

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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## COUNTY FOOTBALL

### FRIENDLY MATCH AT GLOUCESTER

Before an excellent attendance and in splendid weather a Rugby Football match – as a preliminary trial to the county championship game – was played at Kingsholm on Thursday between Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire. The game, from a spectator's point of view was capital, being exceptionally keen.

Gloucestershire won, but it was questionable whether they were the superior team. The scorers for the winners were Kingston and Dix. The former got over after an exceedingly good passing movement, but the sensation of the afternoon was the try scored by Dix. Vile, the visitors' International scrum-half got the ball from a scrum, and passed to Martin, only to find the leather intercepted by Dix, who scored brilliantly with it.

Davy, who played at full-back for Gloucestershire, was not so good as usual, and it was through his slowness that Martin scored a very soft try for the visitors. The Cheltonian made a great mistake in waiting until the ball had bounced.

Eberle played a grand game for Gloucester[*sic*] at three-quarter, as did also Hirst of the losers. The Gloucester halves, Dix and Hall, combined extremely well, the latter delighting the spectators by his clever defence and overhead kicking under difficulties. Of the visiting halves, Vile was the better.

Johns led the Gloucester forwards in his usual inimitable style, being well backed up by Redding, Bowkett, Onslow, Wright and Smart. Uzzell was the pick of the Monmouth forwards.

The teams had not met since 1881-2, when at Gloucester and Newport the games ended in pointless draws.

The Monmouth side was considerably disorganised, and arrived one short, A. Robbins, of Cinderford, a budding player, turning out as substitute.

The Gloucestershire side was something in the nature of an experimental one, for seven of the players were making their initial appearance in county football.

The teams were : –

GLOUCESTERSHIRE. – B. Davy (Cheltenham); H. Hughes (Cheltenham), V. F. Eberle (Clifton), J. Hamblin (Gloucester), and C. Kingston (Bristol); W. Hall and W. Dix (Gloucester); W. Johns, S. Smart (Gloucester), J. Wright, A. Redding, G. Bowkett (Cinderford), B. W. Onslow, L. H. Peckever (Cheltenham), and S. A. Dommett (Clifton).

MONMOUTH. – T. Norris (Abertillery); J. James (Brynmawr), R. Edwards (Newport), A. Robbins (Cinderford), and Hirst (Newport); T. H. Vile and W. J. Martin (Newport); Jim Webb (Abertillery), H. Uzzell (Newport), L. Trump (Newport), E. Stephens (Pontypool), Jim Foley (Brynmawr), F. Hathaway (Pill Harriers), M. Blackwell and W. Hall (Abertillery).

Referee : Mr. A. J. Parkes (Coventry).

Scores : – Gloucestershire, 1 goal, 1 try (8 pts); Monmouthshire, 1 goal (5 pts.).