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FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. RICHMOND

This match was played at Gloucester on Saturday last, and created a great deal of interest, there being between 3,000 and 4,000 persons present to witness the contest. The weather was fine but dull.

Both clubs placed their best teams in the field, and Richmond adopted tactics which enabled them to keep the ball among the forwards, which completely upset the home combination in the back division.

The visiting three-quarters played right up to the forwards, and on one or two occasions were penalised for off-side play. The front ranks were evenly matched, and play was chiefly confined to the forwards.

Soon after the kick-off Richmond touched down, which was followed by Smith saving from a forward movement by the Londoners, but Goddard and Clutterbuck, by a passing movement, soon took play to mid-field. Gloucester were awarded a free, and Romans almost scored a goal. Stout, Daniell, and Reynolds were prominent, but the homesters were equal to the occasion, and the visitors touched down again.

Richmond wheeled the "scrums" in fine style. They, however, failed to take the ball with them, and lost ground. Spiers initiated a passing movement, as he sent the ball to Stephens, and after beating two or three men he promptly handed to C. Smith, who ran in a fine try. Romans' kick at goal fell short.

Clutterbuck and Lewis were each injured in turn, but resumed, and at half-time Gloucester were leading by a try to nil.

The second half was all in favour of the home team, the tackling of Richmond, however, preventing any score. Bailey played a good game, and was ably supported by Daniell, Stout, and Dudgeon, while G. Hall injured his ankle and play was stopped for some minutes.

From a free kick to Richmond Dudgeon made a poor attempt at goal. Close upon the end Goddard broke through all opposition, and scored a brilliant try, which Romans goaled with a grand shot. Nothing further was scored.

Richmond were certainly lucky that they were not defeated by a large score, while they played a good defensive game, but play was chiefly in their quarters. Walker was safe at back, and was also cool, while the three-quarters lacked combination, and when they got the ball they were slow.

The result was : – Gloucester, one goal and one try (8 points); Richmond, nil.

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