

# THE CITIZEN

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TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v CINDERFORD

CITY'S LAST HOME MATCH

GLOUCESTER WIN A POOR GAME

The fourth and last match of the season between Gloucester and Cinderford was decided at Kingsholm on Easter Monday and the match also concluded the City's home programme.

Cinderford had twice beaten Gloucester this season – at Kingsholm on Mop Monday by 11 points to 8, and at Cinderford last month by a penalty goal to nil, the other game ending in favour of the City by 8 points to 3.

Cinderford brought a good side, but Gloucester were short of Johns and Stanley Cook, the latter failing to turn up. Staunton filled the vacancy. The sun was bright at intervals, with a strong gusty wind which was likely to bother the players.

The teams were : –

Gloucester. – C. Cook; F. E. Chapman, W. Staunton, L. Hamblin, and A. Hudson; W. Dix and W. Hall; H. Berry, N. Hayes, A. Lodge, J. Meadows, S. Smart, G. Vears, F. Pegler, and G. Holford.

Cinderford. – J. Hall; A. Robbins, G. Walkley, G. Ellaway, and A. Hall; J. Baker and J. Woolford; G. Bowkett, A. Redding, F. Russell, G. Lodge, W. Adams, G. Hewlett, J. Hyndman, and G. Leighton.

Referee : Mr. W. Harris (Bristol).

There was a good attendance when Gloucester started against the wind nearly ten minutes late. The opening was sensational, for following up Vears' kick-off the City forwards dribbled right away, and past the opposition, Smart being credited with a try in the corner. Hamblin made a poor shot at goal.

Cinderford resumed, and play was confined to the Foresters' half. Gloucester gained ground with a penalty, and then from some loose play Hall fed Hamblin, and the centre racing away crossed with a fine try. Chapman took the place for goal, but a splendid effort failed, the wind taking the ball outside.

Owing to a misunderstanding between Hall and Cook as to who should receive the drop-out, a knock-on resulted, and a scrum followed in the home half. Here Dix fed Hall, who tricked his way through and passed, but the transfer was intercepted by Robbins, who ran down the field and punted. Gloucester, however, saved in good time.

The City forwards cleared with a good burst, and Hamblin came prominently under notice with a clever run. Cinderford sent back with useful kicking, but from a scrum on the City 25 the home forwards heeled.

Dix got the ball away to Hall, who sent to Hamblin. The latter cut inside and ran clean away to the full-back, but Hudson failed to take a rather awkward transfer with an open field.

Just after, Cinderford were awarded a penalty, and Bowkett had a shot for goal from midfield, but the ball went wide of the uprights. The wind was assisting Cinderford greatly, for when the drop-out took place the ball was carried towards the goal posts, a scrum being ordered on the quarter line.

W. Hall hereabouts got a kick charged down, and Gloucester were in a dangerous position. Another penalty was awarded Cinderford, but A. Hall's kick was charged, and nothing resulted.

Gloucester again got the ball out, but the passing broke down. The forwards, however, with a combined dribble, changed the venue, a visitor being penalised for wilfully knocking the ball on. Cook failed to find touch with his kick, and Cinderford quickly carried play to the other end.

The Foresters pressed for a few minutes, but a strong run by Hudson brought relief, and Dix further improved the situation.

The Gloucester halves got the ball away nicely from the following scrum, but Hamblin failed to accept Hudson's transfer. A delay took place owing to an injury to a visitor, but he was able to continue.

Immediately Gloucester were penalised for a scrum infringement, and Bowkett made some 20 yards with his kick to touch. This, however, was soon regained by Staunton, who broke away smartly, but was tackled from behind. Then came a lovely bit of combination between the Gloucester

Then came a lovely bit of combination between the Gloucester backs, Hudson, Chapman, and Hall re-passing cleverly, but the defence held out. Dix, with smart work, tried to get through, but no success followed, and Cinderford, by the aid of a free, got out of danger.

The Foresters then forced two minors with kicks over the line, Bowkett making one splendid effort to drop a goal.

Resuming, A. Hall changed places with Woolford, and the visiting captain was soon distinguished with a big burst. Dix replied with a neat effort down touch, but ensuing play was contested in the home half, and another minor had to be conceded by Gloucester.

An attempt at passing by the City on the restart broke down at Hamblin, and Cinderford got dangerous again. From a mark from a line-out close to the line Cinderford had a favourable chance for a goal, but Bowkett failed.

A. Hall missed fielded on the drop-out, and Berry securing the ball dodged away and passed, but it was forward. This was succeeded by a round of passing by the home backs, but Chapman was collared, and Hudson, to whom he repassed, was held by the leg.

Cinderford paid a brief visit to the home end, but they were beaten off, and the interval arrived with play at the centre.

HALF-TIME SCORE :  
Gloucester ..... 2 tries  
Cinderford ..... Nil

Cinderford re-started, Hudson replying with a big kick to J. Hall, who found touch inside his own half. The Gloucester backs were early in possession, but Staunton was thrown into touch by Walkley.

Subsequent passing failed, Bowkett getting hold and punting to Cook, who was upset. He, however, let the ball go, and the Gloucester forwards dribbled away, J. Hall saving at the critical moment.

From a pass by Hall, Hudson had a dash through, but his pass to Staunton was forward. Cinderford were hard pressed, but a flying kick sent the ball to Cook, who dropped for goal, but only a touch down resulted.

The Foresters could get no relief, and Holford, with a fine dribble, took the ball to the line, where Robbins saved. Gloucester were right under their opponents' posts, where Dix attempted a drop for goal, but his kick was charge down, and Cinderford cleared to beyond the centre.

Smart led Gloucester back, and Cinderford were penalised nearly in front of goal. Chapman took a place, but sent wide.

Ensuing play was very scrambling, Gloucester fumbling their passing frequently. Cinderford gained a position in the home end from a penalty, but they were immediately driven back, and the game proceeded on most uninteresting lines.

At length Gloucester opened out, and the ball was got sharply across to Chapman, but J. Hall stopped his man well. Gloucester pressed keenly after this, but the attacks lacked finish, and Cinderford worked out of danger. Gloucester came back with smart passing, only to see Staunton stopped by Robbins.

Weak and scrambling play followed, mistakes being frequent. The City several times lost ground when they did open out, and the play was farcical in the extreme. However, a try did come at last for Gloucester, for after good footwork by Holford the ball was taken over the line and Hayes scored. Chapman failed at goal.

Gloucester attacked strongly on the resumption, and after a series of scrambles on the line Lodge scored. Hall this time missed the goal kick.

There were only a few minutes left for play, but Gloucester could not do anything. Right at the end Chapman got a kick charged down, and the ball bouncing nicely for Walkley, the latter ran home from halfway and scored behind the posts, Bowkett kicking a goal.

#### RESULT :

Gloucester ..... 4 tries (12 points)  
Cinderford ..... 1 goal (5 points)

#### REMARKS

The match was in keeping with the other holiday games, and after the exhibitions witnessed it is quite time the curtain was rung down for the season.

Gloucester were easily the better team on to-day's play, but it was a weak and scrambling game at its best, and calls for no comment.

Gloucester had L. Hamblin off during the last ten minutes or so, and Cook played up amongst the three-quarters. This accounted for Walkley's unopposed run when he scored the visitors' try.

GLOUCESTER A v CINDERFORD DISTRICT

At Cinderford on Easter Monday morning.

RESULT :

Gloucester A .... 1 goal 1 try (8 points)  
Cinderford District ..... Nil

Cummings and Wilkes scored the tries for Gloucester.

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