

THE CITIZEN

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FOOTBALL NOTES

GLOUCESTER'S LONDON WIN

FORWARDS NOT UP TO FORM

Gloucester's visit to London on Saturday ended satisfactorily from a result point of view. A thirteen points to nil victory over London Welsh on the latter's ground must be considered a good performance, and one that will not often be beaten this season by visiting teams to Wandsworth.

All the same, the few supporters of this City who were present at Saturday's game were disappointed. In the first place the weather conditions were a decided handicap to a good display, for a tremendous wind – and it did blow cold on the Common – spoiled many well intentioned efforts on the part of the players on both sides.

Gloucester won by superior tactics behind the scrum, and in this respect W. Hall stood out as the most commanding figure on the field. Against the wind his masterful kicking was a great feature, and by real heady play he nearly brought about the downfall of the Welshmen's lines on three occasions.

The try-getters for Gloucester were Dix, Johns, and Hudson, the two latter scores being the result of pretty passing bouts. Dix notched his try by boring through the forwards from a scrum near the line – an old trick of his, and one that amused the London crowd. Holford, who deputised for Cook at full-back, performed with great credit. It was a trying day for a custodian, but Holford made few errors in fielding, and otherwise played soundly.

The weak point of the City team's play was the failure of the forwards in the tight scrums. Again and again the visitors were beaten for possession, with the result that the Gloucester backs did not get half the chances that fell to their opponents. This defect must be remedied, or the results of some of the big engagements will be anything but satisfactory. Fancy Cardiff, Newport, or Swansea with the opportunities that fell to London Welsh, and not scoring !

Smart again did fine all-round work, and he cannot be left out of the team on present form. Johns, Lodge, Berry, and Yates were the more prominent of the other forwards, but the display as a whole did not reach the standard set up at Kingsholm.

The referee in charge of the match was Mr. W. H. Devonshire, the old City and Blackheath three-quarter.

GLOUCESTER A v ST. MARK'S

HALF-TIME SCORE :

St. Mark's 1 goal
Gloucester A 1 try

RESULT :

Gloucester A 2 tries (6 points)
St. Mark's 1 goal (5 points)