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THE Spring Term is apt to be a term of epidemics and scratched games, and if this term has been somewhat better than average in these respects, it has yet not been so much so as to linger in the memory. If it were difficult to find good weather for Hockey or for the Steeplechase, Table Tennis flourished beyond all example and it bids fair to become one of the most popular of school games. Whether this is altogether to the good may be a debatable question, but at least it must be admitted by all that the organisers of the events have shown themselves to be most efficient, and the umpiring and general conduct of the events admirable. Sports practice too has been held up, partly by the weather and partly by the intrusion of other events.

The main event of the term has been the Prize Giving, reported elsewhere, but for the Senior boys, with the increasingly early dates of public examinations, this term becomes of more and more importance. We can only hope that this year's examinees will not fall below the standard of previous years.

Examination Results

CIVIL SERVICE—EXECUTIVE.—P. J. C. Keemer, P. G. Watts, C. F. Fowler.

“ “ CLERICAL.—D. J. Parker, G. James.

ARMY, NAVY & AIR FORCE, PART I.—D. T. Jarmain.



BLACKBROOK.—K. J. Burleton.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—C. H. Bevis, B. J. Doughty.



BLACKBROOK.—L. E. Rowe, (Prefect, School 1st XI Hockey, Winner of Senior Steeplechase), A. Lydyard, A. Paterson, R. G. Hackett, R. J. Forder, A. J. R. Pearce.

CAMS.—J. W. Wilkins.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—L. Abbs, J. Eden, P. J. Cuff, B. E. Jones.

WESTBURY.—C. Hammond, J. Galpin.



The Annual Prize Giving was held at Trinity Church House on Tuesday, 28th February; partly because the whole School was accommodated in the main hall or gallery, it was a more sociable affair than it has been when some of the boys have been in another hall listening to a relay of speeches. Neither the Headmaster nor the

Chairman of the Governors concealed the difficulties which face the School, some of them due to the nature of the times, and others to the deficiencies in buildings and equipment which continue to harrass, but nevertheless the general report was encouraging, as those who have read recent issues of "The Lion" knew that it must be, both in respect of examination results and of games.

We were honoured by the presence of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Algernon Willis who gave an address and presented the prizes. He emphasised the importance of tradition such as Price's School possessed in the moulding of character. The character of the British people had been a decisive factor in the last war: in peacetime it tended to weaken. It lay with the schools to produce people capable of spending their leisure usefully and of providing the nation with the leaders it needed in youth clubs and other spheres of activity.

Mrs. Dyke proposed a vote of thanks, and the programme was completed with songs from Foster and the Choir.

FORM PRIZES

VI.—HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE. Two Distinctions.—D. G. Watts, C. J. Shaddock.

COUNTY MAJOR SCHOLARSHIPS.—P. J. Ellis, C. E. Miskin.

V.—R. Ireland, F. P. Verdon. IVb.—P. B. Ridett, A. D. Biggs. IIIa.—A. R. Reed, P. W. Whitcombe. IIIb.—P. R. Lewis, B. A. Byng. IIa.—D. G. Keen, J. F. Cooper. IIb.—A. C. Purkiss, R. Wallbridge. I.—R. D. Lay, B. J. Tutton

SPECIAL PRIZES

Fellowship Prize—A. R. Webb.

History—H. Innocent.

Science—C. J. Shaddock.

English—M. J. Cardy.

Art—B. C. Bannister.

Mathematics—P. R. Lewis.

French—P. R. Collins.

Geography—K. Devlin.

Religious Knowledge—J. P. Cooper.

Cadet Corps

Activities have proceeded quietly this term and there have been few external activities.

The Travelling Wing came to the Battalion this term and six of our N.C.O's and Cadets took the advantage of expert tuition and all of them did very well.

In the Christmas holidays, three N.C.O's went on a Cert. T. Course and all passed well. They were very impressed with the treatment they received and perhaps because of this, four others are going this Eastertide, on the same course.

It is in the interests of all senior cadets to get a Cert. T. if they can, and the only way to do it at present is by means of a vacation course.

interested in Scouts. There will, during the course of the meeting, be a film shown, and refreshments are being given free. No boys will be allowed at the meeting as it is meant for adults.

This summer we hope to be able to have a fortnight's camp at Wooton, a large estate near Aylesbury. The tenant is Mr. Ross, on whose ground we camped at Rogate last summer.

The Steeplechase

Once again we had a fine day for the Steeplechase but, unusually, both races were won decisively by individuals and Houses. Neither Foster nor Wallbridge was seriously challenged and although for a moment it looked as if Blackbrook, with five home in the first eight, might put in a challenge to School House Juniors, but the whole School House eight appeared in the first sixteen and Cams had an even easier victory in the Senior, in which Foster easily repeated his win of two years ago.

Although the races were somewhat lacking in excitement, the mathematics which ensued when the results were being combined to discover the destination of the cup, were more thrilling. All the houses except Westbury had a chance, but it was Blackbrook with two creditable seconds who just succeeded.

STEEPLECHASE RESULTS

	Junior	Senior	Combined
1. Blackbrook ...	100	131	231
2. School House ...	72	176	248
3. Cams ...	194	70	264
4. Westbury ...	231	193	424

INDIVIDUAL PLACES

Junior		Senior	
1. Wallbridge (S)	4. Lucas (S)	1. Foster (B)	4. Baker (C)
2. Winter (S)	5. Scale (B)	2. Ridett (S)	5. Thomas (C)
3. Percival (B)	6. Fletcher (B)	3. Weyman (C)	6. Biggs (W)



Record—Played 8 Won 1 Lost 4 Drawn 3 Scratched 4

RETROSPECT, 1950

As one rather expected, we had to pay for the unusual achievement of having the two larger grounds mown and rolled in the first week of January. On five half-holidays in February eight fixtures had to be scratched. We were unlucky to be without Gregory all the season and Turner retired with an injury after four matches. We began quite well, beating H.M.S. Collingwood 'A' by 2-0. King Alfred's College

were rather too good for us. Fareham II, Collegiate School Bournemouth, and the Collingwood 'A' return match were all drawn. Both Taunton's fixtures 1st and 2nd XI's, the first King Edward VI and Ryde School were all scratched. We were pleased to welcome Churcher's College for the first time in Hockey history, but we should not, though without Jarmain, have lost 1-2. King Edward VI beat us 4-2 playing on our very heavy ground, largely owing to their superior dash. A well balanced Old Boys' XI beat us 4-0, Wilcox, Watts and Webb much enjoying themselves.

The Second XI were very unlucky in only playing two matches out of five arranged. They lost to King Edward VI and defeated Collegiate School Bournemouth.

The Colts' XI played two games with King Edward VI and one with Taunton's.

All the boys of forms I to IV have played quite a lot of hockey in the two terms and several showed distinct promise, but above that in the School there has not been much assistance forthcoming.

Harder hitting has been much more in evidence, but there are many subtler points in the game. The most difficult of all—shooting quickly, hard and into the corner of the goal—needs much practice, and when we try to get it, rain intervenes.

Jarmain, Cozens, Foster, Quinlan and Byng played in the Schools' trial: the first two again were included in the Hampshire fifteen who went to the Schools' County Tournament at Lavington Park, Sussex—the acme of enjoyment—in which Hampshire were placed third out of seven counties, a very great improvement upon last year's record.

CHARACTERS OF FIRST ELEVEN

- *D. T. JARMAIN (Centre Forward, Captain).—Has very good stick-work; has improved in dribbling and shooting. With more dash would qualify for many sides.
- *E. de C. TURNER (Centre Half, Vice-Captain).—Works very hard and has very good stick-work. He was missed terribly all the last part of the season.
- *B. A. COZENS (Left Back).—A tireless worker with a good knowledge of the game, who has been the mainstay of the defence.
- *C. H. J. FOSTER (Goalkeeper).—Kicks well, but rather at the expense of safety. Must get over falling over.
- *L. A. QUINLAN (Right Back).—Quite fast and works tirelessly; inclined to top some clearances.
- L. WHITE (Inside Left).—Has taken to hockey quite well. He must practise shooting; will be useful next year.
- R. D. DITCHBURN (Right Half).—Works hard, but must follow up his forwards more closely. Has a good reach with his stick.
- P. CHALMERS (Left Half).—Fair stick-work, but must learn to hit the ball harder and to his own side.

G. PALMER (Outside Right).—Has quite a turn of speed, but is too inclined to over-run the ball and obstruct; must not bore in so much.

C. P. NOBES (Outside Left).—Is handicapped in this difficult position by being a left-hand batsmen: tries all the time.

BYNG I and DIMMOCK have both played frequently for the 1st XI; the former is quite a versatile player in several different positions, forward and half, being quite speedy; too inclined to try reverse stick hitting—a generally forbidden luxury even for the very elect. The latter can shoot quite well, but must acquire pace and learn to get rid of the ball sooner.

* 1st XI Colours.

In the 2nd XI, Stubbington, Dore, Devlin and Parker are all very promising.

In the Colts XI, Baker, Purkis and Radling should be useful next season.

Jan. 18th. **H.M.S. Collingwood** **Away**
Won 2-0

The pitch was rather bumpy, but the School mastered the conditions well, and against a rather robust side scored two goals in the first half. The first was a good run through down the right wing and a hard shot by Palmer; the second was added by Jarmain.

Jan. 25th. **King Alfred's College, Winchester** **Away**
Lost 0-3

This pitch was also rather bumpy owing to frost. King Alfred's, however, were faster on the ball than the School and crossed over two goals up, one being a very neat pass to the centre forward via their inside right's foot. They added one more in the second half.

March 1st. **Bournemouth Collegiate** **Eastleigh**
Drawn 0-0

In this game neither side made any constructive movements that looked like resulting in goals, although in the first half the School might have scored after a brief period of attacking. Luck was against the School again twice in the second half, but Collegiate were in a similar position as they missed two open goals.

Except for the end of the second half the team was not playing well together and too many passes were going to the wrong side. This was a game that never seemed to get started.

March 4th. **Old Boys** **Home**
Lost 0-4

At the beginning the School had high hopes of winning, but after some defensive slips we found ourselves two goals down at the end of the first half. One or two chances were missed by the forward line in both halves. Two more goals were added in the second half. We could of course, attribute the four goals to the brilliant play of the substitute left back allowed to the Old Boys mid-way through the first half.

March 8th.**H.M.S. Collingwood****Away**

Drawn 0-0

This was not a very inspiring game on the same bumpy pitch. The School had one or two shots kicked clear, but otherwise the defences kept a tight grip on the game.

The second half was mainly enlivened by a brilliant save by Ditchburn.

A dash of colour was added by the new School socks. It was rumoured that the opposition did not score because of them.

March 15th.**Churcher's College****Home**

Lost 1-2

This was not an inspiring game as both defences were steady and both forward lines, especially ours, made little impression on them. Their first goal was something of a fluke; one of their forwards received the ball just inside the circle and by some means lifted it over the heads of the defence and high into the goal in one corner.

In the second half, playing down the slope, the School improved, but could not prevent Churcher's from scoring again. Dimmock scored our solitary goal a few minutes later.

March 22nd.**King Edward VI School****Home**

Lost 2-4

This game was played under very muddy conditions, with rain drizzling down all the time.

The School opened the score through Dimmock early on, but King Edward's soon equalised. Three more goals followed quickly, mainly because a lively right wing was allowed too much rope.

The School played better in the second half. After a remarkable performance by Palmer on the right wing, in which he broke his stick, Dimmock sent a very hard shot into the left hand side of the net.

Although the team tried hard, no more impression could be made on the opposing defence.

Chess Club Notes

This term has shown a welcome increase in the membership, although the attendance of some members has been slack, the club having to rely on a dependable nucleus of the members to keep the meetings going.

Once again the members are deeply indebted to Mr. Shaddock for devoting so much of his spare time to the interests of the club and for the assistance he has given, especially to the new members.

The new members of the club especially have progressed in their standard of play, owing mainly to Mr. Shaddock's guidance.

As usual the club will be suspended during the Summer term, but it will be resumed next Christmas term with, we hope, an increased membership.

Table Tennis

The term was very successful from the point of view of the Table Tennis Club. As was expected the new table arrived fairly early in the term. It is of course much better than the old one, and the standard of play appears to have improved since we obtained it, although that is probably purely imagination on the part of those concerned.

In the finals of the School Championships, Jarmain beat Rochford in the Senior event, Spencer beat Hansford in the Juniors and in Section 2 of the Senior event Rochford beat Robertson-Fox. It was generally accepted that Jarmain would win, but very few expected to see a Junior boy as his opponent in the final, and it was a very creditable performance by Rochford in reaching that stage. On the whole the standard of play of boys in the lower part of the school is very high; as well as the four already mentioned, Rudling, Percival and Dimmock are playing very well, and if all these boys continue at their present rate of progress the School should be able to enter a very good team in the English Schools' Tournament in two or three years time.

The House Tournament was won by Blackbrook who won all of their matches, Cams won two and School House one. Here again the standard of play in the Junior section was very high.

The 'A' team had three matches during the term, against Mercury Sports, New Elson Youth Club and St. Mary's College. All three were won with scores of 6-4, 8-2 and 9-1 respectively, so that during the season of six matches played, four were won, one drawn and one lost.

That the standard of play is high is shown by the fact that Jarmain has several times beaten P. J. Ellis, who is champion of Nottingham University.

Finally I hope that next season will be as successful as this, and that the number of entries for the School Championships will be larger.

P.J.C.K.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

It was intended to run Inter-House Hockey this term, but as there was very little time left, the idea was abandoned. In School hockey we have done well, five of the 1st XI defence coming from Blackbrook. Congratulations to Turner on being elected vice-captain. We have also had four players in the 2nd XI.

The House won the Combined Cup in the Steeplechase this term, Senior and Junior teams both coming second in their respective races. In the Senior race Foster was in the lead at Fontley Hill and maintained this position to the finish. Swift ran well and the rest of the team, after some persuasion, kept bunched together and came in at the same time. The Juniors were doing well with five of them being in the first eight home, but the rest of the team could not keep up to the standard.

In the newly instituted House Table Tennis Competition we have made a good start, winning the cup with comparative ease. This was chiefly due to the fine playing of our two Juniors, Rochford and Percival, who only lost one game, leaving Keemer in the Seniors to win in the main and deciding games.

Practices for the School Sports have just started and let us try our hardest to see that the result will again be in our favour. B.A.C.

L. E. Rowe left unexpectedly at the end of last term and I feel that he cannot leave us without some reference on my part of the great services he rendered the House in spite of injuries which handicapped him in his last years at School. He won the Junior Steeplechase twice and every year he won us many points in the Sports at a wide variety of events. It was typical of him that running last year in an event for which he had never previously entered and in bare feet because a running shoe had just burst, he won the Quarter in very good time against a previous winner of the race. We wish him all good luck in his career. H.R.T.

Cams

In the Spring term, as usual, there have only been the Steeplechase and Table Tennis to report.

In the Steeplechase the Seniors put up a very good performance to come first. They all tried hard and packed extremely well. It is difficult to mention names, but Weyman, Baker and Thomas came in third, fourth and fifth respectively, a very good effort.

It seems a pity that, just when we romped home in the Senior race, it was decided to have a Combined Cup only.

The Juniors were not so successful this year, they did not succeed in maintaining last year's form in which they came first. Byng and Harris ran well to finish tenth and eleventh respectively. The rest of the team all ran hard and we must hope for better luck next year.

In the Table Tennis competition we were runners-up to Blackbrook, winning two of our three matches. We beat School House and Westbury, and lost to Blackbrook. Dimmock played very well in the Juniors to win four out of his six games.

There has been no Inter-House Hockey this year. If there had been, we would have had great hopes of carrying off the honours, as we supplied four of the 1st XI, and five or six of the 2nd XI.

The Sports practices have already started and with Sports Day itself, will be held early in the Summer term. I hope the House will go all out to win some more cups as well as retaining the Junior one.

Finally, I hope all the House had a good Easter holiday and have come back refreshed for the term's work. D.T.J.

School House

The Steeplechase and Table Tennis competitions were the only House activities of last term. Unfortunately the Hockey had to be abandoned.

In the Steeplechase the Juniors ran extremely well, Wallbridge and Winter coming in first and second, followed by eleven others in the first twenty. They deserved a cup but we seniors were unable to give them sufficient support, Ridett alone of the nucleus doing anything worthwhile by coming in second.

After the Junior Table Tennis matches the Seniors were faced with a difficult task being 4-0 down both to Cams and Blackbrook. although being 3-1 up on Westbury, which meant to say that in the two former every senior and doubles game had to be won in order to retain the trophy. In spite of a run of successes by Barker we could do no better than to beat Westbury.

It is to be hoped that we will do better this term in the Sports, swimming and cricket, but again it looks as if our main hope lies with the under-fifteens.

Refreshed by our Easter holidays let us see whether we can do better in the class-room than we are able to do on the sports field. P.N.

Westbury

Westbury has not been successful in either of the two House competitions which have taken place this term. In the first, Steeplechase, our performance was not entirely unexpected and we finished bottom, in spite of very gallant runs by Biggs and James, who finished fifth and sixth respectively.

Our hopes of winning the Table Tennis Championship were higher but, partly owing to erratic play and partly owing to the fact that no adequate player could be found to partner Spencer in the Juniors, those hopes were quickly dissolved. Spencer is to be congratulated on winning the Junior Championship.

Practices for the Sports have already begun and Sports Day will be held early next term. It is too soon to assess chances, but if boys will practice hard there is no reason why one or two of the cups should not fall to Westbury.

By the time you read this the cricket season will have begun and it is to be hoped that the new boys will take up this game with the same enthusiasm they have shown for football and Table Tennis. Westbury has won or shared the cup three times in the last four years and a tremendous effort must be made to win it outright this term.

I hope the Easter holiday has proved a pleasant one for all of you.

R.D.

Old Priceans' Association

Our Annual Hockey match versus the School ended in a win for our team by 4 goals to nil. The game was very good indeed and those of us who were spectators were treated to a splendid display by both teams.

Unfortunately Birks was struck on the face by a rising ball and he had to receive attention. He was unable to resume.

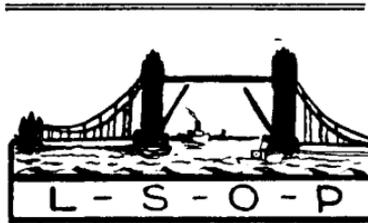
There were a few Old Boys present, but not nearly enough. We are hoping that our June re-union will be very much better attended.

We had no meeting as there was nothing much to discuss, but we shall have our Annual Meeting next time and there should be quite a few items of interest brought forward.

We shall hope to have something concrete to say about the War Memorial, contributions to which will still be welcomed.

Since our last meeting in November, our old School Head has suffered grievous loss in the death of Mrs. Bradly. She had been ill for some time. Those of us who knew her during our Schooldays will remember the interest she took in our welfare and the many kindly acts she displayed towards us. Our hearts go out to Mr. Bradly during this time of sorrow. May we say that his sorrows are shared by us all, we have for him such a deep affection.

Sincerest wishes to all,
E. G. DIMMER,
 Hon. Secretary.



On the whole this has not been an unsatisfactory winter for London Section. Monthly meetings have been fairly well attended and we have welcomed a few new faces which means that the Section continues to gather strength and holds out the hope that soon we shall be able to organise more ambitious functions than we can at present.

Our President, Dudley Masterman made a long journey to attend the February meeting.

A. F. Hobbs came along to a recent meeting. He is an Officer of Customs and Excise at present working with another of our members G. W. Winsor. By a strange chance, D. C. Priddon has just joined the writer of these notes on the same Section of the Customs indoor staff. We congratulate him on his promotion to Higher Executive Officer. Belated congratulations are also due to D. C. T. Humphries on his promotion to the same rank at New Scotland Yard.

May I remind readers that our meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month between October and May inclusive, at the à la Broche Restaurant, Jermyn Street, W.1. commencing at 6.30 p.m. Any O.P. living in, or passing through London will always be welcomed.

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 Sidcup,
 Kent.

BRIAN BUCKLEY,
 Hon. Secretary.

The highlight of the term has been the Field Day. This year we decided to go farther afield and visited Stephen's Castle Down. The day was sunny but cool (ideal conditions) and 600 rounds of blank ammunition were issued! An exciting battle developed and finally, in a fierce onslaught on the defensive position, the attackers carried their objective. Whether they would ever have got that far in actual fact is a debatable point! The umpires declared the attackers won with very heavy losses.

Ex-C.S.M. Brown, N.C., who left us in the Christmas term, has done exceedingly well in the Army. He has passed for O.C.T.U. (he is too young to go yet) and we now hear that he has passed out as best cadet of his training group. Brown was an exceptionally good cadet and he is a fine example for the rest of the company.

Certificate A, Swimming, Sports and camp this term! Let us have a great success in all these. T.H.

The Scout Troop

Though there is nothing exciting to report this term, training has gone ahead satisfactorily. There are two first class scouts active members of the troop, and several have nearly qualified. It should be the aim of all scouts to obtain their first-class badge fairly soon after reaching the age of 14, or even before. We do try to set a high standard for first class in our troop. A scout who wears the badge should be one who really knows the work in which he has been tested and not one who has just swotted it up only to forget it again as soon as each test is passed. The high standard of proficiency in morse signalling attained by a few boys is a good sign. Signalling needs a great deal of perseverance in its early stages, but is interesting and worth while when the grind of learning the alphabet is conquered.

The troop spent a very profitable afternoon and evening on the day the Cadet corps had a field day. We could not reach our destination, Rookesbury Woods, until a quarter to three, so that many of the scouts did not get home until after seven at night, but we had an enjoyable time with useful work, firefighting, cooking, stalking and signalling. Our new daylight signalling lamps were very effective. We were only signalling over a distance of a mile and a quarter, but they were capable of being used over a much greater range. Rookesbury Woods are all private and very beautiful, and we very much appreciate the readiness with which the owner grants our troop permission to go there. Several members of the troop have purchased their own signalling lamps, which is well worth doing. They are ex-army and are being sold at the extraordinarily low figure of 7/6 each.

Bob-a-Job week was held during the holidays, but at the time of writing these notes it is still in the future, so results cannot be given. Last year we did well, both in the work done and in the money received; this year we hope to do better.

This term we have the local inter-troop patrol competition on June 11th. We hope to send two patrols to this competition camp. The winning patrol from this district will compete for the Emlyn Woodcraft Trophy at Avington Park, Itchen Abbas, on July 8th and 9th. On May 5th there is the Annual General Meeting of the Local Boy Scouts Association. It will be in Trinity Church House at 8 p.m. This means a meeting of all parents of all Scouts in Fareham district, and anyone else