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## GLOUCESTER WIN AGAIN

FINE FORM MAINTAINED IN BEATING NEWPORT 8 – 6

HOOK'S TWO TRIES SETTLES ISSUE

SPECIAL BY "W.B."

GLOUCESTER added to their notable triumphs of the season with a victory over Newport at the Rodney-parade ground this afternoon, thus avenging the narrow defeat at Kingsholm in December. This was the City's second successive win in Wales, Llanelli having been beaten at Stradey Park a fortnight ago.

The only changes were in the Newport team, Adams dropping out at three-quarter, and M. Chatwin replaced L. Evans in the forwards.

The afternoon was gloriously fine, but with the strong counter-attraction in the visit of Queen's Park Rangers to oppose Newport County the attendance was very mediocre, between 3,000 and 4,000 being present.

### GLOUCESTER

FULL-BACK : H. Boughton.

THREE-QUARTERS : R. E. Hook, E. L. Phillips, E. V. Manning and R. E. Burke.

HALF-BACKS : D. Meadows and F. Gough.

FORWARDS : T. Price, A. Carpenter, C. Harris, J. G. A'Bear, R. Morris, Dr. Dick, F. Mustoe, and H. M. Hughes.

### NEWPORT

FULL-BACK : W. G. Legge.

THREE-QUARTERS : J. T. Knowles, R. F. Allen, R. Edwards and Glyn Williams.

HALF-BACKS : A. R. Tovey and J. C. Hawkins.

FORWARDS : V. J. Law, W. Travers, W. G. Jones, A. J. Bale, J. C. Jarman, M. Chatwin, E. J. Shiner, and T. Foster.

REFEREE : Mr. D. Evans (Llanharan).

## THE GAME

Gloucester won the toss, and Newport started with the sun in their faces. From the first set scrum Newport heeled, and there was a series of transfers by the backs, but little ground was gained.

A pick-up by Meadows in the loose started the visitors on the move, but the passing broke down at Burke, and the progress was checked. A splendid touch finder by Meadows put Gloucester beyond the half-way line where the visitors were penalised, Legge making good ground with the resultant kick.

The Newport forwards made headway with a sharp loose rush, but Phillips gathered and found touch nicely at the centre.

Close scrummages followed, and receiving from one of these Meadows gained 40 yards with a long raking kick. Hook followed up keenly, but over-ran the ball, and Legge saved.

A chance to open out play by the home side was not very successful, but Knowles snapped up the ball in the loose and sent to Boughton, who knocked on in gathering.

### HOOK'S OPPORTUNIST TRY

A penalty to Gloucester, taken by Boughton, brought welcome relief, but Newport rushed back immediately. Again Meadows changed the position with a high punt, which Hook just failed to gather before the ball rolled into touch.

Newport subsequently carried several scrums and went very close, but the defence was sound. It was Meadows who again brought relief, but Legge was prepared. His return went to Manning, who replied with another high kick.

Boughton gained possession and took careful aim to drop what appeared to be a lovely goal.

The ball went over the line, and HOOK and Phillips raced for the touch. The former touched down, and was awarded a try, which Boughton failed to convert.

Fast play followed the resumption, Gloucester putting in some capital work.

#### CENTRES PROMINENT

Manning and Phillips were prominent with individual efforts, and were unlucky to be recalled for a minor infringement.

Gloucester confined play to just inside the home half for a period, but Newport at length broke away through Knowles, who raced down the touch line, but was tackled by Meadows and Boughton.

At the next scrum Gloucester suffered a penalty, but Allen made a poor effort at goal from a favourable position.

From the drop out Gloucester showed up strongly, and from a kick across by Tovey, Hook beat Williams for pace, and snapped up the ball.

He raced down to Legge, and punted over the line. Phillips was up and apparently gained the touch for a try, but the referee ruled a drop-out – unlucky for Gloucester.

#### BOUGHTON'S HARD LUCK

Playing with great determination, Gloucester did all the attacking for the next few minutes.

Boughton made a grand attempt for goal from a penalty, the ball striking the cross-bar and rebounding into play. Manning picked up and tried to force himself over, but was smothered.

In the next minute clever work by Meadows forced Newport on the defensive. Short punting over the line there was a race for possession in which Newport won another touch down.

Aided by some combined loose work, Newport had the better of the exchanges in the next few minutes, but finish was lacking when they looked dangerous.

Gloucester worked out, but were penalised 30 yards in front of the posts. LEGGE kicked a neat goal, and equalised the scores.

On the play so far Gloucester deserved a good lead, for they had shown better form. Centre play followed, until Newport backs broke away. Allen put in a good punt, and the ball rolled to the Gloucester line, but Boughton got back and effected a remarkable clearance.

The exchanges were exceptionally keen forward, with Gloucester more than holding their own, especially in the scrums. Gough served Meadows nicely, and Manning sent to Legge, who fielded on the run and found touch with an excellent kick.

HALF-TIME :

Gloucester .....	1 try
Newport .....	1 goal (p.)

Gloucester had experienced a lot of bad luck in the first half, and might easily have had a couple of more scores to their credit.

On the resumption, Gloucester early forced a touch down from an attempt to drop a goal by Boughton. Newport went away on the drop out, and Boughton was tested, but proved very safe.

Williams made a brilliant dash on the right wing, but was pushed to touch just in time. Gloucester were pressed, but a pass back to Boughton enabled the vice-captain to gain a useful respite.

Opening out play in their own 25, Phillips was conspicuous with a 30-yards dash, but was pulled down from behind. An exciting passage followed, ending in Hughes clearing with a splendid effort.

It was keen going now, both sides exerting every effort to gain the ascendancy, and Manning was slow in gathering a pass, and a Newport player collecting the ball the City were hard pressed. The situation, however, was saved and Gloucester moved to more favourable quarters.

#### NEWPORT EQUALISE

Newport, however, profiting by mistakes by the visitors, attacked, and Gloucester had to defend on their 25.

Here the Welshmen were awarded a penalty and LEGGE gave his side the lead with a fine goal.

Gloucester went off with great dash, and it was now Newport's turn to be on the defensive. From an offside at the scrum by Hawkins, Newport were penalised, and Boughton made a fine attempt to level the scores, the ball travelling well to the goal . . .

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