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RUGBY XV., 1928-29.

WINNERS OF HADDON & SLY AND HONEY CUPS.



G. OWEN, P. ROSEN, S. FISHER, A. GARSIDE, H. SHEFFIELD, R. STUPART,
S. WOLFFE, J. BURNE, W. WILSON (Capt.), N. LONGHURST, J. CHARLEY,
M. MELTZER, L. GRUBER, H. WOLFFE, J. COLEY.

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*Here is an ancient field watered and scorched
By centuries of rain and blasting storm,
Yet in the few short years since thou wast born,
No backward look thy spreading fame has marred,
Forth went thy sons when jealous trees were wared,
Died at Laipna, and mid Flanders' corn,
While Aetk Dola grim and battle worn
O'er Milton graves eternally keeps guard,
Proud were the man whose noble name you bear
Could he behold the inmates of your walls,
O'er half a continent thy summons call,
Fathers to place their sons in Milton's care,
Throughout this land thy cry rings loud and long,
"Oh, quit yourselves like men, Be strong, be strong!"*

EDITORIAL.

Attention was drawn in the last *Miltonian* to the recent record examination successes of the school. These have been well maintained by this year's London Matriculation results, details of which will be found on a later page.

At the same time it was regretted

that, "our successes on the playing fields were not commensurate with those gained in the examination halls," but no such qualification is needed this term. The school teams have acquitted themselves with distinction in every branch of sport, so that at Rugby, Athletics and Boxing, we can claim leading place amongst the schools of Rhodesia.

My position gave me furiously to think. How do other school magazines manage to fill their hundred pages? Surely sporting and class notes are not sufficient. I bethought myself of our sister school's magazine. If they can think of so many things to write about, why can't I. To be beaten by girls in thinking out plots was galling.

One hope alone remained. I called my sister and in humble tones asked to be allowed to see her magazine. I pounced on it like a starving wolf. "Surely," I reasoned, there are hundreds of articles one can write for a magazine." My first attempt at review received rather a setback. It was a sweet little article on "My Dolly," but hardly suitable. I thought for the Milton magazine. With a mental blue pencil I eliminated all "Visits to zoos, swimming baths and other places of entertainment." All articles on "Dolls, dresses, doggies" and similar paraphernalia, and found myself exactly where I started. Only sporting reports and various cookery activities remained. Sport was another man's job (the sporting reports I mean) and here was my last hope shattered. The reprieve had not come. I was doomed to an unhappy holiday, thinking of the unfulfilled promise. In despair I walked up and down and in my ears dimmed all the time: "What shall I write?" "What shall I write?"

H.F.

RUGBY FOOTBALL NOTES.

This season was the most successful in the history of the school, the first XV winning all of the eight games played.

Only five of last year's fifteen remained to form the nucleus of the team. Wisdom, the captain, left in June, and Wilson took over the captaincy of the side, with J. Burne as vice-captain.

It was unfortunate that the return match with Hilton College, Natal, which was to take place here during the first week of last term, was cancelled owing to some of the Hilton XV contracting mumps.

In the inter-school games the School proved to be far superior to their opponents, scoring 87 points against eleven. The School won the Haddon 27-0 in the semi-final and by 27-3 in the final. In the semi-final for the Honey Cup the School beat Plumtree 12-3, then travelled up to Salisbury, where they beat Prince Edward's School 21-5.

At the first meeting with Plumtree this season all three teams won. This is the third time that this triple victory has been won by Milton.

A new feature of this season's Rugby was the introduction of an under XV game between Plumtree and Milton. In the first game the School lost 6-12, but were the victors by 8-6 in the return match.

In the inter-house matches, the usual keenness was displayed. Charter House won the "Allan Welsh" Cup, defeating Pioneer House by 12-3 and Oppidans by 42-6.

W. Wilson (captain), J. Burne, S. Wolfe, J. Charsley, M. Meltzer, G. Owen and L. Coley, were chosen to represent Matabeleland in the Junior Inter-Province match.

In conclusion we wish to express our heartiest thanks to our coach Mr. F. Wunder, to whom, in no small measure, the standard and success of our football, this season, is due.

Caps were awarded to W. Wilson, J. Burne, N. Longhurst, and S. Wolfe.

RESULTS.

1st XV.—

- v. B.A.C. II., won, 9-3.
- v. Queen's II., won 23-0
- v. Queen's II., won, 22-0.
- v. Raylton II., won, 14-3.
- v. Plumtree, won, 12-3.
- v. Plumtree, won, 27-0.
- v. Plumtree, won, 27-3.
- v. Prince Edward's, won, 21-5.

2nd XV.—

- v. B.A.C. III. won, 14-3.
- v. Technical, won, 14-3.
- v. Plumtree, won, 20-0.
- v. Plumtree, drawn, 0-0.
- v. Matopos Farm School, won, 16-5.

Second match, won, 20-0

3rd XV.—

- v. Plumtree, won, 8-6.
- v. Plumtree, lost, 3-9.

Under 15 XV.—

- v. Plumtree, lost, 6-12.
- v. Plumtree, won, 8-6.

THE PLUMTREE MATCHES.

We are indebted to the "Bulawayo Chronicle" for the following accounts of the Rugby matches with Plumtree:

The First Match.

The teams were:—

Plumtree: Carey, Wragg, Plumb, Slatter, Hall, Fuller, Anderson, Roulet, Lovemore, Boright, Chase, Lanning, Hanson, Price and Howman.

Milton: Coley, Rosen, Wolfe, Charsley, Meltzer, Burne, Gruver, Wisdom, Wilson, Longhurst, Garside, Sheffield, Owe and Fisher.

Referee: Mr. Fred Wunder.

Milton kicked off from the north end and play commenced in Plumtree 25. From a scrum the Milton half set his three-quarters going, but Charsley knocked on. Milton again succeeded in winning the scrum and Burne high punted. Meltzer, the fast Milton wing, followed up, but was not able to take advantage of the kick. Carey fielded well and found touch in Milton's territory. From the line out Fisher secured and dribbled well down the field, but here again Carey saved his side by finding touch. Many good opportunities were lost owing to bad handling. Plumtree were winning most of the scrums but their backs could not make headway. Milton then began to press and Burne, who was particularly outstanding, secured, and dropped a fine goal. (Milton 4, Plumtree 0).

From a scrum Milton were penalised for offside and Carey succeeded in the kick, thus opening the Plumtree score (Milton 4, Plumtree 3). From the kick-off Carey fielded and ran

across the field, but on nearing the touch line passed to Hall, who was brought down. Speed and team work were again outstanding features in Milton's play. Their men were immediately on the spot wherever the ball fell loose, but the Plumtree forwards worked like Trojans. They packed low, pushed hard, and heeled the ball with clock-like precision. Charsley prevented many a dangerous movement developing by his clean tackling. Play had been in progress fully 20 minutes when Fuller set his threes going. Wolfe dashed through and intercepted a pass, but unfortunately, did not succeed in holding the ball long enough to execute any good work. Milton was again penalised for an infringement, but Carey's kick failed. Play after this became very fast. Over-keenness on Milton's part in and around the scrum led to quite a number of free-kicks being awarded Plumtree. A fine dribble by Longhurst and Wisdom brought the play into Plumtree's territory, but here again Carey saved the situation by finding a good, long touch in Milton 25. Half-time came with the score—Milton 4, Plumtree 3.

After the commencement of the second half Plumtree forwards made a determined effort to wear down their opponents. Both sides were heeling well, and at times Plumtree predominated in the loose. Had Milton three-quarters the same opportunities as had Plumtree backs, their score would have been greater. Burne's high punts were particularly good, and had it not been for the fact that he was suffering from slight concussion due to a hard tackle,

he might have been seen at his best. However, he played a plucky game. The defensive work of the Milton schoolboys was superior to that of Plumtree. They were quicker in recovering from mistakes made during back movements and forward tussles, while their tackling was outstandingly good. Excitement at this stage was intense.

From a line-out Charsley secured and punted high, the Milton forwards swooped down, and despite overwhelming odds, Carey effected a brilliant save and found touch. Gruber, the Milton half, who really plays for the second team, justified his inclusion in the team for there were often touches of brilliance in his play. Garside and Wilson were responsible for many a fine dribble, and on this occasion, Wilson, taking a ball from the bounce, ran hard and passed to Rosen, who scored a fine try. Wolfe failed to add the major points. (Milton 7, Plumtree 3).

Plumtree pressed and a dribble by Roulet, Lanning and Chase brought the play again into Milton's territory, but the Milton backs proved equal to the occasion. Then a stroke of luck came to Milton, Wolfe secured, and running hard from midfield, handed to Charsley, who broke and passed to Meltzer, who with a brilliant run to the corner flag, completely outdistanced Carey and scored beneath the posts. Charsley easily added the major points (Milton 12, Plumtree 3).

Two minutes from time Plumtree rallied once again, but despite the hard work of their forwards, their backs were unable to make headway. That

was the end. The game was fast, clean and full of incident and so evenly contested in the early stages that it would have been mere guess work to forecast the score.

The Second Match.

For the first few minutes of the game Plumtree pressed and it seemed as if Milton could not find their feet. A series of forward rushes and long kicks into touch by J. Burne and S. Wolfe carried play into Plumtree territory, and resulted in a touch down by Plumtree. From the kick-off a good break by Charsley saw the Milton line away, but a good tackle by Carey, the Plumtree full-back saved the situation.

The Milton forwards settled down to good, hard work and dominated the play both in the tight and loose scrums. From a loose scrum they started a hand-to-hand passing movement, which ended in Wilson crossing the line near the corner. The kick failed.

From the kick-off the Milton forwards again carried the ball down the field, and on the Plumtree line there was a scrum as the result of a forward pass. Gruber, the scrum-half, took the ball from the base of the scrum, and slipped round the scrum to score near the posts. The major points being added by J. Burne. From the kick-off there was a repetition of the previous two movements, threequarters and forwards, all helping to carry the ball down the field, and two more tries followed in quick succession. Shortly after this the whistle went for half-time, with the score 14 0 in favour of Milton.

At the resumption of play Milton kicked off, but Plumtree fumbled. From the resultant scrum Milton secured, and Burne, the fly-half, brought off a fine break, and had his whole line in support. The movement ended in S. Wolfe scoring under the posts. Burne's kick was successful. The Plumtree forwards, and especially their skipper, Roulet, fought very pluckily, and for some time kept their opponents from crossing their line. But another bout of quick passes by Milton saw Longhurst cross the line. The kick was unsuccessful.

Shortly before the whistle went for no-side a beautiful three-quarter movement saw Meltzer, the Milton right wing, run from the half-way line and score under the posts, after one of the finest runs seen on the Plumtree ground in inter-school rugby. Burne's kick was successful. Shortly after this the whistle went for no-side.

Milton 27. Plumtree 0.

The Third Match.

The teams were:—

Milton: Coley; Meltzer, Charsley, S. Wolfe and Rosen; J. Burne and Gruber; Wilson (Capt.), Longhurst, Garside, Owen Sheffield, Fisher, H. Wolfe and Stupart.

Plumtree: Carey; Wragg, Anderson, Hall and Hurlblatt; Fuller and Plumb; Roulet (Capt.), Laming, Howman, Davy, Garrett, Cull and Mountford.

Mr. R. H. Hart had charge of the game.

The opening exchanges were fought at a furious pace and it was soon evident that the old rivalry between the two schools was as fierce as ever. No

one asked for mercy, and no one got it. Milton kicked off and rushed the ball into the corner, where in a melee Sheffield grabbed the ball and put Milton three points up before the game was a minute old. (Milton 3, Plumtree nil).

From the kick-off the Plumtree forwards went off with a rush and save for brief periods they dominated the game right through the half. They beat Milton in most of the scrums, they were good in the loose, though they failed inexplicably to crown their work with the prize for which they struggled, and they won most of the line-outs.

It was when Plumtree's scrum half got the ball and endeavoured to set his back line going that Plumtree's weakness was apparent. Their fly-half is not a fly-half, and their centres were guilty of the mistakes which should be remedied by their coach as soon as possible. They were far too slow in parting with the ball, and the few occasions that the ball reached the wing he had lost his speed and was almost standing waiting for the ball. It was noticeable too he indulged in the pernicious habit of running across the field and crammed the wings on to the touch line. The chief reason for this habit is that the three-quarter line is lining up too square when on the attack. The Milton three-quarters were on their opponents in a flash, the correct method of defeating an opposing three-quarter attack, and the Plumtree centres who were caught "hanging on to the ball" were speedily grassed.

A fine touch by Coley saw Milton once more on Plumtree's line, where

Burne smartly scored after receiving the ball from a five-yard scrum. He simply threw himself across the line. The kick failed. (Milton 6, Plumtree 0).

Then followed a long period when play hovered on the Milton 25. Time and again Plumtree's back line got the ball and failed to do anything with it. Milton's tough kicking occasionally sent play back to midfield, but led by Roulet, who did some wonderful work, Plumtree's forwards again swept the ball up-field and Milton had anxious moments. It was while play was in midfield on one occasion that Rosen snapped up the ball in the ruck in midfield and broke clean away. Longhurst showed a fine understanding of the game by the way in which he followed up the wing and took the pass just as the latter was overhauled. Longhurst fully deserved his try. The kick failed (Milton 9, Plumtree nil).

From the kick-off Plumtree forwards again took control, and their fine work drew the admiration of even their opponents' forwards. Struggling desperately in tight scrums, Milton's forwards were slowly pushed back and finally Plumtree were on their line. Roulet got the ball and fell across the line at the feet of the Milton forwards. The kick failed (Milton 9, Plumtree 3). The success stimulated Plumtree and their forwards were pressing Milton back again when half-time sounded.

The second half was totally different from the first. Whether it was that the Plumtree forwards had "shot their bolt" or the Milton forwards had improved, it was difficult to decide. At the end of the first half Plumtree ap-

peared to have a chance of winning. They were most unconvincing in the second half. Their centres, however, changed their tactics. They resorted to the high punt, an effective counter to the speedy coming up of the Milton threes. The efficacy of high punting has yet to be appreciated in Bulawayo Rugby. Coaches have repeatedly rubbed in the maxim: "It is useless to pass to the man next to you when the other side is right on him," but it takes a lot of learning. So the Plumtree centres met with more success with the high punt, but in this half their forwards did not get the ball nearly so often. Unfortunately, the fast Milton wing was seen to little advantage in the whole game owing to faulty passing.

Milton's first score in the second half came from a breakaway by Burne. The opposing centre missed him badly, and, when the opposing full back blocked his path, he found Longhurst backing him up well, and the forward scored his second try. His backing-up on both occasions was remarkable. Burne put the ball through the posts (Milton 14, Plumtree 3).

An uninteresting period followed in midfield. Plumtree seemed unable to find their feet again. Milton were now winning more of the tight scrums, and from one of these their next score came. Burne cleverly took a bad pass from Gruber and the ball went out in a flash to Meltzer on the wing, whose speed carried him round to score behind the posts. It was the most spectacular movement of the day. Burne converted (Milton 19, Plumtree 3).

Plumtree returned gallantly to the

attack and one of their few three-quarter movements ended when Meltzer brought down the wing with a perfect tackle. The pace was still hot and Plumtree were doing most of the pressing again. This pressure was relieved when S. Wolfe suddenly booted the ball up the field. He beat the full back hut right on the line he knocked on. Milton won the ball and Gruber jumped round and over the line to score a smart try. The kick failed (Milton 22, Plumtree 3).

It should have been Wolfe's try and his reward came about five minutes later when he again broke away from a ruck with the ball at his feet. He kicked it past the full-back and beat him in the race for it on the other side of the line. Burne converted (Milton 27, Plumtree 3).

In the last few minutes the game lost its attraction. The pace was still unusually fast, but the standard deteriorated and the close came without addition to the scores.

Lieut.-Col. A. C. L. Webb, president of the Bulawayo Board, presented the cup to Milton. He expressed the pleasure all had had in watching their nursery rugby and urged both schools to improve their technique. He urged the boys to pay more attention to their coaches.

Mc-V-R, rising at a debate to make the decisive speech, "I entirely agree against the motion." Spurred on by laughter, he tries again, "I entirely disagree against the motion."

FINAL OF THE HONEY CUP.

MILTON v. PRINCE EDWARD.

From the kick-off the Milton forwards pressed by a series of forward rushes and Prince Edward's tried to find relief by a long kick down the field and a follow-up, but Coley fielded well and found a good touch. From a follow-up Garside was tackled and passed to Longhurst who, however, knocked on, Milton narrowly missing a score. Huddy, the Prince Edward skipper, then cleared with a long touch, but the Milton forwards soon brought play back to their opponents' "25." At this stage Prince Edward's won most of the right scrums, while the Milton forwards dominated the loose play. Prince Edward's then found touch in the Milton "25," but from the resulting line-out Milton however carried the ball up field, from which it was well cleared. In a scrum-down Gruber, the Milton scrum-half was offside, and Huddy had an attempt at goal, which was unsuccessful. Some fine handling movements by Milton saw play carried into Prince Edward territory, where a very good movement nearly resulted in a score, but Prince Edward's stopped it just in time. Shortly afterwards Longhurst scored as a result of a beautiful piece of hand-to-hand passing among the Milton forwards. The kick was successful.

From the kick-off the Milton team pressed again, but Tully cleared with a long kick, finding touch in the Milton "25." From the line-out one of the Prince Edward men kicked the ball over the dead-line, and from the result-

ing kick-off Meltzer scored, as a result of a fine break by S. Wolfe. J. Burne added the major points. Prince Edward's then started play by pressing Milton down the field and forcing them to touch down. From the kick-off Meltzer was enabled to score again by a clever trick on the part of J. Burne. Shortly after this the whistle went for half-time with the score standing at 13-0 in favour of Milton.

Shortly after the resumption of play Longhurst again scored as a result of very clever forward play. The kick was unsuccessful (16-0). From the kick-off the Milton pack flung the ball to the backs, and Meltzer nearly scored again, but the movement was spoilt by a forward pass. The Milton pack kept on pressing, and at one time J. Burne tried a drop kick at goal but failed. Then an off-side by Gruber resulted in play being transferred to Milton territory. After a fine kick by Huddy, the Prince Edward's forwards were not slow in taking the opportunity, and after some hand-to-hand passing McClery was enabled to score near the corner. Huddy added the major points. This roused Milton, and they retaliated by scoring under the posts. The kick was successful.

When the whistle went for no-side, Milton were the victors by 21 points to 5.

"What beats me," says L-D-B-R, "is how those boulders at the Matopos climb on top of each other like that."

THE ATHLETIC TEAM, 1929.
WINNERS OF INTER-SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP.



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A. GARSIDE, J. COLEY.**

THE BOXING TEAM, 1929.

WINNERS OF STRONG CUP.



S. GRUBER, L. GRUBER, H. SHEFFIELD, K. THAL,
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