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## *The Week's Sport.*

The return match between the Gloucester 2nd XV. and Chepstow was decided at the Spa on Saturday afternoon. The selected home team was a strong one including T. Bagwell, T. Collins, W. Jackson, and J. Williams of the first fifteen. On learning that Bagwell had been picked to play against them the visitors objected to play, and after some delay it was arranged that Bagwell should be excluded from the home ranks, and only 14 men play on each side.

The Second pressed all through the first half, the visitors seldom passing the centre line. H. George, T. B. Powell, and J. Watts each scored, but no goal resulted from either place.

The feature of the second half was a brilliant run by Jackson who, taking a pass near his own goal line, ran nearly the whole length of the field and succeeded in scoring between the posts. Powell kicked an easy goal.

J. Williams, and Morgan also scored, but no goals resulted, and "time" was called leaving Gloucester the victors by 1 goal, 5 tries, and 5 minors to nil.

Jackson was in splendid form, the run we have mentioned above being the best we have seen for a long time. Powell played a clinking game and with a little more practice should develop into a first class player. H. George also did well, though he did not have as many opportunities to shine as his *confrères*. Watts and Phelps both played capitally and completely smothered the opposing halves. Smith had comparatively nothing to do at back.

The forwards all played well, T. Collins, J. Williams, Gorin, Jones, and Morgan always being to the fore.

The visitors' backs were outclassed altogether, and though the forwards held their own in the tight scrums the home team showed their superiority in the loose.

The following were the players : –

Gloucester. – E. Smith, back; T. B. Powell, W. Jackson, and H. George, three-quarter backs; T. Phelps and J. Watts, half-backs; T. Collins, E. Dangerfield, A. H. Gorin, G. Jones, J. Mayo, A. G. Morgan, J. Williams, and C. Williams, forwards.

Chepstow. – T. Rosser, back; J. Lewis, B. Fisher, H. T. Payne. A. W. Lewis, three-quarter backs; J. Criddle, T. Roberts, half-backs; G. E. Waters (captain), R. Davis, A. Waters, F. Seagrim, A. Keys, E. Jones, W. Jones, forwards.