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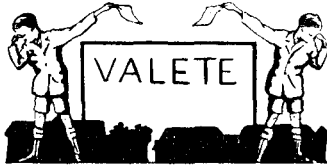
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THE SPRING TERM was marked by vile weather, a General Inspection and the opening of the new Science Block. Owing to the first our hockey suffered very severely; not only were many fixtures scratched but many boys hardly got a game and the teams in future years are likely to suffer in consequence. This is all the more unfortunate after the general rise in standards last year. However, the field can hardly ever have been wetter and what fixtures were not scratched had to be played on our opponents' grounds or at Bath Lane.

The General Inspection, a remarkably thorough one, was survived rather than enjoyed. We trust that it will not only have a bracing moral effect, but may also lead to improvements in our material surroundings, of which the new laboratories may be forerunners. These in themselves, a fine block of buildings, must be enormously welcome to all who do work in the Sciences, but we all realise that they are at the beginning of our necessary developments and not the completion.

We were very pleased to welcome to the Staff Mr. W. O. Siney and trust that he will have a long and happy association with the School. On the other hand we have lost Mr. Howe who came to us after the war and we wish him every success in his new career.



CAMS—R. N. Martin, R. A. Leigh, D. E. Stevens, A. F. Taylor.  
 SCHOOL HOUSE—M. D. Hiscock.



CAMS—J. D. Brammer, A. H. Williams, I. J. Newman, M. F. Lisle.  
 SCHOOL HOUSE—R. S. Clitheroe.  
 WESTBURY—G. R. Brown.

## Examination Results

**Sandhurst Entrance** : A. C. Cossens.  
**Civil Service Clerical** : L. E. Watkins.

## Cadet Corps

There is very little of importance to report this term. Apart from normal training activities the only feature has been the Certificate 'A' Part II Examination, held at Hilsea on April 12th ; 28 cadets were entered and 19 were successful. This is a fairly satisfactory result. It appears from the report that the weakness was in drill. There are good reasons for our drill not being of the highest class but there is only one reason why it is not good enough for you to pass Cert. 'A,' and that is lack of keenness during drill instruction. Everyone can do good drill if he tries hard enough and the more you try the more enjoyable becomes the period of instruction.

New N.C.O's and promotions have been announced. Congratulations to those who have made the grade ; remember the responsibilities of your position.

This term will be very busy as we have the General Inspection on July 20th, which I want to be an outstanding success and it can be so if we get the full co-operation of everyone.

Following the Inspection will be camp, which is at Castle Martin and should be a great success if the weather is good.

Finally we must thank B.S.M. Cossens, who has just left, for his services to the Corps, and wish him the greatest success in his career as an officer in the British Army.

T.H.

## The Music Society

Whether or no this Hilary term has been characterised by a general lull in all School activities, it is certain that the Music Society has suffered a slight waning of interest, judging, that is, by the numbers who regularly attend our meetings; it is to be hoped that this is only a passing phase and that the enthusiasm of the Michaelmas term will soon be restored. I must, since news of an official nature does not seem to travel very rapidly in the School, emphasise the fact that we now meet fortnightly on Tuesdays and no longer on Fridays. This change may well account in a great measure for the lower attendance of which I have complained above. Members also seem conveniently oblivious of the fact that subscriptions are due every term; I would plead for a little more spontaneity in paying them in the future.

The important event of the term was the Fareham Philharmonic Society concert which was held on March 24th in the School Hall. Mr. Burrige and the orchestra are to be congratulated on providing a most enjoyable evening. Their handling of Haydn and Mozart was both capable and sympathetic and their interpretation of Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings" was greatly appreciated. We are deeply grateful to them for their visit. A goodly number of parents and friends of the School attended and also proved most generous in the collection which was taken. Our finances have now a firm foundation. There have been several other very interesting concerts; the first of the term was given by Orchard and was devoted to music of the eighteenth century. It was a joy to hear, in his well-chosen programme, so much objective beauty of sound, an end to which the great classicists ever aspired and which they so often achieved. Next, we surprised the School (and ourselves!) by sponsoring a jazz concert, introduced by Pitt and Wright; their choice was very wide and while the "dilettanti" remained unmoved in their preference for music, we had to admit that jazz was enjoyable enough in its own very raucous way. Barker then presented two programmes from his own collection of gramophone records. Both concerts contained some fine music, including the very original suite from "Schwanda the Bagpiper"; Barker's introductions to the records were lively and often amusing and, in the second concert he did not seem perturbed in the slightest by the presence of two inspectors. The excellence of both these meetings only served to increase the sense of disappointment at their deplorably low attendance. The last concert of the term, of a general vocal nature, was presented by Lewis; in it we heard many styles of singing and were able to renew acquaintance with such old favourites as the "Three Folksongs" by Benjamin Britten and Grieg's "Solweig's Song." A happy ending to the term's music and again we must thank Reed for our continued use of his gramophone.

M.J.C.

## Chess Club

Although the somewhat sensational progress of last term has not been maintained, the Club has been fairly prosperous. The seemingly interminable League Tournament has at last been concluded, having run for nearly a year. Although only eleven players completed the requisite qualifying number of twenty games, more than fifty members have participated. Positions were judged, with this minimum, on the basis of points per games played, and, as was generally expected, Downer won by a comfortable margin, and was presented by the headmaster with a book token on the last day of term.

The tournament has proved to be of great benefit to the club. It is certainly the most grandiose scheme upon which the club has yet embarked, and has fostered a new spirit of competition throughout the entire Club, which has raised considerably the standard of play. It is certain that there will be plenty of members to take the place of members of the senior team who will not be with us next season.

Of the team members, only Bellamy seems to have had a really successful season, with four wins to his credit; Jacobs has been useful when available, but Downer, Lewis, Keen and Orchard have played, although soundly, not very successfully, and little support has been forthcoming from the lower boards. However, since this is our first season, we can hardly expect astounding success, and with experience, it is to be hoped that our standard will improve. For no matter how soundly beaten, we were never disgraced.

A word of commendation is due to Jacobs, who ably aided, has ably catered for all our home matches, save one.

We have changed our headquarters twice this term. Our earlier meetings were held in the Library, after we had forsaken the discomforts of the old Physics Hut in its last stages of decrepitude, and when the new Science Wing was opened, we made a further move to the new Physics Laboratory, where members may still enjoy a comfortable game, despite the somewhat excessive width of the benches.

Since we may be fairly certain of an attendance, meetings of the Club will continue during next term, when it is proposed to hold an eliminating tournament for junior players. If any of the lower school who are not members, but who are interested, will come to one of our meetings, we shall be pleased to enrol them as members. G.E.O.

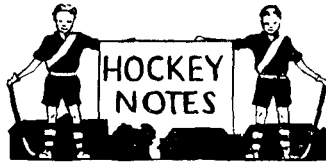
## LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

### FINAL POSITIONS

|               | P. | W. | D. | L. | %  |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1. Downer     | 20 | 19 | 0  | 1  | 95 |
| 2. Keen       | 20 | 16 | 1  | 3  | 83 |
| 3. Coker      | 26 | 21 | 0  | 5  | 81 |
| 4. Lewis      | 22 | 16 | 0  | 6  | 76 |
| 5. Johnson    | 21 | 14 | 0  | 7  | 67 |
| 6. Orchard    | 25 | 16 | 0  | 9  | 64 |
| 7. Laming     | 21 | 12 | 2  | 7  | 62 |
| 8. Potier     | 20 | 10 | 1  | 9  | 53 |
| 9. Roberts    | 22 | 11 | 1  | 10 | 52 |
| 10. Crowle II | 28 | 14 | 1  | 13 | 51 |
| 11. Crowle I  | 27 | 11 | 3  | 13 | 46 |

### MATCH RESULTS

|                         | Games |                       | Games |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Gosport C.G.S. ..       | 8     | Price's School ..     | 1     |
| Price's School ..       | 1½    | St. John's College .. | 4½    |
| Price's School ..       | 4     | Purbrook C.H.S. ..    | 5     |
| Price's School, Juniors | 3     | Fareham M.S.S. ..     | 6     |



## FIRST ELEVEN

### Churcher's College

Won 5-1

As is becoming the usual circumstance, we played our first match with virtually no practice, and against a team which had defeated us heavily last year. However, we avenged ourselves, and after a rather tentative first half, during which Rudling scored, his and Gillard's opportunism gave us four goals which we scarcely merited.

With eight of last year's team we had the basis of a very strong side if we could overcome a certain inability in the forward line to score for we cannot always rely on Rudling being given quite so much freedom in every match. Adams and Purkis played very powerfully and Cardy gave a promising display, whilst it was very gratifying to see Gillard on the left wing looking dangerous in the circle, and his goal was a just reward.

### Peter Symond's

Won 4-3

With memories of our crushing victory of a season ago still lingering in our minds, it was rather jarring to find that we were three goals down, as a result, of some very ineffectual play, when we were playing "up the mountain." However, having improved our position through Rudling's goal, we dominated play in the second half when the terrain was in our favour, and goals came from Gillard, Cossens, and Harvey. Perhaps it was the pitch but there was a distinct lack of solidarity in the defence which the forwards made amends for by scoring whenever the opportunity arose. Apart from Rudling, who plays well from habit, Gillard was very thrustful, and his goal resulted from a brilliant run from the half-way line, whereas the wing halves, when given more freedom in the second half, were quite constructive. Now that Cossens and Harvey have acquired the "scoring touch" one hopes that it will be retained.

### King Edward VI

Lost 1-3

This was a most enjoyable game although the result was rather unsatisfactory for all the goals were very "soft." Conditions were ideal and at half-time we should have been leading by more than a goal scored by Cossens. In the second half our opponents scored three times and we were unable to penetrate their defence. This game showed that our attack was weak when Rudling was marked closely and in the second half King Edwards' half back line completely controlled the play. Purkis and Cardy played very well throughout and were continually pushing the ball through. Adams was sound whilst Gullick in the face of a stream of attacks down the right wing defended very stoutly.

### R.A.F. Calshot

Won 3-2

The last game had necessitated some changes and Wooden and Tutton were brought in at centre-forward and inside-left respectively and Rudling moved to inside-right. This might in ordinary circumstances have resulted in some improvement but owing to our opponents' play was vigorous and the ball was often in the air. Although this was not a game for constructive play, once more the forwards failed to take the chances

which were offered to them. Nevertheless we recovered from two goals down and scored through Wooden, Tutton, and Kemp. The defence showed a certain susceptibility to the hit and run methods of the opposing forwards.

### Taunton's

Drew 2-2

This was the last match of the term and was played on a small, and very uneven, pitch. Rudling remained at inside-right, but Gillard was moved to centre-forward and Cossens and Harvey returned to form the left wing. Rudling scored early in the game but we were under extreme pressure which resulted in a large number of corners and our opponents equalised following a robust attack in which Purkis was injured. The game continued vigorously and in the second-half Rudling again scored but Taunton's levelled the score and went close to winning near the end.

There was a marked improvement in the team and the whole side played well. Harvey and Cossens combined effectively on the left wing; Gillard, although subdued, showed some enterprise in a strange position and Kilford made a welcome return to his true form.

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This term has resulted in over half of the matches not being played because of the harshness of the weather. Consequently the team has had little time to settle down but next year there should be a strong nucleus around which to build. The credit for the Hockey that was played must go to Purkis who shouldered the heavy responsibility of fixture arranging because of Mr. Shaw's unfortunate illness. I should like to thank Rudling, as vice-captain, for his endeavours to inspire his fellow forwards by his own example and hard foraging and to congratulate him, Kilford and Adams on being chosen for the county team to play in the Inter-County tournament at Lavington Park during the holidays. D.P.

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It is only fair to add that Percival himself was again selected to play in the Inter-County tournament though his injury prevented him from taking part; and also that the School was fortunate, Mr. Shaw being absent, in having a captain of his experience and ability to lead the side, once again with conspicuous success.

H.R.T.

### SECOND ELEVEN

|                          |    |    |          |
|--------------------------|----|----|----------|
| Price's v. Peter Symonds | .. | .. | Drew 1-1 |
| Price's v. King Edward   | .. | .. | Lost 1-5 |
| Price's v. Taunton's     | .. | .. | Drew 2-2 |

All three games were played away and provided an opportunity for pleasant coach rides to Winchester, Southampton and Woolston.

The first match, against Peter Symond's, was played on a fine day on a pitch which was firm in spite of the bad weather that has caused many of our matches to be cancelled this season. This was the first time the team had played together and the second occasion they had played hockey. Consequently the team took some time to settle down. Each team scored its goal in the first half, Wooden being the scorer for the School. Farmer and Ambrose at inside and outside right respectively cut through our opponents' defence on many occasions, baffling them by exchanging positions. However, no more goals were forthcoming, and a draw was a fair result.

King Edward's were indeed a superior opponent in our second match. They dominated the game from the start and had scored three goals before half-time. Farmer was the scorer for us in the second half when the School XI showed a slight improvement.

The last 2nd XI game was a very enjoyable one against Taunton's. The pitch was very small, but as our opponents were not used to it either, it affected both teams to the same degree. Also, Taunton's wore blue and white shirts which made the game even more confusing. Farmer and Wooden scored for us in the first half; Wooden's goal was a very good one; the goal-keeper did not stand a chance, for Wooden hit the ball from a few feet outside the goal near the line and it went into the opposite top corner of the net. The balance of play remained in our favour during the second half but it was Taunton's who scored twice. Rutter I played very well in goal, his kicking of the ball was remarkable, and a remark of one of our opponents who asked "Does he play football?" does credit to his hockey goal-keeping.

A.R.R.

## HOUSE MATCHES

|              |    |   |            |    |   |
|--------------|----|---|------------|----|---|
| Blackbrook   | .. | 3 | Cams       | .. | 1 |
| School House | .. | 5 | Westbury   | .. | 1 |
| Blackbrook   | .. | 2 | Westbury   | .. | 0 |
| School House | .. | 2 | Cams       | .. | 0 |
| School House | .. | 1 | Blackbrook | .. | 0 |
| Cams         | .. | 3 | Westbury   | .. | 3 |

## The Steeplechase

The Steeplechase had a somewhat chequered history. Practice was disrupted by the weather, the event was postponed and finally was run over an improvised course, the usual one being hopelessly unfit. Consequently it is rather difficult to compare the runners with their predecessors, but clearly Cams are to be congratulated on a fine win in the Juniors and on putting up a great fight in the Seniors where they had comparatively few runners. They owe a great deal to their House Captain, Lewis, for the energy and enthusiasm he devoted to their training.

The Junior race was well won by Pallett. Resolutely though Phelan ran he could not command the easy stride of the winner who always seemed to have a little in hand. The Senior, as so often, was a mild surprise. Adams who twice previously was second only to Coombes was off form and two newcomers from Cams distinguished themselves greatly. Harvey thoroughly deserved his win: he was soon in the lead and increased it throughout the middle part of the race with Ireland, running very well, and Rutter as the most likely challengers. On the homeward run, however, Ambrose put in a great effort and got a good deal closer to the leader, who may have had something in hand.

## RESULTS

| Junior |              |    |       | Senior |              |    |     |
|--------|--------------|----|-------|--------|--------------|----|-----|
| 1.     | Cams         | .. | 1595½ | 1.     | Blackbrook   | .. | 761 |
| 2.     | Westbury     | .. | 1524  | 2.     | Cams         | .. | 683 |
| 3.     | Blackbrook   | .. | 1405½ | 3.     | Westbury     | .. | 539 |
| 4.     | School House | .. | 1363  | 4.     | School House | .. | 432 |



## INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

| Junior            | Senior           |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Pallett (B)    | 1. Harvey (B)    |
| 2. Phelan (C)     | 2. Ambrose (C)   |
| 3. Powell (C)     | 3. Ireland (C)   |
| 4. Houghton (W)   | 4. Rutter (W)    |
| 5. Calderhead (W) | 5. Cardy (B)     |
| 6. Gudgeon (B)    | 6. Adams 2 (B)   |
| 7. Stamp (B)      | 7. Gillard (S)   |
| 8. Dennis (W)     | 8. McMinn (S)    |
| 9. Linehan (W)    | 9. Jacobs (C)    |
| 10. Kilgour (S)   | 10. Percival (B) |
| 11. Starkey (S)   | 11. Hayward (B)  |
| 12. Viney (W)     | 12. Field (W)    |

## Badminton Club

It is a pleasure to report a marked progress in the activities of the Club since Christmas both with regard to the standard of play on the school court and to match results. This is due to a change in policy in each sphere.

To encourage the younger and potential team members to improve their play the Vice-Chairman initiated a coaching scheme and a doubles competition for them. From the start Dalton and Mason asserted their superiority in the latter and were unbeaten although Harvey and Scale, Thompson and Farmer, and Robertson-Fox partnered by the Secretary, each gave them a hard game.

This year the Singles Tournament has produced many keen, exciting matches and not a few surprises. Adams defeated Harvey in a very close struggle but succumbed to Wooden in the third round. Both Pitt and Laming reached the quarter-finals, each knocking out two Club members. In round three Rudling, the holder, drew Purkis and surprisingly lost to him, although he took the game to deuce after being nine points behind. Purkis, Wooden, Percival and Robertson-Fox reached the semi-finals. Percival had had a fairly easy time, only Mason, who played well, reached double figures against him, and it was unfortunate that he had to scratch when he was thought to have an even chance of winning. Robertson-Fox must be complimented on his performance; he gave Wooden two good games in their semi-final, only losing 9-15, 13-15. The final went to three games, Wooden took the first 15-11 after being behind at one stage, but Purkis regained his confidence and in two most exciting, hard hitting, duels won 15-6, 15-8 to decide the match and gain the trophy. Both players played Badminton worthy of a tournament final, their smashes and returns were of a very high class indeed. The play-off for the cup which will be held by the non-Club entrant who progresses furthest in the tournament was also an exciting match. Laming won the first game but Pitt had squared the match and was leading 13-7 in the third game when Laming started to fight back and magnificently succeeding in winning 5-4 in deuce. By his fine play Laming has shown that, with experience, he could become a really good player in the quite near future.

A. C. Purkis has captained the team for the past three seasons and it is fitting that in this, his last, he has led the team to five wins from six matches and has been greatly instrumental himself in these successes. Since partnering Rudling in the number one pair he has recaptured his old form, and the fact that this pair has only lost two games in the term, and that he won the Singles Tournament shows him to be a fine player.

D.G.K.

#### MATCH RESULTS

|                    |    |    |                           |    |    |   |
|--------------------|----|----|---------------------------|----|----|---|
| Alverstoke B.C.    | .. | 3  | Price's School            | .. | .. | 6 |
| Price's School     | .. | 7  | St. John's College        | .. | .. | 2 |
| Price's School     | .. | 13 | Hamble B.C.               | .. | .. | 3 |
| St. John's College | .. | 9  | Price's School            | .. | .. | 6 |
| Price's School     | .. | 10 | Stoke Road Methodist B.C. | .. | .. | 6 |
| Hamble B.C.        | .. | 7  | Price's School            | .. | .. | 9 |

## Table Tennis

This term the Open and Junior Tournaments have been played and as usual the entry was very encouraging. Most competitors seemed to enjoy their games and for many of the Juniors it was their first experience on a full size surface after the ping pong of the dining table.

Contrary to most tournaments, this year there were very few surprises and the matches ran "true to form." Farmer did extremely well to reach the semi-final and hardly did himself justice against Rudling while in the other semi-final Purkis played fast and furious and deserved better than a two straight games defeat. Rudling played very competently to reach the final but seemed a little tentative with many of his returns in a match which was most enjoyable.

The Junior Competition was marked by the total eclipse of the older players by Ansell, who in his first year at the school, showed himself to possess a remarkably fine eye and a consistency with his backhand returns which quite overcame all opposition. His victory over Starkey, who is potentially rather more of a stroke player, was illustrative of this as Starkey found himself forced to abandon his normal game and was completely subdued by his younger opponent who won by three games to love; a very fine effort. Some good play resulted in Agius and Crowle I reaching the semi-final and both gave their opponents a hard match. But nevertheless it was the spirit of the lower half of the school which pervaded the tournament and with the emphasis on badminton among most club members, it remains to be seen next year if some means cannot be found to provide facilities for some of the younger members of the school to play.

Lastly, but perhaps most important, the club are deeply indebted to Martin who made the tournaments possible by his skilful and, we hope, lasting repairs to the new table. He gave up other work to complete this task and the result gives the table a solidarity which it has been lacking for some terms. Thanks must go also to Mr. Briscoe for allowing us to use the woodwork shed, and it is hoped that Martin's craftsmanship will instil a spirit of respect into club members.

D.P.

It is perhaps not quite clear from these notes that the Final of the Senior event was won by Percival.

H.R.T.

## Aeromodellers

This term the weekly meetings have been fairly regular, if uneventful. The attendance, however, has lapsed a little, and the proposed competition did not materialise, partly owing to the indisposition of the Secretary. It has been noticed that the School in general seems to have lost interest in us to some extent; this is perhaps justified, since the club makes little effort to attract attention to itself. It is suggested that to counteract this lethargy a full-scale competition should be adopted as a regular event every term, with points awarded both throughout the term for models built and in a contest for flying ability. To the winner, in addition to the usual prize, a trophy could be presented at the end of term, taking the form of a small mounted solid model.

These and other measures (for we are always open to suggestions) will do much to increase the scope and interest of the Club, but it must be stressed that if we are to succeed our finances must be sound, and all members must realise the need to pay their subscriptions as early in the term as possible. This will in future be a condition for entry in the competition and other activities.

## HOUSE NOTES

### Blackbrook

This term the Steeplechase has been decided. The house did well individually in both Seniors and Juniors with the Seniors winning their cup.

The Senior race was run over a revised course with the result that there were some serious upsets of form. Nevertheless we were able to claim the winner with a very strong and convincing run by Harvey who is a much improved runner. Cardy and Adams who came fifth and sixth respectively ran very well indeed and Percival, who with a heavy cold and without any training came tenth, exhibited typical courage. Hayward, a young runner, came eleventh which was a very good effort. Other runners worthy of mention are: Watkins who was fifteenth; Scale eighteenth; Babb twentieth; Downer, another young runner, twenty-first; Orchard twenty-second; and Gates twenty-fourth. All these helped a great deal in the ultimate victory but it must not be forgotten that nearly everyone counts and the runners that packed in lower down helped the house in no small way.

The Juniors had some very good individual runs which were unfortunately not backed up. Pallett won the race with a very plucky finish after informing all and sundry he "hadn't a hope." Gudgeon and Stamp who were sixth and seventh did very well but there were very few Blackbrook runners amongst the next thirty or forty. Thus we were third in the team event and this result emphasized the need for support of the better individuals by their weaker team mates and in this way every member of the team is of great importance to the final result.

The hockey matches were squeezed in at the end of the term and became an "Open" event, thus enabling us to strengthen our weakened team with a few juniors. In the games themselves we did as well as could be expected in the circumstances. We beat Cams 3-1 and Westbury 2-0. Unfortunately we were seriously depleted in the deciding match against School House but the whole side acquitted itself admirably and we hardly deserved to lose by the only goal scored.

It was most encouraging that apart from the established players, such as Cardy, who captained the team in the last two matches, Adams and Harvey, who all played extremely well, the house may count itself fortunate to possess many younger players who established themselves firmly in the Senior side and pulled rather more than their weight. In defence, Downer, Tomkins and Babb were very sure and confident and their stopping and clearing good, whilst Hayward, Watkins, and Dugan were thrustful and enterprising and deserved better reward than the three goals they scored. Of the juniors in the team Pallett did all that was asked of him, and in the last match it was very pleasant to see Gudgeon dribbling the ball past a county player. Scale, given the unenviable responsibility of goalkeeper, played soundly and it was unfortunate that we were deprived of his services for the last match, thus adding to our difficulties.

As a result of our endeavours we are now leading in the Reed Cup and it is hoped that the whole House will perform in the Sports, Cricket and Swimming, with the spirit and determination which they showed this term.

A.C.P. and D.P.

## Cams

This term the house won the Steeplechase for the first time for five years. We won with 2,278- points, 112 points above our nearest rival. The Seniors came second in the Senior race and the Juniors won their race. As the Steeplechase counts as only half an event we only obtained twelve points in the Reed Cup.

In the Seniors Ambrose and Ireland ran magnificently and came in second and third respectively. Ireland was just behind the leaders all the way round, passing four boys in the last mile, and won a hard struggle with Rutter for third place at the finish. Ambrose moved steadily up the field about a mile and a half from home and had only Harvey in front of him in the final stretch. He was then sixty yards behind but ran on gallantly to finish only twenty yards behind the leader. For both these boys this is their first year as Seniors and although they both ran well as Juniors this splendid achievement was quite unforeseen. Jacobs, who is still quite young, by a very good and well planned run finished ninth to give the House three in the first ten. Two older boys came next; Farmer who ran very courageously to come in sixteenth and Robertson-Fox, twenty-fifth. Pitt went round at a good pace to come twenty-eighth and then came the runners who brought the House up to second place; Bellamy thirty-first; Swatton thirty-third; Franks II thirty-fourth; Lee V thirty-sixth; Dove thirty-seventh; Jopling fortieth; Wooden forty-second; Burke forty-fourth; Adams forth-fifth and Gullick forty-seventh. Of these ten boys who packed into seventeen places the first four are all very young and were Juniors last year. The fact that the Seniors did so well was entirely because everyone in Cams made that extra effort to do his very best.

The Juniors won a resounding victory by very competent running indeed. Phelan and Powell were in the lead all the way round and Phelan would certainly have won the race if he had not been running with a half-inch thorn in his heel for the last mile of the race. His admirable tenacity in fighting his way into second place was typical of the spirit shown by all members in both races. Powell, although he made a tremendous effort towards the finish, had slightly misjudged the distance and came in third. These two brilliant individual efforts were backed up by Crofts, Schollar and Thomas I who came fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth; theirs was no mean contribution to our massive total of points. Next came Crowle I, nineteenth, Thomas II twenty-second,

and Gibson twenty-eighth. Brammer, one of our new boys, came thirty-third, Lock I thirty-fourth, Cherrington thirty-sixth and Crowle II, who ran very well to be our first first-former in, finished forty-third. These ten boys, including two pairs of brothers, all deserve great credit for their running. Our next first-former home was Moore who ran well to come in fiftieth. Blackwood, also in the first form, came in sixty-second and as there was a field of 150 this is also good.

Only the Senior Hockey matches were played this term. The team which was very well balanced tried its best but was beaten by more experienced Blackbrook and School House sides because we were unable to cope with either Percival or Rudling. We lost 3-1 to Blackbrook and 2-0 to School House. In the third game we achieved a very unsatisfactory draw against Westbury 3-3.

In the Blackbrook game the very heavy going was against our fast tactics. Farmer scored our only goal after a lot of pressure by himself and Wooden. The side started off well but could make no headway against a stronger and more able side.

Against School House we had more of the play territorially but our forwards could not score.

Against Westbury, Farmer scored two goals and Ambrose one but again the defence allowed our opponents to equalize.

In all three games Gullick and Farmer did a lot of work. Dove at times was very energetic. The defence did not do well in letting eight goals through and this partly accounts for the very disappointing showing of the side. The lack of finishing power of the forwards must also take a share of the blame. We finished third equal in the Hockey with three points in the Reed Cup. It is hard to believe that this side, which looked so promising before the Hockey and failed so dismally in it, came from the same House which won the Steeplechase so convincingly.

Our prospects are brighter next term when we should do well in the cricket and the swimming. If every boy does his best in the sports, and this means turning up for practices, we still have a chance of winning the Reed Cup. P.L.

## School House

For the first time for many terms School House found themselves at the bottom of the table in a House Competition, namely the Steeplechase. However, we did manage to win the Hockey Cup although we were rather lucky that Blackbrook had a weakened team for the final game.

In the Steeplechase we failed to pack our runners in the middle of the race as we did last year and consequently there were large gaps between our runners. Gillard and McMinn both did very well to come seventh and eighth respectively but our next runner home was Izod (nineteenth) with Lee II (twenty-seventh) after him. Winter did very well at the beginning of the race, going at a terrific speed and running several runners, including the favourite, "off their feet," but he was unable to keep going himself and collapsed and did not finish, which was rather a calamity for School House.

It was the same story in the Junior race where Kilgour, Starkey, Vinall and Silvester all ran well as did Donohoe, School House's first new-boy to finish. However we failed to consolidate the middle portions and came bottom.

These results were rather a blow to our "Reed Cup" hopes.

In the Hockey Competition it was a different story with School House winning the Cup.

In the first match against Westbury we won easily in the second-half by 5-1, after a hard-fought first half which ended in a 1-1 draw. Directly we took the lead in the second half the tired Westbury defence more or less collapsed and three more goals were added through Gillard, Terry and Mason. Rutter, the opposing goal-keeper, received a nasty cut on his face which rather marred an otherwise pleasant game.

Against Cams we won fairly easily, if not convincingly by 2-0, and although Cams attacked for most of the second-half they did not have one good shot. School House took the lead soon after the start, when a break through on the right resulted in a goal. Soon after this Gillard added another which the goalkeeper was unfortunate enough to let run through his legs. The Cams forward-line looked very dangerous, in all senses of the word, on paper, but in reality caused our defence very little trouble.

It was very unfortunate that we had to play a seriously weakened Blackbrook team with Percival injured and Purkis absent. However, the young Blackbrook players gave a very good account of themselves and deserved the praise they received. The game itself was very even with most of the play in mid-field, and, unfortunately, it was a very silly goal which decided the match. The ball was "flicked" slowly from just inside the circle towards the goal for Gillard to run on to, he did not and the goal-keeper was told to leave the ball which rolled slowly into the goal to win the game for School House. Our defence did not look too safe at times but kept the opposing forwards at bay until the end.

Kilford in goal always gave his defence confidence with his good kicking and very seldom looked in trouble. Cossens performed adequately as an emergency centre-half in place of Dalton who was unable to play. The rest of the defence was made up of Mellish and the three Lee brothers who all gave of their best and played very enthusiastically if not with great skill. The forward line reading from right to left was: McMinn, Rudling, Gillard, Terry, Mason, which performed on most occasions very well, with Gillard always a danger in the middle.

Thus by winning the Hockey we managed to put ourselves right back in the running for the Reed Cup which we can win if everybody tries hard next term in the Cricket and Sports Competitions.

Let us hope that we all come back from our holidays resolved to do this.

D.C.R.

## Westbury

Although we did quite well in both of the events last term, the number of points we gained in the competition for the Reed Cup was small compared with those being amassed by the other houses. The score-card reads "3rd, Senior Steeplechase—3 points; 2nd, Junior Steeplechase—4 points; 3rd equal, Hockey Competition—3 points." Westbury lying last in this competition have less than half the points of the House who are third. If we are to climb out of this bottom place, then we must all do exceedingly well in the house events this term.

The Steeplechase this year was run over a flat course which favoured true runners but was not so favourable to those men of stamina who will plod uphill and down dale. Rutter I was the first member of the House to reach the finishing line in the Senior event, his position being fourth. This was a grand effort, especially after his accident earlier in the week. Then Field, Smart and Scott came in at twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth respectively, each one trying to beat the other two; these were soon followed by Sheath who was seventeenth. I think all the Seniors who ran did their best and I am glad to see that some, who are in the third form and despaired at the thought of trying to complete the Senior course beat many of the older members.

The Juniors ran very well and although second, they were not many points behind the winners, Cams. Pride of place goes to Houghton, a member of the first form, who came running into fourth place looking as fresh as a daisy. His effort was fully appreciated and the School gave him a round of applause the following morning after Prayers. The other Juniors to come in the first twenty were Calderhead fifth; Dennis eighth; Linehan ninth; Vine twelfth; Osman sixteenth and Miller twentieth. This brief mention is in itself an appraisal of their efforts. I was sorry to receive so many notes from boys requiring leave-off. If these boys had run and only gained low positions, they would have obtained those extra points needed for a first place.

The first hockey match was a senior game versus School House. The first half was a very even one, both sides scoring one goal, McLarty being the scorer for Westbury. However, the second half saw an improvement in our opponent's play and a corresponding deterioration in our own. School House scored another four goals in this half, one of them after Rutler I, our goal-keeper, had had to leave the field a few minutes before the end owing to an injury.

As it had now been decided not to hold any Junior matches, the teams could now contain Juniors. The next match was against Blackbrook who fielded a weakened team. It was a very even one, but goals count; Blackbrook scored two and Westbury none. The first goal came from a corner in the first half, the shot being deflected by a member of our team; and the second after half-time when Kemp standing on the goal line and facing the goal tried to get rid of a very awkward ball. Towards the end of the game we pressed hard, but were unable to score.

Cams having also lost two games, it was left to this last match to decide who would occupy last place. The Westbury team now contained two Juniors, Agius and Matthews, in the forward line. The game was a replica of the exciting football match of the previous term; each team played its hardest throughout the game. Two goals were scored by Westbury in the first half, one by Brickwood, who received a pass from Shreeve, the scorer of the other. Cams also scored twice in this half, so things were equal at the change over. They were the first to score in the second half, but then McLarty, receiving the ball from Matthews, again made the score equal. The game remained very tense until the final whistle, especially when Cams had a corner with only a few minutes play remaining. Kemp played a very fine game in all matches; he both held the defence together and put many good passes through to the forwards. Of the remaining members of the team I can only say that there were a few disappointments in the first two games; however, everybody played his best in the Cams game.

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The Spring Reunion was, beyond all hope of play, completely washed out : indeed, the School field can never have been wetter and Old Priceans, prudently if unheroically, decided to remain home and be dry. Accordingly there is little to be recorded here of the activities of the Association. We should, however, like to congratulate G. R. Stubbington who has passed out of Sandhurst high on the list and is one of two selected by the Army authorities to go on to Cambridge.

Subscriptions for the year 1954/5 fell due on 1st March and any member who has not yet paid his subscription is requested to forward it either to me or direct to our bankers, Barclays Bank Ltd., 29, The Pavement, Chadwell Heath, Essex, by Bankers Order.

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There has been very little activity since the last issue. Unfortunately the number interested in playing cricket or hockey is insufficient to form a team at the present time. However, I do know of a cricket club which fields several XI's and has strong O.P. connections and I am told that any cricketers who are keen to play regularly would be welcome. I should be glad to pass on the names of any who are interested.

There is a similar position with an Operatic Society, where I know that O.P's would receive a warm welcome.

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