

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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## FOOTBALL

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY v. GLO'STER

### VICTORY FOR THE WESTERNERS

This was an extra match for Cambridge, on Wednesday, and, being their last prior to the Inter-University contest next Wednesday, excited more than usual interest. The weather was fine and the attendance large.

Cambridge kicked off from the town end at three o'clock, and Cook, taking the ball, ran down to near the 'Varsity quarter flag. Upon the exchanges, Horsley found touch near the central flag, whence Roberts and Waters transferred play to Gloucester territory.

The Cantabs here got passing, but lost some ground thereby, and Gloucester sending the ball down, Horsley's return was charged down, and L. Smith gained a try. Romans took the place kick, but missed goal.

The game was well-contested, first one side and then the other attacking. Towards half-time Cambridge pressed close up to the goal posts, and a free kick in a favourable position was awarded them, but Odgers went wide, and at the interval Gloucester were leading by 3 points.

Shortly after the interval, Spicer broke away from a line-out, and some hand-to-hand passing between J. V. Sivright and A. F. Roberts took play to the visitors "25," where Gloucester were penalised, and the Cambridge captain landed a penalty goal.

From some loose passing by Gloucester, Hearfield and Sanderson invaded the visitors' territory. D. R. Sivright came through with a splendid dribble, but Goddard saved the situation, and Gloucester taking the ball up on the left, Romans punted across to the right wing, and Cook gained a try. Romans made an indifferent bid for goal.

The home captain again dribbled through, and, being well backed up by Spicer and Greenlees, got close to the goal-line. They were, however, unable to score, and the Westerners presently took the ball out of danger. A. J. R. Roberts crossed the visitors line, but the referee ordered five yards, when Gloucester extricated themselves.

Next Hearfield made his mark opposite the uprights, but the home captain's shot for goal just fell short. After this, Romans tried to drop a goal, but the effort was poor, and the ball went dead, and immediately afterwards a forward rush by the visitors sent the ball into touch-in-goal.

The light was now very indifferent, and the Light Blues defence seemed to slacken, for within two minutes Gloucester crossed their line twice by Oswell and Miller. Neither of these tries could be improved upon by Romans.

The 'Varsity made a final effort to get in, but failed to do so, and the match ended in a win for Gloucester by four tries to a penalty goal.