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(6) G. R. STEVENSON

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Sep	5	Chippenham	a	23	3	Jan	2	Leicester	h				
	8	Newbury	a	10	0		9	London Welsh	a				
	12	Leicester	a	6	24		16	Cardiff	h				
	17	Nim Hall's Internat. XV.	h	10	19		23	St. Mary's Hospital	a				
	19	Weston-super-Mare	h	15	3		30	Exeter	a				
	26	Devonport Services	h	14	0								
Oct	1	Bridgwater	a	3	13	Feb	6	Neath	h				
	3	Llanelli	a	3	6		13	Gloucester	a				
	10	St. Mary's Hospital	h				20	London Irish	a				
	17	Bristol	a				27	Wasps	a				
	24	Richmond	h			Mar	6	Bristol	h				
	31	Harlequins	a				13	Swansea	a				
Nov	7	United Services	h				20	Newbridge	h				
	14	Saracens	a				27	Devonport Services	a				
	21	Cheltenham	h			Apr	3	Weston-super-Mare	a				
	28	Rosslyn Park	a				8	Clifton	h				
Dec	5	London Scottish	h				10	Llanelli	h				
	10	R.A.F. Trial XV.	h				15	Harlequins	h				
	12	Gloucester	h				17	Moseley	h				
	19	London Irish	h				19	Old Merchant Taylors	h				
	26	Old Blues	h				24	Bedford	h				
							28	Taunton	a				

ST. MARY'S FROM PADDINGTON.

We welcome St. Mary's today and anticipate our usual good game with them. We know that it will be fast and open as all past games with them have been. They have produced many famous players including N. M. Hall, N. O. Bennett, T. A. Kemp, H. G. O. Owen Smith, E. K. Scott and of course they still have L. B. Cannell. A few seasons ago round about 1945 they were probably the strongest combination in the four counties. In those days they had Nim Hall, outside half and E. K. Scott centre. They won the Hospital Cup and for the fourth time in five years won the Middlesex Sevens. In this competition they gained a comfortable win over Cardiff who had surprised every one by defeating the Kiwis in the semi-final. Established in 1889 St. Mary's have always been in the top flight of London and English sides and are popular everywhere. They run some six or seven fifteens besides one Wednesday side. Last season we won here by 2 goals to 1 penalty goal and away the result was a draw each side getting a goal and a penalty goal, Hopton getting the try and Sullivan the two goals. Only seven who played that day are in Bath's side today, Sullivan, Addenbrooke, Hanna, Hill, Smith, Hopton, and Alec Lewis.

It was on November 26th, 1949 that Les. Moores got 4 penalty goals against St. Mary's which we won by 15 points to 6 without crossing St. Mary's line

OURSELVES.

When today's Bath side became known on Tuesday many must have been surprised. Peter Hardy, Cliff Weston, Geo Sidoli had played in all Bath's 8 games and Frank Thomas had only missed one when injured. The games at Bridgwater and at Llanelli showed that some improvement was needed but that does not mean that the players omitted were the players responsible for anything that went wrong. Our pack, whose praises have been so loudly sung had to play second fiddle at Bridgwater and so they did for three parts of the game at Llanelli. As the book says "The forwards are the key to the game; it is in general, true to say, that a side whose forwards win the forward battle wins the game." It is equally true to say that our forwards more often than not get possession both from lines out and from scrums, but they certainly could take lessons from Bridgwater in effective tackling and in hard and fast following up and backing up. The Selection Committee have certainly "had a go". Now may they have another and give us the best XV. for the great do at Bristol next Saturday.

FRED. HILL.

Wherever we go we hear how well Fred. Hill lasts. He played in two Service Internationals in the 1945-6 season. His first game for Bath was v. Leicester on September 9th, 1950 and his record for us has been 1950-28 games, 1951-34, 1952-37 so that when he came to Leicester with us on September 12th last it was his hundredth game. He didn't remind us so we did not celebrate.

ROBIN OWEN.

Lt. Col. R. W. Owen, Robin's father, writes that Robin was due to arrive in Korea on the 8th,—last Thursday. He says "He will greatly miss his rugger with your club of which he was very fond." And many of our members, especially the ladies would like him to know, they were, and still are, very fond of him.

TODAY'S COLLECTION.

The collection at half time this afternoon is for the BATH Fund for the Blind and it is hoped our followers will support it as well as they did last season. E