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# GLOUCESTER V. ST. BART'S HOSPITAL.

"DOOMED FROM THE START."

By "TEEK."

WITH AN OMEN AGAINST THEM AND A HANDICAP DRAGGING THEM DOWN, EVEN A CARTOONIST COULD SEE THAT ST. BART'S WERE DOOMED FROM THE START.

AS THEY WERE COMING ON TO THE FIELD - ONE BARTY-BOY TOSSED THE BALL TO ANOTHER BARTY-BOY WHO FUM-BLED THINGS AND LET THE BALL DROP TO THE GROUND. THAT WAS THE OMEN - AND A PRETTY BAD ONE, TOO.

AT THEIR PREVIOUS WEEK'S MATCH, IN WHICH THEY DEFEATED PLYMOUTH ALBION BY 11 PTS. TO 8, THE BARTIES COLLECTED A LARGE AMOUNT OF LOCAL MUD AND CLAY ON THEIR SHORTS, WHICH THEY WERE SO PROUD OF. THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE IT WASHED OFF UNTIL GLOSTER HAD SEEN IT. NOT TO SAY, MRS. SUDS - NOT TILL AFTER WE HAVE BEEN TO KINGS - HOLM, THANK YOU. SO THEY CAME ON AT KINGS - HOLM HEAVILY ENCUMBERED BY THIS GEOLOGICAL COLLECTION STILL HANGING TO THEIR BREEKS. AND THAT WAS THE HAND- DI- CAP.

THUS, YOU SEE, THEY WERE UP AGAINST IT BOTH WAYS: - IF THEY TRIED A BIT OF PASSING - THE OMEN WOULD GET TO WORK - AND THE MOVE- MENT WOULD COME TO AN END. THANKS

WHILE IF THEY RELIED ON INDIVIDUAL EFFORT TO MAKE A FEW POINTS - YOU KEEP THEM AMUSED WHILE I GET A START. THE HANDICAP OF THE GEOLOGICAL COLLECTION WOULD KEEP THE SOLOIST ON BOTTOM GEAR, BOUGHTON WOULD GET HIM BY THE TIP OF HIS HIND LEG - AND THERE HE'D STOP.

WITH ALL THIS AGAINST THEM THEY DIDN'T STAND A POSSIBLE EARTHLY, AND FINISHED NIL. BUT THEY DID ONE VERY BRIGHT THING. WHEN MR CURTIS HAD GIVEN A FREE KICK TO GLO'STER - ONE OF THE BARTIES CHUCKED THE BALL ACROSS FOR GLO'STER TO TAKE THEIR KICK - AND IN DOING SO KNOCKED MR CURTIS' JOLLY LITTLE CAP OFF. MRS SUDS, FIVE MINUTES AFTER ST. BART'S RETURN.

I CERTAINLY THINK THAT SUCH A PRETTY BIT OF PLAY OUGHT TO HAVE RECEIVED SOME RECOGNITION, AND THAT THE FINAL SCORE SHOULD HAVE BEEN THUS

GLOSTER.....	1 GOAL 3 TRIES - 14 PTS.
ST. BART'S.....	NIL.....NIL.....NIL.
DO.....	{ HONORARY POINTS FOR KNOCKING THE REFEREE'S CAP OFF WITH THE BALL } 3
TOTALS = GLO'S 14, ST. BART'S 3 (HON.)	

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