

GLOUCESTER A. v. BATH A.

By "TEEK."

MUD - PLENTY OF IT - RICH, THICK, JUICY, GLUE-LIKE AND VERY SQUIDGY MUD - IN THE MIDST OF WHICH THE TWO TEAMS PLUNGED, ROLLED, SLITHERED AND SQUELCHED FOR 35 MINUTES EACH WAY.

TO GET A PROPER IDEA OF THE STATE OF THINGS LET US TAKE AN EXAMPLE. WHO SHALL WE TAKE? BOUGHTON, FOR INSTANCE? RIGHT!

(M.E.B. FORWARD, PLEASE)

HERE HE IS AS HE TOOK UP HIS POSITION ON THE FIELD AS FULL-BACK FOR GLOUCESTER - AND A BONNY FULL-BACK HE LOOKED, TOO.

HE KEPT THIS BONNY APPEARANCE

UNTIL HIS FIRST INTERVIEW WITH THE OPPOSITION

AND THEN ALL HIS BONNINESS AND MOST OF HIS IDENTITY WENT WEST.

SINCE THE SAME APPLIES TO ALL THE OTHERS WE HAD BETTER GET ON TO THE SIDE-SHOWS.

HERE'S ONE - SIDS- SMART AS TOUCH JUDGE.

IN SPITE OF THE SLICK STATE OF THE GROUND, HIS STANCE WAS EXCELLENT.

HE LIFTED HIS FEET WITH GREAT FREEDOM AND SURENESS

AND REPLACED THEM IN THE GROUND WITH A FIRMNESS AND DETERMINATION WHICH WAS A DELIGHT TO WATCH.

ANOTHER SIDE-SHOW - THAT JOVIAL GLOSTER DOG, WHOSE UNSTINTED ENCOURAGEMENT OF HIS SIDE ON THE FIELD OF PLAY HELPED GREATLY TO GIVE GLOUCESTER THEIR 14 PIS TO NIL WIN.

FEET! - FEET!

PLAYERS AT HALF-TIME WIPING THEIR FACES WITH PIECES OF TURF IN ORDER TO FIND THE PLACE TO PUT THE SLICE OF LEMON IN.

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