

Many Zimbabwe players,

4 Springboks from Milton

# A proud record in rugby

RUGBY has always been a traditional sport at Milton and was first played on the day that the school was opened, halfway through the Matabeleland rugby season in 1910. Since then Milton has produced many famous names in rugby circles.

The school has produced four Springboks in Andy Macdonald and Chris Rogers who attended the High School and Des van Jaarsveldt and Ronnie Hill who attended the Junior school. It is seldom that the national side is without an Old Miltonian who has learnt his rugby on the Milton fields.

Records show that Milton first played Plumtree in 1911 winning 25-0 and it was not until 1921 that Plumtree first defeated Milton.

Over the years Milton's rugby has had its ups and

downs and pundits may argue as to which was the best ever side. The 1970 side was unbeaten, scoring 207 points against 80 but the unbeaten side of 1944 only had its line crossed twice. No side in recent years can match these performances.

School rugby sides have made several tours to South Africa in the past but in 1983 the team toured England for the first time. The team played six games losing to Mill Hill, Champion, Sevenoaks and Blackheath and beating Dover College and St. Georges.

The tour was rounded off by a week's skiing in France. The experiences gained on the tour proved to be beneficial as the 1984 side had the best record for many years, only losing the first match against Falcon.