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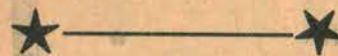


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Scrum Half * (7) V. DAVIES

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1952				For	Ag't	1953		For	Ag't		
Sep	6	Chippenham and Dist.	a	40	3	Jan	3	Leicester	h	5	8
	13	Leicester	a	3	9		10	London Welsh	h	6	5
	18	Rugby Mem. Match	h	9	10		17	Cardiff	h	3	16
	20	Weston-S-Mare	h	8	3		24	St. Mary's Hospital	a	8	8
	24	Clifton	a	3	3		31	Cheltenham	a	6	11
	27	Devonport Services	a	11	3						
	29	Penzance & Newlyn	a	8	9	Feb	7	Newbridge	a	5	9
	30	St. Ives	a	—	—		14	Metropolitan Police	h	—	—
Oct	4	Llanely	h	3	25		21	London Irish	a	3	3
	11	Bridgwater	a	10	8		28	Wasps	h	8	19
	18	Bristol	h	9	3						
	25	St. Mary's Hospital	h	10	3	Mar	7	Bristol	a	0	17
Nov	1	United Services (Ports.)	a	13	13		14	Swansea	h	—	—
	8	Old Paulines	h	26	5		21	Neath	a	—	—
	15	London Irish	h	5	0		28	Taunton	a	—	—
	22	Exeter	h	3	3	Apr	2	Harlequins	h	—	—
	29	Harlequins	a	3	11		4	London Scottish	h	—	—
Dec	6	London Scottish	a	—	—		6	Old Merchant Taylors	h	—	—
	13	Gloucester	a	3	11		11	Llanely	a	—	—
	20	Saracens	h	6	0		18	Devonport Services	h	—	—
	26	Old Blues	h	8	0		23	Gloucester	h	—	—
	27	Weston-S-Mare	a	6	0		25	Moseley	a	—	—

THE 'ALL WHITES' FROM WALES.

We are pleased to welcome Swansea today and trust we shall be able to for many years to come. They are undoubtedly the most famous of all Welsh clubs and their ground, St. Helens, the most talked of. Today it will be packed for the Wales v. Ireland game. This season Swansea have no especially outstanding players, but some of the most famous players the game has produced have come from them, the two Bancrofts, two James, Ivor Morgan, Dicky Owen, R. Jones, Willie Trew and more recently Claud Davey to name a few. Dicky Owen heads the list of Welsh caps with 35, then come W. J. Bancroft with 33 and Willie Trew with 29 and these three look like topping the list for many years.

Swansea were last here on March 10th, 1951, our record season, when we just managed to win by a goal and a penalty to two tries. John Roberts got the try and Alec Lewis the goals. The team was L. Moores, R. Hambly, R. Todd, G. Addenbrooke, B. French, K. Wilcox, N. Halse, J. Roberts, F. Carey, T. Smith, D. Mattingley, A. Todd, J. Dingle, T. Lewis and A. Lewis. The team Bath are fielding today certainly looks a strong one, but will they do as well? Last season at St. Helens, on March 8th, we did remarkably well to lose by two tries to Alec's penalty goal.

NEXT WEEK.

If it's 'All Whites' today it will be 'All Blacks' next week for we are due at the Gnoll to meet another of Wales' strongest sides in Neath. It is so long since we were there that it's safe to say that no one playing today has ever played for Bath there. In pre-war days we were often there and always thoroughly enjoyed our visits for the Neath people are good entertainers as well of course as excellent rugbyites. Neath were here on November 18th, 1950, when we just lost by Trevor Lewis's try to one pen. goal, one try. The Bath side was M. Bailey, R. Hambly, C. Howell, G. Addenbrooke, W. Donnelly, Glyn John, M. Hanna, J. Roberts, F. Hill, T. Smith, G. Brown, J. Dingle, T. Lewis, A. Todd, A. Lewis.

LAST WEEK.

Just a line—we met the best Bristol side we have seen for years—better in fact than the one which put 4 g. 1 p.g. I try to nil across us on 18th, October, 1947.

LES. CUTLER.

Today, presumably, will be the last 1st XV, match at which the Chairman, Leslie Cutler, will be on duty. He has rendered the club excellent service since he rejoined the Committee in 1947. No one has done more and many, many times in committee we have heard "I'll see to it" from him and he always has done. He will be greatly missed not only by the club but by all the rugby organisations in the district, for he was an enthusiastic worker for every one of them. In his playing days, the early 30's, he captained Bath Extras, when he was as popular as he is now. On 21st March, 1931, his Extras beat Yeovil 'A' by 11 goals 5 tries, 70 pts. to 1 p. goal. Leslie himself got two tries and Joe Bailey's big brother Sam kicked the eleven goals. Here is Les's XV. S. Bailey, S. Penney, A. Lye, F. S. Le M. James, J. Stevens, F. Lee, A. J. Hutchinson, A. L. Cutler, H. Davies, A. Koney, A. Sealy, F. Holmes, R. Redfern, J. Beer and A. Cleaves. And now all we can do is to thank him and wish him all the best and every success in his new venture, not forgetting Mrs. and Miss, both of whom have done no end for the club in pushing the sale of programmes.

ALBY: PADFIELD.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. A. E. Padfield who has brought honour to Bath and his society by his appointment to referee the County Championships match at Bradford. He is certainly following in his late father's footsteps, for he it was who had charge of Les. Cutler's 70 pts. affair mentioned above.