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Look you! The Scarlets.

Once more we welcome the Scarlets from Stradey Park, Llanelly to open our season. Here they start their tour and proceed to Cornwall where they may be assured they will receive another welcome and have as good a time as it has always been our good fortune to have. We wish we were going with them. Of their side to-day we know very little but during all the seasons they have played Bath, have they ever had anything but a really excellent XV. and has it ever been an easy day for Bath. Last season, we managed to draw here scoring a penalty goal by Porter to their one try. We were naturally very pleased with this result. It gave us a good start for it was generally agreed that there could be nothing much wrong with a side which could run the famous Scarlets to a draw. At Stradey Park we lost 18-0, as might have been expected, one of our heaviest defeats of the season. We must have been playing Llanelly for more than 35 years now. The first fixture was made by the Bath Secretary when, on holiday at Llanstephan, Camarthanshire, he met the late E. G. Bailey, a Llanelly schoolmaster in the Union Hotel and offered him a guarantee of £30 to bring the Llanelly side to Bath and they duly arrived next season and have done so ever since. Those were the days of Albert Jenkins and the Rev. Alban Davies. Now a little more History. The "dolly" mascot was presented to the Bath hon, sec. by the late Mr. Mills, mine host at the Salutation Hotel and President of the Llanelly club, in his smoke room after Llanelly had just beaten us after we had put up a good show. That was in the days of the Richardson Brothers, Consi., Harry Vowles and of course others. It was then agreed that the mascot attend every match between the two sides and be retained by the winners until the next. And this agreement has been faithfully

Ourselves.

That there is keenness among the Bath players has been evidenced by the trials and by their attendances at training. Never perhaps have there been more successful trials, and our thanks are due to the Stothert and Pitt's club for the loan of the ground and to the Bath Club committee for arranging the games. It must have been a very difficult matter to select today's XV, which certainly looks a real good one. But there are several others who perhaps were just a little bit unlucky in not being included. Today's XV, will not be the regular one. There are others available who cannot be passed over.

There will be another trial on the Rec. on Tuesday evening next.

Somerset v. Gloucester.

On Monday evening at 6 p.m. Season tickets are not available, but what does that matter, as Bath are to be given the proceeds after expenses are paid. This should be a good evening as we are to see the combined Somerset and Gloucester side which is to meet Wallabies on the 20th inst at Gloucester.

Next Week.

Avonvale (winners of seven-a-side) v. United.

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