

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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FOOTBALL AND SPORT

CHELTENHAM v. GLOUCESTER

A most exciting match between Cheltenham and Gloucester was played at the Athletic Ground, Cheltenham, on Saturday, before the largest crowd of spectators ever seen at a football match in the garden town. Over 1,000 enthusiasts accompanied the Gloucester team, and at one time there seemed a prospect of their seeing their fifteen victorious.

The early part of the game went in favour of the visitors, and ere five minutes had elapsed a capital bout of passing ended in Smith scoring a try, which Romans failed to improve upon.

Cheltenham were facing a terrific storm of rain just now, and, being penalised, Collett added a penalty goal to Gloucester's score.

From this point, however, the home team improved, and by fine forward play managed to prevent any further scoring before the interval, when Gloucester were leading by six points to nil.

With the wind in their favour, Cheltenham soon began to press, and very shortly G. T. Unwin kicked a magnificent penalty goal from near half-way.

The subsequent play was fast and exciting, each side pressing in turn.

Just before the close, however, the Cheltenham backs got possession, and a fine round of passing ended in Fry scoring a try far out, which Unwin failed to convert, so that a grand game ended in a draw of one penalty goal and one try (6 points) each.

The teams were : –

Cheltenham : F. Boite (back), F. Fry, T. Kingscote, G. Cottrell, and C. Clifford (three-quarter backs), A. Goddard (capt.) and G. T. Unwin (half-backs), G. Cossens, C. Fisher, L. Cook, W. N. Unwin, J. Charlottes, H. Pike, J. Dollimore, and W. A. Kingscote (forwards).

Gloucester : G. Romans (capt.) (back), C. Smith, G. F. Collett, C. Goddard, and A. Hudson (three-quarter backs), J. Stephens and L. F. Morgan (half-backs), A. H. Click, G. H. Smith, B. Parham, A. Purton, F. Westbury, F. Pegler, H. Collins, and H. Harris (forwards).

Referee : Mr. Gil Evans (Midland Counties).

The gate receipts at the Cheltenham-Gloucester match amounted to £75. The Cheltenham team will be entertained to a champagne supper in recognition of their performance in drawing with the City team.

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