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Half Backs

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Left Wing

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### "SPA" RIVALRY

Games with Cheltenham, our visitors today, were resumed in 1952-53 season after a break of many years. The last game before that was when we visited them during Philip Hope's captaincy. Since 1953 when Cheltenham won there by 1 g., 2 p.g., to our 2 pen. goals, there have been 4 draws. Last season at Cheltenham a goal each, '55 here, a penalty each, '54 at Cheltenham, Bath a penalty, Cheltenham a try and '53 here, Bath 2 p.g., Cheltenham 1 p.g., 1 try, so that there have been plenty of penalties.

We welcome the Chelts, today and are looking forward to another close game. Cheltenham have always done us well in their well appointed club house, and we hope today they will stay for a while after the game so that we can in some small measure reciprocate. According to the record our visitors have done much better than we have this season for they have won 7, Drawn 1, lost 4, with 112 points for and 96 against while we have won four and lost seven. Two of our former players Dick Bassett, on the wing and John Wood, in the pack, have been doing well for them as they did for us.

### LAST WEEK IN TOWN

Bath again had the wrong kind of luck with them in town last week. But for the unfortunate injury to young Jones they would not have been behind at the end. With a full side they were playing real good rugby and had an 8 points lead. Jones was playing well, showing real promise in his first game in the premier side and it is fully anticipated that with a little more experience, a lot will be heard of him. It is good to be able to report that his injury was not serious and that he probably will soon be fit again. By the way, the Saracens had only once before beaten us and that was here in '54 when they got a goal and we failed to score, with the following side Sullivan, Beer, Guest, C. Weston, Addenbrooke, Collins, Hanna, Smith, Lane, Bethell, Brown, Thomas, Vaissiere, Blackmore, Peasley.

### THE COUNTY GAME

The County committee must have been pleased with the game here last week. There was an excellent crowd and although the game never reached a very high standard it was all keen and hard enough with Somerset just deserving their win. It was unfortunate that Bob Challis was absent, for with him Somerset would have played the best XV. they have played this season. It was a treat to have a game with so few penalty kicks. Perhaps lucky for Somerset for Bristol Cripps was about although he missed the only one he had. The Bath players did well and it will be very interesting to see the composition of the Western Counties XV. to meet the Australians at Bristol on December 18th, a Wednesday.

### NEXT WEEK

Thursday, 21st BATH 'A' v. KINGSWOOD SCHOOL 3 p.m.

Saturday, 23rd BATH UNITED v. WESTON 'A' 3 p.m.

P.S. The Wreaths laid at the Memorial last week were from the Bath Club, the Bath Old Players Association by Mr. A. Ford and the Bath Combination by Mr. G. Brint.

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