Comparing Match Reports

Gloucester V Bath, 6th September, 2009

Gloucester were given an early let off as Bath knocked in midfield but were turned over as Eliota Fuimaono-Sapolu looked to counter. Gloucester were caught offside but Ryan Davis pushed his kick wide of the uprights.

There followed a nervous few minutes as both sides probed for an opening and errors were frequent with, finally, Joe Maddock punished for fumbling an up and under on 9 minutes.

His team mates, running back in support, played the ball in an offside position and Nicky Robinson slotted an easy penalty.

Ryan Davis had a chance to level matters five minutes later as Andy Hazell was ruled offside at a ruck but was again wide right.

Gloucester powered downfield and Joe Maddock was caught in possession in his own 22 fielding a through kick. The winger was stripped of the ball and the Gloucester forwards muscled their way forward with Dave Attwood prominent.

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Fifield’s Enterprise

Newport had to make a late change at scrum-half, but E. J. Parfitt proved no match for Fifield, who was on top throughout. Fifield was assiduous in his service of the ball to Meadows, and tried a few reverse passes which came off and deceived the opposition. He also went through on his own occasionally, and with a bit of luck Gloucester might have added a try or two. This was a new Fifield, and the enterprise and initiative displayed reacted to the benefit of the side.

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Task:

Compare the two match reports. How do they use language differently? What does this tell you about the way match reporting has changed?

Write up your answer in you exercise books using quotations to support your points.