

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1930

GLOUCESTER 17 POINTS, CARDIFF 10 POINTS

CITY'S NOTABLE TRIUMPH

SPLENDID SECOND HALF DISPLAY

FORWARDS IN GREAT FORM

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Gloucester rose to a great occasion this afternoon, and recorded a splendid victory over Cardiff by 17 points to 10. The play of the City forwards was a feature in a rousing game.

Since losing to Bristol in September Cardiff have done wonderfully well, and despite Gloucester's remarkable record against Welsh opponents at Kingsholm, the City's moderate form this season – with successive defeats from Northampton, Bristol and Leicester – did not encourage hope that last year's splendid performances against the Welsh Metropolitans – they won at Cardiff and made a draw in the return game – would be repeated.

Gloucester were greatly strengthened this afternoon by the inclusion of Boughton, Lovegrove, and Crichton-Miller, who were not in the side so decisively beaten last week.

Lovegrove, who has been appearing for Birkenhead Park, is again up at Oxford, and took part in the final trials, figuring at outside half. For Gloucester he partnered McCanlis at centre three-quarter, a position in which he rendered good service for the club last season.

Cardiff have lost for the time being their three International backs – the brothers J. and W. Roberts and R. Boon – and in addition three forwards dropped out of the chosen fifteen . . .

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. . . better of the exchanges, and reward came with a splendid try by J. DAVIES.

From a line out Miller received and passed to Davies, who ran strongly. Stone and Graham Jones attempted to stop the City forward's career, but they were both handed off, and Davies finished by scoring behind the posts amidst great cheering. Boughton added the goal points.

#### CARDIFF DRAW LEVEL

Resuming, Cardiff played up resolutely, and fine passing placed Gloucester on the defensive. Thomas made a splendid effort to cross in the corner, but was pushed to touch just in time. The Welshmen, however, were soon on the attack again, and from a long throw across the field by Thomas, Turnbull gathered and fed V. JONES. The wing man cut inside beautifully and racing hard for the line, got the ball down wide out. Stone kicked a fine goal from the touch line, and the teams were level.

#### CITY TAKE THE LEAD AGAIN

Gloucester resumed, and play again favoured Cardiff, the Welshmen being very quick on the ball. Meadows was prominent with good work, but a splendid punt by Jenkins . . .

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. . . up the field. He was, however, tackled in time and the ball rolled loose.

Price was handy, and gathering took a drop for goal from 30 yards out, the ball covering the crossbar amid wild enthusiasm. The City were now seven points up – the score being 12-5.

This further success put more confidence in the home team, and the forwards worked with redoubled energy. Meadows, with well-placed kicks, kept the advantage with Gloucester, but Cardiff eventually recovered.

A lovely cut through by Meadows and pass to Lovegrove only just failed, the centre being checked when almost through. Still keeping up the pressure Gloucester put in some determined attacks, but could not get any luck.

#### GLOUCESTER'S SPLENDID FORM

The best football of the afternoon was forthcoming in the next five minutes, Gloucester playing up in remarkable style. They had the opposing forwards beaten, and the backs showed far more enterprise. The result was that Cardiff were continually on the defensive.

Working well together the City were nearly over in the corner, Crichton-Miller making a gallant effort to beat Stone. The ball quickly came out to Meadows, who punted back to the line. The ball bounced on Stone's shoulder into the arms of Wadley, who fell over the line with a try. Boughton converted, and the City's lead was now 12 points.

Gloucester were now well established, but the team did not relax their efforts. Cardiff, however, were equally keen, and after a brilliant round of passing, THOMAS raced round and scored behind the posts. Stone converted, and immediately after the end came, with Gloucester winners by seven points.

#### RESULT :

GLOUCESTER ....	4 goals (1d)	(17 pts.)
CARDIFF .....	2 goals	(10 pts.)

## REMARKS

Whatever Gloucester's form – and it was discouraging enough at Leicester last week – the team can be relied upon to produce something of a surprise against Welsh opponents at Kingsholm, and it was forthcoming again this afternoon.

Gloucester could not claim the skill and speed of the Cardiff men behind the scrum, but the forwards, on whom so much depended, worthily upheld their reputation, and gave of their best.

It was hard going throughout, and if the play as a spectacle lacked a good deal in the matter of finished back play, there were many thrills, especially in the concluding twenty minutes.

It was during this period Gloucester crowned all their finest work. The backs really came into their own at this stage and with a bit of luck the Cardiff lines might easily have been pierced on two or three occasions. The City were clearly in the ascendant after the first ten minutes of the second half, and the nine points which accrued as the result of Price's clever dropped goal and the converted try by Wadley, scarcely did justice to their all-round work.

Cardiff had three International forwards away to-day and this no doubt weakened their ranks, but the Welshmen put up a keen and strenuous struggle for a long period.

The City pack were at their best to-day. There was more cohesion and understanding. All through the players moved quickly about the field, and even the front row men had their moments of success in the open.

In the scrums honours were fairly even, but Gloucester had the better of matters in the loose, and the line out work was more effective. There was some terrific tackling on both sides and in spoiling none did better than Davies and Crichton-Miller.

Davies' try was a splendid opening effort for the City, and I thought Crichton-Miller was going to emulate the County forward's achievement late in the game. He got clear of the bunch and tried to jump the full-back, but just failed.

All the other players in the City pack did well, and the performance as a whole was a striking contrast to the display last week.

In the back division, I should give Cardiff the greater credit for the best exhibition of finished football, though there were numerous occasions when the Welshmen were at fault. At the scrum Bowen, the ex-schoolboy international, was too much inclined to get off-side, but Price more than held his own in general play.

The Gloucester scrum-worker accomplished some of the best tackling in the match – he did not make the mistake of going too hard for his man, and missing him – and his dropped goal was a lovely effort. Taken all round, this was Price's best match of the season.

If Meadows had not the elusiveness of Emlyn Jenkins on the Cardiff side, his work was very sound, and here again the City player's defence was seen to more advantage than usual.

At three-quarter, Gloucester were not together as a line until late in the game. The best work was done at centre, where McCanlis, despite the handicap of an injured back, ran strongly and defended stoutly when he reached his man.

Lovegrove, who was playing his fourth game this week, did not shine at the outset, but he came into prominence in the second half with some dashing bursts. The wings were not given many opportunities in attack.

The Gloucester tackling as a line was at fault, at times, and the Cardiff players were too often allowed to get away.

Thomas and Jones were difficult men to tackle, and Turnbull and Graham Jones, with Jenkins at outside-half took a lot of looking after.

Cardiff were splendidly served by Stone at full back. He kicked a better length than Boughton, though the latter by no means lacked power and direction. Both players were given plenty to do in defence, and Boughton brought off two magnificent tackles in the open, where the slightest slip would have meant a certain try.

Next Saturday's matches : Gloucestershire v. Devon, at Bristol (County Championship); Gloucester v. Moseley, at Moseley; Gloucester United v. Chepstow, at Kingsholm.

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