GLoucester A v. Newport A.

By "TeeK."

The match was due to start at 3 pm. At 2.45, with a gloomy and overcast sky, two or three enthusiasts were standing around the ground, like herons on the Severn Banks. At 2.55 a ray of sunlight came out. This put a bit of life into things and spectators began to roll up.

At 3.30 the referee, Mr. Wetherall, applied himself to the one end of his whistle and the signal to start came out of the other end. As 3.10 he found it necessary to chide Newport, and gave Gloucester a penalty kick, by which their only points were scored.

From this point to almost the end of the game, the two teams squirmed and squelched about the field without any result, except to get more and more, mud-bound.

Until just before the finish, Wear of Newport tore himself loose from the mass plunged across the ground and touched down behind Gloucester posts, which try Newport converted.

Odds and ends:

Townsend, Gloucester, full back.

Goodwin — scrum half and mud-jar.

Newport's full back, Hodges, who played a game which was a delight to witness.