

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. COVENTRY

DEFEAT FOR COVENTRY

In this match, at Kingsholm, on Saturday last, Coventry started with the wind – a useful factor on this occasion – in their favour; but they went off with too much of a rush, and exercised too little discretion. The result was that the game had not been in progress five minutes before the home backs completely and easily out-manœuvred them, and placed a try to Gloucester's credit.

For a few minutes after the drop-out Coventry had decidedly the better of the game, but failed to make use of one or two openings, and the Gloucester backs, working with excellent combination, simply romped round their opponents and notched three tries in rapid succession, two being converted.

In the second part of the game the visitors played with much better combination, and once or twice gave some creditable exhibitions of passing, but they were unable to improve their position, and retired defeated by 27 points (3 goals, 4 tries) to 5 points (1 goal).

The game was fast and hotly contested throughout, both teams showing signs of fatigue towards the end; but it was not brilliant or exceptionally interesting. Behind Gloucester held a decided advantage, and their passing was generally clean and clever, and their tackling sure.

The visitors played pluckily right through, and while it must be conceded that the better team won, they might, had they seized the openings that presented themselves, have reduced the majority. Arch (who scored the only try for his side) and Cleverly were conspicuous among the forwards, and Orton at three-quarter did good work.

LYDNEY v. GLOUCESTER A

Before a large attendance at Lydney, the home team started, and at once attacked, but Goddard intercepted and passed to Predie, who scored for the visitors, the kick failing.

In the second moiety Lydney played a grand game, and in the end won by a goal to a try.

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