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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1891.**

On Wednesday a match, designated the county trial, took place on the Kingsholm ground under wretched conditions. A lot of rain had fallen and a high wind blew throughout the match, which was of a very scrambling nature and which was witnessed by very few spectators.

Fenner, a Bristol three-quarter, Whitby of the R. A. C. forwards, and Gibbs, the Bristol back, showed fine form in their respective divisions.

The teams (13-a-side) were captained by Mr. H. V. Page and Mr. T. Bagwell. J. Williams was the only other Gloucester man playing. The victory was secured by the former's side, Fenner scoring three tries. None of them were converted.

Subsequent to the match, a meeting of the Gloucestershire Club was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, when representatives of Gloucester, Bristol, Clifton, Cheltenham, Lydney, and Cirencester R.A.C. were present. Mr. H. J. Boughton was in the chair. This gentleman was unanimously elected president of the club, and Mr. H. V. Page was re-elected captain of the team. Mr. T. G. Smith (Gloucester) was again elected secretary, and Mr. H. S. Simpson was re-appointed treasurer. The balance-sheet showed a deficit of £7 10s. 2½d. It was decided to start an association of referees in connection with the county club, so that competent referees may be appointed for the several clubs in the Gloucester County Rugby Union, Mr. H. W. Bennett being elected hon. sec. to this.

The following team was then selected to represent Gloucestershire in their match against Devon, on Nov. 25th :—

A. F. Hughes (Gloucester), back; C. A. Hooper (Gloucester and Middlesex Wanderers), E. Fenner (Bristol), W. H. Jackson and T. Bagwell (Gloucester), three-quarter backs; S. A. Ball and W. George (Gloucester), half-backs; H. V. Page (captain), G. J. Witcombe, A.

Cromwell, A. E. Healing, C. Williams (Gloucester), L. J. Percival (Oxford University), A. Whitley (R.A.C.), and W. Thomson (Bristol), forwards.

Reserves : – G. Gibbs (Bristol), back; W. H. Taylor or T. B. Powell (the Gloucester Committee to decide which should be first reserve), and H. Dewar (Cheltenham Training College), three-quarter backs; W. Pearce (Bristol) and J. Watts (Gloucester), half-backs; F. O. Poole (Oxford University), W. H. Birch (Clifton), A. Collins (Gloucester), E. P. Press (Clifton), P. Lockey (Bristol), and R. C. Jenkins (Gloucester), forwards.