orpin.

HALF-BACKS : C. Fifield and D. Meadows.

FORWARDS : J. Dean, F. G. Merrett, T. Hiam, R. Morris, K. Smith, H. J. Hyett, A. Welshman, L. Franklin, and Dr. R. Williams (selected from).

## BRISTOL

BACK : J. C. Watts.

THREE-QUARTERS : H. Sherman, C. Foord, C. T. Schofield, and C. Spilsbury.

HALF-BACKS : E. R. Tucker and T. J. M. Barrington.

FORWARDS : F. Tucker, G. G. Gregory, C. Howe, J. N. Hazell, A. T. Payne, B. Parsons, W. C. Broome, and W. Grimsby.

## THE GAME

Conditions were ideal for the meeting of Gloucester and Bristol on the Memorial Ground, Bristol, to-day. The ground was in perfect order, and favoured fast, open Rugby.

The opening movements of the game were in favour of Bristol, whose forwards seemed to be the more lively lot, and kept Gloucester continually on the defensive. Bristol gained the lead with a try by Spilsbury, who crossed in the corner after A. E. Brookes had badly fumbled a fly-kick by Schofield. Hazell failed to convert.

Bristol lost Broome who was injured in pulling up a rush, and he was off for 10 minutes. During his absence Gloucester attacked strenuously, but it was not until Broome returned that the visitors scored. There was some loose fly kicking by the Bristol forwards and after two or three of the Gloucester forwards had taken part in a concerted movement Hiam crossed over for Boughton to give his side the lead with an excellent kick.

Bristol replied a few minutes afterwards, Schofield intercepting a pass on the half-way line and beating Boughton in the race for the ball after he had punted ahead.

Hazell again failed to convert, but Bristol changed over with a well-deserved lead of one point.

Half-time :

Bristol ..... 6 points

Gloucester .....5 points

Gloucester set up a hot attack immediately after the resumption, and for a quarter of an hour Bristol were kept on the defensive.

The visiting forwards showed great spirit and determination in the open, and they provided their backs with a number of opportunities of breaking through the Bristol defence, but there was a sad lack of initiative from behind the Gloucester scrum.

On one occasion Sherman only beat a couple of Gloucester forwards by inches in a race for the ball after it had been kicked to the Bristol line, and a few minutes later Boughton failed to kick a penalty goal from a favourable position.

Another chance came to Gloucester when Hyett and A. Welshman led their forwards in a great rush, which took play well in side the Bristol 25. There was a series of scrums near the Bristol line, but the advantage was lost.

RESULT :

BRISTOL ..... 2 tries (6 points)

GLOUCESTER ..... 1 goal (5 points)

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