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## **COUNTY FOOTBALL**

### **GLOUCESTERSHIRE LOSE TO DEVON**

Gloucestershire, winners of the County Rugby Championship for the past three years, were beaten by Devon at Kingsholm in the opening match this season by 1 goal 2 tries (11 points) to 2 tries (6 points). Burland and Roy James scored the points for Gloucestershire.

Devon held a commanding advantage forward, the home pack being outclassed in the tight scrums, and well deserved their victory.

Last season Devon triumphed at Exeter by 23 points to 11, but disappointed in subsequent games. Gloucestershire, on the other hand, made a splendid recovery, and went on to win the championship outright.

This year's team, however, had weak spots, and the absence of Tanner and McCanlis was seriously felt. Tanner is suffering from a broken bone in his heel, and will have to rest for another week or two.

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