

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECHO

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GLOUCESTER WIN BY SINGLE POINT

SECOND HALF RALLY AGAINST BEDFORD

Gloucester had a weakened side for their return match with Bedford, no fewer than seven reserves being fielded. A gale of wind also had an adverse effect on both game and gate.

Rogers made a pretty run for Bedford, but his pass went astray, and an opening was lost.

Playing against the wind, Gloucester could make no headway, and kicks went wide, causing not a little amusement. Gloucester could not get out of their own territory, and play was very scrambling.

Then Coleman punted over the line, and ROGERS got the touch down for Bedford's first try after a quarter of an hour. Privitte converted.

Hughes was responsible for a nice effort for Gloucester but Hook was pushed into touch. This was their first visit into Bedford's territory, but it did not last long, a free-kick putting the visitors on the attack.

Eidsforth tried a drop kick from a penalty from the half-way line, and just went wide.

Gloucester's defence was good, and eventually, thanks to Hook, the City worked to the Bedford "25."

Half-time:

Bedford 1 goal (5pts.)

Gloucester Nil

With the wind behind Gloucester, Bedford had to defend desperately, and Early was nearly over on the right. Then a breakaway by Thevanard on the right wing saw the ball carried on by the forwards, and JOY fell over for an unconverted try for Bedford.

Then from practically half-way DIBDEN dropped a goal for Gloucester, and a little later Stephens went close with a similar effort.

Gloucester set up a persistent attack, and after Hughes had made a strong run, the ball went to HOOK, who crossed for a try. Stephens converted and Gloucester were ahead.

The City were awarded a penalty kick for a bad case of obstruction by Eidsforth, but Stephens' kick went just wide.

Final:

Gloucester 2 g. (1d.) (9pts.)

Bedford 1 g. 1 t. (8pts.)