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THIS term has seen the inauguration of the S. R. N. Bradly Memorial Fund which, it is hoped, will enable the School to proceed in the near future with the erection of an adequate pavilion. The reason for and purpose of this fund are sufficiently explained in the following pages. There are, however, many Old Priceans who never knew Mr. Bradly: nevertheless the object of the Fund must appeal to them as it must also to parents of the present generation of the School, and we appeal most earnestly to them, as indeed to all friends of the School, to join with those who learned to admire and respect a fine teacher and a very able man who gave his best to his School. It is only if all who wish the School well will combine that the Pavilion can be built and a great increase made to the amenities of the School.

The results of the General Certificate of Education Examinations are published in this issue of 'Lion' and are, we may fairly claim, very creditable. We congratulate those whose names appear and particularly those who gained County Major Scholarships.

This term Mr. Cole and Mr. Jarvis joined the Staff. Mr. Cole is the first Old Pricean to return to the Staff and will be remembered by his contemporaries both in and out of School. Both have joined enthusiastically in the life of the School at a time when many of the Staff are beginning to look and feel elderly. We welcome them both and trust they will be happy to remain with us for a very considerable time.

Other events are recorded separately. Here we must mention the end of term Carol Service which was held in the Parish Church. In the general opinion the Choir had never reached a higher standard and the Service reflected great credit on the School, and particularly on Mr. Smith, who composed the setting for 'Sir Christemas,' and those who supported him in the long hours of practice.

Some time ago the Headmaster appealed for Cups for Sports trophies and it is time to record the generous response. In recent years two parents, Mr. Read and Mr. Baker, and two Old Priceans, A. R. Webb and L. Quinlan had given Cups, and now Mrs. Dale (in memory of her son), Mr. Hoadley, P. J. Field and N. Pryor have given Cups which enable us to award suitable trophies for most House competitions. We should like to express to all of these our sincere gratitude and thanks.

S. R. N. BRADLY MEMORIAL FUND

By this time all members of the Old Priceans' Association and a number of those who have passed through the school since 1908 will have received a copy of the letter which is reprinted in this number of "The Lion." Indeed, subscriptions to the Fund have been coming in regularly since November. Some sixty-three people have between them contributed over £150, and many others have promised contributions in the near future.

The Fund has therefore made a sound, if not spectacular, start, but there is a very long way to go before the target of £1,000 is in sight. One very great difficulty is to find the present address of even a small proportion of those who at one time were members of the school, and here all who read these notes could greatly help by notifying me of any Old Priceans who they think would not otherwise receive a copy of the Appeal letter. Some idea of the task of the Committee may be gained from the numbers of boys' names on the Admission Registers, which now stand at 2,800. We realise, of course, the impossibility of getting into touch with such a number, but we shall try to make contact with all those whose addresses we can find.

From the letters received it is quite clear that the idea of a memorial to Mr. Bradly—and the form it is to take—has been well received by all who have been told of it. The general impression may be gained from the following extracts from letters.

"I am sure that all Old Boys will wish to be associated with this appeal in gratitude for the example and inspiration which Mr. Bradly gave us."

"I feel that this really is an opportunity to give something to a man and a School who gave so much to us."

"I do not think there could be a memorial for a better man, or a better memorial for him. He would have loved it to be something of practical use."

The Committee will publish a list of subscribers in next term's issue of "The Lion."

B. R. SHAW

S. R. N. BRADLY MEMORIAL

School House,
FAREHAM,
Hants.

October, 1956.

Early this year there passed away Mr. Bradly, first headmaster, from 1908 to 1934, of the re-formed Price's School, and a very dear friend to all the school generations that came under his influence.

At a recent meeting of Old Boys at the school it was agreed that a Memorial Fund should be opened to perpetuate his memory in tangible form and to mark the esteem in which he was held by all Old Boys who knew him.

After consultation with the school authorities it was further agreed that the proceeds of this fund could most fittingly be applied in the building of a school sports pavilion, towards which a certain sum has already been collected, which would then be known as the Bradly Memorial Pavilion. Such a pavilion is a project which was dear to his heart and will fill a long-felt need, as every school generation will remember.

A committee of three, who, with the present Headmaster, have signed this appeal, was appointed, and, after careful consideration, the immediate target of the Fund has been set at £1,000. There are at least two hundred Old Boys of Mr. Bradley's period who are in contact with the School, or whose addresses are known, and it was felt that to them should fall the honour of making the most substantial contribution to this Fund.

This letter was earlier referred to as an appeal, and an appeal it certainly is, aimed at the hearts and memories of all those who realise the extent to which Mr. Bradley's character and influence in those formative years have affected their own lives and have helped them to stand where they stand today.

In the belief, however, that all Old Boys of all ages will wish to contribute something to this Memorial, particularly in view of the form which it is taking, it is hoped to give the widest possible circulation to this letter. When therefore you send your contribution (which should be addressed either to Mr. B. R. Shaw at the above address, or to Mr. E. G. Dimmer, Messrs. Warner & Son, Portland Chambers, West Street, Fareham, Hants., who is acting as treasurer to the fund) will you please say how many copies of this letter you would take for distribution to Old Boys whom you may meet or whose addresses you may know. In this way only can we be certain that direct appeal is made to all who would wish at least to have the opportunity of associating themselves with this memorial to a remarkable and well-beloved man.

B. R. SHAW
E. J. HINXMAN
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} Committee. G. A. ASHTON, *Headmaster.*

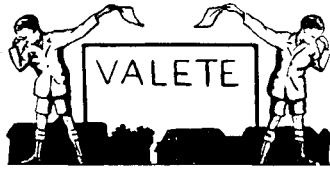


BLACKBROOK—P. B. Gardner, P. A. Jennings, K. Matthews, G. T. Taylor, C. F. Bruster, E. J. Dray, L. R. Dray, A. H. Cumberbirch, R. L. Mills, C. O'Shaughnessy, A. R. Priestley, K. R. Roshier, B. L. Taylor, M. Thomas, A. Thorn, E. A. Webb, S. Welch, R. A. Buchanan, R. G. Clark, B. V. Coffin, R. Francis, N. A. Halls, P. D. Hine, P. Holloway.

CAMS—P. T. Catchside, C. R. Ringer, M. J. Losh, F. R. Clift, Curtious, R. J. Barton, I. Crawford, R. S. Day, R. Downes, B. Fletcher, S. N. B. Losh, C. Mason, A. W. J. Newbold, R. C. M. Nichols, B. W. Norris, R. F. Oatley, M. J. Seagrove, D. J. Thompson, G. C. Warde, D. A. Wybrow.

SCHOOL—A. G. Clewer, H. A. J. Roddis, D. A. Beck, R. W. Bird, D. A. Buxcey, M. Earrey, P. A. Flavell, J. P. Greentree, F. E. C. Gregory, P. D. Layley, J. A. Packman, J. Peck, J. Powell, A. J. O. Stubbs, A. Summersgill, R. B. Taylor, K. Walker, W. D. Wellman.

WESTBURY—M. J. Waterfall, K. L. Cheetham, S. M. Dowse, E. H. Dunn, G. C. Fuller, A. R. Houghton, C. Joyce, J. B. Lott, J. M. McGarry, P. Parsons, P. R. Sharpe, P. M. Short, P. J. Talbot, D. Walker, T. A. Weckett, R. J. Wozencroft.



BLACKBROOK—M. G. Simpson, N. A. Pryor, C. Hamilton, J. E. Robinson, M. Springett, J. S. Petch, P. J. H. Gilhespie, A. Squire.

CAMS—J. Hudson, I. J. Newman, M. A. Powell.

SCHOOL—R. G. Ambury, J. A. Collins, R. H. G. Peckham, M. A. Targett, M. E. Andrews, R. L. Burns, M. P. J. Hayes, T. P. Starr, R. S. Gregory, G. L. Uniacke.

WESTBURY—J. E. Holmes, J. Bignell, A. C. Gibson, R. E. Eynon.

Examination Results

County Major Scholarships: D. C. Abercromby, M. P. Gillard, D. B. Johnson, M. I. Kirby, E. J. Lawrence, J. D. Shotter.

General Certificate of Education: D. C. Abercromby (1D 2A), M. P. Gillard (3A), A. E. Gullick (2A), M. G. Jacobs (2A), D. B. Johnson (4A), W. R. Kilford (2A), M. I. Kirby (2A), E. J. Lawrence (2A), C. B. Powell (3A), D. J. Roberts (3A), D. E. N. Robertson-Fox (2A), D. T. Sheppard (1A), R. A. Short (2A), J. D. Shotter (3A), M. E. Shreeve (3A), P. H. Thorne (1A), C. R. Tomkins (2A), W. M. Alder (7O), L. A. Baker (3O), J. Bignell (4O), J. D. Brammer (8O), G. R. Brown (4O), V. C. Butcher (9O), M. A. Churchill (4O), J. A. Collins (6O), D. G. E. Crofts (4O), T. Devlin (3O), P. J. Eltringham (5O), J. Gray (3O), A. C. Gibson (4O), D. Glanville (4O), C. Hamilton (3O), A. A. Holden (4O), M. C. Lawrence (6O), D. R. Linehan (6O), B. J. Maidment (4O), R. Mathews (4O), I. E. McColgin (3O), J. W. McGrath (7O), I. J. Noot (8O), D. W. Pallett (4O), J. R. Potier (4O), M. A. Powell (4O), C. R. Raggett (4O), J. E. Robinson (6O), C. Rowling (6O), A. F. Rymell (4O), J. B. Shakespeare (4O), C. W. Silvester (3O), J. M. Smith (6O), R. Smith (6O), P. R. Spencer (4O), T. P. Starr (3O), M. A. Targett (4O), R. R. Thomas (4O), D. J. A. Tinling (8O), P. J. Tudge (3O), G. F. Vine (6O), R. J. Wharmby (4O).

Cadet Corps

There have been three major events in the term that has just passed.

Firstly, a very successful Field Day was held near Exton. Apart from the usual muddle at the beginning, due this time to signals inefficiency, the main scheme went extraordinarily well. A further scheme in the afternoon was not quite so successful, but on the whole the day was a very good one in spite of the dreary weather.

Secondly, a Certificate 'A' Pt. II Board was arranged and, of the seventeen candidates that entered, twelve were successful. This was a very good result as most of the cadets had had only one term to prepare.

Thirdly, a Certificate 'A' Pt. I board examined forty-eight cadets and passed twenty-six of them. This again is very satisfactory. There will be now approximately 40 candidates for Pt. II in the summer term.

The R.A.F. section took part in the Field Day in the defence and did very well indeed.

Quite a large class of 30 cadets took the proficiency and advanced examination in early December and we are hoping for reasonably good results; though from a study of the faces of some of the candidates success seems a long way off!

Let me wish all who have left the very best of luck, and to those who have returned a very Happy New Year.

T.H.

'Home at Seven'

The over-all impression left by the production this term of 'Home at Seven' by R. C. Sherriff has been one of fine all-round team work. When, early in the term, a meeting was called for all those who wished to take any part in the Society's activities, the response was startling; and during the whole of the term there has been a ready supply of volunteers for every task from all parts of the school.

The task of co-ordinating all this enthusiasm has fallen to Mr. Siney as producer. The great deal of hard work and thought which he put in was proved, if it was not already known, by the smoothness with which the play moved. Mr. Siney has been much helped by the keenness of the cast. Outstanding were Mr. Jarvis as Mr. Preston, the hero of the play, and B. Evans as Mrs. Preston. The former, who in his first term on the staff has taken so great an interest in all school activities, gave a fine performance in a far from easy role. He portrayed convincingly the tortured imaginings of a man with a gap in his memory. Evans proved to be one of the best leading ladies we have had for some years. He gave an excellent performance in the difficult part of the woman whose husband is suspected of committing murder during a lapse of memory. But if these were outstanding the others reached a high standard: Comfort, who as the lively barmaid contrasted well with the suburban Mrs. Preston; Churchill, portraying realistically the friendly police inspector; McLarty as the sympathetic doctor; and Catcheside as the blustering major—all gave most satisfactory performances. Behind the scenes Shepperd and Williams with several keen assistants laboured successfully at the task of ensuring that everything was ready and that the off stage effects occurred at the proper time. Mr. Briscoe, aided this year mainly by Devlin, once more provided an excellent set. Cottom made a most reliable prompter who, however, had less work to do than has sometimes been the case.

Besides these individuals there are a large number—indeed far too many to mention them all by name—who have put in a great deal of work, especially in the major task of erecting the stage. We must thank above all, those boys who devoted so much of their half-term holiday to the assembly of the platform and the painting of the proscenium.

It is this willing work which has made this year's production such a success; and if the same spirit is continued we cannot fail to have equal successes in the future. The production of a play gives an opportunity for boys of many different talents or even of none to show their interest in an active manner. A boy who does not wish to act and has no particular skill in handling tools can nevertheless be extremely useful if he is prepared to spend a little time on performing the essential odd jobs about the stage.

There is just one rather unsatisfactory aspect; there has been a marked reluctance to come to the first night of the play. Those who did come on that day this year will have no hesitation in contradicting the old legend that the performance on the first night is little more than an extra dress rehearsal.

At least one member of the audience commented on the enjoyment he had gained from the music during the interval, supplied this year by Hoadley, O'Connor and Kirby.

These notes would not be complete without mentioning Mr. Foster. As Chairman of the society he has devoted much thought to the preparations for the play and has always been at hand with a useful suggestion or piece of help.

In conclusion, the success of this term's production has been due less to the work of individuals than to the combined effort of many boys all of whom have, I am sure, found their activities most enjoyable.

C.B.P.

Music Society

This term the society has really established itself again after a lean spell during the Summer Term. This revival has been due largely to Powell who has performed his duty as chairman with efficiency and enthusiasm. His spirit has inspired the rest of the committee with the result that a series of efficiently organized concerts have been given to the members of the society.

The concerts of records have ranged from 'Rock and Roll' to a very fine recording of the annual carol service held at King's College Chapel, Cambridge. I wish to offer my thanks to both Mr. Iredale and Mr. Jarvis who very kindly presented programmes of their favourite records. They were very much appreciated by all who heard them. Also Short must be thanked for letting the society use his gramophone in order to play some of the new type long playing records.

The attendance at the different kinds of record concerts has shown that the majority of the society's members prefer jazz and light-orchestral music to Bach and Beethoven. Many members hold a slight disgust for the higher brands of music. Surely they should listen with some consideration to all kinds of music before they pass final judgment?

The main event of the term was a concert given by Fareham Junior Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Fussel. This attracted about seventy people who were entertained most enjoyably throughout the concert. It was a great pity that many members of the school were unable to be present. They would have had a most enlightened evening. Most of those people present who had not previously seen the Orchestra were a little surprised with the way Mr. Fussel had been able to coach the members of the orchestra to such a high level of perfection. The ages of the members ranged from nine to fifteen years old.

We shall be losing a valuable member of the committee next term. M. G. Jacobs is moving to Scotland with his family. We all wish him the best of luck in the future and sincerely thank him for his past services to the society. He has been a member of the Society Committee since the foundation of the society and has remained a Committee member up till the day that he left. This is surely a fine example for the younger members to follow. As these notes will not be published till the new year I wish you all 'A Happy New Year' and hope that more of younger members of the school have made a resolution to listen to and enjoy at least one of next term's concerts.

Finally we must thank Mr. Smith whose work has been one of the main contributory factors to our successful term. His advice and help have been indispensable.

M.I.K.

Debating Society

This term has seen the foundation of a Debating Society in the School. The first meetings have been successful and those people who were present have been entertained in various ways.

During the term various debates ranging from one concerned with the ideal age to enter into matrimony to another concerned with the retention of Capital Punishment have given opportunities for most members to express their opinions. However, the majority of the members have been prepared to let an enthusiastic nucleus do most of the talking. Kilford and Jacobs have spoken with regularity whilst Roberts in brief occasions has shown great promise. Other notable speakers have been Powell, who has put forward his points with admirable lucidity; Miller, who in his maiden speech effectively dealt with his subject and turned support to his side. More members of the Fifth Form ought to take courage at Miller's example.

Although the society is in its first term the art of heckling has been used with considerable skill on several occasions; but there has been a little too much in various debates. The tone of the debates have sometimes been spoilt by certain members of the society who carried their jovial criticisms a little too far.

The best debate of the term was concerned with Capital Punishment. All the speakers kept to the point and an effective debate ensued.

The Committee wish to express their thanks to Mr. Jarvis who has acted as chairman throughout the term. His knowledge and help have been very much appreciated by them and they hope he has received ample reward for his patience and enthusiasm.

M.I.K.



1st XI FOOTBALL

The 1956 Soccer season has been a very enjoyable one. It has not been successful to the extent of winning every match, for, attractive though that prospect may be, in a school of this size it would indeed be a good year if such dreams were realised. Greater success this year might well have been ours had a series of injuries not affected at different times Starkey, Mellish, Gillard, Matthews and also Kilford who had to miss one game and played in two others whilst considerably handicapped by a back injury. As a result of these injuries, the season is perhaps notable for having given rather more boys than usual the opportunity of playing in the 1st XI, but, of course, the settling down of the team so important in such a short season was delayed until the end of November.

The appearances of several players were thus limited. Of these Matthews showed considerable promise. He is a strong player with an extremely powerful shot and he had shown great interest in the improvement of his play. Although considered slow, his running was deceptive and his opponents were frequently required to extend themselves. His weakness was that he could be relied upon to produce good form only on occasion.

Mellish was similarly unfortunate. He showed up well in his few games, his main fault being his unwillingness to harass the opposition when he has lost possession.

Lawrence was tried at centre-half early in the season and played well in several games.

Agius was one of the players drawn from the 2nd XI after several weeks who settled down admirably. He shows good ball control and positional sense and his readiness to remedy his weakness, lack of speed, has enabled him to improve rapidly. He will be a great asset next year. The defence as a whole has been rather suspect throughout the season and before Agius filled that position both Laming and Lawrence had been tried at centre-half. Shreeve at right back started the season poorly, and had it not been for the spate of injuries he might well have lost his place. We are all thankful that this did not happen because after a month or so he settled down and became again quite reliable. This inability to recover quickly after losing a tackle remains his greatest weakness.

Lock was tried and found wanting, but after two games with the 2nd XI, he returned a much improved player. Phelan has again impressed by his ability to work hard throughout each and every game. His ball control has improved but he still lacks the positional sense that would save him so much last minute running and make his tackling infinitely more successful.

Gillard, Vice-Captain and right half, had the misfortune to miss several games. His return was most welcome for, although never a polished player, he works tirelessly and has been perhaps, the most successful of the half backs in the matter of supplying the forwards with suitably placed passes.

The forward line has undoubtedly been the strong feature of this year's team. Starkey, Donohoe and Evans have always played well and at times particularly so. Their 1st XI Colours have been well earned. Laming in support has played some good games combining well with the other forwards. His ball control and tactical sense make him a good footballer. He will improve his game when he tackles more sternly.

Donohoe in his first full season in the team has shown himself to be a first rate centre forward. That he seldom misses an opportunity is shown by the fact that he has scored in every game. He has always played intelligent football combining readily with Starkey and receiving excellent service from Evans on the left wing. Starkey has had a very good season, having shared 34 goals with Donohoe. He has seemed at times to lack the incisive quality he showed last year but this is in part excusable when one remembers that he has had to adapt his game to no fewer than six different outside rights. Evans has always played very strongly. He settled finally at outside left and played there with the greatest success. In view of the many changes on the right wing his contribution has been all the more important.

Matthews and Evans have both been instrumental in ensuring that a very high proportion of the goals scored have resulted from left wing movements.

Calderhead has played at outside right more frequently than any other and although noted chiefly for his strength and speed, his ball control has improved measurably. He has always played with the greatest enthusiasm and is to be congratulated on adapting himself so readily to the wing forward position, as he was first called from the 2nd XI as a right half.

Congratulations to Kilford whose captaincy of the team has been its greatest asset. Having accustomed himself to the wearing of spectacles in play, his efficiency as a goalkeeper was seen to improve immediately. With his confidence thus engendered he has been an inspiration to the team. His game is such that he has earned his place in the Hampshire Grammar Schools XI, an honour richly deserved.

G.C.T.

MATCH REPORTS

Sat., September 22nd **Portsmouth Banks** **Draw 3-3** **Home**

Although Portsmouth Banks, like the first eleven, had had little match practice before this game, they settled down quicker and played much better football than the first eleven. They were much bigger and faster than we and generally hustled us off the ball. However, Gillard scored first with a beautiful lob from outside the penalty area and at half-time we were losing 2-1, our opponents scoring because of the defence's inability to clear hard and to misunderstandings between the half-backs and the backs. In the second half the School played much better, having settled down, and Donohoe and Mellish both added a goal each. It looked as though we were going to win our first match but the Banks inside left scored with a hard cross shot and, try as we did, we were unable to score the winning goal. On the second half display the School ought to have won.

Sat., September 29th **Old Portsmouthians** **Won 8-1** **Home**

The opposition was unexpectedly weak and the first eleven were on top throughout the game. To add some life to the forward line Laming had been moved to inside right and besides scoring two goals laid on many fine passes for his fellow forwards. Lawrence came in as centre-half and played quite well, especially in the second half, but the defence was never really pressed, for apart from the break away which resulted in our opponents left winger scoring, they had little to do. Donohoe, at centre-forward, took every chance offered to him and scored three good goals.

Sat., October 6th **Old Priceans** **Draw 4-4**

The Old Boys fielded a very strong team, containing many old 'colours' and the match proved to be a very hard game. The Old Boys scored soon after the whistle but gradually the School got on top with Starkey and Donohoe playing extremely well together. But the Old Boys continued to score goal after goal for our defence just could not stop their forwards. Besides scoring the four 'good' goals they put the ball into the net on two other occasions. A penalty was awarded to the School and Lamings shot hit the underside of bar and dropped just behind the line. One notable feature of the game was the brilliance of Wright who played an excellent game for the Old Boys.

Sat., October 20th **Purbrook C.H.S.** **Lost 3-2** **Away**

One thing about the School field is that the ball bounces slowly on it so that when we play on a bone hard pitch with a light ball and a high wind, as we did at Purbrook, we are unable to play our normal game. In fact for all of the first half most of the team were completely out of their depth. They waited for the ball to bounce, instead of trapping in on the volley, with a result that it went over their heads. Purbrook on the other hand rushed straight in and cleared first time. In the second half we played much better with Calderhead playing well in defence and Donohoe, who scored two goals, in attack. All in all Purbrook played the right type of football on this type of pitch but the first eleven played the better.

Sat., October 20th **Portsmouth Southern G.S.** **Lost 4-3** **Away**

Stricken by injuries the first eleven were without Kilford, Gillard and Mellish, but the substitutes brought in in their places played quite well, especially Laming in goal. But the team as a whole played badly, the defence was beaten many times owing to its inability to mark closely or clear quickly; the forwards had a tendency to play too closely with the result that the two wings were neglected especially in the second half. Evans, however, fought hard throughout. Our first two goals were brilliant; both came

from Matthews on the left wing; Donohoe hit the first on the volley to score, and Starkey nodded in the second. Had it not been for Lock, who was the best player on the field, Southern would have scored many more goals.

Sat., October 27th **N.A.L.G.O. Portsmouth** **Won 10-1** **Home**

N.A.L.G.O. scored from a corner; apart from this and a few isolated attacks the defence was hardly pressed, so great was our superiority. Although the opposition was very weak it does not detract from the brilliance of our forward line. They played fast, clever football and did not miss a single opportunity. Starkey and Donohoe in particular played well, the former scoring five goals, the latter three.

Wed., November 7th **Peter Symond's** **Lost 5-3** **Home**

Peter Symond's played the kind of football the first eleven generally do—that is with close, accurate passing. We played much too half-heartedly and allowed them to play as they liked. In our defence there were many misunderstandings, the tackling was timid, the marking slack and the kicking unimpressive. After a poor first half the forwards began to play some good football and when goals came from Starkey and Donohoe there seemed to be a chance of at least forcing a draw, but the lusty Peter Symond's defence kept the ball from entering their net, and it is only fair to say that the result was not unjust.

Sat., November 24th **Itchen Grammar** **Won 8-0** **Away**

In spite of the smart appearance of the Itchen players it soon became obvious that they did not play as well as they looked for we scored after about ten minutes; from then on it was nearly all Price's. Evans, Donohoe, and Starkey played brilliantly, constructing many fine moves, all of which resulted in goals. Besides making many openings for his fellow forwards, Starkey scored four goals, and Donohoe scored a 'hat-trick.' When Itchen did make an attack, it was broken up by our defence with Shreeve and Agius clearing well. Anyone who had watched the first eleven play Peter Symond's would have thought that it was a different team playing against Itchen, so different was the standard of play.

Sat., December 1st **Portsmouth Northern G.S.** **Won 2-1** **Away**

We started playing as we did against Itchen, with some really outstanding football from the forwards. Donohoe scored first with a clever lob over the advancing goalkeeper's head and Starkey the second with a beautiful low shot past the goalkeepers right hand. This standard was not maintained throughout the first-half, but our superiority was such that we should have scored at least four goals. Northern Grammar did most of the attacking in the second half and our defence played rather shakily, and we were lucky to be in the lead at the end. Altogether it was an excellent game.

Sat., December 8th **Southampton University** **Lost 5-4** **Away**

On a slippery pitch and opponents all about six feet tall with long lanky legs, the first eleven played fairly well. One thing noticeable, however, was the fact that both wingers were badly neglected and the defence never really mastered the conditions. Evans' first goal was a lovely twenty yard drive which rocketed into the top of the net, whereas the Universities' equaliser, which came a few moments later was a result of a goalmouth scramble. We were unlucky to be losing 2-1 at half-time for Evans was brought down when he looked certain to score, and then his spot kick was brilliantly saved by the goalkeeper. Considering the conditions it was a good game.

W.R.K.

2nd XI FOOTBALL

A quick glance at the term's results might make the casual observer think that the team had enjoyed a relatively successful season. Such an impression would be, as it were, an understatement, for there are several facts, on the credit side, which tabulated results do not show.

Firstly five or six members of the team have graduated to higher things, some permanently, others not. Secondly, in all their games, but one, the team has had the better of the second half. This ability to 'last' eighty minutes could have turned two of the defeats into draws, if not victories, had it been coupled with accuracy in front of goal. Thirdly, there have been some half a dozen very adequate reserves to take over when the demands of the other sides made inroads into the normal team. Lastly—and perhaps most important—the team has endeavoured at all times to play “using the head and not the weight”—to quote a member of the staff of another school.

Only one general adverse comment can be made—namely that the early successes produced such a confident spirit that insufficient use was made of after school practices and “special” matches. There was never a lack of boys willing to kick a ball about but alas! there were always too few who were prepared to practise such necessary and fundamental arts as shooting, passing and tackling; and, strange to relate, it was always through a lack of these that matches were lost.

R.A.J.

Results

Portsmouth Banks	...	...	Won	...	12-0
Old Priceans	...	...	Won	...	7-3
Purbrook C.H.S.	...	...	Won	...	12-0
Portsmouth Southern Grammar	...	...	Lost	...	3-4
H.M.S. St. Vincent	...	...	Lost	...	0-4
Knowle Hospital	...	...	Lost	...	2-4
Portsmouth Northern Grammar	...	...	Lost	...	0-3
T.S. Mercury	...	...	Won	...	2-1
Knowle Hospital	...	...	Won	...	5-3

Under Fifteen. After a slow start against Purbrook who came very close to forcing a draw, the team have had a very successful season. They only suffered one defeat at the hands of Peter Symonds. The remaining matches were won by comfortable margins. The team has been ably captained by Emery, who has played well at centre-half. Miller at left back and Fishlock in goal have been consistent defenders. In the forward line, Jerrim has been the most dangerous on the right wing, with Pugh at inside left as the most constructive.

The following boys have played during the season:—Emery, Miller, McLarty, Fishlock, Stapley, Payne, Pugh, Ireland, Herring, Noyce, Jerrim, Dugan, Riches.

Results

School 4 v. Purbrook 3—Home
(Jerrim 2, Noyce, Cooper).

School 6 v. Southern Grammar 1—Away
(Dugan 2, Pugh, Jerrim 3).

School 1 v. Peter Symonds 6—Home
(Jerrim).

School 6 v. Lee Youth Club 2—Home
(Donohoe 2, Dugan 2, Ireland, Jerrim).

School 10 v. Itchen 1—Away
(Pugh 4, Dugan 2, Jerrim 2, Emery, Ireland).

Under Fourteen. This team has only played one game which they won quite comfortably. They show great promise as a future Under-fifteen eleven. McLarty captained the team well, and Payne played well in the defence. well supported by Stapley. Cooper played well in the forwards.

Result

School 6 *v.* Northern Grammar 1
(McLarty (pen.), Cooper 2, Rankin 2, Stanley).

Under Thirteen. This team has played two matches each of which has been won. Stanley has been a good captain and has played well, both in attack and defence. Rankin has played well at inside-right, and in the defence. Smith R. O. and Vibert have played well. Goble, Hunt, Greentree, Thomas, Phelps, Carter, Norris, Emery have played.

Results

School 6 *v.* St. John's College 1—Home
(Greentree 3, Stanley 2, Rankin).

School 3 *v.* Peter Symonds 2—Home
(Stanley, Rankin, Greentree).

HOUSE MATCH RESULTS

	Blackbrook	Cams	School	Westbury
Seniors				
Blackbrook	—	2—1	0—6	0—2
Cams	1—2	—	0—6	3—4
School	6—0	6—0	—	8—0
Westbury	2—0	4—3	0—8	—
Juniors				
Blackbrook	—	4—3	2—8	2—3
Cams	3—4	—	1—1	0—2
School	8—2	1—1	—	4—0
Westbury	3—2	2—0	0—4	—
Minors				
Blackbrook	—	1—4	0—1	3—0
Cams	4—1	—	3—0	5—3
School	1—0	0—3	—	3—5
Westbury	0—3	3—5	5—3	—

Badminton Club

Although this term Badminton has been hindered by the stage, the general standard of playing has improved. The membership has increased and the playing equipment has also been improved. Thanks mainly to the Sports Committee, the club now possesses six decent racquets, three of which are first class.

Four matches have been played and after receiving a heavy defeat in the first one, the team has settled down and played some good badminton. The normal team has been:—Gillard and Kilford, Short and Shepperd, Johnson and Shreeve, Agius and Hardwick.

Gillard and Kilford have played well together and are easily our best pair. Short and Shepperd have been consistent compared with the rather erratic third pair. Agius places the shuttle well, and he and his hard hitting partner should be good with practice.

Apart from the team members, at the moment there seem no really promising players in the Club. Let us hope that next term several young members will reveal latent talent to form the basis of next year's team.

MATCH REPORTS

Crofton B.C.

Lost 4-15—Home

Swatton and Powell deputised for the indisposed first pair in a match in which we were heavily beaten. Agius and Hardwick played promisingly and Short and Shepperd gained the lone success of an enjoyable evening.

Wickham B.C.

Lost 4-12—Home

We played much better than the score suggests against experienced opponents. Gillard and Kilford won 2 games and the second and third pair one each.

Crofton B.C.

Lost 6-10—Away

In a close match Gillard and Kilford were unbeaten and the second and third pairs each gained one success. The third pair were unlucky not to win two other games.

Nomadic B.C.

Drawn 2-2—Away

Played under League Rules, Gillard and Kilford played inspiringly to win their set 7-15, 15-9, 15-9. Short and Shepperd also won well, 7-15, 15-4, 15-5. Agius and Hardwick were unlucky not to win after winning 15-8 and leading 12-6 in the second game.

Thanks are due to Potier and his merry men for organising the refreshments so well, and to Mr. Ashton and the cooks for the loan of the hall and the crockery respectively.

M.E.S.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

At the beginning of the term, we welcomed 19 new boys to the House, and we feel sure that they will all do their best for the House, not only in sport but in their behaviour. Many of the Seniors who had been so useful in previous years have left, and we are left with only 21 Seniors from which to pick our teams. Almost half of these boys do not play Football, Hockey or Cricket, but they do show promise at Running or Swimming.

In the football this term, the Seniors and Juniors came third in the football cups and the Minors third equal with School and Westbury. All three teams won one match and lost two.

In the Seniors, Evans J., Winnicott and Lawrence were the most outstanding players although Tanner, Cottom and Tudge played well in defence. The spirit in which the games were played was wonderful, and I do congratulate the Seniors on their fine efforts. The Juniors had the same spirit, but because they played as individuals and not as a team, they did not do as well as was expected of them. The outstanding players here were Cooper, Adams, Dugan and Mitchell C. The Minors only won one match, but should not be disheartened, because each player justified his place in the team.

In our first senior game against Cams, we played a satisfactory game. After several attacks by both sides, Cams had their only goal from a pass-back to our goalie. We only had ten men in the second half, but some good moves by our forward line resulted in two clever goals, one by Winnicott and the other by Evans. In our next match against School, everything went very well until half-time. One mistake, however, led to School's first goal. In the second half we slowed down and School gave us a grand exhibition of football. Donohoe slipped past our backs many times and scored 4 goals. The final score, after this tiring match, was 6-0 to School House. Three weeks later we had our last match against Westbury. Late in the first half, after many near misses, a well-placed shot landed just inside our goal-post. After half-time, we had a tremendous task in trying to keep Westbury out. A corner-kick was given away from one of these shots, and the ball swung directly into our goal.

The Juniors, playing against Cams, started well and finished badly. They were 4-0 up at half-time, but then had to hold on when Cams scored three quick goals in the second half. They were lucky to win by 4-3. Cooper scored three of our four goals. Against School, they were not so lucky, and although they scored first, School ran through them and scored five goals before they recovered even to attempt to fight back. They lacked ball control and many passes went astray, only to be snatched up by the opposition. The final score was 8-2 to School. After several practices the Juniors played Westbury. They played well at first and were soon leading by 2 goals to nil, but then they had a repetition of the matches against Cams and School. Westbury got on top and just before the whistle blew, scored their third goal to win 3-2.

In the Minor matches Blackbrook played well and showed ability in their football. They gave a good display of this against Cams. They lost 4-1, but never lost their skill and ball-control. The goal was scored by Emery II. Against School, they had great difficulty in penetrating the School defence. The game was very even and it was not until the second half that School scored the only goal of the match. The Minors' victory came in the game with Westbury. They started well and were soon two goals up. In the second half this lead was increased when the opposition put through their own goal. The scorers were Thomas and Evans.

At this present stage, Blackbrook are third in the Reed Cup, and next term I hope to find that we have moved up into either first or second position. We have tried extremely hard and I am more or less satisfied with our efforts. Next term I hope that everyone will make an even greater effort to put the House in a much stronger position.

A.F.R.

Cams

The Senior team this term consisted of three players from the School teams, Phelan, Lock and Hardwick. These three were the backbone of the defence and of the whole team. The remainder consisted of those individuals who were rash enough to say that they had played before. In common with other Houses our main problem was to find a goalkeeper. Thomas R. was finally persuaded to accept the position and played very well in all three matches. McGrath played well at half back and the defence was fairly strong. Except for the first match against Blackbrook the forwards did not play together: there was a reluctance to pass and consequently the forwards did not score as often as they might have done.

Against Blackbrook the score was 1-0 in our favour at half time. It was not the opposing team which kept us from victory but the slope. Our goal started off from McColgins boot but was deflected into the goal by a Blackbrook player.

The team were outplayed against Westbury although they never gave up trying and scored three times through McColgin (2) and Scollar. Westbury only scored four times partly through some fine play by our defence and also through their inability to take all of the chances offered to them.

The score was 6-0 against us after the match with School House but the number of shots that Thomas stopped at point blank range was much greater than the goals scored. Perhaps it should be mentioned that this was the lowest number of goals scored by School House in the matches this term.

Although the Seniors lost every game they played much better than expected and, I think, enjoyed their matches.

The Juniors were more successful because they drew their last match after losing the first two. Against Blackbrook after being 4-0 down at half time the team scored three goals during the second half and were unlucky to lose. Against Westbury the team lost 2-0 and were lucky to draw 1-1 with School House, the goal being scored by Brent. It is a little difficult to pick the outstanding players but Pond was an able captain and the rest of the team backed him up well.

After the Seniors and Juniors had finished last in their competitions it was refreshing to watch the Minors win all of their matches and the Minor Football Cup. Against Blackbrook the team won 4-1, Stanley, the centre half, scoring four goals. Westbury provided the stiffest opposition although we won 5-3. Stanley (2), Norris (2) and Hutchings were the scorers. In the final game against School House Norris (2) and Hutchings scored in a 3-0 win. Stanley was the captain of the team and was perhaps the best minor player of all the Houses. The remainder all played very well and it is pleasing to see that the House has some good footballers for the years to come.

Next term the Hockey and Cross Country competitions take place. The Cross Country is unique in that all members of the House can take part. The more training each person does the better his position in the race will be. Cams have always done well in this event and I hope that next term will do even better.

M.G.J.

School House

Having won the Reed Cup last year, we have started this year in such a way as to suggest that we have a good chance of retaining it, for both Senior and Junior teams won their sections with the Minors coming second equal.

The Seniors won their competition in a very convincing manner. They played especially well against Westbury in the first game to win 8-0. After a hard first half we were winning 3-0; the defence, with Gillard outstanding, stood up well to the Westbury attack. But in the second half we played much better than Westbury. The forwards were most effective and Donohoe, following up well scored five good goals.

Once more at half-time, the game was quite equal, for we were winning 1-0 against Blackbrook. The defence, with Storr and Powell playing well, kept Blackbrook from scoring. The second half was similar to that against Westbury; we got on top, in spite of the fact that Mellish had been taken off, and remained there until the final whistle. Donohoe again played brilliantly and scored four of the goals. Although we only wanted to draw with Cams to win the Senior Cup, it seemed that it would be difficult for us to do this, for both Mellish and Gillard were unable to play. However, the defence was hardly worried, and Noyce, on the left wing, was a competent substitute for Mellish. Starkey and Donohoe were once more the outstanding players; the former scored four goals and the latter two.

Against Westbury, the Juniors rather surprisingly won quite easily 4-0, and although the team played well, Payne and Ireland were outstanding. Blackbrook scored first in the Junior game but the final score was 8-2. Jerrim was the best player on the field and scored five of the goals. It was thought that we would easily beat Cams in the last match, but we had to fight hard to draw 1-1. Ireland scored the vital goal and Cams scored with only three minutes to spare. As captain and centre-half, Payne was outstanding in all the games, and the team as a whole was good.

This was not a really successful term for the Minors, for although they came second equal, they lost to both Westbury and Cams and only just beat Blackbrook. However some players show considerable promise for the future, notably Goldring and Greentree.

After this good start in the Reed Cup competition we want, next term, to increase our lead and consolidate our position; all the House can do this by training hard, and running as well as they can in the Steeplechase, which is the one event in which every boy can play his part.

W.R.K.

Westbury

This term Westbury have made a good start in the Reed Cup, finishing second in each division of the football competition. It is especially encouraging to note that five members of the House have played in the 1st XI and several others in the 2nd XI and Colts teams.

The Seniors and Juniors both won two matches and were beaten in their third games by strong School House sides. In their first match the Seniors played a powerful School House team. Miller and Calderhead played themselves to a standstill in the over-worked defence, but goals inevitably came and we finally lost 8-0. Although we were unfortunate to be the only House to meet the full strength School House team this result had a beneficial effect on our team as it made them all the more determined in the other games. In complete contrast our match against Cams was against weak opposition. Calderhead soon opened the scoring but this lead was neutralised by a freak goal. Ten minutes from the end we were leading 4-2 and after misses galore by our forwards, Cams hit back and the final whistle saw us defending cautiously to win 4-3. Linchan and Rowling often beat their full back, and each scored once in the second half. Playing 'away' on the Colt's pitch, our Senior team against Blackbrook was the strongest for many years and is worthy of note. It was:—Kirby; Riches, Miller; Calderhead, Agius, Houghton; Linchan, Holden, Matthews, Shreeve, Rowling.

We were comfortably on top for most of the game and only stirring work by the Blackbrook defence kept the score down to 2-0. Matthews scored in the first half and Linchan added the second direct from a corner five minutes before the end.

It is especially encouraging for the future that the Senior team contained at least five boys in their first Senior season.

The Juniors were defeated 4-0 in their first match by School House. The teams were fairly evenly matched and the margin of defeat flattered the opposition. Wells was outstanding at left back and Goble, playing in goal although still a Minor, made some good saves. The Juniors beat Cams quite comfortably 2-0. Rankin and Shurlock each scored and Storey had a hand in each goal. McLarty dominated the centre of the field and Jones D. was unlucky not to score. Against Blackbrook the Juniors were 0-2 down at half time but after a Rankin goal, they played as if inspired and further goals were scored by Rankin and Shurlock.

In all games Goble and Wells have played well and the halfbacks Storey, McLarty, and the captain Pugh have been outstanding. Rankin and Jones were the best of the forwards. Pugh has captained the side admirably and has never hesitated to make a positional change when he thought it was needed.

The Minors were never able to play at full strength and thus did well to finish second equal in their division. They beat School House 5-3, and in a close thrilling game they lost 5-3 to a strong Cams side. A weak team lost 3-0 to Blackbrook in the final match. Carter the captain, set a fine example to his team mates and he and Hunt were outstanding in attack, each scoring three goals. Edinberry, Fuller and Cheetham in goal were the mainstays of the defence and the rest of the team were first year boys who certainly did not disgrace themselves.

Thus this term, Westbury have emerged as chief challengers to School House for the Reed Cup. Next term the Hockey competition and the Steeplechase will be held, and the latter is the one event in which every boy can take part. I would therefore urge all boys in the House to do their utmost in this event so that we may enter the final phase of the Reed Cup competition with a chance of winning it for the first time.

M.E.S.



It was most fitting that this year's Annual Dinner should also mark the occasion of the 200th meeting of Old Priceans in London. It is very pleasing to be able to record that the attendance of twenty-two was the highest since the war and in fact a number not reached since 1936. Those present were Guy Chignell (in the Chair), A. J. Harvey, B. G. Buckley, A. D. Hayward, E. J. Gilbert, D. C. Priddon, L. V. Martin, P. J. Ellis, G. J. Malcolm, J. F. G. Jones, B. Marshall, R. da Cunha, R. Bannell, M. C. Privett, L. E. Rowe, C. P. Nobes, G. R. Rogers and D. C. T. Humphries; while we were pleased to welcome for the first time D. G. Watts, M. G. Simpson and C. Scale.

In proposing the toast "The School," G. R. Rogers said that on such an occasion incidents during his school career naturally came to mind. He went on to mention some of these, including the occasion when the original pavilion was destroyed by fire.

The subject of the pavilion was later taken up by Guy Chignell when he outlined the decision taken at the School earlier in the year to launch a Fund in memory of the late Mr. S. R. N. Bradley. He said that he hoped that all present had received a letter from the Fund Committee and were co-operating in giving the appeal the widest publicity. He felt that, apart from individual donations already made, it would be eminently suitable if we were to join in sending a further contribution on such an occasion. His suggestion was supported by all and as a result we were able to forward a cheque for £10 to Mr. Shaw.

Through being away from London almost every other week during the past year I was guilty of missing three meetings in succession. This is hardly a satisfactory state of affairs for one whose job it is to remind others to attend. It was very fortunate therefore to find that Pat Nobes was prepared to become Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and at the Dinner he was duly proposed and elected, in traditional L.S.O.P. fashion, for an indefinite term of office.

I trust that Old Priceans in London will in future give him the support that I have received, in particular by regularly attending meetings at the Grand Grill.

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PETER KEEMER.

I know all Old Priceans in London would wish to thank Peter Keemer for the excellent work he has done as secretary and treasurer. I think I may truthfully say that as yet none regrets his resignation as much as I, but as more members begin to rue the enthusiasm with which they elected me to take his place so will the sense of the loss we have sustained be borne upon them. However, I am conscious of the great honour done to me and I must say that I think it is up to the younger men, those who are about to leave, or who have just left school, to make a special effort to join us in London to keep the L.S.O.P.'s going. We shall be more than pleased to see them.

Our next meeting in the Grand Grill (Trafalgar Square end of the Strand), will be on the first Tuesday in February and after that the first Tuesday in each succeeding month.

Anybody who wishes to contact me should ring Central 2000. There is a fair chance of finding me at that number at any civilized time on any weekday.

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C.P.N.

Old Priceans' Association

Firstly I must apologise for the non-appearance of the report on the cricket match which our Secretary thought was going to appear later in the Summer issue but, which unfortunately did not make its appearance. However diligent readers of the 'Lion' will no doubt have read a report on the match which appeared in the School section complete with full scores.

To bring ourselves a little more up to date I am pleased to be able to report that the Association, for the second year running, fielded two Soccer XI's against the School on October 6th. This year the date of the match was advanced a month and this helped considerably as it enabled those at University to participate before going up for the Autumn term.

The best team to represent the Old Boys for many years provided suitable opposition for a good School XI. In the opinion of many of the spectators it was the finest game seen on the School field for many a day. The School, owing no doubt to the new training methods, were fitter and faster than the Old Boys, several of whom do not regularly play football.

The School kicked off and were immediately a goal in arrears, scored by the left-winger Mason from a pass by Jarmain. However the School fought back well to equalise and take the lead which they held until half-time. In the second half the Old Boys, assisted by the slope, made many raids on the School goal and were only foiled by the brilliant keeping of Kilford and the referee's whistle. In spite of this they drew level with goals by Mason and Kemp. However, the lead was again lost when Purkis handled in the area and Laming, by way of the crossbar, converted. The Old Boys equalised with a goal from Farmer to make the score four all. There was no further score, although the Old Boys beat the goalkeeper only to be narrowly adjudged offside. The Old Boys side as a whole played extremely well and a draw was a fitting result.

The second XI suffered a complete reversal of fortune both after last year's crushing victory and a half-time lead of 3-0. A full team was fielded not quite up to last year's high standard but considered to be of sufficient merit to be able to win. This optimism seemed justified by the early lead taken but in the second half the School scored twice after defensive lapses. Heartened by this they proceeded to run rings round the tiring Old Boys and scored five times to record a 7-3 victory. If anyone knows of a good goalkeeper your Sports Secretary would be extremely pleased to meet him!

The annual Hockey match will be played on Saturday, 9th March, when it is hoped that we may record our third successive victory. If sufficient support is forthcoming two XI's will be fielded. All those wishing to play should contact me as soon as possible.

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