

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECHO

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1938

SMART TRIES FOR GLOUCESTER

CLEVER VICTORY OVER THE R.A.F.

Gloucester were still short of Boughton and Tanner for their home match against the Royal Air Force to-day, but the side included 13 who took part in the victory over Llanelly the previous week.

In the early stages the City were quickly on the attack, and Phillips forced Parsons, the visiting full-back, to touch down. Fast, open play followed, the airmen showing dashing form in the loose.

Hook was well served, and, after a good run, cross-kicked. The forwards were well placed, and when the ball was kicked over the line A'Bear just missed the touch down. Gloucester were awarded a penalty, but Stephens' splendid effort just failed.

The City again resumed aggressively, and the Air Force defence was beaten. MORRIS snapped up a dropped pass and went over for a try, Stephens failing to convert.

Gloucester showed up prominently in subsequent play, Stephens, who was playing a fine game at full-back, never making a mistake and kicking well.

Gloucester added to their score when Hook punted over the full back's head and HUGHES raced up to gain a well-deserved try. Stephens again had hard lines with the kick.

Half-time :

Gloucester 2 tries (6pts.)

R.A.F. Nil

The opening exchanges of the second half were keenly contested, and both defences showed up prominently.

Gloucester had the game well in hand and there was a brilliant bit of combined play, in which Gough, Meadows, Hughes and Manning shared.

After this, play was mainly with the forwards.

The Air Force were lucky to hold their line on one occasion, and Stephens once more had hard lines with a penalty kick, the ball striking the upright.

Play was keenly contested up to the final whistle.

Final :
Gloucester 2 tries (6pts.)
R.A.F. Nil

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