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FOOTBALL

GLO'STER'S TRIUMPH AT CARDIFF

ANOTHER FINE DISPLAY BY CITY FORWARDS

For the second season in succession Gloucester triumphed over Cardiff at the Arms Park, a magnificent penalty goal by Boughton giving the City victory by three points. The Gloucester forwards gave another fine display, and Boughton, Brooks, Meadows, Fifield and James rendered excellent individual service behind the scrums.

A WELSH COMMENT

Displaying weakness and limitations that Cardiff were incapable of seizing upon, Gloucester scrambled their way to a not undeserved victory (writes "Old Stager" "Western Mail").

All who have had any considerable Rugby experience were prepared for the spectacle of the old English hooker, A. Carpenter, beating Regan for possession in the tight scrummages. What they were not quite so well prepared for was the perfection of the scrummage deliveries by Carpenter and his colleagues, and the whittling down of the value of much of the hooking done by Regan by the untidy packing of the three men who should have given him most support from behind.

With the forward battle in their favour, and with a clever intelligent pair at half-back, Gloucester ought to have made greater impressions upon the Cardiff defence than they did. But with centres who were neither accurate nor thrustful, and with wings who had neither the initiative nor the capacity for making chances for themselves – well, that was Gloucester's tragedy !

For Cardiff, H. Bowcott was a nearer approach to a natural outside-half than any player who has previously occupied that position this season. For the most part, however, he was under the domination of Ivor Williams, the Gloucester wing forward, who was practically everything that a good wing forward should be.

The Cardiff three-quarters were quite as indifferent in attack as their opponents. Bassett was a limping wing for a lengthy period after he had made one strong run, ended by Boughton with a great tackle. Boughton thrice saved the game for Gloucester, and won it with a great penalty goal from the touch line.

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