



This is one of
twenty tales
in our
Midwinter
Miscellany



December 1867

Rugby Match on Chislehurst Common



West Kent lost the toss to Croydon and ***“were compelled to play against a very strong wind.”***

However, although Croydon had two extra players, West Kent showed ***“they were the better team, and the ball was rarely absent from the centre of the ground, although the West Kent backs were kept busily employed by the long drops of the Croydon players.”***

“The match ended (though not decisively) in favour of the Kentish players.”

The Maidstone Journal noted ***“Throughout the game we were sorry to notice the great evidence of ‘mauling’ among the forwards, a practice which we cannot too strongly reprobate.”***

Chislehurst Commons has responsibility for managing the 180 acres of local common land under an Act of Parliament.

The Act made no provision for funding.

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