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The Week's Sport.

Gloucestershire played the second of their matches in the South-Western group of the County Championship on Wednesday on the County Ground, Bristol, their opponents being Cornwall. The latter proved no match for the Westerners and retired defeated by 3 goals (1 dropped), 2 tries (18 points) to nil.

In the first half Taylor got over in the corner after good passing, followed by a splendid dropped goal by Jackson, after a really fine individual bit of play by the Gloucester centre. The Cornishmen rarely got beyond the half-way, and were never dangerous. Another try was obtained for Gloucestershire before the interval by Fenner, and when the teams crossed over the Westerners were leading by eight points to nil.

The first quarter of an hour in the concluding half also went all in favour of Gloucestershire, and both Taylor and Fenner added tries to the score. Thomson landed two fine goals. After these reverses the Cornishmen played up much better, and although they were not allowed to obtain a point, they succeeded in preventing their opponents from crossing their lines again, though Taylor made strenuous efforts to get over.

It was the excellent passing of the Gloucestershire backs that puzzled the Cornishmen, and all the tries were obtained after fine bouts. Jackson and Taylor both played a splendid game, whilst Hughes and Fenner also performed creditably, the first-named shaping very well in the centre. George and Pearce both shone conspicuously at half-back and worked wonderfully well together. Mackay, at back, was not a brilliant custodian. Of the forwards, Page, Lewis, Jenkins, Birch, and Ford were the most prominent.

The Cornwall backs, with one exception, exhibited very poor form, and there was comparatively no combination amongst them at all. The only player who was worth his place was Kistler, who will probably be better known as a swimmer than a footballer. The forwards were a heavy lot, and dribbled very cleverly on several occasions, Grylls (the captain) always being to the fore.

After the match the Gloucestershire Selection Committee met at the County Ground Hotel, and the following players were picked to represent the county against Devonshire, at Exeter, on Wednesday, December 7th : –

A. F. Hughes (Gloucester), back; W. Jackson, W. H. Taylor (Gloucester), E. Fenner, and B. W. L. Ashford (Bristol), three-quarters; W. George (Gloucester) and W. T. Pearce (Bristol), half-backs; R. C. Jenkins, A. Collins (Gloucester), W. Watts (Newport), A. Lewis (Cardiff), H. Brocklehurst (R.A.C.), W. Thomson, W. H. Birch, and A. W. Ford (Bristol), forwards.

The reserves are : –

A, Mackay (back); A. F. Hughes and H. F. Newman (centre three-quarters), the latter also being first reserve if there should be a vacancy on the wing; W. Hunt (half-back), and C. J. Click, W. Press, F. L. Norrington, and W. Leighton (forwards).

The team will be captained by W. Thomson, H. V. Page being unable to get away from college.