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(6) P. Ryan	Forwards	(8) T. Lewis
(1) J. Messer	(7) G. Brown	(5) * L. Harter
	(4) * G. Reid (Capt.)	(3) A. Todd
	(2) P. Boltwood	

Referee: Mr. W. E. Owens, Glos. Soc.

Kick-off 3 p.m.



H. Bastable	C. Anstes	Forwards	R. Davies	F. Thomas	M. Mossman
A. Snook		R. Nixon			B. Yeandle
	Stand Off Half R. Jones		C. Andrews Scrum Half		
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Sep. 6	Llanelly	h	0	3	Jan. 3	Old Cranleighans	a
13	Leicester	a	11	32	10	London Welsh	h
20	Swansea	a	3	21	17	Cardiff	a
25	Weston-super-Mare	a	6	8	24	Moseley	a
27	Devonport Services	h	21	3	31	St. Mary's Hospital	h
Oct. 4	Weston-super-Mare	h	4	3	Feb. 7	Newport	h
11	St. Mary's Hospital	a	10	23	14	Gloucester	a
18	Bristol	a	0	26	21	Moseley	h
25	Bridgwater	h			28	Stroud	a
Nov. 1	United Services	h			Mar. 6	Bristol	h
8	Stroud	h			13	Taunton	h
15	Gloucester	h			20	London Irish	h
22	Wasps	h			27	Newport	a
29	Harlequins	a			29	Old Marchant Taylors	h
Dec. 6	London Scottish	h			30	Leicester	h
13	Exeter	a			April 3	London Scottish	a
20	Weston-super-Mare	a			10	Northampton	a
26	Old Blues	h			17	Newbridge	h
27	Llanelly	a					

Today we again welcome a Somerset side, Jack Pippin's XV. from Bridgwater, who will probably give us as close and tight a game as did our other Somerset friends Weston-super-Mare a few weeks ago. We are mentioning Jack Pippin because he has probably done more to keep the club going than anyone else and he surely holds the record for the longest service to any club in Somerset. Last season the men from the brick town were here on the corresponding Saturday, 26th October and we won by 12 pts. to 6. Bath's team was C. West, V. Peplow, H. Bland, J. Arnold, J. Hazell, Ian Lumsden, N. Halse, S. Irwin, J. Dingle, Austin Higgins, R. Speke, W. Barrow, D. Beard, W. Howell, R. Carter. It will be noted that J. Arnold is the only one of that XV. selected for today's game.

Great Players.

Years ago we often wondered how it was possible for so small a town to turn out two such teams as Bridgwater Town and Bridgwater Albion with two such grounds as the Albion ground and the old Malt Shovel and what players they produced! Bob Dibble, Timber Woods, the Spriggs Bros., Jarvis the scrum half opposing Billy Fear, and Walter and Walter the full back whom we last met at Llanelly quite 20 years ago. Then of course there was Terry Barrington whom we saw on North Parade this summer and whom we look forward to seeing in charge of a game in the Rec. very shortly for there is news going round that he is now in the top flight of referees. And it was only last Saturday at Bristol that we saw the old tear away Bristol forward playing against him at Bridgwater. It will be remembered that Norman Vincent Coates and Philip Hope played for Bridgwater before coming to Bath. Well, we wish today's match to be a successful season.

Last Week.

To say the least it was a disappointing affair and we certainly did look forward to better going. Our men could not rise to the occasion and were truly beaten. And no one need be blamed, not even the Selection Committee. As was said by a prominent Bristol committee man that he had never seen two worse teams playing in a Bath and Bristol match.

Looking Forward.

With the rain and softer grounds it is to be expected that there are some good home games in a string now, the sun is expected to show its face again so far and there would be no falling off.

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