

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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FOOTBALL AND ATHLETICS

The Gloucester team gave a delightful display of football on Saturday last, against Stroud, on the Kingsholm Ground. It was full of interest from start to finish, and greatly pleased the spectators. It was an exceptionally fine open game, the ball being given plenty of air, a fact which was due to the superior tactics of Goddard and Hall, in comparison to the opposing half-backs.

So well did the home team combine together, that the ball was passed from one to another with precision, with the result that a try was invariably scored.

Within the first quarter of an hour, C. Smith ran in with four tries, each of which Romans goaled, while further tries were scored by C. Hall and Parham, so that when the interval arrived, Gloucester held a lead of four goals and two tries to their credit.

During the first moiety of the game, Stroud were kept on the defensive, although they played a good game. In the second half they were powerless to withstand the vigorous onslaught of their opponents, with the result that further points were added.

While not wishing to be invidious, it should be stated that Collett scored the best try of the match, for getting possession of the ball in his own twenty-five, he threaded his way through a host of would-be tacklers, and got over the line, amidst well-merited applause.

Lewis Smith, while playing a resolute game, was too well-marked by his old clubmates to become dangerous. In the end, Gloucester ran out winners by the huge score of seven goals and three tries (44 points) to nothing.

The match between the Gloucester A team and the Gordon League was as dull and uninteresting as possible. Science was at a discount, and the game resolved itself into a scramble. The players on either side simply contented themselves with continually kicking into touch, and the game therefore does not need any comment, but it should be stated that the Gloucester Reserves were victorious.

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