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WORLD OF SPORT.

ABERTILLERY BEATEN AT KINGSHOLM.

MANY MISTAKES.

The first of the City's Easter fixtures ended in a win for the Gloucester team, when they defeated Abertillery by 1 goal 3 tries (14 pts.) to 1 try (3 pts.).

Ayliffe kicked off, and Webb fielding set the Abertillery threes going, and they got to the centre before being stopped. From a penalty James kicked down and Lewis returned. The ball was fielded and Holford attempted to start a passing movement, but his pass was a poor one and Evans intercepting dribbled forward.

Abertillery were awarded a penalty, and Evans made a good attempt to goal, but was unsuccessful, Collins sending to touch well in the visitors' half. Carter received a pass in the City's half and after a good run kicked over the visitor's line. A race for the ball ensued between a number of the home forwards and the visitor's defence, but Smart got there first and touched down for a try which Millington converted.

Abertillery were making desperate efforts to equalise now and some exciting play took place on the Gloucester line until Hughes fed Stone from a scrum for the latter to kick out of danger. The Welshmen came back to the attack and the ball came to James, who stumbled on trying to kick out of danger, nearly letting the visitors through. Gloucester then attacked, and Hughes made a nice run down the line, but was pushed into touch. A few minutes later Brown made a dash, which ended in a try. Millington failed to convert from a difficult position.

A pretty passing movement, in which Hughes, Millington and Brown took part looked promising, but Holford knocked on, and a fine chance was lost. Half-time came with Gloucester leading by 1 goal 1 try (8 pts.) to nil.

On the restart, Abertillery attacked, but from a scrum Hughes fed Brown nicely for the latter to make a good run. On being pressed he passed to Holford who fell soon after receiving. Daniell eventually gained possession, and ran over with a try in the corner. Millington did not convert.

Soon after the visitors' threes took up the attack, but Elliott, the last to receive, was hemmed in, and the ball was sent out into the centre of the field. Here Fear kicked across, and Jones securing crossed with a try which Lewis failed to convert.

Hughes, by holding too long, let Abertillery through, and the ball was sent to touch near the Gloucester 25. For off-side, the City were penalised, but Webb's kick was charged down. Both sides attacked in turn now. The City were superior, however, and play settled down in the visitors' half.

From a scrum the Gloucester threes broke away, but the wing men were too closely marked and Millington sent to touch. Abertillery were playing up well at this point, and the City line was in danger until a punt by James and a rush by the forwards eased the pressure. Later, Hall broke through to score a try which Millington did not convert. The end came with no further scoring.

Although the City won easily, they did not show their best form by any means, numerous chances being lost, which, if taken, would have shown a greater number of points in their favour. Abertillery also lacked the required finish, which is so necessary to beat a good defence.

The Gloucester pack were superior in the scrimmages, and in the loose. Collins and Hughes again did well at the scrum, but the latter held on too long at times, with the result that he was swamped.

The threes on both sides passed smartly on occasions, but invariably the last transfer went astray. James, at full-back, gave a useful display, but he made two mistakes which looked dangerous.

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