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FOOTBALL.

The match between Gloucestershire and Devonshire, to which I have already referred, was played at Kingsholm on Thursday, but the thick fog which covered the ground made it impossible for the spectators to see how the game was progressing, except for very brief intervals.

The visitors started the game, and Hooper, getting hold of the leather, conveyed it through his opponents and the fog to the Devon side of the field. Here he was collared, and Wilcocks by a dashing run, transferred to the home quarters, Toller, the Devon captain, and other players, following up well, and the Gloucester full back kicking the ball out.

After the kick out play was still confined to the Gloucester end, until Bagwell, by some especially smart dodging, took it through the Devon pack, and almost immediately afterwards from a pass, carried it to within a short distance of the visitors' goal line before he was downed. Page, Hooper, and Jackson also put in some good work, but neither side was able to score during the first half.

On changing ends, however, Gloucester soon recorded a try – W. George obtaining possession, passing on to Jackson, the latter turning it over to Fenner, who scored in a fairly good position, but Jackson was unable to convert.

Then Cox for Devonshire took the game into Gloucester territory and being followed up by the forwards, Gloucester was for a short time hard pressed. Bagwell again got the leather, and passed to Hooper, but a minor only resulted.

Again Cox dribbled well up the field, and again Bagwell came to the rescue. Eventually Jackson got the ball and passed it on to Bagwell, who in turn handed it on to Hooper, the latter scoring. The angle was a difficult one, and the kick failed. Subsequently Page scored in an easy position, and this was converted, leaving Gloucestershire the winners by a goal and two tries to nothing.

Bagwell throughout played a capital game, at times fairly excelling himself; for the visitors Cox was most frequently in evidence. Mr. H. J. Boughton was referee.

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