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LOCAL EVENTS

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Gloucester played their last home match of the season against Swansea on Saturday and won a tight game by a try (three points) to nil.

It was expected that the Welshmen would put up a great fight, and it was thought by many that the City would suffer defeat. What weighed so much in Swansea's favour was the fact that they had, up to Saturday, been the only team to upset Newport.

The visitors turned out with reserves in the place of their International full back (Rees) and both half-backs, whilst Gloucester were without Humphries, who it is stated has gone North.

The first half was full of thrills, but on the half-time whistle nothing had been scored. The second portion of the game provided a ding dong struggle, and the City had several opportunities of scoring, Tom Voyce having hard lines on one occasion. Eventually, however, the Swansea full back held too long on the ball and on attempting to kick the ball was charged down. Millington seized the opportunity, gathered and dashed over the line, the goal kick failing.

Gloucester were full value for their victory, and they deserved more than a three-points win. The forwards were ever in the picture, and Dix played a splendid game. The star three was undoubtedly Freddie Webb, whilst Welshman at full back was better than his vis-a-vis.

All thoughts to-day will be at Bradford, where the County stalwarts do battle with Yorkshire for the County Championship.

The Gloucestershire team, which we published last week, is well balanced, and although the defection of the Bristol man, Spoor, through injury, which gives Tom Millington his game at stand-off half, has a weakening effect on the team, it is thought the fifteen, if they go all out, will be too good for the Tykes, who, however, owing to the absence of fixtures between Northern and Western Clubs, are to some extent an unknown quantity.

However, everyone wishes the County the best of luck, and a good contingent of supporters should appear at Bradford to cheer them on.

Gloucester journey to Abertillery to-day with a sadly depleted team, and the usual Welsh result will eventuate.

The Gloucester team is : –

Back, G. Welshman; three-quarters, S. A. Brown, H. Ashmead, W. Washbourn, and N. Daniell; half-backs, G. Thomas and F. Collins; forwards, N. Hayes, C. Mumford, J. Harris, F. Mansell, S. Bayliss, T. Voyce, E. Richardson, and A. Wright.

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