

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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## FOOTBALL

### GLOUCESTER v. LYDNEY

Llwynypia having cancelled their match with Gloucester owing to the International match at Cardiff, Lydney filled the vacancy. The weather was cold, and only a small number of spectators were present.

The home team played several reserve men, but, on the whole, played a very ragged game, and were only able to score a solitary try in the first half, Collett being the scorer. Romans failed to add the extra points. Up to the interval the play was very desultory, although Lydney played a good rushing game.

In the second half, Gloucester greatly improved their form, with the result that Lydney were placed on the defence. The forwards opened up the game, and Goddard and Hall gave the three-quarter backs opportunities which they failed to take advantage of. Wild made great efforts to extricate his side out of difficulties, and the half-backs were frequently penalised for offside play.

C. Hall was the first to open the scoring in the second half, but Romans failed with the place. From a loose rush, Oswell splendidly dribbled down the field, and Westbury scored a fine try, but Romans again failed to land a goal.

Another rush by the home forwards ended in Stephens scoring a try. Romans was successful with the place. G. Hall and Parham also added tries, one of which Romans goaled.

The result of an uninteresting game was : – Gloucester, two goals and four tries (22 points) ; Lydney, nil.

In the second half of the game a regrettable incident happened. As Collett made a dash for the line, he was pushed over the touch line in the corner, when a spectator maliciously struck Mr. Wolff, the Lydney touch judge, behind the ear, without any apparent cause whatever. He was given in charge of the police. Mr. Wolff and Mr. Bingle (Secretary to the Gloucester Club) proceeded to the police station and preferred a charge of assault against a young fellow named Hambling.

The Gloucester Club possesses a record that is quite remarkable. Since 1897-8 the team have played 105 games with English opponents, with the following result : –

Won.	Lost.	Drawn	Points.	
			For	Against.
92	5	8	1613	151

The five defeats sustained by Gloucester were as follows : – Blackheath, two goals (1 p) to a goal; Leicester, two tries to a goal ; Richmond, one try to nil ; Bristol, one goal (d) one try to one try ; and Leicester ; one goal (p) to nil.