

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1904.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

RUGBY

GLOUCESTER v. NORTHAMPTON

THE CITY'S LAST MATCH

A BRILLIANT WIND UP

This, the concluding match of the season on the Gloucester card, was played at Northampton. The City club were represented by a good side, the only alteration from the advertised team being F. Westbury (forward) for G. H. Smith, who was unable to make the journey. At Kingsholm last month a weak Gloucester team gained a lucky win over the East Midlanders, but the City hoped to do better this afternoon.

The teams were : —

GLOUCESTER	Positions	NORTHAMPTON
G. Romans (capt.)	Backs	C. Leigh
C. Smith	Three-quarter	W. H. Kingston
J. Stephens	Backs	J. Mason
J. Harrison	"	F. Coles
T. Leonard	"	H. R. Smith
D. Gent	Half-Backs	H. E. Kingston (capt.)
G. Williams	"	T. H. Preston
B. Parham	Forwards	A. Chalmers
F. Goulding	"	E. Drage
W. Johns	"	J. Longland
A. Hawker	"	K. Ormsby
F. Pegler	"	L. H. Johnson
A. Purton	"	H. E. T. Vogel
F. Westbury	"	G. G. Yeld
G. Matthews	"	A. G. Hoste

Referee : Mr. F. W. NICHOLLS (Leicester)

Romans started the game and Gloucester immediately attacked, Leigh saving finely and sending to the centre. Stephens ran well, and a penalty against Northampton caused a renewal of the pressure. C. Smith found touch just close to the goal line. A couple of free kicks gave relief, and the Gloucester backs showed nice passing.

The Northampton forwards were luckily placed on side and rushed away, but Romans ran back. Smart passing and clever touch kicking by Gent took play close to the Northampton goal line, where some grand combination by Gloucester ended in Parham scoring behind the posts. Romans' place went just outside.

Northampton attacked strongly, but Romans accorded relief. Yeld nearly scored from a penalty. Gent was applauded for bringing out and running smartly.

Harrison, receiving from Stephens, doubled beautifully, scoring behind the posts, Romans majorising.

Williams and Stephens ran strongly on resuming, but Will Kingston intercepted, and saved a certain try.

HALF-TIME SCORE :

Gloucester ..... 1 goal, 1 try  
Northampton ..... Nil

Romans made a grand return to the re-start. Northampton were penalised, but Preston and the Brothers Kingston set up a hot attack on the Gloucester lines, and from a penalty the visitors touched down. Kingston ran well, and Coles dropped at goal, C. Smith touching down.

Gloucester now had a turn, and nearly reached the line. Hawker and Leigh collided, both being knocked out. Leigh quickly resumed, but Hawker was assisted off the field. Romans was cheered for magnificent play, and Leigh obtained a like recognition.

The pace of the game was very fast. Preston and Timkinson[*sic*] forced Gloucester to their goal line. Romans relieved. Gwent skilfully resisted an attack.

Will Kingston ran down to Romans and the Gloucester forwards broke away. Will Kingston stopped the rush neatly. Both sides did dashing work, and Goulding scored after a dribble, Romans' kick hitting the post.

Stephens scored a lovely try after capital passing, and Romans converted. Northampton made desperate efforts, but failed.

RESULT :

Gloucester .... 2 goals, 2 tries (16 points)

Northampton ..... Nil

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