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FOOTBALL NOTES

Gloucester entertained Cardiff at Kingsholm on Saturday, when they were deprived of the services of Dr. Taylor, Sid Brown (both injured) and Voyce (who was playing for England against Ireland).

The visitors were the first to score, Nicholas crossing with a good try. But it was not long ere Gloucester equalised, Crowther, showing good judgment, forcing his way over. As both kicks were unsuccessful, the scores were level.

Gloucester soon added to their score but in rather a peculiar manner. The referee stopped the game and after addressing the players, gave an oral command to resume, instead of the customary whistle. With Cardiff apparently waiting for the whistle to signal the restart, Loveridge simply ran in unopposed to score behind the posts, for Millington to add the extra points. Cardiff appealed against the decision, but in vain.

With the Cardiff pack heeling smartly, their three-quarters were well plied with the ball, but Cornish attempted too much on his own and many a golden opportunity was lost.

The Gloucester forwards played one of their finest games, bringing off some fine rushes, whilst their tackling was most deadly. In the loose, too, they excelled, and were often within an ace of adding to their score.

With the score 8 pts. to 3 against them, Cardiff started the second half in a determined manner, and Johnson, after a clever piece of play in co-operation with Cornish, crossed, but was given in touch.

The same player kicked a splendid penalty goal a few minutes later, and with but 2 points separating the scores, both teams went all out, but somehow the final touch was lacking to most of the attacking movements, and the final whistle sounded with Gloucester winners by 1 goal and a try to a penalty goal and a try.

Whilst not detracting from the merit of the City's win, it is only fair to mention that the visitors had played a strenuous mid-week game with Llanelly. They tired visibly after the pace their lighter opponents set up on the heavy ground.

For the City, Millington was safe at back, but the saviour of the side was undoubtedly Thomas, whose judicious kicking under severe pressure often relieved some extremely anxious moments.

Milliner, although badly served with the ball, got through some useful work, and was too much for Delahay.

The three-quarters got through a lot of work, but did not combine as a line.

The forwards played so finely it would be invidious to particularise, but one might perhaps mention the ubiquitous Ford, who was within an ace of scoring on several occasions by his relentless following up.

During the first half Nicholas, the Cardiff wing threequarter, and Millington received injuries, but both were happily able to resume after medical attention. Milliner, too, was off the field for a time, but pluckily resumed though obviously feeling the effects of his injury.

Cardiff were best served at three-quarters, where the generalship of Johnson was always in evidence. Cornish, whilst doing several clever things, invariably held on to the ball too long and rather overdid the "dummy" to a side that did not accept it.

Their forwards were seen to advantage in the scrum, their heeling being clean and swift, in contra-distinction to the home eight, but only in this phase did they excel.

To-day (Saturday) Richmond will provide the attraction at Kingsholm, and with the Londoners' well-known aptitude for the open game, a good afternoon's sport should result.

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