

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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FOOTBALL AND SPORT

DEVON v. GLOUCESTERSHIRE

This replayed match took place at Exeter on Wednesday before about 6,000 spectators. The visitors were as announced, but the home brigade were without Nicholls, whose place was taken by Cribbett.

The ground was in good condition, and there was every indication of a hard game. Gloucester had the best of matters in the scrums, but Devon were superior in the loose. At half-time, however, neither side had scored.

Changing ends, Romans kicked a penalty goal for the Cestrians, whilst subsequently, after a sharp attack, the Devonians obtained a penalty through a grand kick by Vivyan, and with nothing further added the result was a draw of three points each.

Gloucestershire and Somerset thus tie for chief honours of the group. The Rugby Union can either order them to replay or decide the victors on points.

The teams were : –

Gloucestershire : G. Romans (Gloucester) (back); G. F. Eberle (Bristol), E. W. Baker (Bristol), J. Stephens (Gloucester), and C. Smith (Gloucester), three-quarter backs; W. Butcher (Bristol) and F. Keys (Gloucester), half-backs; F. M. Stout (Richmond) (capt.), F. Oswell (Gloucester), A. H. Click (Gloucester), A. Hawker (Gloucester), Bert Parham (Gloucester), J. L. Mathias (Bristol), T. Webb (Bristol), and T. Davis (Bristol), forwards.

Devonshire : S. H. Irwin (Devon Albion), back; A. Cribbett (Torquay), E. J. Vivyan (Devon Albion), J. C. Matters (Devon Albion), and J. R. Sandford (Exeter), three-quarter backs; W. Duffin (Plymouth) and S. Horrell (Devon Albion), half-backs; D. Dobson (Devon Albion), W. G. Heppell (Devon Albion), W. Spiers (Devon Albion), R. Gilbert (Devon Albion), S. Williams (Devon Albion), C. Thomas (Barnstaple), C. Harper (Barnstaple), and L. R. Tosswill (Exeter), forwards.

Referee : Mr. Evers (London).

With regard to the venue of the re-played tie, it will be decided by the spin of a coin. Gloucestershire offered to play at Bristol on half the gate receipts.

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