

THE CITIZEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1927

FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER'S OPENING WIN

STROUD BEATEN BY EIGHT POINTS

Gloucester opened their season by defeating Stroud by 8 points to nil before 2,000 spectators at Fromehall Park on Thursday.

The City scored a goal and a try and if they were somewhat fortunate in being favoured by the run of the ball in leading up to the scoring of both tries there could be no doubt that they possessed more finish than the home fifteen and appeared to last the pace better.

Neither set of backs got many chances of opening out passing movements, the marking being too good to permit this. The home forwards heeled more cleanly but W. J. Cole, their outside half, found Seabrook's winging tactics a big obstacle.

J. Stephens played a sound game amongst the Gloucester three's with Roy James at outside half noticeable for good touch-finding. Goodwin and Gough had a duel at scrum half, with the Stroud player doing a lot of tricky but effective spoiling.

The scoring was done in the second half, J. Stephens getting the first try after a Stroud back had allowed the ball to slip from his hands when over the goal-line, and he also converted it. Loveridge got the other try as the result of beating three opponents near the line, after he had been given an inside pass by Abbey.

R. C. Thompson did well at full-back in place of Townsend, who has a poisoned finger.

E. STEPHENS AND SOCCER

Gloucester expected E. Stephens to play for them at Stroud in the position of outside half. He had been turning out regularly in training and practice but intimated to the Club on Wednesday that he would be unable to play. It is understood that Stephens intended taking up the Association code and may be identified in that connection with either Bristol City or Bristol Rovers.

TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW'S MATCHES

GLOUCESTER v. LYDNEY

At Kingsholm (kick-off 3.30)

GLOUCESTER

BACK : T. Stephens.

THREE-QUARTERS : R. N. Loveridge, A. M. David, J. Stephens, and L. Abbey.

HALF-BACKS : E. Goodwin and R. James.

FORWARDS : L. E. Saxby (capt.), M. Short, F. J. Seabrook, G. Foulkes, F. Russell, T. Wadley, J. Hemming, and E. Comley.

LYDNEY

BACK : Joe Davies.

THREE-QUARTERS : P. C. Hyam, Tom Biddle (capt.), R. Probert, and R. Lane.

HALF-BACKS : T. Wellington and W. Thomas.

FORWARDS : P. C. Taylor, F. Fletcher, J. Willis, P. Brice, T. Edmunds, H. Read, L. Howells, and R. Williams.