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## Editorial.

A GOOD start does not necessarily mean a good ending —and *vice versa*. This term we made a remarkably poor start, or rather we were compelled to do so owing to the early appearance amongst us of the influenza microbe. It is the first time for many years that we have had the pleasure of entertaining this interesting specimen, and we don't mind if it is the last for a good many more. Why "old men and children, young men and maidens," should all be laid low by an insignificant "beastie" which one cannot see, is hard to understand; why a big house should have to be totally disinfected all on account of a "crawlin ferlie" which has mistaken its vocation, passes human comprehension. Yet there it is, and there it will be, we suppose, till the world ends, or the "influenza" germ is swallowed up by another and worse animal. Yet some satisfaction is to be gleaned from the knowledge that we triumphed over this insidious evil; in spite of the havoc it played with our constitutions for three weeks, some of us were too good for it, and in the end it had to retire vanquished. Despite all, the work went on as usual, not a single match was scratched, almost everyone was in School again after a short interval, and the term which had such a cloudy outlook at its commencement finished up with the sun shining brightly on the horizon.

## School Notes.

Next term will start on Friday, May 3rd. There will as usual be a saloon carriage on the 3.27 p.m. train from Victoria to West Worthing, and a Master will be in charge. The Summer holidays will probably start on Tuesday, July 30th.

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The following boys left last term :—

- N. G. Harris, for Westminster.
- J. F. B. Delap, for Repton.
- H. V. T. Mills, for Charterhouse.
- P. G. Mills, for Malvern.
- J. C. B. Cumming, for Lancing.
- W. R. Armstrong.

In addition to the above, two boys will be absent from next term but are returning in September. They, one and all, have our best wishes for happiness and good luck ; their work and influence at S. Ronan's has been of the best.

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The following are the new boys entered for May :—

- M. Biddulph.
- R. Murray Smith.
- A. Malcolmson.
- W. Edmonds.
- N. Stone.
- J. H. Boyd.
- P. H. Ellis.
- P. Walsh.
- R. F. Fulford.
- N. G. Rouse.

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The Bishop of Chichester held a Confirmation at St. Paul's Church on Wednesday, March 6th, at which the following boys were confirmed :—

- J. F. B. Delap.
- H. M. Morris.
- E. H. D. Grimley.
- H. T. V. Mills.
- J. C. B. Cumming.
- H. H. Fisher.

Those who have known of Brookes' illness will be thankful to hear that he is making a splendid recovery, and it will not be long before we see him once more amongst us. Those who followed each phase of his illness will realise fully what this really means and the wonder of it.

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The Sports will be held on Saturday, May 18th. It will be necessary, on account of Sports Practice, for everyone to bring back football shorts and stockings.

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Many congratulations to A. B. Smith on securing an Exhibition at Rossall School.

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The Billiard Competition was won by H. M. Morris, who defeated G. T. W. Horne in the Final. Prize for largest break went to J. F. B. Delap, who amassed 32.

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The Chess Competition was won by G. A. Abraham, who was a slight favourite throughout ; he had one or two anxious moments, however, before finally annexing the trophy. Nisbet, mi., who drew byes skilfully, progressed by this means to the semi-final, when he was defeated by Morris.

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Major and Mrs. Tudor Craig's prize for the Best Story competition was won by A. B. Smith, whose effort appears in this number. There was considerable difference of opinion as to the merits of the respective competitors, Messrs. Harris and Whately Smith both being in favour of Mills mi.'s story ; the rest of the staff, however, "en bloc" voted for Smith, who was therefore awarded the prize. Other praiseworthy attempts were shown up by Whinney, Cumming and Eden, the most noticeable defect in many cases being a very weak finish. The style and expression on the whole was good.

We have to thank E. Barclay-Smith, Esq., M.D., for a very valuable addition to our Challenge Cups, in the shape of an handsome "Victor Ludorum" Cup for the Sports. We are most grateful to him for this kindness and souvenir of his son.

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After several re-plays, all of which ended in Draws, the Soccer Sixes had to be left undecided, and the prizes were therefore divided between Hadley's VI. and Morris' VI., who were the participants in the Final Tie.

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It will be a matter of very great interest to all connected with S. Ronan's to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Remfry Brookes are going to build a chancel and vestry on to the Chapel. It is impossible to express adequately one's gratitude for such kindness and generosity, but they may be very sure that their action and motive is appreciated to the full. The work will be done during the Summer holidays. In all probability the Bishop of Chichester will be asked to consecrate the Chapel early in October.

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The new prefects next term will be :

H. C. D. Whinney.  
G. Coode-Adams.

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Heartiest congratulations and all good wishes for health and happiness from all of us at S. Ronan's to the Rev. E. Whately Smith, who was married on April 16th. It would be impossible to exaggerate his value to us or the liking and respect with which we all regard him. It is the earnest desire of every one of us that he may continue for many years in his present position as Chaplain of the School.

## School Roll.

The following was the order at the end of last term :—

### SCHOL. CLASS.

Whinney Goodall Horne, ma. Hadley Cameron Fisher		Mills, mi. Thrupp, ma. Smith Grimley Bennett Morris
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### I.A.

Havers, ma. Coode-Adams Tudor-Craig Nourse Duttson Delap, ma.		Eden Cumming Latham-Brown } <i>Abs.</i> Harris } <i>Exam.</i> Brookes }
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### SHELL.

Burd Byass Garrett, ma. Delap, mi. Thrupp, mi. Nisbet, mi.		Leathes Chapman Abraham Crozier Boyd, ma.
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### CLASS I.B.

Havers, mis. Havers, mi. Armstrong, mi. Phipps, ma. Bryson		Miller Armstrong, ma. Nisbet, ma. Hoyle, ma. Cesar
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Mills, ma.

### CLASS II.

Churton-Taylor Vogel Horne, mi.		Hoyle, mi. Barker, mi. Boyd, mi.
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Barker, ma.

### CLASS III.

Swettenham Phipps, mi. Horne, mis. Davidson-Houston		Garrett, mi. Wroughton Helme Barnes
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## SCHOOL ORDER.

Form Prizes were won as follows :—

*Schol. Class.*—H. C. D. Whinney.

*Class I.A.*—A. A. Havers.

*Shell.*—L. H. Burd.

*Class I.B.*—H. C. P. Havers.

*Class II.*—A. Churton-Taylor.

*Class III.*—N. A. M. Swettenham.

*Catechism I.*—L. M. Goodall.

„ *II.*—B. R. Delap.

„ *II.A.*—H. E. Nourse.

„ *III.*—H. B. Hoyle.

„ *IV.*—C. H. Barnes  
A. T. Helme } *æq.*

*Drawing.*—H. C. D. Whinney.

J. V. Nisbet.

The following will probably be the removes :—

*Into Schol. Class.*—A. A. Havers.

*Into I.A.*—Burd, Byass, Garrett, ma., Delap, mi., Leathes, Chapman.

*Into Shell.*—Havers mis., Havers mi., Armstrong mi., Phipps, ma.

*Into Class I.B.*—Horne mi., Barker mi., Barker ma., Swettenham (double remove).

*Into Class II.*—Phipps mi., Horne mis, Davidson-Houston, Garrett, mi.

The Competition generally during the past term was very keen ; there was another good struggle for premier place between Whinney and Goodall, and, as last term, the former just got there, —but only just. He gains a lot of marks on Mathematics or the position would be reversed. Havers, ma., was indisputably top of I.A., and accomplished a first-rate term's work ; Coode-Adams was comfortably second, and greatly improved on anything he has

hitherto done, both as regards style and method. Burd and Byass had a ding-dong struggle in "Shell;" there is little to choose between them, and they were well hunted home by Garrett, ma., who continues to show good promise. In I.B. Havers, mis. and Havers, mi., both did exceedingly well, and Churton-Taylor has every reason to be pleased with his position in Class II. Swettenham, Phipps, mi., and Horne, mis., all performed excellently and gained capital marks. The first-named has been adjudged worthy of a double Remove. For reasons of space, I have only mentioned the first one or two boys in each Form, but it must not be thought from this that others were undeserving of praise; on the contrary, the reverse is the case. I am thoroughly satisfied with the work of the past term; there was keenness amongst the boys, and I could mention particularly a large number of names deserving of recognition. Moreover, there was continuity of method and systematic organisation among the Staff. As in past terms, additional proofs of the good standard of the work were forthcoming in Smith's success at Rossall, and the high place Mills has taken at Charterhouse. It must be borne in mind that these two boys are by no means at the top of the School.

S. S. HARRIS.

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### Old Boys' Column.

There is little to relate of the doings of Old Boys during the past three months, but we have gleaned the following information:—

K. G. Malcolmson (Charterhouse) is playing back for his house under sixteen XI.

P. S. Hadley (Charterhouse), in spite of an attack of measles, was 2nd in the Open Long Jump; otherwise, he would no doubt have won that event and several others besides.

F. W. Pink (Westminster), through a sprained ankle, could take no part in the Westminster Sports; this was particularly bad luck, as he would most probably have won everything.



M. A. Biddulph (Oundle) was 2nd in the Open Long Jump.

C. W. Grimley (Wellington) was 2nd in the Junior Mile.

B. W. Tanner (Lancing) won the School Steeple-chase; we witnessed this performance ourselves, though the winner was quite unrecognisable at the finish.

W. E. Chetwynd-Stapylton (Malvern) has been performing great feats for his house at Rugger.

J. W. Northey (Wellington) visited S. Ronan's the other day; we were very pleased indeed to see him again.

H. P. Sharp (Felsted) was also a welcome visitor; he is just going out to a post in Hong-Kong.

We were very glad to see O. W. Horne of the same school.

E. A. Barclay-Smith (Westminster) has won two Maundy Moneys in recognition of his good work in Mathematics.

W. H. V. Nelson (Westminster) has been awarded the "Cheyne Prize" for Mathematics; this is a whole School prize.

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## The Chapel.

The following have been the offertories during the past term:—

January	28th.	The Panel Fund	...	...	0	12	2
February	4th.	Worthing Lifeboat Fund	...	...	0	17	8
February	11th.	The Panel Fund	...	...	1	6	5
February	18th.	The Panel Fund	...	...	1	8	7
February	25th.	The Panel Fund	...	..	1	18	6
March	3rd.	Rev. H. K. Bros' parish	...	...	1	13	11
March	10th.	Worthing Children's Care Society			1	10	4
March	17th.	The Panel Fund	...	...	0	17	7
March	24th.	Universities Mission to Central Africa	...	...	1	9	8
March	31st.	Church Army	...	...	2	0	1

We would like here to thank Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mills for their most generous gift of £5 towards the Chapel.

N.B.—Notice of the extension of the Chapel will be found in our School Notes.

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## Lectures.

We have been fortunate in securing two most interesting lectures during the past term. The first, which was held on Friday, March 1st, was delivered by Lieutenant Chamberlain on the Crimean War. It provided a most practical proof of how intensely interesting a lecture can be without any lantern slides if it is really well delivered and thought out. Probably none of us have ever listened to anything which has held us more spell-bound or which has more deeply stirred our feelings of patriotism and love of country. The way in which the whole story of the war, and the various incidents of that memorable campaign were brought home to us, exceeded anything which many of us could have expected. We certainly shall not leave any stone unturned to procure Lieutenant Chamberlain's services on a future occasion.

The other lecture, which was of quite a different type, was the first which had ever been given on Games at S. Ronan's. Captain Wynyard, whom all cricketers will know as one of the best bats in England of a few years ago, was the lecturer. He spoke to us intimately of many of the best known figures in the cricketing world, using many excellent slides; and he also explained to a certain extent the theory of the game by practical demonstration. If only we can remember to apply all that we saw that night we are not likely to lose many matches this summer.

Mr. Remfrey Brooks was unfortunately obliged to postpone his lecture, but we are glad to be able to say it is merely a pleasure deferred.

## Fashions Page.

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

- H. T. V. M.—Yes, brown shoes are worn with Etons by all the best people, for instance, quite the most fashionable attire in London at present consists of frock-coat, bowler hat, blue trousers, brown boots and white spats.
- R. H. de M.—No, we can't recommend green tie with blue suit, though you say it suits your complexion.
- E. H. D. G.—Glad to give you an opinion on your appearance in "kilts" if you will call one morning.
- H. H. F.—Note your conviction that once a week is sufficient for brushing the hair.
- P. G. M.—Regret to say it is not considered good manners in the best circles to strike matches on the "blanc-mange"; like the beef, it's "not done."

### Shooting : "Coode-Adams" Cup.

During the first half of the term, shooting was considerably interfered with by an epidemic of influenza, which attacked masters as well as boys. Latterly, however, a good deal of lost ground has been recovered, and during the last week, the Cup presented by Mr. and Mrs. Coode-Adams was competed for. The average score taken from three attempts left the following three boys at the top of the list :—

Morris	40	48	45	=	133
Horne, ma.	45	40	46	=	131
Whinney	45	40	38	=	123

Actually the highest individual score was made by L. M. Goodall, 52.

## Best Story Competition.

*Prize offered by Major Tudor Craig.*

### THE EFFECT OF A DREAM.

One night, last summer, when I went to bed, I had a most vivid and terrifying dream. As soon as I had gone to sleep, my troubles began. I dreamed that I was at my club, "The Arcady," and that a man was introduced to me by a friend. His name was Christopher Parker. It appeared that he was just home from South Africa, where he had made a fortune in diamond mining. He seemed a most pleasant and friendly man. Soon the conversation turned to diamonds, and I told him about two of these stones in my possession, called the "Inkermann" diamonds. He seemed anxious to buy them; being so large and well known, he had heard of them even in Africa. Now I happened to be rather hard up at the time, so agreed, after some haggling, to sell them to him for £20,000. He paid me with a cheque on Lloyds' Bank. Soon after this, he went out, in possession of the jewels. Then I also went out to cash my cheque, but imagine my dismay when the cashier handed me back my cheque with the words "Mr. Parker has no account here, sir!" At this moment I woke up in a great fright, and dismissed the matter from my mind as a bad dream.

About a month later, I was having tea at the "Arcady," when Brown, the friend in my dream who had introduced me to Parker, came to my table with someone whom I instantly recognized as the man himself. I started back in surprise. Brown then introduced him to me. I determined that if he tried any diamond games on, I would be on my guard. Sure enough, the conversation did turn on diamonds, by which time I had formed a little plan. So I told him about my "Inkermann" diamonds, and even offered to sell them to him. He agreed to buy them if he liked them, so I invited him to come to my rooms that night at 8.30 to see the jewels and to settle on the price. He accepted my invitation, and then went out. I then went to see a detective at

Scotland Yard, with the result that at 8.15 I had the detective and a constable hidden in a cupboard in my dining-room. At 8.30 Parker came, and we dined together. After dinner he inspected the diamonds, and offered me a cheque for £20,000 for them. I accepted it, but as soon as I had handed the stones over to him I called out the two men from the cupboard and told them to arrest him for attempted fraud. He was taken, protesting, to the police station, and the cheque was taken to Lloyds to be proved. But imagine my horror and discomfort when it was pronounced quite genuine, and Parker turned out to have an account there after all. He had to be released instantly, but was most indignant, and refused to go on with the deal, giving me back the stones, and tearing up the cheque. Moreover he sued me at court and got £2,000 damages, and made me write an apology in 20 different newspapers, which in itself cost me £18; and so I think you will agree with me that it was a most costly dream.

A. B. SMITH.

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## Football.

If there has been one quality more than another pleasing to the supporters of S. Ronan's during the last two years, it has been that of "grit." The team of the two past seasons never knew when they were beaten, and consequently they never were beaten. There was a determination, a vim, and a "do or die" spirit about the play which made it irresistibly attractive to the spectator. The extraordinary record of the past two years, in which every private school match has been won, with a total score of 243 goals to 23, speaks for itself. But the proof of the above remarks is evident more especially when we turn to Rugby; although complete beginners at the game, though not giving up more than one or two days a week to practice, the team settled down wonderfully quickly, and, improving with every match, defeated by greater margins in every succeeding game the only other schools in Sussex who, to our knowledge, play

Rugby football. It is interesting, too, to note that the S. Ronan's team is not a big set of boys; they are a level well-balanced lot, but were frequently smaller than their opponents. They were, however, well-captained, and played the game for the game's sake and the reputation of their school—not for themselves; there was not a “slacker” in either the First or Second XI. Before next season we shall lose some unusually good and reliable players. Horne, Morris, Harris, and Delap, ma., will be very difficult to replace. There is plenty of good material, however. Whinney, Byass, Barker mi., and Burd, show great promise, and if, it is possible, we have Grimley next season as well as Abraham and Leathes, we should have another good side.

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#### S. RONAN'S *v.* WYKEHAM HOUSE.

Played at S. Ronan's on Wednesday, February 7th.—Although we were without five or six of our team through chills we were successful in winning a very good game by 4—1. Morris was in very good form, but missed a good many more goals than he usually does. As it was he scored two, the other two being supplied by Harris, who did quite well in the, to him, unaccustomed position of centre forward. Our opponents scored first but after that the S. Ronan's defence always had their measure.

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#### S. RONAN'S *v.* SOUTHEY HALL.

Played at S. Ronan's on Wednesday, February 14th. Southey Hall had quite the weakest eleven that we have seen for some years, and although only four of our first eleven were playing we won by no fewer than twelve to love. Morris shot most of the goals and did pretty much as he liked. Delap, ma. as usual was in excellent form, and Harris at back was far too good for their forwards.

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#### S. RONAN'S SECOND XI. *v.* WYKEHAM HOUSE SECOND XI.

Played on the Sports Ground on Wednesday, February 7th. Owing to the prevailing chills not a single member of the ordinary second eleven was able to put in an appearance in this

match, and the stalwart team which turned out to do duty was composed of people who would normally play for the third and fourth elevens. In spite of this fact, to everyones unutterable astonishment they were successful by no fewer than six goals to nil.

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S. RONAN'S *v* LANCING JUNIORS.

Played at S. Ronan's on Wednesday, March 7th. This match, which resulted in our favour by 2—1, was productive of quite the best fight that has been seen on the S. Ronan's ground for two years. Our opponents were very much bigger and also averaged eighteen months more per boy in the matter of age. They were not however our equals in the matter of skill, though it must be said a draw would have been a very fair result. Both the S. Ronan's goals were scored in the first half, the first from a good though probably somewhat fortunate shot by Abraham, and the second from a really perfect piece of work between Morris and Delap, who took the ball all the way down the field, and which culminated in a very pretty goal by Morris. During the first half the play was very even indeed, but after the interval Lancing penned us in our own half for about twenty minutes, and it was only some sterling defence that prevented them scoring more than once. After their goal, however, our forwards once more got going and relieved the pressure, and Lancing in their turn were put strictly on the defensive. Nothing further accrued in the way of scoring, however, though each goal had some narrow escapes.

For S. Ronan's Morris and Delap played beautifully together in the forward line, and were quite the best wing on the field. Leathes and Abraham also did much useful work. The defence as a whole played exceedingly well. Horne, in particular, was in splendid form, but he was well backed up by Harris and the three halves of whom Grimley used his weight to some purpose. Whinney, apart from one mistake, which fortunately did not make the slightest difference, was very good indeed in goal, and he certainly ought to turn into an extremely good player. He has all the necessary attributes, and knows just as much about it as he well can.

*S. Ronan's.*—H. C. D. Whinney, goal; G. T. W. Horne and N. G. Harris, back; B. O. Byass, L. H. Burd, and E. H. D. Grimley, half-backs; J. F. B. Delap, H. M. Morris, G. A. Abraham, R. H. de Mussenden Leathes, and P. A. S. Hadley, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* WYKEHAM HOUSE.

Played on the Sport's Ground on Wednesday, March 20th. In perfectly disgusting weather, S. Ronan's proved successful in this match by six love. Owing to the elements the game merits no description beyond stating that several stout fellows were brave enough to turn out and watch it. The football was completely spoilt owing to the very greasy state of the ball and ground; otherwise we should have probably considerably augmented our score.

*S. Ronan's*:—H. C. D. Whinney, goal; H. V. T. Mills and G. T. W. Horne, backs; B. O. Byass, L. H. Burd, and E. H. D. Grimley, half backs; J. F. B. Delap, H. M. Morris, G. A. Abraham, R. H. de Mussenden Leathes and G. R. Barker, forwards.

S. RONAN'S *v.* LANCING JUNIORS.

Played at Lancing on March 26th. Bereft of Harris, Mills, and Abraham, through indisposition, S. Ronan's were unable to repeat their performance of the first match, and suffered defeat by three to one after an uncommonly close game, though it was by no means such a good one or productive of such good football as was the case earlier in the term. Moreover we cannot help thinking that had we been in regular practice at Association instead of playing "Rugger," and had we had the assistance of our full team, the tables would have been comfortably turned.

Grimley, who had been ill, was allowed to play, but after his rest was very much below form. Horne was easily the best of the S. Ronan's team and played, as usual, an excellent game at full back, kicking and tackling with skill. Whinney was good in goal but Chapman and Burd did not display such good form on this occasion as usual. Byass was very good in the first half but very poor in the second. Morris, who scored the only goal with a nice shot, was good of course, but we have seen him infinitely better. Delap, ma. was very fair. Barker, mi. showed us that he is nothing like such a good centre forward as outside left; and Leathes, who did fairly well in the first half, also fell away very much in the second.

*S. Ronan's*:—H. C. D. Whinney, goal; J. R. S. Chapman and G. T. W. Horne, backs; B. O. Byass, L. H. Burd, and E. H. D. Grimley, half backs; and J. F. B. Delap, H. M. Morris, G. R. Barker, R. H. de Mussenden Leathes and A. L. Cameron, forwards.



S. RONAN'S "A" *v.* SOUTHEY HALL.

Played at Southey Hall on Saturday, March 30th. Our "A" team only included three members of the first eleven, each of whom was playing out of his place, and after a remarkably poor game we were successful by five goals to two. Byass, who was playing in the, to him, unaccustomed position of centre forward, had a lot of good shooting practice, and was most skilful in missing the mark all the afternoon; Whinney, who was disporting himself at outside left, scored a fine goal with a kick which he meant for a pass; and Horne was responsible for an accidental point from full back. Altogether, this, the last match of the season was a most inspiring affair and full of amusement to those who were watching it.

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 THE CAKE MATCH.

This historic meeting was once more won by the odd goal. Morris's team on this occasion being the victors by 3—2. It was not as exciting as some of its predecessors, but that was chiefly owing to the fact that we got somewhat out of practice during the Easter term through playing so much Rugby. During the first-half, Horne's side had by far the best of the game, and yet Morris' eleven were successful in scoring the only two goals. After the interval the scores were levelled up, the end eventually arriving as stated above.

*The Winning Side:* J. C. B. Cumming, goal; J. R. S. Chapman and H. T. V. Mills, backs; E. H. D. Grimley, G. Coode-Adams and A. A. Havers, half-backs; and A. L. Cameron, H. M. Morris, B. R. Delap, H. H. de Mussenden Leathes and P. A. S. Hadley, forwards.

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 RUGGER.
S. RONAN'S *v.* WINDLESHAM HOUSE.

Played at S. Ronan's on Wednesday, February 28th. This match was productive of a splendid game, in which we emerged the victors by 17 points to 13. Considering that the S. Ronan's Fifteen had had exactly three days' practice, and that Windlesham House had been playing the whole term, this result was distinctly creditable. There was no score for about ten minutes, but then one of the opposing three-quarters got through, the kick at goal failing. After some very level play, Grimley got a good try for us, thus putting the scores level, and within a few minutes a

pretty piece of work by Morris, enabled S. Ronan's to draw a-head, half-time arriving with the home team leading by six points to three.

Early in the second half Windlesham House had considerably the best of the game, and they augmented their score to the extent of a goal and a try, which gave them the substantial lead of thirteen points to six. During the last quarter of an hour, however, S. Ronan's played with great vim and determination, and scored no less than three times by means of Thrupp (two tries) and Harris, from one of which Thrupp kicked a goal. There was no further scoring, and the game ended as stated above.

Our team, considering it was their first match, showed extremely good form. They were not so experienced in many points of the game as our opponents, but the three-quarters combined very well together, and the whole team showed great dash and individuality. Harris and Thrupp were the mainstays of the forward line, both doing any amount of good work. All the three-quarters played well, but Morris and Grimley were undoubtedly the pick. Whinney showed great promise at half-back, and Hadley was very good indeed at back. His fielding was clean, and he found touch accurately and tackled well.

*S. Ronan's*: P. A. S. Hadley, back; J. F. B. Delap, H. T. V. Mills, H. M. Morris and E. H. D. Grimley, three-quarters; H. C. D. Whinney and G. R. Barker, halves; and N. G. Harris, R. L. Thrupp, L. M. Goodall, H. H. Fisher, A. J. Boyd, L. H. Burd and A. A. Havers, forwards.

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#### S. RONAN'S *v.* ROTTINGDEAN.

Played at Rottingdean, on Saturday, March 9th. In this match another great game also resulted in a win for us, this time by eleven points to three. Rottingdean scored in the first minute, and it was a considerable time before Morris equalised. He secured the ball about forty yards out, and showing the opposition a clean pair of heels, gained his try in a fairly good position. Thrupp, ma., was successful with the attempt at goal. The other tries were got by Grimley and Harris, and were both the result of good work.

The team showed much improved form, and had obviously benefitted by their additional experience. There was any amount of dash, but the most noticeable feature was the determined tackling. When the opponents were put down there was no

mistake about it ; they were not gently seated on the ground, but were deposited with a resounding plump. The pack shoved very well, and it was there that the improvement was most marked. Thrupp played a splendid game, and was excellently backed up by Harris. Of the others, Leathes, Burd, Chapman, and Horne were the best. Whinney once more played a very good half-back game. All the three-quarters were good individually, but Morris and Grimley were again the pick. Their passing, however, was not quite so good as in the former match. Hadley was once more cool and reliable at back, and did everything that came his way with confidence.

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#### S. RONAN'S *v.* WINDLESHAM HOUSE.

Played at Brighton on Wednesday, March 13th. Considering the horribly misty weather, the football seen in this match was remarkably good. The ball was so greasy that holding it was a very difficult matter, and it speaks highly for the keenness of both sides that they were successful in putting up such a scientific game. There was nothing very much to chose between the two teams, but S. Ronan's possessed an extra bit of pace and cleverness, and this enabled them to come out winners by seven points to nil. The first try was gained in the first half by Chapman, and no further scoring took place till shortly before the finish, when Morris dropped a very pretty goal. Of the S. Ronan's team Thrupp, Morris, Grimley, Whinney and Hadley were the pick.

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#### S. RONAN'S *v.* COTTESMORE.

Played at S. Ronan's on March 16th. Cottesmore came over with an immense reputation, having previously defeated both Rottingdean and Windlesham House by enormous margins, and being regarded as quite the strongest private school Rugby

team in Sussex. The fame of one of their three-quarters in particular, an unusually big strapping fellow had preceeded him. S. Ronan's not having had half the practice at Rugby that the other school had enjoyed, had only defeated Windlesham House and Rottingdean after very close games, but they had been improving from day to day by leaps and bounds, and though realising that a heavy task lay before them, were not dismayed. And events justified that feeling, for although Cottesmore were a very much bigger and heavier lot of boys, they did not possess either the speed or the cleverness of the S. Ronan's "fifteen," and after a very strenuous first-half, were quite out-played and beaten by twenty points to five.

Their big three-quarter was well looked after from the first, Chapman in particular evidently thinking it was his special mission to bring him to the ground. He was indeed a perfect "old man of the sea" as far as that great three-quarter was concerned, and spent the greater part of the afternoon on his back. Too much praise cannot be accorded the S. Ronan's team for the determined way in which they rose to the occasion. Their play simply teemed with life and dash, and the finer points of science and skill were present in everything that was done. Morris rose several degrees above anything he had accomplished before, and his pace was altogether too much for his opponents. He was splendidly backed up by Grimley, and excellent work was also done by the other two three-quarters. The forwards were heavily handicapped by the absence, through illness, of Harris, as he is a very valuable member of the pack. Thrupp, ma., led them well however, and Horne was much more at home at the game than had been the case hitherto. Chapman excelled himself; Hadley, as usual, did everything he had to do in good style; Whinney was very quick and intelligent at half-back; and the whole team played in really good style. The most gratifying feature perhaps was the fact that though our opponents were a far bigger lot, there was not a vestige of funk. Thank goodness that is a thing entirely absent from our games. With regard to the scoring, Morris got three good tries and dropped a beautiful goal, and Thrupp, in addition to getting a try, converted once or twice with very good kicks. An unusually large company watched the match, including several old "Rugger" players, who were all much delighted with the game.

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S. RONAN'S *v.* ROTTINGDEAN.

Played at S. Ronan's on Wednesday, March 27th. The return match against Rottingdean showed beyond doubt the enormous improvement which has taken place in the S. Ronan's team. Whereas on the first occasion less than three weeks before we only won after a very close game by 11 points to three this time, we literally danced round our opponents and won by the heavy score of forty-two to five ! In every department of the game Rottingdean were out-classed and out-played. Whether it was in passing, tackling, or running, there was only one team in the picture, and the play was for the most part confined to our opponents' half of the ground. Morris was again in quite irresistible form, both running, passing, and swerving skilfully ; his tackling is at present his week point. Mills, mi., and Delap, both played their best game of the season. Grimley, though of course useful, was not quite at his best owing to a recent indisposition, but the rest of the team all played with a splendid determination which admitted of no resistance. Tries were scored by Morris, Grimley, and Thrupp, the latter also being instrumental in kicking several good goals.

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