Gloucestershire played the second of their engagements in connection with the South Western group of the County championship on Saturday, when they met Devon at Exeter. Last season the latter county won easily, and they repeated their triumph on this occasion, though the victory was not so pronounced as before.

Devon won the present encounter by 3 goals (1 penalty) 1 try to 3 tries − 16 points to 9 − but they were somewhat lucky in gaining what looks a complete victory on paper. In the first place they secured three points by the aid of a penalty goal, but though Gloucestershire lost the services of W. H. Devonshire, who twisted his knee, after half-time, Devon could only cross the line as many times as their opponents. Superior place-kicking − an important factor in all Rugby matches − however, gave the winners the substantial lead they possessed at the conclusion of the match.

The tries for Gloucestershire were obtained by Lockyer, Wallace Watts, and Taylor; and for Devon by Bildings, Salter, and Thomas. The game all through was interesting and fairly even. Devon had a big advantage at centre three-quarter (especially after Devonshire's retirement) and at half-back, but in the forwards Gloucester[sic] were clearly superior, even with seven men. Walter Taylor did not get a lot to do in attack, but got through a fair amount of work altogether. Daunter (Cinderford) was a big success at full back, but Hughes (Lydney) was out-classed behind the scrimmage, whilst Whitehead failed to show the good form he exhibited against Somerset. The forwards all played a fine game, and were exceptionally smart in the loose.