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A FEW NOTES.

We were delighted to have our Chairman with us at our Committee meeting last Monday, but we much miss Uncle Jim. He is slowly returning to good health, and wishes to thank all who have written him during his long illness.

The Committee is considering the best use our reserve ground may be put to. It is proposed to spend a considerable sum on improvements and make it really a first-class ground for our Combination Clubs.

To-day we have the Annual with our pals, Gloucester. Really, there is an excellent feeling between both committees and players, and we earnestly hope for a

real sporty game.

We are hearing a lot lately about "dog fights" in Rugby. Now where is the snag. It is usually started by irresponsible spectators who shout the most absurd epithets at the "ref." and the visitors. Generally, you can count these spectators on your hands, yet they often spoil a game. Honestly, we would rather

spectators on your names, yet they often special galaxies would stay away.

We have the Selection Committee of the Gloucestershire Rugby Union kere to-day. Next Thursday the County play Monmouthshire, at Gloucester. This is a preliminary canter for the strenuous game with Devon on October 25th. Just a reminder—and that is, you can easily reach the ground in plenty of time for the

We are pleased to hear the Old Cathedralians Rugby Club is resuscitated. The Schoolmasters' Cricket Ground has been bought for the Schools and Old Boys' Sports Clubs. We understand the ground is to be officially opened on Saturday, October 18th, by the Lord Mayor. A complete list of fixtures has been arranged, with J. Hamilton as captain and S. J. Brewer hon. secretary.

OF THE UNITED.

(You will enjoy what Fred Coventry has to say of the prospects of our Bristol United.)

I will at once apologise to those who are determined enough to peruse this dissertation at length, but it is no fault of mine—it is the Editor's. The most irascible rejector of manuscripts in Fleet Street is but a child compared with that despot—the B.F.C. Official Programme Editor. Being short of copy (as usual), this latter pillar of the literary world gives forth the edict that he must have a few lines anent the United XV for this programme, so something must be done.

Bristol Rugby Fixtures and Results to date.

DATE.		Where		Pt	s.			Where		Pts.	
	OPPONENTS.	Plyd.	R.	F.	A.	DATE.	OPPONENTS.	Plyd.	R.	F.	A
1930						1931					
Sept. 6	Clifton	Away	-	4	_	Jan. 3	Cardiff	Home			
,, 13	Cardiff	Away	W	28	14	,, 10	The Army	Home			
,, 20	Swansea	Home	W	10	0	,, 17	Royal Air Force	Home			
,, 27	Coventry	Away	W	11	0	,, 21	(Wed.) Royal Navy	Home			
Oct. 4	Gloucester	Home	W	13	0	,, 24	Plymouth Albion	Home			
,, 11	Devonport Services	Home				,, 31	Newport	Away			
,, 18	Bath	Home									
,, 25	Glo'ster v. Devon at Bristol	Home	No.	SA		Feb. 7	Cambridge University	Home	ues		
	Somerset v. Cornwall					,, 14	Swansea	Away			
Nov. 1	Harlequins	Away				,, 12	London Scottish	Away			
,, 8	R.N.E. College	Home				,, 28	Richmond	Home			
	Glo'ster v. Somerset								97		
	Devon v. Cornwall					Mar. 4	(Wed.) Oxford University	Away			
,, 15	Devonport Services	Away				,, 7	Guy's Hospital	Home			
,, 22	Bath	Away	130			,, 14	Gloucester	Away			
,, 29	United Services	Home				,, 21	United Services	Away			
Dec. 6	Newport	Home				,, 25	(Wed.) Clifton	Home			
,, 13	Glo'ster v. Cornwall	Away	381	37		,, 28	Blackheath	Away			
	Somerset v. Devon										
,, 20	Leicester	Away		100 p	316	April 4	(Easter Sat.) Leicester	Home			
,, 26	(Boxing Day) Pontypool	Home				,, 6	(Easter Mon.) Blackheath	Home			
,, 27	Old Merchant Taylors	Home			200	,, 11	Harlequins	Home	Ser		
					See.	,, 18	Plymouth Albion	Away	1893		
				230		,, 28	Torquay Athletic	Away			
				1		,, 25	Pontypool	Away			

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Even at the risk of incurring the displeasure of some of the Committee, I must say I think our old "A" XV were somewhat unfortunate in being rechristened "United," as this title is hardly suggestive of a Rugger body. Moreover, one or two of my less respectable acquaintances have remarked that when they see or hear the name, their thoughts automatically turn to refreshment. It is interesting to learn that a number of West Country and Welsh Clubs have changed, or are contemplating changing, the names of their second strings to "United"—a fact which, to my mind, with all due respect to the Clubs concerned, displays a surprising lack of originality. The nomenclature of teams is, however, a secondary consideration; what really matters is that our United is a nursery composed of promising young players who, on more than one occasion, have evinced that they are fully competent to take their places in the Senior XV when required.

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A glance at the card will prove that the United are given a good apprenticeship, as the list is appreciably stronger than was the case in the old "A" XV days; in fact, more than one team appearing therein—particularly Ebbw Vale and Barnstaple—would more than hold their own with teams of much greater repute than the United!

Last season the team had a very creditable record, and there is every reason to anticipate that in 1930-31 they will at least do equally well. The team will, of course, always be out to win, but it is not intended to endeavour to create records in the matter of points scored. This can, perhaps, be briefly explained by saying that it is considered that the United is the team in which the embryo international should learn to take part in tactical schemes and also develop confidence enough to exploit movements out of the orthodox. A comfortable lead in a game would be welcomed more as an opportunity for improving any weakness in a particular phase of play than as a chance of piling up the score.

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In passing, it would be very gratifying to see larger attendances at United matches. When I say that, in making the foregoing statement, I am not appealing for extra gate money, our worthy Treasurer will doubtless think I am "non compos mentis," and I would hasten to dispel this illusion by making it clear that any revenue that might accrue from larger attendances would not be ignored by G.G.B. There are probably hundreds of members who have never seen an "A" or United match, and it is these members who are invited to show thir real interest in the Club by supporting the Junior XV—if not regularly, at least on occasion.

SUPPORT THE UNITED.

(Received from the Treasurer's Nephew, who is shortly blossoming out as a journalist.)

In Bristol, rugger "fans" are many,
They watch the "Firsts," delighted,
But some won't pay a single penny,
To see the poor United.

Now this is a surprising thing, For, in a town of Bristol's size,
"Fans" should make the Welkin ring, And spur both teams on with their cries.

Captain Fred is a member of the pack, He works as hard as poss',
While J. C. Watts, who plays full-back, Is never at a loss.

Dyke, Ireland and Dowling, Are three first-class threequarters, You should hear their opponents howling, And the cheers from their supporters.

But, alas! those supporters are very few, Which is all the more amazing, When a chap like "Tiger" Smith's on

And after the ball is chasing.

Soon the "Firsts" will rely on the United, For their players to win them their games, So "fans" shouldn't make them feel

slighted.

When Bill Francis has taken such pains.

> So come, all ye faithful, Support the United! Come ye, oh, come ye, And cheer the lads on.

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