

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1908

FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. LEICESTER

This match was played at Gloucester, on Saturday, before 4,000 spectators. Leicester have shown fine form on their own ground, but on their displays on foreign soil the Gloucester players were hoping to gain another victory.

Neither side were at full strength, some prominent players being conspicuously absent. However, an open and finely-contested game was witnessed.

At the outset the Leicester forwards were conspicuous with some fine play. The local line was soon reached. Welshman, however, changed the venue with a fine kick, and Gloucester almost scored through Pegler, while Gent directly afterwards just missed a drop at the visitors' goal.

Play continued to be hotly contested, and although Gloucester put in some fine attacking, the first score went to the visitors, J. W. Wood getting over with an unconverted try after a fine rush by Gloucester's forwards.

The local side were not long in crediting themselves with a good score, for from a line-out the ball went to Hall, who grassed it behind the posts, Welshman converting. Nothing further was registered previous to the interval.

HALF-TIME:

Gloucester.....1 goal (5 pts)

Leicester.....1 try

In the second half, Gloucester re-started, the visitors being conspicuous during the first few minutes with some dashing forward work. Gloucester at length took up the attack, and Johns picking up the ball, a fine round of passing among the local forwards ended in Hollands being credited with Gloucester's second try, which Welshman again converted.

At this stage a visiting forward had to leave the field with a damaged ankle, and during the remainder of the play Leicester were one short. After this Lawrie, a Leicester three-quarter, broke away very smartly, but in trying to beat Welshman, he stepped into touch, and a likely score was thus lost.

Leicester kept up the pressure until at length Stephens brought relief for his side with a pretty kick. Later on, the home team again attacked strongly, and Hamblin, receiving from Gent, passed on to Hall, who again got over, Welshman failing at goal.

During the remainder of the play Gloucester attacked strongly, and Griffiths was nearly over after a fine dribble half the length of the field, while Hamblin was stopped only just in time in the opposite corner.

RESULT

Gloucester.....2 goals 1 try (13 pts)
Leicester.....1 try (3 pts)