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### OLD BLUES.

When the Old Blues go on their travels they are always most popular visitors, and though they may lose, they invariably put up a hard, keengame. In the early days of their expeditions there was often some slight confusion as to who they really were, and in more than one West Country town it was believed that they were all men who had gained their "Blues" at Oxford or Cambridge. Nowadays everybody knows that they are old boys of "The Religious Royal and Ancient Foundation of Christ's Hospital," commonly known as the Bluecoats. The club is more than fifty years old and duly celebrated its Jubilee at the appropriate time. It was founded in 1871. They have spacious premises situated at West Horsham (Sussex) which accommodate over 800 boys, having a constant stream of players to keep up the strength of the "Old Blues," who are now in the very first flight of old boys clubs, and have an excellent fixture list. The strength of the "Old Blues" numerically is shown by the fact that they run half-a-dozen teams every Saturday. For many seasons the club has been captained by G. T. Cockerill, a fine forward and an inspiring leader. Of late years only a certain proportion of Christ's Hospital boys go up to the Universities as students, and in consequence their list of blues is not a long one. H. W. Franklin, who is a double blue both at Cricket and Rugby, is a full back of more than average merit and there are those who thought he might have received higher honours than an International Trial. W. Neilson (left centre) played at full back in the Scottish Trials. H. E. R. Wales makes his first to-day appearance at Kingsholm, but his brother S. H. Wales has played in every game. W. H. Mills has played regularly for Surrey County and also assisted the Barbarians. C. J. Hodgson is a player of the skirmishing type, who has played for the South against the North, fast and clever in the open, and a great asset to his club, and such clubs as the "Old Blues" are the backbone of the Rugby game, and they fully deserve the success they have gained. The "Old Blues" have obtained several brilliant performances this season, having secured victories over Plymouth Albion (away) 8-6, Camborne (away) 14-6, Bath (away) 13-3, United Services 15-9 and Old Merchant Taylors 12-5. We welcome our visitors to Kingsholm to-day and again look forward to a good open game and may the best team win. In the corresponding game last season at Kingsholm, the City were victorious by 39 points to 13.

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### THE GUY'S MATCH.

Although arriving at Paddington to play the return game with Guy's Hospital to find the match scratched owing to the hard state of the ground, the City team were far from being disappointed. Mr. Round, the agent of Mr. Bouchier got into touch with the famous actor, who cordially extended his hospitality by inviting the party to see "Treasure Island" in the afternoon. Mr. Bouchier entertained the team and officials to dinner and boxes at the Hippodrome to see "Sunny." The members of the party were loud in their praise of their genial host, who did so much to make the day in London such a memorable one.

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G. Thomas and R. N. Loveridge are progressing favourably and hope to be fit soon.

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March 19th is the date for the game between the English and Welsh Schoolboys, at Kingsholm. "Keep this date open."

**FOR THE BEST SHOW—SEE BELOW.**

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Right Centre: A. N. Childs Clarke  
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Scrum Half: C. E. R. Wales  
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Referee: Mr. J. HALL, (Glo'ster Rugby Union)

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Left Centre: J. Stephens (2)

Right Centre: E. H. Hughes (5)

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### COUNTY NOTES.

The County Championship has been more fortunate this season than usual. There has been no untoward delays, necessitating replays, and so in the middle of January, the group of champions is clearly indicated. There has been some trouble in fixing dates for the Semi-Finals (owing to International Matches) and these have been fixed for Saturday next, February 5th. Cheshire have secured the Northern honours, and should at least give Leicestershire a run in their Semi-Final game. Their side includes H. M. Locke (England), J. Paterson and A. L. Gracie (Scotland), Internationals, and several trial players. Having secured the South-Western Championship, Devon entertain Kent at Exeter. The men of Devon are looking forward to regaining some of their ancient glory this season, and it is possible that the fact of playing at home should give them the game, for the Western men often fail to produce their best form on London grounds. They have a useful side, powerful forward and by no means devoid of scoring powers behind. In J. Hanley, they have a splendid wing forward, who has played some brilliant games for his side and was in the English side that defeated Wales at Twickenham this month.

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The County Championship Final will be played in the South of England, of which the winners of the Kent v. Devon game will have choice of ground.

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R. Ling, the Clifton and Gloucestershire forward is now resident in Swansea and will be included in that club's side to oppose Neath to-day.

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### THE ENGLISH GAME.

Having seen the England v. Wales game, we are bound to admit that England were lucky to win. Just a single smile from Dame Fortune in the last quarter of an hour and Wales would have registered their first victory at Twickenham. The English defence held and Captain L. J. Corbett hung grimly on to the lead that he himself had gained. That it was "Corbett's match" there is no doubt whatever, and those who know the Bristol man felt sure that the Captaincy of England would not trouble him in the least, but that the responsibility would bring out the very best that was in him, and it was so. Not only were his dropped goal and try brilliant solo efforts, but the soundness of his tactics in the last quarter of an hour were excellent, and his shots into touch continually drove the Welshman back, which must have made many people reflect that under the proposed new rule his kicks into touch would have been penalised. No clearer proof of the folly of tinkering with the laws could be desired. T. Coulson fully deserved his place in the pack, a real grafter, not a showy forward, but invaluable in the front row and in the tight generally. J. Hanley who was more often in the limelight, by reason of his roving commission shouldered Tom Joyce's duties fairly well and did best in defence, but there are many who are of the opinion that it will be to the advantage of England to play T. Joyce when the Gloucester Captain is fit.

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England's team to meet Ireland at Twickenham on February 12th will not be chosen until Sunday week, and selectors are expected to attend both County Semi-Finals on the previous day. In the meantime certain wing three-quarters are being watched. C. F. Tetley, the Yorkshire right wing has been specially invited to play for Richmond against Leicester to-day, when members of the selection committee will be present.

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J. B. Worton (England) and J. D. Clinch (Ireland), Internationals, are included in the draft which has left for Shanghai for the defence force and will not be available for the International games.

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### First Team Fixtures.

1926		Points		1927		Points	
	Rslt	For	Agst		Rslt	For	Agst
Sept. 9 Stroud ...	A W	8	3	Jan. 1 Swansea	H W	11	0
11 Lydney ...	H W	6	3	8 Llanelly ...	H W	11	6
18 N'thp'ton ...	H W	6	3	15 Leicester	A L	3	11
25 Moseley ...	H W	13	8	22 Guy's H. ...	A —	—	—
28 Cinderford	H W	23	15	29 Old Blues	H		
Oct 2 St. Thomas				Feb. 5 United S. ...	A		
Hospital ...	H W	20	14	12 Cardiff ...	H		
9 Guy's H. ...	H W	19	3	19 Aberavon	A		
16 Cardiff ...	A L	8	15	26 Bath ...	H		
23 Lydney ...	A L	5	6	Mar. 5 U.C.S.O B's	H		
30 Aberavon	H L	6	13	12 Newport ...	H		
Nov. 4 Oxford Uty.	H L	3	13	17 R.A.F. ...	H		
6 Swansea ...	A L	3	19	19 Llanelly ...	A		
13 Devon S. ...	H W	12	3	26 St. Bart's.	H		
20 Newport ...	A L	6	18	30 Moseley ...	A		
27 Cheltenham	A L	3	14	April 2 Leicester...	H		
Dec. 4 United S.	H W	11	5	9 Plymouth A.A			
11 Cheltenham	H W	10	5	11 Devon S.	A		
18 Harlequins	A L	7	36	16 Northern...	H		
27 Old Merc.T.	H L	8	21	18 London W.	H		
28 Bath ...	A W	13	6	19 Cinderford	A		

### SCORERS TO DATE.

R. N. Loveridge ...	9 Tries	J. Stephens ...	6 Tries
T. Millington ...	6 Tries	R. James ...	3 Tries
R. Thompson ...	5 Tries	S. R. Crowther	3 Tries
A T. Voyce ...	4 Tries	L. Bartlett ...	2 Tries
G. McIlwaine ...	5 Tries	G. Foulkes ...	2 Tries
R. Milliner ...	2 Tries	E. H. Hughes ...	2 Tries
E. Goodwin ...	1 Try	M. Short ...	1 Try
E. Comley ...	1 Try	H. Roberts ...	1 Try

Tom Millington kicked 4 P.G., 1 D.G., converted 10 tries.

R. Milliner converted 1 try.

Dr. Taylor converted 1 try.

R. James converted 1 try and 1 drop goal.

T. Voyce converted 1 try.

R. N. Loveridge 1 drop goal.

G. Thomas 1 drop goal.

## Chepstow v. Gloucester II

AT KINGSHOLM.

SATURDAY NEXT, February 5th, 1927.

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