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FOOTBALL

GLOUCESTER v. NEWPORT

WESTERNERS BADLY BEATEN

The return match between these old rivals took place at Newport on Saturday last. The football ground proper was too hard, but fortunately the old ground, which has been given over to cricket and athletics generally, was in good condition, and the match, which was witnessed by 4,000 spectators, was played upon it.

The game was robbed of some of its interest owing to the fact that the Gloucester team was not so representative as the team which drew with Newport earlier in the season. Gwyn Nicholls appeared for the first time on the Uskside enclosure as a member of the Newport team, and signalled his appearance by scoring two tries.

Newport attacked for the greater portion of the first half, but without tangible result. Eventually Gwyn Nicholls narrowly missed dropping a goal, but immediately afterwards he scored a try after a fine bout of passing. Gloucester pressed into Newport's half after the kick out, and brought off a couple of dangerous rushes, and once Newport had to save. The Usksiders quickly repelled the attack, and just before the interval, Lewis scored the second try, the score then being : – Newport, two tries ; Gloucester, nil.

Newport had all the best of the play in the second half, and, although Romans especially distinguished himself by playing a fine game for his side, the Newport combination was in good form, and the result of the combined attacks was Gwyn Nicholls, Carpenter, G. Boots, and Pritchard scored tries, neither of which were converted. Final score : – Newport, six tries (18 points) ; Gloucester, nil.

GLOUCESTER (A) v. NEWPORT (A)

In the opening half of this match at Gloucester, Newport had the better of matters, and scored two tries by Pugh and Chalman, Williams converting one of the points. Gloucester played up well after this, and almost scored just before the interval.

Webb, Cook, and Harris, scored tries for Gloucester after the change of ends, the place kicks failing.

Final : – Gloucester, three tries; Newport, a goal and a try.

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