

# THE CITIZEN

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## FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. PLYMOUTH

CITY TEAM IN DEVON

PLYMOUTH SAVE THE GAME ON TIME

For the third Saturday in succession Gloucester were away from home, meeting Plymouth to-day at South Devon Place.

Hudson, Gent, and Pearce were unable to take their places in the City team, Washbourne, Dix, and Pegler being the reserves called upon. The visitors made the journey to Plymouth overnight, the party being in charge of Mr. G. H. Bland.

Plymouth fielded the strongest possible fifteen.

The teams were : –

Gloucester. – W. Egerton; W. J. Vance, W. Hall, H. Barnes, and W. Washbourne; W. Dix and J. Stephens; G. Vears, W. Johns, H. Berry, G. Holford, D. Hollands, G. Griffiths, F. Pegler, and J. Wyburn.

Plymouth. – W. Hosking; P. Baker, F. Dean, E. G. Butcher, and W. Conybeare; R. T. White and F. Horne; F. Knight, G. Edwards, J. Cumming, H. Wilcocks, J. Robinson, F. Wise, Lieut. Heywood, and P. Martin.

Unfortunately a hurricane of wind blew up the field, and threatened to spoil the game, and although the weather held dry the turf was in a very heavy condition. There were 3,000 spectators.

Gloucester opened with the advantage of the slope, but against the wind. White nicely replied, and then Wise dribbled into the visitors' half. From a scrum, however, Dix and Stephens opened out, and after passing Vance was hauled down by Conybeare. Then a forward rush by Gloucester carried play inside Plymouth's territory again, where however, Wilcocks obtained and, cutting through finely, transferred to Wise, who was just stopped.

For some time play waged close to Gloucester's line, and Baker was pushed into touch just in time by Washbourne. Several scrums followed the throw-in, and from these Plymouth were penalised, but the subsequent kick brought little relief. Johns brought the ball out some yards, and then Dix was penalised for a scrum infringement. Butcher just failed to land a goal.

From the drop-out Gloucester raced away only to be driven back again by White. In following play Berry, Pegler, and Wyburn raced away to mid-field, where neither team could gain any material advantage. Lusty kicking by Hosking and Butcher sent the ball dead, following which Plymouth pressed hotly again. In some hot exchanges close in Barnes had a kick charged down, and this gave White a glorious chance, but he passed wildly.

Still Gloucester failed to clear, and magnificent handling by the home three-quarters saw Baker checked right on the line. Vance was injured, but resumed, and Johns, Vears, and Hollands broke away in fine fashion to the home end, where Dix was again penalised.

This led to Plymouth assuming the aggressive again, but it only proved momentary, and the visiting forwards took the ball back. Dix raced clean away to the home end, and from some loose play Hollands obtained and raced over with a try behind the posts. Egerton struck the upright with his attempt to convert.

A spell of mid-field play followed, and then Dean cut out a grand opening, but at the critical moment he kicked and the ball went dead. Horne scored an unconverted try for Plymouth.

### HALF-TIME SCORE :

Gloucester ..... 1 try  
Plymouth ..... 1 try

Crossing over Gloucester were the first to become dangerous through the agency of Hollands. Several scrums were formed close to the home line, but after Conybeare had marked, Knight and Edwards broke away to Egerton, who was bowled over. By clever kicking the visitors worked out, and after a considerable amount of play in neutral territory the Gloucester forwards raced away, and White being penalised Egerton tried for goal, but the ball struck the bar and rebounded into play. Edwards raced clear, but Gloucester were quickly back again, and following a mark by Johns, Hosking mis-kicked, and Berry dribbling on scored another unconverted try.

Gloucester still continued to press after this, the forwards doing finely, and once more scrum after scrum was formed close to the home line. From one of these the ball came out to Berry, who essayed a drop at goal, but the ball went wide and dead. Then Baker checked Washbourne.

Plymouth eventually cleared, but they were not allowed to become dangerous until, from a scrum, White opened out to his quarters, whose passing, however, broke down. An exchange of kicks favoured the visitors, but Robinson, Wise, and Martin dribbled back, and then Plymouth were awarded a free kick. Nothing resulted, and Gloucester returned to the attack again, but a lusty kick by Berry sent the ball dead.

Edwards came away in grand fashion from the drop-out, and when confronted by Vance kicked across the field. Washbourne, however, applied the closure to the movement, but the ball travelled to Dean, who handed on to Conybeare. The latter was brought down by Vance, and Egerton sent well out of danger.

Dix led Gloucester up in fine style, but the home defence prevailed, and suddenly Baker obtained, and after running half the length of the field cross-kicked for Knight to score an unconverted try.

### RESULT :

Gloucester ..... 2 tries (6 points)

Plymouth ..... 2 tries (6 points)

### REMARKS

Our Plymouth correspondent telegraphs : –

Gloucester were decidedly unlucky in being denied victory at the very last minute, for, taken throughout, they were the better side, their superiority being most pronounced in the line-outs. Johns and Berry played a fine game amongst the Gloucester forwards, whilst Vance and Washbourne were most conspicuous of the three-quarters.

At half there was a battle royal between Dix and Stephens and White and Horne, the former pair being a shade the better.

Egerton, at back, performed creditably.

### GLOUCESTER A v. YORKLEY STAR

#### CITY SECONDS SCORE HEAVILY

At Kingsholm before a small company and in a high wind. Allen and Rudge (Tredworth) played half-back for the Seconds, and the visitors had the assistance of a couple of substitutes.

Play opened at midfield, but good kicking by Baldwin and Hall put Gloucester well down. For off-side Yorkley were penalised, but Hall failed with his shot at goal, and the visitors cleared. Yorkley made further headway, but play was very scrambling, the wind spoiling all attempts at passing.

Gloucester paid another visit to their opponents' 25, but they soon lost the position, Yorkley dribbling to the other end before being checked. Hancock, with some fine touch-kicks, changed the venue, and in some loose play Hall gathered and ran over, but he knocked on in taking the ball and was called back.

Ensuing play lacked interest, for though both teams displayed plenty of keenness the players were unable to control the ball with any degree of accuracy. Baldwin just missed a corner try following a forward dribble and cross-kick, but soon afterwards L. Hamblin, from a pass by Allen, cut through smartly and scored near the posts. Hall landed a goal.

Yorkley resumed, but the game was at once taken to their quarters. Baldwin was conspicuous for a fine run for the Seconds, but was collared from behind in attempting to clear the full-back. Gloucester, however, kept up the pressure, and from a scramble Rudge scored, the place kick failing.

Nelmes and Hayes did good work on the drop-out, and Gloucester again attacked. J. Hamblin missed an opening on the right wing, and then the passing broke down when there was another good chance. Play continued wholly in Gloucester's favour, and Baldwin, with a dodgy run, was nearly through. Immediately after there was a nice bout of passing amongst the Gloucester backs, and J. Hamblin raced round with a good try. No goal resulted.

Still keeping up the pressure Gloucester added to their score again before the interval, J. Hamblin crossing easily after passing initiated by Baldwin. Hall failed at the place.

HALF-TIME SCORE :  
Gloucester A ..... 1 goal 3 tries  
Yorkley ..... Nil

Gloucester re-started, and the Seconds' forwards, with a wheel and loose rush, made tracks for the visitors' goal. They, however, lost the ball and a Yorkley man securing he punted to midfield. Here Yorkley were penalised for off-side, and Hall punting high the Seconds prevented a return.

The City forwards, breaking away smartly, beat the opposition, and Quixley was credited with a try, which Hall converted.

Yorkley, by strong forward work, gained a footing in the home half on the re-start, and once they got dangerous. Hancock, however, was very safe. The City full-back, in his own 25, gathered and passed out to Baldwin, who with a fine run beat the opposition and notched a splendid try. Hall added the extra points, making 24 to nil.

Yorkley were now completely out of it, and another splendid run by Baldwin more than half the length of the ground yielded the eighth try, which went unconverted.

Resuming, Gloucester got on the attack again, and Quixley scored near the posts, Hall adding the extra points.

On the drop-out, L. Hamblin brought off a neat run, but the pass was intercepted. A visitor, however, kicked aimlessly over the line and Hancock touched down. After this the Seconds had all the play, but fumbling at the critical moment spoiled several easy chances of scoring. Eventually J. Hamblin crossed after neat work by Rudge and Allen, the place-kick failing.

Before the end Gloucester added to their lead through Baldwin, and Hall goaling the Seconds gained a decisive victory.

RESULT :  
Gloucester A ... 5 goals, 5 tries, (40 pts.)  
Yorkley ..... Nil