

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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FOOTBALL AND SPORT

STROUD v. GLOUCESTER

With the exception of Collett, who was unable to take the field, Gloucester took a full team to Stroud, and a close game resulted. In the first half Stroud had far and away the best of the play, but they could not get through Gloucester's defence. Stephens scored an unconverted try from a breakaway, this being the state of the game at the interval.

Stroud in the second moiety were mostly on the defensive, and the game was by no means interesting. Once or twice the homesters got dangerous, but were always forced back. Sid Branch made an unsuccessful attempt to drop a goal.

Towards the finish Gloucester kept up a persistent attack, and Stephens, who played a good game at half, got over again. The place kick failed, and soon after "no side" was called, leaving Gloucester the winners by two tries (6 points) to nil.

Gloucester was certainly the better team, but Stroud played a hard game all through, especially the forwards.