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The "Belles" of St. Mary's.

It is very doubtful if any XV. is more welcome on the Rec. than our visitors today, for they have always been renowned for good rousing open Rugby and have produced such famous players as St. J. Owen Smith, our Gerry's great friend N. M. Hall, outside-half, and E. K. Scott, centre. The season before last was their peak year for then they were probably the strongest combination in the four countries. In that year they were one of the few Clubs to bring off the double against Bath, winning by a large margin at Teddington and gaining a one point victory on the Rec. They were last here on Oct. 12th, 1946, when they won by 14 points to 10. Our team then was J. Arnold, C. A. Ascott, T. Hicks, K. O'Shaughnessy, C. J. Porter, Ian Lumsden, H. V. Bland L. S. Harter, A. Higgins, S. Spence Meighan, S. Irwin, R. Speke, N. J. Howell, R. Carter and W. Barrow. On that occasion the visitors most prominent performers were A. Venniker, N. M. Hall, P. R. G. Graham, R. N. Wade and N. O. Bennett.

This Season.

It will be remembered that last season Bath were unbeaten in London, well, it was St. Mary's who put an end to that for when we visited Teddington on Oct. 11th, this season, there was a different tale to write about for we caught it properly by 4g. 1t., 23 pts., to 1dr. g. 2t., 10 pts., Joe Bailey getting the dropped goal and Todd and Peplow a try each. Of that team's outside division only J. Arnold and H. Leek are down to play today, while of the forwards J. Messer, G. Reid, A. Higgins and A. Todd are the only ones out today. St. Mary's record today stands, Played 21, Won 10, Drawn 3, Lost 8, For 270 pts., Against 226. Our Points are 206 For and 233 Against, NOT 283 against, as given in one national paper.

No Panic.

Although we have won only one match in 1948, there has been no panic. The team selected for todays game shows only one real change, Geof. Foster for G. Lee. Foster did especially well at Moseley and on his showing lately for the United, seems to be the one to speed up the back division. It will be remembered that in pre-war days at centre with R.A.G. he often had a very clever burst through the middle and it is very apparent that this is exactly what is wanted now.

"Our Tom."

We have now played 7 games without our Captain, Tom, and although his wrist is strengthening-he had hoped to be in it all today-the latest examination shows it to be still weak and we shall be without him for at least another three weeks. But he is doing a good job of work for the Club and the game locally for he will soon know more about the abilities of local players than any member of the Committeeselection or otherwise.

Next Week.

Newport on the Rec., but we shall not see Ken. Jones as Wales are playing Scotland

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