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Sept. 13 Avonv	ale h	13	3	Jan. 3	Avon Rowing Club	h	
20 Chipp		13	11	10	H.M S. Royal Arthur	a	
27 Yeovil	a	0	11	17	Yeovil		
Oct. 4 Avon	Rowing Club a	8	3 1		Stothert & Pitt R.F.C.	h	
	Royal Arthur h	38	5	31	Cleve	a	
	United h	17	11	Feb. 7	Stothert & Pitt R.F.C.	a	
25 Bristo	Imperial a	0	12	14	Gloucester United	h	
Nov. I B.A.C.		10	13	- 21		3. a	
	e Down a	8	3	28	Listers "	n	
	ester United a		3	Mar. 6	Bristol United	a	
	ire Wanderers h	9 6 18	5	13	Chippenham	a	
29 Cleve	h	18	3	20		a	
Dec. 6 Listers		34	3	27	Combe Down	h	
	S. Yeovilton h	18	19	Apr. 3	Clifton A.	h	
20 B.A.C.		12	15	10		h	
	ort H. School O.B. h	3	0	17	Avonvale	a	

Local Sides

There has always been controversy as to whether the United should play local sides. In fact, just prior to the war they played none.

But the fact remains that the junior teams are the life blood of the game. Whether from the schools, public or otherwise, or from the small clubs which abound (in the west of England in particular), the players in first class XV's all came from one or the other, and so it is upon them that we, who are privileged to see most of the finest players in the country, rely.

Junior rugger has always had a stronghold in Bath, but clubs all have their ups and downs and the junior clubs are no exception.

Probably the most famous of Bath junior clubs was the Oldfield Park Club. In the 1900's this club could, and did, play first class sides. Then in the period between the two wars we watched the ascendancy of clubs like Walcot, Combe Down and Avonvale, we saw rugger adopted at the K.E.S. and C.B.B.S. and the consequent formation of teams like the Old Sulians and Old Edwardians.

About that time, too, came into being the Avon R. C., our visitors today, and the "Rowing Men" have, from the start, been one of the most popular sides in the district, and it is to their eternal credit that the chaps who play for Avon usually are loyal to their club for many years. They thus have a team spirit second to none, and they try to play the open game which the crowd loves.

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