

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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THE WORLD OF SPORT

GLOUCESTER CITY LUCKY

The Gloucester Rugby team were very lucky indeed to register a win over Bath at Kingsholm on Saturday, when the final score read : City 1 penalty goal 2 tries (9 points), Bath 2 tries (6 points).

Gloucester had the misfortune to lose Joe Harris early in the game through injuries, and thereafter played with seven forwards. Bath were the first to score, Birt nipping over the line to score under the posts, the place-kick being charged down. The game was then taken to the other end, where Bath were penalised for a scrum infringement, and Voyce put Gloucester level with a capitally kicked penalty goal. Half-time arrived with no increase in the scores.

In the second half Gloucester scored twice through Hall and Jack Webb, and Voyce failed with the place kicks. In the later stages Bath took a lot of stopping, and Richardson scored a try again under the posts, the place kick failing.

The home team's showing, to say the least, was very disappointing. No fault could be found with the forwards or half-backs, but the third line were all at sea. Transfers were wild, and there was a lack of cohesion.

TO-DAY'S TASK

To-day, at Kingsholm, Gloucester have a sterner proposition to meet in Northampton. The team has been somewhat re-arranged in view of the strong nature of the visiting side. G. Smith comes into the full-back position, and it is to be hoped that Smith will not get nervy at his promotion. He has been playing the game for several years, however, and we may rest assured he will give a good account of himself.

One only of last week's three-quarters remains, and that is Millington, who certainly deserves retention.

F. Webb and W. Washbourne make welcome reappearances, and a newcomer, who is somewhat "wrapt in mystery" is G. Thomas, in the inside position.

The team selected is : –

Back : G. Smith.

Three-quarters : F. Webb (capt.), Millington, G. Thomas, and W. Washbourn.

Half-backs : W. Dix and A. Hall.

Forwards : F. W. Ayliffe, G. Holford, T. Voyce, S. Smart, W. F. Warde, J. H. Webb, J. F. Lawson, and C. Mumford.

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