

THE CITIZEN

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TODAY'S FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v CINDERFORD

MEET IN THE FOREST CAPITAL

Gloucester and Cinderford are the keenest of rivals in the football arena, and the meeting of the teams – the second engagement this season – at Cinderford to-day aroused considerable interest in the Forest.

Last season the City were successful on their opponents' ground, but Cinderford had revenge when they visited Kingsholm later in the season.

Last Mop Monday Gloucester again beat their rivals at home by a try to nil, after an exceptionally close struggle, and the Foresters were naturally anxious to turn the tables this afternoon.

Gloucester were without the services of Hudson and Johns, and owing to the poor form of the three-quarters against Cardiff last week the line was re-arranged. Pearce was tried at centre in place of Elliott, who was moved to the wing vice Baldwin.

Cinderford also had several changes, Meek and Rhodes being absent at three-quarter.

The G.W.R. ran a cheap trip to Cinderford in connection with the match, and with fine weather prevailing a fair contingent of City supporters accompanied the team.

The following were the teams : –

Gloucester. – W. Egerton, full-back; F. Smith, W. Hall, W. J. Pearce, T. Elliott, three-quarter backs; D. R. Gent (capt.), J. Stephens, half-backs; G. Vears, H. Berry, G. Holford, J. Wyburn, D. Hollands, G. Griffiths, F. Pegler, Lieut. Carleton, forwards.

Cinderford. – C. Harrington, full-back; T. Gwilliam, T. Burns, S. Young, L. Bradley, three-quarter backs; A. Hall (capt.), F. Niblett, half-backs; A. Teague, J. Wright, J. Watkins, A. Redding, G. L. Jones, J. Cook, J. Hyndman, E. Kilby, forwards.

Referee : Mr. A. John (Cardiff).

It was half an hour after the advertised time when Jones started for Cinderford, the ball rolling into touch just inside the Gloucester half. Following a line-out a scrum took place, the Gloucester forwards heeling. Gent fed Stephens well, who gave a wild pass to Hall, but Pearce found touch in the Cinderford half.

Harrington pulled up smartly a forward movement by the City men, and play then went to the visitors' 25. The Gloucester forwards got the ball back again, but Gent's pass was taken by one of the home halves. Pearce broke through, but Burns sent the visitors back, and a bout of passing ensued between Niblett and Young, the City just saving.

Another good movement left Niblett with a clear field, but the home touch judge ruled him as having gone into touch. The game then came to the centre, and Harrington was called on. Cinderford, who had been playing without Watkins, were supplemented by Bowkett. From a scrum near half-way Hall gave up to Niblett, who was well tackled by Stephens, and then Gwilliam forced a minor with a kick over the line.

The drop-out saw a scrum formed near half-way, and here Gent was penalised. This did not gain any ground for the homesters, and a series of scrums took place, Hall making a burst from one but being well tackled by Stephens. The home captain again broke away, but was called back.

The Gloucester forwards heeled and the three-quarters started passing, but it broke down. Bradley then took the game well inside the Gloucester half, but Gent sent them back with a capital touch-finder. Frank Smith broke away and kicked, but Young saved by sending to touch.

Gloucester were now in the home territory, but their passing was ineffective. Elliott made a determined attempt to get away, but was brought down nicely near the 25 flag. A moment later Pearce ran well, but could not get through. Then the Cinderford front, led by Kilby, returned to the Gloucester line. From a scrum Hall fed Niblett, who was pushed into touch near the corner flag. Gloucester kicked into the open, Harrington making headway by beating several opponents. Then a race between Gwilliam and Smith ended in the ball going to touch at the centre.

From a scrum Gent set his backs going, and Elliott ran very strongly, but was hemmed in. Scrummaging in the home half saw Bowkett come through, but the ball rolled to touch. Good handling by the home three-quarter was well checked by the City, and half-time arrived.

HALF-TIME SCORE :

Gloucester	Nil
Cinderford	Nil

The City re-started with the slope in their favour. Vears' kick being mulled, play opened in the home half. The Foresters' front heeled, and Niblett kicked to half-way. From the next scrum Gloucester heeled, and Smith shone with a short run.

A sharp burst by Cinderford was checked, and Gloucester worked down to the home end, where Gent was penalised, but play was still waged in the home half. Hall burst away, but was well tackled by Pearce, and Gloucester repeatedly got possession, but could not beat the defence.

Gloucester were in a good attacking position, but the home forwards secured from a scrum and Hall came away and kicked to Egerton, who marked, but the homesters returned the kick to advantage, and Hyndman broke away but stumbled and fell with a try seeming certain. Gent got the ball and relieved with a good kick.

After a temporary stoppage, the City heeled from a scrum, but the cross-kick went astray and Niblett gave his side relief with a good line kick. The home front broke away, but kicked too hard, and Egerton replied well, and play was again taken to the home half, where a pretty bit of handling by the City saw Hall go strongly for the line, nearly scoring, a scrum being formed outside.

Bowkett headed a strong rush to the Gloucester half, where Egerton marked and drove the homesters back. From a scrum in front of the home posts, Niblett kicked to near half-way, where more scrums were the order. Gloucester heeled, and Gent kicked to touch in the home 25.

RESULT :

Gloucester Nil
Cinderford Nil

GLOUCESTER A v. CINDERFORD A

Played at Kingsholm in beautiful weather before a small attendance. F. Pegler was called upon at the last moment for the First, and the Seconds picked up a substitute on the ground.

Gloucester A. – H. Hancock; J. M. Baldwin, J. Hamblin, H. Barnes, and W. J. Vance; W. Dix and J. Goddard; H. Daniell, W. D. Henderson, J. Hall, W. Blackford, W. Nelmes, J. Lane, F. Welshman, and G. Foulkes.

Cinderford A. – J. Hall; W. Bedney, S. Young, M. Reed, and G. Thomas; B. Prosser and I. Woolford; G. Leighton, G. Hewlett, A. Hewlett, E. Bevan, F. Russell, G. Worsfold, H. Hall, and O. Colwell.

Gloucester kicked off, and there being a good return play opened in the home half. The visiting forwards had the better of the exchanges, and early on the City had to concede a minor. Cinderford again got very close on the drop-out, but Dix brought relief and centre play followed.

The Seconds broke away from a line out, and made considerable headway before a visitor kicked to touch near his own goal. Gloucester pressed for a few minutes, but Woolford relieved nicely to beyond the 25 flag. Ensuing play was very scrappy and little of interest occurred.

From a miskick by a Cinderfordian, Baldwin looked to have a chance on the left, but the ball bounced awkwardly, and rolled to touch. Cinderford changed the venue with a good rush, Hancock saving luckily with a flying kick.

Near midfield Hamblin broke away with a clever run and pass to Barnes, who raced, and giving a couple of opponents the "dummy," slipped through and over the line with a neat try. The place kick failed.

Resuming, off-side by the Gloucester forwards lost them a good slice of ground. Then a wild pass by Goddard enabled the visitors to reach the home 25, where Hancock effected a good clearance. Smart play by the Cinderford scrum worker led to a good bout of passing by the Foresters' backs, but the wing man was stopped outside.

Cinderford lost their position by a stupid pass, and Gloucester gained the centre. Here some loose play ended in the ball being kicked down the field, but Hall knocked on. Cinderford came away after this, but Hamblin receiving a pass he cut through and handed to Baldwin, who was collared.

Scrambling play ensued, ending in the Cinderford forwards gaining possession. A series of short passes beat the defence, and a try resulted behind the posts. The goal-kick was successful, and Cinderford led by two points.

On the restart, Hamblin held on too long when there was a good opening for Baldwin. Directly after Blackford gathered from a line-out and threw to Barnes, who fed Vance. The latter made a fine dash for the corner, but was tackled a couple of yards from the line. Gloucester attacked strongly to the interval, but they could not score.

HALF-TIME SCORE :

Cinderford A 1 goal
Gloucester A 1 try

RESULT :

Gloucester A 1 goal (p), 3 tries (12 pts.)
Cinderford A 1 goal (5 pts.)

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