

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1932

LLANELLY 9 Pts., GLOUCESTER 3 Pts.

WELSH TEAM SUPERIOR IN TACTICS

GLOUCESTER ATTACKS LACK FINISH

TANNER'S DASHING DISPLAY

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Llanelly, one of Gloucester's old opponents, provided the City with their last match of the season at Kingsholm. In the first game at Stradey Park, Gloucester, with ten reserves doing duty, suffered defeat by 12 points to 3.

To-day Gloucester were at full strength with the exception of McCanlis and Welshman, and had hopes of going one better than last season, when the teams played a pointless draw.

Llanelly arrived short of Ivor Jones and Dai John, who missed the train at Gowerton, but travelled by a later one due at Gloucester at 2.42 p.m. The kick-off was delayed a few minutes, Llanelly starting with 13 men before a capital attendance.

Teams : –

## GLOUCESTER

BACK : H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS : C. C. Tanner, Roy James, J. C. Brooks, and G. W. Parker.

HALF-BACKS : F. Fifield and Don Meadows.

FORWARDS : F. Wadley, A. D. Carpenter, E. Comley, Dr. R. N. Williams, Ken Smith, J. Hemming, L. E. Saxby (capt.), and L. Franklin.

## LLANELLY

BACK : L. Davies.

THREE-QUARTERS : T. E. Jones-Davies, S. Howells, Elvet Jones, and W. R. Thomas.

HALF-BACKS : Dai John and B. Jones.

FORWARDS : Ivor Jones, Edgar Jones, H. Truman, J. Lang, T. Merry, B. Evans, M. Jones, and J. Williams.

REFEREE : Mr. Hartell (Somerset)

## THE GAME

About 400 to 500 Llanelly supporters accompanied the team, and one enthusiastic individual amused the crowd by climbing a goal post and fixing a miniature saucepan at the top.

The Welshmen played six forwards at the start, Jones-Davies going outside half and Mervyn Jones (forward) appearing on the wing. Though two short in front Llanelly managed to get the ball from the first two or three scrums, but two penalties were early given against Bert Jones for off-side.

## GLOUCESTER OPEN WELL

Play was kept very close at the outset, the visitors resorting to kicking at every opportunity. Jones-Davies at length put his side well down, but Gloucester replied with a nice bout of passing. Parker took the ball cleverly from Brooks and punted ahead, just failing to gather from Davies.

From the next scrum the ball was got across to the right, where Tanner ran hard and punted to the line. The bounce of the ball, however, favoured a visitor, who touched down for a minor.

Ensuing play was fast in the Llanelly half, the City backs showing good form. James was prominent with a pretty bit of work, and later Parker tried a dash through, but the ball was lost.

## MISSED PENALTY GOAL

Carrying a scrum the Gloucester forwards rushed a dozen yards, where a visitor was penalised in front of the posts for not playing the ball. It was a simple kick for goal, but Boughton, to the disappointment of the crowd, sent wide.

Gloucester continued to have the better of the exchanges, but from a cross-kick by Brooks, E. Jones secured and dashed ahead, but was forced to kick, the ball going to touch at the Gloucester 25. The City quickly cleared with back play, but they failed to find an opening, though some smart combination was witnessed.

## LLANELLY OPEN THE SCORING

Dai John and Ivor Jones now appeared to strengthen the Welshmen, who at once took up the running. A kick through to Boughton saw the home custodian in difficulties, and the Welshmen were nearly through.

From a scrum five yards out Bert Jones got the ball neatly to JOHN, who broke through in smart style and scored a try. Ivor Jones failed at goal. This was the Welshmen's first real opportunity, and they took full advantage.

## MEADOWS' GOOD WORK

Gloucester restarted and soon obtained a footing in their opponents' half. Meadows shone with a good relief kick, but later Boughton was collared in possession and forced to touch. Gloucester opened out, and Parker was sent away. He shook off the attentions of E. Jones and got in his kick. Howells fielded and cleared to touch. A cleverly-judged punt to touch by John put Llanelly close and Gloucester were in danger. The forwards brought temporary relief, but the City were forced back, Brooks being closely pressed. Meadows was responsible for changing the position with a clever left-foot punt, and Boughton further improved from a penalty.

## SECOND TRY FOR WELSHMEN

The Llanelly forwards, with close footwork, regained some of the ground, and their quickness and ability in profiting by any mistake kept Gloucester in their own half. It was keen football, with the Welshmen ease the pressure[*sic*], but were well held. Heeling by the visitors saw John open out cleverly, and Jones-Davies made a big effort to cross in the corner, being thrown to touch a yard outside. Gloucester gained a slight relief by conceding a minor, but immediately the Llanelly backs were in possession, and after a splendid round of passing HOWELLS sold the "dummy" and crossed with a brilliant try. Elvet Jones failed with the goal-kick but Llanelly were six points up.

Exciting play followed the resumption. The Gloucester backs handled well, and Parker brought off a good dash and punt. He raced on and made further progress, but the ball was turned to touch. Tanner next shone in a fine dash down touch, but succumbed to numbers. Gloucester gained a good attacking position, but they were beaten off and Llanelly got to the other end with good kicking.

### HALF-TIME :

Llanelly .....	2 tries
Gloucester .....	Nil

Llanelly had shown the smarter tactics, especially behind the scrum, and were the more dangerous side in attack.

### TANNER TRIES HARD

The City had enjoyed a good deal of the play, but had just failed to finish off movements. Boughton restarted, and from the first scrum Fifield got the ball away.

Tanner was served by James, and the wing man handed off Elvet Jones, but was brought down by Jones-Davies after gaining twenty yards. Play settled in the Llanelly half until Tanner swung out a long pass to the left. The ball, however, went wide of a home player, and Jones-Davies securing, made headway.

## PASSING TOO SLOW

Gloucester replied with a handling bout, but the ball came too slow to Tanner. The International made a bold effort to clear, but was forced over the touch line. The City forwards continued to get the ball, but the close marking of Ivor Jones and his back-row colleagues prevented the backs getting away. Good kicking by Dai John placed Llanelly in a better position, but Meadows came away with a zigzag run of 30 yards, beating half a dozen opponents and finally punting to touch beyond the centre.

## SPLENDID TRY FOR CITY

The Welshmen broke away with passing and attacked strongly, but the defence proved equal to the occasion. The visitors were the nippier team in most phases of play, and Gloucester had to keep on the alert to prevent a score.

Boughton, with a kick which travelled more than half the length of the ground, brought the City out of danger. He followed up and took the return, and further improved for his side. The City continued to get the ball back, but few openings occurred.

At length Tanner burst away, and though closely pressed got in a splendid cross-punt right in front of the goal-posts. The ball bounced over the line, where HEMMING jumped for it, secured and touched down for a try. Boughton just missed the goal points.

## ATTACKS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Gloucester went all out to increase their score, but the attacks were not good enough. Boughton had a chance of equalising from a penalty, but was a long way out, and Llanelly relieved. A faulty pass by Tanner allowed the visitors to gain 20 yards, regained by Jones with a left foot kick to touch. Llanelly sent back, but Boughton recovered again with a big punt from a penalty.

## CITY MISS OPENINGS

Gloucester had a possible chance later, when Tanner repeated his former effort by punting ahead, but on this occasion the International was fouled and prevented following up his kick, and only a touch-down resulted.

Dai John was instrumental in giving Llanelly a good opening with capital work, but the ball bounced awkwardly for Thomas (who had changed places with Elvet Jones). Subsequent play was scrambling, and did not show Gloucester up in a good light when possible openings were presented.

The last few minutes were well contested, with Gloucester having slightly the best of matters. Near the end Llanelly broke away, Thomas being finely thrown into touch by Tanner close to the line. Gloucester eventually cleared through James, and in turn got on the attack. Nothing resulted, and the end came.

### RESULT :

LLANELLY ..... 2 tries (6 points)  
GLOUCESTER ..... 1 try (3 points)

## SUCCESSFUL GOAL KICKING BEATS GLOUCESTER UNITED

Bristol were without eight of their usual players this afternoon, and consequently fielded a weak side against Gloucester United on the Memorial Ground.

Coventry kicked off for Bristol, but Gloucester were soon on the attack, and following a three-quarter movement they reached the Bristol 25. Several scrums and lines-out took place, and from one of the latter Young received and went over in the corner for Gloucester. The kick failed.

A fine passing movement started by Neale for Bristol enabled the latter to reach the Gloucester 25. They were not there long, however, and play once more went to the Bristol 25. Morgan made a fine run for the visitors, but was well brought down by Rugg.

The Gloucester threes figured in several good movements and the Bristol defence had a worrying time. The home pack eventually broke away, however, and play was carried into the Gloucester 25. Following a scrum almost on the line, Neale received the ball and forced his way over with two players hanging on to him. Evans converted with a fine kick.

Encouraged by their lead, Bristol kept up a vigorous attack, and following a good run by Neale and Schofield, Barker scored right in the corner. Evans again kicked a splendid goal.

The Bristol forwards were using their feet delightfully, and this gave the Gloucester defence a harassing time. Following a further scrummage just inside the visitors' half, the Bristol threes again showed a fine turn of speed, and Schofield went over in the corner, for Evans to convert once more.

Fifteen points had been scored by Bristol in as many minutes.

HALF-TIME :

Bristol ..... 3 goals  
Gloucester ..... 1 try

RESULT :

BRISTOL UNITED ..... 3 goals (15 pts.)  
GLOUCESTER UNITED ..... 3 tries (9 pts.)