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FOOTBALL. — On Tuesday a match was played in the Park between fifteen members of the Gloucester Club and an equal number of the Hereford Club. Play commenced at a quarter-past three, when the Hereford men "set the ball a-rolling" from the pavilion end of the ground.

After some sharp work for about forty minutes ends were changed, both clubs playing extremely well. Scrimmages were the order of the day, and the result of the contest, which lasted nearly an hour and twenty minutes, was "a draw," no goal having been made or a single trial [*sic*]. In fact, it was an impossibility to run the gauntlet of so many players. The Hereford men are formidable antagonists.

The match was watched by a considerable number of spectators, to whom the present system of play was apparently a novelty, and many expressed a preference for the old-fashioned game.