

RUGBY SCHOOL V. RICHMOND.

A strong team of Old Rugbeians, members of the Richmond Club, mustered at Rugby on Saturday last to try their strength with the School. The weather left nothing to be desired, and the ground, though somewhat slippery, was in far better condition than, from the lateness of the season, could be expected. For Richmond—who numbered twenty-four to the School twenty-one,—F. H. Fisher, C. S. Fryer, E. C. Holmes, and E. Rutter played back, W. R. Collyer, R. Murray and W. H. Sykes half-back. For the School, Mackinlay and Warner were back, Francis three-quarters-back, Tobin and Westfeldt half-back. Richmond had the Island goal, but there was no wind to influence the dropping, and Haslam kicked off soon after 3 p.m. It was evident, from the commencement, that it would be a veritable *guerre de géants*. Richmond were moved by the prestige of a long string of victories, extending over a period of two years, unsullied by a solitary defeat. Amongst their representatives, too, were many past heroes, whose gallant deeds on Old Big-Side have brought down thunders of applause in the VI. Matches and “Old Rug.’s” of former days. The School lost the services of Gray, Gwyer, Dugdale, and Reynolds, and with their inferiority in numbers and weight, they were well aware that their work was cut out for them. For the first twenty minutes or so the play wavered in the centre of the ground, though the School kept the ball on the Island side of the Three Trees, Francis and Westfeldt making several brilliant runs. At length Richmond began gradually to gain ground, and worked the ball past the Three Trees and along the touch-line into goal, compelling the School to touch it down. Tobin took the ball out, and shortly afterwards Fisher got it by the Three Trees and dropped it in front of goal to Fryer, who, after a capital run, was stopped when within a yard of the goal-line, and the School again had to touch it down. Francis dropped it out, and the whites, by some good forward play, drove Richmond back till the ball went into touch-in-goal in the Island moat. Murray got the ball soon after Rutter’s drop-out, and ran in, but unfortunately went into touch-in-goal, and no advantage accrued to the red, black and yellow. After this the School seemed to play up with renewed vigour, their superior training giving them an evident advantage.

The play was now for some time in dangerous proximity to the Richmond quarters, and at length Tobin got well away with the ball, and passing by the Strangers’ backs by sheer speed of foot, succeeded in running in some 30 or 40 yards from the posts. The try was consequently a very difficult one, but Tobin was as usual up to the mark and kicked a magnificent goal amidst tremendous cheering from the School. Richmond looked rather blue at seeing the ball fly between their posts for the first time within the last two years, but lost no time in changing over for a fresh start. Fryer kicked off, and for a few minutes the ball hovered in the centre of the ground, but fortune once more declared for the School, and Tobin made another splendid run, half the length of Big-Side, again distancing the fleetest of the Richmond backs, and landing the ball safely over the line at the Chapel end of goal, the roar of cheers from the School swelling louder and louder as each consecutive opponent was successfully passed. Haslam punted out and the ball was caught by Kough, but a second punt was unsuccessful. The School, however, were not to be denied, and again worked the ball slowly but surely along the touch-line into goal, where it was touched down by Moberly. At this point the half-hour struck, and as the punt-out did not result in a fair catch, “no side” was called immediately afterwards, and perhaps the best match which old Big-Side ever saw was brought to a conclusion. Cheers were then given with the greatest enthusiasm for the victors, which they in their turn cordially answered with three hearty rounds for the Richmond Club.

Our closing remarks must be brief. The play of the School, both individually and collectively, was well-nigh perfect, and several of the most experienced judges of the game agreed in declaring that such skill and determination could not fail to carry Rugby colours successfully against the strongest team that has ever mustered, either round London or elsewhere. No one could fail to commend the dash and dexterity of the backs and half-backs, and the pluck and perseverance of the forwards, which so gallantly mastered the superior weight and experience of the heroes of bygone days. It is almost needless to say that every man on the Richmond side did his best to enable their indefatigable Hon. Sec. to record a different result to that which eventually found its way into the pages of his note book. We trust we may be able to chronicle an equally success-

ful meeting ere the Christmas of 1869 has closed another season.

We append a list of the players of the respective sides:—

RUGBY SCHOOL:—	RICHMOND:—
A. B. Haslam (captain)	F. H. Fisher (capt.)
J. E. H. Mackinlay	C. S. Fryer (back)
(back)	E. C. Holmes (back)
E. Warner (back)	E. Rutter (back)
C. K. Francis (three-quarters-back)	W. R. Collyer (hf.-bk.)
F. Tobin (half-back)	R. Murray (hf.-bk.)
G. R. Westfeldt (half-back)	W. H. Sykes (hf.-bk.)
	G. L. Bennett
	E. B. Colvin
F. G. Cholmondeley	T. V. Dawson
R. F. Dudgeon	A. G. Guillemard
S. Garrett	G. Hamilton
A. H. Hudson	W. Hamilton
F. W. Isherwood	C. E. Isherwood
W. E. Kough	J. C. Lambert
W. O. Moberly	J. E. Lloyd
E. H. Morris	F. Monro
E. S. Ormerod	J. D. Nicol
H. W. Peake	L. W. Novelli
E. Peel	H. R. Poole
J. Penrose	A. Rutter
C. E. Sidebotham	G. Tomkins
A. Sidgwick	D. P. Turner
T. O. Stock	C. S. Williams.

UNIVERSITY HONOUR.—The Rev. William Bright, M.A., has been appointed by Mr. Disraeli, Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Oxford.

A baronetcy has lately been conferred on Sir J. Walker, late of St. John's College, Cambridge, and of Rugby School.

Major Palliser, of chilled-shot celebrity, has lately been made C.B.

Several Old Rugbeians, we hear, on good authority, have highly distinguished themselves in "Smalls" at Oxford: the names have not yet transpired.

RUGBEIANS IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

The names of the following Old Rugbeians appear in the list of the New Parliament:—

- 15 Liberals, viz:
- Mr. R. A. Wingfield Baker, } S. Essex.
 - Mr. A. Johnstone, }
 - Mr. H. R. Brand,—Hertfordshire.
 - Mr. T. L. D. Jones-Parry,—Carnarvonshire.
 - Mr. Whitbread,—Bedford.
 - Mr. R. N. Philips,—Bury.
 - Mr. T. Hughes,—Frome.
 - Mr. T. Brassey,—Hastings.
 - Right Hon. G. J. Goschen,—London.
 - Mr. T. B. Potter,—Rochdale.
 - Sir J. B. V. Johnstone,—Scarborough.
 - Mr. G. G. Glyn,—Shaftesbury.
 - Mr. G. Melly,—Stoke-upon-Trent.
 - Mr. W. P. Adam,—Clackmannan.
 - Mr. H. B. Samuelson,—Cheltenham.
- 15 Conservatives, viz:
- Mr. R. T. Gilpin,—Bedfordshire.
 - Sir. T. Gresley,—South Derbyshire.
 - Mr. R. A. Cross,—South-West Lancashire.
 - Mr. A. Pell,—South Leicestershire.
 - Mr. E. Turnor,—South Lincolnshire.
 - Sir. Acland Wood,—East Somersetshire.
 - Mr. W. P. Barttelot,—West Sussex.
 - Mr. H. C. Wise,—South Warwickshire.
 - Lord Bingham,—Mayo County.
 - Major Dickson,—Dover.
 - Mr. R. W. Jackson,—Hartlepool.
 - Right Hon. Lord Stanley,—Kings' Lynn.
 - Sir J. C. D. Hay,—Stamford.
 - Mr. S. G. Smith,—Aylesbury.
 - Mr. W. J. Legh,—East Cheshire.

Sir Roundell Palmer, who was a short time at Rugby, and then at Winchester, is not included.

Among the more prominent members of the late Parliament, whose names do not appear in the list of the present one, are Mr. Horsman, Sir J. Fergusson, and Gen. Peel.

BOWLING AVERAGES FOR 1868.

	Innings.	Balls.	Overs.	Runs.	Maidens.	Wickets.	Runs off each Over.	Over.	Runs for each Wicket.	Over.	Wide Balls.	No balls.	Average Per Innings.	Over.
C. K. Francis	32	3620	905	1427	356	162	1	522	8	31	9	1	5	2
J. R. Walker	25	2200	550	1034	202	92	1	484	11	22	2	0	3	17
V. Ellis	7	628	157	193	72	21	1	36	9	4	1	0	3	0
S. K. Gwyer	8	388	97	219	23	26	2	25	8	11	2	0	3	2
J. T. Soutter	11	668	167	335	51	33	2	1	10	5	2	0	3	0