

THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1901.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER A v. BARNWOOD

The City Second string opened their season on the Kingsholm ground with a match against their old rivals, Barnwood. George Barnes has been fortunate in securing the services of at least twelve of last year's men, and several very promising new men have been drafted into the team. There was only a poor attendance of spectators when the game started.

The teams were : —

Gloucester A. — Dave Cook, back; Lewis Smith, E. Keys, W. Gardner, and F. Rooke, three-quarter backs; L. Morgan and A. Hall, half-backs; G. Barnes (capt.), A. Smith, R. Ellis, B. Parham, A. Cresswell, G. H. Bland, E. Essex, and W. Tozle, forwards.

Barnwood. — W. H. Wright, back; A. Lloyd, J. Cox (capt.), G. E. Bennett, and A. Harris, three-quarter backs; A. Goddard and L. Hayward, half-backs; H. Quixley, J. Bray, A. E. Greenhill, H. Harris, F. Pegler, G. Cullis, H. White, and G. Fifield, forwards.

Referee. — Mr. W. Butcher.

Gloucester kicked off defending the Worcester-street goal, and for several minutes the game was stiffly fought out in neutral territory. However, Hall eventually made a good opening, and passing smartly out, Gardner and Keys handled, the latter passing out to Lewis Smith, who ran round under the posts putting the finishing touch to a pretty bout of passing. Gardner goaled easily.

Gloucester were penalised twice in quick succession, but both Bennett's kicks fell short. Some more vigorous play followed in the neighbourhood of the centre, but eventually the Seconds got into more favourable quarters, and after some more neat passing, Keys nipped over under the posts, Gardner goaling.

A. Goddard had to leave the field owing to a blow in the mouth, and Barnwood were forced to play one man short. Another pretty bit of play by Lewis Smith gave Hall possession, and he grounded beneath the bar, Gardner again doing the necessary. Play was in neutral territory at half-time.

HALF-TIME SCORE :
Gloucester A.....3 goals
Barnwood.....Nil

On resuming at half-time, Goddard came out again. From a scrum in the Barnwood 25, Rooke neatly snapped an opponent's pass and ran right away, scoring near the posts. Gardner again added the extra points.

Barnwood after this pressed strongly and forced a minor, having to concede a similar point from a drop at goal by Cook a few minutes later. Gloucester again pressed, and were within an ace of scoring on three or four occasions. In a scrum Greenhill sustained a twisted ankle, and after attention from the St. John Ambulance men on the ground, he was carried from the field.

Gloucester continued to press, and some tight scrums were fought out on the Barnwood line, and eventually Lewis Smith again got over, Gardner this time failing to majorise. Play was in the home team's favour to the close.

RESULT :
Gloucester A....4 goals, 1 try (23 points)
Barnwood.....Nil