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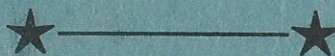


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1953				For	Ag't	1954				For	Ag't
Sep	5	Chispenham	a	23	3	Jan	2	Leicester	h		
"	8	Newbury	a	10	0	"	9	London Welsh	a		
"	12	Leicester	a	6	24	"	16	Cardiff	h		
"	17	Nirn Hall's Internat. XV.	h	10	19	"	23	St. Mary's Hospital	a		
"	19	Weston-super-Mare	h	15	3	"	30	Exeter	a		
"	26	Devonport Services	h	14	0	Feb	6	Neath	h		
Oct	1	Bridgwater	a	3	13	"	13	Gloucester	a		
"	3	Llanelli	a	3	6	"	20	London Irish	a		
"	10	St. Mary's Hospital	h	10	6	"	27	Wasps	a		
"	17	Bristol	a	11	17	Mar	6	Bristol	h		
"	24	Richmond	h	0	3	"	13	Swansea	a		
"	31	Harlequins	a	0	11	"	20	Newbridge	h		
Nov	7	United Services	h	6	0	"	27	Devonport Services	a		
"	14	Saracens	a	3	3	Apr	3	Weston-super-Mare	a		
"	21	Cheltenham	h	6	6	"	8	Clifton	h		
"	28	Rosslyn Park	a	3	0	"	10	Llanelli	h		
Dec	5	London Scottish	h	6	8	"	15	Harlequins	h		
"	10	R.A.F. Trial XV.	h	14	3	"	17	Moseley	h		
"	12	Gloucester	h	6	9	"	19	Old Merchant Taylors	h		
"	19	London Irish	h	9	3	"	24	Bedford	h		
"	26	Old Blues	h			"	28	Taunton	a		

THE OLD BLUES.

Once more we extend to our visitors a real Christmas welcome. It is many years now since they first came—it was as long ago as 1920 and with the exception of the war years they have been here as regular as clockwork and have always been as "welcome as the flowers in May". Here is the Bath side they ran up against in those almost prehistoric days. C. Whittaker, P. P. Hope, A. Woodward, H. Richardson, A. E. Anderson, A. E. Morgan, H. Vowles, S. G. U. Considine, L. J. Richardson, F. Russell, C. Mannings, G. Woodward, J. Pope, H. Kyrke and H. Loader. Dr. W. H. Royal, who by the way, was watching our game last Saturday, would have been playing for he was vice-captain to Philip Hope, but he was injured a few weeks previously. It is worthy of note that Bert. Anderson is still very actively associated with us and rendering excellent service.

ALEC AND JOHN.

Our heartiest congratulations to our two Internationals on being selected again for England next Saturday. May they both have good games so that it will be certain that they will be at Twickenham again to meet Wales. It will be Alec's third against the Welshmen and Kendall's fourth. He missed the Welsh game in 1951.

THE YOUNG IDEA.

Those of us who saw young Royston Collins in the R.A.F. game a few weeks ago will have no doubts about his doing well today. He has played some one or two real good games for the United and has very much improved their back division play. Today's game seems just the one to give him a further trial and everyone will wish him well. Young Fred. Book, who comes into the pack for the first time has been doing well for the United and certainly deserves promotion. Tom. Hicks knows a player when he sees one and he strongly recommends Book.

THE WESTON BROTHERS.

For the first time for many years there will be brothers in the Bath First XV. on Monday at Bristol. Young Brian Weston at outside half should certainly do well, for, as every one who has seen him knows, he certainly "has it" in him. This Bristol game should be a real grand 'open sporting affair and will probably draw a big "all pay" gate.

OTHER BROTHERS.

The Weston Bros. are by no means the first to appear together in the premier XV. Here are just a few who come to mind. The Soanes', Belson's, Moneypenny's, Vincent's, Purcell's, Long's, Timmin's, Edwards', Coates', Hope's, Considine's, Russell's, Burt's, Hatherell's, Woodward's, Richardson's, Wilkins' and Matthews' and it's more than likely Tommy Davis could add to this lot.

THE COLLECTION.

At this festive season our collection could not be given to a more worthy cause. The British Empire Cancer Campaign, and it is hoped our supporters and followers will make it a really worth while effort.

Monday—here—Bath United v. Bristol United at 2.45 p.m.

Next Saturday, at 2.45 p.m. Bath v. Leicester when let us all meet on the Rec. to wish each other a real prosperous and happy New Year. E.