GLOUCESTER BOYS V. BRISTOL BOYS.

The Ball that Wouldn't - But Did

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Before the start a goodly number of miniature supporters had taken their places. A perch on the fence suited some, while others turned. Flocks kept themselves warm by the fires. The crowd, all silent, stood in awe of the shrill chirping. Many of them had come from far and near.

The first half of the game was handicapped by a very obstinate and feeble ball. Bristol, after a first score, refused to go back into play. And then another. The next foils trick was to spoil a free kick for Bristol. It had tapped two spectators on the nappers of a Bristol forward. The constable, however, gave it a very severe warning, and at once ceased with the ball.

With a well-behaved ball, and the score 8 to Nil against them, Gloucester set out in the second half. Fully determined to retrieve the position, and by rushing past their keen opponents like a pack of very pink and lively shrimps, they succeeded in making a draw of a splendid game.

The Bristol full-back, who looked the coldest mortal ever seen at Kingsholm, was almost too small to put a number on. Two outstanding figures in this game deserve to be recorded.

The Gloster scrum-half.