

# GLOUCESTERSHIRE CHRONICLE

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## FOOTBALL.

*To the Editor of the Gloucestershire Chronicle.*

Sir, — My averment last week that the artistic skill displayed by our local Football Club lessened the chance of accident *primâ facie* had contradiction by Mr. Snushall, in the late match between the Newport and Gloucester clubs, at the very outset of the game being disabled from play.

The kick received by Mr. Snushall from his Newport antagonist was a foul kick. I said so at the moment, and there were numerous witnesses who would have borne testimony to my allegation. The Gloucester men wished to judge of the Newport men from their own standpoint of gentlemanly feeling, but after-thought must have convinced them that gentlemanly feeling was not reciprocated.

Having ever defended football as played by the Gloucester Club under the conduct of their captain, Mr. J. F. Brown, and when to defend it in some circles required some moral courage, I shall be sorry if the accident to Mr. Snushall should in any way lessen approbation of the game.

I do not wonder at the success of the Newport men if they have uniformly played in the fast and loose, nay the savage way, they exhibited on Saturday last.

It is sheer foolhardiness to be pitted against such men, and I hope Gloucester has seen the last of the Newport Club.

And may I hope that no influence will be brought to bear, direct or indirect, upon our Corporate body to checkmate the popular wish, the very popular wish, that football be continued to be played in the Cricket Field attached to the Public Park, the People's Park, the breathing-space, the vey lungs of the million.

Yours truly,

HENRY JEFFS

Spa-road, Gloucester, Feb. 20, 1879.

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