

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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## FOOTBALL NOTES

On Saturday Gloucester were visited by Newport, and the match was watched by about 3,000 people. Both teams were practically at full strength, Romans turning out in his accustomed place at full back for the first time this year, and was given a very hearty welcome as he stepped on to the ground.

Newport were trying one or two new men. The game needs little description. For ten minutes or so, we had some good football, and Parham soon put Gloucester ahead with a good try. Lewis, however, quickly put his side on level terms, and before the interval gave Newport the lead by dropping a goal.

A good deal of rough play followed, the referee being very weak. The tackling by both sides was keen and vigorous at times, players on both sides being guilty of unfair tactics, Adams and Westbury came to blows and were ordered off.

Play was of a scrambling nature, but Newport were always the best side, the threequarters at times passing very finely, while the forwards were a cleverer lot than Gloucester, though the latter eight held their own in the scrums.

Romans played a splendid game, his kicking into touch being as good as ever. On the Gloucester side Lindsay Vears was the pick and Hudson came next.

Everyone was relieved when the game [came] to an end, all interest in it having been early removed by the exhibitions of temper which was very pronounced on both sides.

Newport were, however, lucky to win by 19 points to 3, as the two dropped goals were due to luck. Lewis did nearly all the scoring.

To-day Swansea are at Kingsholm.

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