

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1910

GOOD FRIDAY FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. HEADINGLEY

CITY BEATEN AT KINGSHOLM

The Yorkshire Cup-holders opened their tour at Kingsholm on Good Friday, when they opposed a rather weak City team. The visitors were short of Pickering and Hinings, but there were six County men in their ranks. There was a capital attendance, and the ground was in splendid condition. The teams were as follow : –

Gloucester. – W. Egerton; W. Jones, E. Hall, J. Hamblin, and J. M. Baldwin; J. Stephens and S. Stephens; G. Vears, W. Johns, H. Berry, D. Hollands, W. Nelmes, F. Pegler, W. D. Henderson, and F. Welshman.

Headingley. – \*A. Edwards; A. W. Armitage, \*R. W. Brown, \*A. Duggan (Skipton), and R. G. Bland; H. Jameson and H. Lee; \*J. King, \*W. Power, \*J. Eddison, E. Gaille, C. Tosney, R. B. M. Waterhouse, A. H. Motley, and R. R. Brown.

\* Yorkshire county players.

Referee : Mr. H. Smith (Bristol).

Opening play was in favour of Headingley, whose forwards were very strong in loose play. The City once or twice got away, Hollands making one fine opening, but the passing went astray. Then a visiting forward secured in a line-out, and punting over Egerton's head gained a good position. A penalty for infringement saw Duggan have a shot for goal, but the effort just failed.

Ensuing play showed Gloucester in very moderate form, the backs especially being weak. Near the centre the visiting halves broke away, and after a series of exchanges Duggan manœuvred for position and dropped a clever goal.

Gloucester resumed, and J. Stephens cut out a nice opening, but Jones passed straight to an opponent and a good chance was lost. The City maintained their position for a time, and a well-judged kick by Hall took them well inside their opponents' 25. Here J. Stephens got the ball out wide to Hamblin, who broke through, but held on a trifle too long, and his pass was too slow to Baldwin. The wing man recovered and tried a dash through, but was overwhelmed.

Baldwin made another attempt a minute later from a pass by J. Stephens, but again failed to beat the defence. Then from a shot at goal from a penalty Egerton forced a minor. Even play followed to the interval, when Headingley led by four points to nil.

Gloucester restarted and at once attacked. A passing bout was initiated by J. Stephens, but Hamblin's pass was intercepted by Brown, who had a clear field with the exception of Egerton. A cross-punt put King in possession, and gathering on the run he raced home and scored in the corner. The goal-kick failed.

Encouraged by this further success, the Yorkshiremen played up keenly and forced another minor after a strong forward burst. In subsequent play the City several times got the ball out, but the backs could do nothing but fumble. Headingley continued to play the better football, and after a fine round of passing King scored his second try, Duggan converting.

The Yorkshiremen added another unconverted try through Power, giving them a clear lead of 15 points. In the concluding stages Gloucester showed better form, and Jones scored in the corner following a cross-kick by S. Stephens. Egerton failed at goal.

Still keeping up the pressure, the City attacked strongly, and Hollands throwing out a wide pass to Hall, the latter crossed and Egerton converted. This was all the scoring.

RESULT :

Headingley .... 2 goals (1d), 2 tries (15 pts.)  
Gloucester ..... 1 goal, 1 try (8 pts.)

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