

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1909

FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. PONTYPOOL

Gloucester were away from home again to-day, being engaged with Pontypool on the latter's ground. This was the City's third visit to the Monmouth town, and the visitors were hoping to experience better weather conditions than on the two previous occasions, when heavy rain rendered the ground in a shocking state.

Pontypool won both previous games at home, but at Kingsholm the City team came out on top on each occasion.

Gloucester relied on the same XV. that drew with Abertillery last week, whilst Pontypool turned out a strong fifteen.

Owing to the operation of the Eight Hours Act, the home club arranged for a late kick off, viz., five o'clock, rendering it impossible for us to get our usual length report and comments through in time for publication.

Gloucester. – C. Cook; F. Smith, W. Hall, T. Elliott, and W. J. Pearce; D. R. Gent and J. Stephens; G. Vears, H. Berry, J. Wyburn, G. Griffiths, S. Hayward, D. Hollands, G. Holford, and Lieut. Carleton.

Pontypool. – M. H. Williams; B. Carter, I. Evans, G. L. Hirst, and W. J. Thomas; S. Prosser and R. Lloyd; Rees Thomas (capt.), E. Williams, J. Evans, A. Russell, E. Stephens, T. Carter, T. Davies, and W. B. Prosser.

Referee : Mr. J. Webb (Newport).

Vears started from the town end, but owing to Gloucester men being in front of the ball, a scrummage was ordered at the centre. Good touch finding by the Pontypool backs put Gloucester on the defensive for some minutes, but when they tried passing they failed to gain ground. Pontypool continued to attack, and Stuart Prosser, the Pontypool half, landed a fine dropped goal.

Gloucester did some attacking subsequently but failed to score. After a period of mid-field play Vears headed a forward rush, which was cleverly checked by Williams, the Pontypool back. Smith made a fine run along the touch line, but Williams hurled him to touch.

Pontypool were soon on the attack again, and their forwards were making rapid strides for the line, but they were pulled up. Prosser then went clean through on his own, and scored an unconverted try almost under the posts.

In subsequent play Pontypool scored again through Thomas, the goal kick failing.

HALF-TIME SCORE :

Pontypool ... 1 goal (d), 2 tries (10 points)
Gloucester Nil

RESULT :

Pontypool ... 2 goals (d) 2 tries (14 points)
Gloucester Nil