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FOOTBALL.

GLOUCESTER v. NEATH.

WEAK CITY TEAM BEATEN.

On Saturday Gloucester visited Neath to play the first of the matches arranged between the teams this season. The City team were weakly represented, eight reserves being called upon to fill the vacancies caused by the absence of Egerton, Hudson, Vance, Gent, Johns, Berry, Pearce and Hollands. Neath had a strong fifteen doing duty, and, as was expected, won comfortably.

Neath won the toss, and Vears kicked off for Gloucester. Play opened in favour of the homesters who were, however, put on the defensive, and Ward had to kick dead to save a score. From a smart round of passing by the Neath three-quarters G. Jones lost a certain try by knocking on.

The homesters were not to be denied, however, and F. Evans scored from a line out. The place kick failed. Shortly after the drop-out Evans scored another unconverted try after a good run. Neath continued to attack, but there was no further scoring till the interval, when they led by six points.

Neath restarted, but Gloucester took up the attack, and Dix scored an unconverted try. On the drop-out the homesters attacked and from a rush David scored and Brennan converted. On resuming play was of an even character, each end being visited in turn. Towards the end Neath again attacked, and Evans went over with another unconverted try. Soon afterwards the end came with Neath winners by 1 goal 3 tries (14 points) to 1 try (3 points).

The following were the teams : –

Gloucester. – H. Hancock, back; W. Washbourne, W. Hall, H. Barnes, J. Hamblin, three-quarter backs; W. Dix, J. Stephens, half-backs; G. Vears, J. Wyburn, F. Welshman, D. Hollands, G. Holford, G. Griffiths, F. Pegler, W. Nelmes, forwards.

Neath. – Ward, back; T. Davies, F. Rees, G. Jones, T. John, three-quarter backs; "Shon" Evans, J. Brennan, half-backs; P. C. Pullman, R. K. Green, T. C. Lloyd, Lee, Reason, F. David, Perry, T. Jenkins, forwards.

GLOUCESTER A v. MONMOUTH.

For this match at Kingsholm on Saturday, the City Seconds had a mixed fifteen, but were assisted by Hollands, who was unable to get off in time to go to Neath. The Seconds gained an easy victory by 6 goals 2 tries (36 points) to nil. Hollands, Henderson, Quixley, Millard, Pollard, Baldwin, Hamblin and Hall were the scorers, the latter converting six of the tries.

ENGLAND v. IRELAND.

This International match was played at Twickenham on Saturday, and the result, a draw, came as a surprise to the English supporters. Five Gloucestershire players were in the English team. They were Gent, Johns, Berry (Gloucester), Johnston (Bristol), and Hayward (Cheltenham).

GLOUCESTER v. PLYMOUTH.

At Plymouth on Saturday.

Gloucester : W. Egerton; W. J. Vance, W. Hall, H. Barnes, and W. Washbourne; D. R. Gent and J. Stephens; W. Johns, H. Berry, G. Holford, D. Hollands, J. Wyburn, G. Vears, F. Pegler, and G. Griffiths.