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THIS issue of "The Lion" records the events of two terms. As the weather was favourable we were able to enjoy the Sports at the end of the Spring Term and, if the weather had still been favourable, should have had the whole of the Summer Term for cricket. However, the great majority of the matches have been completed, and not only have more pitches been available this term than of recent years but, what is especially gratifying, much greater enthusiasm has been shown. This is a good augury for the future; but there has been no reason for dissatisfaction with the results achieved at present.

One of the first post-war revivals has been that of the Dramatic Society; it was signalled by a most successful production which reflected the greatest credit upon the actors, the producers (Mr. Turner and Miss Jewell) and possibly even the author.

Special attention is directed to a notice in this issue referring to the Old Pricean's Association, and the co-operation of all readers is solicited to bring it to the notice of the greatest number of Old Boys. We may note here that of a brilliant group which surrounded the late Ian May, D. Gifford has now joined A. W. Lamport in getting first class honours in his degree examination and we take this opportunity of offering our sincere congratulations.

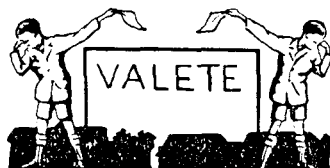


BLACKBROOK.—P. C. Chalmers.

CAMS.—C. Fowler, R. A. Worley.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—J. G. Levy, P. C. Callendar, L. S. Abbs.

WESTBURY.—M. Ballard, G. Palmer.



BLACKBROOK.—D. Gates, D. Newell, F. W. Willetts, F. Benzing, C. Martin, G. Sapsed, K. Sapsed (Victor Ludorum 1945, 1946), E. J. Young (House Captain, Captain of School Cricket, School Football), E. R. Cundick (School Football and Cricket), R. C. Ponsford (School Football and Cricket), R. J. K. Smith.

CAMS.—P. Vince, K. Nickless, J. A. Chapman, T. Gardiner, W. J. Lucas.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—P. A. Morley, G. N. Langworthy, N. Hibdidge, T. Ashwell (School 1st XI Cricket and Football), B. Casey, F. Rennison, J. Binns, C. Chase, H. V. J. Jackson (House Captain, School Football and Cricket, C.S.M. Cadet Corps).

WESTBURY.—R. Gates, D. Bonsey, C. Hammond (C.S.M. Cadet Corps), F. D. Worsfold, B. Farwell, S. Robinson, K. Majendie, S. Worsfold.

Examination Results.

CIVIL SERVICE (Clerical Division).—A. F. Hill, J. F. G. Jones, P. A. Morley.

OLD BOYS.

B.Sc. (Bristol) 1st Class Honours.—D. Gifford.

Old Priceans' Association.

It is hoped in the very near future to have a reunion of the members of the Fareham Branch of the Old Priceans' Association.

Will all Old Boys who receive a copy of "The Lion" drop me a line so that I may know who are interested in the revival.

Any Old Boys who live in the vicinity, and who are not members of the Fareham Branch, are also invited to send me their names and addresses.

E. G. DUNNIER,

"Clovelly," Gosport Road, Stubbington, Fareham, Hants.



The London Section of the Old Priceans is stirring after a seven years' hibernation. The first task is to find out names and addresses of Old Boys who are living in the London area. It then remains to decide what form future activities shall take. It is hoped that some social evenings and hockey matches will be held during the coming winter, but much will depend on the number of members available. Any boys leaving School and expecting to live in the London area are asked to get in touch with the Hon. Sec., L.S.O.P.—B. G. Buckley, 3, Prince's Parade, Muswell Hill, London, N.10.

Cadet Corps.

During the last two terms the Corps has received much new equipment, and this term has seen the Corps' inspection. The result of this inspection is the answer to whether we are fit to be representatives of His Majesty's Forces.

The armoury has been swelled out by three Brens, which arrived to our disgust oozing in a protective coating of grease. Needless to say there were several N.C.O.'s who were contented to de-grease them, notably Cpl. Tappenden who simply jumped at the chance of assembling his pet weapon. Three new Stens were also given to the Corps for instructional purposes only. The latest weapon is the 2 inch mortar which, though we have no dummy bombs, is the subject of the scrutiny of several cadets, eager to learn its intricacies.

This term saw the General's inspection and the Company was very disappointed when only a Major and a Captain of the "Airborne Troops" turned up, but the parade was a complete success. The Cpl. who gave an "Eyes left!" instead of "right" has paid enough for his sins.

The inspecting Major was very impressed with the cadet N.C.O. instructors who, to quote him, "are on par with Marlborough instructors." Marlborough is a regular army Officers' Training Unit. The N.C.O. instructors of the Company have always been excellent and I look to the future N.C.O.'s to keep this record on the same level, as I doubt whether the value of such N.C.O.'s could be higher.

This term also saw the completion of two huts given to the cadets. They are to be used primarily for instruction for "Cert T," but as yet we have no equipment and no instructors. The "Cert T" should be in reach of any cadet who has his "Cert A," and the cadets should take advantage of the training.

Several courses are being held in August and no doubt the record of attendances will be as high as previous records. Camp will most probably be the first weeks in August and the Company should try and turn out in full force as the activities of camp this year promise to be very interesting indeed.

To conclude, it only remains for me to wish the members of the Corps who are leaving good wishes for their future careers and to remind them that the training we have tried to give them is beneficial and will stand them in good stead in future years. To those who are remaining I wish the best of luck in their training for "Cert A," and expect them to obtain good results as a result of their keenness.

H. V. G. JACKSON, C.S.M.

The Scout Troop.

The Troop is feeling very pleased with itself at present, having won the Emlyn Trophy. We were chosen to represent Fareham District at the week end camp at Romsey to compete against the winning teams from all the Scout Districts in Hampshire. The teams were of six boys each, all under 17 years old, and without any scoutmasters. Our Troop Leader, D. Stone, was in charge of our patrol. The competition was largely a test in alertness and preparedness to tackle any unexpected problem, and in general camping ability. The river provided the setting for two of the tests; one was to get a wounded man across it dry without any scouts going in the water or being on the far side to start with. The only gear available was 14 scout staves and some rope. Another test was to float a fire across the river so as to burn a piece of paper overhanging the water on the far side. An added thrill to the winning of the Trophy was that it was presented by Lord Louis Mountbatten, who gave the scouts an interesting and inspiring talk. Many of the men, he said, who volunteered for Wingates' force in Burma had been scouts and had volunteered because of the taste for open air adventure that had been developed in scouting.

Although, at the moment of writing, the winning of the Emlyn Trophy overshadows everything else, the term has not been uneventful for the troop. We had the wettest Whitsun camp that we have ever had, and it has been wet every Whitsun that we have been to Rooksbury. The only fine Whitsun was two years ago when our usual campsite was occupied by an anti-aircraft battery and we had to go elsewhere. It is very much to the credit of the camp that 15 boys camped for five days in soaking wet long grass without one boy catching a cold or wanting to strike camp early, which the Scoutmaster was quite prepared to have done if the boys had shown any signs of being fed up with the weather. At the end of it one heard the remark "It is the best Whitsun Camp we have had." That remark has often been made before, and it is the kind of remark one should feel like making at the end of any camp.

At the Fareham District Local Association meeting the 9th Fareham were asked to provide, as part of the entertainment, two of the items we had staged at our own parents' night. One was a short scouting sketch, and the other P.T. to music and acrobatics. We were asked by the people organising the Holy Trinity Garden Fête at Heathfield on July 17th to do our P.T. and acrobatics there. It does make P.T. very much more pleasant to do and more interesting to watch if it can be done to music. It is a difficult and specialised art to accompany P.T. on a piano, and we should not have been able to have given these performances without the help of Miss Jewel.

Summer Camp comes soon now. Tighter rationing makes things more difficult, but we have surmounted difficulties every war year successfully and we shall do so again this year. We are going again to the delightful site that we had last year which would be hard to beat. Some of our best scouts will not be there as the winners of the Emlyn Trophy have been invited by the County to represent Hampshire at an International Scout Camp in Staffordshire, which clashes with our Troop Camp, but it will be an interesting experience for them to mix with Scouts of other countries, some of whom have carried on "underground" all through enemy occupation.

School Dramatic Society.

During the Autumn term of 1945 it was decided by a few first-year members of the Sixth Form to present a play if possible, and so keep up the reputation of the School Dramatic Society whose last effort had been Iain May's "Where's That Body?" in December, 1940.

Edgar Wallace's "The Case of the Frightened Lady" was decided upon and auditions took place. Then, unfortunately, various second-year members of the cast decided that they could not spare the time, and things fell rather flat.

In January of this year, however, Mr. Turner joined the staff and sportingly agreed to re-audition and so re-start the play. Rehearsals were held twice a week, but illness often kept members of the cast away and things did not progress too well. Nevertheless we never gave up hope, and shortly after returning from the Easter Holidays a test rehearsal was held, it was decided that the play should go on, and everything was in a hurry from that day onwards.

By this time Miss Jewel had kindly offered her services and the two producers gradually brought the standard of the play up to presentation pitch, whilst feverish work was put in on the painting of scenery. The erection of the stage began a week before Whitsun and from then until the day of production odd jobs were almost incessantly being carried out by such stalwarts as Davidson, Levey, Thorburn and Watson, not forgetting Mr. Turner and Mr. Foster.

Returning from the Whitsun break we really got going; rehearsals almost every night, sometimes a complete dress performance, sometimes just odd scenes which were not quite up to standard.

At last, at approximately 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25th, the curtain went up on the dress rehearsal before the School, and apart from a little early stage-nervousness it went over better than had been expected. On the night of Wednesday, June 26th, the first public performance was given and I think it may safely be said that we gave quite an enjoyable evening's entertainment and upheld the tradition of the School Dramatic Society. The Thursday night presentation was even better, by then every member of the cast had lost all nervousness and performed very well, especially when one considers that it was our first venture in dramatics. Unfortunately Mr. Turner walked off the stage into space after the performance and sprained his ankle just at the time when all his hard work was being justified; but he hobbled up to School the next morning as cheerful as ever.

We must sincerely thank Mr. Turner and Miss Jewell for the great amount of hard work they put in to help us. We must have bored them to tears at times with our early acting, but they were always patient and eager to help us correct our many faults. Thorburn was another who untiringly worked at scenery-painting, stage-erection and all the other jobs unknown to those who have never put on a play. We must also thank the backstage boys for all the work they did, and I am sure that every one of us thoroughly enjoyed the whole venture; it not only gave us a lot of fun, it also provided us with an experience, an experience of team-work well worth having.

B.W.M.

Chess Club.

The Chess Club was formed at the beginning of the Spring Term with a membership of twenty. At the first General Meeting of the Club, the following officers were elected:

G. A. Ashton, M.A.	...	Chairman.
R. O. Johnston, M.A.	...	Hon Treasurer.
A. F. Hill	...	Hon. Secretary.
J. D. Cole	...	Committee Member.
R. F. Stapley	...	" "
E. W. Grogan	...	" "

During the Spring Term the Club met regularly every Thursday afternoon to play practice chess, the equipment used being lent by members. During the Summer Term the Club has been dormant, no meetings of any kind being held. It will be revived at the beginning of the next term, when, it is hoped, a tournament will be arranged.

P.C.F.W.

The Steeplechase.

The Steeplechase was run in very pleasing conditions during the Easter Term and if the times were not quite up to the standard of the previous year that was not altogether surprising. Not one of the first six in last year's Seniors, for instance, remained, and consequently the race was extremely open and few anticipated the actual result.

In the Junior event Groves, who had appeared from the practices to be a likely winner, led most of the way and won comfortably. Cozens pursued him gamely but never really threatened. In many ways the best performances were those of the minute Palmers (no relations) and they will certainly ensure an exciting race next year.

The Senior was very well and deservedly won by Gwilliam. Bass showed once again what a sprinter can do in this race. Vear, Woodnutt and Pyle are all good steeplechasers and as most of these boys will be with us next year in this race too, we can expect a high standard of achievement.

STEEPLECHASE RESULTS.

Junior.		Senior.	
1.	Groves (C)	1.	Gwilliam (W)
2.	Cozens (B)	2.	Bass (S)
3.	Palmer (B)	3.	Vear (B)
4.	Alderton (W)	4.	Woodnutt (B)
5.	Palmer (W)	5.	Pyle (C)
6.	Blackman (C)	6.	Wilcox (W)
	Junior Cup	...	Blackbrook
	Senior Cup	...	Blackbrook
	Combined Cup	...	Blackbrook

The Sports.

This year was one of the few in which we have succeeded in running the Sports in the Easter Term; the weather was favourable, the ground in excellent condition and some of the performances were excellent. In particular Sapsed must be congratulated on winning the Victor Ludorum for the second time; he won all the events for which he entered and intervened decisively in the relay.

In the Minors Stone sprinted very well and Taylor jumped excellently, but the outstanding performance was that of Palmer, a very small boy, in the half-mile. He made his own pace and, pluckily as his namesake ran, never looked like anything but the winner. The record was broken. The School clearly has a promising lot of runners of this age. In the Juniors Bass and Rowe, each of whom won three events, were the dominating characters as they were in the Minors two years ago, but Rowe had trouble with a knee and Bass's Quarter was the best achievement in this Class. Even so Rowe beat the record for the Cricket Ball.

The Seniors were mainly remarkable for Sapsed who was not unduly extended, and he also beat the record for the Cricket Ball with a throw which is not likely to be beaten for a long time. School House very deservedly won most of the Cups, and as most of their strength was in the younger classes the future, so far as Sports are concerned, should be a bright one.

In July we sent a team to Eastleigh to compete in the Hampshire Schools' A.A. Sports. The other entrants were "associations" of schools and consequently we ran into very strong opposition. The team, however, performed creditably and we particularly congratulate Hewitt on being chosen to represent Hampshire in the Inter County Championships in the Long Jump, and Bass on being chosen as reserve for the 440 although he is a full year under the age limit.

RESULTS.

MINOR.

80 Yards	1 Stone (W), 2 Hughes (S), 3 Maidment (S).	11 secs.
220 "	1 Stone (W), 2 Hughes (S), 3 Jones (C).	32-1/5 secs.
Half-mile	1 Palmer, D. (W), 2 Palmer, M. (B), 3 Blackman (C).	2 min. 41 secs.
Hurdles	1 Maidment (S), 2 Taylor (S), 3 Farthing (C).	20-2/5 secs.
High Jump	1 Taylor (S), 2 Williams (W), 3 Swift (B).	3 ft., 11 1/2 ins.
Long Jump	1 Taylor (S), 2 Maidment (S), 3 Farthing (C).	12 ft. 8 1/2 ins.
Relay	1 School House, 2 Westbury, 3 Cams.	49-1/5 secs.

JUNIOR.

100 Yards	1 Bass (S), 2 Quinlan (B), 3 Bowman (C).	12-2/5 secs.
440 ..	1 Bass (S), 2 Hunt (S), 3 Prescott (W).	61-2/5 secs.
Half-mile	1 Rowe (B), 2 Langridge (B), 3 Prescott (W).	2 mins. 29 secs.
Hurdles	1 Rowe (B), 2 Hughes (S), 3 Burnell (B).	19-2/5 secs.
High Jump	1 Prescott (W), 2 Hunt (S), 3 Bass (S).	4 ft., 5 ins.
Long Jump	1 Bass (S), 2 Bowman (C), 3 Prescott.	15 ft., 8 ins.
Cricket Ball	1 Rowe (B), 2 Hunt (S), 3 Ditchburn (W).	75 yds., 1 ft., 8 ins.
Relay	1 School House, 2 Blackbrook, 3 Westbury.	1 min., 25-1/5 secs.
Tug-of-War	School House.	

SENIOR.

100 Yards	1 Sapsed (B), 2 Webb (W), 3 Young (B).	12 secs.
440 ..	1 Ponsford (B), 2 Shelton (C), 3 Watts (C).	62-4/5 secs.
1 Mile	1 Ward (S), 2 Gwilliam (W), 3 Pyle (C).	5 mins., 18-1/5 secs.
Hurdles	1 Sapsed (B), 2 Lamport (W), 3 Shelton (C).	20-2/5 secs.
High Jump	1 Jones (W), 2 Grogan (W), 3 Hewitt (S).	4 ft., 9 1/4 ins.
Long Jump	1 Sapsed (B), 2 Jackson (S), 3 Young (B).	17 ft., 9 ins.
Cricket Ball	1 Sapsed (B), 2 Holt (S), 3 Wilkins (C).	96 yds., 1 in.
Relay	1 Blackbrook, 2 Westbury, 3 Cams.	1 min., 18-2/5 secs.
Tug-of-War	Westbury.	

CUPS.

Minors	...	School House	Juniors	...	School House
Senior	...	Blackbrook	Combined	...	School House
Relay	...	School House	May Cup	...	M. E. A. Jones
		Victor Ludorum	...	K. Sapsed	



It has been pleasant to come back to a normal fixture list this season with most of the games against neighbouring schools whom we used to meet in pre-war days. Of these games played to date, nine in all, seven have been won, one lost and one drawn, a very creditable performance for the 1st XI. In most of the matches victory has been due to good bowling and fielding rather than to batting, because the side has not once scored a hundred runs, and individual scores have been very low indeed. This has produced some keen and exciting games in which runs were very precious both to get and to save, and the latter respect has called forth some excellent bowling and fielding. Young and Holt have both bowled consistently well, have given very little away in the matter of loose balls, and have always been trying to do things generally with success. The other bowlers have seldom been called upon, but Shelton has shown that he can be equally dangerous when needed.

The fielding has been of a high standard in all departments, throwing, catching and picking up, and Cundick has kept wicket very safely. It is difficult to single out individuals, but Young and Grogan have been outstanding in a good fielding side, and Wilkins has made some brilliant catches at silly point.

As has been said the batting has been below standard of the out-cricket. No member of the side has shown any real consistency or confidence, but in most of the games someone has come along with a few runs to give the bowlers something to work on. Ponsford has twice produced runs when they were badly needed and Joint, in the earlier games, made some very valuable small scores, but the earlier batsmen, from whom we had every reason to expect runs, have generally failed to get going at all convincingly. In this respect Young and Grogan have both been disappointing. Both should have scored runs freely, but they just have not come off this season up to the present. There is still time for them to correct this position.

The earlier part of the season produced some very wet weather. Wickets were very soft and terribly slow and outfielders were long and clinging. None of these factors are conducive to good batting, and faults have crept in which are bound to show up on the faster wickets now prevailing. Probably the worst of these faults is a tendency to play back too frequently which is fatal when the ball is coming through at any pace.

One gratifying feature of the season affecting school cricket in general has been the increased interest taken in and greater encouragement given to school games by the County Cricket Club and by the County Education Committee. Boys were offered facilities for coaching on the County Ground and some five members of the School made use of this. Moreover there is a scheme to form an XI from Hampshire Schools and three members of the School have been invited to play in the first of the trial games, Young and Holt with Grogan as reserve for the Senior side and Jarmain in the Colts' XI.

The House Matches have not all been played, but with the last round to go Westbury are in a good position in the Senior competition and Cams in the Junior. Here again there have been few runs scored, and the bowlers have generally had the best of it.

This term a return has been made to compulsory games for everyone in the school as far as grounds and weather have permitted. These games have shown that there is a marked keenness for cricket in a surprisingly large number of boys, and if perfection in the art of the game is missing there is at least considerable general ability, which is a good sign for the future.

Lastly, and as usual, the School owes a great deal to those who have coached the teams and prepared the pitches. In connection with the latter Mr. Johnston has worked unsparingly and Young, Holt and Shelton in particular have given him invaluable assistance.

FIRST ELEVEN.

E. J. YOUNG (Captain).—As in the case with most other members of the side has failed to score many runs, but is, nevertheless, a good bat. Has a powerful drive to the off and watches the ball well. Is a beautiful fielder, and has bowled well and taken many wickets.

- P. C. F. WILKINS (Vice-Captain).—Fields brilliantly at point where he has taken many catches and has hardly missed a chance. Bowls a deceptive slow flighted ball, but has had little to do in this department. Plays with a straight bat, but has not many scoring strokes.
- D. E. HOLT.—Has bowled well all the season and with Young has done much damage. Is fairly fast and keeps a good length with a considerable amount of off-break. Is a very keen player and should do well in Club Cricket.
- E. R. CUNDICK.—Has been efficient wicket-keeper and has given very little away. Takes the ball easily, but should learn to stand closer to the slower bowlers. Has possibilities as a bat with good forward shots.
- K. R. JOINT.—Has on occasion demonstrated the value of attacking the bowling, but does not always pick the right ball. Very keen and safe in the field and an excellent judge of a run, a respect wherein he might have been more often imitated by the rest of the side.
- G. M. SHELTON.—On the few occasions he has been called upon he has bowled very well. Is quite fast and hostile and can bring the ball in most effectively. An excellent fielder behind the wicket, but has a limited repertoire of scoring shots as a batsman.
- G. H. WATTS.—Has played throughout the season as opening batsman and has performed this task with credit, although not scoring any great number of runs. Watches the ball well and plays a very straight forward shot. His back play is unsound, but with more technique in this direction he will do very well.
- E. W. GROGAN.—Disappointing as a batsman despite the fact that he looks like one and has many good forcing shots. Plays back too often and not with a straight bat. Is a really excellent fielder in front of the batsman and has a safe pair of hands.
- R. C. PONSFORD.—Has twice come to the rescue with useful scores when help was badly needed. Watches the ball well and plays immaculately straight in defence and can hit the short ball very hard. Is a little slow in the field.
- H. V. G. JACKSON.—Has deserved his place in the side if only for his fielding. Has made some good catches and has covered a good deal of ground at cover-point. Has a good off-drive.
- A. J. FIGES.—Is a young player of considerable promise both as a batsman and bowler. Needs more punch in his forward shots, but has a good eye and watches the ball closely. On the slow side in the field.
- A. R. WEBB.—Is inclined to play his shots when too far away from the ball, so that his bat is not always straight. Hits well to leg and is quick in the field.
- TRELOAR, WILCOX and MISKIN have also played in the 1st XI. The last named would, but for illness, have been a regular and useful member to the side and should do well next year.

RESULTS.

- Away. School 43 (Watts 11). Eastleigh 38 (Young 5 for 22, Holt 5 for 14).
- Away. School 51 (Joint 15). Gosport 26 (Young 8 for 15).
- Away. School 78 (Ponsford 21, Joint 17). Purbrook 83 for 6 (Holt 4 for 36, Shelton 2 for 10).

- Away. School 44 (Grogan 10, Holt 11). Portsmouth Grammar School 24
(Young 5 for 11, Holt 4 for 11).
- Away. School 54 for 9 (Young 15, Holt 15) Fareham C.C. 80 (Holt 6 for 30).
- Away. School 55 (Young 30). Midhurst 42 (Young 3 for 11, Holt 3 for 19,
Shelton 3 for 5).
- Home. School 77 (Ponsford 26, Webb 21 not out). Fareham C.C. 40
(Holt 6 for 12, Young 4 for 25).
- Home. School 31. Portsmouth Southern Sec. 16 (Holt 6 for 5, Young 4 for 9).
- Home. School 66. Purbrook 28.

THE COLTS.

A disappointing season from the weather point of view, and that partly accounts for some of the low scores, but weak batting has been too frequent, particularly against Portsmouth G.S. and Midhurst. In the former close-in and intimidating fielders were flattered instead of flattened—the only way of dealing with such. The bowling has been quite up to standard, Jarmain, Langridge, Figs (till his translation to another place) and Browning all bowled well. The fielding has been fair. The altering of the field has left something to be desired on occasions when an opponent was hitting, and this might have changed a defeat into a victory. In batting there is a much too slow appreciation of the length of a ball; there is not long to judge a ball, but it is very important to settle whether to play forward, back or half-way. Alderton watches the ball well and is acquiring shots on the off, which with more power in his wrists will pay better. Langridge plays forward excellently and is learning to hit the bad balls harder. Hunt can hit hard to leg and is learning that the off exists and what not to hit. Packer has been disappointing, hopping in front of straight balls and being leg-before, and poking at others. Bedford plays with care, usually too much, and has no scoring strokes. Callon uses his reach well, but must not move in front of his wicket to sweep to leg off the wrong ball. Jarmain has played some useful and patient innings but is too often inclined to get facing the bowler and so lose all power over strokes. Ditchburn has improved in forward play, but must not twist his bat. Hoar can, and sometimes does, hit the right ball. Cozens has improved, but must not over-do or crouch over forward play; he might develop into quite a powerful batsman. Browning takes great pains, but must hit everything harder.

COLTS' MATCHES (under 15 and under 14.)

Played 8. Won 6. Lost 2. Scratched 1. To be played 2.

- Away. Eastleigh C.S. 23. School 48 (Figs 22, Jarmain 4 for 5, Browning 3 for 8).
- Away. Purbrook C.H.S. 32. School 72 (Jarmain 13, Langridge 13, Packer 11,
Figs 3 for 8, Jarmain 6 for 15).
- Away. St. John's College 24. School 82 (Jarmain 20, Williams 14, Cozens 5 for 3).
- Away. Portsmouth G.S. 50. School 45 (Jarmain 12 and 6 for 14).
- Away. Midhurst 21. School 15 (Jarmain 5 for 8).
- Home. Churcher's 31. School 32 (Langridge 4 for 7, Browning 4 for 12).
- Home. S. Secondary S. 24. School 27 (Browning 4 for 4, Jarmain 4 for 9).
- Home. Purbrook 32. School 66.

HOUSE MATCHES.

FIRST XI.

Westbury beat Blackbrook by 9 wkts.	Cams beat School House by 7 runs.
Blackbrook bt. School House by 9 wkts.	Westbury beat Cams by 59 runs.
Blackbrook beat Cams by 8 wickets.	Westbury beat School House by 20 runs.

COLTS' XI.

Westbury beat Blackbrook.	Cams beat School House.
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Cams beat Blackbrook.	Westbury beat School House.

HOUSE NOTES.

Blackbrook.

Since the last issue of "The Lion" there have been many events in which the House has taken part.

The first item of importance was last term's Steeplechase, in which we carried off the Junior, Senior and Combined Cups. In the Juniors Cozens and Palmer ran excellently, and in the Seniors we were very well served, especially by Vear and Woodnutt.

In the Sports we were not so successful. The Seniors won their Cup by the help of Sapsed who won all of his events and again secured the Victor Ludorum, while in the quarter-mile Ponsford gained a well run victory.

The Juniors were well supported by Rowe who won the Cricket Ball, Hurdles and Half-mile, while Langridge also ran very pluckily in the latter event.

The Minors were definitely weak, but Palmer ran very pluckily in the Half-mile and would certainly have won in most years, while Swift earned his place in the High Jump.

The House Cricket has not been completed, but in the Seniors the first match against Westbury on a very wet wicket was not successful. The House batted first and were dismissed for a low score, and our opponents easily claimed a victory.

The Juniors were unsuccessful in both their matches, but Cozens, Moger and Andrews showed promise.

In the match against School House some good bowling by Langridge made the prospects for a House victory certain. Then Cundick showed some fine batting which obtained the desired result.

The remaining match with Cams has yet to be played so there is still a chance of the House retaining a share in the Cup.

As a closing note, I wish good luck to all who are leaving us, and to those staying on success for next Term.

The House is suffering heavy losses this term. Sapsed, Cundick and Ponsford have all served us well and we owe much to them. Young himself is leaving us and here I wish to pay some tribute to a fine captain, a fine athlete and a most unselfish and unassuming character. From the time when, in 3A, he won his School Cricket colours he has been a source of great strength to us. To take one example, few who saw his innings against Cams last year will easily forget a fine and successful struggle against odds. We are grateful for all he has done, we wish him the best of luck and we expect to hear much of his success in the years to come.

H. R. T.

Cams.

Since this is the first "Lion" to be published since last Christmas, not only the House Cricket but also the Steeplechase and the Sports have to be discussed here. On the whole Cams' efforts have been unsuccessful, a few notable exceptions apart.

In the Steeplechase Cams' runners ran very well, but just failed to gain a cup. In the Seniors Pyle, especially, and Shelton were notable, the former finishing fifth. In the Juniors Groves, who was first, was outstanding, but, apart from Blackman, he was insufficiently supported by the rest of Cam's team.

It was in the Sports that Cams' fortunes reached their nadir, however, for in each section—Seniors, Juniors and Minors—Cams occupied the ignominious bottom position.

In the Minors Farthing, Blackman and Jones were our only entrants who were placed. Farthing was placed third in both the Hurdles and the Long Jump. The Relay team also filled the third position. Our entrants were well beaten by the stronger entries of the other Houses. In the Juniors Bowman was the only entrant who was even partially successful, being placed second in the Long Jump and third in the 100 Yards. The Tug-of-War team was beaten in the final by School House after a long, hard-fought struggle.

In the Seniors Shelton and Watts, beaten by a well-judged sprint by Ponsford, came in second and third—our best effort. Pyle finished third in the mile, coming in some distance behind the leaders, and so did Shelton in the Hurdles. The Relay team also pulled up well, after a shaky start, to be placed third. In the Tug-of-War final Cams' team was beaten by Westbury's in two pulls.

As a result of our unsuccessful efforts Cams failed to gain a cup, School House and Blackbrook sharing them with the exception of the Iain May Cup which went to Westbury. Still, while condoling with ourselves we must begin to prepare ourselves to do better next year.

Only two of the Cricket Matches have been played so far. The Senior Team beat School House by the narrow margin of seven runs. The low scoring was partly due to the wet and tricky nature of the wicket. The most notable event of the match was Shelton's hat-trick, which was the deciding factor. In the second match Westbury, batting first, quickly mastered the bowling and ran up a high score; then they disposed of our batting with ease to beat us by a large margin. The Juniors, ably led by Jarmain, have won both their matches, defeating School House by seven runs and disposing of Westbury rather more easily. If they do as well in their match against Blackbrook they will have obtained a badly-needed cup for Cams.

Although this is a record of almost unalleviated failure I do think that Cams has the material out of which future cup-winners can be produced, but a great deal of hard work and enthusiasm on the part of all House members will be necessary.

Now I would like to wish everybody a refreshing and enjoyable holiday, and I hope that they will return to School next September ready to face both School work and games with an unbeatable spirit and enthusiasm.

P. C. F. W.

School House.

The last two terms have seen a great deal of "House" activity, but the Steeplechase was not particularly inspiring to the members of the House, for we had only a few willing runners. It was a bad show on the part of the Juniors as only six runners volunteered to compete. I am sure that many others could have run if they had wanted to exert themselves. The Seniors were the opposite. Those who ran competed in the true House spirit, but, alas, School House does not seem to be gifted with any able cross-country runners.

The Sports was the next clash between the Houses, and School House was well away with the trophies. Making up for their poor show of the Steeple Chase the Juniors set to and managed to wrest the Junior Cup from the other Houses. The chief nuisance to School House opponents was Bass who easily secured first place and vital points in the 100 yards, 440 yards and the Long Jump besides being awarded third place in the High Jump. The Junior Relay was well run and the team easily beat their opponents.

The Minors also ran well and secured their particular cup for the School House Shelf. Taylor secured first place in both jumps. Maidment also ran well, coming first in the Hurdles and in the Eighty Yards, and was awarded second place in Long Jump. The Minors also won the Minor's Relay.

This term started off with a fine competitive spirit and the team as a whole was out to secure the Cricket Cup, but, alas, the team not lacking spirits was lacking in experience. The first game was against Cams, who, with their best bats dismissed by Holt, were all out for 27 runs. The 21 runs we managed to scrape up are best allowed to sink into oblivion.

The next match was a complete defeat, Blackbrook getting the side out for 21 runs, beating this score with their opening bats.

At the time of writing we have not played Westbury, but the more experienced bats make a defeat probable. The least the team will do is try, for this spirit of taking the bad with the good is the thing that counts and not so much the result.

Looking back at the past events the House as a whole acquitted themselves justifiably and obtained the Junior Cup, Minor Cup, Relay Cup and the Combined Cup. The least said about Cricket results the better.

I shall be leaving at the end of this term, and should like to ask the members of School House to give the next House Captain all their co-operation in every event the House competes for, as nothing is so discouraging to a leader as lack of co-operation. Whilst I am on this subject I should like to thank those members who have so ably backed me up in all the events we have competed.

To the boys who are also leaving I wish the best of luck in their new careers, and of those members of School House who sat for their School Certificate I should like to think that all were successful.

H. V. J.

Westbury.

Before starting on these House notes I am sure all the House will join with me in welcoming Mr. Hilton as joint Housemaster with Mr. Shaddock.

It looks as though Mr. Hilton has brought good luck to the House with him because now Westbury is at last on the upward trend in all the sports activities.

Early last term the Steeplechase was held and in the Juniors we lost by only one point, thanks to some good running by Palmer and Alderton and their colleagues. Although we did not win the Senior Cup either, a deal of glory came to the House through the brilliant running of Gwilliam, a first year Senior, who came first; Bunney and Wilcox also ran well.

Now turning to the Sports. For the first time since 1940 we won the Senior Tug-of-War, thanks to some very good vocal work by Mr. Hilton and to some good orderly pulling by our "eight."

Although we won several events we only gained one of the seven cups—the one being the Iain May Cup won by Jones in the Senior High Jump.

In the Seniors Jones, Webb, A. R., and Gwilliam did well, in the Juniors Prescott did well, and in the Minors Palmer was the only outstanding competitor, his winning of the Minor 880 was really excellent to watch.

Lastly comes Cricket: at last Westbury has been able to get two good teams together. The Juniors have done quite well and so far have beaten Blackbrook but have lost to Cams. Alderton has captained the side and has shown that he is also a good player.

In the Seniors with one match to play (against School House) we have at least won part of the Cup; we beat Blackbrook very easily—by 9 wickets—and then beat Cams by 59 runs. The Senior team is a good, all round team, and it would not be fair to mention any one player, so therefore we are waiting to play School House, and we can see the Cup very clearly in the distance.

Finally I wish all those who have taken the Higher or School Certificate the best of luck; to those leaving in our House I extend the heartiest of best wishes for a happy future.

K. R. J.