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ALL of us extend a hearty welcome to C. R. Wordsworth. Although he has only been with us a few weeks he has made himself popular with you and all of us. We are indeed fortunate to have his services for undoubtedly he is a sterling forward and his experience is bound to be of great value. As you are aware C. R. Wordsworth has entered the business of Messrs. E. S. & A. Robinson, and we are lucky he should be with such a sporting firm. He started playing at Marlborough College in 1916, and Captained the College XV in 1919-20. From there he migrated to Oxford University, and he had the honour of playing against Cambridge three times. On two occasions, 1922 and 1923 he was on the winning side and led the forwards. Of course you know he Captained Oxford in 1923. He played for Somerset v. All Blacks last September, and led the "Rest" forwards v. England in December, when the Rest won. You see from this how fortunate we are to have his services. In all C. R. Wordsworth played 55 times for his University and was on the losing side on 15 occasions only. We recall the magnificent side Oxford had when they visited us on October 24th, 1923, and naturally Wordsworth is proud he Captained such a side. He is now one of us, and already he has made hosts of friends here, and you and I assure him the more he knows Bristol the better he will like it and the better we shall like him.



C. R. WORDSWORTH.

THE OMISSION.

The letter 'R' is omitted in Turner in one programme. If you have bought that programme there's a five bob prize awaiting you, also Complimentary tickets to Zetland Road or Cheltenham Road Picture House awaiting you. Lucky chap!

OUR VISITORS AND FRIENDS.

To-day we have one of our tit-bits and we shall all be recounting the great struggles now gone but never forgotten. There's something alluring about these games—somebody has to be disappointed, and honestly, I think we have been on most occasions. The present Gloucester side is recovering and promises to maintain the best traditions of the club. We welcome a few new faces, and especially Tommy Joyce, Tommy Millington, Frank Ayliffe and Part Hall—splendid sportsmen. The magnificent sum the town and club raised for the widow of poor Stanley Bayliss just shows Rugby Football means more than a game played on a Saturday, and we must feel proud of the effort. Let us give you the results of the matches played in the last three seasons, for our memories are very shallow.

1921-2—Home, Gloucester won 14 pts. to 6. At Gloucester, Gloucester won 15 pts. to 9.

1922-3—At Gloucester, Gloucester won 8 pts to 4. Home, Draw 3 points.

1923-4—Home, Gloucester won 3 pts to 0. At Gloucester, Gloucester won 11 pts. to 6.

1924-5—At Gloucester, Bristol won 12 pts to 10. Home, ? ? ?

May we have a jolly good game and the best team win!

WITH THE JUNIORS.

We understand the trial games played last Saturday revealed some splendid material. There is keen competition to get into the XV to meet those famous Neath ex-Schoolboys on the 21st and a final trial will be played next Saturday: Jimmy Oates will ref. Also excitement is intense in our Schools over the coming Semi-Final for the Cup. The following schools are left in: Castle v. North Street, Redcliff v. Stokes Croft. You need have no fear about the future of Rugby in Bristol.

Fixtures and Results to date.

DATE	OPPONENTS.	Where Played	Result	POINTS		DATE.	OPPONENTS.	Where Played	Result	POINTS	
				FOR	A.					FOR	A.
1924						1925					
Sept. 13	Cinderford	Home	W	20	3	Jan. 3	Cardiff	Home	—	—	—
" 20	Cardiff	Away	L	0	3	" 10	Guy's Hospital	Away	L	0	3
" 27	Newport	Away	L	10	13	" 12	St. Bart's Hospital	Away	L	0	11
Oct. 4	Gloucester	Away	W	12	10	" 17	The Army	Home	L	3	14
" 11	Devonport Services	Home	W	8	0	" 29	Royal Air Force	Home	W	27	8
" 18	Guy's Hospital	Home	W	22	11	" 31	Newport	Home	W	8	0
" 22	Oxford University	Away	L	6	33	Feb. 4	Cambridge University	Away	L	3	18
" 25	Gloucester v. Devon	Home	W	33	6	" 7	Old Blues	Home	L	6	12
Nov. 1	Devonport Services	Away	—	—	—	" 14	Swansea	Away	W	8	3
" 8	Roslyn Park	Home	W	35	0	" 21	London Scottish	Away	L	3	8
" 15	St. Bart's Hospital	Home	W	27	0	" 28	Richmond	Home	W	9	0
" 22	Clifton	Away	W	13	3	Mar. 7	Gloucester	Home	—	—	—
" 29	Gloucester v. Somerset	Away	W	18	11	" 11	United Services	Away	—	—	—
" 29	Combined Services XV.	Home	W	10	6	" 14	Pontypool	Away	—	—	—
Dec. 6	Bath	Home	L	7	11	" 21	Blackheath	Away	—	—	—
" 13	Clifton	Home	W	16	5	" 25	Cardiff	Home	—	—	—
" 20	Gloucester v. Cornwall	Away	W	6	5	" 29	Old Merchant Taylors	Home	—	—	—
" 20	Leicester	Away	L	6	23	April 4	Harlequins	Away	—	—	—
" 26	Pontypool	Home	W	14	6	" 8	London Irish	Home	—	—	—
" 27	Swansea	Home	D	3	3	" 11	Leicester	Home	—	—	—
						" 13	Bedford	Home	—	—	—
						" 14	London Welsh	Home	—	—	—
						" 18	Bath	Away	—	—	—



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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Inquisitive.—The answers to Nos. 1 and 5 are No; to No. 3 and 4, Yes; and No. 2, doubtful.

Phyllis.—Reg. is not married; Sam is nearly.

J. Corbett.—Yes, we also sympathise with you in Yorkshire losing. Of course Leicestershire had all the luck!

A Mite.—Mr. E. S. Bostock-Smith, 7 Rodney Place, Clifton, is the Hon. Treasurer to our Schools' Rugby Union. He will be grateful for your contribution, I'm sure.

Limerick.—You are wrong. Old Judge does not write the Limericks.

Five Bob.—Your editor has never won the five bob prize simply because he does not buy a programme.

Queen Square.—Edward Tucker—scrum half—is cousin to J. A. Tucker.

Shingled.—You are both wrong. Percy parts it through the centre.

Ex-Neath Players.—Of course you are proud of those Neath boys. Rightly so. So are we of our Bristol ex-Schoolboys.

Grand National.—That's jolly good of you to promise a donation to the Junior Rugby Organisation if you back the winner. Your editor has promised to pay the debt off the ground if he wins the "Daily Mail" Hospital Ballot.

Tiger.—We cannot tell you as Leicestershire has not decided the date.

Gloucestershire.—No! Merely playing for a Club in a County does not qualify. We understand the ex-Varsity player you mention plays for Somerset by reason of "adjacency."

Ex-Soccerite.—"Converted" means kicking a goal following a try. It has nothing to do with supporters coming from the other code.

Cricket.—Your idea of covering the pitch should be submitted to a joint committee of the M.C.C., Rugby Union and the Patents Office.

Curiosity Hunter.—Sorry we can't oblige. The torn knickers required were buried under Scottish feet at Old Deer Park.

Kitter.—Yes! So do we. Although his becoming a Master at a College near-by suggests a possibility.

THEN AND NOW.

(You will enjoy this article. It is written by one who follows our Club with keen interest and we hope this will be the first of other such contributions from him.)

When one visits the Memorial Ground of to-day and compares it with the original "Buffalo Bills" field of 30 or more years ago, one realises the great advantage both players and spectators of to-day enjoy over those of the days gone by.

In those distant days the field was used by the Clifton R.F.C. as their playing ground and to reach it one had to pass from the main road, which was then a country road with few houses to be seen, down a short lane which at times became very muddy, through an ordinary five barred gate, which was opened just sufficiently to allow the entry of one person at a time. An elderly gentleman collected the "tanners" and one can imagine the irritation of those eager to gain admission, who were held up whilst change was being given by the old gent in question.

When one entered the field one had an uninterrupted view down the gently sloping field, right away to the South Wales Railway line in the distance. There were no Grand Stand, Flowerpot Stand or Dressing Rooms in those days and the playing area was enclosed with ropes held in position by wooden stakes driven into the ground, yet many fine games between Bristol and Clifton have I witnessed upon that enclosure. I can recall quite vividly the Bristol v. Swinton match played upon the ground (borrowed for the occasion, the County Ground having being given over to Cricket, it being Easter time). The visiting Captain, J. Valentine, who was the International centre three-quarter played a very fine game, as also did H. T. Gamlin, who upon that day played full-back for Bristol. The home team were victorious, a result that aroused the greatest enthusiasm. One also recalls the fact that the late B. W. L. Ashford played his last game for Bristol upon the enclosure, meeting with an accident to his knee which necessitated his final retirement from the game, a loss to the Club which at the time was looked upon as almost irreparable.

The spectator of to-day can only partially realise the enormous labour entailed in bringing about the transformation. The comfort of both players and spectators has been considered to the utmost, and as a spectator who has witnessed many thrilling and enjoyable games upon the field I would like to tender my thanks to the various gentlemen concerned who have made it possible to witness such high class and clean football in our ancient city, and I hope the Bristol R.F.C. will be amongst the leading clubs of the country for many generations to come.

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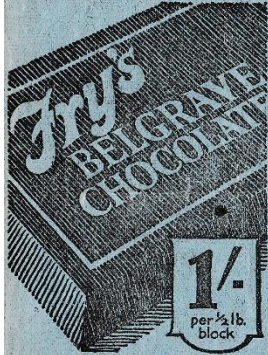
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Referee:
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(Neath).



Kick-off 3.30 p.m.

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