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NOTES

We welcome today our friends from Bath whose record is somewhat similar to our own. Up to the present they have played 27 matches, won 12, drawn 1, lost 14. Points scored 244, and against 244. It will be seen therefore that a close game can be anticipated and let us hope that a large crowd will be in attendance.

For those who like to keep records the following are the results of the games with Bath which extend over a very long period. Fixtures commenced during the Season 1895-96 but there was a break between the Seasons 1905-06 to 1913-14. During the whole of the period 89 games have been played, of which we have won 57, lost 22, drawn 10, Points scored, 1,122 for, 451 against. During the period between 1895-96 and 1921-22 Gloucester won every game with the exception of three drawn, but since this period the games have been much more even and as a matter of fact Bath won the double in the Season 1938-39.

Now we come to the serious position most clubs are in financially, including our own Club. Quoting from a well known daily paper, Rugby Union is the fastest growing major game in Britain today. By the end of the Season, 750,000 spectators will have watched International Championship matches and a similar number have seen the Springboks, and the audience has been swollen by millions through T.V. There are now more than 1,800 clubs affiliated to the Rugby Union against 1,000 clubs in 1946.

Why then the serious decline in gates at Kingsholm and other Clubs? Surely this is a plain proof that although the game has grown in popularity followers of the game appear to be watching the big games on the Television sets throughout the Country.

Supporters and others should now rally round and make it a rule to come to Kingsholm each Saturday regardless of the opposition. Especially does this apply to the United whose games are brim full of excitement. For example, next Saturday we have a visit from Cleve, one of the most attractive sides in this area, and who will give you plenty of enjoyment.

Preliminary notice. Make a point of booking the following date for the International Boys Club match on Saturday, April 22nd.

ENGLAND v. WALES. Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

Gloucester United v. Cleve