

# NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

Rodney Mason created three posters for displaying newspaper cuttings which featured reports on Old Creightonians' rugby matches.

It is not known where these were displayed or when the matches were played. None of them say which newspaper supplied the reports.

The cuttings show the names of the opponents as described in the text and these are not necessarily the correct names of the clubs concerned. Some also refer to matches which are mentioned but not featured.

The posters deteriorated with time and some of the cuttings were almost unreadable when they were scanned. Some have marks which cannot be removed and they sometimes obscure the text.

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# POSTER 1

## 1 Camelot and Extras

### *Depleted but successful*

Although playing with only 14 men for more than half the game, Old Creightonians maintained their improved form to beat Camelot by a goal and three tries (14 points) to a dropped goal and a try (6 points). Tries were scored by Chidley and Ager (three) and there were outstanding performances from Harman, J. Morgan, and Buttery. Astill, made the one conversion.

All the other Creightonian teams were beaten. Scores: A 0-3, Extra A 0-37, B 3-13.

## 2 Cuaco, Standard Telephones and Twickenham

**O. CREIGHTONIANS "A" 9pts.,  
CUACO "A" 0**

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### 3 Harlequins

#### Old Creightonians 9, Harlequins 'A' 6.

This game at Southall on Saturday, produced one of O.C.'s best displays this season. Both sides fought well, with the game clean throughout.

The game had hardly started; in fact, the Quins had not touched the ball, when Smith, who moved to centre this week from scrum-half, saw his way open and dropped a goal square between the posts.

This broke the ice and the game warmed up immediately. O.C.'s scrum was spasmodic. It seemed to have the fire, but had to give away a good eight stone to Quins' pack; it never seemed to win, even with the loose-head.

A line - out won by O.C.'s passed the ball to Docketty, who broke through the Quins' line. He passed to Morgan, who sprinted for the line and scored far-out.

#### BRILLIANT MOVE

Quins, however, came back into the game when their inside centre broke brilliantly, and scored before O.C.'s had time to cover up.

Soon after the start of the second half a penalty, given to Quins after an infringement in the scrum, levelled the score.

It seemed that it would stay that way when Brann went off with an injury, and the game closed in.

Towards the end, however, O.C.'s three - quarters looked even stronger, and after a good passing movement Morgan went over again for a try far-out.

Quins' bigger three-quarter line were dangerous, fighting to the end, and about three minutes from the end they kicked ahead, to what seemed a certain try. O.C.'s fly - half had dropped back and he managed to put into touch.

O.C.'s welcomed back into the side, Hardy, after a three-week holiday, to Cork, where he had a fine game.

O.C.'s: Bayliss, Ager, Smith, Docketty, Morgan, Ellis, Ford, Bull, Hardy, Margerison, Green Brann, Spencer, Jones, Thomson.

Other Results: O.C. 'A' 8; Camelot 'A' 6; O.C. 'Ex. A' 8, Camelot 'Ex. A' 20; O.C. 'B' 3, Camelot 'B' 15.

## 4 Harlequins and Son of Watford

**Creightonians** beat Harlequins "A" XV 14-11 at Tente-low Lane on Saturday, after being seven points down at half-time.

Creightonians opened the scoring when from a loose ruck the ball was fed crisply to the three-quarters for Jones at centre to score. Harlequins hit back, scoring two tries and landing a penalty to gain the upper hand.

Creightonians winger Clare sped in for a try in the corner soon after, taking the home side closer to the lead, before Ellis followed up a miskicked penalty attempt to score a try under the posts which Eynon converted.

**Creightonians "A" XV 24, Sun of Watford 0; Creightonians Extra "A" XV 56, Sun of Watford "A" 0; Creightonians "B" XV 0, Wembley (L.M.) 50.**

## Rugby football

# HARROW WEIGHT NO HELP

**Harrow 3, O. Creightonians 14**

**A**LTHOUGH generally holding territorial advantage, Harrow were beaten by a goal and three tries (14 points) to a dropped goal (3 points) by a lively Old Creightonians side at Stanmore.

While the heavier Harrow forwards controlled the set pieces and were quick to hammer through on the loose ball the side as a whole lacked the wit, skill, and determination to crack a resolute defence.

By contrast the Creightonian forwards supported every thrust by their backs, ran and handled slickly, and had a share in all the tries.

### *'Edge' lost*

In the first-half Harrow pressed hard for long periods. Doughty, Pryce, and several forwards almost making the line. But the "edge" went when neat handling, aided by Harrow's weak covering and tackling, let in first Jones and then Green for unconverted tries.

After the interval Harrow started with clear eagerness to wipe out their deficit and for a time their handling matched that of Creightonians, one sweeping movement dying just short of the corner flag with men over. Much against the run of play Ager raced away when a Harrow attack broke down in the Creightonian "25" and scored under the posts for Spencer to convert.

By this time both sides had had their share of injuries and for a time Creightonians were without Smith and Balham. Using high kicks and storming dribbles Harrow continued to search desperately for a score and succeeded when Godson dropped a fine goal.

It still seemed that Harrow might save the day but two push-over attempts were foiled by collapsed scrums and Pryce just failed to get over.

Once again Creightonians relieved the pressure, and quick thinking and a good break from the back of the line brought a fine try for Bull and the end of Harrow's hopes.



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**Mitcham 6 pts  
Old Creightonians 21**

Old Creightonians at long last ended their losing run with a resounding victory at Mitcham by three goals and two penalty goals to a dropped goal and a penalty goal.

The match was really tied up just after the interval when **Richard Eker** added another try to the one he had scored in the first half and **Eddie Astill** converted from the touchline to give the O.C.'s a ten-point lead.

Mitcham reduced the arrears with a penalty but **Astill** restored the balance with his second penalty and then, with a determined counter-attack along the right wing, **Roger Harman** was sent racing clear for a try which **Astill** converted.

This was definitely one of O.C.'s better performances and although each member of the team played well, the exceptional players were John Morgan in the backs and Phil Jones from the forwards.

**Old Creightonians:** E. Astill, R. Eker, R. Pullin, B. Jones, J. Morgan, R. Harman, R. Hutchinson, B. Bennett, A. Jones, E. Butler, R. Porter, R. Jones, T. Ellis, P. Griffiths, A. Isichei.

## 8 North of the Thames and South of the Thames

### Old Boys Rugby

# STARS OF YESTERYEAR TURN OUT AGAIN

*By F. H. GARSIDE*

**M**ANY distinguished veteran old boys will play in the North of the Thames v South of the Thames match which Alan Cooper has arranged for Haberdashers ground tomorrow. Two, Rodney Pelham and Geoff Shilling, of Taylors', are still first XV players.

The most durable, however, is probably "Nobbly" Tanner, 53, who still turns out at fly-half for Haberdashers "C" team.

Playing for the South is the Blackheath president, D. J. Piper, an Oundelian. His partner in the centre is Dickie Hills, an Askean who played many times for Kent two decades ago.

At full-back for the South is Geoff Standish, who has given long and devoted service to Rutlishians, and the pack includes such familiar names as Ken Lovering (Dunstonians), Colin Mead (Whitgiftians) and Ken Pettifer (Alleynians).

### Cooper hooks

Alan Cooper, captain of Haberdashers from 1959 to 1961, is the North hooker and one of his props will be clubmate Peter Stevenson, who played more than 300 games for the first XV.

**NORTH.**—L. Zappe (Grammarians); C. R. Turnbull (Taylors); P. Griffiths (Creightonians); J. E. Stagg (Haberdashers); R. H. Pelham (Taylors); W. R. Tanner (Haberdashers); R. Harvey (Millhillians); R. Rubenstein (UCS); A. S. Cooper; P. Stevenson (Haberdashers); G. W. Shilling (Taylors); R. Freeman; M. White (Blues); R. Matthew (Haberdashers); D. Buckingham (Creightonians).

**SOUTH.**—G. A. Standish (Rutlishians); J. Arnett (Dunstonians); D. J. Piper (Oundelians); R. M. Hills; K. Walker (Askeans); D. W. Hykin (Rutlishians); J. Howard (Paulines); K. J. Lovering (Dunstonians); A. N. Other; C. G. Mead; P. Mobsey; B. E. Jobson (Whitgiftians); K. G. Pettifer; J. Wait (Alleynians).

Referee: W. A. Barnes (London Socy).

## 9 Old Dunstablians

**Old Creightonians 9 pts.**

**Old Dunstablians 16**

OLD Creightonians lost a closely-contested game against old rivals Old Dunstablians at Tente-low Lane on Saturday.

Although dominating every facet of forward play the Creightonians could not capitalise on their abundance of possession.

A lack of co-ordination and penetration amongst the threequarters appeared the main reason for Creightonians' defeat.

No doubt as the season progresses and injured players return to the team a certain fluency will be developed.

Creightonians took an early lead through a **Bob Pullin** penalty but it was not long before Dunstablians took over the lead with a converted try.

However the most thrilling action in the game took place in the last ten minutes when the score changed three times in as many minutes. Dunstablians scored an unconverted try but two minutes later Creightonians came back following a lot of interpassing for **Isickel** to score under the posts.

**Eynon** converted, bringing the score to 10-9.

However this evenly balanced situation did not remain for long as Dunstablians centre broke away to score under the posts.

# OLD C's LOSE FIRST MATCH

Old Crieghtonians were unlucky on Saturday when they played the Old Lutonians and lost 11-9. For most of the first half the O.C.'s were on top, but their efforts were thwarted at the beginning of the movements, and the few that really looked like coming off wilted about 25 yards from the try-line.

O.L.'s were the first to score, with a bright try after brilliant kick ahead, which furthered an already good movement down the centre.

## FATAL MISTAKE

O.C.'s then replied with a try by Porter after the defence had been cleverly split.

Early in the second half, after some good forward play Thomas went over the line for the O.C.s again and the lead now moved back into their favour.

Five minutes from the end, with the score standing at 9-8, the O.C.'s seemed certain of victory, but a fatal mistake by one of the centres was rewarded by a penalty, from which the O.L.'s snatched victory. The O.C.'s' other scorer was Spencer.

## 11 Old Meadonians

### OLD CREIGHTONIANS

Although injuries reduced them to 13 men after 15 minutes' play, Old Creightonians still managed to beat Old Meadonians by three tries (9 points) to one. Fine elusive running by Bull gave him two of the tries, the third being scored by Taylor after a quick loose heel by the pack. Meadonians did not reply in the last five minutes, by which time Creightonians had only 12 men, Harman joining B. Jones and Buckland on the injured list.

## 12 Old Skinners

*Old Creightonians 18,  
Old Skinners 0*

This match was Old Creightonians' first home game, and with their captain, *Morgan*, back in the side after a hand injury, they were determined to chalk up their first win.

Right from the whistle O.C.'s forwards were on top and only by good covering did O.S. manage to keep them from scoring. However, after some goo forward play *Green* put the first one down for O.C.'s, showing that gaps could be found.

The second try for O.C.'s by *Hardy* was by far the best this season. It began with *Hardy* picking up from the loose, and and then inter-passing among the forwards, till there was nobody to stop a score.

Old Skinners were unlucky at this point to lose one of their forwards with a broken ankle, but his could not have affected the final result.

Although in the second half Old Skinners managed to fight their way back into the game, the ball rarely got farther than their fly-half. The 3rd O.C.'s try, scored by *Ager*, came after a "precarious" pass by one of the forwards which the referee chose to ignore. He did not, however, ignore the next infringement which allowed *Ager* again to cross the line.

Old Skinners' defence broke down time and time again. *Smith* put one over after some good backing up by the front row and then *Morgan*, too, scrambled over after a mistake by the O.S.'s full back had left him an opening.

Soon after *Morgan* went over for a more convincing second try, beautifully devised movement.

Other results: O.C.'s 'A' 8, O.S. 16; O.C.'s 'B' 19, O.S. 6; O.C.'s 'C' 8, O.S. 8.



## 13 Old Tottonians, Barking Park Old Boys and Tabard

**Old Tottonians 18 pts,  
Old Creightonians 12 pts**

**O**LD CREIGHTONIANS lost their unbeaten record on Saturday to Old Tottonians. This was due, largely, to lack of cohesion behind the scrum. Their forwards won most of the set scrums and lines-out, but were slow in heeling.

Creightonians' back division was also at fault, being caught in possession on several occasions. Their passes were far too hurried and often inaccurate.

The visitors went ahead early in the game when Applegate kicked a penalty and Buckland increased this lead with an unconverted try. Old Tottonians replied with two penalty goals and a dropped goal. M. Bayliss equalised for Creightonians with a neat try.

With the advantage of the slope and wind, Old Tottonians got on top in the second period and scored two tries. Another penalty goal by Applegate ended the scoring for the visitors and Old Tottonians added a further try.

**Old Creightonians "A" 19 pts,  
Old Tottonians "A" 8 pts**

This score flatters Old Creightonians "A" as the match was keenly fought, and there was little to choose between the teams. Midson (2), Ellis (2) and Crow scored tries for Old Creightonians, Bromley making two conversions.

Old Creightonians "Extra A" lost to Barking Park Modern Old Boys "Extra A" by 11 points to nil.

To-morrow, the premier side entertain Tabard. Team: G. Bayliss; P. Griffiths, P. Allen, R. Hardy, M. Bayliss, Applegate, Berge; Nye, Kemp, Munt; G. Griffiths, Buckingham; Macey, Hayman, Barker. Creightonians "A" visit Kodak "A."



## 14 Old Twickenhamians and Lloyds

**OLD CREIGHTONJANS 9 Pts.  
OLD TWICKENHAMIANs NIL.**

In their second game in consecutive days O.C.s defeated the Old Twickenhamians in a match which was very vigorously contested by both sets of forwards. The slight edge gained by the O.C.s pack gave their three-quarters enough of the ball to win the game although it took all their efforts to hold the heavier Twickenhamian eight in the tight scrums.

The pitch at Sunbury was admirably suited for fast running and both M. Bayliss and Morgan used their pace to good effect, one try being scored by the former and two by the latter. The home pack threw everything into the forward battle to try to force a score and although they sometimes approached O.C.s line they were repelled each time after fierce forward exchanges.

**Other Results;** O.C.s "A" 20 points, Old Twickenhamians "A" 6 points; O.C.s Ex. "A" Nil, Lloyds Bank Ex. "A" 8 points; O.C.s "B" 3 points, Beckenham "B" 12 points.

## 15 Old Verulamians

**Old Creightonians 25 pts., Old Verulamians nil**

O.C.s won their fifth successive game this season by the surprisingly large margin of 25 points to nil.

O.C.s gave a very good all-round performance and again the forwards paved the way for an easy victory, although the handling of the greasy ball by the backs was creditable.

Allen scored the first try from a fine break-through. Barker and Hayman added further tries before half-time from individual dribbles near the opponent's line. Buckingham converted two of these tries.

O.C.s scored further tries after the interval through Hardy, Peter Griffiths (2) and Thomas.

**Old Verulamian "A" 6 pts., Old Creightonians "A" 6 pts.**

Neither side deserved to win this drawn game. O.C.s played well in the first half and a three-quarter movements led to Geelan and Clift scoring tries, the latter after fine work by Hastings.

## 16 Old Windsorians and Kodak

Old Windsorians 16 pts.,  
Old Creightonians 6 pts.

**E**XCEPT for the marked absence of corner-flagging tactics, O.C.'s general defensive play was good, but Windsor were the fitter side and were quick to find openings down the centre. O.C.s played a fierce game and received some hard knocks.

Shortly after the kick-off, Windsor's stand-off gained the ball from a set scrum and weaved through O.C.s to score between the posts. This try was converted.

O.C.s pressed to the attack and gave their threes some good service which led to several fine ground-gaining movements. On Windsor's 25-yard line, an infringement allowed Applegate to land a penalty goal.

With the O.C.s three-quarters still moving well, **Peter Griffiths** took a pass out to the wing and ran hard to ground in the corner.

At the beginning of the second half, the score was in O.C.s' favour. However, their forwards seemed lacking in tight play and the well-tried defence could not repel all the Windsor attacks.

The home team scored three tries, one converted.

Kodak "A" 8 pts.,  
Old Creightonians "A" 10 pts.

This was the "A" fifteen's eighth consecutive win of the season but another ten minutes might have spelt disaster for O.C.s. Towards the end, Kodak were attacking steadily in the O.C.'s "25."

**Brunswick** scored the try of the match for O.C.s when he intercepted a pass near their "25", sprinted the length of the field and evaded three opponents before grounding. **Hart** converted from between the posts and again when **Gordon Griffiths** secured a try from a short, sharp breakthrough near the Kodak line.

### **PARKHOUSE 3 POINTS OLD CREIGHTONIANS 12**

On Boxing Day O.C's played their traditional fixture at Bromley against Parkhouse. In a surprisingly fast game they won convincingly mainly due to the supremacy that their pack achieved over the home side forwards who were well beaten in all department of the game.

Ford scored a try after a quick heel from the tight in front of the home side's posts and Morgan scored next, again after a quick heel from the scrum and swift passing by the backs. A forward rush by O.C's ended in Reynolds gaining the touch down for a try but none of the tries were converted.

Ellis whose tactical kicking had been a highlight of the game, completed the scoring by kicking a goal after an opponent had been penalised for being off side. The only scoring reply from Parkhouse was an unconverted try by their wing-forward after a Creightonian fumble had allowed the ball to go loose on the visitor's line.

SPORTSMEN'S CORNER

# RUGBY NEEDS RECRUITS

BY GRANVILLE

**K**ILBURN Grammar School still keeps the Rugby tradition alive among the young in the district but, it seems, the boys are not over-keen on continuing to get all muddled up when they leave the place.

Enthusiasts will tell you that, compared to less exuberant sports, Rugby has not a high accident rate. Old Creightonians (the old boys of KGS) have lost more players to the Services this season than to the doctor, but they are still a bit disappointed at the lack of recruits for the sport from the school.

Of the seven new players who have joined OC recently only three have been school-boys. Now they are having a job to get enough men to field two team every Saturday. Current playing strength is just below the 30 needed to field two Union sides.

"We must have a minimum of 35 players, but are happier if we have 38," secretary A. B. Lyford told us. "It is unusual for us to have to appeal for players during the course of the season, but we are really hard hit at the moment. Any Old Boy who wants to join can be sure of a game."

Want to help out, Old Boys? Write or phone to D. Mitchell, 4, Hartland Road, N.W.6 (MAI 4696).

## 19 Rosslyn Park, Mill Hill and Sidcup

On Sunday Old C's sent a representative 7-a-side team to the Henley, Oxfordshire, competition which boasts the presence of South East England's biggest clubs. And Creightonians were drawn against mighty Rosslyn Park in the first round!

Shocks were the order of the day; Old C's thrashed their big brothers 15 - 5. Then, flushed with victory and still celebrating two tries by Ager and one by Morgan, they achieved another surprise win by beating Mill Hill 10-6. Ager and Morgan were again the scorers.

But this fantastic run was too good to last and after a bright struggle in the final, Old C's went down 13-8 to Sidcup. Hero was again Ager with two brilliant tries.

Team: Spencer, Hardy, Green, Hutchinson, Ellis Ager, and Morgan (Capt.). In their three games Spencer converted all but one of the club's seven tries.

Next Sunday, Old C's will be running their own 7-a-side competition at their home ground in Southall. Several local sides have been invited and a stiff day of competitive rugby is promised.

## **Spencer kicks three goals**

**O CREIGHTONIANS 15 pts.  
THANET WANDS. .. 0 pts.**

**T**HE muddy conditions at Southall on Saturday morning helped Creightonians improve and they managed to hold Thanet throughout the game. Both sides found the going difficult at the start.

Thanet recovered late in the game and were content to keep their opponents' score down rather than attempt to reduce the lead. Bull scored first when he ran on to a penalty which Spencer failed to get over.

Smith made a try for Morgan in the second period and then went on to score by himself. Spencer did well to convert all three tries and make Creightonians' eleventh win of the season clear-cut.

Other results:— O. Creightonians 'A' 0, Osterley 'A' 21.

Rugby players of any standard in the district, who would like to take up the game again, are invited to join Creightonians. The club's membership has been failing recently. Interested persons should telephone Mr. G. Hardy at Dollis Hill 5784.



## 21 Unilever and Mill Hill Extras

Unilever 3 points,  
Old Creightonians 3

**B**OTH teams played attractive rugby in this well-fought game and it was only fitting that a draw should result.

O.C.s were quick to settle down and gained their try in the first half. A quick heel back from a set scrum gave the ball to the three-quarters for **Allen** to score.

Both sets of forwards played extremely hard and enabled their backs to develop many dangerous attacking movements.

Unilever equalized in the second half when, after pressing hard on the O.C.s defence, a movement led to a try being secured near the posts.

Meanwhile, O.C.s had lost the services of **Allen** (the second to be injured this season) and the 14 men played with renewed vigour against spirited opponents.

Mill Hill Ex. "A" 12 points.

Old Creightonians "A" 16

O.C.s kept their unbeaten record on Saturday, although there were times when this might have been anybody's game.

Full-back **Wade** opened the scoring for O.C.s with a brilliant dash along the touch-line, and **Bayliss** and **O'Dell** contributed to the next try from **Gee-lan**. **Hiscock** converted for O.C.s and Mill Hill returned two tries before half time.

**Bayliss** beat several men before grounding near the posts, and **Hiscock** again converted.

Mill Hill later closed the gap by scoring a try and a penalty goal, but **Robinson** made the O.C. victory decisive by gaining the final try.

## POSTER 2

### 22 Ashford and Old Kingsburians

# *NEVER IN DANGER*

**Old Creightonians 9,  
Ashford (Kent) 0**

Old Creightonians never looked in danger of losing after they took the lead against Ashford in the first two minutes. Although the pitch soon became muddy as a result of the continuous rain during the match, they still managed to produce some good attacking movements.

The match had scarcely begun when Ashford were penalised in front of their posts and Astill kicked an easy 25-yard penalty. A pushover try soon added to this lead, Green getting the touchdown.

The only other score came when the Ashford defence failed to cope with a cross-kick by Ellis and Wilcock was on hand to score the try.

The second half was a forward struggle with fine hooking against the tight head by Jones depriving Ashford of possession and Green outstanding in the line-outs.

The 'A' XV. beat Old Kingsburians 1st XV 29-0. Applegate scored 11 of the points—a try and four conversions.

## 23    **Barnet B, Harrow B and BBC**

### **BBC A XV 5 pts, Old Creightonians A 6**

**W**ITH a wind advantage in the first half, Old Creightonians A team maintained a steady pressure, and they were rewarded by a penalty goal from Wade and an unconverted try which Ellis scored.

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To-morrow, Creightonian First VX visit BBC. Team: C Bayliss; P. Griffiths, L. Hardy Allen, M. Bayliss; Applegate Scudder; Nye, Mitchell, Robinson; G. Griffiths, Buckingham Horseman, Hayman, Kemp.

### OLD CREIGHTONIANS

In their most impressive form, Old Creightonians played a fast open game to beat Borderers by a goal, a penalty goal, and four tries (20 points) to nil on Saturday.

Tries by Astill and Chidley followed by a penalty goal from Buttery gave them an interval lead of 9-0 and afterwards further tries were added by Jones, Ager, and Green, Astill converting the last of them.

Other results between the two clubs, Creightonian scores first: A 6-3, Extra A 11-16, B 8-8.

### Soccer Dribble Ended Spectacular Run

Chelsea Polytechnic were beaten 15 pts. to 6 by Old Creightonians on Saturday. Chelsea opened the scoring with a penalty goal but O.C.s soon equalised and went ahead with a spectacular try. Bengé started it by waltzing through half the opposition and the ball then went via Bi'ham to Hastings who finished off by dribbling soccer fashion past more Poly. men to score in the corner. Hastings and Rutland were injured in the second half and O.C.'s defence was disorganised but they held on to their lead. Other scorers were Applegate (penalty), Tooley (try) and Buckingham (try and penalty).

### Good Combination

Sound co-operation between forwards and "threes" ensured a 17 pts. to 6 win for Old Creightonians "A" against Old Masonians "A."

Goffrey, and Wade scored first half tries for O.C.'s and Robinson added another on the re-start. O.C.'s tended to slacken off in defence but retained their lead when Wade and Hart grounded tries, one of which was converted by Goffrey.

## 27 De Havilland (Stag Lane)

### *Creightonians*

### *scored early*

Old Creightonians 8 pts.,  
De Havilland (Stag Lane) nil

Conditions were not in favour of good rugby on Saturday but taking advantage of a strong wind behind them, the O.C.s made their score in the first half and staunchly prevented their opponents from scoring in the second half.

Dovey and Bilham scored tries and Fenn converted one.

Old Creightonians "A" lost to Selfridge's "A" by 25 points to nil.



# Old Creightonians celebrate return to home ground

OLD CREIGHTONIANS 9 pts., GIDEA PARK 6 pts.

PLAYING on their home ground for the first time since October 22, Old Creightonians celebrated with a good win over Gidea Park on Saturday.

O.C.'s have now won their last six games and only had their line crossed on four occasions.

Despite a waterlogged pitch the home forwards moved with great speed and precision. They were quick to seize the loose ball and, by slick backing-up, gave Gidea Park's defence a harassing afternoon.

First blood went to the O.C.'s when Hardy, with good support from Gillespie, Spencer and Thomas, scored under the posts. Surprisingly Spencer, from an easy position, failed to convert.

Gidea Park, at this stage, were very weak in defence. Despite possessing a first-class pack their play was loose around the scrum and their handling none too impressive. Hardy, Bull and Thomas revelled in the conditions.

From a movement, brilliant in its execution, Bull dived over in the corner to put O.C.'s 6pts. up. Applegate failed to convert but soon made amends when he dropped a good goal from fully 35 yards.

## IMPRESSIVE PACK

Until half time O.C.'s continued to have just the better of things. At the change round, facing a bitter wind, they were very different.

Inspired by some brilliant hooking, Gidea Park's impressive pack came into its own. Getting the ball from the fight time and again, they gave their speedy backs plenty of opportunities.

O.C.'s wing forwards failed to smother the Park's stand-off half, whose deceptive side step and speed off the mark gave the home team plenty to think about.

During this lean period Ellis

played well in defence, but even he could not stop the Park's first try. Gaining a loose ball on the left Parks stand-off jinked past three defenders to score a brilliant try wide out.

Though the try was not converted, Park were not by any means finished.

Clever short kicks to touch by their scrum-half pinned O.C.'s back inside their own half. A line-out five yards from their line was stupidly knocked back to Warman. He was quickly smothered by the opposing forward, the loose ball was gathered, and O.C.'s found themselves a mere three points up.

In fading light Gidea Park always looked good for many more points, but with the aid of a little luck O.C.'s just held out.

## Other results

O.C.'s "A" 0 Gidea Park "A" 6; O.C.'s "B" 0 Gidea Park "B" 11; O.C.'s Extra "A" 6 K.G.'s School 0.

O.C.'s: G. Bayliss, R. Smith, P. Griffiths, T. Ellis, J. Morgan, M. Applegate, K. Warman, A. Spencer, B. Kemp, D. Brann, W. Green, M. Gillespie, L. Hardy, C. Thomas, C. Thomas.

## C.C.'s Extra "A" 6 K.G.S. School 0.

This annual fixture proved to be one of the hardest and sternest struggles yet. Though the school were not as strong as in previous years they were a young and very fit side.

Seasoned players such as Buckingham and Allen by no means had all their own way. In a quagmire the Old Boys were, for long periods, pinned down in their own half and only superior weight and experience told in the end.

With the Old Boys

by J. J. R. TRETHOWAN

# Mud Checks Creightonians

A PART from the Gaytonians, who still have an unbeaten record, there are three other clubs, Elizabethans (Barnet), Mitchamians and Creightonians, who up to yesterday had lost only one game.

I went to see Creightonians in a pointless draw with Grammarians. It was disappointing, as the ground was like glue, and Creightonians rely largely on speed outside. One could see that, given a chance, they would need holding. Even so their fly-half, T. Ellis, was impressive and managed somehow to force openings, but handling was difficult. D. Buckingham, their full-back, revelled in the mud and never put a foot wrong.

The strength of the Grammarians lay with the forwards, particularly in the line-out, where their captain, R. Hamilton, used his height to good effect. Their defence, notably in touch-finding under pressure, was a feature.

Creightonians, now only in their ninth season, are hoping soon to have a ground of their own, and negotiations are progressing.

## **OLD BOYS PACK**

### **TAKE CONTROL**

**OLD GRAMMARIANS 0,  
OLD CREIGHTONIANS 6**

**I**N a game largely dictated by weather conditions a score of two tries to nil was a fair indication of the Creightonians' superiority. Sleet and rain, falling for the first three-quarters of the match, made handling extremely difficult and a fierce forward struggle developed. This battle, in effect, became the key to the game, as the reshuffled Creightonian pack with Buckingham, Green and Hardy, much to the fore, gradually took control of the game.

In the last quarter, with the weather conditions improving, the old boys' pack were able to give their backs a good supply of the ball and from then on a continuous series of attacks were launched. The first score came from a scrum near the Grammarians' line when deputy scrum half Bull passed for Ellis to score in the corner. The final score came when Hardy caught a mis-kick from the opponents and after making ground passed inside for Green to go crashing over.

Other results against Grammarians: "A" XV won 13-0; Ex-"A" XV lost 9-6. Tomorrow the Old Boys are at home to Old Erithrians. Their team is: Bayliss G.; Bayliss M., Allen, Tarleton, Bromley; Ellis, Ford; Nye, Kemp, Buckingham, Hardy, Hayman, Bull, Green, Dolman.

## 31 Imperial College

### IMPERIAL COLLEGE "A" 0 OLD CREIGHTONIANS "A" 0

A slippery ball and wet pitch ruined what could have been a fine game. There were several threequarter moves that looked promising but they broke down as the backs were unable to hold the ball.

Creightonians had a territorial advantage in both halves but their backs seemed to lack cohesion. Wing forwards Cole and Fudge prevented the College backs from being really dangerous and the game was largely confined to the forwards.

Creightonians Extra "A" team lost to University Vandals Extra "A" by 12 points to six and the "B" team drew with Grasshoppers "B" 6-6.

To-morrow, the First XV are away to Old Windsorians. Team: Hardy, Applegate, Bayliss, Allen, P. Griffiths, Ellis, Ford, Hye, Kemp, Rutland, Buckingham, G. Griffiths, Snook, Hayman, Green.

**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE "A" 13 pts.,  
OLD CREIGHTONIANS 16 pts.**

In comparison with recent play, Old Creightonians, although winning with four regular first team players absent, did not sparkle at Teddington on Saturday. After 15 minutes Griffiths intercepted a pass on the half-way line and went through to put Old Creightonians 3 points up. St. Mary's evened the score and went ahead with a try and goal, but before the interval a rush took Old Creightonians to their line and Griffiths went over for Buckingham to convert and equalise.

St. Mary's again went 5 points ahead with a goal, but Old Creightonians equalised with de Grey grounding from a forward rush, and the winner came from a kick ahead and rush from the Old Creightonians' "25," Griffiths again touching down. Buckingham converted both these tries.

### **Creightonians 18, Mitcham 13**

**Creightonians** clinched an 18-13 win during the final 15 minutes of hard, fast play in their game with Mitcham.

Mitcham took the lead by kicking an early penalty goal.

Jones scored for Creightonians, however, bursting through from the centre. Pullin converted giving the side a 6-3 lead.

Creightonians were penalised for a scrum infringement and again Mitcham took the lead. They extended this lead following a similar offence a little while later.

Isichei put Creightonians in front again when he crashed over from a tap penalty. Then Mitcham did exactly the same thing to secure the lead again.

Wilcock followed a kick ahead to score giving the lead back to Creightonians. The score remained 14-13 into the last quarter of an hour when Porter ripped the ball from a maul and fed Harman who shot over for a try.

**Creightonians "A" ZV** beat Mitcham "A" XV in a hard match; the **Creightonians Extra "A" XV** overwhelmed their Mitcham opponents, while the "B" XV narrowly lost to Mitcham "B" XV.

# Old Creightonians to have their own ground

## After 5 years of away fixtures

THE only rugby club in the borough, Old Creightonians—old boys from Kilburn Grammar School—are to have a ground of their own after five seasons of nothing but away games.

But the ground—Bees Club, Ruislip—is a long way from home. Facilities there cover all requirements and include the use of one pitch.

This was announced at the club's annual general meeting at Kilburn Grammar School last week.

As a result of the increased expenses, the membership subscription was raised to £2 2s. per annum, an increase of 17s. Membership for those in their first season after leaving school, will remain unchanged at 7s. 6d.

A new vice-presidency was created and Mr. F. W. Griffiths, parent of Gordon Griffiths—a 1st fifteen member—was duly elected to this post.

The following members were

elected to serve the Club during the forthcoming year:—

A. Lyford, chairman and secretary; E. Penn, fixture secretary; J. Nye, treasurer; K. Bromley, assistant treasurer; D. Mitchell, team secretary; and D. Buckingham.

T. Allen was elected for a second time as club captain and M. Applegate as vice-captain. P. Geelan becomes captain of the "A" fifteen with J. Walter as vice-captain, as last year.

With the advent of home games, and an additional team, O.C.'s may have a club coach next season.

On Friday came the club's annual dinner, held at the Lord Palmerston, Kilburn. It is the social high-light of the season.

Mr. E. W. Rhodes, the Club president, who is in charge of rugby at Kilburn Grammar, proposed the health of the club. He said that there was no game like rugby for intensive team spirit. "You Old Creightonians," he said, "are on the up and up. You are playing better rugby than at the inception."

### COMFORTING WORDS

Mr. Rhodes went on to criticise the team and suggested tactics, but closed with comforting words, saying "You've been quite as fit as any of the opponents you have met."

Mr. F. W. Griffiths did duty at his first function as vice-president, by presenting a biscuit barrel on behalf of members of the Club to "A" fifteen skipper—P. Geelan—in commemoration of his wedding to Miss Joan Norris, at Easter.

Towards the end of the evening, a bottle of champagne was presented to Alan Lyford.



## 35 Old Alleynians

Old Creightonians 13 pts.,  
Old Alleynians "A" 15 pts.

Strong opposition was met by the Old Creightonians on Saturday, and they did well to hold the Old Alleynians to the two points margin win. Lack of cohesion between forwards and three-quarters resulted in O.C.'s being six points down in the first half. O.C.'s tries were scored by **Benge** and **Bayliss** (2). **Fenn** converted one and **Bayliss** converted his second try.

## Big victory for Creightonians

Old Beccehamians 0

Old Creightonians 15

THIS was a game of contrasts. Old Beccehamians persisted in kicking for touch at every opportunity and Old Creightonians relied on open play combined with speed and sure handling. This earned them a decisive victory of five tries (15 points) to nil.

Creightonians forwards maintained their recent improved form, dominating the set scrums and winning most of the lines out. Half backs Ellis and Ford were again in great form and their passes to their centres were always utilised to good effect.

### Bayliss gets four

Mike Bayliss scored four tries and Ellis crossed the line to complete the scoring.

Creightonians A team beat Ibis by eight points to nil. Their scorers were R. Hardy (two tries) and Applegate (conversion). Creightonians Extra A XV beat N.P.B. by six points to nil.

To-morrow, the premier side meet Old Verulhamians at St. Albans and the A team entertain Old Verulhamians A team.

The First XV will be represented by G. Bayliss; M. Bayliss, Allen, R. Hardy, P. Griffiths; Applegate, Ford; Nye, Kemp, Rutland; Green, Buckingham; Joseph, Hayman, Dolman.

## 37 Old Cryptians and Old Surbitonians

**T**HE Rugby season may be almost over, but several local teams intend to prove that their hospitality is of the same high standard as their football.

For this Easter weekend sees an "invasion" of Gloucester by Rugby clubs from various parts of the country.

Both Tredworth and Gordon League entertain clubs—both new fixtures, incidentally—from Wales, while Old Cryptians act as hosts to the London side, Old Surbitonians. Other local clubs travel away on their own short Easter tours.

But perhaps the most interesting of the "invaders" are Old Creightonians, a London club who, until last month, had gone through the

season with only one defeat.

They are being right royally entertained during a stay in Gloucester which will last over the Easter holidays.

And the guiding light behind the arrangements is Jim Haines, Fieldings' secretary and president of the North Gloucester Rugby Combination.

Yesterday Old Creightonians started their tour with a game William Cranham's Sports; this afternoon they meet Fieldings and this evening will be guests of the Works and Old Centralians—whom they play on Monday—at a dinner and social to be held at the Royal



## 38 Old Windsorians and Glacier 1st

*OLD WINDSORIANS 8,  
OLD CREIGHTONIANS 11 Pts.*

On a scorching hot afternoon O.C.'s ended their fourth season with a total score of 1,001 points against less than 600; an average of 250 a season.

Play in the first half was fast and open and O.C.'s took the lead when Applegate cross-kicked a penalty from the O.C.'s half for PETER GRIFFITHS to gather and touch down after beating his opposite number and the full-back APPLGATE converted.

Windsorians soon retaliated and due to bad defence play by O.C.'s the opponents' inside centre gained two tries before half-time, one of which was converted.

O.C.'s tackling improved in the second half and the game became even. Windsorians' forwards were penalized for being offside in a tight scrum on their 25-yard line and BUCKINGHAM brought the scores level with a penalty goal.

Both sides came near to scoring near the end but it was BENGE who finally won the game for O.C.'s when he touched-down after a brilliant 45-yard long run.

*GLACIER 1st 5, OLD  
CREIGHTONIANS "A" 0 Pts.*

The "A" fifteen put up a good fight against the giants of Glacier and did well to keep the score to a goal, scored in the second half.

# O.C.'s sew up the match in the first half

RAYNES PARK O.B. 3,  
OLD CREIGHTONIANS 11 Pts.

ON a wet pitch Old Creightonians clinched their match with home-team Raynes Park Old Boys in the first half with a display of fine open rugby.

Raynes Park started with 14 men and within seconds O.C.'s were at the same disadvantage. Morgan went off with a pulled muscle, and did not return. This did not deter them, however, for straight away they tore into the opposition and within five minutes were eleven points ahead.

The Raynes Park tactics was poor and the tough O.C. forward, with French and Tarleton prominent, backed up superbly. First score came when Tarleton gathered a loose ball 10 yards from Raynes Park's line for him to pass on to French to score. Spenced converted the try, but due to an infringement it was disallowed.

G. Bayliss, who hardly put a foot wrong all the afternoon, was the architect of the next score. He gathered a high kick ahead and beat the oncoming three-quarters with a brilliant short kick ahead. With Green and Brann backing up, Tarleton was on the spot to finish off a good move. Spencer just failed with the conversion.

## SCORED EASILY

O.C.'s were not satisfied with this bout of scoring. Raynes Park's defence was completely disorganised. From the kick

off Bull and Tarleton sent skipper Griffiths away on a good run on the wing. Ford backing up, found himself clear with 15 yards to the line and scored easily under the posts. Spencer again converted. It was as if O.C.'s found this bout of play all too much for them; for apart from an occasional break by Bull and Marguerison, O.C.'s kept the ball among the forwards and Ellis kicking well and from stand-off half, used the touch line to good effect.

## FIFTEENTH MAN

Raynes Park, whose 15th man had meanwhile arrived, were now using their obvious advantage to good effect. From a set-scrum 15 yards from the O.C.'s line the ball was passed out along their three-quarter line for their left-winger to score in the corner.

This was the end of the scoring, but Raynes Park had only themselves to blame. Their back division lacked thrust and their passing was poor, whilst their forwards were easily held by O.C.'s pack.

O.C.'s: G. Bayliss, G. Ager, P. Marguerison, J. Morgan, L. Tarleton, T. Ellis, C. Ford, K. Spencer, B. Jones, J. French, K. Brann, W. Green, J. Bull, M. Gillespie, P. Griffiths.

O.C.s 22 PT  
LUTON 0

There was a great contrast between the slow, unimaginative and ineffective Rugby played by Old Creightonians at Aylesbury the previous week and the skilful, open tactics they used against Luton last Saturday.

O.C.s outplayed the visitors in every department and the half-time score of 3-0 certainly did not accurately reflect their superiority.

In the second half, however it was a different story. Five tries were scored — four by forwards Hardy, Green, Jones and Thompson, and the fifth by fly-half Ellis.

Why Luton did not throw the ball about more is a mystery. They preferred kicking and greedy individual runs and must have returned to Bedfordshire feeling very despondent.

O.C.s: Spencer, Jones, Thompson, Barratt, Elliott, Bull, Green, Hardy, Hutchinson, Ellis, Banham, Morgan (capt.), Buckland, Ager, Bayliss.

#### SCHOOL RESULT

Kilburn Grammar, in their last game this season, beat Tottenham County 32-5 to term.

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### 41 Chiltern

# O.C.s pipped by one point

High winds and bad luck were the two main reasons for the O.C.s defeat by Chiltern, and the final score was no true reflection of the supremacy of the O.C.s.

Although faced by the heaviest pack since they played the Old Purleians the O.C.s pack gallantly held their own.

In the first half with O.C.s well on top, Spencer had a chance to score with a penalty kick, but the ball struck the crossbar and bounced out. A try came soon after by Morgan.

On two of the rare occasions that Chiltern came within scoring distance, luck seemed to be with them and they scored two tries. Their third came late in the second half.

O.C.s were awarded another penalty just before the interval and another Spencer kick rebounded off the crossbar.

O.C.s pressed until the final whistle, but a try by Buckland after a solo effort on his part was just not enough.

Other results: O.C.s 'A' 14 pts  
Chiltern 'A' 0; O.C.s 'Ex. A' 24 pts., Chiltern 'Ex. A' 0.



## 42 Easter Worcester Tour

### CREIGHTONIANS WIN ALL THEIR TOUR MATCHES

Old Creightonians rugby club made history when they won all their three games in an Easter tour of Worcester. The first match against Malvern on Good Friday resulted in an easy win for Creightonians by 26 points to nil.

The forwards and backs combined well and moved the ball from one side of the field to the other with speed. So successful was this open style of play that every back scored a try.

Creightonians adopted the same game against Tewkesbury on Saturday but it was not seen until the second half. With only 20 minutes gone, O.C.'s were eleven points down and reduced to 13 men because of injuries.

But a magnificent display by the whole forward line in the second half enabled them to grab victory in the closing minutes by 17-16.

The final game against Worcester was the hardest and fastest of the three. All 15 players rose to the occasion and Creightonians finally won 19-13.

To-morrow, the club has entered two teams for the Chiltern seven-a-side tournament.

# Applegate shines for O.C.s

Exiles 3 pts., Old Creightonians  
28 pts.

**O**LD CREIGHTONIANS' backs showed good form against the Exiles.

Exiles scored early in the game from a penalty given for a scrummage infringement but O.C.s soon hit back with a good try from Peter Griffiths.

Two penalties, well kicked by Applegate, followed and from then until half-time, the O.C.s played scintillating rugby.

Two goals were added by Applegate and Hayman and the second half started with the score at 19-3.

In a quieter second half O.C.s added a further nine points from a try by Hardy and two penalty goals landed by Applegate.

Thomas Cook's 1st nil Old Creightonians "A" 21 pts.

A spectacular game started with Hastings scoring in the left corner from a pass by Geelan.

Minutes later, Hastings again scored in the same spot due to a blunder by Cook's.

The first half also saw full-back Wade joining in the three-quarter line to twice crash through and score. Two of these tries were converted by Hart and one by Wade.

In the second half attacks by O.C.s resulted in a fine drop-goal by Crow.

Old Creightonians "B" 6 pts.,  
Barclays Bank "C" nil.

Stannard gained both tries for O.C.s from his position on the right-wing where his speed defeated the opposition.

## 44 Harrodians

**O**LD CREIGHTONIANS RFC's forwards quickly established their superiority in the fight against Harrodians, and ran out winners by 24 pts to 9.

Mick Bayliss used his speed and swerve to good effect and soon put OC's ahead with a try. Harrodians quickly equalised with a penalty goal, but OC's topped the score again when Bayliss gained another try.

Bayliss scored once again in the first half to make the score 11—6.

The second half was barely under way when a Harrodian three-quarter ran through a hesitant OC defence to score. Later on OC's forwards heeled quickly near their opponents' line and Hardy forced his way over for a try which he converted. Shortly before no-side, the forwards took a more active part in the scoring. Barker broke away from a line-out and enabled Thomas to ground, and finally, Ney scored between the posts and Hardy converted.

Osterley 'B' 27 pts. Old Creightonians 'B' 0.

# 13 men beat heavy team

**HARROW ..... 3 pts**  
**O. CREIGHTONIANS 14 pts**

The home side fielded the heavier pack and gave a good display of power tactics. Creightonians were forced to play the same type of forward game but were better supported by their backs.

After winning the ball in a line-out, Barrett broke free from the slower Harrow forwards and made a try for Jones to put over far out. Barrett repeated this move minutes later giving a try to Green.

Reduced by injury to 13 men, Creightonians went further ahead when weaving Hutchinson sent Bull over under the posts. Ager was the other scorer for the visitors.

Other results: O. Creightonians 'A' 9, Harrow 3; O. C. Extra 'A' 6, Harrow 20; O.C. 'B' 19, Wimbledon 0.

**~~IBIS-3 pts., OLD~~  
CREIGHTONIANS 31 pts.**

Revelling in the excellent conditions on Saturday, Old Creightonians produced a brilliant all-round display to beat Ibis by five goals, a penalty and a try to a penalty goal. A hard-working and lively pack supplied the outsides with plenty of good passes and there was never much doubt of the outcome after Buckingham had opened the scoring with a penalty goal after 15 minutes and cross-kicked for Tcoley to gather and ground a try near the posts a few minutes later. Fast, open rugby by the O.C.s produced a further 23 points in the second half, Bilham scoring three tries and Griffiths another. Buckingham missed only one conversion—and that was from his own try.

# O.C.s gain a walkover in annual match

Kilburn Grammar School 3,  
Old Creightonians 22 pts.

ONE of the links between Old Boys and Kilburn Grammar School is this annual rugby match.

The school kicked off on a dry and rather hard pitch. For a while they more than held their own in both forward and back play—keeping the O.C.s penned in their own “25.”

But O.C.s soon took the lead when Buckingham scored a fine 40 yard penalty. Further points were gained when Peter Griffiths scored the first of his three tries from a follow-up of Applegate’s attempted drop goal. Buckingham converted.

K.G.S. then reduced O.C.s lead when Scudder kicked a splendid penalty goal.

Throughout this half, the O.C.s were hard pressed in the loose by the keen school pack, prominent among them being Hennessey and Dolman. But sound tackling by O.C.c backs stemmed many ferocious attacks and Joseph in particular, averted a good attempt by School’s Green by tackling him almost on the O.C. line.

Shortly before half-time a

brilliant three-quarter movement culminated in Peter Griffiths evading two men to score near the posts.

The second half saw K.G.S. fighting with great spirit, with the backs defending well and Hyman playing a remarkable game as hooker.

O.C.s play was more cohesive and they attacked well.

From a set scrum Benge, who was playing a magnificent game at scrum half, grounded for O.C.s and Buckingham again converted. Then Peter Griffiths notched his “hat-trick” with another try.

School came near to scoring when Barrett followed his own kick ahead, but O.C.s touched down first.

Applegate made the final score for O.C.s when he touched down, even with four keen school players round his neck.

Ibis “A” 3,

Old Creightonians “A” 3 pts.

O.C.s tried hard to force a win in the first half of this game but last-minute defence work by Ibis thwarted many attacks.

Hardy broke away to ground a well-run try and Ibis equalized in the second half with a penalty goal.

## O.C.'s Look for Rugby Ground

SUCCESSFUL rugby from both the first and "A" XV's was reported at the Old Creightonians R.F.C. annual meeting in Kilburn Grammar School last week.

It was felt that if a home ground could be obtained the club could make further progress by starting a third team. The inauguration of the "A" team, which won ten games, drew three and lost nine, has put the club on a firm footing.

Peter Griffiths, who has been club captain for three years, declined to stand again and T. Allen was elected in his place. D. Buckingham was elected captain of the first team and P. Geelan will skipper the "A" team, with J. Walter as vice-captain.

Other officers are: A. Lyford (chairman and secretary), E. Fenn (fixture secretary), J. Nye (treasurer), D. Mitchell (team secretary) and D. Buckingham.

Those interested in joining the club should contact D. Mitchell 4, Hartland Road, N.W.6 (Maida Vale 4696).



# *Nov 1969* O'Keefe carried off

**Old Beccahamians 27 pts.  
Old Creightonians 11**

Just as Old Creightonians were making amends for a dismal start to their game against Old Beccahamians on Saturday, their wing forward Richard O'Keefe was carried off the field with concussion and O.C.'s were left to fight the rest of the match with only 14 men.

Beccahamians started their scoring with a goal and a try in the first ten minutes, breaking easily through Creightonians scrappy defence.

O.C.'s came back with Alan Isichei picking up following a scrummage and powering his way over the line for a try which was converted by Eddie Astill.

O.C.'s then lost O'Keefe, but still managed to equalise when Adrian Jones, making his first team debut, scored in the corner after the defence had been opened by strong running by Eker and Phil Jones.

Play then swung from end to end, both teams prepared to attack at the slightest opportunity, and O.B.'s regained their eight point lead midway through the second half with another goal and a try.

O.C.'s 14 men were still not to be beaten, however, and after several near misses, they scored another try in the corner when Astill kicked over the heads of the defence for **Bob Pullin** to gather and dive over.

The last ten minutes proved to be as disastrous as the first ten for Creightonians as O.B.'s found a tiring defence easy to penetrate and piled on 11 points with a penalty, a try and a goal.

**Old Creightonians:** E. Astill, R. Eker, R. Pullin, B. Jones, P. Griffiths, R. Harman, G. Eynon, J. French, A. Jones, P. Irvine, P. Jones, R. Porter, R. O'Keefe, A. Isichei, T. Ellis.

# Another win for O. Creightonians

**O. CREIGHTONIANS 6 pts. O. MITCHAMIANS 0 pts.**

**O**LD CREIGHTONIANS continued their winning way against Old Mitchamians with a narrow but well deserved win. Despite perfect conditions the game developed into a stern struggle between two evenly matched packs.

The three-quarters on both sides were given little scope through fierce marking, and their own poor passing and handling.

Kicking off with the advantage of the slope Creightonians soon had their opponents pinned down in their own half. French again leading his pack with spirit and great skill preferred to use the touchline and drive the quick breaking Mitchamians forwards, back in their own 25.

Harman, Creightonians scrum half, was prominent with some clever breaks, despite close marking.

It was from a move in their own 25 that old Creightonians opened the scoring. A long kick ahead by Harman was chased by Ager and Usher who scored in the corner. Mitchamians pressed strongly after this and only a desperate defence with Jones, Bull and Bayliss prominent, kept them at bay.

Creightonians' second try came when a good bout of passing between the forwards with Green handling well, found Harman who dashed over in the corner.

**TEAM:** Bayliss, Agar, Chidley, Buckland, Morgan, Bull (capt.), Harman, French, Jones, B. Nye, Green, Elliot, Usher, Porter.

**OTHER RESULTS:** Ex 'A' 32, O Mitchamians Ex A 3; A 9, O Mitchamians A 3; B 24, O Mitchamians B 0.

**RUGBY**

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## **O.C.s beaten by more efficient team**

**O. CREIGHTONIANS 0 pts.  
O. PURLEIANS ..... 17 pts.**

**T**HE O.C's came up against a side that was more efficient in every department on Saturday and lost by a goal, three tries and a penalty goal to nil.

The visitors scored in the corner after a few minutes pressure. Gaining possession from most of the scrums, the Purleians attacked for much of the match.

Slack tackling by O.C's allowed them in for their second try, which was converted. Two more tries came from their right-winger in the corner in the second half and they also converted a penalty.

Team: Astill, Bayliss, McCabe, Buckland, Clisby, Morgan, Ford, Morgan D., Jones, McKay, Porter R., Porter C., Ellis, Green and Bull.

On Sunday O.C's entertained a team from Frankfurt, Germany, and won an enjoyable match by 11 pts. to nil. It is hoped to visit Germany on tour at Easter, 1966.

## 53 Old Purleians and Kodak

**O**LD CREIGHTONIANS won the first home game in the history of the club—on the newly acquired ground at Ruislip—by 8 pts. to nil on Saturday. Afterwards they celebrated the event with an equally successful dance at the “Bees” Club.

Superiority in and behind the scrum over their opponents—Old Purleians—gave OC the advantage, and their score might have been higher but for unnecessary kicking for touch by the centres.

Hardy scored the first home points with a try, following a kick ahead by M. Bayliss, and later went over again, after a fine run by Greenaway from his own “25.” Applegate converted the latter effort.

### “A” XV Click at Kodak

OC “A” found their form for the first time this season in inflicting a 24 pts to 0 defeat on Kodak “A” away. Brilliant three-quarter movements, with accurate cross-kicks from Crow and Geelan, resulted in tries from O’Dell and Stannard (2), and excellent forward play gave Marsh a chance to score. Hart landed three conversions.

A 6—6 draw was a fair result to the encounter between OC “B” and Hendon “B” as both sides made mistakes with bad handling and useless fly-kicking. O’Shughnessy (try) and Joseph (penalty goal) scored for OC.

# **BACKS HAD POOR SERVICE**

**Old Twickenhamians 6 pts., Old Creightonians 13**

**HAD** Creightonians' forwards played as well as their backs, Old Twickenhamians would have been defeated by an even bigger margin on Saturday.

Individually, the visitors' pack played well, but they lacked cohesion and, consequently, their backs did not receive an adequate service.

The visitors took the lead when Hardy broke through the centre to cross for a fine try. Their lead was short-lived. Old Twickenhamians equalised when they scored a try after a robust forward movement.

Hardy restored his side's lead when he crossed under the posts. Applegate converted.

A lapse in the Creightonians defence was responsible for the visitors' second try. The kick failed. Allen completed the scoring with a try, which Applegate again improved on.

Territorially, Creightonians had the better of the second half, but could not increase their lead, as their forwards failed to gain possession of the ball from the lines-out or set scrums.

## **Drawn game**

After seven consecutive victories, Old Creightonians A team were held to a draw by Selfridges, each side scoring six points.

The only score in the first half came from Barker, who gave Creightonians an interval lead of three points with a well-taken drop goal. Early in the second period Wade increased the lead with a penalty goal.

Selfridges evened matters with an unconverted try and a penalty goal.

Creightonians Extra A team drew with Eton Manor A XV 6-6 and Creightonians B team were beaten by Old Whitgiftians B team 5-3.

To-morrow, Creightonians play Old Ignatians at Ruislip. They will be represented by G. Bayliss; Joseph, Allen, L. Hardy, M. Bayliss; Applegate, Scudder; Nye, Mitchell, Robinson; G. Griffiths, Buckingham; Kemp, Hayman, P. Griffiths.

## **Creightonians in seven-a-side tournament**

**O**LD Creightonians entered two teams in the Chiltern seven-a-side tournament on Saturday. The premier side got through to the second round and the second string reached the semi-final.

Their First VII was represented by M. Bayliss, R. Hardy, P. Griffiths, T. Allen, Buckingham, Kemp and Green. After a great deal of scrappy play, they beat Oxford Exiles 10 pts. to 8, but lost to Aylesbury 5-3.

### **Beat Marines**

Creightonians' other team was represented by G. Mitchell, Scudder, L. Hardy, Ford, Nye, Rutland, Dolman. They played confidently and appeared to be very much fitter than Creightonians' other side. They beat Old Berkhamstodians 10-0 and then went on to defeat a powerful U.S. Marines' side by six points to five.

In the third round, Creightonians met London Irish and won 8-5. A strong London Scottish team beat Creightonians in the semi-final 18-0.

To-morrow, the club will take part in another seven-a-side tournament, when they field two teams at Aylesbury.



## 56 Pinner and OCs Annual Dinner

### **Rugby**

**O. CREIGHTONIANS 11 pts.,  
PINNER "A" 0**

Although Pinner gained most of the scrums on Saturday, superb handling under adverse conditions of rain and mud made O.C.s the attacking side, and in the first half Greenaway touched down and Applegate landed a penalty goal. Towards the end a fine dash through the Pinner defence with Buckingham, gave Peter Griffiths a try which Applegate converted well from a difficult angle. O.C.s' forwards played an energetic game and under Tooley's leadership knew exactly what to do in every circumstance.

To-morrow (Saturday) Old Creightonians begin training for the Middlesex seven-a-side competition.

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### **RUGGER MEN DINE**

The second annual dinner of Old Creightonians R.F.C. was held in the Lord Palmerston Hotel, Kilburn, on Thursday and was attended by 26 members. Saying that he watched club games not because of partisanship but because he saw good rugby, Mr. E. W. Rhodes, president, proposed the toast of the club. With Mr. Gordon Griffiths at the piano, the rest of the evening was passed in true rugby "after-the-match" style.



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**RUGBY**

# **WEAKNESS WON GAME**

**OLD CREIGHTONIANS 25pts**  
**RAYNES PARK..... 3pts**

This score flatters Old Creightonians to some extent. It was Raynes Park's weakness rather than their own brilliance which won them the game. With Raynes Park looking so shaky in defence it was only a matter of time before the home side scored.

Hutchison scored the first try and Smith and Morgan added more before half time.

The second half showed up the gaps in Raynes Park defence even more and Ager, Ellis and Barratt added to the score before the final whistle. Spencer was the other scorer with a penalty.

On Sunday Old Creightonians sent a team to Henley to play in the Oxfordshire seven-a-side competition. They did well to get to the final beating Rosslyn Park 15-5 and Mill Hill 10-6. Next Sunday Old Creightonians hold their own seven-a-side competition at Southall and many local clubs have been invited.

# **Ager gains seven tries**

**O. CREIGHTONIANS** 61 pts.  
**WEST HERTS**, ..... 3 pts.

**OLD CREIGHTONIANS** made a sensational start to the season with this overwhelming victory over West Herts. The game featured a great performance by the Old Boys right winger Ager who scored seven tries — a total which is believed to be a club record.

## **CARRIED OFF**

Edmonds, Creightonians' stand-off was carried off after ten minutes with a dislocated shoulder but his swift passing and quick direction changes kept them on top.

Scorers for Old Creightonians: Ager (7 tries), Morgan (3 tries) B. Jones (two tries), Bayloss and Bull (one try each) and Spencer (one penalty goal and eight conversions).

Team: Bayloss, Ager, Buckland, Ohidley, Morgan, Edmonds, Herman, French, B. Jones, Spencer, Green, C. Porter, Bull, Elliott, Ellis.

Other results: Old Creightonians "A" lost to Mill Hill A, 11-6; Old Creightonians Extra "A" beat West Herts Extra "A", 19-0.

## 59 Wycombiensians

**Wycombiensians 6,  
Old Creightonians 31**

A brisk game, in the shadow of the Chilterns on a brisk and cold November afternoon saw O.C.'s scrum and three-quarters keep the ball moving about throughout the whole game, giving everybody chance to stretch their legs.

Wycombe, on the other hand, scrummed well, but the ball never got past their fly-half, whose handling was atrocious. Their wings looked dangerous but were not given enough opportunity to show their paces.

Wycombe were the first to score with a penalty imposed on O.C.'s hooker for swinging. However, the first pass to Ellis, after the game continued, produced a break for Smith to score near the posts. The game restarted, and the same move sent Smith over again, this time under the posts.

### **WHO—AND HOW**

After these two demoralising tries, Wycombe never again seemed dangerous, and O.C.'s were able to take chances that better opposition would not have allowed. The rest of the game was a story of who and how Old C's scored.

A pass by Docketty, which completely missed the winger, found Bayliss, O.C.'s full-back in his travels, and he was able to go over for a try far out.

The bad tackling of Wycombe was no better shown up than when Ager ran forty yards through a number of players to sprint and score, giving O.C.'s a lead at half-time of 16-3.

The game slowed down just after the restart, but a pass to Ager started things moving. He ran down the wing, kicked ahead for Ford to touch down after a neck and neck run with his opposite number.

### **AMAZED EVERYBODY**

Ellis then amazed everybody by appearing first on one side of the Wycombe scrum and then on the other side without meeting any opposition. Hardy, who was backing him up, touched the ball down under the posts after side-stepping the full-back.

Bull completed O.C.'s scoring after a kick-and-run forward movement, which he "picked up," and went over.

A new man to O.C.'s first team appeared this Saturday; an Australian, Brian Frew, who had a good debut, well-deserving his place.

Five of the tries were converted by Spencer.