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* C. A. Burrough		* G. Adams		* J. Messer			
K. Weiss (Capt.)		L. Harding					
R. Speke							
Referee: Mr. D. Bradfield Bath Soc.				Kick-off 2.30 p.m.			
Lt. (E) Orr-Ewing		Forwards N. A. Mitchell		S/Lt. Wooding			
P.O. Wragg		N. A. Russell		C.P.O. Williams		S/Lt. Wilson	
Stand Off Half Lt. Crawford		C.P.O. Lucas (Capt.)		L.R.E.M. Kershaw			
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1947		For	Ag't	1948		For	Ag't
Sept. 13	Avonvale	h	13	3	Jan. 3	Avon Rowing Club	h
20	Chippenham	h	13	11	10	H.M.S. Royal Arthur	a
27	Yeovil	a	0	11	17	Yeovil	h
Oct. 4	Avon Rowing Club	a	8	3	24	Stothert & Pitt R.F.C.	h
11	H.M.S. Royal Arthur	h	38	5	31	Cleve	a
18	Bristol United	h	17	11	Feb. 7	Stothert & Pitt R.F.C.	a
25	Bristol Imperial	a	0	12	14	Gloucester United	h
Nov. 1	B.A.C.	a	10	13	21	Newport H. School O.B.	a
8	Combe Down	a	8	3	28	Listers	n
15	Gloucester United	a	9	3	Mar. 6	Bristol United	a
22	Berkshire Wanderers	h	6	5	13	Chippenham	a
29	Cleve	h	18	3	20	Berkshire Wanderers	a
Dec. 6	Listers	a	34	3	27	Combe Down	h
13	R.N.A.S. Yeovilton	h			Apr. 3	Clifton A.	h
20	B.A.C.	h			10	Bristol Imperial	h
27	Newport H. School O.B.	h			17	Avonvale	a

Not since Oct. 25th have the United been on view on the "Rec." On that day they had a glorious victory over Bristol United, but since that their fortune has fluctuated a little. Two defeats in a row, against the Bristol Imperial and B.A.C. were followed by five victories, the most notable of which was the win against Gloucester United at Kingsholm on Nov. 15th.

If they turn out as selected to-day and if they reproduce their recent form, spectators will, it is imagined, be impressed by the great pack. Last week at Dursley the pack weighed nearly three-quarters of a ton, and not only was it a weighty pack - there was plenty of brains there as well.

The complete record will be found elsewhere, but the victories are such, that it is time that the Club seriously contemplated a stronger fixture list, something more on the lines of that previous year. True it is the local clubs of Bath and Bristol which have run the United closest, but there is a reason for this which is not always appreciated. To those who are privileged to see them every week it has become increasingly obvious that the smaller pitches which are so often played on in junior "rugger" affects the United's play considerably. The other sides do not worry about it so much as they rarely play on anything else.

One thing however is certain, and that is, as a second string the United have players suitable to fill almost any vacancy that should occur in the first XV, without seriously affecting the premier side's strength.

Right from fullback, where Peter Adams, very "green" at the beginning of the season, but now giving promise as a player who may go far, through the threes' and halves to the beef of the front row of Speke, Northam & Co., (to say nothing of those who had to stand down this week, or who were not selected on Monday, like Bob Ball and John Saunders), there is material which can help Bath to the top again.

John de Wolf has intimated his desire to relinquish the captaincy through his inability to play regularly, and he will be missed. Ken Weiss has deputised for him a good deal lately and very successfully.

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