

COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL MATCH



GLOUCESTERSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION



DEVON RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

v.

DEVON

English Counties Championship



At THE MEMORIAL GROUND, BRISTOL

On SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1947

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.



Official Programme - - Price 3d.

Teams

Gloucestershire Colour : White		Devon Colours : Green and White
1 W. Hook Gloucester	Backs	1 W. J. Scourfield Teignmouth
2 G. E. Green Bristol	Three-qts. R.W. L.W.	5 G. Braddick Brixham
3 J. C. Morgans Lydney	R.C. L.C.	4 C. L. Brown Plymouth Albion
4 K. Daniell Gloucester	L.C. R.C.	3 H. Edwards St. Luke's College
5 W. H. M. Baker Newport	L.W. R.W.	2 E. J. T. Harris Torquay
6 W. E. Jones Gloucester	Fly Half	6 E. Hughes Plymouth
7 D. D. Evans Gloucester	Scrum Half	7 R. J. P. Madge Exeter (Captain)
8 G. A. Gibbs Bristol	Forwards	8 W. E. Sanders Exeter
9 C. M. Meredith Bristol		9 R. J. Stovell Devonport Services
10 T. Day Gloucester		10 P. Plumpton Exeter
11 A. Meredith Devonport Services		11 H. J. Tarr Devonport Services
12 D. Wilton Bristol		12 G. Edmonds Torquay
13 H. H. Mills Stroud & Camb. University		13 D. B. Vaughan Dev. Services & R.N.E.Coll.
14 S. Betterton Stroud		14 H. A. Jones Barnstaple
15 G. A. Hudson Gloucester		15 A. A. Brown Exeter

Referee : **Mr. J. G. Whittaker (Lancs.)**

Touch Judges : Mr. T. Millington (Glos. R.F.U.) and Mr. H. J. Simmons (Newton Abbot)

TO-DAY, we are very pleased to welcome the Devon R.F.U. Representatives. This is only to repeat what has been done very many times before, for our first game with Devon took place on January 13th, 1883, at Gloucester, which we won by 2 goals and 1 try to 1 try, and we had to wait until March 12th, 1887 before the return game which was played at Exeter where we won by 2 goals and 2 tries to 1 goal. At Gloucester, on February 11th, 1888, Devon had their first win over Gloucestershire. Since then we have seen some very fine games with each County sharing the wins.

In thinking of Devon one's mind goes back to the wonderful array of Players and Officials who have represented them in the past; it will be impossible in this Programme to mention all, but I would like to refer to one or two very old friends:— Ted Butcher (Devon Representative on the Rugby Union), E. R. Stanbury another old England Player and now a Referee, Percy Hodge, a great worker for Rugby Football, now in Newton Abbot. H. M. Smardon, M.B.E., Ex-President, and F. W. Jeffery, Hon. Secretary, were honoured this Season with Life Membership on Devon County R.F.U., and well they deserved it. One more I would like to mention is Councillor Billy White, of Torquay, for how long he has been officially working for Rugger I am not sure, but it must be nearly forty years. I am hoping we shall see all of them, and others, at Bristol to-day.

The interest in this game to-day is very great, as Devon and Somerset, having each lost one match in the Group, would like to see Gloucestershire lose, and then have re-plays. Should Devon and Gloucestershire draw, or Gloucestershire win, we shall become Champions of the South-Western Group. When three Counties tie, the Divisional Winners shall be determined by means of a Knock-out Competition which shall be arranged by drawing lots. (R.U. Rule 3, page 89.) The ultimate Winners will play the Winners of South-East Group in the South-West. Should they again be successful, the Championship Match will also take place in the South-West.

RALPH A. ROBERTS, *Hon. Sec., G.R.F.U.*

Selections will be given by the Bristol Aero. Co. Works Band
