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FOOTBALL.

Gloucestershire v. Monmouthshire. —

Much interest was centred in the return match between the above counties, which was played at the Spa, Gloucester, on Saturday, before a large number of spectators.

The visitors turned up one short, but they enlisted the services of a substitute (Tandy), who played well through-out, while the home county were minus one or two of their best players, although a tolerably strong team was put in the field.

Soon the home forwards by fast play pressed their adversaries. Evans made a splendid run, and the leather getting into W. Brown's possession, he got in, but the try was disallowed upon the plea that the ball had not been thrown in straight from touch.

Both sides now went to work with much determination. Many good runs were made for Gloucestershire, who on several occasions were within an ace of scoring.

The Monmouth backs, however, played very energetically, and caused frequent incursions to be made well in the home quarters, but so equally did the teams appear to be matched that neither side was able to maintain any definite advantage, so that when "no side" was called the game was left drawn, though slightly in favour of Monmouth, who compelled their opponents to touch down three time to their once.

The Gloucestershire team comprised. —

A. D. Greene (captain), H. W. Peck, J. P. Bush, H. C. M. Hirst, J. C. Gilmore (Clifton), J. F. Brown, P. B. Cooke, W. Brown, forwards; W. Bayley (Gloucester), back; H. J. Boughton, G. J. Dewey (Gloucester), R. A. Glass (R. A. College), three-quarter backs; P. C. Adams (Gloucester), and H. L. Evans (Clifton), half-backs.

Monmouthshire : Newman (captain), and J. Birdie, three-quarter backs; Harding and Reynolds, backs; Wood and T. Birdie, half-backs; Purdon, Tandy, Clapp, Allen, Jones, Phillips, Gould, Young, and Lyne, forwards.