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GRAHAMSTOWN, THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1963 note contained the word "bloody".



Professor and Mrs. Ewer gave a party at their home for the cast of Scope-Nite. Above are some of those who attended.

HIGH SCHOOL WE LIVE IN

A Rhodes student who wrote a note to the housekeeper of his hall complaining about the pudding has been fined six rand and gated for a week-end.

The note was not signed. But when students from the table were called up discipline" revealed this week were: and asked the author immediately stated that he had written the note.

Other aspects of Rhodes "high school

- Since the beginning of this year there has been a notice in the library that until 4.30 p.m. students must be dressed in the library as for lectures. Women entering the library in slacks are sent out.
- In the Art school students are expected to produce a signed letter from their house warden if they miss a lecture
- A student was expelled from a thirdyear lecture for reading.
- In a law lecture a student was warned for not taking notes.
- During lectures in English I (a course which often has more than 200 students) any male student without jacket and tie is expelled for "academic nakedness".
- A Senior female was fined R2 and gated for a week for talking out of her window to men students building floats in the early morning hours of the night before rag.
- Female students are gated one evening for each minute that they return late to their hall,

## 1. Driver talks to Rhodes on Nusas

"I am not NUSAS students, are NUSAS", said Mr. Jonty Driver, President of NUSAS, when he spoke to the Rhodes Student Body on Friday evening.

Mr. Driver, on his annual Presidential tour of all NUSAS constituent bodies, stressed the practical aspects of NUSAS as well as its policy. First, however, he remarked on the attendence (thirty-eight students, to be precise) by saying he did not realize just how small Rhodes is.

#### **ADVANTAGES**

explaining the structure of

education). However, he stated that this was of minor importance compared to other opportunities that NUSAS provides for the student. One of these is the opportunity to put into practice various reforms that students demand in their society. In South Africa for instance, there is still terrific poverty and lack of education, to combat which NUSAS organizes and encourages relief and schooling schemes (such as GADRA, night schools etc.)

#### THE DUTY

However, these schemes could not NUSAS, Mr. Driver went on to explain possibly work without effort by the its practical advantages to the student students: without their co-operation,

without their acceptance that a student policy from political policy, just that (in his privileged position of having both long NUSAS will be political. intelligence and the opportunity to use it) has a certain duty to his fellow-beings in society, NUSAS will be of little avail.

Commenting on the rejection of the 'Student as Such' Clause by NUSAS Mr. Driver pointed out that it is impossible to separate the Government's policy on education from its policy of 'Apartheid" as a whole.

NUSAS has been accused of being too political. NUSAS is political, said Mr. Driver, but just as long as it is impossible in South Africa to separate educational

#### CONSERVATIVE

Several questions caused lively debate. Among the points that emerged was Mr. Driver's view that Rhodes would have considerable support at NUSAS Congress in July for its more conservative viewpoint.

In reply to a question about NUSAS-ASB relations, Mr. Driver quoted from past documents, which, he claimed, indicated a complete unwillingness on the part of ASB to co-operate with NUSAS. During this part of the meeting, Mr. Driver was challenged on several points by some members of the

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#### **Editorial**

#### DISSENTIENT VOICE

During the last few weeks, and especially at the recent student body meeting, we have been told that the view-point of the S.R.C. is that the Rhodes Students should link up with NUSAS thereby ensuring a represention of five delegates. This, we have been assured, will enable Rhodes to play a leading part in being a dissentient voice at the NUSAS congress and being able to bring to the force the views of the Phodes students. and being able to bring to the fore the views of the Rhodes students which do not agree with the extremism of parts of the NUSAS population.

#### NOT IN THE WILDERNESS

Students at Rhodes have been inclined to agree with the plea from the very excellent NUSAS Councillor, Glyn Hewson, that we do not cut ourselves off completely from a national organisation such as NUSAS and lose ourselves in the wilderness. On this basis, many have joined NUSAS confident in the assurances that our own S.R.C. accepts the rule of "student as a student" and that our delegates will not agree to the entry to the political field without a definite mandate from the student

#### THE BOMB-SHELL

It is thus most unfortunate that the National President when speaking officially and, we presume, authoritatively, at a recent meeting on this Campus should state that NUSAS cannot remain bound by the student as a student view-point and must involve itself in the wider sphere. This is tantamount to an admission that NUSAS is and will remain a political organisation.

#### TO BE OR NOT TO BE . . .

We are then faced with an immediate and necessary re-consideration of the whole subject of NUSAS. Under the circumstances implied by Mr. Driver's statements, is it still possible and workable to aim at presenting the true views of the Rhodes students at the NUSAS congress? Will not the fact of his statements lead to the loss of some of the support that NUSAS has obtained on the Campus (under the understanding already mentioned) and prevent many who were favourably considering linking up with NUSAS from doing so? We look forward to an early statement from the S.R.C. as to their views in the light of the National

#### ARE WE ENCIRCLED

From time to time one hears stories of the sufferings of students who have found themselves on the wrong side of the Campus Law and who have become victims of the weight of disciplinary action. One fully realises that discipline must be maintained at any place including a University but is a little amazed at the legal system which functions (at least theoretically) here at Rhodes.

#### ALL THE COURTS

One is positively frightened by the thought that a student who breaks any of the many rules and regulations could be had up before no less than eight different bodies or persons (ie. His own House Committee, His House Warden or Sub-warden, his Hall Warden, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee of the S.R.C., the S.R.C. itself, the Senate or the Vice-Chancellor.) We all know that all students are required to sign the Register when the register for the first time and that they, thereby, accept the rules of the University. However, has this disciplinary system not become too top-heavy? Are we not in danger of finding ourselves forced with discipline for discipline's sake and rather strong steps being faced with discipline for discipline's sake and rather strong steps being taken against students who are in many cases of legal age?

#### AT HIGH SCHOOL?

At a High School one expects to find that rules are made with regard to matters such as dress as well as behaviour, but when one is at a place of Higher Learning one does not expect to find detailed rules as to how one may dress. It would, surely, be but one little step further to put us all in uniforms!

#### THE REAL AIM

One presumes that the aim of attending a University is to study and that comfort while working should be seen as more important than "suitable" dress. Collars and ties for men and dresses for women may be justifiably required in Hall or at a social function but jerseys and slacks or shorts are more condusive to work.

#### NO WONDER 'TIS TRUE

Faced with so many rules and regulations which are designed to regulate the students from morn to night (and even when they are asleep) it is no wonder that the University has been forced to adopt a system which reminds one forcibly of the High School complete with prefects. All we have not got is the cane!

## Shakespeare **Evening**

An evening of play-readings of well-known Shakespearian scenes was presented to a meagre audience on Saturday evening. The actors and actresses were drawn from both staff and students.

#### SMOKING

The English III students began with a scene from Hamlet, following on Monday's presentation by the P.E. Theatre Group. Although it would be unfair to expect it to be of the same quality (see elsewhere for review), the scene was spoiled by Hamlet appearing on the stage smoking a cigarette and with his free hand in his pocket.

Three scenes from The Merchant of Venice followed. They were better produced and well read. More scenes from Othello, King Henry IV and Julius Caesar completed the programme. These kept up the high quality established by The Merchant of Venice and the readers deserve credit for their acting and

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# Caterers Touchy?

with regard to the presentation of the Rag Queen at Rag Ball, but it is no

good reason to slay from his lofty height the Ball generally.

If M.J.R. so fully realises the difficulty of catering for large numbers (over four hundred tickets were sold), then perhaps he would care to cater in future.

Catering would have been adequate but for the selfishness of some people who insisted on returning for 'seconds'. (We assume that M.J.R. was not one of these). It would seem that in future doormen will have to be appointed to control this: those who catered did not expect such action; nor do we appreciate the necessity for such childish behaviour. Those who were spotted were turfed out;

many were not.

It might interest M.J.R. that catering preparations lasted the whole of Saturday afternoon and evening till 11.30

We also fail to see why M.J.R. claims that drinking is inevitable at Balls, or is he perhaps betraying his own subjectivity? And seeing that this nostalgia is so strongly attached to his Matric farewell, may we suggest that he boy-cott Balls in future, that he organise

## I LIKED THE BALL -SAYS THIS ONE

Sir,—Although M.J.R. (It's no "Ball" — RHODEO May 2) may be right in certain aspects of his criticism of Rag Ball, I feel that, on the whole, his criticism is far too devastating. I disagree when he says that Rag Ball followed its miserable pattern.

Of the three Rag Balls I have attend- not enjoy this one, it will be a long time ed, this one stood head and shoulders before he attends a Ball on the campus above the other two. Admittedly, it was crowded; but that was to be expected at Rag; unless the organisers want to have the overflow dancing in the Kaif Quad.

#### THE BAND

Although I have heard conflicting opinions, I think that the band was excellent, and they must be complimented for the whole of the last hour, when the dancers refused to leave the The fact that the dancers did refuse to leave the floor is surely in itself eloquent comment on the fact that they were enjoying themselves, and did not think that Rag Ball was following its traditional miserable pattern.

#### EXPORT BRAND

I dont think that we can legitimately say that there was marked disapproval when the piper struck up with McGill-avry's theme. There was a groan in unision from everyone; but it was more in good humour than in disapproval.

I agree that the Rag Queen's throne might have been further forward, and that she should have had a mike for peech. The catering, although under difficult circumstances, her speech. done should have been adequate for the third setting.

I get the impression that M.J.R. likes criticising. I'm sorry that he (or she did not enjoy this Ball, because if he did

another Matric farewell, and that he be prepared to give credit where it is due and not merely to growl to the world over small points which seem to have irritated him mightily.

R. T. McGEOGH, G. SPROULE.

that he can enjoy.

### **FALSEHOODS** IN REPORT?

Sir,-The last issue of "The Rhodeo" contained several falsehoods in its report of a motion passed by the Student Body at a General Meeting on May 2nd. For one, I absolutely deny having said that: "in many cases the Non-European workers on the campus received such low wages that they lived below the bread-line. Some of the waiters received R4 a month."

We merely proposed that a committee be appointed to investigate the truth of the rumour that some of the Non-European employees live below the breadline, but your reporter has twisted our proposal of an enquiry into a statement of fact. Nor did I say that some waiters received only R4 a month, though someone else may have done so.

#### PROTEST OR NOT?

Your reporter also alleged that "Rhodes will investigate and then protest . . at the low level of wages etc." as if the protest was a matter of course. He ignored the fact that the purpose of the investigation was to decide whether facts warranted a protest or not. This gives one the impression that the investigation was to be a mere formality, and suggested that the motion was an example of impulsive idealism, rather than rational consideration.

One must criticize the inaccurate and sensational journalism in the article to which I have referred, and remind the Editor that apart from lowering the tone of the paper, misrepresentations of this nature are harmful to individuals.

HAROLD FARMER.

While we agree that some misreport may have occured as to our correspondent's actual words, we must insist that the general feeling of the meeting was correctly reported. There was no suggestion whatsoever that no protest be made.

# NUSAS: Visit to Rhodes

Last week the national President of NUSAS, Mr. Jonty Driver, and the Vice-President, Mr. Kenny Parker paid an annual visit to Rhodes. At present it is possible for the president to visit the various universities once a year, but if sufficient funds can be made available it is hoped to make the visits bi-annual affairs in future.

#### MEMBERSHIP

In an interview Mr. Driver was asked to comment on the system of voluntary membership of NUSAS in operation at Rhodes. He said, "It is not up to me to say anything. This matter must be thrashed out between the Student Body and their SRC." The same attitude is adopted by NUSAS at top level. He added that the withdrawal move at Rhodes had been beneficial to NUSAS as it had aroused more interest in this body. None of the other universities have voluntary membership only, but many students take NUSAS for granted and do nothing to support its activities. Mr. Driver said the local committee is working very well.

#### FUND-RAISING

He and Mr. Parker are also on the national committee of WUS so they were very pleased that their visit coincided with Shakespeare week, in aid of WUS funds. Regular fund-raising activities take place at other universities in the country.

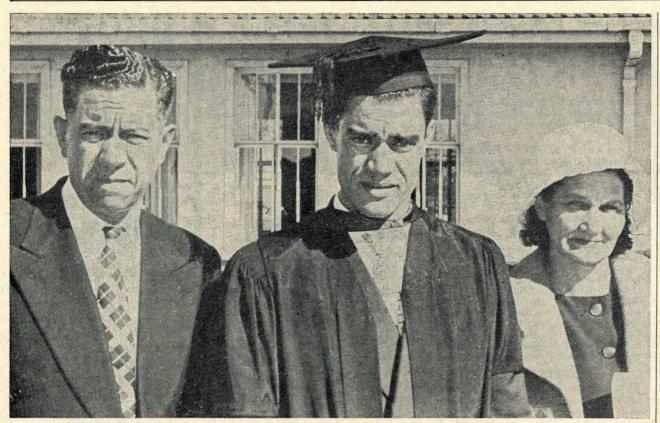
Mr. Driver said that he felt that the aims of NUSAS were being achieved. These are that "students should improve their position as students," and" improve their society." In the past five years about £50,000 has been raised towards ED. the furtherance of these aims.

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About 50 students graduated at the Fort Hare graduation ceremony on Saturday 4th May. It is believed that this will be the last ever Fort Hare graduation ceremony at Rhodes. The graduation address was given by Dr. Alexander Kerr. The photograph shows Lesley J. Douman, B.Sc. graduate, of 72 Highfield Rd., Port Elizabeth, and his parents.

# WAT IS DIE TOESTANDE IN OOS-EUROPA?

DEUR "SAREL"

Sedert die Russiese Rewolusie van 1917 was dit nog altyd vir die Westerse wêreld min of meer 'n raaisel wat presies agter die Ystergordyn aangaan. Net die idee dat die Russe so geheimsinnig oor hulle doen en late is, is genoeg om enigiemand nuuskierig te maak, maar meer as dit nog; Die feit dat Rusland op die oomblik die Weste se grootste en gevaarlikste teenstander is, behoort elke Westerling tot 'n groter mate van intelligente ondersoeking aan te spoor.

As die Russe se gevorderde en dikwels verbasende wetenskaplike feite beskou word, moet die vraag dadelik opkom; Hoe is dit moontlik dat hulle in so 'n kort tydperk van 'n betreklik onbenullige nasie tot wêreldleiers op die gebied van wetenskap kon gevorder het? Om sulke reuseskemas soos die lansering van maanvuurpyle suksesvol aan te pak dui tog immers op die feit dat daar meer as net ontvoerde Duitse wetenskaplikes op die spel moet wees. Waar kry Rusland so gou so baie ingenieurs, tegnoloë en opgeleide werkers.

Nie net wat betref die wetenskap en

Nie net wat betref die wetenskap en tegnologie nie, maar ook op die gebied van die beeldende kunste, musiek en letterkunde is Rusland gewoonlik bo-aan wêreld-lys. Dit alles dui op onderwys

en opleiding. Bo en behalwe dit moet dit ook duidelik wees dat Rusland op uitnemende wyse voorsiening maak vir die skeppende en uitvoerende kunstenaar.

Wat is die werklike posisie wat betref wetenskaplike, tegnologiese en opvoedkundige organisasie in Rusland? Hoe sou toestande in 'n Russiese universiteit wees? Wat is die verhouding tussen die kunstenaar en die staat? Wat is die posisie van die Kommunistiese party met betrekking tot die bevolking? Is die bevolking van Rusland werklik so onderdruk en ongelukkig as wat algemeen aanvaar word?

Professor Erbe van die Departement Duits spreek Woensdagaand die Afrikaanse vereniging toe oor toestande in Oos-Europa.

#### **FENCING**

A friendly fencing match between Rhodes and P.E. Fencing Club took place on Sunday afternoon. The Rhodes men's team (Roché, Atkinson and Bishop) lost by four bouts to five while the women (Roché, Harding and Hedding) won by five bouts to four.

# ROMEO & JULIET

The screening of "Romeo and Juliet" last Friday night was attended by only a handful of "Kulture Vultures". The numbers were further reduced after a series of breaks in the film in the early part of the show. During the ensuing pauses dark figures were seen rising and slinking out the G.L.T. These grand exists were not halted by the chanting of "We want Romeo," "We want Juliet," by ardent fans in an effort to keep up the spirits of the audience.

In spite of hitches such as the film breaking and sudden fade-outs of sound, the production was a good one on the whole. Moira Shearer's air-of-innocenceand-breathless-little-voice portrayal of Juliet was a change from the modern heroine of the silver screen. At times it seemed as if Romeo was much older than Shakespeare's original creation, but he gave a convincing performance. The character of the fussy old hen of a nurse was one of the best parts in the film. The duke was a disappointment. In his rare appearances he was more like a sergeant-major on the parade-ground than the ruler of Verona. He lacked the regal carriage and dignity of the nobility. Mercutio's "Queen Mab" speech was spiced with plenty of spice and variety which held the audience's attention, but he seemed in a great hurry to get the whole thing over and done with.

#### ELIZABETHAN MUSIC

The evening of Elizabethan music with an explanatory talk held on Thursday night, filled the Music Department to capacity.

The programme included music written for the harpsichord, but as no harpsicord was available, a piano was substituted. An Elizabethan instrument, the recorder, which is enjoying a new lease of life in the twentieth century, was used for four items on the programme.

EAT MORE CHEESE!

# RHODES BEAT RANGERS IN POOR SOCCER MATCH

Only a last minute goal from a free-kick by inside right lan Mcgibbon saved the day for Rhodes, giving us a 3-2 soccer victory over Rangers on Saturday.

It was a close match but it was only right that Rhodes should have won, for Rangers played a negative, spoiling game. At times the game got out of hand with the Ranger players kicking and fouling as if intent on injuring all the Rhodes team. A very light ball and a strong cross wind made ball-control difficult, not to mention the kick-andmiss tactics of the opponents. But Rhodes never gave up and were well worth their victory.

#### HAT TRICK

Cenre-forward Hilary R. Graham got a hat-trick, bringing his tally of goals in the last three league matches to nine. It is a long time since Rhodes had a player of his calibre to finish off movements.

#### CONSTRUCTIVE

Rhodes remains one of the most constructive and skilful teams in the competition. But if we are to win the league we must not allow our opponents to drag our play down to their level.

# CHILDES WINS

Rhodes filled the first nine places in a  $4\frac{3}{4}$  mile cross-country race, organised by the Army, on Saturday afternoon. In the handicap race, Childes was first, Irons fourth, Gradwell and Cave fifth and sixth respectively. Gross times showed Gradwell as the fastest with a time of 28.1. Childes recorded the second fastest time with 28.11 and Cave was third with 28.12.

#### Moorcroft

E. K. Moorcroft has once again been chosen to represent Eastern Province in their forthcoming inter-provincial. He returns to the side as a lock.

#### Sports talk:

# The Central Universities XV and Rhodes

The Central Universities trials are to be held in Durban on the 20th July to choose a side to play the combined Oxford and Cambridge team as well as the Wallabies in August. The team will be chosen from the universities of Natal, O.F.S. as well as Rhodes.

Rhodes have three certainties: Johnny Jones at either centre or wing; Errol Moorcroft at lock and Clive Ulyate (if he is available) at full-back. The following is a possible team:

Full-back: Ulyate (Rhodes).

Wings: Van Rooyen (Natal) and Cillier (O.F.S.)

Centres: Jones (Rhodes) and

Tomlinson (Natal)

Halves: de Haas (O.F.S.) and

Hawthorne (Natal)

Front-Rankers: van Zyl and Strydom (O.F.S.)

Hooker: Shipping (Natal)

Locks: de Jager (O.F.S.) and
Moorcroft (Rhodes)

Flanks: Bedford (Natal) and Jordaan (O.F.S.)

No. 8: Hitchins (Natal)

Rhodes fielded six rugby teams on Saturday. This is encouraging. First teams often decline during a season due to a lack of players to draw on in case of injuries, etc. It is also encouraging tonote that all the teams won, barring one.

The fourth team (more or less an Invitation House team) played very entertaining rugby, winning 26–0.

#### BOXING

The boxing club hold their first tournament of the year on Saturday night in the City Hall against the Army. The team has been in training for some months now, and is most determined to avenge the narrow 3–2 defeat that it suffered at the hands of the Army last August.

Boxers of St. Aiden's College are being matched with opponents for the preliminary bouts. Rhodes will be entering seven contestants against the Army, and with some old and some new faces there is every prospect of an enjoyable evening's boxing. The first bout is due to start at 8 p.m.

#### NETBALL

In an entertaining game of netball Rhodes failed to beat Grahamstown Convent in a league game last Thursday. The final score was 22 all. Clarke and Barnes shared the scoring between them. Lack of practice and more training is essential if Rhodes is to be more successful in future games.

#### SPORTS RESULTS

#### RUGBY

Rhodes 1st 22; Albany 11. Rhodes 2nd 0; Albany 6. Rhodes 3rd 14; Albany 9. Rhodes 4th 26; Albany 0.

#### HOUSE RUGBY :

Pringle 13; Adamson 3. Smuts 17; Atherstone 0. College 28; Graham 3. Retief 8; Oppidans 0. Botha walk-over Cory-Matthews.

#### HOCKEY (Men):

Rhodes 1st 3; Port Elizabeth 2. Rhodes 2nd 3; Occasionals 3. Rhodes 3rd 2; Port Elizabeth 0.

#### SOCCER

Rhodes 1st 4; Rangers 3. Rhodes 3rd 0; Defence B 4.

#### TENNIS:

Rhodes 1st 2; Dale 7. Rhodes 1st 12; Athlone (King) 12.

#### NETBALL :

Rhodes 1st 22; Grahamstown Convent 22.

#### SOUASH:

Rhodes 2nd 3; Command 0. Rhodes 2nd 3; Old Grey 2.

#### U 20 RUGBY :

Rhodes A 13; Old Collegians 3. Rhodes B 22; Old Collegians 8.

## SQUASH

The Rhodes squash team had a successful week-end. The Invitation team of Phear, Ezekowitz and Barrow beat Command A 3–0 without losing a set and then beat Old Grey 3–2.

Alison Skelley, and Les Jack have been chosen to represent E.P. in the Women's Inter-Provincial Championship.

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# HOCKEY: RHODES BEAT P.E.

Rhodes were lucky to defeat the lowly Port Elizabeth side 3-2 on Sunday. The P.E. defence were in fine form and broke up many Rhodes' attacks with hard tackling and first-time clearances. Tim Woods sustained a head injury early in the first half and Rhodes were forced to play the rest of the game with only 10 men.

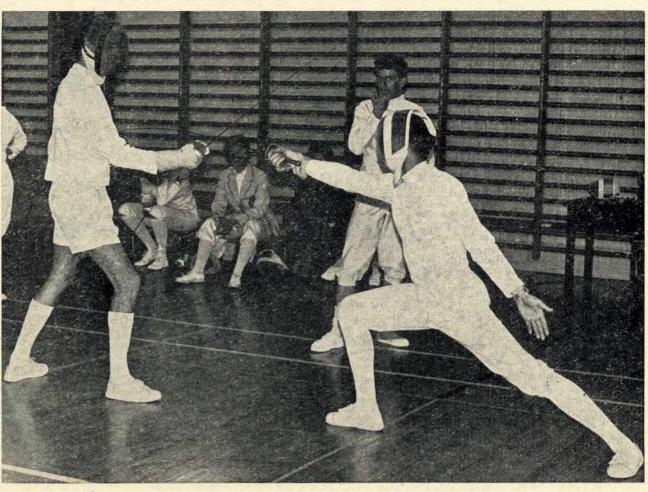
Our play was ragged and many passes went astray. Brian Bowles was the best of the forwards on the right wing while Dickson and Abbot had good games on defence.

#### DEFENCE

Rhodes swung into attack from the start and only desperate defence kept them out. A goal had to come, and it did — with a smashing oblique shot from inside right Baxter. Woods then went off. Pressure was kept up and the P.E. goalie saved well from shots by Baxter and Bowles. Our play then fell away and P.E. deservedly equalized just before half-time. A penalty flick after the restart gave P.E. a 2–1 lead. Rhodes passes were going astray and the forwards seemed listless at this stage; but Rhodes were the better side and with only a quarter of an hour left for play, Delayney equalized after a good movement by Bowles down the right. Just on full time Rhodes were awarded a penalty flick and Baxter made no mistake.

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George Atkinson of Rhodes thrusting at Malcolm Rendell of Port Elizabeth during the fencing match at Rhodes on Sunday afternoon.

# EASY RHODES VICTORY OVER ALBANY IN SCRAPPY MATCH

The first team continued on their winning way on Saturday with a comfortable 22 - 11 victory over our traditional rivals, Albany. This victory, believe it or not, raises Rhodes to the top of the league.

At no time did Rhodes look like losing. The team seemed to tire at the end, however, but by then the result

was clear. Eva was the man of the match, his line-out work being superb. Warrenburg, at fly-half, improves at every match and was responsible for a couple of tries.

After ten minutes of mid-field play Amm beat his opposite number and Jones went over in the corner. Eva converted and Rhodes lead 5–0. Eight minutes later, Taylor joined the line to create an overlap, and Fury was able to score far out (8 nil).

Rhodes increased their lead to 11–0 when Hooker Hoard scored after collecting an up and under from Barrow.

The next trial was against the run of play. Amm scooped a loose ball and after a 60 yd. run drew the full-back

and passed to Jones who scored behind the posts.

Albany pulled up to narrow the margin to 14-8.

After a period of relatively dull play, Warrenburg broke well near the Albany line and flank-forward Webster was on hand to take the inside pass and crash over. Eva converted (19–8).

A forward rush a few minutes later ended with Eva diving over after a 15 yard dash, making the final score 22–11.

Although this was a good victory Rhodes made many careless mistakes which would have been capitalized on by a better team than the disjointed Albany.

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