

"INKY" FOOTBALL.

During the Soccer season, that is before Christmas, we played four matches. We lost twice to Park-field, heavily on their ground (1—9) and by 1—2 on ours. Rushmoor beat us 5—2 away, but we drew with them at home, 2 all. The marked difference between these results is partly explained by the fact that we decided rather late to change over our best player from centre half to centre forward, and partly by the great difference in the size of the grounds. (A small field is a great leveller, especially in the matter of dribbling.) Until Eifion Jones, who was captain, went to centre forward we were never capable of finishing off an attack with the ball in the opponents' goal net. K Reeve i and Lett were very fair at full-back, and Donovan iv on the right wing was useful. These were the only players ever really certain of a place in the team.

Since Christmas the upper half of the School has been learning the rudiments of Rugger, and some quite promising material has appeared. Eifion Jones, L Browne ii, and Donovan iv shape well outside, and Wright i has a good idea of the functions of a scrummaging forward. We played no matches.

There is a firm conviction in this part of the School that we play "Football" before Christmas, and "Rugger" after! How long does this curious distinction between the two codes persist?

The Gym Club.

On March 10th, the Club competed against two Schools, Tonbridge and Oundle, in gymnastics and boxing respectively, and was successful in both events.

Gymnastics.

The match at Tonbridge was arranged as a triangular contest with Dulwich also competing, but unfortunately the ravages of German measles not only prevented Dulwich from taking part, but deprived Tonbridge of two members of their team. The score was as follows:—

| FIRST TEAMS. | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|------|-------------------|-------------|-----|
| <i>Bedford</i> | | | <i>Tonbridge.</i> | | |
| Donovan ii... | 47 | 1st= | Ridgeway | 44½ | 3rd |
| Rustomji ii | 47 | 1st= | Newcomb | 42 | 5th |
| Walker ... | 43½ | 4th | Barclay ... | 34 | 7th |
| Carter ... | 39½ | 6th | Salmon ... | 25½ | 8th |
| | <u>177</u> | | | <u>146</u> | |
| COLTS TEAMS. | | | | | |
| <i>Bedford</i> | | | <i>Tonbridge.</i> | | |
| Laborda ii... | 44 | 1st | Gardner ... | 39½ | 5th |
| Burch ... | 43 | 2nd= | Winson ... | 37 | 6th |
| Panton ... | 43 | 2nd= | Hobson ... | 35 | 7th |
| Moller ... | 40½ | 4th | Perry ... | 34 | 8th |
| | <u>170½</u> | | | <u>145½</u> | |

Boxing Match v. Oundle.

The match was held at Oundle on March 10th, and resulted in a win for Bedford by fourteen points to ten.

MOSQUITO WEIGHT (under 7st. 7lbs.).—W. R. T. Hansel (Bedford) v. G. H. King (Oundle). Won by Hansel on points. Hansel boxed well, and did most of the attacking. Eagerness to obtain a knock-out made him use his right too frequently in the last round. It would have been more effective if kept in reserve until openings came.

FLY WEIGHT (under 8st.).—M. K. Rustomji (Bedford) v. D. C. Shepley (Oundle). Rustomji had a great advantage in age and experience. He boxed very well, but did not always press his attacks as much as he might. The fight was stopped in the third round, Rustomji winning.

BANTAM WEIGHT (under 8st. 6lbs.).—W. B. Sanford (Bedford) v. V. G. Bentley (Oundle). Won by Sanford on points. Sanford's punch was much the harder and he boxed coolly, but he lacked the ringcraft to corner his opponent, who was on the defensive.

FEATHER WEIGHT (under 9 stone).—E. M. Harnetty (Bedford) v. J. M. B. Butler (Oundle). Harnetty boxed far better than he has before. He has been apt in the past to strive too wildly for a knock-out. Now he boxed very coolly and well and so achieved a knock-out in the third round.

LIGHT WEIGHT (under 9st. 9lbs.).—A. W. Peacop (Bedford) v. T. P. Cameron (Oundle). This fight was won on points by Cameron. Peacop fought pluckily but needs to develop a straight left so that he may gain full advantage from his height and reach.

WELTER WEIGHT (under 10st. 7lbs.).—P. H. Cook (Bedford) v. J. M. A. Kenworthy (Oundle). This was the most exciting fight to watch. Cook with his excellent left was able to keep Kenworthy at a distance at first, whilst Kenworthy, striving to get to close-quarters, avoided much of the punishment by clever ducking. During the second round Cook, perhaps overestimating the damage he had inflicted, began attacking more freely. Suddenly he received a blow that put him down and nearly out, but rising after about five seconds, contrived to keep off his opponent, who was now attacking fiercely, for the remainder of the round. In the third round Cook began well, but was still shaken from the blow and Kenworthy then gained the upper hand and the victory on points.

MIDDLE WEIGHT (under 11st. 6lbs.).—J. E. D'Aeth (Bedford) v. D. R. S. Turner (Oundle). Unfortunately, K. E. Cowan, who should have represented Oundle was found to be unfit at the last moment. D'Aeth boxed well and knocked out his opponent in the second round.

HEAVY WEIGHT.—J. O'B. Power (Bedford) v. A. S. D. Graesser (Oundle). This fight was won on points by Power. Power seemed the stronger and gave some very powerful blows, but he moves his arms too far back before delivering them, so giving warning to his opponent.

Owing to an epidemic of pink-eye at Oundle it was not possible for the team to enter the School buildings except for the boxing. They were, however, most hospitably entertained to lunch and tea at an inn.

Fencing.

On Thursday, March 15th, the School had a match against the Depot, the Bedfs. and Herts. Regiment. We did very well to win the foils at 6—3, but were badly defeated in the sabres by 9 defeats to nil.

FOILS.

The Depot.—Lieut. Armstrong, 3 wins, 0 defeats, 7 hits against; 1-Cpl. Hout, 0—3—15; C.S.M. Wright, 0—3—15.

School.—M. C. Manby, 2 wins, 1 defeat, 10 hits against; Manson, 2—1—9; Tripp, 2—1—12.

SABRES.

The Depot.—Lieut. Armstrong, 3 wins, 0 defeats, 4 hits against; Sgt. Spencer, 3—0—6; Sgt. Wells, 3—0—8.

School.—Moore, 0 wins, 3 defeats, 15 hits against; Garrard, 0—3—15; Tripp, 0—3—15.

Lieut. Armstrong is an ex-Amateur Champion of England.

The match against Westminster School has been postponed until next term.

The "Campbell" Foil and "Lewis" Sabre have both been won by M. C. Manby, who was undefeated in both competitions.

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Four Schools Tournament.

The thirteenth annual Boxing and Fencing Tournament between Dulwich, Eton, Haileybury and Bedford was held at Bedford on Saturday, March 17th.

BOXING.

The boxing took place in the Great Hall, the semi-finals being fought in the morning and the finals in the afternoon. As is usual in this tournament the better boxing was to be seen in the morning—for, in the finals, the competitors, due to over-eagerness and to the fact that they are tired, tend to guard themselves less and to "slog" more.

The scoring was slightly altered from last year. Three points were scored for a win in the final and two points for a win in the semi-final, whilst one point was awarded to the loser of a bout at the discretion of the referee.

In the Paper Weight contest, Hansel (Bedford) had the advantage of a heavier punch in the first fight against Verney (Eton). In the final he met last year's winner, R. W. Sunley (Haileybury) in a most spirited fight. Sunley had the advantage of age and experience and was the better boxer, but Hansel was as good a *fighter* and, in the second and third rounds when Sunley for a while gave up guarding and exchanged blow for blow, Hansel gave as good as he got. But Sunley had the advantage at other times, and won on points after a close and very good fight.

Rustomji (Bedford) out-matched Verney (Eton) in the semi-final of the Fly Weight, the fight being stopped in the first round. Donner (Haileybury) had a harder task against Sloan (Dulwich), for this fight went the full three rounds and Sloan did most of the attacking. In the final Rustomji boxed very well, using double lefts with great effect. He won on points, Donner having fought with great pluck.

In the Bantam Weight both semi-finals were won on points. Sanford (Bedford) did most of the attacking in his bout with W. S. B. Gunn (Eton). Gunn was able to score with his straight left in the second round, but in the last round he seemed shaken. In the final Sanford met Firth (Dulwich), who had had a close contest with Bell (Haileybury). This was a very close fight. Sanford began well but tired at the end of the first round; at the end of the second round it was, however, Firth who seemed tired. In the last round Firth appeared to have the best of it, though it was still a splendid and very even fight. Sanford won on points.

Harnetty (Bedford) was defeated in the semi-final of the Feather Weights by the eventual winner of the final, Easton (Haileybury). Harnetty boxed well, especially in the first round; in the second round he was slower and finished rather winded. In the last round Harnetty began with a spirited attack, after which there was little guarding on either side. Many thought this was the best bout of the competition.

No fight in the Light Weights went the full three rounds. Lee (Haileybury) knocked out Butterfield (Dulwich) in the first round, whilst the other semi-final between Peacop (Bedford) and Bury (Eton) was stopped in the third round, Peacop winning. In the final the first round was simple fighting, which probably suited Peacop best, though Lee looked dangerous. In the second round Peacop remained on his feet after receiving a blow that should have knocked him out, but the fight was stopped.

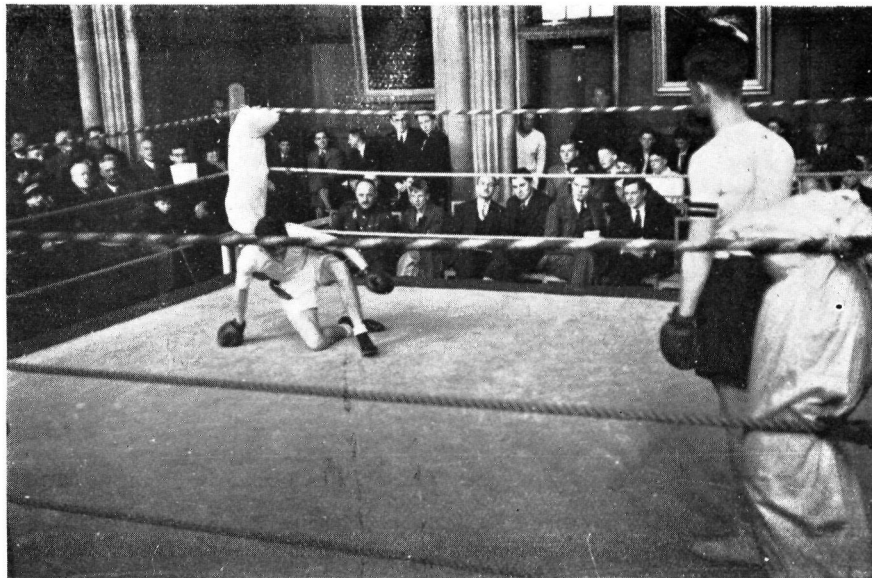
In the Welter Weight, Cook (Bedford) knocked out Legge (Eton) early in the first round, whilst Agazarian (Dulwich), last year's winner of the Middle Weights, defeated Keddie (Haileybury) the fight being stopped in the third round. The final, was very even. In the first round, Cook, making good use of his left prevented Agazarian getting to close quarters where he could make use of his powerful hooks. In the second round the pace was faster. Cook got in a good right to the chin, but Agazarian did not appear to be more than momentarily shaken. In the third round Cook received a dangerous blow, but recovered from it almost immediately. Cook won on points. His tactics were good and he boxed very cleverly.

D'Aeth, in the Middle Weights, met the eventual winner, Christian (Dulwich), in the semi-final. Christian seemed tireless and indifferent to punishment. He never allowed his opponents to retreat out of reach for a moment, but followed them up with great quickness. D'Aeth was uncomfortable in the first round, but better in the second (when several lefts and rights got home, though with exasperatingly little effect) and in the third round, though he was then tiring.

In the Heavy Weight, Power (Bedford) just defeated Maclean (Dulwich) in a not very interesting slogging match, but Power did better in the final when he met Davis (Haileybury). Here he made good use of his left, though his right was still wild. Power got the better of the first and Davis the last part of each round. The fight was awarded to Power.

The draw and results were as follows:—

PAPER WEIGHT.—R. W. Sunley (Haileybury) beat G. D. Nicholls (Dulwich); J. R. T. Hansel (Bedford) beat D. Verney (Eton). *Final*: Sunley beat Hansel.



LEGGÉ, OF ETON, TRIES TO RISE AFTER HIS QUICK KNOCK-OUT BY COOK.

FLY WEIGHT.—B. G. E. Donner (Haileybury) beat T. J. H. Sloan (Dulwich); M. K. Rustomji (Bedford) beat Hon. P. A. G. St. Claire Erskine (Eton). *Final*: Rustomji beat Donner.

BANTAM WEIGHT.—W. B. Sanford (Bedford) beat W. S. B. Gunn (Eton); J. W. J. Firth (Dulwich) beat R. C. Bell (Haileybury). *Final*: Sanford beat Firth.

FEATHER WEIGHT.—H. J. D. Gunn (Eton) beat C. Talyarkan (Dulwich); R. T. Easton (Haileybury) beat E. M. Harnetty (Bedford). *Final*: Easton beat Gunn.

LIGHT WEIGHT.—W. J. N. Lee (Haileybury) beat I. L. Butterfield (Dulwich); A. W. Peacop (Bedford) beat R. C. L. Bury (Eton). *Final*: Lee beat Peacop.

WELTER WEIGHT.—P. H. Cook (Bedford) beat D. A. K. Legge (Eton); N. le C. Agazarian (Dulwich) beat W. A. R. Keddie (Haileybury). *Final*: Cook beat Agazarian.

MIDDLE WEIGHT.—H. J. Christian (Dulwich) beat J. E. D'Aeth (Bedford); R. G. Whigham (Eton) beat B. H. Malyon (Haileybury). *Final*: Christian beat Whigham.

HEAVY WEIGHT.—A. L. Davis (Haileybury) beat J. R. Martyn-Smith (Eton); J. O'B. Power (Bedford) beat A. G. N. Maclean (Dulwich). *Final*: Power beat Davis.

The final scores were:—Bedford 28, Haileybury 24, Dulwich 16, Eton 12.

FENCING.

Foils.

In the Foils we were up against some very strong individuals, as L. R. Ring, who won all his fights in the Tournament last year, was beaten by both the Etonians. Emphasis seems to be laid increasingly on an impregnable defence in these Tournaments, for almost every match was a trial of patience rather than quickness of attack, with the riposte much

quicker than any remise. We were perhaps a little unlucky as we lost almost all our fights by the odd bit of nine, which makes each fight a very long bout.

1st Eton—A. N. T. Morris, 4 wins; M. W. Waddington, 3 wins.

2nd Dulwich—L. R. Ring, 2 wins; R. C. Boyle, 2 wins.

3rd Bedford—M. C. Manby, 1 win; G. T. R. Manson, 0 wins.

Haileybury were unable to raise a foils pair, and so did not compete.

Sabres.

Eton and Dulwich tied for first place, but the former, in spite of the opposition of the judges and of Dulwich, insisted upon a fight-off, which they won. We were unfortunate in that W. D. H. Moore, our first string, was away at Cambridge taking an examination.

1st Eton—C. T. J. Cripps, 5 wins; J. N. A. Bruce, 4 wins.

2nd Dulwich—K. G. C. Campbell, 6 wins; J. P. White, 3 wins.

3rd Haileybury—J. E. Warry, 1 win; P. I. de K. Rainey, 4 wins.

4th Bedford—P. H. Garrard, 0 wins; C. O'H. Tripp, 1 win.

Senior House Boxing Competition.

The competition was held on Monday and Wednesday, February 26th and 28th. The result was in doubt until the end of the last fight, when St. Peter's was left the winner with Bromham a close second. In the fly weight, Rustomji outclassed the other entries and won with ease. In the bantam weights, Sanford and Panton met in the final and provided, as they have done before, a keen and close match; Sanford again won. In the

feather weights the best fight was that between Harper and Harnetty. Harnetty, perhaps through over-confidence, was inclined to bother too little about his guard, and points mounted up against him. Harper boxed well and deserved his win. Unfortunately he did not recover from this fight in time for the final and was not allowed to meet Wright, who thus obtained a walk-over. Peacop and Rawlins met in the final of the light weights. Rawlins already had had a close fight against Homewood, and this may have helped to make Peacop's victory easier. M Cook i overshadowed the welter weights. Summers put up a very plucky fight against him in the semi-finals; Osborn, in spite of his shorter reach, beat Makin in the other semi-final after a close fight. Cook has a good style and is a pleasure to watch. In the middle weights, D'Aeth and Traill provided the best fight in the final. D'Aeth, both in this fight and in his fight with Maxey scored much with his blows to the body. Beginners are apt to concentrate too much on the face, and might learn from D'Aeth in this respect.

The detailed results were :—

FLY WEIGHT.—*1st Series* : Keith (B) beat Gidney (B), Rustomji i (B) beat Parker (B).

Semi-Final : Hansel ii (A) scratched to Holt (B), Rustomji beat Keith.

Final : Rustomji beat Holt.

BANTAM WEIGHT.—*Semi-Final* : Pantan ii (P) beat Eakin (P).

Final : Sanford (B) beat Pantan ii.

FEATHER WEIGHT.—*1st Series* : Harper (PP) beat Patrickson (PP), Harnetty (A) beat Sergeant (B).

Semi-Final : W Wright (P) beat Bennet (C), Harper beat Harnetty.

Final : Harper scratched to Wright.

LIGHT WEIGHT.—*1st and Semi-Final Series* : Rawlins (Cu) beat Homewood (P), Peacop (P) beat Raw (P).

Final : Peacop beat Rawlins.

WELTER WEIGHT.—*1st Series* : Summers (P) beat Pilling (Cu), M Cook i (A) beat Millar (Cu), Makin (PP) beat Willstrop (C), Osborn (P) beat Stevens (P).

Semi-Finals : Cook beat Summers, Osborn beat Makin.

Final : Cook beat Osborn.

MIDDLE WEIGHT.—*1st Series* : Maxey (B) beat R Thompson (PP).

Semi-Finals : Traill (B) beat Roe (Cu), D'Aeth (PP) beat Maxey.

Finals : D'Aeth beat Traill.

HEAVY WEIGHT.—Power (P) was the only entry and received 4 points for a win.

HOUSE SCORES.—St. Peter's 25, Bromham 23, Paulo-Pontine 13, Ashburnham 11, St. Cuthbert's 3, Crescent 1.

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Boxing—Anderson Shield.

As a result of the Boxing Tournament on Saturday, March 17th, the Anderson Shield, which is awarded annually to the best boxer in the School, was won by M. K. Rustomji.

H.C.P.

House Gymnastic Competitions.

| | | SENIOR. | | Points |
|-------|------------------------|---------|-----|--------|
| 1st | Bromham | ... | ... | 142 |
| | Rustomji ii ... 76 | 1st | | |
| | Carter 66 | 5th | | |
| 2nd | St. Peter's | ... | ... | 137½ |
| | Donovan ii ... 73½ | 3rd | | |
| | Pantan ii 64½ | 8th | | |
| 3rd | Ashburnham | ... | ... | 128½ |
| | M Cook i 65½ | 6th | | |
| | Hedges 63 | 9th | | |
| 4th | St. Cuthbert's | ... | ... | 121½ |
| | Burch 65 | 7th | | |
| | Feilden ii 56½ | 10th | | |
| 5th | Crescent | ... | ... | 74¾ |
| | Walker 74¾ | 2nd | | |
| 6th | Paulo-Pontine | ... | ... | 61¼ |
| | Laborday ii 67¼ | 4th | | |
| | | JUNIOR. | | |
| 1st | St. Peter's | ... | ... | 118½ |
| | Pantan ii 62½ | 2nd | | |
| | Moller 56 | 5th | | |
| 2nd = | Bromham | ... | ... | 109 |
| | Rustomji ii ... 66½ | 1st | | |
| | Parker i 42½ | 7th | | |
| 2nd = | St. Cuthbert's | ... | ... | 109 |
| | Burch 57½ | 4th | | |
| | Feilden ii 51½ | 6th | | |
| 4th | Paulo-Pontine | ... | ... | 84 |
| | Laborda ii 60⅞ | 3rd | | |
| | Fitzgerald 23½ | 12th | | |
| 5th | Crescent | ... | ... | 686 |
| | Darlow 32 | 10th | | |
| | McKenzie 36½ | 9th | | |
| 6th | Ashburnham | ... | ... | 65 |
| | Moore 37 | 8th | | |
| | Swanzy 28 | 11th | | |

Rowing Notes.

SENIOR FOURS.

As the races this year drew nearer it became apparent that the result was much more open than might have been anticipated; in fact, any one of five crews might have proved a possible winner.

St. Cuthbert's did not continue to improve, and in their race with Crescent failed as last year. Seeing them paddling down to the start no one could have been blamed for favouring their chances: they were a good crew. Crescent were on the short side and their No. 2 was rather light and small for his task. But as last year, so this. As earnestly as Cuthbert's tried to prevent Crescent from obtaining an early lead, just as determined were the latter to establish one; and helped by the outside station they got it. This must have proved a big factor in bringing about the downfall of St. Cuthbert's. They had made a big effort, bigger evidently than they were capable of; they were taken out of their stride, and although they rowed hard enough it was a scramble