

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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FOOTBALL AND SPORT

SOMERSET v. GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The match for the Championship of the South-Western Group between Somerset and Gloucestershire was played at Weston-super-Mare on Wednesday, in brilliant weather, with the ground in perfect condition, and before 6,000 spectators. The teams took the field as advertised. Brice started for Somerset against the wind and sun, and the ball was rushed to the verge of the Gloucestershire line. There, in exciting play, Gamlin was held up.

The Gloucestershire forwards heeled the ball cleanly, and, aided by a huge kick from Lamond, they invaded the Somerset lines, Vaughan making a strong attempt to score. Then Peace intercepted a pass by Romans and scored an unconverted try. Shortly afterwards Gloucestershire lost the services of Needs at half-back, through an injured rib, Parham taking his position.

Gloucestershire, with one short in the pack, scrummed finely, and, aided by penalty kicks, attacked, but Gamlin intercepting, made a dashing run, and was only pulled down on the line. At half-time the score was : Somerset 1 try ; Gloucestershire, nil.

On resuming Somerset did the major portion of attacking, though the opposing forwards occasionally rallied pluckily, and play was keen and exciting. Vickary terminated a fine dribble with a try for Somerset, which Peace majorised.

By very similar tactics Gamlin immediately after added another try for the home county, and near on time Peace scored the fourth try. Mathias marked for Gloucestershire in a favourable position without result, and the game ended in favour of Somerset by 1 goal 3 tries (14 points) to nil.

The teams were : –

Gloucestershire : G. Romans (Gloucester), back; F. J. Hannan (Clifton), J. Stephens (Gloucester), G. A. W. Lamond (Bristol), and R. J. Vaughan (Bristol), three-quarter backs; W. Butcher (Bristol) and Needs (Bristol), half-backs; F. M. Stout (Richmond) (capt.), A. H. Click (Gloucester), F. Goulding (Gloucester), A. Hawker (Gloucester), Bert Parham (Gloucester), J. L. Mathias (Bristol), T. Davis (Bristol), and T. Webb (Bristol), forwards.

Somerset : R. M. H. Bell (Bridgwater Albion), back; R. Forrest (Blackheath), H. T. Gamlin (Devon Albion), J. T. Timmins (Bath), and A. H. Peace (Bridgwater), three-quarter backs; H. C. Jackson (Bridgwater) and C. Kingston (Bridgwater Albion), half-backs; F. W. C. Coles (Devon Albion), G. Vickary (Aberavon), A. Brice (Aberavon), D. Beer (Mountain Ash), T. Pethick (Weston), R. Dibble (Bridgwater Albion), W. Bale (Bridgwater Albion), and F. Cashnella (Bath), forwards.

Mr. E. Alderson (Yorkshire), referee.

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