

HAMPSTEAD v OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

SUCCESS OF THE DARK BLUES.

1902

The Oxford University hockey team continued their Christmas vacation tour by meeting Hampstead on the Richmond Athletic Ground yesterday in glorious weather, but only before a limited number of spectators, as less than a hundred yards away a Rugby County match was taking place, and the majority of the people evidently preferred to witness that. Since they started their tour the Oxonians have undoubtedly improved immensely, as was demonstrated by the fact that yesterday they managed, after a highly interesting struggle, to lower Hampstead's unbeaten record for the present season by two goals to one. Some excuse for the Metropolitan club's defeat, however, must be stated, the fact that they were without several of their best men, and as the Dark Blues were likewise handicapped, the absentees perhaps levelled up the teams a bit. At the start the visitors pressed hard, but the grand defence of Hayman, Herbert, and Marsden prevented any scoring until close on half-time, when from a scrimmage in the circle Smith shot in and Bremner stopped the ball, but it happened to be over the line at the time, and the goal was properly allowed. Half-time thus arrived with the Blues leading by a goal to love. On changing ends Shoveller soon equalised. Then, after some clever work, but just when the game looked like being drawn, Bremner stopped a shot from Smith, but before he could clear Smith had hit the ball through. The Dark Blues thus won rather luckily by two goals to one. The teams were:

Hampstead: A. Bremner (goal), E. M. Marsden and H. R. Herbert (backs), H. Greig, F. W. Orr, and H. B. Hayman (half-backs), G. Crossdale, E. Willes, S. H. Shoveller, J. Frost-Smith, and F. C. Wheeler (forwards).

Oxford University: H. Bomford (Balliol) (goal), J. L. Stocks (Corpus) and F. C. Stocks (Worcester) (backs), J. R. Lowe (Christ Church), C. R. I. Nicholl (Magdalen), and F. W. Goldberg (University) (half-backs), D. J. C. Glass (Lincoln), H. Church (Trinity), H. V. I. Watts (Keble), A. L. F. Smith (Balliol), and A. H. Paterson (University) (forwards).