



ST. JIM'S SPORTS & SPORTSMEN

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hardest. Greyfriars, Rookwood, and Highcliffe all had to surrender to the St. Jim's junior eleven on our own ground, though the three rival schools had their revenge later.



CRICKET

WE have just brought an interesting season to a triumphant conclusion. It has been a great season for St. Jim's, both senior and junior elevens having performed many noteworthy feats.

DARRELL of the Sixth was our star performer. Playing against Abbotsford in a two days' match, he batted the whole of the first day, and compiled the wonderful score of 214. Only once previously has a double century been made in St. Jim's cricket. This was in 1914, when R. V. Mason put together the mammoth score of 226 not out.

JUNIOR cricket has flourished exceedingly. Tom Merry has a positive genius for leadership, and his eleven is a very happy family. Every man Jack plays his

ARTHUR AUGUSTUS D'ARCY, having scored a century in the last match of the season, was presented with a silver wrist-watch, suitably inscribed, by his school-fellows. The presentation was a very pleasant function, and D'Arcy—to whom it came as a big surprise—made his shortest recorded speech. As a rule, he talks for twenty minutes without stopping, but on this occasion he

simply said: "Weally, deah boys, I don't know how to thank you! I am knocked all of a heap by this amazin' genewosity. Clean bowled ovah, bai Jove!" And then he sank back into his seat.



FATTY WYNN is proving as deadly and destructive a bowler as ever. It is amazing how so plump a fellow manages to bowl all the afternoon in the blazing sun and



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finish as fresh as paint. I questioned Wynn on the matter, and he informed me that he always fortifies himself with jam-tarts and ginger-beer at the school tuckshop prior to each match!

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FOOTBALL

THERE were several sensational happenings during the last football season. Mr. Horace Ratcliff, who has made several attempts to get the game banned, on the grounds that it is "rough and ungentlemanly," made yet another effort. But the Head, who was a great sportsman in his youth, refused to listen to the persuasions of the kill-joy house-master, and football will go merrily on as before. If the game was banned, I verily believe the school would go on strike!

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TWO "runaway" victories were gained during the season. The senior eleven defeated Wayland Wanderers by 12 goals to 1, and Tom Merry's eleven had a 9-0 win against Rylcombe Grammar School. Such scoring is more suggestive of cricket than of football!

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THE annual match between the School and the Old Boys was played in a blinding snowstorm. It was an amazing game. The "veterans" were leading by 3 goals to 1 at half-time, but the School rallied strongly in the second half and pulled the game out of the fire. The final score was 5-4 in our favour.

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MISCELLANEOUS

THE senior boxing championship was won by Darrell—the "Fighting Prefect," as he is called—and Tom Merry again demonstrated

his prowess by defeating Dick Redfern in the final for the junior championship. There has been quite a "boom" in boxing of late, and Mr. Railton, who organised the boxing tournament at St. Jim's, takes the keenest interest in the sport.

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St. Jim's cannot claim to be in the front rank of schools in regard to swimming.

It is true that most of the fellows, juniors and seniors, are able to swim, but that's about all that can be said.

Unlike their rivals at Greyfriars they are minus a covered swimming-bath, and as the river bathing-place is not suitable all the year round—except to such hardy fellows as Tom Merry, Blake, Lowther, and George Figgins—we are severely handicapped by limited opportunities for practice.

Of course, during the summer months the River Rhyl is packed to excess.

The annual school swimming sports is always an interesting event, and no doubt some of the feats performed on these occasions would put even Harry Wharton & Co. in the shade.

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We show a certain amount of brilliance in tennis also. Ralph Reckness Cardew is undoubtedly the best junior player, with Arthur Augustus D'Arcy a very near second.

We carried off most of the honours in the junior events. The seniors did not fare so badly either.

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However, we come very much to the fore so far as running is concerned. Tom Merry and Talbot are usually selected as the "hares" in the cross-country runs, and they invariably leave the "pack" standing, as it were.



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