

# THE CITIZEN

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1906.

GOOD FRIDAY FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER v. HARTLEPOOL OLD BOYS.

The weather, on Friday, was suggestive of cricket rather than football, but this did not deter a fairly large crowd attending at Kingsholm to witness the match between Gloucester and Hartlepool Old Boys. The visitors were an unknown quantity as regards ability, but it was stated the side included five Durham county men. Gloucester had "Whacker" Smith back in the team, and with one other exception the fifteen was the same that defeated Newport.

The game proved an easy thing for the City team, who, thanks to some good goal-kicking, ran out winners by 37 points to 3. Forward the Old Boys shaped extremely well, but the backs were of very ordinary class, and Gloucester early took a strong lead. E. Hall opened the scoring after some neat handling, and then Hudson raced over in fine style three times in succession.

The Old Boys made one or two strong bursts, and might have scored with a bit of luck. From a penalty kick in front of the posts Armstrong successfully covered the cross-bar, but the ball was touched by Parham in its progress, and the points were disallowed. Just before the interval Gloucester made some sharp attacks, and from a pass close in Hawker dropped a smart goal. At half-time Gloucester led by 24 points to nil.

Immediately on the re-start Hudson showed up with a marvellous run right through the opposition, but he was tackled on the line and lost the ball. After this the home team eased up, and play became very tame. Taking full advantage, Hartlepool snapped up a chance, and J. Harrison notched a corner try, the place kick failing.

This reverse put Gloucester on their mettle, and the Old Boys' defence was severely taxed in subsequent play. Hudson put on his fourth try, and after Merchant had added to the score, the International, picking up in the loose, beat the back and ran round behind the posts. This was all the scoring.

RESULT :

Gloucester .... 7 goals (1 d), 1 try (37 points)

Hartlepool Old Boys ..... 1 try (3 points)

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