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WELCOME 'TANTON.'

We have seen very little of the Taunton team for the last 30 years or so but welcome them to-day and look forward to the game as a bit of real Somerset stuff. Not since the days of the old Somerset Cup have we met them. Why they have not come back on our list earlier as Bridgwater and Weston have no one seems to know. They have a better record this season than we can boast of but comparisons are useless since both clubs have not the same fixture list. So far here is what they have done—Pld. 26, won 15, Drn. 2, Lost 9; Pts. for 306, agst. 170. Their points show that they must have attacking players, so that the result of to-day's game is by no means a foregone conclusion.

LAST WEEK.

Once again our XV. rose to the occasion against Bristol last week and deserve our congratulations. The game was played in a splendid spirit and refereed very admirably by Mr. E. R. Hopkins, whose first visit to Bath it was. Cyril Gadney would have enjoyed both the game and the evening afterwards. The Bristol team and their Committee were a jolly lot and like the Bath people thoroughly enjoyed it all.

PLACE KICKING.

That wonderful penalty goal by N. Gibbs, the Bristol fullback, prompts me to copy what the late E. H. D Sewell says about place kicking in his "Rugby, the Man's Game." It may, I think, be useful to some juniors if not to Bath club players.

"Why aspiring place kickers expect to land long distance goals when they have placed the ball either bolt upright or, worse still, leaning back towards them is quite

incomprehensible.

The best of all method to become a successful goal kicker is to face goal, dig the heel in firmly, and turn round two or three times on the heel thus making a cup with raised edges of turf. These are then smoothed off by the placer or by the kicker himself. Then the ball is aimed always leaning towards goal; except directly in front of the posts and even then it should tend slightly towards the bar, and is left for the placer to 'down' when the kicker orders. It is at this moment that many goals are missed. The placer takes his eye off the 'place' so that when the order comes to 'down' he does not lower the ball into the 'tee' which has been so carefully made for it.'

E. H. D. S. gives one final tip to captains "Never give the 'place' to the scorer of the try if he has had a gallop to get the try or even to the giver of the final pass if he, too, has just been busy in some heavy stuff."

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