

# THE CITIZEN

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## FOOTBALL

LONDON WELSH BEAT GLOUCESTER

CITY'S DISAPPOINTING DISPLAY

Before a large holiday crowd Gloucester were beaten at home on Good Friday by London Welsh by 15 points to 11. This was the Welshmen's first victory at Kingsholm, but their success was thoroughly deserved.

The visitors' superiority was most marked in the back division, but the forwards were a lively set, heeling smartly and displaying some clever hand-to-hand passing. The Gloucester three-quarters seldom made headway with passing bouts, and the tackling time after time was woefully weak. The forwards were strong in loose rushes, and in open play Johns, Vears, Holford, and Berry did good work. Wyburn was one of the hardest workers in the City pack, and he put in some good tackling.

The veterans, Harding and Jenkins, were continually prominent for London Welsh, though the former for the most part operated as a wing forward. At half-back, Davies and Rowlands combined well, whilst the three-quarters were a strong attacking line, Maddocks and T. P. Lloyd (the London Hospital player) being the more conspicuous. Both made several fine runs, the home men being beaten very easily.

None of the Gloucester three-quarters distinguished themselves, and in combination they were very weak. Cook performed creditably at full-back for the City, but Evans (on the opposite side) was a trifle uncertain.

The game opened in Gloucester's favour, and in less than three minutes Cook gave the City a three points' lead with a lovely penalty goal.

Soon afterwards the Welsh got away with a passing bout, and though Lloyd was tackled he shook himself free and cross-punted over the line near the posts. Not a Gloucester man was near, and the Welshmen scored easily through E. Jones, Harding goaling.

After Gloucester had failed in trying to open out, Maddocks brought off a beautiful run for the visitors, only being collared from behind when trying to dodge Cook. Then the City forwards broke away, Hollands making a good attempt to score. Fast and even play followed until a mistake by a visitor gave Vears possession. The City captain ran some twenty yards and then passed to Berry, who scored behind the posts. Cook converted.

Gloucester did not keep the lead very long, for in some loose play Maddocks received, and running clean through the defence scored in a good position for Harding to add the extra points.

Gloucester were pressed severely until the interval, and a grand bout of passing by the visitors, backs and forwards taking part, gave Jenkins another try, which Harding goaled.

At the interval the Welsh led by 15 points to 8.

The hot weather and hard ground told on the players in the second half, and play at times was very scrappy. The Welsh ought to have scored directly after the re-start, but Harding passed badly in front of goal. Gloucester came right away, and Evans misfielding near his line Holford was credited with a try, Cook failing with the place-kick.

The City struggled hard to get on terms, but the attacks were weak. Maddocks, intercepting well inside his 25, reached Cook before he was hauled down from behind. The home team worked back, and set up a hot attack.

Scrums followed just outside the Welsh line, and in turn Dix, Holford, and Stephens were only held up in the nick of time. The Welsh relieved, but lost Maddocks, injured, for a few minutes. To the end the visitors had all the game, and Gloucester had one or two narrow escapes.

RESULT :

London Welsh ..... 3 goals (15 points)  
Gloucester ..... 2 goals (1p). 1 try (11 points).

The teams were as follows : –

Gloucester. – C. Cook; F. Smith, W. Hall, T. Elliott, and H. Smith; W. Dix and J. Stephens; G. Vears, W. Johns, H. Berry. G. Holford, S. Hayward, D. Hollands, J. Hall, and J. Wyburn.

London Welsh. – J. S. Evans; H. T. Maddocks, T. P. Lloyd (London Hospital and Middlesex), J. P. Jones (Guy's Hospital) and D. J. Macpherson (London Hospital); C. F. Rowlands and S. P. Davis; A. H. Harding, J. C. Jenkins, J. P. Price, R. Lloyd (Oxford University), H. Wilkins, T. R. Jenkins, and E. Jones.

In the morning Gloucester A met West End, the Seconds winning by one try (scored by Craddock) to nil.