

# Devon Cricket: Historical And Biographical Pieces Monograph



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This book is a collection of historical and biographical pieces on Devon cricket. It covers the early days of the game in the county, the development of the county championship, and the careers of some of Devon's most famous cricketers.

The book is divided into three parts. The first part provides a general history of Devon cricket, from its origins in the early 19th century to the present day. The second part contains a series of biographical sketches of some of Devon's most famous cricketers, including WG Grace, John Tunncliffe, and Harold Gimblett. The third part of the book contains a collection of essays on various aspects of Devon cricket, including the county's grounds, its players, and its administrators.

This book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of Devon cricket. It provides a comprehensive overview of the game in the county, and it includes a wealth of information on some of Devon's most famous cricketers.

## **Early History of Devon Cricket**

The origins of cricket in Devon are obscure, but it is thought that the game was first played in the county in the early 19th century. The earliest recorded cricket match in Devon was played in 1825 between the Devon County Cricket Club and the Plymouth Cricket Club.

In the early days, Devon cricket was played on a variety of different pitches, including fields, beaches, and even the streets. The first purpose-built cricket ground in the county was the County Ground in Exeter, which opened in 1865.

The development of Devon cricket was hampered by the county's lack of a strong financial base. As a result, Devon was not able to compete with the wealthier counties in the south of England. However, Devon did produce a number of talented cricketers, including WG Grace, who played for the county in the 1870s and 1880s.

## **The County Championship**

The County Championship was established in 1890, and Devon was one of the original members of the competition. However, Devon was not able to compete with the stronger counties, and the county has never won the Championship.

Devon's best performance in the County Championship came in 1906, when the county finished fourth. However, Devon has been relegated to the Second Division on a number of occasions, and the county currently plays in the Minor Counties Championship.

## Devon's Famous Cricketers

Devon has produced a number of famous cricketers, including:

\* WG Grace: Grace is considered one of the greatest cricketers of all time. He played for Devon in the 1870s and 1880s, and he scored over 50,000 runs in his first-class career. \* John Tunncliffe: Tunncliffe was a fast bowler who played for Devon in the 1920s and 1930s. He took over 1,000 wickets in his first-class career, and he was a member of the England team that won the Ashes in 1932-33. \* Harold Gimblett: Gimblett was a batsman who played for Devon in the 1940s and 1950s. He scored over 20,000 runs in his first-class career, and he was a member of the England team that won the Ashes in 1954-55.

These are just a few of the many famous cricketers who have played for Devon. The county has a proud cricketing tradition, and it continues to produce talented cricketers today.

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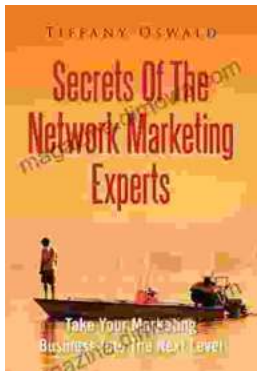
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