

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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## FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. LEICESTER

DEFEAT OF THE CITIZENS

This match was played at Gloucester, on Saturday last, before a large crowd, and in beautiful weather. Leicester placed the strongest team of the season in the field, while the home team were without C. S. Smith, Lewis Smith, Goddard, and one or two forwards.

Soon after the start, Collett made a mark from a line-out within a few yards of the goal-line, but Roman's shot just went outside. A few minutes afterwards he missed a goal from a penalty, as did also Collett. Up to this point, Gloucester missed more than one chance of scoring. Then Hind ran down, but was well collared when looking dangerous. From a penalty, Yeld kicked a goal, thus giving his side the lead, but the combination of the home three-quarters was disorganised, a fact which Leicester were not slow to take advantage of.

The Leicester men were frequently sorely pressed, but they set up a stubborn defence, E. Hind and Miles being particularly prominent, the former paying great attention to Taylor, the Gloucester sprinter. The second half was very fast, the ball being chiefly confined to the forwards, the visitors keeping the leather close. Braithwaite and Hills were frequently penalised for offside play, but fortunately nothing came of the kicks at goal.

Once Taylor got off at full speed and ran to the line. He was, however, pulled down before he could ground the ball, while a little later the home forwards made a combined rush to the line, but the defence was too strong to be penetrated.

As the end was nearing, the excitement ran high, and Leicester were kept busy in defending their line, which they successfully did.

Do as they would, Gloucester were unable to score, luck being completely against them, and they suffered the first reverse on their own ground for at least three years.

The result was : – Leicester, one penalty goal (3 points) ; Gloucester, nil.

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