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## SPRACK DEPLORES U. BILLS

**R**HODES SRC President John Sprack, who is also NUSAS vice-President elect, has come out strongly against latest Government proposals to enforce total apartheid on university campuses.

In a statement issued at the week-end he said "The legislation now before Parliament is the most vicious phase of the attack upon students which has reached a relentless climax this year."

The Bills, to come before Parliament within the next few days, are described as the most far-reaching since 1959. They are expected to be opposed by the Opposition and by students and academics throughout the country.

One Bill aims to "protect" students and staff at the universities who support racial discrimination. It gives the Minister of Education the right to withdraw Government aid to any university which discriminates against people supporting the government. "Its effect, and its intention is, of course, to promote discrimination against non-White students," commented Mr. Sprack.

### PROHIBITIVE

The other Bill prohibits non-White students from belonging to any White student organisation, except an academic body. "The implications of this Bill are tremendous," said Mr. Sprack. "It will radically affect every student activity — sporting, cultural, and even Rag."

### Union Funds

The Students Union Fund now has a total of R4,800 — almost a fifth of the proposed target sum of R25,000.

The Students Union Competition only brought in R600, out of R2,000 worth of tickets.

"The non-White students at the English-speaking universities are there because of the failure of apartheid to supply them with an education in the tribal colleges. It is the meanest form of injustice to deprive them of all facets of a university education except the purely academic."

"It will turn out indoctrinated, culturally inept zombies with qualifications not worth the paper on which they are written."

### About those SRC delays

Students on the campus are asking why there was such a long delay before the SRC replied to the attacks made on Rhodes in Die Vaderland this year.

The newspaper printed its attack on February 21. The SRC reply appeared in Die Vaderland on June 14.

Die Vaderland was quick to notice this. They pointed out that a story had appeared in the Sunday Tribune of April 17 saying the SRC were to take the matter to the Press Board of Reference.

In an interview, Mr. Reinier Lock, External Vice-President of the SRC who is handling the matter said the delays were due to various reasons.

He said he would probably see the lawyers about taking the case to the Press Board of Reference this week.



### Folk Rhodes

Des Lindburgh, the Johannesburg folksinger who visited Rhodes recently and gave a well-attended show in the Great Hall. It raised R271 which the Students' Union Fund and the Dramatic Society will share.

## "Varsity" Editor fired

**MR. NICK IRVINE**, Editor of the University of Cape Town student newspaper "Varsity", has been fired following attacks made in his newspaper on the attitude taken by the Principal, Dr. J. P. Duminy, over the banning of NUSAS President Ian Robertson.

Major trouble is brewing on the campus over Mr. Irvine's dismissal. A mass meeting of students to discuss the whole affair — from the criticisms of Dr. Duminy in May to last week's decision by the SRC Executive to sack the Editor — was due to be held yesterday.

The SRC Executive was expected to come under heavy fire from students for its decision — particularly since the whole SRC refused to approve the sacking of Mr. Irvine.

Meanwhile, Mr. Irvine has resigned in protest, and he has been followed by all but one member of the Editorial Board.

The trouble began when the Principal demanded an apology for certain news items and stories in which he had been criticised for his refusal to condemn the banning of Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Irvine agreed to print an apology, but refused to obey an SRC ruling that he should publish no further stories relating to correspondence between himself and a sub-committee appointed by the University Council to investigate "Varsity's" comments and news items on the Robertson banning.

Last week the sub-committee told Mr. Irvine that "Varsity"

would be banned until it printed an approved apology. Mr. Irvine submitted an apology which, however, was unacceptable to the sub-committee.

At this stage the SRC intervened. It authorised the printing of "Varsity" in spite of the ban — on condition that an apology, but no story on the conflict between the Editor and the sub-committee, was printed.

At a later meeting of the whole SRC, Mr. Irvine's resignation was accepted, but the Executive sacking was not ratified.

Now a petition has been circulated on the campus calling on the SRC to explain the reason for the "arbitrary" dismissal.

—SANSAP

## NUSAS TO REPLY TO MINISTER

A full dossier on banned leader of NUSAS Ian Robertson, replying point by point to the allegations made by the Minister of Justice, Mr. Vorster, in Parliament last week, and containing affidavits, will be compiled by NUSAS immediately and sent to the Minister.

A formal request that the Minister should study the contents and then lift the ban on Mr. Robertson will accompany the dossier.

Mr. Vorster last week told the Leader of the Opposition, Sir de Villiers Graaff, that he was prepared at any time to reconsider the banning in the light of new evidence.



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## NO UNIVERSITIES

Strictly speaking, there are no universities in South Africa. There are tribal colleges for English-speaking students, for Afrikaners, for Indians, for Coloureds, and for Africans. But nowhere in South Africa are there universities in the true sense of the word.

There are institutions which, through Government action, have become shallow mockeries of the concept "universitas" — the implication being universality. Still not satisfied with past depredations on the autonomy essential to an institution if it is to be called a university, the Government is ravaging even further the ideals upon which universities were founded.

The latest Government trend is the logical conclusion to a twisted and bigoted policy. It threatens to withdraw state aid to a university if that university does not toe the apartheid line. It also decrees that no non-White student may belong to a White student organisation. The Government has not succeeded in indoctrinating blind excessively rigid belief in apartheid, so now it must enforce it with legislative measures. It is an admission of failure.

How will the proposed legislation affect Rhodes? In practice

cal terms the implications are: A Chinese student will not be able to belong to the Basketball Club, he will be prevented by law from playing a game of bridge with White students, he will not be allowed to vote in an SRC election, and he may not attend a lecture that is not part of his academic course. True, the number of non-White students at Rhodes is small. But the proposed legislation will affect the few dozen Indian and Chinese students at Rhodes as much as it will affect the few hundred at Wits and UCT.

Does apartheid at this rigid intensity make sense? Why should an inky-fingered clerk in Pretoria, or a vote-catching Minister in Parliament, have the power to arbitrarily decree what is right and what is wrong at Rhodes, at UCT, at Wits and at Natal? Surely those who know best — the university authorities and students — should be the ones to decide?

The proposed legislation is based on a deep-seated fear and mistrust. These are to be allayed at the expense of the only institutions whose heritage it should be to arrive at an approximation of the truth for South Africa by a free exchange of ideas. Tragical irony.

## NO QUICK RACE SOLUTION

**THERE** can be no quick solution to America's race problems, but the attempt is more important than success.

This was said at Rhodes by Prof. T. Kennedy, a visiting sociologist from Chicago, in his talk: "Race Relations in the United States."

Prof. Kennedy predicted further race riots in Los Angeles and other centres. But he said many people still did not recognise the problem.

### RACIAL PRIDE

Negroes were developing a pride in their race. This prevented much mixed dating and intermarriage. But it did not effect voluntary integration at the universities.

The biggest problem affecting the success of integration in

America was housing. Estate agents often prevented mixing by boosting prices or selling to Whites only.

He said there were few jobs left where Whites were better paid than Negroes. The levels of education and wage scales were both rising.

### VOTING POWER

Politicians were beginning to count the voting power of the Negroes. Prof. Kennedy predicted that a black state governor would be elected to office this year.

Spontaneous applause greeted his statement that no nation should have second class citizens.

## Cecil John II



## The moral lessons of the S.A.U.K.

**THE SABC** — Gentlemen, today I give you the SABC.

It stands, of course, for South African Broederbond Corporation (In Afrikaans: Suidelike Anti Uitlander Korporasie) — states now that is the custodian of the morals and customs of South Africa (local watchdog: Board Member Prof. Brian Bradshaw). And while it will go on playing plenty of Boeremusiek, it will no longer broadcast the Beatles. "Yeah, Yeah, Yeah" it seems will be replaced by "Nee, Nee, Nee".

**BUT** (and I, too, use the word lightly) since the SABC is the moral custodian of South Africa, let us see what moral lessons we can draw from examples of its own behaviour:

**Lesson 1:** Make savage, vicious and unfair attacks upon your political opponents — but keep them anonymous. This is good morals.

**Lesson 2:** Never give anyone you have smeared the opportunity of a reply. This too, is good morals.

**Lesson 3:** When both English and Afrikaans, Nationalist and non-Nationalist Press, form a Press Board of Reference to ensure fair comment and reporting and before whom complaints can be laid, do not become a member. This is the ultimate in good morals.

First-year students — bless their little souls — usually look forward to a long university career. But according to some new statistics, it seems it is even a little longer than some of them anticipate. A goodly (or should I say weakly) half or so, according to statistics read at the recent conference on Management Education, not only don't know where they're going anyway, but never seem to get there as well.

In fact they never get anywhere at all. They just drop out man — and keep right on dropping out. These figures incidentally were for an average of

South African universities. But at Rhodes, of course Dear Reader, it goes without saying things must be different. We have the authority of no less than Brog. Martin that it is "not University policy" to release the number of failures at Rhodes.

Perhaps — like first-year students — the figures are not to be released before they are five years old. However, there is one bright spot on the horizon. The exams are earlier and earlier each year. So at least in this way it will soon only be 4½ years. Get the bad news over well before Christmas, I always say. Soon we'll get it over before Founder's Day. Not to mention Rag.

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I have been asked why I had so little to say about female fashion. I have been too busy observing other phenomena — the girls who go out with Toks. I might even say something about it some other time.

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The Dram Soc. (in case you don't recognise the Dram Soc — it stands for Dramatic Society), the society that brings to the campus such well-known dramatists as Des Lindburgh and Nick Taylor — not to speak of Ben Dekker — has been revived. Perhaps soon we will have a revival of that high drama of all high dramas of its yearly activity — the yearly rugby match against the Lit. Soc.

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I must apologise to all my readers (since Tim Couzens has left my staff, he now also reads my column) for having so little to say about the Inkettes uprising recently. The fact is that — I hate to confess this — but I didn't know of it. Nobody told me. Otherwise this column would have egged them on with such stirring slogans as: "Inkettes of the world! Unite! You have nothing to lose but..."



# Sudano on catering trends

A new system of catering may be introduced at Rhodes as a result of findings by the caterer Mr. Faust Sudano, during his recent seven week tour of the United States and Britain.

Mr. Sudano praised the "refectory system" used in modern Universities, where all the feeding is under one roof. With this restaurant-cafeteria system, a more varied menu is provided, and students have the choice of attending the meal or not.

"The university dining-hall at once is in rivalry with other eating establishments in the town. In order to hold its clientele, its food must be attractive and appetising", he said.

## CENTRALIZATION

With complete centralization, expenses of feeding are cut down, with the additional economy of staff, material and building.

Mr. Sudano, a recognised expert in the South African field, was shocked to see how far behind our university establishments are compared with overseas universities.

Although it would not be possible to completely adapt to their revolutionised methods in this country, Mr. Sudano felt a restaurant-cafeteria system in which students pay for their meals in dining halls, would encourage a more adult attitude.

"My general impression was that students were treated far more as responsible grown-ups overseas, than they are in this country", he said.

Of the South African Universities, Mr. Sudano felt Pretoria University, with its large cafeteria, has the nearest approach to the overseas feeding method.

## AFS - TYPE SOCIETY at RHODES

A society similar to the American Field Service International Societies of UCT and Wits will be starting at Rhodes this week.

The object of this society, the Rhodes University International Society, will be the promotion of international understanding through the medium of students and to help students of other countries to visit South Africa.

The society intends holding film and slide-show evenings, square dances and other social occasions. It will be both an informative and social society and hopes to lay emphasis on personal contact.

The Rhodes University International Society will be closely affiliated with AFS, but will be open to all Rhodes students.

## Social Events

August 13 — St. Mary's Hall Ball.

August 20 — Drostdy Hall Ball.

August 27 — Founders Hall Ball.

September 3 — Arts and Science Ball.

September 10 — Oriel Hall Ball.

September 12 — Founders Ball.

## Residence stoned

LAST week five windows were broken in Lilian Britten House by a group believed to be male students.

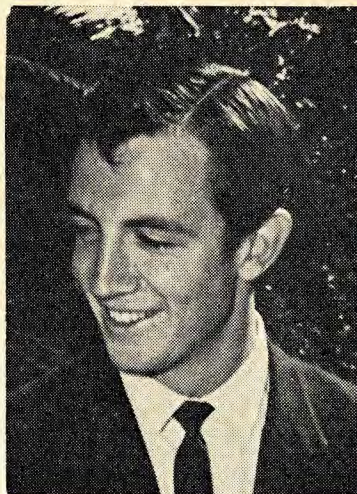
They began by serenading the ladies of the House and then threw the stones which caused the damage. With that they fled.

### REPORTED

The next morning the Lady Warden, Miss B. Wright, searched for footprints, but without success. She has reported the matter to the Vice-Chancellor.

It is believed that this is not the same group who broke into the house on Friday night through a window and disarranged one of the rooms.

## The Folk-Singing Wave



Folk-singer Nick Taylor — here next week.

The appeal of the folk-singer lies in his ability to establish a sort of emotional rapport with his audience.

Even a mediocre singer can achieve this to some extent in the intimacy of a coffee-bar, but it takes a good folk-singer to do so from a stage.

Des Lindbergh is a good folk-singer in any atmosphere. His bluff appearance is certainly very much in his favour, but he has a commanding personality and pleasant voice which holds the attention.

It was interesting to compare his show with that of Nick Taylor, who we saw last term and who will be appearing at Rhodes again next week. Although Nick is billed as a folk-singer and has built up something of a "folk" image over the past few years, his show is now rather that of the cabaret entertainer. Taking these differences into account and the fact that Nick has considerable polish, Des Lindbergh substantial and direct personality definitely has the advantage.

It is to be hoped that the supporting programme for future shows will provide more variety and polish, although we are aware that it was necessarily impromptu on this occasion. The Zeroes were a good pop band, and had they remained in their own sphere instead of venturing out of it and so appealing to the worst in a Rhodes audience, they would not have embarrassed as they occasionally did.

Rhodes's John, Paul and Stalky showed considerable promise, and it is to be hoped that they will appear again for the Nick Taylor show. — J.L.

## THE CALL OF THE WILD

RHODES now has a club for the outdoor type — with the recent formation of a Mountain Club on the campus.

A committee has been elected and several hikes have been planned. But the club has already met with its greatest adversary—the Grahamstown weather.

Last weekend their first hike, one to Howieson's Poort, was a washout. The rain came down and the hike had to be called off.

The club was the brainchild of Dr. H. W. van der Merwe of the Sociology Department. It was formed, in the words of club Secretary Gill Abel, "to give interested students a chance to take part in an activity which needs no particular skill."

She added: "Students will be able to get away from Grahamstown at weekends." It is probably this second reason which will draw members.

The first "rambles" will be short — about five miles. Miss Abel said they would see what students were capable of before becoming too ambitious.

Each will end in a braai and there will be transport back for those whose spirit is stronger than their feet.

The club has been recognised by the Sports Union and will apply for an S.R.C. grant. It hopes to affiliate to the Eastern Province Mountain Climbing Club.

## War waging on drugs

CAMBRIDGE — A vice squad is waging war on drug taking at Cambridge University. Two detectives and a policewoman have been detailed to look into cases.

This followed the fining recently of two Peterhouse College students for being in possession of Indian hemp (dagga).

"We shall concentrate on all kinds of vice", said the Chief Constable. "We must get to the source and stop the stuff coming into Cambridge." He considered it the duty of everybody aware of drugs being consumed to report the matter to the police.

One of the students who was fined for having Indian hemp has given a written assurance to his tutor that he will have nothing more to do with drugs.

He thought the law should be changed, however. He said drugs like hashish and marijuana were no more harmful than alcohol, and drug-takers were less likely to do social harm than alcoholics. — SANSPA.

## POCKET MONEY SALARIES

By Jane Lurie

Every month the average Rhodes student spends the same amount on pleasure alone as that earned by most African staff members in the Halls. This is apparent from African staff wage figures.

A sustained effort is being made by the teaching staff to remedy this situation to some extent. A relief scheme, launched in 1964, is supported by a considerable number of members of Rhodes staff, who contribute monthly amounts to its funds. Other members of staff prefer to accept personal responsibility for African employees in their Departments, and give what help they can.

Mr. Merton Dagut, formerly of the Economics Dept., did much to initiate the scheme as its first secretary. His work was contin-

ued by Mr. F. Y. St. Leger, and in May this year Mrs. R. van Wyk Smith, who is a qualified Social Worker, took over the Secretaryship.

In an interview with a RHODEO reporter, Professor Hewson, who is chairman of the scheme, said the Rhodes Council was aware of the needs of its employees and had periodically raised wages. It was making special provision for those Africans who retire after long and faithful service to the University. The Welfare Scheme had been introduced because it became clear that in special emergencies and in special need African employees have been somewhat at a loss. As the Scheme's funds were limited, priority is given to urgent cases of sickness or to

assist with the education of children.

Mrs. van Wyk Smith described, for example, one case of a woman earning R10 who had to support one child at school, three pre-school children and a husband unable to work. The only addition to the family income had been her husband's disability grant of R2.25, and the rent of their house was R4.50 per month. The Welfare Scheme had helped in this case by paying for schoolbooks and rent arrears.

Rhodes African staff are well-paid in comparison with those of other Grahamstown institutions. Rhodes tends to set a standard in Grahamstown, in fact. Mrs. Smith said that the lack of industry in Grahamstown was responsible for the great unemployment problem here.

## A WORTHY TROPHY?

Soon after the Senate's ruling reduced the number of Inkettes' nights out was announced, the signing-out book of Jameson House disappeared mysteriously.

A reliable source said the book is now hanging up in a room in one of the men's residences.

## SMALLS

Applications are invited for the posts of Rag Chairman and Rag Vice-Chairman. They should be submitted in writing to the S.R.C. Secretary by noon on August 18th, and should include particulars of Rag and other student organisational experience.

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# FIRST DEFEAT IN NINE

**THE 1st SOCCER team has met with defeat for the first time in nine matches.**

In East London on Friday night, the unbeaten home team thrashed Rhodes to the tune of 7-1, and by so doing, enhanced their chances of playing in the N.F.L. first division next year. Everybody expected this to be a hard, closely contested match, but the Rhodes team failed dismally.

In the opening minute of the game, one of the Rhodes defenders, who prefers to remain anonymous, pushed the ball back into the Rhodes goal well out of reach of goalie Palframan. Despite this early setback, Rhodes continued pressing, and Cecchini, the left back, took a long shot at

goal, which the goalkeeper did well to push over the bar.

## ADVANTAGE

East London City then settled down, and after an excellent passing movement down the length of the field, they scored an excellent goal (2-0). East London City continued to have territorial advantage, and scored once again (3-0).

From a corner by Rhodes, the ball was weakly cleared by the City defence, and McGibbon was on hand to slam the ball into the net (3-1). At this stage, it looked as if Rhodes were about to stage a comeback, but just before half-time, yet another Rhodes defender pushed the ball into the Rhodes net from a corner (4-1).

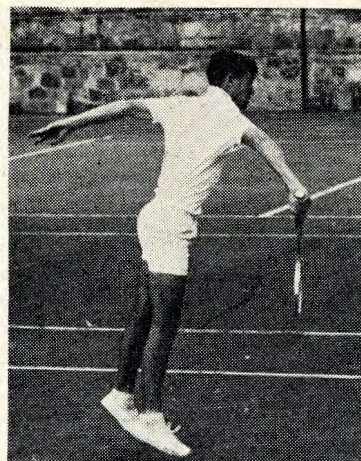
## SAVE

Soon after half-time, the ball was weakly cleared by the Rhodes defence after a shot at goal by E.L. City, and with the goalkeeper out of position, an E.L. forward took a good shot at goal, only to find centre-half Tindall standing on the line to head out a certain goal. From then on, it was E.L. City's superior skill that was evident, and three more goals were eventually scored before the end of the match.

## House Rugby

### Who Won :

Botha 22 — Adamson 8.  
Pringle (A) 24 — College 0.  
Smuts (B) 8 — Oppidan (B) 3.



**Rick Buwaldo, the Rhodes No. 1 who together with four other Rhodians has reached the quarter finals of the Grahams-town Tennis Championships, is seen in action.**

## Rhodians play good tennis

**THE Rhodes tennis players did well on the first day of the Grahamstown Tennis Championships, with three of the men and two women reaching the quarter finals.**

Rick Buwaldo, Tony Gower and Rob Meare all reached the quarter finals. Rick Buwaldo who is seeded number 3 for the tournament accounted for another Rhodian, Phil Beltram on his way to the quarter finals. Rob Daniels won his first round match and is still in the running. The quarter finals will be played this week and Rob Meare is due to meet Rick Buwaldo.

Pam Blythe and Sally Harvey reached the quarter finals in the woman's singles championship, but Sally Harvey was beaten in her quarter final match by the top seed. Penny Beale from Rhodes, who is seeded number 2 could not play because of an injury, and all her games have been held over until this weekend. Two other Rhodians, Mary-Anne Cragge and Coleen Dargie were beaten in their first round matches by seeded opponents, and Jenny Davenport was beaten by fellow Rhodian Pat Blythe.

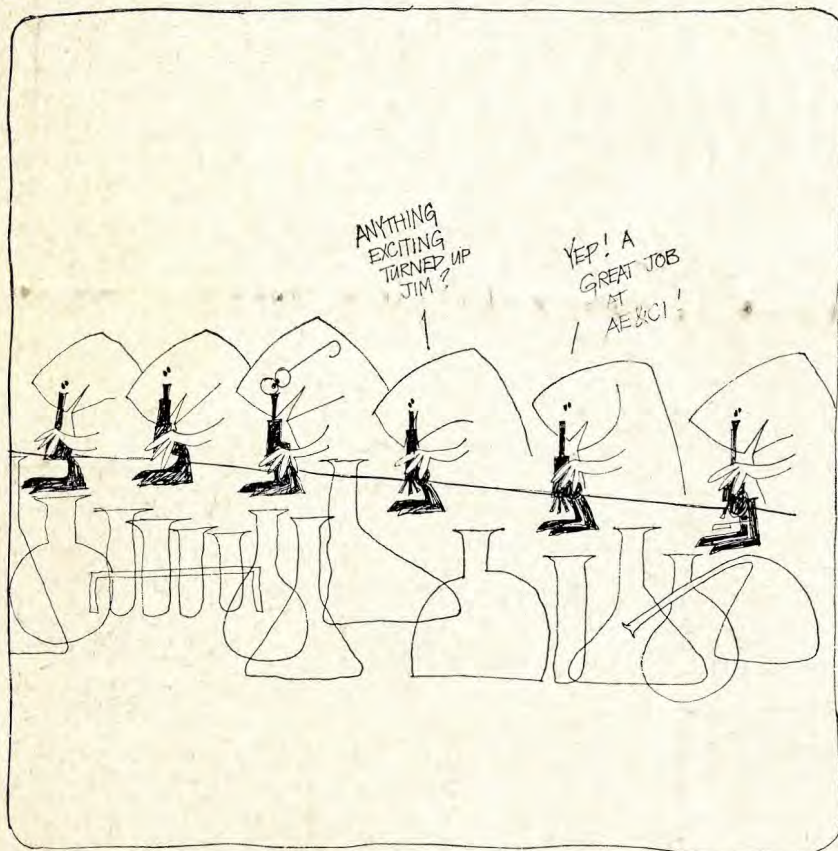
## DIARY

**FRIDAY 12th:** Boxing (inter-hall) on the Great Field. 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY 13th Rugby:** U20 A v. Olympics (A); U20 B v. Olympics (A); 2nd v. Albany (A); 1st XV venue to be decided.

**SUNDAY 14th Hockey:** 1st XI v. Walmer (H) 11 a.m.

House Rugby: Struben v. Pringle (B) 2 p.m.; Smuts (B) v. Graham-Oakdene 3 p.m.; Cory-Mathews v. Botha 4 p.m.



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## First XV defeat in the mud

**THE FIRST XV was beaten 19-0 by Crusaders on Saturday in a game in which an icy wind and driving rain made attractive rugby impossible on a waterlogged Great Field.**

Had this game been played in better conditions the score might very well have been much less, and Rhodes would have been able to put up a better display. The slippery ball made running movements extremely difficult, and the game developed into a dour forward struggle. With Crusaders having the heavier forwards it seemed inevitable that they would win in the end.

## EVEN

In the first half the game was even with neither side being able to play enterprising rugby. In this half the smaller Rhodes forwards managed to hold their larger opponents, but it soon became obvious that they would not be able to do so for the whole game. Once the Crusader's forwards had asserted their superiority they were always on the attack. The Rhodes forwards played hard, especially in the loose, and tackled desperately. In the tight scrums however, the heavier Crusader forwards pushed back the Rhodes forwards with ease.

play of line out work which nobody in the Rhodes side could match.

The only way in which it was possible to gain ground under the conditions was the cross kick, and the up and under, both of which were used monotonously.

It would be difficult to single out any Rhodes players in this match. All the forwards played hard, while the backs found they had little to do.

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