

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECHO

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WINNING GOAL IN LAST FEW MINUTES

GLO'STER'S KEEN GAME AT DEVONPORT

Gloucester had most of the opening play in their away fixture with Devonport Services this afternoon and were the first to score.

A passing movement in which the ball travelled from Day to Meadows and then to Hook was followed by the latter cross punting. BURKE gathered and burst over for a try that Boughton could not convert.

From a mark made when defending the home side made good headway. When Gloucester were penalised for a scrummage infringement CRIDLAND landed a good goal from 30 yards.

Afterwards play favoured Gloucester. When a home passing movement broke down Manning picked up. His kick ahead was gathered by BURKE, who raced through, beating Power and touching down behind the posts. Boughton added the goal points.

After some loose play Manning served Hook, who, after a short sprint, cross-punted over the line for MEADOWS to obtain the touch down. Boughton converted with a fine kick.

The Services had more of the play after this, and when Gloucester slackened their defensive work, KINKBY crossed for a try that Criddle converted.

Half-time :

Devonport Services 2 goals (1p.) (8pts.)

Gloucester 2 goals 1 try (13pts.)

Early in the second half a visiting player kicked feebly into the arms of HARVEY, who ran over unopposed for an easy try. Criddle goaled with a magnificent kick.

With the scores level, subsequent play was desperately keen, and for a time favoured the Services. Afterwards Gloucester improved, but were kept out by deadly tackling.

Meadows started the movement that brought the winning score. He broke through, and ran up to Power, the full-back, before passing to HOOK, who went over for a try.

Boughton converted, and then came a hotly contested remaining few minutes without any further scoring.

Final :

Devonport Services 3g. (1p.) (13pts.)

Gloucester 3g. 1t, (18pts.)