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The Week's Sport.

A meeting of the Gloucestershire Football Referees' Society was held at the Ram Hotel on Monday evening to discuss several questions, the principal of which were to decide whether the referees of the Society should undergo an examination and be certified, and whether the Union should adopt the rule of the Yorkshire Union as to any number of players handling the ball in bringing it out after scoring a try.

There was a fairly large attendance. The President (Mr. H. J. Boughton) occupied the chair, and amongst those present were Messrs. E. Lawrence, H. S. Simpson, S. S. Starr, C. E. Brown, H. Ellis, W. T. Pates, A. C. Loxton, T. Monaghan, H. Tratt, E. W. Loxton, W. Roberts, W. Sawyer, H. Brown, &c.

After a discussion it was eventually unanimously decided on the proposition of Mr. S. S. Starr, seconded by Mr. Tratt, that a recommendation be made to the Gloucestershire Union that an examination board be appointed, and that all referees under the Society should pass an examination in one or more matches before being allowed to officiate.

In regard to the other question as to the recent decision of the Yorkshire Union allowing any number of players to handle the ball in bringing it out after a try had been scored, the meeting decided, as the Rugby Union did not recognise the rule, not to take any notice of it.

Several other questions of minor importance were also dealt with, and the meeting then concluded.