

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1928

LLANELLY 9 GLOUCESTER 0

CITY TEAM EXPERIENCE HARD LUCK

SEVERAL SCORING CHANCES MISSED

For their annual visit to Llanelly the City were strongly represented, though Boughton was absent at full back. But James, who had previously taken the position in an emergency, again took up the role, Abbey being thus retained at wing three-quarter.

Llanelly had a number of players engaged in the Welsh trial at Swansea, but with University and College men home for the vacation, the vacancies were filled with serviceable substitutes.

## GLOUCESTER

BACK : R. James.

THREE-QUARTERS : L. Abbey, J. Stephens, W. E. Nicholas, and A. Hough.

HALF-BACKS : R. Milliner and E. Stephens.

FORWARDS : L. E. Saxby (capt.), E. Comley, T. Wadley, J. Davies, G. Foulkes, J. Hemming, N. East, and T. Field.

## LLANELLY

BACK : Cliff Ward.

THREE-QUARTERS : E. M. Pullen, Rob Jones, T. E. Jones-Davies, and W. J. Davies.

HALF-BACKS : Cyril Jenkins and O. Saunders.

FORWARDS : Rhys Thomas, Harry Morris, Bryn Evans, Jack Williams, Cliff Treharne, Ivor Baxter, Leslie Davies, and W. Williams.

Scarcely any of the Llanelly team that fielded at home against Gloucester were known to the spectators, the ten reserves who filled vacancies caused by the usual players being absent in the Welsh trial being collegians home on holidays. Rain was falling when the sides fielded and the ground was very soft.

A minute from the start Treharne missed an easy penalty kick for Llanelly. Gloucester, after this surprise did better and their forwards held up well. In a short time they invaded the Llanelly quarter but a passing movement by the backs went astray on account of the difficulty in holding the greasy ball.

James kicked well and stopped many of the wild Llanelly rushes, but the home side went ahead through an unconverted try by S. HOWELLS.

Gloucester continued to lose chances when well placed. Once the forwards doubled over the line but failed to ground the ball. Stephens missed with a penalty from half-way.

Abbey was held up on the line after a great run. For the next ten minutes Llanelly held the advantage.

HALF-TIME :

LLANELLY ..... 1 try  
GLOUCESTER ..... Nil

JENKINS scored for Llanelly on restarting, after an opening by Howells.

Gloucester now had numerous chances, but their backs were not so safe as usual. DAVIES got the third Llanelly try, but the kick failed.

Llanelly were pressing when the final whistle went.

RESULT :

LLANELLY ..... 3 tries (9 points)  
GLOUCESTER ..... Nil

## GLOUCESTER A v. SWINDON

[MATCH REPORT, OF UNKNOWN LENGTH, UNAVAILABLE;  
HAVING BEEN REMOVED FROM ORIGINAL]

Result :

GLOUCESTER A ... 6 tries (18 points).  
SWINDON ..... Nil

### COMMENTS

The match was productive of much bright football but was marred by bad passing. Swindon as a whole did not impress but are fortunate in possessing such a sound scrum half, who, in spite of bad service from his forwards, managed to give Goodwin a very trying afternoon.

What little was seen of Storrie was sufficient to show that in him Gloucester have a great player in the making. The Gloucester forwards, among whom Smart and Meadows were prominent worked wholeheartedly, ably led by A. Rea. Meadows did many smart things and Paget made the most of the few chances that came his way.

On the whole the team worked well together.

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