

# GLoucestershire CHRONICLE

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## FOOTBALL NOTES

Gloucester again had to admit defeat at Kingsholm on Saturday last, after a hard and well-fought game, in wind and rain, by Swansea by the narrow margin of 2 points, the final score being Swansea, 13 pts., Gloucester, 11 pts. Both teams wore a black band on their arms in memory of Stan Bayliss, the City forward.

Gloucester kicked off with the wind in their favour and were soon on the offensive. After about 10 minutes' play Milliner scored from a scramble, which Millington converted.

Dr. Taylor, who was the outstanding back on the field, continually gave the "dummy," which the visitors accepted, and, beating four men, scored under the posts. The try was not converted. From the centre kick Swansea started dribbling, but good defensive work by Taylor, Thomas, and Milliner drove them back.

The visitors were not to be denied, and Price scored. Bertram converted.

A Swansea forward was badly injured in this half, it being feared his leg was broken, but on enquiry it was found the bone was badly bruised.

On the resumption of play, the City again attacked, and Dubberly scored an unconverted try.

Eleven points to five seemed a winning lead, but Swansea, using the wind to advantage, and aided by the mistakes of the home defence, scored twice more. Dr. Bertram converted both tries, but one was touched in flight and the goal-kick was disallowed.

The homesters now took up the attack, and I don't ever remember seeing a defence [like] Swansea. They were hard pressed for a good ten minutes, but by good scrummaging and tackling they kept their line intact and retired narrow winners of a hard-fought game.

Considering the state of the ground, it was a grand game to watch, both sides giving of their best.

To-day (Saturday) we have the pleasure of seeing the County fifteen do battle with Middlesex in the semi-final of the County Championship at Kingsholm, when the home side should win.

The City journey to Portsmouth, to play the United Services, but can hardly hope to win with the depleted team at their disposal.

Again the need of a city ambulance crops up, as it is bad to have to take a player to the Infirmary in a taxi, which is hardly the right kind of conveyance.

Reference to this matter is given in our City and County Notes.

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