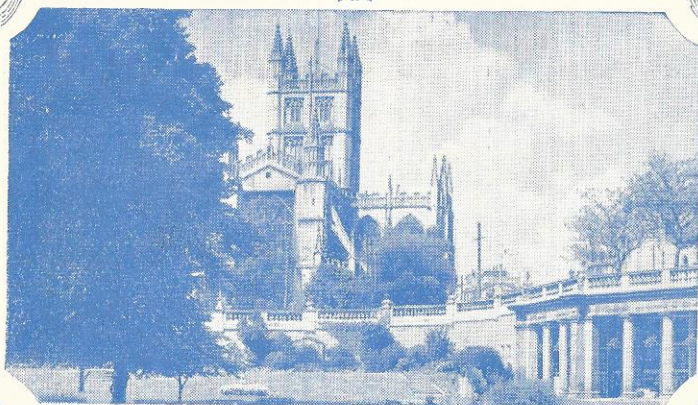


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The Rugby Season in Bath is once again to open with an outstanding Match between our own Club and an International team led by Mr. J. Mc G. Kendall-Carpenter.

It is my privilege, as Mayor, to welcome this side to Bath and to commend to the public the Memorial Fund for Rugby players of Bath who gave their lives in the war, and which will benefit from the proceeds of this Match.

It is with great regret that a previous civic engagement makes it impossible for me to be present. I feel sure, however, that there will be a capacity gate to share with my Deputy, Mr. Councillor Pearson, some first-class football, and to augment greatly the funds of this excellent cause.

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It is with mixed feelings that I write these few lines for the Souvenir Programme—with pride that, as past President, I have been called upon to do so and with sincere regret that your ruling President is absent in the United States and unable to attend this evening's great game. The Memorial Fund matches have now become a regular feature of the season's programme. We have had three magnificent displays of all that is best in rugby football already and I am certain that, once again, we are in for a treat. And once more (amidst the pleasures and excitements of the evening) let us remember those to whom the Memorial Fund is dedicated—the Bath and District players who laid down their lives in the recent war. Let us keep their memory as green as the turf on which they played.

Finally, a word about our President. Time rolls on and to each man the heroes are of his own generation. There may be quite a number present this evening who did not see Jim Pitman in action. I can assure them he was a great hearted player. Taking up the game comparatively late in his athletic career it is only natural that some of the finer points escaped him. He made up for this with his amazing speed, devastating side-step and—above all—his tremendous “go for the line” courage. Some of the tries he scored for Bath will never be forgotten by those who saw and cheered them. The Club is fortunate in having as their president an ex-player, an ex-captain, the only Bath-born player to gain an English cap in fifty years and an “out and out sportsman”.

A.R.

BATH FOOTBALL CLUB.

We are indeed grateful to Mr. Alec Lewis, our ex-captain and latest International for the amount of work he must have put in to get together this team of stars of the rugby world who are to entertain us this evening.

To Mr. J. Mc G. Kendall Carpenter we extend our very best thanks for consenting to captain the side and to lead them on the field for what will be another of our Memorial Fund games.

It will be the fourth of the series and what great games they have been! It may not be generally known, that after all we are indebted to our immediate past president for these games for he it was who started the ball rolling back in '49. He very much regrets that pressure of business keeps him from being with us this evening.

Our Internationals.

The following are the Internationals associated with Bath.
English.

1872 F. B. G. D'Aguilar,	1882 H. G. Fuller,
1893 F. Soane,	1904 N. Moore,
1913 V. H. M. Coates,	1922 I. J. Pitman,
1925 S. G. U. Considine,	1932 R. A. Gerrard
	1952 A. O. Lewis.

With fourteen games R. A. Gerrard held the record for the most appearances.

Welsh

1893 F. C. Parfitt,	1893 Norman Biggs,
1895 Selwyn Biggs,	1908 P. D. Waller.

Scotch

1931 D. Crichton Miller,	1947 I. J. M. Lumsden.
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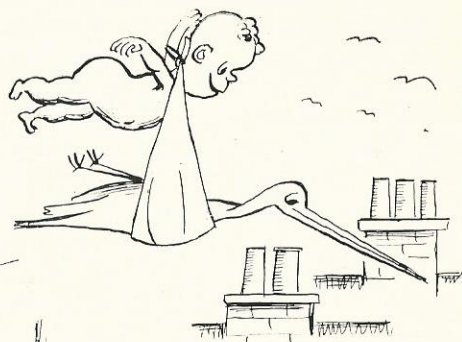
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1879 J. D'Aguilar,	1882 H. G. Fuller,
1896 F. Soane,	1905 J. T. Timmins,
1908 J. T. Timmins,	1911 V. H. M. Coates,
1920 P. P. Hope,	1927 H. B. L. Wake
1931 N. W. Matthews	1933—39 R. A. Gerrard,
1945 J. H. Bailey,	1946 I. J. M. Lumsden,
1948 K. O'Shaughnessy,	1949 A. H. Burcombe,
	1951 A. O. Lewis.

Established in 1865, Bath is one of the oldest clubs in the country, there are only half a dozen older—Blackheath, Civil Service, Darlington, Guy's Hospital, Manchester and Sale.

And rugby in Bath and District was never stronger or more popular than it is today. There are eight clubs and four schools affiliated directly to the Rugby Football Union and sixteen clubs and five schools to the Somerset R. U., while there are twelve referees, members of the Somerset Referees' Society.

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Trials and Internationals.

December 6th	Whites v. Colours at Workington.
December 20th	Probables v. Possibles at Exeter.
January 3rd	England v. Rest at Twickenham.
January 17th	England v. Wales at Cardiff.
February 14th	England v. Ireland at Dublin.
February 28th	England v. France at Twickenham.
March 21st	England v. Scotland at Twickenham.

Saturday next, September 20th Bath v. Weston-Super-Mare,
Kick Off 3.15 p.m.

Monday next, September 22nd Bath Combination v. Cardiff
Union, Kick Off 6.15 p.m.

Thursday next, September 25th Bath Old Edwardians v. Old
Edwardians from Birmingham, Kick Off 6.0 p.m.

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