

SPORTING RECORDS OF ROOKWOOD

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CRICKET.

ROOKWOOD has not exactly "set the Thames on fire" during the past Cricket season. At the same time, some very noteworthy performances have been achieved.

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THE Senior Eleven won exactly one-half of their matches, and the Junior Eleven fared very much better, winning seventy-five per cent. of their games. There is undoubtedly some fine cricketing talent amongst the smaller fry at Rookwood.

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JIMMY SILVER scored three successive centuries—a very fine feat for a junior. The scores were as follows:

105 v. Latcham High School.

102 v. Coombe Comrades C.C.

124 v. Highcliffe School.

Bravo, Silver!

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IN their match with Coombe Comrades, a local team, our juniors performed an extraordinary feat. Against the deadly bowling of Lovell and Grace, the "Comrades" were skittled out for a total of 7 runs! Their captain scored 5 not out, and the other two were byes!

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ROOKWOOD'S most exciting match of the season was "Past v. Present." The Old Boys brought a very formidable side down to the school, and at one time it looked

a "walk-over" for them, for they held a big lead on the first innings. However, a plucky and resolute partnership between Neville and Lonsdale, in our second venture, pulled the game round, and we got the better of a thrilling finish by 3 runs. The Old Boys spent the evening at the school, and were our guests at a bumper banquet.



It is very unlikely that Rugby will ever displace "Soccer" at Rookwood; "Soccer" has been played here from time immemorial, and recent efforts to popularise the Rugby code have brought very little result.

FOOTBALL.

WE have had a glorious football season. The First Eleven set up a record by playing fifteen consecutive matches without defeat. The "brains" of our attack is a fellow whose name, appropriately enough, is Brayne! His clever scheming and manœuvring led up to a large number of goals. Our biggest win was against Lantham Argyle. We ran up ten goals without response.

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THE Junior Eleven also fared well, under the capable leadership of Jimmy Silver. He was their most prolific goal-getter, though Tommy Dodd, of the Modern Side, ran him very close. The juniors won most of their matches in convincing style. But they have yet to win the Public Schools' Football Championship. Their boldest bid was when they got into the Final against Greyfriars, only to be beaten "on the post."

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THERE is a movement on foot to popularise the Rugby code at Rookwood. Personally, I do not think it will succeed. "Soccer" has been played at Rookwood from time immemorial, and it is no easy matter to abolish a deep-rooted custom. I have no quarrel with the Rugby code; indeed, I consider there is room for both types of game at Rookwood. But "Soccer" will never die out, that is certain.

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YOUNG Algy Silver tells me that the fags have had a very successful season; but he complains of the rough and uneven nature of the fags' ground, which becomes a quagmire in bad weather. He wishes to know if the Senior Eleven would be prepared to "swop" grounds. What cheek! Our answer is, of course, a positive negative!

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GENERAL NOTES.

THE senior boxing championship of Rook-



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wood was won by the writer of these notes. Spare my blushes!

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THE Junior Championship has not yet been decided. It has gone as far as the semi-final. The four juniors who remain "in the running" are Jimmy Silver, Kit Erroll, Tommy Dodd, and Dick Oswald. May the best man win!

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TUBBY MUFFIN deplotes the fact that there is no annual eating contest at Rookwood. He would be a certain starter—and a certain winner!

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THE Ludo Championship, which is confined to members of the fag fraternity, has been won for the third time in succession by Algy Silver.