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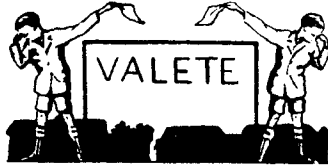
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THERE are this term no exceptional events to record, as is apt to be the case in a Spring term. Despite the determined opposition of the weather we have been able to carry out a great many of our sporting fixtures. In particular, this year Houses were able to put two hockey teams in the field and the Steeplechase for the first time was run in three divisions.

We have to congratulate Lewis who will be going up to Oxford in the autumn and Cardy, Percival and Simmons who will be following him after National Service. In these days when entry is so strongly competitive their success is a real achievement.

At Hockey we had a good team which remained invincible until it met a combination of Maidment and ten Old Priceans. Three of the team played in the County Grammar School side which was captained by Percival, who later had the honour of captaining the Combined Schools side in a representative match.

Some time ago Mr. Marsh presented to us two prints, one of Portchester Castle and one of Place House. These have now been hung in the Library and we thank Mr. Marsh once again for his generosity.



BLACKBROOK—M. J. Cardy (State Scholar, Prefect, 1st XI Football, Hockey, Cricket, Sec. of Dramatic Society, Ch. of Music Society), K. A. Gudgeon, B. R. A. Matthews, K. A. J. Matthews, P. C. Gritt, P. A. Tregunna.

CAMS—R. R. Ireland (1st XI Football, Hockey), J. E. Barnett.

SCHOOL HOUSE—D. G. Terry (1st XI Football), G. A. Heath.

WESTBURY—M. W. Wrightson, D. Osman, M. L. Hainsworth, B. A. Newman.

Salvete

M. G. Heath, R. G. King, A. E. Pettiford, I. G. Windebank, G. A. Heath.

Cadet Corps

The term started with a Certificate "A" Pt. 1 Board in which 23 cadets passed and 14 failed. This result is fairly satisfactory but a higher standard is now required and cadets can no longer pass unless they get at least 50% in every subject.

Apart from this, normal training has been pursued and there is undoubtedly an improvement shown in the general standard.

Next term begins with a Certificate "A" Pt. II examination and it is hoped that a good percentage will pass. After this a cadre course will be held for the successful candidates followed by a passing out examination. Then, and only then, will promotions be announced.

Following this examination, on May 17th, will be the Annual Inspection, carried out this year by Col. Buchanan. As this is our inspection by the War Office it is still more important that we provide an excellent turn-out. The corps can look very smart and uniforms must be got up especially well for the Inspection. Army Camp, which will be held at Windmill Hill, near Tidworth, will open on July 26th and finish on August 3rd. I should like a good number to attend and remember that all cadets should attend at least once during their time with the corps.

R.A.F. camp is in S. Wales and I hope that it will be successful and that you get plenty of flying.

My best wishes to all who are leaving.

T.H.

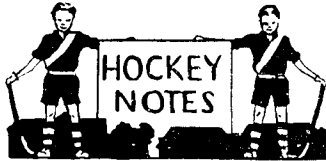
The Music Society

Owing to lack of enthusiasm in the school, Society activities were limited to two concerts last term. The first was presented by Cardy, who introduced records of light classical music. The second consisted of piano solos of popular music given by Kirby and Cardy. I am sorry to say that attendance at these concerts was very disappointing.

As it would appear that the Christmas term is the most popular one for concerts, it is to be hoped that next school year attendance will recover. The music at these concerts, whether it be on gramophone records or live, is very interesting and well worth staying for a short while after school to listen to. It is hoped to cater for all tastes—from Bach to boogie.

Finally, a word about Cardy. One of the founders of the Society, he has worked hard to keep it going through a difficult time. The Society will be lucky if it finds such a spirited and hard-working Chairman as he was.

J.M.S.



As the results show this has been a most successful season : the strength of the team may be judged by the fact that Percival captained the County side and Kilford and Adams were also chosen. Percival later captained the side which represented combined Grammar Schools. The team indeed owed a great deal to Percival who has not only been one of the best players we have ever had but has also been a most inspiring captain : he will be badly missed next season for he has been a tower of strength for years.

Almost the only disappointing feature of the season was the weather, which caused the cancellation of some fixtures and made our ground impossible to use for a long period. Consequently most of the school, and particularly the younger part, played very little hockey. Only one Colts match could be played and the team was a trifle unlucky to lose 3-2 to a good Taunton's side. Hardwick made a good captain and is a player of great promise. Starkey and Laming too were most useful, though Laming might remember that while his speech is no more than cupro-nickel his silence would be golden.

For the first time for many years each house fielded two teams and the junior matches showed clearly how a little practice serves to raise the standard greatly.

FIRST ELEVEN

St. Vincent

Away—**Won 2-1**

It is the custom to start this term in an unusual manner, and this year was no exception. Owing to the condition of the St. Vincent ground we received the invitation to play the match on the parade ground. Although somewhat staggered at this we accepted in order to gain experience. Having been furnished with hockey sticks by our opponents a start was made. We endeavoured to play hockey but control over the ball and attempts at teamwork were rather difficult.

Complete lack of covering in the defence enabled our opponents to score early in the first half. This was quickly followed by an excellent goal from Adams who worked his way through from the half-way line. Gradually our confidence grew but it was only by an amusing incident that we scored the winning goal. A dog (almost certainly the Admiral's) interfered with play and a shot which was going wide hit the animal on the side and dropped nicely in front of Gillard, who promptly scooped the ball into the goal.

Havant IV

Away—**Won 3-0**

This match was against a team we had beaten 13-1 two years ago. A long journey took us to Hayling Island with the prospect of some snow showers during the afternoon. From the bully-off we were much too fast for our opponents but there was a lack of incisiveness in the forward line. The defence was quite solid and Gullick and Thompson, although he was a little wild at times, played safely and in co-ordination with the wing-halves, Cardy and Dove. Of the forwards Gillard and Wooden were hitting the ball quite hard if lacking somewhat in direction. Unfortunately Adams was injured soon after the start and was unable to play up to his ability. One must commend Ireland who was asked to play in the team without any practice and on this and subsequent occasions acquitted himself quite well. It seemed that with more practice we should have quite a strong side.

Taunton's School

Away—**Won 4-3**

Taunton's are always a strong side and a hard game was anticipated. We were hard pressed at the start but the team soon began playing well and Wooden scored a freakish goal by chipping the ball over the head of the advancing goalkeeper. After a bad defensive slip had enabled our opponents to equalise Gillard scored.

In the second half weakness in defence twice gave away goals but we won by two very good goals from Ireland and Adams. In general the defence was quite steady and the forward line played enterprisingly. Adams, at inside right for this match, as he remained for the rest of the season, was at his best, particularly in the second half.

Fareham II

Away—**Won 2-0**

The Fareham team was composed in such a manner as to include seven ex-Priceans, and the spirit of rivalry was prevelant from the start. Nevertheless the team soon set up incessant attacks, but unfortunately we did not reap the full reward and the only goal we scored was a of very scrambling nature. Our forward line was much too quick for the Fareham defence and Adams, Gillard and Hayward were in complete control.

The game continued in the same manner during the second half and we obtained another scrambled goal. The score gives little reflection of the play and just on half-time Dove had to receive attention for a damaged finger and could scarcely hold a stick in the second half. Cardy at right-half played his best game of the season and controlled his side of the field while setting up a good service to the forwards.

Churcher's College

Away—**Won 1-0**

We had heard so much of the reputation which Churcher's had acquired that we were not quite sure of their real strength. The coach journey was very pleasant and the snow which was apparent on the hills portended the snow showers which we duly received during the afternoon.

At one end the pitch was extremely rough and although it was very difficult for the forwards to work the ball it was equally difficult for the defence to hit. By some very steady play we managed to keep our opponents from scoring and a mistake by their goalkeeper allowed Gillard to put us into the lead. During the second half we were defending hard for the first quarter of an hour but Kilford at last showed his form of the previous season and played superbly. The defence tackled hard and the forward line created several easy opportunities which were tossed aside. Gullick and Thompson at back played very well as did the halves, Mason and Cardy. Even allowing for the fact that the forward line did not play as well as it had done in the previous matches, this was easily our most notable victory.

Bournemouth Collegiate School

Away—**Drew 0-0**

We travelled to Bournemouth on the crest of a wave of success and came to earth with a heavy bump. For the last three years we had beaten them decisively but this year we played on a very fast pitch and although completely out-playing Bournemouth our forwards did not possess the degree of skill which was required to have complete control of the ball and always at the crucial moment it ran loose to a defender. As the game progressed a feeling of inevitability overshadowed the play.

The inside forwards missed three easy chances in the first half, and it was not until the very end of the game that we again looked like scoring. This should have been our sixth successive victory, but instead it only accentuated our limitations.

Old Priceans

Home—**Lost 1-2**

It is most satisfying to record that the Old Priceans at last fielded a hockey team capable of extending the School. It must be hoped that this balance of power will be maintained in future years.

The School pitch was hard and in good condition. The game was played at a fast pace, but our forwards did not take advantage of their initial superiority. However, in the first half particularly, Gillard played very well and with Farmer was very thrustful. We scored only once when Turner deflected the ball into his own net. That this lead was not sufficient was proved when Ellis scored a first class goal to equalise. Following this we went very close to scoring several times but Maidment, whom we had lent to the Old Priceans as they lacked a goalkeeper, made many good saves. The Old Priceans scored the winning goal when our defence made an unaccountable mistake.

Owing to injuries and illness we had four reserves playing, but even so one can say that this was the most enjoyable match of the term.

It is usual to achieve better results than anticipated at the beginning of the term. One factor which has contributed to the success of the team was the dexterity with which Adams forsook the shackles of full back and became an enterprising inside-forward. Kilford has laboured successfully in the task of recovering his best form. Gullick has been most steady at full back, and his combination with a rather ferocious Thompson has puzzled most teams. Cardy has played extremely well at right half throughout the term and Gillard at centre forward with his thrustful play has been a valuable member of the team. I should like to congratulate Adams and Kilford on being chosen for the County Schools representative team to play in the Easter festival at Seaford College.

The deficiencies of the team have been off-set by an admirable spirit. Unfortunately most of the matches had to be arranged on opponents' pitches and the school has had little opportunity to watch and exhort. The weather improved as the months progressed and a most satisfactory term left most of the team wishing to turn back the hands of time.

D.P.

Second Eleven.

The second eleven started their season by playing Taunton II away. The team, which had not been able to get any practise on account of the weather, did well to hold the more experienced Taunton side to 9 goals to 3. We had a bad start, 3 goals being scored against us in the first ten minutes. Towards the end of the game the play was more evenly balanced; a pointer to this is that our 3 goals, by Phelan, Mason and Tomkins, were all scored in the second half. Mason played hard and competently as centre-half and Bellamy on the right wing was a constant danger to the opposing defence.

In the match with Churcher's College the second eleven, captained by Kirby, were again outplayed by a better team. The score of 6 goals to nil must not be taken as a reflection on the goalkeeper, who in this match and subsequently was Maidment who played a very fine game.

The last match was versus Bournemouth Collegiate 2nd XI and here we were able to repair our former losses. From the outset it was apparent that we had the advantage both in strength and in skill. Ambrose particularly, showed good ball control and shooting; he scored 11 goals. Pallett (2), Dugan, and Harrison with one own goal brought the final score to 16-0.

Hardwick, Harrison and Shreeve in the defence played steadily and so did Bellamy in attack. Pallett gave reason for hope that with experience he would make a good centre forward when his services were not required as goal-keeper.

D.E.N.R.F.

HOUSE MATCHES

1st XI

Blackbrook ..	1	School House ..	0
Cams ..	3	Westbury ..	0
Blackbrook ..	1	Cams ..	0
School House ..	5	Westbury ..	0
Blackbrook ..	7	Westbury ..	0
Cams ..	2	School House ..	0

COLTS

School House ..	7	Blackbrook ..	0
Cams ..	2	Westbury ..	0
Blackbrook ..	0	Cams ..	0
School House ..	5	Westbury ..	0
Blackbrook ..	1	Westbury ..	0
School House ..	2	Cams ..	0

The Steeplechase

For the first time the Steeplechase was run in three divisions instead of two and this arrangement gave more chance to younger boys to distinguish themselves.

In the Seniors there was a desperate race between Adams and Ireland which Adams just won. The Junior and Minor winners, Phelan and Donohoe, were big strong boys who looked very formidable runners.

It does not seem certain that we have evolved a very satisfactory system of scoring and certainly numbers count for a lot. Thus Blackbrook won the Juniors and School House the Minors through the number of their runners rather than any outstanding merit that most of them possessed. Moreover it must be said that a good many runners would have brought more credit to their Houses and their own reputations if they had put in more effort.

RESULTS

Senior	Junior	Minor
1. Adams (B)	1. Phelan (C)	1. Donohoe (S)
2. Ireland (C)	2. Linehan (W)	2. Crowle II (C)
3. Jacobs (C)	3. Houghton (W)	3. Pugh (W)
4. Smart (W)	4. Gudgeon (B)	4. James (C)
5. Gillard (S)	5. Dennis (W)	5. Couzens (B)
6. Izod (S)	6. Starkey (S)	6. Phillips (S)
7. Franks II (C)	7. Osman (W)	7. Read I (C)
8. Gates (B)	8. Laming (S)	8. Forder (S)
9. Hayward (B)	9. Calderhead (W)	9. Cooper (B)
10. Franks I (B)	10. Miller (W)	10. Adams II (B)

Senior	Junior	Minor
1. Cams 298	1. Blackbrook .. 537	1. School House .. 752
2. Blackbrook .. 249	2. Westbury .. 439	2. Blackbrook .. 652
3. School House .. 178	3. School House 357	3. Cams 456
4. Westbury .. 170	4. Cams .. 320	4. Westbury .. 417

Badminton Club

The badminton this term has been a little disappointing; few of the new members of last term have developed to a standard comparable to that of previous years; Gullick, Gillard and Kilford alone have shown real promise. Other members will have to work hard at their game to reach a "team standard" for next season.

Only two of the four matches projected for this term have been played on account of the lack of response from Alverstoke B.C. The first of these two matches against Bridgemary B.C. was a disappointment; we lost by 6 games to 10. This was, to a certain extent, on account of difficulties in pairing. Dove and Wooden appeared reasonably settled and Shotter and Mason, a left-hander, were developing a good understanding, but Keen and Thompson were obviously unhappy together, and pairs were changed for the next match. We beat Bishop's Waltham B.C. in the return match by 11 games to 8, Thompson now playing with Gullick and Percival playing with Keen.

The annual tournament which has occupied the major part of the last half of term was won by Percival who beat Thompson in two straight games. There were surprises; Emery, Gleed, Dugan II and Ireland all gave good accounts of themselves and Dugan II and Ireland went on to fight out between themselves who should have the Non-Club member's cup in a match which Dugan II won quite convincingly with some neat, well placed shots by 15-9. In the second round Gleed gave Wooden a hard task to beat him 16-14 and in the third round the game between Dove and Dugan II proved to be most exciting as the score was at one time Dove 1, Dugan II 14, and then Dove went through to win 17-14. Gillard, as an "outsider" in the tournament proved the most surprising player; his badminton improved out of all recognition as a result of practice for the tournament and as a comparatively inexperienced player and a new member he embarrassed many regular players by beating them easily.

In the semi-finals Percival beat Keen 15-3 and 15-4 and Thompson beat Dove 15-4, 8-15, 15-0 in hard fought games. The final brought forth some good badminton but Thompson, despite some hard, accurate smashing and neat returns, was out-classed by Percival, who won 15-2, 15-4 in two straight games.

The club wishes to express its thanks to Lawrence I who has been Refreshments Officer in the badminton matches at home, to the Cooking Staff for the loan of crockery and to Mr. Ashton, who has given permission for the use of the school hall.

D.E.N.R.F.

Table Tennis Club

The progress of the club, has, this term, exceeded expectations. Financially the club is very healthy, and the standard of play has improved somewhat upon that of last term, and indeed, is approaching the standard which was reached a year ago.

This term the club played one match, versus Schweppes T.T.C., whom we beat by 6 games to 3. The match was a good one, Mason, Wooden, and Kilford all winning two of their three games, and the team must be congratulated on winning the match so handsomely. The result was very pleasing as this was not our best team.

As is usual this term, the Table Tennis Tournament was held, and it was pleasing to see a fairly large entry. In the first round of the Senior competition, most of the favourites got easy draws, but Thompson was surprisingly beaten by Ambrose. The second round saw Wooden beaten by Mason, and Percival, who has won the cup for the past three years, beating Farmer. Of the less fancied players, Ambrose, Keen, Gleed and Gillard fought their way to the quarter-finals, where Gleed most surprisingly beat Kilford, one of the best players in the club, by 21-16. Of the rest Gillard, Percival, and Gullick reached the last four.

The semi-finals produced two fine games. In the first, Gillard beat Gleed in a close contest, and the other match, between Percival and Gullick, was worthy of any final. After a most exciting game Percival won 21-15, 21-12. The stage was set for the final, and a grand final it was, Percival winning 21-9, 21-7, 21-9. The score make the game look one sided, but this was not the case, and Gillard must be congratulated on putting up a game show.

The Junior section produced its thrills too. Ansell, who won the tournament last year, had a fairly easy time, in the first round, and of the better players, Laming and Starkey also won their games. As it happened, these two met in the next round and Laming won a good game.

Crowle II and Ashdown, who is a newcomer to the school, managed to reach the semi-finals and they must be congratulated on this : especially Ashdown, who was only just beaten by Ansell in the semi-finals.

The final was between Laming and Ansell and it proved to be one of the best finals for some years. Ansell won a close game 21-17, 21-17, and thus won the cup for the second year running.

D.C.W.

Chess Club

The Handicap League Tournament finished at the beginning of this term. Adshead won the tournament with Crowle I and Crowle II close behind. Two tournaments were started in the place of the Handicap Tournament.

One was a Senior Tournament on the Swiss System in which Keen, Johnson and Downer lead at the time of writing.

The second was a Junior Tournament. N. Trivett is at present leading with nine points from ten games. He has as yet only played two of the "strong" players. Potier with five and half points from seven games has the next largest total. S. Thorne and P. Dugan have many games in hand and Thorne has beaten Trivett.

There have been two Senior matches and one Junior match played. The Juniors played Fareham S. M. School and won by four games to one. Downer showed a return to his form of previous years by winning his game.

The Seniors started off by beating Gosport County by six matches to two.

The second match against Purbrook resulted in a draw five matches each. Coker, Trivett and Thorne all volunteered to bring the strength of the team up from seven boards to ten boards. It is interesting to note that if the team had consisted of seven boards the result would have been 4-3 in Purbrook's favour.

In the Senior team Keen, Downer, Johnson and Adshead have won most of their matches and the fact that the team is undefeated this season has been mainly due to them.

Once again Mr. Royds-Jones must be thanked for the interest he takes in the Club. Not only does he teach the game but also keeps the younger members under control.

M.G.J.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

Having established ourselves above the other Houses in the Reed Cup last term, we have successfully consolidated our position. This was done by an all-round effort and the whole House is to be congratulated. The first struggle to be endured was the Steeplechase, in which we did well to finish second in the Seniors, first in the Juniors, and second in the Minors, a general result which was much better than that achieved by any other House. In the Seniors it was most gratifying that Adams, who has been a source of strength in the athletic field, should win, especially after last year's disappointment. He was given a very hard race and was just able to make a special effort in the last thirty yards to win narrowly. A very fine and hard race enabled Franks II, Gates, Hayward and Cardy to fill the position between eight and eleventh.

It has always been expounded that the Steeplechase is the event in which every member of the House is invaluable and this maxim was accentuated in the Junior Race. An excellent run brought Gudgeon home fourth, whilst Pallett, twelfth, and Evans, fourteenth, ran well. However, it was the fact that we had twelve runners between eighteenth and thirty-eighth that brought our team success; a point which deserves special notice.

The Minors produced some promising runs and two first years, Cousens, who did well to finish fifth, and Cooper, ninth, led the House in, closely followed by Adams II, tenth, and Ansell and Thomas IV. Stapley and Chamberlain also ran hard.

The Hockey matches saw the Seniors at last achieve a clear victory. The game against School House was won by a goal from Hayward, and a nice goal by Pavor accounted for Cams. A weakness in the forward line was shown against Westbury when the forwards seemed incapable of scoring, even though we did scrape up seven goals. Pallett's dependency in goal will be welcomed by future House captains, whilst Cardy, very often forced to play both right half and centre half, was outstanding in all three games. Adams and Hayward, although very cramped, were always dangerous and much promise was shown by Dugan and Pavor.

Having been eclipsed by School House, the Juniors recovered well to beat Westbury by one goal and draw with Cams. Gudgeon, as captain, in the two games he played was excellent and provided the extra stiffening which was required after the first match. He was ably backed up by Evans and Tudge, who in their turn were supported by the rest of the team. The Juniors once more have nobly supported their Seniors.

After last years successes I should like to congratulate Cardy in keeping the academic standard flying high by his entry to Oxford and to wish him the very best of luck as he has always been a close companion and a most useful help in connection with any House business. Unfortunately Gudgeon too is leaving us: he has captained our Colts sides admirably and his loss will be felt by the School as well as the House.

Cams

The House has not done as well as was hoped in the Steeplechase and House Hockey competitions. The Seniors have worked well but more support must come from the Juniors and Minors if the House are to win the Reed Cup which demands essentially a combined effort.

In the Senior Steeplechase Ireland ran extremely well to be within a yard or two of the winner and Jacobs was close behind, a gallant third. Ambrose's absence from the race through injury was clearly felt in these first few places. Franks II, Thomas I, Lee I, and Gullick did well in gaining 7th, 14th, 15th and 19th places respectively. By gaining eleven places in the first twenty-five and with the rest of the Seniors backing up Cams won the Senior Steeplechase.

The Juniors were less successful gaining only eight of the first forty places. Phelan is to be congratulated on winning the race and Schollar and Cherrington also ran well, The Juniors were placed last.

In the Minor Steeplechase Crowle II was second and Read I did very well to come seventh and Smyth II to come twelfth. Brent was thirteenth and the rest of the House scrambled in behind to place the minors third.

There were only two divisions, Senior and Junior, for the Hockey. The Senior match against Westbury, which we won by 3 goals to nil, showed the weakness which was to tell in subsequent matches, that of lack of co-ordination and finishing power by the forwards. This was not a difficult game against a tenacious Westbury and more goals should have been scored. Farmer scored 2 and Ambrose 1.

Owing to the weather our second match was versus Blackbrook, rather than School House, and this proved to be a very hard played game which brought out some good hockey from both sides. I feel that a draw would have been a fairer result in the circumstances of the game because the general standard of Cams play seemed to equal the outstanding play from one or two of the opposing side upon which they relied. The score was 0-1.

The match against School House resulted in a win for Cams by 2 goals to nil which they deserved. The game saw the shade of a team which might and should have been; forwards were moving the ball quickly and working hard in the tackle, and half-backs were getting the ball through to the front line; between them the half-backs eclipsed Gillard and little danger was felt from the rest of the opposing forwards. The goals were scored through a hard shot from Ireland and a quick first time shot from Wooden.

Maidment in goal played a confident game at all times and Gullick at centre-half was reliable and at times showed real attacking spirit by moving up with the ball to the opposing circle. Thompson and Ellen I both played hard and I feel it should not go unrecorded that despite a cracked rib and four loose teeth, sustained through pure accident during a second half, Ellen continued playing as though nothing had happened.

The Juniors, captained by Hardwick, beat Westbury by 2-0, scored by Crowle II and Phelan, in a rather disjointed game. Cams undoubtedly deserved their victory but the play was very scrappy largely owing to the fact that the forwards did not keep to their positions but decided to wander, thus making it very difficult for the halves to move the ball through accurately.

In the match against School House the Juniors were out-played by a better team but did very well in keeping down the score to 2-0. This was largely due to a tenacious defence by Kirby II, who played an extremely good game, Hardwick, Alder and Ellen II.

The Juniors appeared to be a little bewildered against Blackbrook's left flank and could not counter Gudgeon in any way. The loss of Kirby II was sorely felt although Gay played a good game in his absence. On this showing a draw was a fair result despite some goals which should have been from penalty corners.

In all these matches Phelan, Crowle I and Crowle II, Alder, Hardwick and Ellen II have played very well. Pond and Butcher have been a little erratic but quite good generally. Thomas II has been adequate on the wing and Aspey has filled the gap as goalkeeper very efficiently, at times making some praiseworthy clearances.

D.E.N.R.-F.

School House

This year, in the Steeplechase competition with the new division, Seniors, Juniors, and Minors, the competition was keener than it had been before. The Seniors slightly bettered last year's position by coming third. Gillard and Izod ran well into fifth and sixth position, Gleed and Collins did quite well also. There is a lot of room for improvement for an all round effort in this event by the Seniors.

In the Juniors Starkey and Laming were the only runners who did at all well, but Sylvester and Smith II tried hard. The juniors final position was as that of the Seniors—third.

The Minors won their event by the efforts, especially, of Donohoe, who won the event, Phillips, Forder and Ireland II. The rest packed the middle places and School won comfortably.

In the Hockey Competition the Seniors finished third once more. The first match was against Blackbrook; School lost 1-0. Gillard and Mason both played very hard games. School House defence was rather shaky and the covering was not very good, the attack had no "punch" and did not really look like scoring. Special mention should be made of Starr, who, although a junior, came in at the last moment, because reserves "had not brought their kit," and played a sound game.

Against Westbury several changes had been made in the team, Mellish was moved to inside forward and seemed to give the forward line more life. We won by five goals to nil and the opposition was not very strong. Most of the goals were scored by the forwards "following up." The scorers were Gillard (2), Mellish (2), and Mason.

There should have been two reserves in the team against Cams, owing to two boys being unable to play, but owing to reserves again not bringing their kit we only had ten men, therefore we did not have much chance of holding our own against the Cams team of "All the Talents." The match was very fast and our defence was run "off its feet" by the cross-field passing of the Cams forwards but Powell played a steady game. Several chances were missed by the School forwards partly because Gillard was helping in defence. After a period of very hard pressure the score at the close was 2-0 against School.

Throughout the matches, Gillard and Mason played well and Powell played soundly throughout. Congratulations go to Gillard on being awarded his 1st XI Colours.

The Juniors won their competition. In the first match against Blackbrook, School House outplayed their opponents and won 7-0; goals were scored by Starkey (3), and Donohoe (4); good games were also played by Laming and Williams I. Legg in goal made one brilliant save from a corner.

Against Cams, School won 2-0, Starkey scoring both goals. The team did not play as well as they did against Blackbrook but did very well to win. With the inclusion of Starr the defence was stronger, Laming and Williams again played well.

We started with an advantage against Westbury, who only had nine players and soon pressed it home, Starkey scoring. Westbury came close to scoring, partly owing to the defence "standing off;" in hockey the defence must tackle quickly. However, weight in numbers soon told and school finished by winning 5-0: Starkey (2), Donohoe (2), and Uniack were the scorers.

Throughout the matches the team was admirably captained by Starkey. Williams and Laming played well. Payne II, a young boy, shows great promise as a hockey player.

W.R.K.

Westbury

The inter-House competitions this term have been vigorously contested and enjoyed by all. Westbury have had little success, being fourth in the Senior and Minor Cross Country and both Senior and Junior Hockey, the Junior Cross Country team scoring the only Reed Cup points with second place, but every member of each team has tried his hardest and one cannot criticise.

A Minor Cross Country was this year introduced and in Westbury two good long distance runners were discovered. Pugh ran steadily into an excellent third place and James was next to finish, the leading first year boy. Both ran intelligently, leaving their rivals behind at just the right time; one of them should win next year. Only one Westbury runner, Heritage, seventeenth, finished in the next thirty places and the team was last.

The most creditable achievement of the Senior event was Smart's fourth place: he judged the race well to beat many experienced runners. Six other Westbury runners were in the first thirty, but fourth place was inevitable.

The Junior Cross Country proved that the House with most runners starts with an advantage, and those who pack well in the middle win the race. With eight runners in the first fifteen Westbury were only second. Foremost in the galaxy was Lineham who led most of the way only to be beaten in the last half-mile; Houghton, a very steady runner, showed that he is developing finishing powers by sprinting into third place. With five or six others finishing in the thirties and forties Westbury would have won, but only two more scored any points whatever. The House can, however, be proud of its Junior runners.

Hockey was crushed into the last three weeks of term. Westbury were so short of experienced players that the two best Juniors played in the Senior team. This left the Juniors weak as well. Fortunately goalkeepers were found in Short and Keyzor, both of whom played well for newcomers to the position. In Senior matches, which were lost 3-0 to Cams, 5-0 to School House and 7-0 to Blackbrook, most of the work fell to three or four defenders who were the only people who could hit the ball hard. Much of the initial organisation was taken upon himself by Kirby, who was keen and captained the side in the

first game, besides playing consistently throughout. Sheeve also worked hard, usually in the difficult task of holding the best opposing forward. Holden showed promise and Calderhead, Field and Smart played well on occasion. The Junior team, captained by Rowling, were dogged by misfortune. Having much of the play they lost 2-0 to Cams; with Noot off injured almost from the start they held Blackbrook until the last minute; and with nine men lost 5-0 to School House. Everyone deserves mention for some part of their play: the enthusiastic hitting of Dennis and Holmes, the combinations of Rowling and Pugh, were particularly impressive.

Several young players have been given experience of competitive hockey. Stronger teams and better scores should result in future years.

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The Re-union on March 17th was by far the most successful we have had in a Spring term for a number of years. The day was fine and a strong Hockey side was produced to play the School. In fact, by winning 2-1 it inflicted on the School its only defeat of the season and we must express our gratitude to Maidment, whom we borrowed from the School 2nd XI and whose brilliant play in goal made the result possible. The game was very close and was enjoyed by the team and a number of Old Priceans on the touch line. Once again we must express our gratitude to those who provided and served tea after the match in the Dining Hall.

This time of year is always rather a close season for Old Boys news, and there is little of interest to report. The Annual Cricket Match against the School will take place on Saturday, July 2nd and will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Association. Members wishing to play in the match are requested to communicate in good time with Mr. Shaw at the School.

May I remind members that subscriptions fell due on 1st March, and should be paid to me as soon as possible.

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Since the last issue D. F. Abbott and J. F. G. Jones have returned to London, and P. J. Ellis, having completed his term of National Service, is now working here. P. J. Checksfield is serving with the R.A.M.C. at Woolwich. If any other Old Priceans who have returned from National Service will contact me, I will keep them informed about future activities, and we will welcome them at the "Grand Grill," which is proving a pleasant place for our meetings.

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