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AT the end of the Summer Term we are normally preoccupied with the number of those who are leaving us, and this year to an especial degree. Mr. Shaddock demands separate treatment, but here we may wish Mr. Matthews all good fortune in his new job. In the two years he has been with us he has rapidly made his mark and we are sure that our loss is Exeter's fortune.

And more than a word must be said about Ridett. The School has never had a more active, energetic or efficient Head Boy. Nobody has ever shown more enthusiasm for the School and his House. How much of the School House's recent remarkable run of success has been due to the energy of its captain will never perhaps be quite certainly assessed, but nobody will doubt that it was a very great deal. To those Old Priceans who attended the last Annual Dinner he is already well known and we shall be vastly surprised if his voice is not soon upraised at their future gatherings. We wish him luck and shall watch his future career with interest and confidence

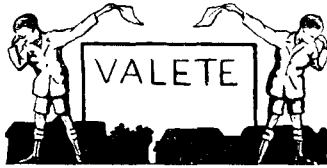
The new Laboratories are now taking shape and by common consent form a very fine building. We offer our humble tribute to the architect who has so brilliantly combined utility with a fine appearance, who has produced a plan of dignified simplicity which yet does not clash with the existing jumble. We hope that we shall be able to describe the official opening in our next issue and add the news that the new Pavilion is on the way.

J. SHADDOCK, B.Sc.

There are very few people connected with the School who can remember it without Mr. Shaddock; only Mr. Bradly, Mr. Gale and a handful of Old Priceans. For the rest of us he has always been here, as enduring to all appearances as a piece of the landscape, but endowed with human qualities that won the affection and respect of all of us. You might think him severe; you would never think him mean and you would know that, though he had more troubles than most, he had the courage to endure steadfastly and without complaint.

We think of him too as a man of liberal and humane culture. For him as for everyone else in these latter days there could be no question of 'taking all knowledge for his province,' but he has always showed a civilized interest in anything worth while that anybody had to say and no wish to disparage another man's interests or to exaggerate the importance of his own. He is one of those who can truly say 'Nihil humanum a me alienum puto,' and of such there can never be too many.

The School suffers a great loss upon his retirement, but at least he will be with us on festive occasions and as Vice-President of the O.P.A., we trust for many, many years. No man has ever more deserved a long and happy retirement and we wish him all good things in the years to come.



BLACKBROOK.—K. J. Burleton, F. G. Podmore, J. D. Shotter, R. E. G. Viney, G. E. Gilbert, E. D. Proctor, R. F. Street.

CAMS.—P. W. Whitcombe (House Captain, Prefect, Captain of 2nd XI Cricket), R. I. Bradford (1st XI Hockey), M. G. Holland, M. J. Robbins.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—P. B. A. Ridett (Head of the School, Prefect, House Captain, 1st XI Hockey and Cricket, Steeplechase Winner, Dramatic Society), T. J. Adams, R. G. Bird, D. Collins, D. A. Hansford (1st XI Football, Sgt. in Corps), J. E. Ship, R. Winter, C. J. Spence, V. J. Fowle.

WESTBURY.—A. J. Terry (Prefect, Sgt. in Corps), A. L. Read, R. A. Spencer (1st XI Football and Hockey), J. L. Terry, D. S. Millett.

Salve

BLACKBROOK.—P. J. Boys.

Cadet Corps

There is very little activity to report this term as the usual Summer term incidents have for one reason or another been denied to us.

The Annual Inspection has not been held because it was considered by the powers that be that we had not been in the C.C.F. long enough to justify an inspection. What that implies I am not quite sure, but it sounds as if our previous standard will have to be improved upon. Well, if this is the case, we must see that when we are inspected next year we are at our highest point. No unit can ever feel that it has reached perfection and it is only by being aware of our deficiencies that we can ever improve.

It was particularly bad news to a lot of the cadets that Annual Camp has had to be cancelled. This was due to an outbreak of polio in the area where our camp was to be held. Obviously the War Office could not take the risk of sending 2,500 cadets into a dangerous area. There is no doubt that the decision was correct but it was unfortunate that it came too late for alternative arrangements to be made. Whilst on the subject of camp, I find it difficult to understand why more boys do not attend. It consists of a week in the open air with very good and plentiful food and costs only one shilling per day. So many of you prefer to mooch about instead of taking part in this healthy holiday and it does not speak very highly of your characters that you do so prefer. I hope that more names will be forthcoming next year.

The Certificate 'A' Part II board met on July 20th and of the 32 sent forward 28 passed. I consider that this result is quite satisfactory and considerable credit is due to the very patient instruction of the N.C.O.s. They have a difficult task as many of you junior cadets are insubordinate occasionally. Some of you should remember that you will be N.C.O.s. yourselves one day and reflect.

Owing to the fact that blank ammunition has not arrived it has been decided, in consultation with the Headmaster, that the Field Day be postponed until the early days of next term. I hope that we shall have a good day.

To all leaving I wish the very best of luck.

T.H.

Chess Club

Mr. Shaddock left the School last term. He founded the Club; since then he has built it up with father-like care to the flourishing organization which it is to-day. As Mr. Shaddock was once a player for Fareham Chess Club he was able to form some strong and valuable ties between the School Club and its greater counterpart. For some time during the earlier part of its existence the Club had to rely on borrowing boards and men from the Fareham Club and once a week a mysterious caravan of boys carrying things wended its way from the School to the White Horse and back.

Among the many things he had to do, Mr. Shaddock has found time to come down to Chess Club on many occasions. It fell to him to teach the game to all the new entrants who had not played before and in this matter alone Mr. Shaddock has been indispensable. His leaving will undoubtedly alter the whole character of the Chess Club. All those boys connected with the Club would like to wish Mr. Shaddock a very happy retirement.

It was very pleasing to note that during last term regular Summer Chess was possible for the first time for many years although three meetings had to be cancelled because of sports practices. Last term we started a League Championship. Over five hundred games will have to be played and we are well on our way to the first century. The Championship will continue into the next school year. Any boys who wish to join or rejoin the Club will be welcomed. If they will come along to any of the meetings on Thursday evenings they can there be enrolled as members.

The Music Society

At the beginning of the summer term, a meeting was held with the intention of forming a Music Society. It was felt that a society of this nature would satisfy a need for hearing and, later, making music which was present in the school. There was no doubt, judging from the numbers which attended the meeting, that this need indeed existed. A committee was formed with Mr. Howe as Vice-President, Lewis as Chairman and Rudling Vice-Chairman. We have already had our first gramophone record concert and the size and enthusiasm of the audience which attended on that occasion seemed to bespeak future success for the society. As these notes will not appear until the Michaelmas term, I would ask any new boys who are at all interested in music to turn up to our meetings which we hope to hold as regularly as possible on Fridays.

M.J.C.

Aeromodellers

The meetings of the Club have been somewhat hampered by many activities throughout the term, notably the Coronation celebrations, examinations, athletics and swimming. However it was possible to have at the beginning of term a competition. The competition was notable for a fine piece of carving in the solid section by Martin and a robust and workmanlike effort in the flying section by Payne. It is hoped that next term the Club will have further competitions in both these fields, as they provide a great stimulus in producing better and more ambitious models.

The Club this term have purchased a small trainer with which it is hoped the younger and less experienced members will learn the art of control-line flying. This model should be built by the senior members showing the younger ones in the process the art of construction.

Next term every effort should be made to encourage boys to join. We should like to see boys from the future 1st and 2nd forms especially, because it will be in them that the Club will gain strength.

A.J.T.

Reed Cup, 1952-1953

	Blackbrook	Cams	School	Westbury
FOOTBALL (S) ...	12	0	18	6
" (J) ...	0	12	4	8
HOCKEY (S) ...	12	0	18	6
" (J) ...	2	12	8	2
STEEPLECHASE (S) ...	6	0	9	3
" (J) ...	2	4	6	0
CRICKET (S) ...	12	6	18	0
" (J) ...	0	12	8	4
SPORTS (S) ...	12	6	18	0
" (J) ...	0	4	8	12
" (M) ...	6	0	2	4
SWIMMING (S) ...	9	6	3	0
" (J) ...	0	6	2	4
TOTALS	73	68	122	49



Played eight, won five, drawn two, lost one. These are the bare bones of this season's 1st XI games, fuller details of which may be read elsewhere. It would therefore seem to have been a satisfactory season, and so in part it was, but there were some features that have left a feeling of disappointment. Rain caused the cancellation of one game, and the abandoning of another; two established fixtures had to be cancelled for other reasons; Whitsun, Coronation and Review holidays broke up the smooth progress of the term's cricket, so that only eight games were played instead of the customary twelve. Two of the eight games played were too one-sided to be interesting, and two partly rain-spoiled—ended feebly in uninteresting draws. It was therefore not a really good season's cricket.

The brighter side—the batting of Rudling and Percival who finished the season with averages of 53.75 and 69.0 respectively. These averages may not be a true reflection based as they are on so few innings, but they show that we have here two of the best batsmen we have had for many years, and it is comforting to think that we shall have them again next year. Then we shall hope to see other players more ready to give them some measure of support, as this year it was obvious that if they were unable to get runs nobody else was likely to do so. In fact the rest of the side relied far too much on these two players, and on only two occasions were they disappointed. No side can afford to have only two batsmen, and something will have to be done about this next summer.

The bowling of this year's side fell below our usual standard. We lacked one bowler who could really be relied on to get wickets, and well as Ridett and Gullick tried, neither became a regular killer. Too many loose balls, too many outside the stumps, insufficient variety and no spin—not a very impressive armoury in attack, the weakness of which was not exposed as often as it could have been. In fact we were lucky to get away with it as we did on all but three occasions. With the exception of Gullick, one had the feeling—well-founded on the evidence of one's eyes—that few of the many bowlers we tried could bowl six balls to a good length on the three stumps. I am sure a little really hard practice could have remedied this. Bowlers must remember that flight and swing are of no use whatever against a good batsman if accuracy and length are absent. We are not alone in being without a good spin bowler, as the species seems to be almost extinct in Hampshire Schools' Cricket. Here is a wonderful chance for some youngster. Oh, for another Jarmain!

The fielding generally was not more than adequate, a rather surprising thing when one realises that in Rudling they were captained by as good a fielder as can be found. Perhaps they were dejected by the impossibility of reaching such a high standard.

Behind the wicket Kilford has shown sufficient promise to give rise to the hope that next year we may have a wicket-keeper, a thing that has not happened to us for years and years.

1st XI

D. C. Rudling (Captain). A really good batsman who seems to have an early sight of the ball. Has a particularly good shot through the covers, and hits well to leg. Not always safe with the ball going away on the off. A fine fielder anywhere, and brilliant in the slips. As Captain has handled his side efficiently, and has got the most out of a moderate attack. Is playing regularly for the Hampshire Schools XI.

D. Percival (Vice-Captain). Watches the ball well, and always seems to be on the line, and is therefore difficult to get out. His footwork is good enough to allow him to put more vigour into some of his shots than he actually does. A most reliable cricketer in all phases of the game.

A. C. Purkis. A player of considerable ability, but with little luck and less confidence. Bowls a nicely flighted top-spinner, fields well at cover, and I am surprised that he has not had a better season.

A. E. Gullick. The steadiest bowler in the side. Swings the ball late and usually keeps a good length. Does not get enough body into the actual delivery of the ball. With more confidence could develop into a useful batsman.

W. R. Kilford. Has played for Hampshire Schools Colts as a wicket-keeper, and shows great promise. Has learnt to stand up to the faster bowling and takes the ball cleanly on the leg side. As a batsman has played two invaluable innings, and in both departments we expect great things of him next year.

P. B. A. Ridett. Has done most of the bowling up the hill, always a difficult task. Is quite fast and his best ball is a good one, but is apt to be erratic. Much improved in the field. Can hit the ball hard, but not often.

R. S. Chinnery. Has had little chance of showing his ability as a batsman. Is too fond of turning straight balls to leg and must cultivate shots in front of the wicket. Fields quite well close to the wicket, but has a feeble throw.

E. H. Sheath. Bowls a deceptive slowish ball, quite a good one when well-pitched up, but is afraid to give it plenty of air. Can hit hard as a batsman and is a useful No. 9.

D. C. Wooden. Has great possibilities as a bowler, possessing considerable swing, not always under control. Must learn to shorten his run and use his body more.

N. Harvey. A patient batsman with few scoring shots. Must use his feet more in getting to the pitch of the ball. In the field has a very good throw to the wicket, hard and straight.

M. J. Cardy. Opened the season very well and looked full of runs, but has since been disappointing. Not sufficiently forceful in his forward play.

R. Mellish, R. I. Bradford, M. L. Brown and B. J. Sutton have all played in the XI from time to time.

Colours have been awarded to D. Percival.

1st XI CRICKET MATCHES

May 13th. Home. *v.* B. R. Shaw, Esq's. XI **Won by 4 wickets.**

Expecting the pitch to favour the bowler, if anything, we were very pleased when Mr. Hilton elected to bat first on winning the toss. We soon decided that he was quite correct. The pitch was, perhaps, a little faster than last year, but even then very "true." Sturgess was dismissed quickly, but Alderton, who scored a delightful 61, and Mr. Matthews (39) proceeded to hit our bowling all over the field and put on 77 runs for the second wicket. Our fielding was not all that it might have been, and after Basford had scored 38 we were very glad that the tea interval followed soon after.

Although facing a large total we were determined to win and started well, 50 runs being scored in 45 minutes for the first wicket. Cardy, although uncertain to start with, batted confidently and scored a very nice 29. Percival then went in and playing everything with supreme confidence batted beautifully, several drives especially standing out in his innings, and was finally out, caught off a skier for 56, when 7 runs were needed for victory. These were collected slowly but surely, the winning hit coming in what must have been practically the last over of the match. A very encouraging start to the season.

The match against Portsmouth Southern Grammar School was cancelled because of rain, and that against Purbrook County High School was abandoned because of rain when our opponents had scored 80 runs for the loss of 7 wickets, in two and a half hours.

June 13th. Home. v. Portsmouth Northern G.S. Won by 3 wickets.

In a low-scoring match played at school, we avenged our defeat of last year on the matting wicket at Portsmouth. In the face of what must be called more accurate than brilliant bowling, our opponents scraped together 47 runs on a fairly easy-paced pitch, although it was a lively wicket to anyone who had any previous experience of our pitch during the last two seasons. Ridett, mainly through the inability of the opposing batsmen (who evidently thought he was working wonders) bowled 16 overs, 8 of them maidens, and took 5 wickets for 15 runs.

We had an early shock when three batsmen were out for only 8 runs, but Kilford, playing very confidently and very well, scored 25 very meritorious runs. Our remaining batsmen managed to get the necessary runs to win between them. Percival, who came in at the beginning of the second over, defended stubbornly and eventually scored 2 not out. Playing for the first time against bowling faster, while at the same time more accurate, than our own, our batsmen were uncertain of their shots and it appears that this is going to be one of our major batting difficulties this season.

June 20th. Away v. Portsmouth Grammar School. Match drawn.

This match was played on a wet miserable afternoon which reminded one more of winter and football than the day before midsummer. The game was held up for a quarter of an hour owing to rain, but for the first time this season we won the toss, and decided to field first. This action proved to be quite successful as the first three Grammar School wickets fell for only 27 runs, mainly because the ball "zipped" on the wet pitch. Ridett had an amazing first over but soon settled down although all of our bowlers, and fielders, experienced difficulty in gripping the greasy ball and also in keeping their feet. Cricket studs have their uses and it was unfortunate that only a few of our team had any in their boots at all. Gullick bowled really well, taking 3 wickets for 19 runs, while Purkis, although he did not get a wicket, kept the runs down (no easy task) and was rather unlucky that one or two lofted shots did not go to hand, but at least two did and, unfortunately, were dropped again. A fourth wicket partnership added 98 runs and the Grammar School declared at tea with their score at 143 for 4 wickets.

Once again our innings started disastrously, Cardy being out to the first ball of the second over with no runs on the board. Against reasonably good and accurate bowling, tight fielding, and a very slow outfield runs were difficult to get and after a time when it became obvious that it was impossible to get anywhere near the Grammar School's total, the batsmen did not attempt to go for the runs and the match finished in a draw, with the score at 64 for 1 wicket.

June 24th. Away. v. H.M.S. St. Vincent. Won by 156 runs.

St. Vincent were unable to field their full 1st XI because some of their team were in a P.T. display, and the School had an easy victory. We won the toss and batted first on an easy-paced wicket. An early miss proved to be expensive for our opponents and 55 runs were put on for the first wicket before Kilford, opening for the first time, was l.b.w. for 24 very nice runs. The score mounted steadily and Percival batted just over an hour for 63 runs, while Chinnery, when he went in, scored 12 not out fairly quickly. We declared at tea with 183 runs for 5 wickets in the score book but unfortunately not on the board.

St. Vincent's batting put up very little resistance and they were all out quickly for 27 runs. Brown, playing in his first game for the 1st XI, did most of the damage taking 6 wickets for 16 runs. Although we won by 156 runs this was a rather disappointing game, mainly due to the weakness of our opponents.

June 27th. Home. v. Gosport County Grammar School Won by 7 wkts.

This match was even more disappointing than Wednesday's game. Gosport won the toss, batted, and on an easy wicket could only score 20 runs (Ridett 7—13).

We decided to let our later batsmen, who have hardly had a chance to distinguish themselves this season, bat first. They did, were out, and we reverted to our usual order to win by 7 wickets. We batted on until tea when the game finished.

July 4th. Home. v. Old Priceans Lost by 9 wickets.

After a series of easy matches we expected a much stiffer test of our ability against the Old Boys, and with steady bowling they showed us that our batting was not very strong and the School was all out for only 66 runs. Kilford was unable to play for us as he was playing for the Hampshire Schools Colts team and this seriously weakened our batting. Chinnery opened the innings which started disastrously with a run out in the second over, two more wickets fell quickly and we were 2 runs for 3 wickets. Percival alone showed our team how to stop at the wicket and he scored 36 of our 66 runs. Our other batsmen, with the exception of Bradford, who defended stubbornly, showed no fight against good-length bowling, and practically surrendered their wickets. At the end of our innings there was some light relief when Ridett hit out, one shot especially, from a ball which pitched outside his leg stump and finished down at third man, is worthy of mention.

Our bowling presented no difficulties to Stubbington and Dimmock and, although our fielding, for a change, gave very little away, the score mounted steadily. Dimmock was out when only 5 runs were needed for victory and the Old Boys won by 9 wickets. Although we did not do as well as we had hoped, we enjoyed the match very much.

July 18th. Home. v. Portsmouth Banks. Won by 9 wickets.

The Banks won the toss and batted first and we expected to have a busy afternoon in the field. A most valuable wicket fell off the first ball of the day and three wickets had fallen for no runs off the first over of the match bowled by Gullick. Two more wickets fell quickly and the score was 10 runs for 5 wickets. This rapid collapse was stemmed for a while and 34 runs were put on for the sixth wicket. The remaining batsmen added 20 runs and the Banks were, rather surprisingly, out for 64 runs. Gullick must be congratulated on taking 5 wickets for 20 runs, while Purkis bowled steadily, taking 3 wickets for 10 runs. Tea was taken and our innings began directly afterwards.

After his bowling successes we hoped that Gullick would also be successful as an opening batsman, as Kilford was again playing for the Hampshire Colts team. Unfortunately our hopes did not materialise because although Gullick started well, he was soon out when 10 runs were on the board, without scoring. The runs came slowly but surely against a varied attack, and when the score reached 48 runs for 1 wicket a heavy rainstorm held up play for half an hour. When play was restarted each end of the pitch was heavily covered with sawdust and the remaining runs were scored without undue difficulty. Thus we won our last match by 9 wickets, and although our opponents were undoubtedly stronger, they never really recovered from their extremely bad start. It is interesting to note that there was only one extra throughout the match, a bye.

Although we have had quite a successful season it has not been so enjoyable as might be expected, as there has not been one really close finish to a match, and some of our games have been much too easy for any enjoyment to be obtained from them.

Nearly all of our team will still be at school next season and some for the season after that, and it looks as if we shall have a much better team for the next two years at least. One or two people have not done as well as we hoped at the beginning of the season but they still have plenty of time for improvement. One important point, however, that some members of the team might try to understand better, is that cricket is essentially a team game, even though it relies more on the individual than football and hockey. Some of the team apparently did not realise this when two people were trying to do their best for the *team* in very difficult conditions during a certain match.

I should like to thank Mr. Shaw for the great interest he has shown about our matches and the help he has given to myself and all the members of team. With these thanks I must couple the name of Percival, the vice-captain, who has been a great help both on and off the field. It is always very pleasant to have a very keen supporter and we have been lucky enough to have one in Robertson-Fox who has acted as scorer throughout the season except for our last match when Keen gladly filled his place.

We should like to thank the cooks for preparing our teas for us, especially for the tea against the Old Boys when they really excelled themselves, and our groundsman, Mr. Philips, who has prepared our pitches so well. These people are all necessary for the making of a cricket season and we are lucky to have such people who do their work so willingly. We now look forward to next season when we hope to improve on our successes and failures in the past season.

1st XI CRICKET DETAILS

PRICE'S SCHOOL v. B. R. SHAW Esq's XI

B. R. Shaw Esq's XI		Price's School	
H. Sturgess, c. Rudling, b. Wooden	7	Rudling, c. & b. Basford	... 43
D. Alderton, b. Sheath	... 61	Cardy, b. Basford	... 29
M. Matthews, b. Sheath	... 39	Percival, c. Hilton, b. Wagstaffe	56
J. Basford, lbw. b. Wooden	... 38	Chinnery, b. Alderton	... 2
Rev. W. W. Hoare, c. Cardy		Purkis, b. Wagstaffe	... 15
	b. Gullick	Kilford, run out	... 5
T. Wagstaffe, not out	... 5	Harvey, not out	... 3
J. Dellbridge	} Did not bat	Extras	12
T. Hilton			
Rev. A. A. Watkins			
J. P. S. Howe			
T. W. Foster			
	Extras	8	
	Total	165	
		Total (for 6 wickets)	166
Bowling : Sheath 2—18		Price's won by 4 wickets	

PRICE'S SCHOOL v. PORTSMOUTH N.G.S.

Portsmouth N.G.S.		Price's School	
Grayson, c. Kilford, b. Gullick	0	Rudling, c. Wiseman, b. Hill	4
Bull, lbw., b. Ridett	8	Cardy, b. Biddle	0
Bonnor, lbw., b. Ridett	10	Percival, not out	2
Whitefield, b. Ridett	1	Purkis, lbw., b. Biddle	2
Hill, b. Ridett	0	Kilford, st. Whitefield	25
Cocks, run out	9	Chinnery, lbw., b. Whitefield	2
Hoade, lbw., b. Ridett	0	Harvey, b. Hill	3
Engle, b. Sheath	9	Gullick, lbw., b. Hill	0
Reypert, run out	3	Wooden, not out	6
Wiseman, not out	0	Sheath } Did not	
Biddle, b. Sheath	0	Ridett } bat	
Extras	3	Extras	7
Total	49	Total (for 7 wickets)	51
Bowling: Ridett 5—15	Sheath 2—5	Price's won by 3 wickets	

PRICE'S SCHOOL v. PORTSMOUTH G.S.

Portsmouth G.S.		Price's School	
Payne, b. Gullick	13	Rudling, not out	43
Sweetham, b. Ridett	1	Cardy, lbw., b. Pearson	0
Street, lbw., b. Gullick	6	Percival, not out	21
Johns, not out	73	Extras	0
George, c. Rudling, b. Gullick	33		
Croxford, not out	5		
Extras	11		
Total (for 4 wickets)	143	Total (for 1 wicket)	64
Bowling: Gullick 3—19		Match drawn	

PRICE'S SCHOOL v. H.M.S. ST. VINCENT

Price's School		H.M.S. St. Vincent	
Rudling, lbw., b. Barnett	63	Mesney, b. Brown	3
Kilford, lbw., b. Silver	24	Tye, b. Ridett	0
Percival, c. Mesney, b. Silver	63	Benavente, b. Brown	0
Purkis, lbw., b. Barnett	4	Parnett, c. Percival, b. Prown	6
Chinnery, not out	12	Aylott, c. Rudling, b. Gullick	1
Tutton, c. Tye, b. Silver	4	Wickens, c. Rudling, b. Gullick	0
Extras	13	Silver, b. Brown	3
		Edworthy, b. Brown	0
		Foreman, not out	9
		Cozens, c. Gullick, b. Brown	0
		Luscombe, b. Gullick	0
		Extras	5
Total (for 5 wickets dec.)	183	Total	27
Bowling: Brown 6—16	Ridett 1—2	Gullick 3—4	Price's won by 156 runs

PRICE'S SCHOOL v. GOSPORT C.G.S.

Gosport C.G.S.		Price's School			
Pever, run out	...	5	Chinnery, lbw., b. Davies	...	3
Hogue, c. Mellish, b. Ridett	...	3	Harvey, b. Davies	...	0
Nobes, b. Ridett	...	0	Tutton, b. Regan	...	1
Erridge, b. Ridett	...	5	Mellish, b. Erridge	...	5
Driscoll, b. Ridett	...	0	Rudling, not out	...	22
Instrall, b. Gullick	...	0	Purkis, not out	...	11
Davies, b. Ridett	...	0		Extras	3
Regan, lbw., b. Ridett	...	0			
Corner, not out	...	1			
Harfield, b. Ridett	...	0			
Richardson, run out	...	3			
	Extras	3			
	Total	20			
			Total (for 4 wickets)		45
Bowling: Ridett 7—13	Gullick 1—1		Price's won by 7 wickets		

PRICE'S SCHOOL v. OLD PRICEANS

Price's School		Old Priceans			
Rudling, run out	...	1	Dimmock, lbw., b. Mellish	...	28
Chinnery, lbw., b. Swinstead	...	0	Stubbington, not out	...	35
Percival, b. Gregory	...	36	Durant, not out	...	0
Purkis, b. Swinstead	...	0		Extras	4
Cardy, b. Durant	...	1			
Harvey, b. Swinstead	...	6			
Gullick, b. Stubbington	...	4			
Mellish, c. & b. Durant	...	2			
Bradford, b. Gregory	...	1			
Ridett, b. Gregory	...	6			
Brown, not out	...	0			
	Extras	9			
	Total	66			
			Total (for 1 wicket)		67
Bowling: Swinstead 3—18, Gregory 3—9			Old Priceans won by 9 wickets		

PRICE'S SCHOOL v. PORTSMOUTH BANKS

Portsmouth Banks		Price's School			
Smith, c. Mellish, b. Gullick	...	0	Rudling, not out	...	39
Wort, run out	...	2	Gullick, c. Wigginton L., b. Thomas	...	0
Dines, b. Gullick	...	0	Percival, not out	...	26
Clark, c. Rudling, b. Gullick	...	0		Extras	0
Thomas, c. Sheath, b. Purkis	...	34			
Lucas, c. Percival, b. Gullick	...	0			
Wigginton, L., b. Sheath	...	15			
Welch, hit wkt., b. Purkis	...	10			
Hiscutt, lbw., b. Purkis	...	0			
Wigginton, E. W., not out	...	2			
Rutland, b. Gullick	...	0			
	Extras	1			
	Total	64			
			Total (for 1 wicket)		65
Bowling: Gullick 5—20	Purkis 3—10		Price's won by 9 wickets		

The 2nd XI, in their few matches, have shown rather more ability than is usually the case. Many of the side have had games in the 1st XI, and the side is very little below the standard of the senior team without Rudling and Percival. It is perhaps a good sign that we have this year such a number of reserves.

The House Matches brought their usual crop of surprises with victory for School House in the Senior competition and Cams in the Junior. Both were worthy and fairly comfortable winners, although Blackbrook should have challenged more closely for the Senior Cup.

v. Purbrook C.H.S. 2nd XI. Away

School 104—3 dec. Purbrook 14—3 rain stopped play.

We were put into bat at Purbrook and after losing 3 wickets for 24, Gillard and Whitcombe took the score to 104 by tea when we declared. After tea they lost two quick wickets before the first shower. When play was resumed one more wicket fell when more rain fell and play was abandoned.

v. Portsmouth Northern 2nd XI. Away.

School 129—9 dec. Portsmouth Northern 116—8.

We were again put in at Portsmouth and by consistent batting throughout made 129—9 at tea. Tutton made 24. This was the first time that many of the team had played on a matting wicket and some of the bowlers found difficulty in controlling the ball. Had the fielding been better we should have won but as it was a close game was ended when time ran out.

v. St. Vincent 2nd XI. Home.

School 134—7 dec. St. Vincent 34.

St. Vincent were no match for the School; we piled up runs very quickly, largely thanks to Wooden and Sheath and then when St. Vincent went into bat they never looked like getting the runs.

v. Gosport C.H.S. 2nd XI. Home.

Gosport 102—5 dec. School 71.

After Gosport had taken nearly three hours to get 102 the School failed dismally when they tried to get the runs in the time allowed. In Gosport's innings Sheath bowled well, and Cardy made 15.

v. Old Priceans 2nd XI. Home.

School 69. Old Boys 26.

In a very enjoyable game the School batted first and mustered 69; Dalton made 17. The Old Boys never looked like making this total and they made only 26. Sheath took 5—12.

P.W.W.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

School beat Blackbrook by 6 wickets.

Blackbrook 41. School 42—4.

Cams beat Westbury by 38 runs.

Cams 42. Westbury 4.

School beat Westbury by 3 wickets.

Westbury 24. School 25—7.

Cams beat Blackbrook by 6 wickets.

Blackbrook 27. Cams 28—4.

Cams beat School by 50 runs.

Cams 69. School 19.

Westbury beat Blackbrook by 1 run.

Westbury 22. Blackbrook 21.

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

School beat Blackbrook by 9 wickets.
 Blackbrook 20. School 21—1.
 Cams beat Westbury by 16 runs.
 Cams 38. Westbury 22.
 School beat Westbury by 7 wickets.
 Westbury 37. School 38—3.
 Blackbrook beat Cams by 54 runs.
 Blackbrook 113—8. Cams 59.
 School drew with Cams.
 School 103. Cams 77—8.
 Blackbrook beat Westbury by 33 runs.
 Blackbrook 95—8 dec. Westbury 62.

COLTS CRICKET NOTES

Out of four matches this season the Senior Colts won one, drew one, and the other two were rained off. The only match the Junior Colts played was drawn. As usual in Colts cricket runs have been difficult to obtain and in a low scoring game with Portsmouth Grammar School at Portsmouth the School did well to get the necessary runs to win by two wickets after getting their opponents out for 32. Against Peter Symond's School at Winchester the School had insufficient time to obtain 129 to win and were content to play out time in a game that had promised to be exciting but ended tamely. Rain ended play just after tea when Purbrook had been dismissed for 96 and the School had scored 8 for no wicket.

Maidment, Terry and Ambrose have batted and bowled well and have been well supported by Leigh. Others who promise well in the future are Glead, Tomkins, Brickwood and Agius. With Kilford playing for the 1st XI Pallett has done his best as wicket-keeper and may well become a very useful keeper. Maidment played one game for Hampshire Colts and Kilford has been their regular keeper. Among the younger boys Laming, Starkey and Evans show promise.

I hope all the boys who have played in Colts teams and practice games have benefited from advice given in the short time available for a game that has so much in it and for which years of practice and experience are needed for success. Many of the present Under 15 team will be available again next year, by which time it is sincerely hoped that the advice will not have been forgotten, and some will have increased in stature so that the ball may be hit harder and bowled with more accuracy.

SENIOR COLTS RESULTS

Purbrook C.G.S. 96. School 8 for no wicket. Drawn.
 Portsmouth G.S. 32. School 33 for 8. Won.
 Peter Symond's School 128 for 9 dec. School 47 for 6. Drawn.
 (Ambrose 5 for 27). (Terry 27 not out).

JUNIOR COLTS RESULT

Gosport G.S. 60. School 40 for 8. Drawn.
 (Laming 3 for 7, Agius 3 for 14).

The Sports

Brutally handicapped by the weather, the Sports lingered on lugubriously for about a week. That the number of outstanding performances in terms of time was small was not surprising, particularly in the Senior events. A slow track and the departure of certain eminent performers explained that. In the Minor and Junior sections a few records fell and many good performances were recorded.

In the Minor section there were some very good competitors. Harrison, a tall well-made boy, is a most promising athlete and both in the 100 and 440 ran extremely well and won decisively: he is the first Minor we have had to clear 15 feet in the Long Jump and he beat his own record in the High Jump, but there he was just thwarted by Calderhead, another very promising runner, who in his turn was very narrowly beaten in the 220 by Pallett, a first year boy who judged his powers admirably to win on the tape. Winnicott is not very fast at the moment but looks like a hurdler and Phelan was definitely one of our better half-milers. Blackbrook won the Relay; despite a great effort by Calderhead running third for Westbury, Harrison could not be held over the last stage.

The Juniors were a good lot; the best performances were by Kilford, who broke the High Jump record, and by Sheath in the 220 and 440. Bellamy will doubtless figure even more prominently next year and Ambrose looks a good hurdler. Rutter won a desperately close Half Mile: Izod is a good young runner who, like many others, has something to learn about tactics. Westbury had a powerful relay team and won well.

In the Seniors things were not so impressive. Willis created a mild surprise in the 100 by getting such a good lead in the early stages of the race that Adams could not quite catch him in the later. In the 440 Adams did succeed in producing a good time and showing that the Seniors could do a good deal better than the Juniors at any rate in one event. Doubtless Ridett could have done the same in the Mile but for good reasons he was in no hurry provided he won and in fact his time was 14 seconds slower than when he won two years ago. School House won the Relay decisively.

I have said nothing about the Discus throwing. This new event has justified itself and, with the practice and training this event needs, we should see some good performances in the future.

RESULTS

MINORS

100 yds. ..	..	1—Harrison (B) 2—Calderhead (W) 3—Pallett (B) 12½ secs.
220 yds. ..	..	1—Pallett (B) 2—Calderhead (W) 3—Noot (W) 30½ secs.
440 yds. ..	..	1—Harrison (B) 2—Phelan (C) 3—Noot (W) 64¾ secs.
880 yds. ..	..	1—Phelan (C) 2—Lincham (W) 3—Starkey (S) 2 mins. 40¾ secs.
Hurdles ..	..	1—Winnicott (B) 2—Starkey (S) 3—Kilgour (S) 18¾ secs.
High Jump	..	1—Calderhead (W) 2—Harrison (B) 3—Pallett (B) 4ft. 2¾ ins. (record)
Long Jump	..	1—Harrison (B) 2—Calderhead (W) 3—Noot (W) 15ft. 0¾ ins. (record)
Relay 440 yds.	..	1—Blackbrook 2—Westbury 3—School House 59¾ secs.

JUNIORS

100 yds. ..	..	1—Bellamy (C) 2—Field (W) 3—Terry (S) 11¼ secs.
220 yds. ..	..	1—Sheath (W) 2—Bellamy (C) 3—Gillard (S) 27½ secs.
440 yds. ..	..	1—Sheath (W) 2—Kilford (S) 3—Gillard (S) 60½ secs.
880 yds. ..	..	1—Rutter (W) 2—Izod (S) 3—Ireland (C) 2 mins. 26¾ secs.
Hurdles ..	..	1—Ambrose (C) 2—Kilford (S) 3—Shreeve (W) 16¾ secs.
High Jump	..	1—Kilford (S) 2—Field (W) 3—Ambrose (C) 4ft. 9¾ ins. (record)
Long Jump	..	1—Field (W) 2—Birdsall (B) 3—Ambrose (C) 15ft. 4ins.
Throwing the Discus	..	1—Kilford (S) 2—Gillard (S) 3—Martin (C) 93ft. 8½ ins.
Relay 640 yds.	..	1—Westbury 2—Cams 3—Blackbrook 1 min. 21¾ secs.

SENIORS

100 yds. ..	..	1—Willis (S) 2—Adams (B) 3—Shepherd (B)	11½ secs.
220 yds. ..	..	1—Rudling (S) 2—Wright (S) 3—Shepherd (B)	27 secs.
440 yds. ..	..	1—Adams (B) 2—Ridett (S) 3—Willis (S)	58½ secs.
880 yds. ..	..	1—Cardy (B) 2—Hansford (S) 3—Brown (B)	2 mins. 22½ secs.
1 mile ..	..	1—Ridett (S) 2—Cardy (B) 3—Farmer (C)	5 mins. 27½ secs.
Hurdles ..	..	1—Rudling (S) 2—Dove (C) 3—Mason (S)	19 secs.
High Jump ..	..	1—Gullick (C) 2—Rudling (S) 3—Brown (B)	4ft. 8½ins.
Long Jump ..	..	1—Adams (B) 2—Spence (S) 3—Willis (S)	16ft. 10½ins.
Throwing the Discus		1—Purkis (B) 2—Harvey (B) 3—Cossens (S)	85ft. 8ins.
Relay 640 yds. ..	..	1—School House 2—Blackbrook 3—Cams	1 min. 17½ secs.
880 yds. Handicap ..	..	1—Wynn (75 yds.) 2—Matthews (50 yds) 3—Bird (5 yds.)	2 mins. 28 secs.

MINORS

1—Blackbrook	72
2—Westbury	58
3—School House	41½
4—Cams	19½

JUNIORS

1—Westbury	71
2—School House	61
3—Cams	53
4—Blackbrook	23

SENIORS

1—School House	96
2—Blackbrook	86
3—Cams	36
4—Westbury	11

Victores Ludorum : D. R. Adams (B) and D. C. Rudling (S)

Junior Victor Ludorum : W. R. Kilford (S)

Minor Victor Ludorum : R. C. Harrison (B)

Swimming Club

This summer, although the weather was not too kind, fifty new certificates were added to the many already amassed by other boys of the School. So Gala Day dawned with house captains anxiously watching their totals. School House were leading with a total of 17, Cams with 12 and Blackbrook and Westbury each with 9.

In the Junior events Ellen excelled even his last year's performance and broke his own personal record in the 50 yds. Back Stroke.

Two records in the Senior events were broken. Adams in winning the 3 Widths beat the existing record by a second. Having overtaken School's total, Cams rapidly forged ahead and won the Swimming Cup for 1953 by 61½ pts. to 38½ pts.

The largest Life Saving Class from our School was entered for the Bronze Medallion awarded by the Royal Life Saving Society. Bronze Medallions were obtained by Pitt, Wooden, Ellen, Thomas I, Adams and Shepperd, whilst Intermediate Certificates were awarded to Bird, Farmer and Agius. Saunders, already a Bronze Medallion holder, gained the Award of Merit.

Although this may look a rather imposing result, prospective candidates must practise a great deal more for the rigorous tests set.

I am sure all boys will join with me in thanking Mr. Briscoe and Mr. Howard Jones for their work in preparing the Swimming Gala, and the Staff for their smooth running off of the events.

M.L.D.

RESULTS

75 yds. Free Style. Senior. 1—Pitt (C) 2—Spence (S) 3—Saunders (B) 53 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.
 50 yds. Free Style. Junior. 1—Calderhead (W) 2—Lock (C) 3—Shepperd (S) 39 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.
 3 Widths. Senior. 1—Adams (B) 2—Mason (S) 3—Farmer (C) 41 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.
 3 Widths. Junior. 1—Hainsworth (W) 2—Alder (C) 3—Evans (B) 63 secs.
 50 yds. Breast. Senior. 1—Pitt (C), 2—Adams (B) 3—Chinnery (S) 42 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.
 50 yds. Breast. Junior. 1—Thomas (C) 2—Payne (W) 3—Stamp (B)
 50 yds. Back. Senior. 1—Mason (S) 2—Dove (C) 3—Watkins (B) 43 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.
 50 yds. Back. Junior. 1—Ellen (C) 2—Hainsworth (W) 3—Downer (B) 47 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.
 Invitation Relay. 1—Southern Grammar 2—St. John's College 3—Gosport County
 Plunging. Senior. 1—Orchard (B) 2—Farmer (C) 3—Bird (S) 38ft. 7ins.
 Plunging. Junior. 1—Calderhead (W) 2—Ellen (C) 3—Lock (C) 32ft. 4ins.
 Relay. Senior. 1—Blackbrook 2—Cams 3—School 1 min. 40 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
 Relay. Junior. 1—Cams 2—Westbury 3—School 53 $\frac{3}{8}$ secs.
 25 yds. Open. Towing. 1—Cams 2—Blackbrook 51 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
 Diving. Senior. 1—Lowe (B) 2—Bird (S) 3—Wooden (C)
 Diving. Junior. 1—Ellen (C) 2—Williams (S) 3—Evans (B)
 TOTALS. Cams 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ School House 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ Blackbrook 38 Westbury 29

 HOUSE NOTES

 Blackbrook

The Sports, Cricket and Swimming Cups have been decided during the Summer term and although we won only the Minor Sports Cup we put up creditable performances in all three competitions.

The Cricket Cups were the first to be decided. The Senior team was quite a strong side but in the one game it was needed the batting failed miserably. Percival was unlucky in the first two matches but made a good score against Westbury. Cardy, another first eleven player, had no luck at all with the bat. Brown bowled well throughout, Harvey was a useful "all rounder" and Watkins a reasonably efficient wicket-keeper. The other members of the team were, on the whole, not very skilful but they showed a keenness which occasionally was embarrassing.

The first game against School House should have been a good one but we were skittled out for a miserable twenty runs by moderate bowling. School House lost one wicket before they passed our total.

We beat Cams in what was quite a good match. We batted first and scored a not luckless hundred and thirteen for eight, Harvey scoring a very useful twenty-six. Cams started by going for the runs, but when three wickets had fallen, two to Brown's accurate bowling and one to a good run out by Adams, their batsmen "closed shop." After this it was a battle against time. Wickets fell and at about five past five their last man came in and at 5.13 the last wicket fell.

In the last match against Westbury we batted first and scored 95 for 8, Percival scoring a typical 43 and Brown a distinctly untypical 17 as he had never before reached double figures. Our opponent's innings was wrecked by very good bowling by Harvey and Brown and it was not until their last man came in that they offered much resistance. This last wicket held on (more than can be said for our fieldsmen who were too interested in the School v. Cams game) but just as the situation began to look uncomfortable Harvey took the last wicket and we won.

The Juniors were a weak but very keen side; they lost all their matches, although it was by a margin as small as one run in the Westbury game. The side contained three Colts who were the backbone of the side, namely Tomkins, Simpson and Pallett. All other members played well throughout the series with Stamp outstanding as a batsman.

We were beaten by six wickets by School House. Having lost the toss we batted and scored 42 (Stamp a very nice 16). School after an early loss of a wicket went on to win with only four wickets down.

Against the much stronger Cams side we scored 39 in which innings Lowe had a good knock. When they batted Cams scored 40 for the loss of 4 wickets. This result was a very good effort and was due mainly to all round keenness and although we lost to a far better side the team had their opponents worried when two quick wickets fell early on.

The last match against Westbury was a very close game. For the first time the Juniors won the toss and having put Westbury in managed to dismiss them for 26, Simpson and Tomkins taking four wickets each. When we batted it was found that the recognized batsmen were all out quickly but the "tail enders" put up a very good fight and we had scored 25 before the last wicket fell.

Tomkins as captain of the side was a great success and showed a great deal of energy both on the field and off.

The Sports this year were plagued with foul weather and the events were spread over some five days, races being run when the track was in a fit state or at least not completely waterlogged and the Sports were thus not of a very high standard when compared to last year's. With such athletes as Adams and Harrison our Senior and Minor teams were quite strong and it was not surprising that we were runners-up in the Seniors and winners in the Minors.

We were given a good start in the Seniors when Adams won the Long Jump and we managed to get a maximum in the Discus. On Wednesday in the pouring rain Cardy won the Half Mile and Brown came third. On the next day Cardy again showed a great deal of ability in coming second in the Mile in which he was deputising for Harvey and for which he had not trained. Adams only managed to come second in the 100 but he redeemed himself with a win in the 440 in the time of 58 secs., a very good time on such a bad track. With these results Adams was able to share the Senior Victor Ludorum in his first year as a Senior. In the Hurdles Watkins was unlucky in the final. Brown injured himself in the High Jump but in spite of this he managed to come third in that event. Finally we finished second to School House in the Seniors.

The Juniors were rather weak but were on the whole a keen team, especially Chambers and Hayward. Birdsall ran his races very well in the 100, 220 and Long Jump in which events he came second. Hayward ran very pluckily in both the half and quarter mile races, coming fourth in both in spite of a bad attack of "stitch" in the latter.

With Harrison and Pallett the Minor team was very strong. Harrison is an outstanding athlete and for a Minor has reached a remarkable standard. In the High Jump although he came second on faults he cleared the winning height which was a

record (4ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.); his leap of 15ft. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins. in the Long Jump was also a record, and in the two new Minor events the 100 and 440 he established times which will probably stand for a long time to come. Needless to say Harrison was Minor Victor Ludorum. He was well supported by Pallett who, when he had finished his verbal objections to his selection, won the 220 and came third in the High Jump and 100, and by Winnicott, who won the Hurdles. When we had won the Minor Relay the Cup was ours, the first for two years.

The Swimming Gala was the last competition to be held but the prolonging of the Sports hindered training a great deal. The number of certificates passed this year by members of this House was very low. This may be due to the fact that so many were passed last year but it is more likely to be due to a lack of keenness. We won the Senior event by one point from Cams. Adams won the Three Widths in a record time of 41.6 secs. and he was second in the Breast Stroke which unfortunately for him was only a couple of minutes after the Three Widths. Watkins was a very close second in the Backstroke and Saunders and Lowe made a useful combination to come second in the Towing. Lowe won the Diving easily, his second dive being, as far as an inexperienced eye could tell, perfect. The Relay team was a very strong one and, mainly due to a good third leg by Shepherd 2, beat Cams by three quarters of a width. In the Plunging Orchard was unable to break his own record but he won quite convincingly. The Juniors were not very good but they had several useful Swimmers especially Evans, a first former, Stamp and Downer, who all obtained thirds in their events.

Last year was not a great success as far as Blackbrook were concerned. The Seniors came second to School House in nearly everything. The Juniors are building up strength again as is shown by the winning of the Minor Sports Cup and it is hoped that this year they will give the Seniors more help in the Steeplechase and Swimming Gala. We are fortunate in that hardly anyone from our House has left and this, combined with the new blood, should strengthen our ranks. The new boys will be eager, I know, to help us win the Cups. It is up to us all, so let us all pull together and a little more luck will be forthcoming.

A.C.P.

Cams

This term although the most successful this year has not been particularly successful. In the Cricket Competition we won one and drew one in the Seniors and we won all three and the Cup in the Juniors. In the Sports we finished third in the Seniors and Juniors and last in the Minors. In the Swimming we finished second in the Seniors and first in the Juniors and were well in front in the combined and so retained the Cup.

In our first Senior cricket match against Westbury we were put in to bat and we started very badly. We lost Dove, Gullick and Pitt to consecutive balls in Sheath's first over, and Leigh was out at 9. Tutton and Whitcombe survived for a little while until Tutton was foolishly run out. From then on a sort of recovery started, Wooden and Lewis being top scorers. The innings closed at 38.

Westbury also started badly and their batsmen could see no way to play Gullick and Wooden, and had there not been a last wicket stand of 12 their total would have been very poor indeed. Their innings closed at 22. Wooden took 5—11 and Gullick 4—9.

We won the toss against Blackbrook and put them in to bat. In Gullick's first over Cardy was caught in the gully. Watkins was caught in Wooden's third over, but first Purkis and Percival and then Purkis and Harvey took the score along steadily until Purkis, after scoring an excellent 50, was out at 99. Blackbrook then scraped on to 120—8 before they declared. Whitcombe took 3—5 and Wooden 3—39. When we went in to bat we did not look like getting the runs. We managed 59.

In the final match against School House we again won the toss and put them in. Kilford was run out on the first ball of the game and wickets tumbled quite quickly at one end while Rudling went gaily along at the other. Their innings closed at 103 after a good last wicket partnership of 23. Wooden took 5—25 and both Leigh and Gullick bowled well. We lost Bradford quickly but Gullick and Wooden took the score into the forties. Leigh batted well for 17 and we were still there at the end, thanks mainly to the gradual decrease in the standard of their fielding, with 72 for 8.

In the Junior's first game both of the recognized batsmen, Ambrose, the captain, and Maidment were out quickly but Lock and Bellamy, by agricultural means, scored where all the others had failed and the innings closed at 44. Westbury's innings was a fiasco, they were all out for 4. Ambrose took 7—3 and Maidment 3—1. Against Blackbrook, Blackbrook managed 22. Maidment took 6—7 and Ambrose took 4—12. We got the runs for the loss of three wickets. Against School we were without Maidment and as usual started badly but Bellamy's 34 not out enabled us to get 69. School House got only 19, Ambrose taking 7—6 and Bellamy 2—7. The Juniors showed that for once the better team on paper does sometimes win although their best batsmen did not score 10 between them in all the matches.

In the Sports we knew that the era of White and Byng was over. In the Seniors we finished third, well above Westbury but even further below Blackbrook. Gullick got us our only first place, in the High Jump; Dove came second in the Hurdles and Farmer third in the Mile. Other than this we could only hope not to be not placed.

In the Juniors, though we had a team potentially stronger than the Seniors, we could only come third. Bellamy came first in the 100 and second in the 220. Ambrose came first in the Hurdles and third in the High Jump and Long Jump. Ireland came third in the 880. With a little more co-operation from members of the House in the Middle School we might have done a lot better.

In the Minors we had a very young team and, with the exception of Phelan, they were outclassed by older opponents. Phelan finished first in the 880 and second in the 440 but we could muster few other points and we finished last. The Minors were very keen and came to practices at all available occasions.

After losing our cups in the Sports we were as a consolation allowed to win the Swimming Cup. We had in Pitt a fine swimmer and he won the 75 yds. Free Style and 50 yds. Breast Stroke. Farmer came second in the Plunging and Dove in the Towing made up a lot of ground to win. In the Juniors Ellen won the Back Stroke in record time. Thomas won the Breast Stroke, and Ellen won the Diving. Lock and Alder also swam well in the Juniors and with almost the same team next year we should at least keep the Swimming Cup.

To conclude I wish all members of the House who are leaving all the best in their careers, and to my successor a little better luck next year.

P.W.W.

School House

The House has completed another year, marked by outstanding successes. The Reed Cup has been retained, by a margin of almost 50 points. This is the third successive year that we have been 'cock-house,' and the fourth time in five years. In the Seniors we have achieved the distinction of winning every sporting event but one, and if the Juniors have been rather overshadowed by Cams yet has there been ample promise of future success. Most of the first-year have been very quick to grasp the House's spirit of keenness and I can foresee years of continued success if this attitude is maintained.

The Senior Cricket Cup, which last year we won with such difficulty, was retained with comparative ease.

Our first match was played against Blackbrook (supposedly our nearest rivals in the competition). They were dismissed for 20 runs and we won by nine wickets. This result, in so far as we were responsible, was mainly due to the bowling of Mellish, who, in his first year as a Senior, took 6 for 6, with apparently innocuous 'floaters.'

Our next match was against Westbury. They batted first and were dismissed for 37, Cossens and Terry sharing the bowling honours. We scored the necessary runs for the loss of three wickets, which is not quite as bad as it looks, when it is remembered that Rudling was unable to bat because of an injured finger.

In our last match against Cams we lost the toss and were put in to bat. We started badly, but Rudling and Dalton added over 40 runs in a fourth wicket partnership and disaster was avoided. In addition to this stand, Hansford and Spence, deserve particular mention for a last wicket partnership which provided 20 runs and a fair number of good strokes; without their effort our position might have become precarious as Cams managed to get with 26 runs of our total. Following a period of brisk scoring Cams lost wickets steadily, but when stumps were drawn 2 wickets remained standing. Nevertheless, in spite of this draw we won the Cup outright.

The Juniors had a team which ill compared with the strong Junior teams of recent years. However, they won two matches fairly easily and if they were trounced rather badly by Cams yet they had done enough to finish second in the competition.

Our first match against Blackbrook was won easily by 6 wickets. Blackbrook scored 42, Izod took the first 6 wickets and Laming the last 4. We scored the necessary runs for the loss of 4 wickets (Starkey 16 n.o., Gleed 14).

The next match against Westbury was won by 3 wickets, after we had almost won with 7 wickets standing. Gleed (4 for 5) and Izod (3 for 2) dismissed Westbury for 24 runs. Gleed (16) almost won off his own bat.

In our last match but for some adventurous hitting we might have dismissed our opponents fairly easily. However, we only managed to score 19 runs and were soundly beaten by 50 runs.

Last year we had finished equal to Cams in the Sports and this year we were eager to improve upon this. Worked out on a Reed Cup basis we were clear winners, scoring 28 points to our nearest rival's 18 points, a distinct improvement.

In the Seniors, Rudling, who has already distinguished himself as a great athlete (in its general sense) further enhanced his reputation by becoming joint Victor Ludorum. Rudling, while not particularly addicted toward Athletics, has a propensity for pulling out 'a bit extra' when it is necessary; he deserves his success. Willis also caused a minor sensation by winning the Senior 100 yards; in addition he was second equal with Spence in the Long Jump and third in the 440. The remaining members of the team, Hansford (8 pts.) who ran gallantly in both the Half and the Mile, Wright (8 pts.) second in 220, Spence (6½), Mason (4), Cossens (4) all contributed to our final victory. The standard of the competition was never high, and the weather can be held only partly responsible, yet the interest was always high because our struggle against Blackbrook was most apparent with the events spread over a whole week. It might be said that Rudling (1st) and Wright (2nd) in the 220 and our victory in the Relay finally clinched our success.

The Juniors were opposed by a Westbury team which two years previously had won the Minors by a large margin; it is a tribute to their success that this time they came so near to beating Westbury.

Kilford, following Rudling's example, is rapidly making a name for himself in all phases of School sport. He has played in all three 1st XI's while still at 'colt age' and now in athletics, he has won the Junior Victor Ludorum, and this in the face of strong competition. First in the Discus and High Jump (in which he beat the height of the winner of the Iain May Cup) and second in 440 and Hurdles he was the mainstay of the team. In addition Gillard (14 pts.), Berry, Mellish, Izod and indeed the whole team, reserves included, displayed the most heartening enthusiasm. Izod ran pluckily in the 880, as a first year Junior, and will do well in years to come. Terry also deserves mention; he is a much improved runner and did well to come third in a 'hotly contested' 100 yds. Gillard, like Kilford, is another boy who is likely to make a name for himself before he leaves.

I think that the fact that the Juniors did not actually win is unimportant; their general attitude toward the competition was in itself a fine achievement.

The Minors were rather outclassed and the Hurdles and the 880 were the only events in which we were at all outstanding. Starkey came second and Kilgour third in a close Hurdle race, and Starkey was third in the 880. However, our total of $41\frac{1}{2}$ pts. reflects quite favourably the achievement of a predominantly first year team. Next year Silvester, Vinall, Laming, Kilgour, Beckett and a few others should combine to form a powerful Minor team.

The Swimming Gala brought the first Senior event of the year which we failed to win. We were third in both Seniors and Juniors but second in the whole competition. We beat Blackbrook by half a point, so all those who gained one certificate may congratulate themselves that but for their individual effort we should have been third.

Mason (1st in Backstroke, 2nd in 3 Widths), Spence (2nd in 75 yd. Free Style) and Bird (2nd Diving, 3rd Plunging) formed the backbone of a team which if not brilliant was never disgraced and considering all things the Relay team did very well to get within two feet of Cams. The Juniors were not outstanding but Shepperd, Malzard, Coker, Layley and Williams all did their bit for the team. Williams was second in Diving and with Coker fourth left us half a point ahead of Blackbrook.

As I finish my last page of House Notes I should like to welcome those new boys, who have already been wise in their choice of School and who have had the good fortune of being put in School House.

You are in a House which has distinguished itself for a period of many years. Whether you are likely to be good at games or not I want you all to do your best for your House and for your School. If you can do that it matters little whether you are brilliant or not (most of us are anything but brilliant); all that matters is that you will have given all you can give; your House and your School will necessarily benefit from your presence.

P.B.A.R.

The House must this term take its farewell of Ridett who for so many years has been one of its keenest members and this last year an exceptionally good House Captain. The spirit of loyalty and enthusiasm which has he known to create has meant a great deal to the House, and his energy and ability in organisation have been invaluable. No House has ever had a more wholehearted member or Captain and I am sure everyone will wish him well in whatever he undertakes in the future. The House—and I—owe him a great debt of gratitude.

B.R.S.

Westbury

Although the Junior section of the House has done very well, the few Seniors have not been able to climb out of their last place and so have kept Westbury in the bottom position in the competition for the Reed Cup.

The first House event of last term was the Cricket competition. The Seniors, although they lost all three games, showed an improvement from previous years. In our first match, against Cams, we won the toss and put our opponents in to bat. Sheath, our opening bowler, raised our hopes when he obtained a hat-trick in his first over. The steady bowling of Spencer, Gray and Sheath, who took three wickets each, soon had Cams all out for 38. This was a promising thought to those who did not know that our Senior team could not be relied upon to reach even this small total. They lived up to expectations and the game ended when the last Westbury wicket fell with only 22 runs on the scoreboard. The greatest number of runs (6) was obtained by Lewis II, who went in at last man for a quick hit.

School House, in the second match, put us in to bat first. Spencer, our opening batsman, saw the coming and going of many players while he scored a very lucky 17 runs. Second highest score was hit by Brickwood who scored a careful 6. The last wickets fell quickly and we were all out for 37. Our opponents lost 3 wickets while attaining a score of 38, all the wickets being taken by Sheath who had a bowling analysis of 3 for 12.

The last game saw Westbury Seniors obtain the highest score since three years ago. The match was against Blackbrook who were put in to bat first. They declared when they had got 98 runs for the loss of 8 wickets, Sheath having bowled for the whole time and McLarty having taken 3 of their wickets for 27 runs. Keen, although scoring no runs like many others of the Senior team, justified his inclusion by dismissing three of the Blackbrook batsmen with excellent catches. With a quarter of an hour to go, the last Westbury wicket fell, the score being 61; 42 of the runs were scored by Sheath who played a superb game both in his bowling and batting. The spectators had the surprising sight of seeing Lewis II batting carefully and keeping his end up while Sheath kept the score mounting.

The Junior Cricket XI did not live up to expectations. There were a number of very keen cricketers in the team but there was no one who could be trusted to hit a grand total. Evidence of this was shown in their first match when the Junior team (captained by Agius) dismissed the strong Cams team for 43. This score was largely obtained by two of the Cams later batsmen, the earlier batsmen having been dismissed with only a small score on the board. Calderhead and Agius bowled well and took 6 for 13 and 3 for 16 respectively. However, our Junior team, being afraid of the Cams bowlers, were soon all out for 4, only two of the batsmen scoring.

The Junior team batted first in the match against School House. Again the batting was poor and the last wicket fell when Westbury had scored 24 runs; top scorer being Agius with 7. The Westbury bowlers soon had School House in trouble and many wickets fell before our opponents were in sight of winning. The finish proved to be exciting when the last School House batsmen held out and they won by 2 wickets.

In the last match, versus Blackbrook, Westbury Juniors batted first and were all out for 26. Then the Westbury bowlers took steady toll of the Blackbrook wickets and their last man was out when the score stood at 25. Thus the Juniors had won a match and saved themselves from last place in the Junior House Cricket Competition. There were no outstanding Juniors who deserve to be mentioned for spectacular displays.

The Sports, although drawn out over many days, were exciting as usual. The Minors did very well in coming second in their competition, largely owing to the superb efforts of Calderhead who obtained one first and three second positions. The Minor High Jump was a thrilling event to watch, both Calderhead and Harrison (Blackbrook) beat the previous record. In the 100 yds, 220 yds. and the Long Jump Calderhead

came second. The jump which gave him second place in the Long Jump beat the record he set up last year. Noot did well to follow Calderhead into third place in the 220 yds. and the Long Jump, and to come third in the 440 yds. Lineham ran a very plucky race when he obtained second place in the 880 yds.

The Juniors put up a fine show in the Sports. The first place they won was obtained by a team and not by any individual; this is illustrated by the fact that Field (who gained most points for Westbury) was 5 points behind the winner of the Junior Victor Ludorum. Sheath ran well and came first in the two events he entered. Field jumped well to come first and second in the Long Jump and High Jump respectively. Rutter I won the Half Mile by sheer strength and sprinted, faster than it was thought possible for him, to keep our lead in the Relay. The Relay team of Field, Sheath, Rutter I and Smart won the event with a fine performance. Shreeve completed the team and came third in the Hurdles and fourth in the High Jump.

At the Swimming Gala the Juniors did very well by coming second, only a few points behind the winners. Again I have to tell of Calderhead who came first in the 50 yds. Free Style and the Plunging. Hainsworth swam well (an improvement on his diving) and obtained first place in the Three Widths and came second in the 50 yds. Back Stroke. Payne and Holden also gave credit to the House.

The Senior total stood at 0 throughout the gala until the last event when the diving of Kemp gave us the large total of one point.

I hope this year will see Westbury on the up grade, helped by those who did so well in the Juniors last year and who will now gain some points for the House in the Senior Competitions.

A.R.

The Revealing

Softly, steadily, from out the silent night
 Upwards he casts the rays of rapturous light,
 Now gaining in the never ending fight;
 O'er far horizon, rises from the grave
 In which he plunged himself and slowly gave
 His realm to his dependent slave,
 The moon, in mellow reverie.
 Ascending he displays himself, the one
 Who shows all beauty in his too short run
 Of life : he is the unconquerable Sun!

R.L.T. (IVa)

The Sea Bed

In the depths below at sea
 Wonderful things are found,
 For the beautiful flowers and rocks
 Are better than any on ground.
 Colourful fish glide in and out.
 Jelly fish, anemones, never a sound;
 Sea weeds like curtains of marvellous hues,
 Reds and greens, purples and blues;
 Bright yellow sand, pink or white coral,
 Jet black rocks in a world amoral.
 So if you thought the sea bed was sand,
 It's far from that, and very grand.

A.J.D. (1a)

Morning

The world is held in the sun's warm caress;
 The sky is of palest blue; the talons
 Of day have long encroached on the darkness;
 The grass, enlaced with dewy diamonds,
 Brilliant scions of the departed night,
 Spreads its verdurous carpet for the sight
 And inner ecstasy of all beings
 Of sensibility; some lone lark sings
 A soaring aubade in the silent sky,
 Serenades from the heart the glowing day,
 While, in hopeless envy, a pert magpie
 Warbles, nearby, a raucous roundelay.
 The roses, as if to please only born,
 Waft me the fragrance of a summer morn.

M.J.C. (VI Arts)

Old Priceans' Association

The Summer Reunion of the Association, held at the School on Saturday, July 4th, was very well attended, and all present had a most enjoyable afternoon. An indication of the attendance is that we taxed the very hospitable catering arrangements by sitting down ninety-five strong to tea, and the School field presented quite an animated appearance during the afternoon.

It was extremely gratifying that we were able to raise a team good enough to win the 1st XI game, which we did decisively, by nine wickets. After so many years, it was good to see again both Bernard and Dick Swinstead. Our success owed a lot to the bowling of the former.

We noticed a critical eye being cast upon the play by Bob Coghlan, home again after many years tea planting in India, whose prowess with the bat has, we believe, never been equalled.

Our very warm thanks are again due to Mr. Shaw, on whose shoulders has fallen the task of arranging these Old Boys fixtures. His job is not always easy, and members will assist him greatly by letting him know *early* if they want to play in any of the matches.

After the match, many members took advantage of the lovely weather to inspect the new Science buildings, now nearing completion. Pleasure in the knowledge that, after so many years of inadequate housing in the old hut, the School will soon have accommodation worthy of its Science Masters was tempered by the regret that we all feel in the news that Mr. Shaddock is retiring at the end of the Summer term.

Always a staunch supporter (and at times a friendly and constructive critic) of the Association, Mr. Shaddock is the last Master to be known by all generations of O.Ps. His work for the School needs no eulogies on my part, but I know that he will carry with him into his retirement the affection and good wishes of us all. His acceptance of a Vice-Presidency will ensure his regular and welcome attendance at our functions.

The Annual General Meeting was rather better attended than usual, and after the Minutes of the previous meeting had been read, Mr. Ashton, our President, gave an interesting account of the activities of the School during the past year.

Your Secretary and Treasurer then made his report, showing a satisfactory expansion of both membership and finances. A copy of the Statement of Accounts appears in this issue.

The following Officers were then elected :—

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—M. W. Gardner.

Hon. Assistant Secretary—E. G. Dimmer.

Committee—E. R. J. Hinxman, A. E. Blanch, E. R. Webb, C. F. Coghlan, N. C. Hyde and R. J. Hamper.

Hon. Auditor—J. C. Heath.

The meeting unanimously approved the purchase of a hockey stick for presentation to the Captain of Hockey at the commencement of his term of office as a small act of devotion to the memory of Mr. Johnston, who did so much for the game at Price's. It was resolved that this should be known as the "Johnston Stick," and that in order to make this an annual award, a resolution should be placed on the Agenda of each future A.G.M.

Discussion then took place on the proposed unveiling of the War Memorial plaque, which thanks to the generosity of an Old Boy has now been fixed in position in the School Hall. It was decided that this should be unveiled, and a suitable Service should be held, at some time to be decided during the next Reunion on Saturday, November 7th.

Will members please make a note of this date. The arrangements include the Soccer Match against the School, the unveiling of the War Memorial plaque and, in the evening, the Annual Dinner of the Association at Pyle's Restaurant. Further details will be circularised in due course, and I trust that early application will be made for Dinner tickets, as your Secretary faces a hopeless task if this is left until the last minute.

A new address list accompanies this issue of *The Lion*. If any address is known to be wrong, or where it is in doubt, I shall be glad to be advised. I shall also be grateful if members when writing to me at any time, will advise me for record purposes of any rank (Service or Civil), decorations or qualifications.

We welcome the following new members :—

B. E. Jackman, 42, Findon Road, Gosport.

R. C. Dimmock, Centymca, Gt. Russell St., London, W.C.1.

R. Bloomfield, Aboukir, Brook Lane, Sarisbury Green.

J. G. Priestley, 109, Paxton Road, Fareham.

J. S. Coombes, 37, Wych Lane, Gosport.

G. J. Malcolm, 35, Sinclair Road, Kensington, W.14.

R. F. Stapley, Doric, Kiln Road, Fareham.





We celebrated the Coronation with a small Dinner at 'The Red Lion,' Fleet Street on June 17th. Although the attendance was not very impressive, it was encouraging that most of those present were of the younger generation.

Prior to the Dinner a meeting was held, something revolutionary in London Section, which has through the years carried on with the minimum of formality. The occasion, was used to confirm a change in the office of Secretary. I have been privileged to occupy the post for a great many years and have always enjoyed doing it, although my efficiency has, I am sure, been a matter of grave doubt. However, the success of such a body as ours depends on strong support by the younger element and it is very necessary to have a Secretary of this generation. Thus I am delighted that P. J. C. Keemer has agreed to take on the job. I am sure that under his direction L.S.O.P. will go from strength to strength and I appeal to all London-based O.P.s. to rally to his support. G. J. Malcolm has taken on the job of Sports Secretary and is at present engaged in the task of finding out what talent is available. There is a hard core of cricketers and hockey players anxious to get going, but we want more before teams can be put in the field.

The meeting also resolved that monthly meetings should be re-instituted. They are to be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 'The Red Lion,' Red Lion Court, Fleet Street (100 yards west of 'Daily Telegraph' building) from 6.30 p.m. There is to be no formality and little expense attached to these functions, which will simply give London-based O.P.s and, we hope, those passing through, the chance of a congenial chat over such refreshment as suits their individual taste.

Those present on June 17th were :—

D. Holliday, R. C. Dimmock, N. G. Densham, J. G. Priestley, G. J. Malcolm, L. R. Biggs, M. C. Privett, A. D. Hayward, A. S. Hobbs, P. J. C. Keemer, B. G. Buckley.

BRIAN BUCKLEY

I am sure I speak for all members of the London Section in thanking Brian Buckley most heartily for the work he has carried out during the past fifteen years. I can only hope that they will all continue to give their support to the section in the future, not only at the monthly meetings but also in any sports fixtures that George Malcolm may be able to arrange.

I can assure any O.P.s finding themselves in London for the first time of a very warm welcome if they come along; we all hope to see many more new faces in the near future.

PETER KEEMER



OLD PRICEANS' ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY, 1953

1951/52 RECEIPTS				1951/52 PAYMENTS			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
			Balance at 1st March, 1952	169	7	3½	22 5 0 " Lions " ...
34	17	6	Subscriptions paid ...	37	2	6	3 9 0 Stationery ...
1	17	6	Paid in advance ...	10	0	0	3 19 6 Printing ...
7	10	0	Arrears paid ...	2	15	0	10 0 0 Donation to Price's School Games Fund ...
7	6		From Life Members on account of " Lions " ...				— Loss on Annual Dinner ...
1	2	0	Profit on Annual Dinner				6 14 1 Secretarial expenses ...
2	1	9	Bank Interest ...	2	2	7	3 11 5½ Cash in hand ...
—			Donations ...	1	4	0	81 0 6 Cash at Bank—Current a/c
							84 15 4 Deposit a/c
			£213 1 4½				£213 1 4½

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

38 0 0	Balance at 1st March, 1952	28	0	0	28 0 0	Balance in hand ...	29	2	6
20 15 0	Donations ...	1	2	6					
			£29 2 6				£29 2 6		

I have examined the above statements together with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and find them to be in accordance therewith. I have verified the balances at the Bank.

J. C. HEATH, Hon. Auditor.

MAURICE W. GARDNER, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

14th July, 1953.