

## THE CITIZEN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1900.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE v. GLAMORGAN.

The first of the two friendly fixtures between these counties was played at Kingsholm this afternoon. Owing to various causes Gloucestershire only turned out less than half the original fifteen selected, the absentees including C. Smith, C. Hall, G. Hall, R. Goddard (Gloucester), and E. Baker, J. W. Jarman, H. L. Mathias (Bristol). Glamorgan brought a strong side, including ten Internationals, though Bancroft, Gwyn Nicholls, and Llewellyn were unable to assist. The weather was fine, and there was a fair attendance of spectators. The revised teams were as follows : —

GLOUCESTERSHIRE. — J. Oates (Bristol), back; W. H. Taylor, J. Cook, J. Stephens (Gloucester), and G. F. Collett (Cambridge University), three-quarter backs; A. Goddard and T. Brick (Cheltenham), half-backs; F. M. Stout, C. E. Miller, A. Hawker (Gloucester), T. L. Horton (Stroud), J. Sweet, A. Harris, F. Channon (Bristol), and T. Downing (Lydney), forwards.

GLAMORGAN. — H. B. Winfield (Cardiff), back; H. G. Alexander (Newport), \*Dan Rees, \*G. Davies, and \*W. Trew (Swansea), three-quarter backs; J. Jones (Aberavon) and W. H. Jones (Mountain Ash), half-backs; \*A. Bryce (Aberavon), \*F. Miller (Mountain Ash), \*J. Blake (Cardiff), \*F. Scrimgeour, \*R. Thomas, \*H. Davies (Swansea), \*W. H. Alexander (Llwynypia), and Howell Jones (Neath), forwards.

\* Internationals.

Referee : Mr. Coles (London).

## THE GAME.

Alexander started for Glamorgan nearly 20 minutes late, Oates replying into touch at the centre. Opening play was fought out at mid-field, but the visiting forwards, breaking away from a line-out, were not stopped until the home quarter was reached. Collett gained relief with a useful kick, but Winfield sent back to Oates, who, in trying to run out, was floored near his goal. A scrum followed in close proximity to the Gloucestershire line, but Goddard and Cook with clever punts staved off disaster.

A useful rush by the home forwards gained further ground for Gloucester[sic], and then Collett, snapping a pass, kicked down to Winfield. The latter ran across the ground, but Stout charged his kick, and Brick dribbled to the visitors' 25. Play hovered here for a few minutes, but was of a scrambling nature. Glamorgan backs attempted passing, but the ball was handled in erratic style, and no ground was gained.

With a combined forward rush Gloucestershire got close to their opponents' line, where Goddard was nearly over. The visiting forwards, with a clever wheel, got away nicely, but Collett robbed them cleverly and punted into touch. Gloucestershire still continued to attack strongly. Glamorgan had all their work cut out to defend. One or two possible chances of scoring present themselves, but the backs passed wildly at the critical moment. By dint of good forward work Glamorgan relieved the pressure, and subsequently, after some clever passing, Trew raced over from outside the 25 line with a smart try. Winfield placed a goal.

Resuming, Gloucestershire had the better of the exchanges, and Taylor, getting a pass from Goddard, made a big effort to score, but he was hauled down in trying to beat Winfield. Gloucestershire maintained the pressure for a brief period, but smart combination by the visiting backs changed the venue. The Glamorgan three-quarters – well-served by the Jones's – exhibited some clever passing, and after a series of rapid transfers, Trew notched a corner try. The kick at goal failed.

Gloucestershire dropped out, but the visitors were quickly on the go again, and more clever passing nearly let Alexander in. The visiting forwards were simply doing as they liked now in the scrums, and heeled out at will. The backs passed with wonderful precision, and before the interval Trew registered his third try. Winfield placed a good goal.

HALF-TIME SCORE :

Glamorgan ..... 2 goals, 1 try  
Gloucestershire ..... Nil

Gloucestershire resumed, and some even play was witnessed at mid-field. Miller was prominent with some smart work in the lines-out, and Stephens distinguished himself twice in quick succession with good tackling.

The Glamorgan forwards heeled out smartly, but though the visiting backs exhibited wonderful resource they could not break through. Play continued to be wholly confined to the home half, and Gloucestershire had to act strictly on the defence. After repeated attempts to score, the efforts of the visitors were at length rewarded by Trew running round behind the posts from a pass by G. Davies. Winfield added the extra points.

The game continued fearfully one-sided, Gloucestershire having no chance whatever. From a feeble punt out by Oates, Scrines made his mark, and Winfield placed a lovely goal; whilst shortly after Davies scored behind the posts, after an exceptionally smart effort. Another goal resulted, and Glamorgan led by 27 points. Play to the finish was all in favour of Glamorgan, but no more scoring was effected.

RESULT :

Glamorgan ..... 5 goals (1 m), 1 try (27 points)  
Gloucester ..... Nil