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COUNTY FOOTBALL MATCH.

Gloucestershire v. Surrey.

This important match, under Rugby Union Rules, was played at the Spa, Gloucester, on Saturday, in fine weather and in the presence of 3000 spectators. The choice of goals fell to the home county, and at 3.15 Shearman kicked off for Surrey.

For the first two or three scrimmages the forwards appeared fairly well matched, and then some fast forward play by Barnard, Hedderwick, and Shearman took the leather well in the Gloucester territory, and the home team were compelled to touch-down to relieve the attack.

After the drop-out the game became fast and furious, but it was not until the first half of the game had well-nigh run its course that a determined rush of the visitors enabled Barnard to obtain possession, and, making a brilliant run, although tackled by several, he succeeded in falling over the goal-line and touched-down behind. The try, however, proved a failure.

After change of ends the Gloucestershire men played up magnificently, but although at times somewhat pressed, they gallantly held their own. After some brilliant play in the centre of the ground, the Gloucester forwards forced the fighting within the Surrey "25 yards' flag," and Moberly dropped a splendid goal for Gloucestershire amid much cheering.

Surrey strove hard to retrieve the day, but Gloucestershire ultimately retired winners by one goal to a try.

The players were. –

Gloucestershire : J. D. Miller (Clifton), captain, and H. J. Berry (Gloucester), backs; H. W. R. Gribble (Clifton) and W. O. Moberly (Clifton), three-quarter backs; W. F. Evans (Gloucester) and W. Snushall (Gloucester), half backs; J. F. Brown (Gloucester), W. Brown (Gloucester), T. B. Cooke (Gloucester), G. J. Dewey (Gloucester), A. D. Greene (Clifton), H. M. Hirst (Clifton), E. Leonard (Clifton), W. Strachan (Clifton), R. B. Ritchie (Royal Agricultural College), forwards.

Surrey : M. Shearman (Richmond), captain, H. A. Tudor (Oxford), and J. Shearman (Richmond), three-quarter backs; F. S. Chapman (Cambridge) and R. F. L. Ross (East Sheen), half backs; P. S. Clifford (Clapham Rovers), back; A. S. Bryden (Clapham Rovers), F. W. Barnard (Harlequins), G. G. Hawkins (Marlborough Nomads), R. H. Hedderwick (London Scottish), H. S. Holloway (Flamingoes), A. H. Hurrell (Clapham Rovers), H. J. Rust (Arabs), J. L. Turvey (Lausanne), and A. R. Gildea (West Kent), forwards.