GLOUCESTER V. DEVONPORT SERVICES.

TO THE DOGS VIA BIG PRINT.

BY "TEEK."

FROM RECENT LETTERS TO THE CITIZEN I LEARN WITH SORROW THAT MANY YOUNG AND PROMISING FOOTTBALLERS ARE RAPIDLY GOING TO THE DOGS THROUGH SEEING THEIR NAMES IN BIG PRINT AFTER HAVING PLAYED A PRAISEWORTHY GAME.

IT APPEARS THAT A YOUNG FOOTBALLER BUYS HIS FOOTBALL CITIZEN IN THE EVENING—SEES HIS NAME IN LARGE TYPE—AND AT ONCE BECOMES A CREATURE OF GREED, JEALOUSY, AND "MISERABLE SELFISHNESS" (AS CERTAIN WRITERS HAVE SPOILINGLY PUT IT).

SO, FOR THE YOUNG LADS SAKES EVERYBODY TODAY SHALL BE EXCEEDINGLY ANONYMOUS; AND, TO MAKE QUITE SURE OF HIDING THEIR IDENTITIES, I SHALL TIE BAGS OVER THEIR HEADS, SINCE (AS YOU WILL AGREE) ANY PORTRAYAL OF THEIR FEATURES MIGHT NOT ONLY GIVE A CLUE, BUT PROVOKE A HARMFUL SPIRIT OF VANITY BENEATH THEIR JERSEYS.

NOW, THEN, TO GET ON WITH THE STORY:

AT 3-0 THE SERVICES OPENED THE SCORING WITH A TRY. AT 3-13 GLOSTER SCORED A TRY, WHICH WAS CONVERTED. AT 3-18 GLOSTER SCORED ANOTHER TRY

WHICH WAS ALSO CONVERTED. AT 3-31 A SERVICE MAN PUNTED PAST A GLOUCESTER MAN. THE BALL WERE RE-GATHERED AND SCORED A TRY.

AT 3-28 ANOTHER SERVICE MAN DROPPED THE SAME GLOSTER MAN AS BEFORE AND AGAIN WAS ADDED TO THE SERVICES SCORE.

WITH THE SCORE STANDING AT 12-18 IN FAVOUR OF GLOSTER I MUST NOW RAISE THE BAGS SLIGHTLY FOR THE INSERTION OF LEMONS.

AFTER STARTING AGAIN THE SERVICES SCORED A TRY AT 3-55, WHICH WAS CONVERTED.