

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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## FOOTBALL

### GLOUCESTER v. CLIFTON

Clifton may look back with a great degree of satisfaction upon their game with Gloucester, at Westbury, for although they lost by 11 points to 6, they had practically quite as much of the game as their redoubtable opponents, and the manner in which they strived to wipe off the arrears in the second half was worthy of the best traditions of the Clifton Club.

In the first half Gloucester had the best of the exchanges, and "Whacker" Smith and Gent early secured unconverted tries. This was followed by a clever effort on the part of the Clifton backs, which terminated in V. F. Eberle scoring, and just before the interval Pegler placed the ball midway between the Clifton posts, and Romans kicked a goal.

Those who remember the Clifton XV, of four or five years ago, when training was not a part of the Club's programme, anticipated a runaway victory for Gloucester in the second half, but the Westbury men, as in many of their games this season, showed greatly improved form after the interval, and from the outset took up a strong position in the Gloucester "25."

Gent initiated nearly all the aggressive movements. Romans at back kicked with a good length and judgment, and "Whacker" Smith played a sound game at three-quarter.