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FIRST of all we must direct our readers' attentions to the Examination results which, we venture to think, are the best the School has ever achieved. Not only were the results at Ordinary Level satisfactory but those at the Advanced Level were exceptionally good: two State Scholarships and, if we may take some credit for Chinnery who left in the course of the year, five other major awards speak for themselves. We heartily congratulate those concerned.

Despite the weather we have had another very successful season. The XI, under the captaincy of Percival, has won all its matches except two. We just managed to settle the House Match competition before the field became completely unusable and this term it was considered that our increased numbers justified a third division of the Houses. In the event the Minor matches were not only keenly contested but produced some very good football.

Less known to the School than these events but perhaps even more important for its future development was the first meeting of the reconstituted Board of Governors. We cannot here presume to do more than to wish them well and to assure them of the hearty support of all connected with the School in everything they attempt and accomplish for the benefit of William Price's foundation.



BLACKBROOK—M. R. Ashdown, A. F. Rymell, V. L. Chamberlain, R. A. Matthews
P. J. Vibert, C. W. Evans, C. J. Leslie, P. A. B. Thomas, T. Cousens, G. A.
Edwards, B. R. Bound, E. N. King, M. G. Stapley, P. C. Gritt, W. H. Thomas,
A. D. Cooper, R. H. Phebey, R. J. Bridgland, J. E. Robinson, D. A. Efford.

CAMS—D. P. Smyth, R. M. J. Wilkins, J. J. Gould, P. W. Carpenter, A. C. Palmer,
M. G. O'Connor, A. R. Datlen, R. F. Gremble, N. Ellis, J. W. Hurst, R. A.
Brent, B. M. Whemble, A. C. Baber, D. J. Vaughan, N. R. Bennett, C. R. Read,
J. Blackwood.

SCHOOL—D. P. H. Thorne, M. P. J. Hayes, J. M. Ireland, C. J. Payne, R. L. Burns
P. B. Johnson, P. J. Hogarth, M. E. Andrews, J. Reid, R. S. C. Gregory, J.
Ryan, A. O. Forder, D. Tozer, G. Noyce, M. Keith, R. E. Gisborne, A. Walker,
I. G. Williams, G. Wade-Brown.

WESTBURY—J. M. Harvey, K. E. Jordan, E. W. McLarty, P. J. Noot, M. J. Waterfall,
R. N. Brebner, R. G. Shepherd, D. N. Bevis, R. B. Freemantle, L. Y. Garvey,
A. L. Wells, J. W. Lane, D. R. Jones, R. C. Young, A. D. Lipscomb, D. N.
Brown, M. E. Pope, E. K. James.



BLACKBROOK—N. Harvey (Prefect, 1st XI Cricket and Hockey, Captain 2nd XI
Football), E. A. Butler.

CAMS—P. J. Adams, N. Ellis, W. J. Jopling, B. R. Burke, J. Pitt (Captain of Swimming).

SCHOOL HOUSE—R. G. Willis (Victor Ludorum), G. W. L. Datton, P. R. Lee,
J. Stewart.

WESTBURY—C. Rutter, M. A. Wynne, I. McLarty, M. W. Wrightson.

In Memoriam

Early in December N. Ellis died. He had only joined the School in September and was with us less than a month so he was known to comparatively few; by them he is remembered as a boy of high promise. We extend our sincerest sympathy to his parents in their loss.

Examination Results

State Scholarships: M. J. Cardy, A. C. Purkis.

County Major Scholarships: D. G. Keen, G. E. Orchard, D. Percival.

Southampton Major Scholarship: R. G. Willis.

General Certificate of Education: A—Advanced, *—Distinction, O—Ordinary
(Minimum included 30)

A. G. W. Barker (3A, 10), M. J. Cardy (3A*, 10), N. Harvey (2A), D. G. Keen (4A, 10), P. R. Lewis, (2A), G. E. Orchard (3A, 10), D. Percival (2A, 10), A. C. Purkis (2A*), A. R. Reed (3A, 10), D. E. N. R-Fox (1A, 20), D. C. Rudling (3O), C. Scale (1A, 3O), J. M. Simmons (3A), B. J. Tutton (2A, 20), R. G. Willis (3A), D. C. Wooden (1A, 20), P. J. Adams (3O), D. J. Babb (4O), C. Bevis (5O), B. R. Burke (6O), E. A. Butler (4O), E. A. Chambers (6O), P. Dugan (4O), J. C. Farmer (3O), A. E. Gullick (8O), P. J. Herbert, (6O) M. G. Jacobs (7O), D. J. Johnson (6O), W. J. Jopling (4O), J. B. Kemp (5O), W. R. Kilford (7O), M. I. Kirby (6O), I. McLarty (5O), P. McMinn (4O), M. W. Mellish (5O), J. Pitt (5O), C. B. Powell (7O), T. D. Rogers (5O), C. Rutler (5O), R. A. Short (7O), M. E. Shreeve (8O), L. E. Watkins (3O), R. Winter (4O), A. R. J. Wright, (3O).

Civil Service Clerical: P. J. Adams, W. J. Jopling.

Old Boys

H. Innocent—Honours (Upper Division, 2nd Class) Part II History Tripos, Cambridge.

C. E. Miskin—Honours (2nd Class) Final Honours School of English, Oxford.

C. J. Shaddock—Honours (1st Class) Part II, Mathematics Tripos, Cambridge.

D. G. Watts—Honours (2nd Class) Final Honours School of History, Oxford.

R. S. Chinnery—County Major Scholarship, Shropshire.

Cadet Corps

This term training has proceeded without interruption of any kind with the possible exception of the weather. This latter has resulted in much more indoor training than is usual this term. However, I am quite pleased with progress and a Certificate "A," Part I examination will be held in early January to list this progress. A Certificate "A," Part II will be held at the end of the Lent term.

With regards to the latter it has been the practice in the past to give a stripe to cadets who pass Part II. This will no longer be the case. After the Part II examination a cadre course will be held followed by a passing-out test. Also, no cadet will be promoted unless he is in the possession of boots and I am thinking, but I have not finally decided, that no N.C.O. can be made unless he has attended at least one Annual Camp. There can be no doubt that many cadets have, in the past, got their stripes too easily and I am certainly going to make it more difficult in the future.

The very best of luck to all who are leaving us and a Happy New Year to you all.

T.H.

The Dramatic Society

After last year's mishap it was necessary for the Dramatic Society to present a play which would restore its prestige and re-erect the fallen tradition of competent productions. It may safely be said that this year's School play, "The Unguarded Hour" by Bernard Merivale, has gone most of the way to doing just this; certainly the audience on each night seemed to enjoy it. It is a serious play for its fundamental purpose is to show how sometimes a number of adverse circumstances may so combine as to endanger and perhaps crush a guiltless person. The plot concerns Sir Francis Dearden, K.C., a brilliant lawyer engaged in prosecuting a man for murder. This man, Metcalfe, has been caught in a web of circumstantial evidence from which there seems no escape. Frank's wife Yvonne, appalled by the change which the law has made in her husband's character, has determined to leave him if Metcalfe hangs; while his friend, Colonel William Mason of Scotland Yard, tries to persuade him to discontinue his prosecution. Gradually Frank too becomes ensnared in the toils of circumstance so that it appears that he also has committed a murder. The predicaments of both Frank and Metcalfe are relieved by unexpected good fortune, Frank and Yvonne are reconciled and everybody, one assumes, lives happily ever after, but not before many tense moments both in court and in the lounge of the Deardens' house.

Robertson-Fox, who threw himself heart and soul into everything to do with the play, acted the long and difficult part of Frank admirably. He showed imagination, and a desire to obtain the full meaning from each one of his lines, qualities particularly noticeable in the two court scenes. Through this one part he has established himself as one of the best actors whom the school has produced in recent years. Simmons, with fewer histrionic opportunities, gave a very sound performance as Bill and contributed much to sustaining the tension of the drawing-room scenes. Moore, also, must receive considerable praise for the way in which he played Yvonne; for a boy of thirteen to portray adequately a mature and intelligent woman is no inconsiderable achievement and one feels that Moore, when he has attained to a little more understanding and emotional depth, will be a very fine actor indeed. Jacobs was the only other boy who had a part of any size and he played well a friend of the Deardens. Sir Thomas Grainger, a pompous stupid, vulgar but amusing scientist; he made the audience laugh even at his most earnest lines. Of the minor characters Savage, as the straitlaced and starched Lady Henningway, engaged in verbal battles with her irascible old husband; Thompson in the rather unexciting part of the Defending Counsel gave an extremely realistic performance; and Harvey showed considerable ability as Metcalfe, Frank's victim. They were perhaps the best but the others were not far behind them. Powell and Heritage as George and Lilian, two foppish and affected dull young things, Roberts, a competent butler; Dove, the judge at the Old Bailey, Keyzor as Diana Lewis, the airwoman, and Farmer and Coker as detectives (the latter a rather diminutive one) all maintained a very high standard. Having dealt with the actors, it would be criminal injustice not to mention the toil and sweat of the back-stage staff. First of all, Mr. Briscoe must be thanked for the beautiful job he made of both the sets, with the assistance mainly of Dove and Barnett; as always he excelled himself. Shotter, too, must be commended for his efficient stage management. To Mr. Siney, however, who produced, must go the major share of the congratulation and praise; he has had a difficult task and little time in which to perform it but he has emerged triumphant and it is to be hoped that he will produce many successful plays in the future. We must thank Mrs. Siney, too, for the help that she gave. At the close of the last performance Mrs. Ashton invited the whole cast to a delightful supper and I should like to express our gratitude to her for this.

In conclusion, I feel I should say a general word about acting. Besides being an extraordinarily stimulating and thrilling experience, acting is also exceedingly easy. In view of both these factors it is surprising that the majority of the school are diffident about appearing on the stage. Perhaps the reason for this is that most boys are self-conscious but there is no better way of losing self-consciousness than appearing in a play, for acting is intoxicating and, having acted in one play, one almost inevitably desires to appear in another. I should like the School to be more sensible of the pleasures of acting and to take some positive part in Dramatic Society functions, instead of remaining passive spectators. How very gratifying it was to see the three third-formers in the cast this year.

M.J.C.

The Music Society

Last term the Society held four meetings, two being in the usual form of gramophone concerts, while two live concerts were given by members of the school. The first, a gramophone concert was presented by Cardy, who introduced records of various kinds of music. The second concert was a new venture, consisting of piano solos and songs from members of the school, including a song from Mr. Smith. A large number attended. Our third concert was also a live one, light music being played on the piano by four members of the school.

Shortly after half-term our long-awaited gramophone equipment arrived. Robertson-Fox inaugurated it, introducing records of popular classical music kindly lent by Field. We hope that future concerts given on the gramophone will be well attended; they are well worth coming to hear.

Finally, the Society is indebted to Uniacke for the gift of some records, which should prove useful in future gramophone concerts.

J.M.S.



This has been the wettest Autumn Term on record, and many games have had to be scratched. The field has never to my knowledge been more thoroughly waterlogged and the prospect of hockey in the early weeks of next term seems a poor one.

In spite of the weather we have managed to complete a full fixture of matches and to complete the House Competition. The 1st and 2nd XIs and the Colts have all done well as will be seen from the list of results, and the House fixtures produced some good games. This year a new division was created and three teams represented each House—Minors, Juniors and Seniors. In the result this new arrangement was well justified, and revealed the presence of much talent among the younger boys, who made the most of this opportunity to do something for their Houses. It is very encouraging to know that each House can put three teams in the field without any appreciable lowering of the standard, and the experience in competitive games should be valuable when it comes to Colts' games in future years.

Cams were worthy winners of the senior division, and Blackbrook won both Junior and Minor competitions, in both cases after some close games.

Although the School Field is in a very bad condition, we have managed to complete our fixture list for the 1954 season. Only two matches have been scratched—Reading University and Northern Grammar School. This was unfortunate, as we had been looking forward to defending our unbeaten record against these two strong sides. However, in our last match against a school side, we were defeated; losing to Itchen Grammar School after a well-fought game.

When we began this season, it was thought that the loss of several stalwarts of the past would make team-building very difficult. As usual in School football, their absence has been made good. Several players have made excellent progress and the standard of play has been high. In particular I should like to commend the manner in which all members of the team have played. Each game has been tackled in a vigorous and forthright manner, and in a gentlemanly spirit.

I should like to congratulate Ambrose upon being chosen to represent the Hampshire Grammar Schools F.A. in their match against the Dorset Grammar Schools XI at Bournemouth Gasworks ground on January 5th, 1955. Unfortunately, although nominated for the Trials, Kilford had an examination appointment and could not attend. I believe he would have had an excellent chance of selection.

M.H.J.

D. Percival (Captain; Inside Left). Under his leadership each player has given of his best. Excellent ball control and a good shot. His work in defence and attack has contributed largely to the success of his team.

W. R. Kilford (Vice-Captain, Goalkeeper). Good positional sense, safe hands and a great deal of daring. He has all the attributes of an excellent goal-keeper, including the height, and has played extremely well this season.

M. L. Dove (Left Full Back). Converted from a half-back position. Has tried hard but he must improve his tackling and first-time kicking.

D. R. Adams (Right Full Back). A fast player whose greatest asset is his determination never to give up.

A. E. Gullick (Centre Half). Has adequately filled the centre of the field. Tall and long-legged he has often broken up an attack with a judicious push through to his forwards.

M. J. Cardy (Left Half). A hard-working player who has combined attack and defence quite well.

R. R. Ireland (Right Half). One of the most-improved players in the side. He has consistently advanced and combines well with his forwards. Although sound in defence he is essentially an attacking half back.

M. P. Gillard (Outside-Right). Sound and hard-working. He has played some clever and thoughtful games.

M. J. Ambrose (Inside Right). A very talented player who, with his Captain, has been the cause of the successful season. Exceptionally good ball control; a deceptive swerving approach; and finishing power in both feet. He tackles hard and well, and is equally difficult to dispossess.

J. C. Farmer (Centre Forward). A great success in the centre forward position, he has scored in every match. No strategist but direct and fast; he has played hard and well.

D. A. Mason (Outside Left). Tall and strong he has played well. Yet he would be more effective if he realised that he had the beating of many a back. More solo efforts required.

D. E. N. Robertson-Fox. A word of praise to one who has acted as regular linesman to the team in fair weather and foul. He has performed a sometimes-neglected job scrupulously and honestly.

I. McLarty. On the two occasions when his services were required he responded really well. Has played at Centre Forward and at Left Half and acquitted himself well in both positions.

1st XI REPORTS

T. Hilton's XI

Home Lost 1-3

For this match we were very unsettled as to the composition of the team and the outcome was that the side did not settle down and show any of the form which was later to win seven matches. Consequently we were deservedly beaten by a Mr. Hilton's team which possessed many good, sound players. We were two goals down at half-time and except for some promising movements on the right it appeared that the penalty which was conceded would be our only method of scoring. Indeed this match quickly became a practice and it was much needed.

Away

St. Mary's College

Won 6-0

After the first match we were rather apprehensive as to what to expect, especially as we had achieved a crushing victory the year before and wished to maintain the balance of power. However, the team proceeded to outplay its opponents and a resounding victory was the result. Some enterprise was shown by Farmer at centre-forward and his four goals were well deserved. Some foresight was given of the attacking strength of the right-wing triangle Ambrose Gillard, and Ireland. Ambrose created many openings and looked the almost complete inside-forward he became in subsequent matches. The defence was more solid and Adams played a storming game at back. This win inspired the team with confidence and we were looking forward to our next game on Portsdown Hill with considerable anticipation.

Away

Purbrook P.C.H.S.

Won 7-4

On a pitch which has usually seen us produce our worst form it was very gratifying to win so well. Straight from the start it became apparent that there was a fundamental difference in the style of the two teams. As their main endeavour was to keep the ball moving quickly they correspondingly suffered by not possessing any forward with the ability to work the ball. As a result our inside forwards were able to play havoc with a defence which was unused to this kind of play and which was exposed to this weakness. Consequently great gaps were created and many scoring chances offered. However, these were not all taken and it is no exaggeration to estimate the lowest possible number of goals which we should have scored as ten. Although the forward line played so well the defence was very insecure against the thrust of our opponents and the four goals we gave away are evidence of the lack of solidity and confidence which would have resulted in the annihilation of our opponents.

Home

Peter Symond's School

Won 3-1

This game is always looked upon as one of our sternest contests and this year it resulted in our most notable victory. Playing down the slope, as became the usual practice on winning the toss, we established a two goal lead. Although defending for most of the second half a breakaway goal was sufficient to keep us two goals ahead, owing largely to some good goalkeeping by Kilford.

Ambrose was again most constructive and in the second half he covered an enormous amount of ground. The forward line worked well in the first half but were rather swamped when playing up the slope. This game showed that our style of play was going to produce many goals against opposing teams if we could prevent them scoring an equal number against us. Farmer, who seemed always to be on the spot at the required moment, was distinguishing himself as an opportunist and, well prompted by Ambrose and attacking wing-halves, was becoming the spearhead of the attack.

Home

Gosport C.G.S.

Won 6-2

In excellent conditions we attacked for most of the first half hour and scored three goals against a team which, at this stage, appeared very weak. However, they improved and scored a good goal which inspired them to play with great vigour. Nevertheless we maintained our attacks and added three more goals to our score and although at the finish defending sternly we emerged comfortable winners. Two goals from Farmer, and goals from Ambrose and Gillard emphasised our forward superiority.

This match showed that we might be overwhelmed by fierce tackling and our attack completely unsettled if unable to hold the ball. Kilford was back to his best form and the right wing worked very smoothly together.

Home

Portsmouth Southern G.S.

Won 3-1

This game was remarkable for the lethargic manner with which most of the players regarded what is often a most arduous way of spending an afternoon. The pattern of the game was set in the first minute when a very soft shot from Mason was pushed through his own legs by the goalkeeper. This had the effect of completely demoralising the Southern Grammar team and the promise which they occasionally showed was never blended into a concerted effort. As is so often the case our team became affected and little substantial play was forthcoming. One excellent move was all that shone in a very mediocre game; Mason received the ball just inside our opponents' half and after an excellent run he scored with a lovely cross-shot. It was unfortunate that he only showed this form in flashes during the season.

Home

Old Priceans

Won 6-1

In what must have been the worst conditions endured by twenty-two players on the School field for many years, we beat an Old Priceans' team which was slightly stronger than last year's, but there was no all round strength and individual players of the calibre of Rudling, Daysh and Gwilliam were rendered comparatively ineffective. Goals were scored by Farmer (three), Mason and Ambrose. As a result of the excellent game which he played Ambrose was awarded his Colours. The whole side overcame the conditions very well and Gillard and Ireland attacked very successfully.

I look forward to the time when, as an Old Pricean, we are able to field a team to thrash the School thoroughly, and I hope that the members of the Association will rally to the task of reasserting themselves.

Home

Portsmouth Banks F.C.

Won 4-1

This is usually one of the more difficult games but owing to the fact that the Banks now field a team in the Portsmouth League their side was considerably weaker than that normally facing us. The conditions were very wet and the game was much closer than the score suggests. Mason and Gillard scored our goals and two isolated goals in the second half were responsible for our nominal supremacy. The opposing forward line was very ineffective and as a result our defence was not exposed to any perpetual danger. Cardy played his best game of the season and Adams was a menace to the opposition by the way in which he sprinted many times up the wing when the Banks' players were tired and unable to suppress him.

Away

Itchen G.S.

Lost 3-5

This was a renewal of an old fixture and our opponents were something of an unknown quantity. They soon showed that they were a very hard tackling side and as a result their defence was difficult to pierce. After a high centre, carried by the wind, had deceived Kilford we quickly scored three goals. This seemed to ensure a clear win for us but before half-time our defence had conceded two soft goals. We were rather eager for the second half to begin as we had the slope and a strong wind in our favour. Disillusionment quickly followed and some defence in depth prevented us opening up the game. Itchen used to playing against the slope, moved the ball very quickly and twice exposed our slowness in covering, thus deciding the game.

It was unfortunate that our unbeaten record should be destroyed in a match which did not really reveal our strength, but some credit must go to Itchen and I hope that next year Kilford will reverse the result.

Away

Southampton University "A"

Won 4-3

University sides usually play extremely hard but this year the match was thoroughly enjoyable, owing largely to the efficiency of the referee who maintained a firm hold on the game.

Starting brilliantly we outplayed the University and scored three good goals. During this period Ambrose, Gillard and Ireland combined well and created many opportunities. At this stage the opposing forward line seemed distinctly poor but after the start of the second half they played together and overran our defence. Victory was only assured by a very lucky own goal at a time when we were outplayed. In this half Farmer shewed his usefulness to the team by his persistence. On the whole this was a good victory but I would not have been ashamed if the University had succeeded in drawing.

It has been very gratifying to captain a side which has responded so well to my exhortations. Indeed I must apologise to many of the team for shouting at them when they were trying their best, but I must say that it was from the sincere conviction that they would do even better, which very often they did. I am indebted to Kilford as vice-captain for his efforts as the last line of defence and hope that next year he will have such a response from his team as I have done. My congratulations go to Ambrose on his selection for the County Schools XI, an honour which he thoroughly deserves for his sustained contribution to the team's success. Of the newcomers to the team, Farmer, by his outstanding ability to score goals, Gillard and Ireland have developed most promisingly and supplemented the more experienced members of the team, Cardy and Adams, who added much

solidity to the side. I should like to thank Robertson-Fox quite earnestly for his excellence as linesman, an excellence which at times, on account of his fairness, gave the other side an unfair advantage. As his deputy on two occasions, Maidment showed a fine spirit which might well be copied by many members of the School.

D.P.

2nd XI FOOTBALL

Of the five games arranged for the 2nd XI, three, those against Gosport County, Portsmouth Northern Grammar, and Portsmouth Banks, have been won, so taking all in all it may be said that the 2nd XI has had a successful season.

In the game against Gosport County, Wooden, Shreeve, and Butler all scored good goals, in a game which the team well deserved to win. Against Portsmouth Northern Grammar, the team played very well, and thanks to good goals by Dugan and McLarty, and to the fact that Thompson managed to save a penalty, were able to win a very good game. The game against Portsmouth Banks was the only one which the team won easily, Mellish scoring his first hat-trick. The team were also very unlucky in losing to Purbrook P.C.H.S., and Portsmouth Southern Grammar.

Although at times there has been a regrettable tendency to treat things too casually, most of the games have been very enjoyable. Pitt, Dalton, and Butler have all played well.

N.H.

COLTS' XI

The Colts' XI has had a successful season, losing only one of its games. Under the captaincy of Lock, who has been playing well at left back, this team has scored 24 goals and conceded 9 only, a considerable improvement on the previous year (1 for and 30 against).

It was to be expected that we should be able to field a stronger side this year as last year's team were well within the age limit and few changes were necessary. The side was strengthened by the inclusion of newcomer Collins whose enthusiasm at centre forward has shown other forwards how to snap up half chances and turn them to account.

The half-back line has improved considerably although, let it be noted, with some erratic performances on its right flank. Calderhead at right back has acquitted himself satisfactorily, making good progress. Gibson, never stylish, has distinguished himself by hard work particularly in the last game which was played against a side stronger than one would imagine when considering the score. Evans and Starkey at inside forward have both worked hard although invariably lacking the advantage physically. Donohoe has improved a great deal and has been a constant worry to opposing defences. Pallett's goal keeping has been safe at all times, lacking a little in confidence at first but eventually settling down well.

We have been unfortunate with regard to the weather and the use of the field for although only two matches were cancelled, the opportunities for training and ball practice have been all too few. Finally, good luck to those who will be over Colt age next year. I expect to see at least three of them holding regular first team places .

Colts' Results

| | | | | |
|-----------|----|-----------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Price's 5 | .. | St. Mary's 1 | Price's 1 | Portsmouth Southern 4 |
| Price's 4 | .. | Peter Symonds 1 | Price's 10 | .. Itchen 0 |

HOUSE MATCHES

| 1st XI | | | | Juniors (Under 15) | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|--------------|--------------------|--------------|---|----|--------------|---|
| Blackbrook | 1 | .. | School House | 0 | Blackbrook | 2 | .. | School House | 2 |
| Cams | 7 | .. | Westbury | 0 | Cams | 1 | .. | Westbury | 1 |
| Cams | 3 | .. | Blackbrook | 1 | Blackbrook | 3 | .. | Cams | 2 |
| School House | 7 | .. | Westbury | 0 | School House | 2 | .. | Westbury | 2 |
| Blackbrook | 12 | .. | Westbury | 1 | Blackbrook | 5 | .. | Westbury | 1 |
| Cams | 4 | .. | School House | 1 | Cams | 2 | .. | School House | 1 |

Minors (Under 13)

| | | | | |
|--------------|---|----|--------------|---|
| Blackbrook | 4 | .. | School House | 1 |
| Westbury | 5 | .. | Cams | 0 |
| Blackbrook | 3 | .. | Cams | 0 |
| Westbury | 5 | .. | School House | 2 |
| Blackbrook | 2 | .. | Westbury | 1 |
| School House | 5 | .. | Cams | 3 |

Chess Club

This term two outside matches were played and a handicap league tournament was started.

The first match was against Gosport C.H.S. Last season when we played Gosport we lost 8-1 Gosport had five of last season's players in a team of seven and we won 6½-½. There was little opposition to our top six boards and Roberts was unlucky to draw his match when he had superior strength.

Team : Keen, Downer, Johnson, Coker, Bellamy, Jacobs, Roberts.

The second match was against Fareham S.M. when the team was a junior team strengthened by Downer and Roberts. Downer was very lucky to draw his match. Adshead, Crowle I and Crowle II won their matches with comparative ease and although Potier took longer he was never in serious trouble. We won by 4½-2½. We should like to express our thanks to the parents for supplying the refreshments.

Team : Downer, Roberts, Adshead, Crowle I, Crowle II, Potier, Targett.

Handicap Tournament

| | | H'cap | P. | W. | D. | L. | Pts. | Av. | |
|----|-----------|-------|----|----|----|----|------|------|-----|
| 1. | Crowle I | .. | 2 | 21 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 102½ | 4.9 |
| 2. | Crowle II | .. | 2 | 19 | 14 | 0 | 5 | 92 | 4.8 |
| 3. | Adshead | .. | 2 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 66½ | 5.5 |
| 4. | Potier | .. | 2 | 18 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 58 | 3.2 |
| 5. | Evans II | .. | 3 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 57 | 4.0 |
| 6. | Shepperd | .. | 2 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 42½ | 3.3 |
| 7. | Uniache | .. | 3 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 36 | 4.0 |
| 8. | Jacobs | .. | 1 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 36 | 3.6 |

The above table shows the leading eight positions. Those with a handicap of two seem to have had the best results. Adsheed had a long run of wins until he drew with Downer and was beaten by D. Johnson. Downer has only lost one and drawn one and other senior team players have met with varied success although fighting a losing battle with the points. The tournament finishes at the end of next term and there is still time for more entries.

Finally Mr. Royds Jones must be thanked for patiently teaching the younger members; and more prompt paying of subscriptions would be appreciated.

M.G.J.

Badminton Club

This term the membership figure has reached the record figure of 31 and the general standard augurs well for teams in future years. With the passing of so many experienced team players since last season the standard of the team badminton has dropped a little but Dalton, Harvey, Shorter and Thompson have filled the vacancies adequately if not expertly.

Among the new members Gullick, Kilford and McLarty all show particular promise and many others are developing into steady club members.

The erection of the stage and the consequent shortening of the court has prevented the best badminton from being played but next term should show a marked improvement.

Three matches have been played this term, of which we won one and lost two.

These notes must not be concluded without expressing our deep gratitude to the Sports Committee for its financial assistance in a rather expensive term.

MATCH REPORTS

October 8th **Purbrook Park C.H.S. B.C.** **Home**

We played this match in response to a "challenge" from our opponents and we were assured of very strong opposition. We won 15 games to 1 game.

November 6th **Bishop's Waltham B.C.** **Away**

This match was played under the captaincy of the vice-chairman, Keen, in the absence of Percival. We were beaten by 6 games to 10 and the team had an otherwise enjoyable evening despite the weather.

December 9th **Bridgemary B.C.** **Away**

The club sent out a very sub-strength team as we were without the captain, two members of the team and the first reserve. The remaining regular team members were split up to display our forces to the best advantage and to give confidence to the inexperienced players. Although we lost by 11 games to 5 valuable experience was gained and in the circumstances the team acquitted themselves reasonably well. It is to be hoped that a stronger side will meet Bridgemary in the return match next term.

D.E.N.R.-F.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

This term we are leading in the Reed Cup through what is a more combined effort than is usual during the Christmas Term. It was decided to include in the House Competition a Minor section and it is with much pleasure that I am able to say that the House responded admirably to this new scheme. Most gratifying was the performance of the Minors, who were ably captained and exhorted by Dugan II. Having overcome School House by 4-1, the team proceeded to beat Cams 3-0, and to win what was a very close game against Westbury with a goal by Stapley after a half-time score of 1-1. The promise shown by many members of this young side bodes very well for the House in the future. Cooper and Marsh, outstanding half-backs, and Stapley, a full back converted to centre-forward, are players who established themselves in the team. Emery, around whom the team was built, gave the essential solidity to the defence.

This teamwork was emphasised by the success of the Juniors who also won their cup. Led by a determined and constructive half-back in Gudgeon, they responded as a team and, having drawn with School House, won victories over Cams and Westbury, the latter occasioned by four good goals from Stamp and a consequent win by five goals to one. A very steady defence with Lawrence most effective at centre-half was supported by a thrustful forward line in which Harrison, Stamp, and Evans were always dangerous. Altogether the team played very well and it is to be hoped that their success will infiltrate into the Senior team next year.

Unfortunately the Seniors disappointed rather badly. Although this year possessing a safe and capable goalkeeper in Pallett, the team with many good individual players failed to blend and remained divided as a defence and forward line, each foreign to the existence of the other. Therefore whilst many players are worthy of mention little can be said for the team as a whole. The 1st XI players, Cardy and Adams, played steadily and Harvey was quite safe at centre-half. Dugan I was excellent at half-back and Hayward was always threatening to score. The match against School House was narrowly won by one goal although the inside-left missed a penalty. We lost to Cams 3-1 and overcame Westbury by twelve goals to one.

I hope that the House, having enjoyed a very merry Christmas holiday, will return from the welcomed rest prepared and willing to maintain our position in the struggles to be endured in the Steeplechase and in the Hockey matches.

D.P.

These notes are consecrated to a tradition—that they should deal with sporting events—which I feel impelled to break. Last July two members of the House, Cardy and Purkis, gained State Scholarships and two more, Orchard and Percival, gained County Major Scholarships. I think that should go down as a record: may it be broken soon!

H.R.T.

Cams

The minor team, under the able and competent captaincy of Herring, have shown a surprising amount of spirit and, in some quarters, a considerable amount of skill. The main trouble and therefore the main reason for their lack of success has been the tendency of many of the team to play as individuals and not to distribute the ball to the wings where Pond on the left played capably and Wheble on the right played with a spark of brilliance that promises well for the House in future years. Others deserving mention for their football are Brent at inside left, Read in the half-back line and Herring and Lock II in defence.

The juniors lost to Blackbrook, 3-2, drew with Westbury 1-1, and beat School House 2-1. In the first match against Westbury the sides were very evenly matched although Cams had the best of the play in the second half. Gay scored and a draw was a fair result. In the Blackbrook match the team was without Lock I at left-back and this affected the result of the game in which Gay and Schollar scored one goal each. Thomas played well at left back and Gibson in the forward line did a lot of hard work to keep the play in the opposite half. The match with School House saw Kirby II back strengthening the left wing and Lock I playing hard. Gibson and Kirby both scored. Schollar playing in an unusual position at right-half played a good game. The team deserved to win in a hard-fought game. Lock I and Phelan, who have both captained the side, are both to be congratulated both for their football and for the way they have led the team. Phelan always played hard and well and has been a mainstay of the defence. Others deserving credit are Hardwick, Powell II, Crowle I, Brammar, and Crofts who has played well in goal.

Among the Seniors, who won all their matches, Ambrose and Gullick deserve special mention. Ambrose, at inside right, played a wandering game, was always in the right position at the right moment, and always used the ball to the best advantage. In none of the matches could he be marked efficiently. Gullick, centre-half, effectively closed the centre of the opposing forward line and when required kept the wings under control. His dependability in any situation was a great source of confidence to the rest of the team. Thompson, goalkeeper, was very safe on most occasions and had the rest of the team made as few mistakes as he did scores might look quite different. Farmer made the most of his opportunities at centre forward and scored 7 of the team's 14 goals; a commendable achievement. Dove and Wooden in their respective positions at right-half and left wing have both given their best.

In conclusion I should like to express my gratitude to Gullick who, as House Sports Captain, has captained the House on the field. He played a "captain's game" in every sense of the phrase and has been a constant source of encouragement and at times inspiration both to myself and the rest of the House.

D.E.N.R-F.

School House

School House did not do so well in the Football competitions this term but this was not due to lack of spirit. In our first match against Blackbrook, the Seniors lost 1-0. Throughout this game the team, as a whole, played hard with the Lee brothers outstanding. The Juniors drew, and after being 2-0 down fought back well and goals were scored by Donohoe and Laming. The Minors, blotted out of the game, lost 4-1; Ireland scored School's only goal.

Against Westbury, the Seniors were superior and won 7-0, Mason scoring a "hat-trick." The Juniors once more drew 2-2, after being 2-0 down they recovered well and goals were scored by Donohoe and Targett. The Minors, lost 5-3, but played hard until near the end when they collapsed and were overrun by their opponents.

In the final match, against Cams, after a very exciting match the Seniors lost 4-1. The team played very hard throughout, with Leech outstanding, and until the last ten minutes when School were tired out the result was in doubt. The Juniors lost 2-1 and being 2-0 down at half-time, once more, fought back but could only score one goal. The Minors gained their only win, 5-3; this was due to the play of Noyce, who scored 4 goals, and Ireland in the forwards, and Payne II in the defence.

In the Seniors the Lee brothers were outstanding in all the matches. In the Juniors Starkey was the dominant figure; Donohoe also played well. In the Minors there are several promising new boys of whom Payne II and Ireland II are outstanding.

Next term I hope, and know, that everyone in the House will play very hard in the Hockey matches (weather permitting) and in the steeplechase, because as long as we play hard we cannot lose.

W.R.K.

Westbury

It has been the Minors, and to a lesser extent the Juniors, who have attempted to revive the traditions of the House this term.

The Senior soccer team, losing 7-0 to both Cams and School House and 12-1 to Blackbrook, was the weakest House side for some years. With such a lack of natural talent in the House little else could be expected. Exceptions must be made; I. McLarty and Shreeve, especially, were outstanding in every game, and though overworked in defence were responsible for most attacking movements; Callender stopped many attacks; and Field, because of his speed, was the only really dangerous forward. Supporting two or three "star" players these would have provided the basis of a strong team, but carrying their weaker team-mates they were ineffective. The remainder of the team tried very hard in every game and never gave up but were invariably outplayed; Kirby was often a nuisance to the opposition; Smart scored the goal against Blackbrook; the others were always full of determination; but enthusiasm, itself so praiseworthy, neither makes up for lack of skill nor compensates for serious mistakes. Some comment must be made on C. Rutter's departure; he has always been willing to play in positions both onerous and dangerous. The score in the Cams game was no reflection on his goalkeeping and his loss was thereafter felt.

The Juniors had some success in their competition, drawing with Cams and School House to share third place. Outstanding in defence were Agius, Calderhead and Matthews; Holmes was generally safe in goal; Dennis scored against Cams, Dennis and Vine against School House and Linehan the consolation goal when Blackbrook won 5-1. All these, together with Holden and Rowling, deserve mention as mainstays of the team.

The Minors came near to winning the under-13 competition. Blackbrook only beat them by the odd goal in three in the deciding match. Cams were beaten 5-1 and, although the match was closer than the score suggests, Westbury always looked the better team. Jones and Storey scored two goals each and Pugh the other. Against School House the team was 2-0 down at half-time but recovered very well to win with goals by Sherlock (3), Pugh and Storey. The match with Blackbrook was close and tense. Blackbrook were leading 1-0 at half-time in spite of fine defensive work by Miller. With the aid of the slope Westbury attacked strongly and Jones equalised. Thus encouraged they forced their opponents on the defensive but could not obtain the vital goal, and a breakaway by Blackbrook in the closing minutes again put them in the lead to decide the match.

Impressive during the series were combinative movements by Waterfall, James, McLarty and especially Pugh, who has made an excellent captain. Osman was a safe goalkeeper throughout. With such potentiality as this the eventual rehabilitation of the House is assured.

D.G.K.

The Preparation of a School Play

In most schools there is a Dramatic Society which in most years presents a school play. This school play is the object of much interested discussion by the School as soon as the rumour has spread round that Smith minor is going to be a woman.

After a few days Smith minor is beginning to wonder what stupid impulse made him accept the part. He realises, however, that it is too late to back out and decides that, after all, he may turn out to be another Laurence Olivier and so puts all his spare energy into learning his lines. It is to be hoped that all the other members of the cast are being equally conscientious, but is also extremely doubtful.

Then of course comes the artists' paradise, that of painting the scenery. But of course, the first necessity is a stage, so along come the wood workers with their implements of destruction and build the stage. While this is going on, the odd curse echoing round the Theatre (Hall has given way to a more prepossessing term), as the boy in the roof hits his thumb with the hammer, the Dramatic Society secretary stands in the background, rubbing his hands gleefully as he thinks of the money rolling in, and then he thinks of last year and the rubbing of hands abruptly stops. Now, it is the artists' turn. They arrive with barrels of distemper, brushes and old clothes. They paint pink trees on the walls, blue grass outside and then the art master arrives and work begins in earnest. When the stage is complete and looking very nice, a small boy creeps in and paints in red the name of his girl friend in a position on the wall where it can be most clearly seen by the audience. After he and the red paint have been dealt with it is realized the dress rehearsal is dangerously near. Immediately all the slackers rush off to learn their lines and cues. Then the costumes arrive with the wigs closely following and are promptly sent back because

they are the wrong ones. However, through all the chaos, the Dramatic Society struggle triumphantly through and the dress rehearsal (apart from a few minor upheavals) goes pretty much according to plan.

Then comes the Big Night. The audience file in in their ones and twos with their sons in close attendance, proudly pointing out that their house won the hopscotch cup last year and have a reasonably decent chance this year. As the minutes tick by the audience becomes more and more impatient. At last there is a movement of the curtains but is only Smith minor peeping out to see where his mother and father are sitting. Then there is another movement of the curtains and the audience hush expectantly, but the strings controlling the curtains break and they have to be opened by hand. However, the audience cheer like mad, and to an accompaniment of crackling toffee papers, and with a strong smell of oranges pervading the air the actors warm to their theme and everything goes pretty much according to plan.

At last, however, like all good things, the play has to come to an end and the audience wend their way home, and after the actors have gone the great hall adds something more to its long list of memories, and the shining silver cups look at the honours boards and remember the boys who once fought for the honour of holding them.

M.G.S.



Only a few members were able to attend the Christmas Dinner on December 8th which was held this year at The Grand Grill, Strand, it being agreed that a table at a restaurant would be more suitable than a room at the "Red Lion." The evening was a great success and it was decided to hold all future meetings of the L.S.O.P. there. Those present were, D. C. T. Humphries, M. Privett, A. D. Hayward, G. J. Malcolm, D. C. Priddon and P. G. Watts.

It may be of interest to Old Priceans in London that one of our members can introduce them to a good Hockey Club. Anyone who is interested should contact me.

I should like to send best wishes for the New Year to all Old Priceans and I trust that one of the resolutions of those in London will be to attend our meetings whenever possible.

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The Winter Re-union of the Association was held at the School on Saturday, November 6th. It was a pity that we could not produce a stronger Old Boys' side for the Soccer Match against the School, who won 6-1. I cannot too strongly urge members, particularly the younger ones, to come along and play in our various fixtures. Unless the Past can really make an effort to raise a side of some merit, the Present will soon lose interest in giving us a game at all. Furthermore in the past we have often fielded a 2nd XI, (albeit sometimes of doubtful quality), and with our membership standing at the highest it has ever been, I can see no valid reason why this cannot be repeated.

In this context I would remind members of the Hockey fixture, which will be on Saturday, March 19th. In view of our past prowess while at School, there must be sufficient Old Boys who have not forgotten how to play hockey, fit and able to play once again. I therefore beg all members still with the ability to wield a hockey stick to send in their names to Mr. Shaw as soon as possible.

To return to the November Re-union, after tea very kindly provided by the School, members re-assembled at Pyle's Restaurant in the evening for the Annual Dinner of the Association. Our guests were Mr. V. T. Keen and D. Percival, the Head of the School. Mr. Ashton was in the Chair, and those present included three Vice-Presidents, Mr. Bradly, E. R. J. Hinxman, and Mr. Shaddock, seven members of the Staff, and thirty-one Old Boys. In spite of the rather smaller gathering than usual, we enjoyed a very good dinner, and spent a most pleasant evening. It was unfortunate that so many regulars were unable to be with us this year, but it is sincerely hoped that they will all resume attendance next year.

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