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FOOTBALL

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

SOUTH-WESTERN GROUP

GLOUCESTERSHIRE v. DEVON

These teams met at Bristol on Saturday last, some 7,000 people witnessing a fast and exciting game.

Devon were first to attack, their forwards leading a series of magnificent rushes, and from an opening by Vivyan, Vaughan had a chance of scoring, but elected to punt past Romans, when he should have sprinted.

From mid-field a pass was given to Lewis Smith, who got away with a huge stride, and, after combining effectively with Lewis, he raced in, Romans converting the try.

Gloucestershire returned to the attack, and Lewis Smith was again almost over the line. A scrum was formed in front of goal, and Cook broke through with a clever run, enabling Goddard to score, Romans again converting the try.

Early in the second half Devon strongly pressed, and Nicholas, receiving from Vivyan, scored an unconverted try. Gloucestershire's response to this was irresistible, and as the result of a protracted attack, Lewis Smith scored a try from an opening by Baker, whilst just on time, Courtney scored from a forward rush. Romans failed with both place kicks, and the final score was : – Gloucestershire, two goals two tries (16 points); Devon, one try (3 points).

The Gloucestershire players were : – G. Romans (Gloucester) (back); C. Smith, Lewis Smith, J. Cook (Gloucester), and Watkins-Baker (Bristol) (three-quarter backs); S. H. Foster (Bristol), and R. Goddard (Gloucester) (half-backs); G. Hall, J. Lewis, C. Miller, F. Westbury, F. Stout (Gloucester), J. L. Mathias, J. Sweet, and M. Courtney (Bristol), (forwards).

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