

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1931

GUY'S HOSPITAL 9 Pts., GLOUCESTER 3 Pts.

PENALTIES THAT BROUGHT DEFEAT

CITY'S HARD LUCK NEAR LINE

A GOOD SECOND HALF

Gloucester were again disorganised for their fixture with Guy's Hospital at Honor Oak, the absentees including Saxby, McCanlis, and Graham Davies, in addition to Joe Davies, who is not likely to play for some weeks, if again this season.

With both centres away, the City Club enlisted the services of A. E. Brookes (Oxford University), who made an occasional appearance last season. Abbey took the other inside position, and Storrie (the Old Cryptian) and James figured on the respective wings.

Gloucester were fully expected to hold their own forward, and it was hoped the back division would greatly improve on the display at Bath.

Guy's had experienced a very moderate season, and last week were beaten by Northampton at home.

Teams : —

GLOUCESTER

BACK : H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS : I. H. Storrie, L. Abbey, A. E. Brookes (Oxford University), and Roy James (capt.).

HALF-BACKS : F. Price and D. Meadows.

FORWARDS : F. Wadley, A. Carpenter, E. Comley, F. Russell, J. Hemming, L. Franklin, H. J. Hyatt, and T. Hiam.

GUY'S HOSPITAL

BACK : L. Wailer.

THREE-QUARTERS : D. E. Ashdown, J. E. Giesen[*sic*], I. K. Thomas, and G. A. Burrows.

HALF-BACKS : R. J. Eustace and Windsor H. Lewis (capt.).

FORWARDS : J. S. Batchelor, J. P. O'Shea, J. Kunowsky, R. G. Knight, J. R. F. Popplewell, T. Morgan, G. F. Lashmore, and R. A. P. Hogbin.

Referee : Mr. B. S. Cumberlege.

THE GAME

The weather was bright, but cold, and after the heavy rain yesterday the ground was waterlogged in places, and in front of the grandstand the pitch was like a mud heap.

There were only a few hundred spectators present when Gloucester started. The City forwards broke away from the first scrum, and Franklin dribbled a few yards before Glassen checked. Guy's had the wind, and a big kick by Hogbin carried the ball over the Gloucester line, and James conceded a minor.

Guy's backs passed well on the drop out, and Thomas ran through nicely, but lost the ball a few yards outside. Another passing bout promised well with Thomas again prominent, but the final transfer was knocked forward.

A PENALTY GOAL

At the next scrum Gloucester were penalised, and with a splendid kick HOGBIN landed a goal within five minutes of the start.

On the restart the City forwards rushed well, and Meadows carried on, but Lewis effected a wonderful save and kick to touch. In some loose play a Guy's forward picked up and ran clear, but threw wildly with a good opening.

KEEN TACKLING

A free to Gloucester did not benefit them, for the Hospital backs recovered, and quick passing tested the defence. Gloucester were hard pressed, the backs opening up well, and only keen tackling kept the line intact. Gloucester were again penalised for off-side, and from thirty yards out HOGBIN kicked another fine goal.

SMART WORK.

Six points down Gloucester played up strongly, but the visitors could not raise a serious attack, and Guy's backs handled repeatedly, Lewis and Thomas being very dangerous. The City's work behind in comparison was very poor.

Franklin was conspicuous with a bit of smart work in capturing an opponent's pass, and later Meadows did the same with Batchelor well away.

The ground had cut up very badly now, but Guy's continued to display clever football. They often made a lot of ground, but the final pass went astray or was knocked on.

The City improved later, and James and Meadows combined in a neat bit of play. The movement, however, was checked at the centre, and penalty kicks found touch close to the Gloucester line. The forwards brought relief, and passing by the backs further improved.

HARD LUCK.

James, beating the opposition cleverly, put Gloucester well down, and the City had the better of subsequent exchanges. The forwards were well together in a combined rush but later Storrie was given off-side following a kick by James, and Guy's got out of danger by determined forward work.

Comley and Russell were doing well, and the visitors got on the attack, and Guy's were in danger for the first time. Price made a dash for the line, but slipped and fell. Then Gloucester were awarded a penalty in front of the posts, but Boughton missed the place.

Gloucester went near scoring after the drop-out, but the visitors could not get any luck. A missed pass allowed the Hospital to break away beyond half-way.

Gloucester returned to the attack, but were beaten off after strenuous football. Guy's came strongly just before the interval, and nearly scored after a kick over the line.

HALF-TIME :

Guy's Hospital 2 penalty goals
Gloucester Nil

Three times in quick succession Guy's were forced to touch down from cross-kicks over the line, Wailer running no risks. Guy's with a big spurt, and capital work by Windsor Lewis, got beyond the half-way, but the City forwards rushed back, and were dangerous. Again the backs found it difficult to handle the ball successfully, and there were many mistakes.

BEATEN FOR TOUCH

With grand forward work and a smart effort by James, Gloucester sent over the Hospital line, but the visitors were beaten for pace for the touch. It was nearly all forward play now, and Guy's were well beaten, but Gloucester could not open their account.

PULLED DOWN

Abbey from a pass by Meadows went through well but was pulled down five yards from the line. Glassen brought relief for the Hospital with a long run, and the game was taken to the other end. The City quickly sent back, and attacked strongly.

KICK AND RUSH

The game continued to be keenly contested, but it was of the kick and rush order. Gloucester more than held their own, but near the centre Thomas cut through and sent ASHDOWN in for a fine try. The place kick failed.

Gloucester made splendid attempts to score in the last few minutes, and HEMMING scored, Boughton failing with the goal-kick.

RESULT :

GUY'S HOSPITAL 2 goals (p.) 1 try (9 points.)
GLOUCESTER 1 try (3 points.)

REMARKS

Gloucester put up a strong game, and Guy's were lucky on the play in gaining the victory. Forward the City held a decided advantage in the second half, and Guy's were often in danger, but no luck came the way of the City.

In the backs Guy's were far superior, both with pace and skill, and combination. Lewis and Thomas especially were in fine form, and the wings showed plenty of dash.

James and Abbey were the best for Gloucester. Boughton rendered useful service at full-back for the City, and Wailer was sound for Guy's. It was a desperately keen game forward, Gloucester proving superior.

UNITED DRAW AT HOME

FINE SECOND-HALF RECOVERY

Gloucester United made three changes from their selected side to meet Cardiff University at Kingsholm this afternoon. All the changes were in the three-quarter line. M. A. McCanlis, who was unable to travel with the first team, sportingly turned out for the United.

The University had a representative side out, and the game promised to be a pleasing one.

After several promising attempts in the opening stages, the 'Varsity made a good breakaway on the left, but the Gloucester forwards held their ground, although the Cardiff men kept play near the home 25.

A breakaway by Perkins left the ball with Pittman a few yards from the line. He made a dash, but was pushed over the corner flag. Cardiff relieved by dribbling back to half-way.

Ken Smith opened the score for Gloucester after a fine round of passing, which left him with a certain try. Perkins had hard luck with the kick.

Powell was the next to cross the Cardiff line for Gloucester. After McCanlis had kicked forward Powell gathered the ball and scored under the posts for Perkins to convert.

HALF-TIME :

Gloucester United	1 goal 1 try
Cardiff University	Nil

The second half opened with a bout of punting, in which Gloucester had the advantage of the wind. Both backs were quite safe, and it was left to the home forwards to work to the Cardiff 25.

Gloucester heeled beautifully, and McCanlis got away to make a good opening for Pittman. The latter passed back, but McCanlis dropped the ball and the chance was lost.

Cardiff worked back to the centre, and the exchanges were more even. D'Arquila earned applause with a good kick which found touch in the visitors' 25.

Fifield spoilt a promising opening by holding the ball too long. Fifield tried to break through on his own. He was hauled down and Maddox dribbled the ball away to the Gloucester line. Evans, who was in close attendance, secured and touched down, and Neath converted for the 'Varsity.

Some minutes afterwards the 'Varsity equalised with a brilliant breakaway by W. J. A. Evans, who got over on the left.

RESULT :

GLOUCESTER UNITED ... 1 goal 1 try (8 Pts.)

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY ... 1 goal 1 try (8 Pts.)

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