

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1912

FOOTBALL

MATCHES ABANDONED

GLOUCESTER v LEICESTER

SERIOUS FINANCIAL LOSS

The severe frost was pretty general all over the country, and with grounds frost-bound there was a wholesale abandonment of matches under the Rugby Union. There was a break in the weather in mid-week, and the Kingsholm enclosure was practically fit on Thursday. There was a return of the cold snap, however, and on Friday a visit to the ground disclosed the fact that unless there was a remarkable change the return fixture with Leicester would have to be abandoned. The Gloucester Club officials waited until Saturday before coming to a definite decision in the hope of a thaw, but Friday night's frost settled it, and there was no alternative but to wire the Leicester team not to make the journey.

The cancelling of the match was a big disappointment, for the Midlanders always provide good fare, and they had selected a powerful side for to-day's match in the hope of reversing the defeat sustained at home a few weeks ago. Financially, Gloucester will suffer severely by the loss of the fixture, especially as the City had already gone to the heavy expense of going to Leicester.

Another cause for disappointment at the match not being played was the fact that three members of the English Selection Committee (Messrs. Baxter, Pring, and Temple Gurdon) had intimated their intention of being present with the idea of watching Willie Hall and other players for possible International honours.