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FIRST and foremost, in a not particularly eventful term we must congratulate those who succeeded in impressing their merits on the examiners. Three boys distinguished themselves in the Higher and a record number passed the School Certificate. Those who take the same exams this year may be hard put to it to equal their predecessors' results ; but the matter lies in their own hands.

The term has brought some changes on the Staff. We wish Miss Mullens and Miss Peat all success and happiness in their new appointments and in their places we have welcomed Mrs. Hay and Mrs. Nunan. Unfortunately, Mrs. Stanning is leaving us. She has been immensely popular with us all and she will take with her our most cordial good wishes for her health and happiness and for that of her family.

This issue of " The Lion " appears without Cadet Corps notes owing to the unfortunate illness of Captain Shaddock. He will be back with us before these lines appear in print and we can only say here that the Cadet Corps has been carrying on and maintaining the high standard he has set for it.

The absence of members of the Staff is not often a subject for comment in these notes, but the absence of Mr. Johnston for half a term is such a break with the hoariest tradition that it must be chronicled and we were all very pleased to have him back to us restored to his former good health, even if the surface of the playing field will be less disturbed in the future than it has in the past.

Honours List.

We have great pleasure in congratulating R. B. SCOTT on winning the D.S.O. It is with great regret that we have to record the following casualties on Active

Service :

Killed—A. C. SMITH.

Missing, presumed killed—W. H. SCOTT.

Missing—W. H. BILTON.

Examination Results.

STATE BURSARIES.—D. Gifford, A. W. Lamport.

ENGINEERING CADETSHIP.—H. J. Dyer.

OXFORD HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.—D. Gifford, A. W. Lamport, H. J. Dyer.

OXFORD SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.—†P. Wilkins, †N. L. McLellan, †C. H. Phillips, †V. Knight, †D. Elcock, †R. J. Wetherell, †D. Brunton, †R. C. Lacey, †J. Midgley, †K. Harrison, †C. Fletcher, †C. E. Weight, †J. Lyne, †F. Keene, †P. Tappenden, †R. Biggs, H. D. G. Allerston, †D. Maddison, †D. E. G. Hills, S. Tyrrell, †L. Bauer, †R. Lee, B. T. W. Barnacott, H. Knight, D. A. J. Hooker, S. E. McKenna, R. Bloomfield, R. Harvey, †G. R. Mills, †A. J. Bowmaker, B. J. Fuller, J. G. Lennox, S. C. Nolan, P. Fairhurst, †H. Blake, R. J. Trigg, D. A. Evans, †C. Stubbington, J. Barton.

†Signifies exemption from London Matriculation.



4A—A. V. Colbourne.

3A—C. Shaddock, D. F. F. Hays, D. E. Watts, B. Martin.

3B—J. A. Anscombe, D. E. Watts.

2A—B. F. Bald, R. W. J. Bedford, D. Brown, A. J. Browning, F. R. Burnell, P. J. Checksfield, R. H. Crockford, C. K. J. Foster, J. E. Harding, B. V. Hewitt, J. S. Holman, A. G. Hounsome, N. L. Hudson, A. S. Jarret, D. S. M. Jones, P. J. C. Keemer, J. Kennell, J. W. Letheren, C. P. Nobes, K. W. J. Oakley, P. V. Pugsley, R. H. Pyne, P. M. Reynolds, R. Rolfe, G. F. Stone, C. D. Thomas, G. D. Wadey, L. L. Wassell, P. Watts, L. F. Weyman, R. Williams, M. H. Worsfold.

2B—J. Adams, N. C. Alderton, D. J. Avis, J. W. F. Biggs, D. J. Blackmore, J. R. Brickwood, J. W. Burrige, G. W. C. French, J. W. Greenaway, P. Gwilliam, J. Hamer, R. Harrington, D. Johnston, H. W. Langridge, M. F. Langworthy, A. Lawrence, G. W. Mitchell, P. J. N. Philipps, D. A. Perryer, B. R. Pearce, M. A. Stone, P. K. Tregunna, R. Walby, R. D. L. Wood, G. H. Woodnutt, E. de C. Turner, L. D. Rumbold.



BLACKBROOK.—D. E. G. Hills, D. A. Evans.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—A. J. Bowmaker, B. W. Tyrrell.

WESTBURY.—J. Gwilliam (School Ist XI Football and Cricket, Victor Ludorum), P. R. Whales, A. E. Hatter.

The Scout Troop.

The biggest event of each year is Summer Camp. Weather this year was a great improvement on the previous year's, and several days were spent on the river. One game along the river provided several incidents which surely owed their inspiration to *Commando training*—Arthur Jeffery holding single-handed against all comers a bridge which consisted of a tree trunk spanning the river twelve feet above the water until charged with a rigger tackle by someone as fearless of heights as himself; three scouts who dived fully clothed into the river to avoid capture and swam to the other side; and the party who went along the undefended side of the river and overcame the defence by stripping and swimming across naked to attack from the rear. A monkey bridge (rope bridge) was built across the river at the best bathing place. Rogate Common provided a glorious stretch of wild country for another wide game, when a steep track running North and South across it had to do duty as the Burma Road.

The Commissioner's Report on the camp says: "A 'first-class' Camp in every way. I was particularly impressed by the high standard shown in all pioneering activities and by the fine sense of responsibility shown by the Patrol Leaders. Everything gave evidence of sound training."

The main Scout Camp was followed by a fortnight's Farming Camp for boys over 14. Very few farmers around us seemed to want to employ the boys, but those who did give them work in the harvest fields were very pleased with the help they gave. Our kind host wrote: "I was talking to Mr. Baker on the 'phone and he was very pleased with the boys he had. The ones I had did some very good work when I had the suitable work for them, such as corn harvesting. I was very disappointed that my neighbours did not make more use of the boys, as I feel certain they should have done."

Several pairs of boys went off on journeys for their first class tests, and had to camp out and look after themselves in addition to covering a good bit of country and reporting on it. The Patrol Leaders attended a conference of about 600 Patrol Leaders in the New Forest; from their enthusiasm a P.L.'s monthly training night is now being run for the Fareham District.

The biggest change on the Troop during the term is the separation of scouts over 15 years old as a Senior Patrol, meeting on Saturdays for advanced instruction

and to specialise in pre-service training. The Army has co-operated by providing an instructor in unarmed combat. The Junior Troop has a complete new set of Patrol Leaders as it has lost the old ones to the Senior Troop with the exception of Hoad, who is a great help in his new rank of Troop Leader. We were very pleased that at the end of last term he won the King's Scout Badge.

The Troop hopes to hold Parents' Night on February 5th, when all friends of the Troop will be welcome to see on the screen photos of Camp and a demonstration of some of the activities of Scout Training.

The Debating Society.

The beginning of the winter term is always a critical period for School Societies, and this September the Debating Society counted itself particularly unfortunate for, not only had many of its most interested and able supporters left school, and its former Secretary, T. H. Dyer, about to do so, but it had lost its first President, Miss Mullins, who had led the Society through so many early difficulties so well.

Miss Harcourt has succeeded her in that capacity, and the remaining members of the Committee are now as follows: Mr. H. R. Thacker (Vice-President), J. J. Way (Secretary), and J. D. Cole.

Two debates, both well attended and keenly contested, have been held up to the time of writing.

The first, J. D. Cole in the chair, was held on 1st October, the motion being that "The German people are responsible for the war and must be heavily punished." A Bowmaker and K. Joint spoke for, and R. K. Ockenden and R. Stapley against the motion, which was defeated by 6 votes to 5.

"Russia is a menace to Western Civilization," was the motion debated on 22nd October, R. Stapley being Chairman. J. J. Way and P. Fairhurst, the proposer and seconder respectively, being opposed by M. Lewis and J. Palmer. The motion was passed by 15 votes to 12.

The Committee hope that more speakers will appear in the future, while suggestions as to suitable subjects will be most welcome.

J. J. W. (Hon. Secretary).

Play Reading Group.

Despite the departure of Miss Mullens at the end of last term, the group has still continued its activities under the guidance of Mrs. Hay. We are, however, rather handicapped by lack of numbers. This term we have had four meetings and have concentrated on the study of "Macbeth." Although Shakespeare may put some people off, we have had a great deal of fun out of "Macbeth," but as a change, next term we intend to try something more modern and less difficult. We hope to have at least two more meetings before the end of the term.

The day for the meetings has been conveniently changed from Thursdays to Fridays. A. J. Bowmaker has been appointed Assistant Secretary.

In conclusion, we wish every member a "Happy Christmas" and hope that next term they will derive even more pleasure from the Society, and will persuade their friends to come along too.

R. F. S.

Football Notes.

The fifth war-time football season finds us still going quite strongly despite the many obvious obstacles, as, for example, difficulty in making satisfactory fixtures for our representative teams, restricted travelling facilities, shortage of boots and clothes, owing to other demands on coupons and many other, if less obvious difficulties. In spite of all this however, we have had a considerable amount of football this season, and amongst a limited number of boys there is very great keenness and, in the case of a smaller number, real ability and promise. School teams are nearly always made up from a comparatively small percentage of the members of the School, but lately there has been a decrease in the proportion from which teams can be chosen despite the larger number of boys in the School. This is a tendency to be deplored, and one which in the long run cannot fail to have a bad effect upon our reasonably high standard of performance. Shortage of Staff, playing field accommodation and clothing difficulties may partly account for this, but there does seem to be also far too little keenness amongst too many boys.

This season, however, the devoted minority have provided us with a 1st XI of a high standard in most departments of the game, and a Colts XI of good performance and better promise, so that the picture of representative School football, both now and in the immediate future is by no means a sombre one.

The 1st XI have had six games and have won five of them, losing only to Purbrook, so that they may be said to have had a very successful season. In some cases the opposition was not extremely strong, but the number of goals scored shows that they have done all they would have been expected to do. The strength of the team has rested largely in the half-back line, and in Daysh, Gwilliam and Wellstead, we have had three players who have been at least the equal of any school halves for many years. Strong, fast, and gluttons for work, they have done more than their share in defence, and a good deal of work which is really the task of the inside forwards. We can hardly expect ever to have a better trio than this.

Amongst the forwards Cole at centre has been outstanding, and he is now a very dangerous leader. Good centre-forwards are not at all common in these days, but in Cole we have a player who may rightly be considered good now, and whose future promise is even greater. The other forwards have not reached such a high standard of performance, although, as the tally of goals shows, they have been adequate for the demands made upon them. Even in the Purbrook game which was lost, they scored five times, so that little criticism of their attacking powers can be offered.

In the defence we had not any great brilliance at the beginning of the season—neither backs nor the goalkeeper inspired as much confidence as we had reason to feel in the halves, but they too have been sufficiently good to cope with most of the opposition encountered. Only in the Purbrook match were weaknesses apparent and some at least of these were due to Daysh's injury early in the game, which necessitated his retirement in the second half.

The side has been admirably captained by Daysh, who has had a good deal to do with building up a happy team. He has had a more than capable deputy in Gwilliam, and we have been lucky to have two players in the side with their experience and inspiring skill. There have been many years when we should have been only too happy if we had had either of them to call upon.

Mention has already been made of school games in general. Several inter-form games have been played from time to time, as well as an interesting series of House matches. In the latter contests School House, with probably the best balanced team, won the Senior event with very little to spare from Cams, and in the Junior competition, Cams won all their games fairly comfortably. Many good young players were sufficiently prominent in these games for us to be confident of school football in the future. Among others whose names will probably appear in these notes in future years are Gwilliam II, Johnston, Biggs, Hewitt, Alderton and Woodnutt.

1st ELEVEN.

*R. E. DAYSH (Captain, Left-Half).—Has been a most reliable player and captain. Kicks well with either foot, good with the head, and passes the ball to his wings beautifully.

*J. E. GWILLIAM (Vice-Captain, Centre-Half).—Uses his height well in heading. Tackles strongly and is difficult to dispossess. A very good pivot for the side.

*J. WELLSTEAD (Right-Half). A very hard worker. Tackles strongly, and is always up or back with the play. A very sound half-back.

J. D. COLE (Centre-Forward).—Has developed into a dangerous leader. Quick off the mark, good with his head, and places the ball well when in front of the goal. A little wild with shots from a distance.

C. R. WRIGHT (Right-Back).—Is fast and a vigorous tackler. Not too fond of using his head, but a hard worker.

K. W. HARRISON (Outside-Right).—Dribbles well and centres accurately. Is a dangerous shot and quick to seize an opportunity to shoot. Could do with more actual pace.

H. C. BLAKE (Outside-Left).—Has made many openings for Cole. Quite good with his head and fairly fast, but puts too many centres behind the goal.

E. E. GATES (Inside-Right).—Has many of the signs of a first-class player: neat ball control, good sense of position, but is rather too hesitant for an inside forward. Probably better on the wing.

E. J. YOUNG (Inside-Left).—A good shot and has a deceptive swerve. Works hard, but a trifle clumsy in his movements.

R. BLOOMFIELD (Goal).—Good with shots in the air and anticipates danger well. Not too safe with a greasy ball on the ground, but has had little for which to reproach himself.

J. F. GALE (Left-Back).—Tackles well and good with his head. Kicks the ball rather too much in the air, but very promising for such a young player.

There are many other players on the edge of the 1st XI. who in many years would have been sure of a place in the side. Of these we may mention White (goal), Short (back). Knight and Maffey (halves), and Wilkins and Adams (forwards).

*Old Colours.

Colours this season have been awarded to Cole, Blake, Wright and Harrison.

1st ELEVEN RESULTS.

Versus St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Gosport. Won 6-2.
(Cole 2, Harrison, Gwilliam, Blake, Wellstead).

Versus Bedhampton Youth Club. Won 7-0.
(Cole 5, Harrison, Gates).

Versus Southern College of Art. Won 4-1.
(Cole, Harrison 2, Gates).

Versus Purbrook County School. Lost 5-9.
(Cole 3, Harrison, Blake).

Versus Gosport County School (Home). Won 10-0,
(Cole 3, Harrison 3, Young 2, Blake, Gwilliam).

Versus Gosport County School (Away). Won 6-0.
(Cole 3, Young 2, Gwilliam).

COLTS FOOTBALL.

Once again we have turned out a very respectable team, with a hard-working defence and a skilful, but very light attack. The number of boys round about the required standard has not made it easy to pick the team and some good players have had to be left out.

Two matches were played against a very able team from Gosport Central School and both honorably lost; the second with a team strengthened by the inclusion of four "over 15's," but weakened by the absence of Brickwood for half the match. Purbrook were narrowly beaten as a result of a fine individual effort by Wilkins. Gosport Secondary School were easily beaten here, but after leading by four goals at half-time, we lost by one goal at Eastleigh.

Allen has been an excellent and reliable goalkeeper. Sapsed is a very useful full-back who kicks the ball with great force and somewhat less discretion. Of the half-backs, Holloway is a very good tackler and Gilbody is a polished footballer, and an untiring worker. Of the forwards, Wilkins stood out as a good captain and the only one with strength enough to force a way through a capable and well organised defence. The others were all good, but we have not seen the last of them yet. The main weakness of the team as a whole lay in heading and trapping—sustained practice is needed in these arts.

RESULTS.

Home	Price's School 1, Gosport Central School 4.
Home	Price's School 2, Purbrook 1.
Home	Price's School 9, Gosport Secondary School 0.
Away	Price's School 3, Gosport Central School 4.
Away	Price's School 4, Gosport Secondary School 5.

HOUSE MATCHES.

FIRST ELEVEN.

School House 3, Blackbrook 1.
 Cams 5, Westbury 1.
 Cams 5, Blackbrook 3.
 School House 3, Westbury 1.
 Blackbrook 4, Westbury 2,
 School House 5, Cams 2.

COLTS.

Blackbrook 2, School House 1.
 Cams 4, Westbury 0.
 Cams 5, Blackbrook 0.
 Westbury 8, School House 4.
 Westbury 4, Blackbrook 1.
 Cams 6, School 2.

HOUSE NOTES.

Blackbrook.

The weather having been fairly good this term, all rounds of House matches have been played. The Seniors team succeeded in beating only Westbury, the final score being 4-2, and losing against School House and Cams. The latter match was very disappointing. At the end of a very hard first half we were winning 2-0, but the second half brought us bad luck. Within the first three minutes, Cams had equalized. We did not lose heart, for they had to play hard for their victory of 5-3. Young, Biggs I and Suggate played well in the forwards, while Knight and Sapsed played well in the defence. The team as a whole played very hard.

The Juniors, like the Seniors, won only one match; this was against School House. The Junior team was captained very well by Kervill, who was easily the best player. Several members of the team showed great promise, especially Biggs II, Bascombe and Rowe.

The whole House congratulates Young on his success as a member of the School 1st XI.

We wish all members of the House a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope that they will return next term with renewed vigour to put the Steeplechase cups back on our shelf.

J. W.

Cams.

This term, only the Football and Tarbat Cups have been competed for. Although the result of the latter is not yet known, we shall have to do considerably better than of late years to win it. If every member of the House worked harder, they would benefit themselves as well as the House, a fact which many boys do not seem to realise.

At football we have done well in winning the Junior Cup outright for the first time for many years. Betts, Denton and Steel were the backbone of the team, but the whole team worked enthusiastically. Johnston II showed considerable promise and should develop into a good footballer. The Seniors finished second in their competition, beating Westbury by five goals to one and Blackbrook by five goals to three. Against School House, however, we lost by five to two, our unsound defence proving our downfall as it might well have done in the other matches had our opponents had any very dangerous forwards. Cole has worked hard in all the matches and with more chances would have scored more goals, but the other forwards, although clever, tried to beat too many men before passing. In the defence, Wilkins worked untiringly without much support.

A fact, discouraging to the teams, has been the lack of interest taken by the rest of the House. Hardly anyone turned up to support those playing in any of the matches although appeals were made to them to turn up. Too many members are content to let twenty-two boys do everything there is to be done.

Finally, I wish all members of the House a Happy Christmas.

R. E. D.

School House.

Football, which has been the only sport of the term, has not, in former years, been one of the House's strong points. This term, however, has proved the exception to the rule and the Seniors should be heartily congratulated on winning the Football Cup. Westbury, Cams and Blackbrook were all beaten comparatively easily, thanks to the splendid team spirit and the stout work of Harrison and Wright in attack, and Maffey, Gale and Short in defence. Wright played especially well in his unaccustomed position of centre-forward. The Juniors were not so successful, although not through want of trying. Holloway, the captain, was a tower of strength, and Malcolm and Ashwell played well.

It is a pity that the spirit which has been shown in the teams is not apparent in the remainder of the House. No support whatsoever was given at the matches. Surely it is not much to ask members to give some support to the people who are interested in the welfare of the House.

It only remains for me to wish all members of School House a very happy 'Xmas, and hope that they will return next term determined to win some of the many cups in circulation.

E. J. W.

Westbury.

To begin these notes we must congratulate all those members of the House who have gained "School Cert." and examination Certificates.

The weather having been reasonably good, all rounds of House matches have been played. The Seniors have not been very fortunate this season, and they have lost all their matches, losing to Cams 1-5, and then to School House 1-3 (Adams), and to Blackbrook 2-4 (Adams 2). Individual praise must be given, in spite of our defeats, to Blake and Adams, who have played very well, and to Bloomfield the goalkeeper, who saved some very fine shots.

The juniors, however, have played well indeed. Losing only to Cams 1-4, they beat School House 8-4, Upshall, Packer, Webb and Cawte being the scorers, and also Blackbrook 4-1 (Cawte 2, Webb and Packer).

All have played very well under Webb (A.R.), the captain, and there is great promise in Upshall, Gwilliam P., and Packer; Cawte looks like a future goal-scorer.

Maynard played exceptionally well; he was indefatigable in goal, stopping hard shots from incredible angles.

From sport, we turn to School work. The resting place of the Tarbat Cup has still to be decided, and I hope the House will make an effort to bring this trophy back to our shelf. The shelf looks empty enough anyhow.

To all those who are leaving the School this term, I wish all the best of luck in the future.

Finally, I wish all Westburians, and indeed, the whole School, A Merry 'Xmas.

J. E. G.

