

THE CITIZEN

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1892.

FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER THURSDAY v. CHELTENHAM.

This match was played at Kingsholm on Thursday. Cheltenham were exceptionally strong, while the home team were without the services of two of their best forwards.

Platt kicked off for the home team at 3.30, and play settled down in the Cheltenham 25, where a series of scrums took place, after which Cheltenham rushed to the centre, where James put in a useful kick, and Cheltenham were compelled to touch down. From a scrum Curtis secured the ball and passed to Hubert George, who put on top speed and crossed the visitors' line, but was rolled into play, and a scrum was ordered five yards out.

Gloucester continued to press, and Minahan kicked well down the ground and, following up, stopped the return, and again compelled Cheltenham to touch down. Norman put in a fine run, and the visitors pressed the home team. Half-time was then called with no score excepting two minors to the home team.

Cheltenham re-started, and at once rushed to the home 25, and after a few scrums near the line one of their forwards dribbled over and scored. An appeal was made for "off side," but disallowed; no goal resulted from the place.

After the kick out Gloucester pressed, and from a scrum Weaver passed to Hubert George, who failed to hold the ball, and ground was lost.

Gloucester, however, returned to the attack, and their forwards dribbled grandly over the line, and Kiddle dropping on the ball scored, in a rather difficult position. Platt failed with the place.

Both teams now played splendidly, and the visitors wheeling a scrum dribbled over the line, the ball going dead. Play then settled down in the centre, and from a scrum Weaver got possession, and, with a feint to pass, doubled through, and passing the three-quarters was only stopped on the line by the full-back.

Repeated attempts were made by the home team to score, but the visitors' tackling was too good. Lovesy made a pretty run to the Cheltenham 25, but the visitors' forwards, headed by Mugliston and Poole, rushed back, and "no side" was soon afterwards called with the score Gloucester Thursday 1 try 2 minors, Cheltenham Town 1 try 1 minor.

Mr. Starr acted as referee.

GLOUCESTER v. DEVONPORT ALBION.

The following will represent Gloucester in the match against Devonport Albion, to be played at Kingsholm to-morrow:-

A. F. Hughes, back; T. Bagwell, W. Jackson, W. Gough, and A. C. James, three-quarter backs; W. George and another, half-backs; A. Cromwell, A. Collins, R. C. Jenkins, F. O. Poole, D. Phelps, C. J. Click, G. F. Jones, and H. G. Brown, forwards.

In consequence of the fatal accident to his father, S. A. Ball, who has the sympathy of all interested in football, will not be able to play. Players are requested to note that the kick-off is at 3.15 and not 3.30, as announced on the cards sent to them. A punctual start must be made, in order that the visitors may undertake their long homeward journey by an early train.

GLOUCESTER II v. DURSLEY.

The following will represent Gloucester in the above match at Dursley to-morrow:-

J. B. Minahan, back; A. Stephens, H. Bartlett, H. Page, and H. George, three-quarter backs; H. Haines and R. Abbey, half-backs; A. H. Gorin (capt.), R. Price, G. Watkins, G. Ellis, J. Wakeman, H. Thornett, W. H. Pickford, and G. Awford, forwards.

The train leaves at 1.20.

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