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THE SERVICES FROM 'POMPEY'.

Service's sides—whether Navy, Army or Air Force always provide us with good hard open games and that from Portsmouth we always look forward to for one of our best games of the season. Today's should be no exception and if the weather be kinder than it was last week nothing should prevent us from having an exceptionally fast and open game. True, neither side has done anything very startling this season, both records show more defeats than wins, and both point to the fact that there should not be a lot in it at the end. Anyhow we are pleased to welcome our visitors and trust they will enjoy both the game and the 'afters', as we have so often done on their splendidly appointed ground in the very heart of Portsmouth. Last season, we won there 13-3, but lost when the Services were last here the season before, c-11, Guest getting two tries. With our county men available—with the exception of our Wilts. and Dorset trio we have a strong side out today and a win will just balance our wins and losses.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

The county committee are here and will select their side to meet Gloucestershire here next Saturday, this evening. It is not likely that there will be many changes. Our three representatives fully justified their inclusion against Cornwall and Bathonians will be disappointed if they are not given their chance on their own patch. Conditions were so bad at Taunton last week that one was bound to feel quite sorry for Drewett but he came out of it all quite well and did as well as anyone. Today will be his sixtieth game for Bath First's—not bad for a little 'un1' His first was against Clifton at Clifton on September 23rd, 1952. The next season he played once on April 3rd at Weston. In the 1954-55 season he must have been coming on for he got five games. In 1955 and 56 he seems to have become fully established with 29 games, but last season his broken ankle in the Cardiff game prevented him from getting in more than 17 and today's is his seventh this season, having missed the N. & W. Wilts, Clifton, Ebbw Vale and Newbridge games.

ENFORCED CHANGES.

It must be some seasons since Bath have had to call on as many players so early in the season and this perhaps accounts to a very large extent for their very mediocre record. The reason of course, was the 'flu and county calls. Already 33 players have played, 4 full backs, 10 threequarters. 5 half backs and 18 forwards. Farnham, B. Weston, Clarke and Williams having played in two positions. After next week things should become more settled.

NEXT WEEK.

There should be a large crowd next week for the County game. Please note the kick-off is at 2.45 p.m. Somerset have not had the best of luck this season, but results have been surprising and next week's may be. Before the game Remembrance Day will be observed. The teams will line up facing the memorial plaque, a few moment's silence and wreaths will be laid.

IN TOWN.

And while all this is going on, John Roberts and Co. will be in town to meet the Saracens, one of the oldest of London Clubs—founded in 1876—although they have not been on our list many seasons. We won here last season 11-3 and on our last visit to them in November, 1955, the score was 17-6 in our favour. Despite county calls we should put up a good show there again.

THE COLLECTION.

The collection today—the first this season—is being taken by the British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association—surely a body worth supporting! E.