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That Stroud should visit us at such short notice is indeed cause for IMMENSE gratitude. Not for some six weeks have we had the opportunity of seeing any senior action on The Rec; and goodness, are we not pleased to have the men of Stroud with us this evening.

You know, Bath and Stroud have not met for dozens of years. And yet, they rank among our oldest contestants, with fixtures between the two clubs, reaching back well into the last Century.

So, tonight there is a little touch of history to savour.

A word or two more therefore on our Gloucestershire visitors: situated a mere eight miles south of Gloucester City itself, the Stroud rugby family knows a fair quantity about the oval-ball game. Their fixture list is good-to-strong, with Bristol, amongst others, a frequent visitor to the Stroud ground.

The Stroud ground? Well, it is one of the very best for miles around and certainly one of the most attractive. And theirs is a rugby set-up worth looking at (believe you me).

Remember Bath centre John Donovan (he partnered Geoff Frankcom in the Sixties)? Well, this one-time stalwart on The Rec has had a hand in the Stroud training scene in recent years, and reports have it that the Gloucestershire lads are hard, fit and good runners with the ball.

Stroud, you're very welcome on The Rec.

H.W.B.

This is the first programme to be published since that for the Royal Air Force game on February 5th—some six weeks ago—with the only 1st XV games played in that period being those against Moseley and London Welsh in the Cup. A very sincere thank you is due to everyone who supported the team in those games. "Have Cup, Will Travel", seems to be the theme of our John Player Special Cup campaign this season. Our semi-final opponents will not be known until after the quarter-final games on this coming Saturday, March 22nd. As soon as we know our ticket allocation and prices, arrangements for sales will be announced. Likewise, supporters' coaches will also be arranged.

Since the last game here all that time ago, the Club book entitled "Gladiators of a Roman City, a History of Bath Football Club" has been published which tells the story of the Club from the beginning right up to date. The book is now available at a cost of £4.50 from the Club Shop this evening and also from:

Blackett Press Ltd. Fyson & Co. Ltd. Lansdown Brokerage John Moore (Sports) Ltd.

A most worthwhile acquisition for your bookshelf!

Apart from the games here with Exeter University on Thursday evening and Richmond on Saturday, the Youth XV will be playing their game with Gloucester Youth on the Rec. tomorrow evening.

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