

GLOUCESTER V. NORTHAMPTON.

SAXBY'S LITTLE CHICK.

By "TEEK."

NORTHAMPTON MUST HAVE BEEN GREATLY MISLED AS TO GLOSTER'S TRUE FORM BY READING THE ACCOUNTS OF THAT DISPLAY AGAINST LYDNEY THE WEEK BEFORE.

THEY APPEAR TO HAVE JOURNEYED TO KINGSHOLM FULL OF CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO CAPTURE AND TAKE BACK WITH THEM GLOSTER'S LITTLE GROUND RECORD WHICH LYDNEY ONLY JUST FAILED TO GET HOLD OF.

SAXBY, HOWEVER, HAD SEEN TO IT THAT HIS MEN WERE NOT ONLY FULL OF CONFIDENCE TO RETAIN THEIR GROUND-RECORD — BUT FULL OF BEANS AS WELL.

AND THERE IS NO PROPOSITION TOUGHER THAN A GLOSTER MAN WHEN HE IS FILLED WITH A FIFTY-FIFTY MIXTURE OF BEANS & CONFIDENCE.

AT THE START GLOSTER WERE SO BEANILY CONFIDENT THAT MRCURTIS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO GIVE A PENALTY AGAINST THEM — BY WHICH NORTHAMPTON MADE THEIR ONLY POINTS.

THIS EARLY BIT OF SUCCESS CAUSED THEM TO FEEL EVEN MORE CONFIDENT OF GETTING A GRIP ON THAT GLOUCESTER CHICK.

BUT IT WAS NOT TO BE. SOMETHING OR OTHER ALWAYS CROPPED UP TO PREVENT IT.

SOME-TIMES A GLOSTER MAN WOULD INTERFERE IN THE MATTER WHILE THE CHICK'S FINAL SAFETY WAS ALWAYS ASSURED IN THE HARBOUR OF REFUGE PROVIDED WITH SUCH READINESS BY BOUGHTON WHOSE RELIABILITY AND FINE KICKING HELPED GREATLY TOWARDS GLOSTER'S ULTIMATE WIN BY 9 PTS. TO 3.

AND SOMETIMES NORTHAMPTON'S OWN ZEAL WOULD REQUIRE THE MUSICAL ATTENTION OF MR CURTIS —

STOP HIM, BOUGHTON OR I'M A GONER!

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