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1953		For		Ag't		1954		For		Ag't	
Sep	5	Chippennam	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	Feb	6	Neath	h		
Oct	1	Bridgwater	a	3	13		13	Gloucester	a		
	3	Llanelli	a	3	6		20	London Irish	a		
	10	St. Mary's Hospital	h	10	6		27	Wasps	a		
	17	Bristol	a	11	17	Mar	6	Bristol	h		
	24	Richmond	h	0	3		13	Swansea	a		
	31	Harlequins	a	0	11		20	Newbridge	h		
Nov	7	United Services	h	6	0		27	Devonport Services	a		
	14	Saracens	a	3	3	Apr	3	Weston-super-Mare	a		
	21	Cheltenham	h	6	6		8	Clifton	h		
	28	Rosslyn Park	a	3	0		10	Llanelli	h		
Dec	5	London Scottish	h	6	8		15	Harlequins	h		
	10	R.A.F. Trial XV.	h	14	3		17	Moseley	h		
	12	Gloucester	h	6	9		19	Old Merchant Taylors	h		
	19	London Irish	h				24	Bedford	h		
	26	Old Blues	h				28	Taunton	a		

THE WEARERS OF THE GREEN.

The Irish are certain to give us a hard and fast game today for they are having a good season, having so far won 7, drawn 3 and lost 5 with 125 points for and 84 against. We welcome them today and trust they will enjoy their visit. Last season we managed to win here by a goal to nil, Thomas scoring and Sullivan converting while when we visited them in February the result was a draw, each getting a penalty goal, ours by Alec. In 51-52 we lost in town in February by 1 penalty goal and a try to nil. This, by the way, was Cliff Weston's first game for Bath. At home, with England playing Scotland we won rather easily 3 goals to a try, Sullivan of course got the goals and Addenbrooke, Meek and Tom Smith the tries. And in 50-51 we brought off the double 11 nil in town and 5-0 here. Today, we certainly shall be fully extended and shall naturally miss Alec and Kendall Carpenter.

LAST WEEK.

We were indeed unlucky, but it will be agreed that ours was an exceptionally good performance to hold Gloucester as we did. Admitted Gloucester were superior outside but our forwards saw to it that—at any rate before Alec left—they were not allowed much of the ball. Even when Alec had gone our seven were still on top and even when six were by no means vanquished. It was real bad luck for Alec but it's good to know that the damage is not so bad as it looked when he was helped off. The next English trial is at Twickenham on January 2nd and Alec hopes to be there. Hancock's injury too, was most unfortunate and although no bone is broken, torn ligaments will take some time to get right. All we can now do is to extend to him our sympathy with the hope that he will not be too long out of harness.

OUR UNITED.

Bob Ball and his boys are still doing great. They will be up against it today at Wellington but will probably pull through for they were strongly represented. On Boxing Day they will be at Salisbury where they certainly will have to give of their best. Of their visit to Gloucester, Arthur Hudson said they gave a good show and certainly did not deserve to lose. Now they are doing so well perhaps it is a pity we do not see more of them on the Rec. There will however, be plenty of opportunity in the new year.

WALES AND NEW ZEALAND.

Opinions seem to vary as to what the result of the Arms Park game will be today. Wales have won the last two games, there against New Zealand in 1905 by 1 try and in 1935 by 2 goals, 1 try to a goal, a drop goal and a try. In 1919 at Swansea, New Zealand Military Team won by 2 penalty goals to 1 penalty goal and in 1924 at Swansea, New Zealand won properly by 3 goals (1 penalty), 2 tries to nil.

Boxing Day, Bath v. Old Blues, Kick off at 2.45 p.m. Collection at half time for the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

The Compliments of the Season

to all our members and followers.

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