

# THE CITIZEN

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1899.

## FOOTBALL.

### GLOUCESTERSHIRE v. GLAMORGAN.

Gloucestershire won the toss, and Gibbs started from the Worcester-street end. The home forwards were early prominent with a splendid burst, but Jones saved, and a kick to touch sent play to the centre. With a useful dribble Parham started an incursion into the Welshmen's end, but a forward dropped on the ball, and prevented the home county getting dangerous.

For offside play by Huzzey, Glamorgan were penalised. Jones returned Stout's kick to Cook, who, with a splendidly-judged punt, found touch in his opponents' 25. From this point the Welshmen burst away in fine style, but G. Hall stopped them at the half-way line. Heeling out by the visiting forwards gave their backs a chance, but Davies was finely collared in attempting to break through. Some tricky work by Huzzey gave his side a slight advantage, and play was taken to the Gloucestershire half. G. Hall here dribbled away from a scrum, but he over-ran the ball, and an opponent secured and punted back.

Operations hovered just inside the Gloucestershire side of the centre line, where several tight scrums were contested. Smart work by one of the Glamorgan halves and Huzzey enabled the latter to get clear and punt across the field, but Cook gathered neatly and sent into touch. By aid of useful forward work Glamorgan obtained a footing in the home end, but a penalty kick brought relief.

Matters were further improved by a dribble by Parham, but Glamorgan, receiving in a line-out, rushed back. Gloucestershire, however, were soon on the warpath again, Lewis and Bingham leading, but an off-side tackle spoiled the effort.

Working well together Gloucestershire reached the visitors' quarter, where Watkins started a bout of passing. A knock on, however, put a stop to the movement. Soon afterwards Gloucestershire got a free in a good position, but the shot at goal proved unsuccessful, and Joe Davies dropped out to touch. Following this Cook was prominent with a good punt to the Glamorgan end, and a couple of minutes later, out of a scramble, the ball was taken over their line, but Davies kicked dead.

On the drop-out some even play was witnessed at mid-field, but eventually, by beautiful wheeling, the Glamorgan forwards rushed right away. George Romans, however, fielded the ball smartly and got in some useful kicks. Then the home front rank indulged in some smart footwork, but a kick by George Davies sent the leather to Romans. The latter fumbled in gathering, with the result that the Glamorgan forwards secured, and after a couple of passes Thomas practically walked over under the posts. Joe Davies easily converted.

Gloucestershire resumed, and immediately the home team showed up with a splendid burst. The ball was kicked to Taylor, who got in a sharp return. The leather struck an opponent in its transit and put several Gloucester forwards on-side. There was a splendid chance of scoring, but Huzzey nipped in and spoiled it, a minor only resulting.

Gloucestershire returned to the attack on the re-start, and Taylor distinguished himself with a smart sprint across the ground, but his pass to Fry rolled into touch. A determined forward burst by Glamorgan was only temporarily checked by Romans, and the visitors were nearly over again after passing. The home team, however, defended well.

HALF-TIME SCORE :  
Glamorgan ..... 1 goal  
Gloucestershire ..... Nil

Gloucestershire restarted, and after a short spell of play in the Welshmen's half, the visiting forwards rushed to the home end. A brilliant bit of combined work by the Glamorgan pack took the ball close to the Gloucestershire line. Alexander lifted in nicely over Romans' head, but Cook ran back and punched the ball dead.

Continuing, Glamorgan had the better of the succeeding mauls, but a clever bit of work by Taylor and Cook enabled the latter to gain his side some 30 yards. Then followed a kicking duel between Romans and an opponent, the end of which was that the former finally kicked all along the ground to Trew, who looked dangerous. He was, however, tackled in time. After this the Glamorgan backs took part in a capital bout of passing, but it was checked before getting really dangerous. In subsequent play Glamorgan had a good deal the better of the exchanges, and George Davies securing from Hopkins, the Swansea centre ran clean through the opposition and scored a brilliant try. The kick at goal failed.

The drop-out brought no relief to the home county, for more smart work by the Glamorgan backs put their opponents strictly on the defensive. A passing bout by Hopkins, Jones, and Huzzey saw the latter punt over the line near the goal. Fry received, but the Cheltonian let the oval drop through his hands and a Glamorgan forward obtained one of the softest tries imaginable. The extra points were added.

Urged on by the shouts of the spectators Gloucestershire kept play for the next few minutes at the Welshmen's 25, but a fine punt by George Davies, from a mark, found touch inside the home quarter. Here the ball went across the ground to the right wing, where Huzzey made his mark. With a wonderful drop-kick from outside the 25 touch-flag the Cardiffian sent the ball beautifully between the uprights, and thus added four points to the Glamorgan score.

On resuming, Gloucestershire played up much better, and more than held their own. Taylor was prominent with a couple of sharp runs, and then Ricketts brought off a fine dash down the touch line, only being stopped by J. Davies at the quarter flag. Glamorgan came again strongly now, and a couple of forwards breaking away from a line-out, a nice pass to Alexander gave the International a try behind the posts. W. Jones converted. Soon afterwards no-side was called.

RESULT :

Glamorgan ..... 4 goals (1 m), 1 try (22 points)  
Gloucester ..... Nil