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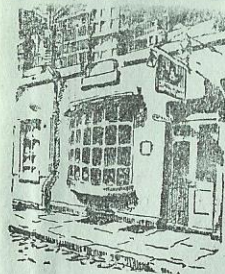
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(5) D. REID

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Stand-off-Half \* (6) M. WILKINS

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Forwards

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Left Wing

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Left Centre

(3) J. R. DOLMAN

Right Centre

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Right Wing

Half-Backs

Stand-off-Half \* (6) J. T. H. THOMAS

Scrum Half (7) G. H. DREWETT

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### **"TANTON! ZUMMERZET"**

It was in 1948 that we resumed fixtures after a lapse of many years, indeed before then we had not met the County Town men since the bad old days of the Somerset Cup. How many remember when on their ground we met Bridgwater Town in the semi-final and were defeated by Jack Pippin's try, scored in the corner in the twilight, after first drawing with no score and then going on again to play another ten minutes each way. Perhaps the cup days were "bad old days," but those games did work up enthusiasm, and we have never taken away such a crowd of followers as we did that day.

But it's Taunton we welcome to-day, and are confident they will give us a good game, as they invariably have done for the last eight years.

Here are the past results:—

1948. Bath 12: Taunton 3. 1949. Taunton 6: Bath 14. 1950. Bath 11: Taunton 6. 1951. Taunton 6: Bath 11. 1952. Bath 3: Taunton 0. 1953. Taunton 0: Bath 6. 1954. Taunton 5: Bath 15. 1955. Bath 16: Taunton 0. 1955-56. Taunton 14: Bath 0.

Which all means that our visitors to-day have only won once, and that was last season, when our team was: Sullivan, Hickley, French, Dawe, Rees, C. Weston, Drewett, Smith, Clements, Thomas, Roberts, Bethell, McCrindle, Heirdon, Peasley. A strange looking Bath side, of whom only Drewett, Smith, Thomas, Roberts and Peasley are playing to-day.

In to-day's Taunton team are five county players in Pike, Wilkins, Mildon, Jordan and Telling. In connection with county affairs, the scrum half position will be closely watched, R. Mildon and our Gordon Drewett in opposition. After Mildon's recall in the last county game Bath people have had a lot to say, and to-day's game should show whether they have been justified or not in thinking as they did.

### **NEXT WEEK.**

We shall be at Richmond Athletic ground next week, meeting London Scottish. Kick-off at 2.30. Group Capt. E. G. Northway, C.B.E. (Ned), the Secretary of the Richmond Athletic Group, writes: "Dear Eddie, I am looking forward to seeing you all. Bring your strongest side, as London Scottish are playing well now."

Ned, of course, will be remembered as playing centre or outside half for Bath and the United, and one of the soundest players the Bath C.C. had. That was in S.G.U.'s time, and he and Ned were the closest of friends, indeed they were rarely seen one without the other.

Last season against the Scottish we lost here by 2 pen. goals, 6, to 1 goal, 1 drop goal, 1 try, 11, while on our last visit to them, the season before, the score was London Scottish 2 goals, 4 tries, 22, Bath 2 tries, 6, by Collins and Addenbrooke.

### **THE TRIAL AT BRISTOL.**

Quite naturally our Bristol friends are out to make a huge success of the Trial next week, and have asked us to make the following announcement:—

The first Rugby Union Trial Match, Whites v. Colours, will be played at the Memorial Ground, Bristol, on Saturday next. Kick-off off 2.15. Admission: Ground 2/-. Enclosure 3/-. Wing Stand 5/-. Children half-price to ground and enclosure. Wing stand seats can be booked at Harris's Sports Dépôt, 37 St. Stephen's Street, Bristol 1.

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