

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

DECEMBER 21, 1901

FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. PENYGRAIG

This match was played on the ground of the former on Saturday in dull, raw weather, and before a small "gate." The home team was weakened by the absence of Cook, C. Hall, Miller, and Lewis, the latter having gone to Bristol.

The game was of a scrappy character, but Gloucester always had the measure of their opponents. The opening stages were in favour of the Citizens, and R. Goddard was early prominent with a good run to the Penygraig line, when he slipped. Not to be denied, however, Marchant scored a try, which Romans failed to improve upon.

The visitors rushed subsequent play to midfield, but the home backs soon transferred hostilities to the other end, where James got in, Romans again failing at the place. This was followed by Lewis Smith beating all opposition, and, running round behind the posts, scored a beautiful try. Romans was successful with the place kick.

Penygraig's defence was weak, and Gloucester missed several chances of scoring, although Cummings put in a lot of hard work for his side. From a line out Stephens ran in without any opposition, Romans again goaling, and, at the interval, Gloucester led by two goals and two tries to nil.

In the second half the play of the homesters considerably fell off, and chance after chance was missed in the easiest possible manner, and play was devoid of interest. The only score was a try by Spiers from a pass by Hall, and the final score was : – Gloucester, two goals three tries (19 points) ; Penygraig, nil.

GLOUCESTER A v. GLOUCESTER GORDON LEAGUE

In the opening half of this match at Gloucester play was of a very even character, and neither side could score. On changing over, however, the citizens scored two tries by Purton and Cox, the place kick succeeding in one case. The League tried hard, but could not score.

Final : – Gloucester A, one goal one try ; Gloucester Gordon League, nil.

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