

# THE CITIZEN

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YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. BRISTOL

Bristol (with the assistance of F. Jowett, P. Lockman, and Swenson, and players from Bath and Clifton) defeated Gloucester at the County Ground on Monday by 1 goal (5 points).

By this victory Bristol secure the club championship of the county, but very little credit attaches to them for yesterday's victory. Gloucester were as badly handicapped by absentees as Bristol, but no outside assistance was sought, the vacancies being filled by players from the reserve team. The action of Bristol in introducing strange players in a game between the two neighbouring clubs in order to snatch a victory is to be regretted, and is sure to give offence at this end of the county.

Commenting on Monday's game, the "Times and Mirror" says ;

The necessity for having to obtain so much outside assistance was a matter for comment on the ground, and the victory which Bristol secured by a goal to nil over the visitors would have been more meritorious if the team had been exclusively composed of local players.

The game was by no means a great one, and there was comparatively little open play in the second half. Forward the visitors held the advantage, and if they had taken the chances which came to them they might have won.

The halves, however, were weak in opening out the game, and when the ball did get to the three-quarters they were for the most part content to kick and rush. Once or twice when a dash was made to get though the centre the chances of scoring were much brighter.

The Gloucester pack played a hard, keen game, and heeled much better than their opponents, while some of their rushes were clever efforts.

Click and Westbury led them well, and the whole eight gave an object lesson to their rivals in packing and general play. Vears was the pick of the Gloucester three-quarters.

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