

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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There were about 2,000 present on the Kingsholm Ground on Thursday, when the first inter-county match of the season was played. The visitors were Glamorganshire, who, like the home county, made numerous changes from the team that was originally picked. Trew was replaced by Maddocks (London Welsh), and Hopkins (Bridgend) played for Owen at half. On the Gloucestershire side Oates, acting on medical advice, did not turn out, Romans going full back in his place. There were several changes in both packs.

It was a beautiful day, and, winning the toss, the home county decided to play with their backs to a powerful sun. Unfortunately for Glamorgan Taylor had to retire in the first few minutes with an injured leg, and he never went on again. Still with only seven forwards the Welshmen were much too good for the home eight, and much more frequently got the ball out.

Jones saved to open out the game on numerous occasions, but to little purpose, the ball being kept very tight, and the tackling on either side being very keen. Once or twice Cecil Biggs mulled dangerous passing movements with forward passes, but made amends in the second half by getting a couple of smart tries, one under the posts, but he failed with both the place kicks. On the first occasion he was helped by Jones and Maddocks, and the latter by Arnold and Jones.

Lewis, of Lydney, played a great game for Gloucester[*sic*], but the passing of the three-quarters as a whole was very faulty. Harrison strained the ligaments of his right shoulder in the second half up to when he had been very useful, but the next best three-quarter on the home side was E[d]die Baker, who gave a capital display. Smith, the sprinter, never had but one chance, and he sailed over the line in grand style. Glamorgan won by superior forward and back play by six points to three.

Romans played a safe game, but was taught a lesson in kicking by Young. Gent was the pick of the halves, Jones being the best of the Welsh pair. Butcher was not in form.

Teams : –

Gloucestershire. – G. Romans (Gloucester), back; A. A. Lewis (Lydney), J. Harrison (Gloucester), E. W. Baker (Clifton), and D. Smith (Bristol), three-quarter backs; W. V. Butcher (Richmond) and D. R. Gent (Gloucester), half-backs; F. Goulding, A. Hawker, G. Matthews, W. Johns, B. Parham (Gloucester), L. Cook (Cheltenham), T. Huzzey (Lydney), and A. J. Gardner (Clifton), forwards.

Glamorgan. – F. Young (Cardiff), back; W. Arnold (Swansea), Cecil Biggs (Cardiff), and H. T. Maddocks (London Welsh), three-quarter backs; W. Hopkins (Bridgend) and R. M. Jones (Swansea), half-backs; A. Smith (Swansea), W. Taylor (Bridgend), G. Vicary (Aberavon), D. Davies (Swansea), W. Galloway (Treherbert), Matthews (Penygraig), Price (Mountain Ash), and Owens (Treherbert), forwards.

Referee : Mr. J. B. Minahan (East Midlands).