

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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## FOOTBALL NOTES

It may be said that Gloucester effected a surprise on Saturday, for although they have generally proved too big a handful for Coventry, few of the supporters, or even the players themselves, had much hope of last year's performance being repeated.

The city executive took the hint thrown out after the opening match, and put in Lindsay Vears at full-back in place of H. Romans, and the change seemed to have worked well.

Gloucester, in addition to George Romans, had Goss, Rooks, Williams, G. H. Smith, and Peglar away, trials being given to Hubert Smith (a younger brother of "Whacker") at half-back, and to G. Gough, of the West End, in the pack.

The play of the city team was in every department much better than what was seen on the Kingsholm Ground the previous Saturday. Goulding led the pack finely, and in the end won handsomely by 3 goals 1 try (18 points) to 2 tries (6 points).

Gloucester Second String opened the season with Barnwood, and were lucky to win by a goal to a try.

Clifton visit Gloucester to-day (Saturday). In 1900-1 Clifton lost by 66 points, and in 1901-2 by 74 points. Last year, however, they brought these figures down to 45.

The visiting three-quarter line will still further be strengthened by the inclusion of Eddie Baker, and E. F. Eberle will also play.

The following are the teams for the county trial match to be played at Gloucester next Thursday : –

County XV : J. Oates (Bristol), back; G. F. Eberle (captain), E. W. Baker (Bristol), R. J. Goss, C. Smith (Gloucester), three-quarter backs; W. V. Butcher (Bristol), and J. Stephens (Gloucester), half-backs; J. L. Matthias, T. Davis, T. Webb (Bristol), F. Goulding, A. Hawker, B. Parham (Gloucester), T. Downing (Lydney), and G. Matthews (Stroud), forwards.

Next XV : B. Blanch (Stroud), back; D. W. Smith (Bristol), F. H. B. Champain (Cheltenham), captain, G. A. Lamond (Bristol), and A. Hudson (Gloucester), three-quarter backs; G. T. Unwin (Cheltenham), and F. Keys (Gloucester), half backs; W. N. Unwin (Cheltenham), W. Cooper (Bristol North), A. Purton (Gloucester), E. W. Meyer (Bristol), A. Brain (Cinderford), A. J. Gardner (Clifton), T. H. Huzzey (Lydney), and W. Thomas (Dings), forwards.

The Match Committee desire it to be known that in future selections for the county, preference will be given to players who turn out in the trial match.

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