

GLOUCESTER A V. CARDIFF SCOTTISH.

FALSE ECONOMY.

By "TEEK."

THE CARDIFF SCOTS ARRIVED AT KINGSHOLM WITH ONLY TEN MEN — BEHIND WHICH CIRCUMSTANCE LIES A TALE OF MISPLACED AND UNPROFITABLE THRIFT.

THE FULL TEAM SET OUT FOR GLOSTER EARLY IN THE MORNING

BUT ON REACHING OVER THEIR MACCAPTAIN HAD AN IDEA FOR SAVING 33% OF THE WEAR AND TEAR TO HIS TEAM

SO HE HID FIVE OF THEM UNDER THE ARCH OF OVER BRIDGE AND WENT ON TO KINGSHOLM WITH THE REMAINING TEN

WHERE HE AT ONCE TOUCHED THE GENEROUS GLOSTER PUBLIC FOR A LOAN OF THREE VOLUNTEERS.

HE FOUND, HOWEVER THAT WITH ONLY THIRTEEN MEN HE HAD TO LEAVE TWO GLOSTER LADS UNMARKED — WHICH RESULTED IN GLOSTER GETTING 6 PTS. UP IN A VERY SHORT WHILE.

THIS FORCED HIM TO SEND A SPEEDY MESSENGER OUT TO OVER

TO CALL UP SOME OF HIS RESERVES

WHO CAME UP AT THE SCOTS MAN'S DOUBLE (WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, IS FOUR TIMES THE ORDINARY QUANTITY).

NOW, ONE OF THESE LADDIES WAS MISTER MACPLASTER WHO WAS A GREAT BELIEVER IN BRUCE'S SPIDER, AND ALWAYS WORE

ON HIS NOSE A PIECE OF THE ORIGINAL PLASTER OFF THE CEILING FROM WHICH THE SPIDER HAD "TRIED AGAIN"

ON REACHING KINGSHOLM MACPLASTER SEIZED THE BALL WITH THAT IRON GRIP WHICH SCOTS USE ON THE NECKS OF BOTTLES,

GAVE HIS CLAN'S BATTLE-CRY

AND IMMEDIATELY SCORED A MAGNEEFICIENT TRY WHICH HIS FELLOW-CLANSMAN, MACHUMPHRIES, CONVERTED.

PIBROCH, WHATEVER? HAGGIS, LOOK YOU!

BUT IT WAS TOO LATE IN THE DAY FOR MACPLASTER TO "TRY AGAIN" AND THE WHISTLE WENT WITH THE THRIFTY CYMRO-CALEDONIANS THE LOSERS BY 9 PTS. TO 5, THOUGH, OF COURSE, THEY WERE STILL THREE UNUSED MEN TO THE GOOD.

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