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GLOUCESTER v. LEICESTER

A considerable amount of interest was taken to the meeting of the Gloucester and Leicester Clubs on the Kingsholm ground on Saturday, though the "gate" was not so good as usual.

Gloucester had their best available team out, Romans, though not quite recovered from his recent accident, being in his customary place. Parham again played for Morgan at half-back. Leicester were at full strength, A. O. Jones captaining the fifteen. Against the wind and sun, Leicester were early on prominent, the forwards being very smart, but the play was not very interesting. The visitors, however, were the first to score, Braithwaite getting over from a combined movement.

Gloucester for a time played better, Click winding up some good forward work with a try near the posts, Romans goaling. After this Leicester, by superior forward tactics and clever back play, did most of the pressing, but up to the interval had been unable to get on terms.

Crossing over, however, we saw more good work from the forwards, their heeling out being really smart, while the half-backs, Forman especially, provided the three-quarters with plenty of openings. Hind used his speed to great advantage, and finally ran over, the Gloucester men being left, as it were, standing still.

Gloucester never really looked like scoring after this, their display being of a very moderate description, whereas Leicester got a third try, and finally won by 9 points (three tries) to a goal (5 points). Leicester were certainly the better team in every department, the three-quarters, with the assistance of the halves, combining beautifully, their passing being very clean.

The forwards were all over Gloucester, controlling the scrums and heeling the ball out at least eight or nine times out of every ten. Gloucester has now suffered defeat four times successively at home.

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