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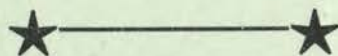
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(4) T. JONES

Left Wing

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Half Backs

Stand-off-Half ● (6) D. BATER

Scrum Half (7) T. JOHN

Forwards

(8) C. MEREDITH

(9) T. MORIATTI

(10) J. THORLEY

■ (11) ROY JOHN (Capt.)

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Sep	9	Leicester	a	8	6	Jan	6	Old Cranleighans	a
	14	Hylton Cleaver's Inter. XV.	0	16	13		13	London Welsh	a
	16	Llanelli	h	8	8		20	Cardiff	h
	21	Bath & Dis. Com.	h	6	3		27	St. Mary's Hospital	a
	23	Devonport Services	h	6	3	Feb	3	Newport	a
Oct	30	Devonport Services	a	11	3		10	Gloucester	h
	2	Penzance & Newlyn	a	0	14		17	Leicester	h
	3	Falmouth	a	13	11		24	Wasps	h
	7	Weston-S-Mare	a	3	0	Mar	3	Bristol	a
	14	Somerset Police	h	6	5		10	Swansea	h
Nov	21	Bristol	h	13	6		17	London Irish	h
	28	Exeter	h	12	14		24	Headingley	h
	4	United Services	a	16	3		26	Old Merchant Taylors	h
	11	London Irish	a	11	0		31	Saracens	a
	18	Neath	h			Apr	7	London Scottish	h
Dec	25	St. Mary's Hospital	h				12	Bridgwater	a
	2	London Scottish	a				14	Moseley	h
	9	Clifton	a				19	Taunton	a
	16	Weston-S-Mare	h				21	Moseley	a
	23	Gloucester	a				28	Newbridge	a
	26	Old Blues	h						
	30	Harlequins	h						

THE ALL BLACKS FROM NEATH

To-day we welcome Neath whom we have not met for several seasons, the last time I think was during Mervyn Shaw's captaincy. They have always been in the first flight of Welsh rugby and their record for this season proves that they are exceptionally strong, for they have won 9 of their 14 games, drawn 2 and lost 3, with 127 points for and 56 against. To-day's game should be a very tight affair for strangely enough Bath have won 9, drawn 1, lost 4 and the points are now on the right side with 107 for and 91 against. Fixtures with Neath have been renewed mainly through the efforts of Mr. A. E. Freethy who was Hon. Sec. for a couple of years after the war. He will be remembered as perhaps the most sought after referee in the 1920's. A member of the Welsh R.U., he now devotes much of his time to coaching both players and referees. How many remember his famous ex-school boys XV. he once brought to Bath and how many have heard our last week's captain, John Roberts, sing about Neath? Here's his effort.

"I have a brother Keith
Who plays outside half for Neath,
And they think so much about him
That they always play without him."
Was you ever seen etc.

I predict John will be in good form both this afternoon and this evening.

LAST WEEK

The result of the game at Blackheath last week was the biggest surprise we have had or shall have this season. In all fairness let it be said at once that the Irish had absentees as well as Bath. There was no doubt at all that Bath deserved to win and where all must have done so well there is no need to individualise but it must be recorded that the pro. tem. captain John Roberts was the proudest man of the lot. There is no truth in the rumour that H. B. Toft was told off to watch Joe. Bailey had he been playing wing forward to-day. An equally good victory was that at Portsmouth the week before where the fourteen did so well and the captain Alec Lewis played the game of his life. Certainly the responsibilities of captain have not affected him or his play. Taking all things together, it is a long time since Bath had a better side than now and never perhaps have there been a happier crowd of fellows.

1912-13

I have been asked to give the team playing under Norman Coates' captaincy in 1912-13. Here it is. C. Whittaker, A. F. Kitching, A. Blanchard, N. H. Coates, V. H. M. Coates, A. Hatherill, W. Fear, A. J. Ford, E. Russell, W. H. Royal, C. Fisher, S. Harris, F. J. Cashnella, S. Head, A. Carpenter. A tough lot? Yes! and everyone living in Bath.

NEXT WEEK

Once again the "Belles of St. Mary" will be with us next week and although they will have no Owen-Smith, Gerry's friend with them as they had in 34-35, they will bring a side who will give us a good open game and it is fully expected that a big crowd will gather for the Bath side will presumably be very much like that which performed the miracle last week for of course there are county games. And here, the first chance I have had let me congratulate Tom Smith on his selection for Somerset. They tell me his father was delighted but no more than Bath club members who have watched him this season. The Somerset v. Dorset and Wilts. game is on the Police ground at Taunton at 2.45 and here A. Lewis, T. Smith, Guy Addenbrooke and John Dingle will be on the Somerset side and Trefor Lewis and Glyn John on the other. Our heartiest congratulations to our John Dingle! E.