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## Obituary

We offer our profound sympathy to the Headmaster and Miss Ashton on the death of Mrs. Ashton, which occurred on the morning of Saturday, December 21st, 1957.

All who knew her will remember Mrs. Ashton as a very brave and very kind lady. For years her life had been a constant struggle against increasing ill-health and, although she never faltered in her resolution, it became clear to all, and not least to herself, that she could never fully recover. In consequence, those who joined the School in recent years saw little of her, but she won the deep regard of the Staff and of many hundreds of Old Priceans, two of whom were her guests within a few days of her death. The end came, as she wished, comparatively suddenly. May she rest in peace.

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This term is remarkable in our history for the start, long-delayed, to our pavilion. Next term the building is to be officially opened on March 8th, when it is hoped there will be a large gathering of Old Priceans and friends of the School for the annual Hockey match between the School and the Old Boys.

Considerable disruption has been caused by influenza, an unusual feature for an autumn term, as many as 146 being away on one day. Partly owing to this and partly owing to the weather, some School matches were scratched and the House match programme will have to be completed next term. The Eleven had one bad spell but its completed record was creditable.

The Examination results last summer were satisfactory. Five County Major Scholarships were obtained and there were many good performances at the Advanced and Ordinary Level. There are now five Old Priceans at Oxford and one at Cambridge and a very respectable number at other Universities. Moreover Purkis has played for Cambridge at Football and Percival for Oxford at Hockey and we hope that both will win their Blues next year.

This term we have welcomed to the Staff Mr. Alderson, who has returned to England from the Middle East. He is an authority on Turkish history and language and has speedily made himself popular with Staff and School. We hope his stay with us will be a long and happy one.

Mr. H. T. Privett, a Governor of the School and the father of an Old Pricean, has presented to the School a handsome cup for Swimming and we wish to express to him our gratitude for this generous gift.

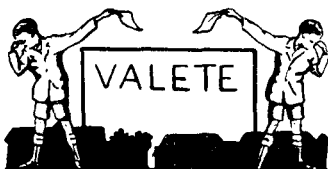


BLACKBROOK—R. B. Aldred, A. J. M. Barker, A. R. Bickers, G. J. Hughes, R. Johnson, R. E. Jones, R. W. Kemp, R. King, B. J. Myhill, J. O'Keefe, D. A. Porter, J. Stride, J. J. Thomas, L. Witt, M. R. Wright, W. A. Baker, N. J. Edmunds.

CAMS—N. E. Auckland, D. A. Bussey, I. E. Dunn, P. Evans, R. G. Fisher, J. D. Freemantle, D. Gibson, R. J. Harvey, G. Heginbottom, M. Holloway, M. Johnson, R. A. Lewis, C. L. Mason, B. W. Turner, D. Watton, F. T. Wills, Brammer.

SCHOOL—E. Burnham, W. R. Goodwin, P. C. Gregory, J. Hardcastle, R. A. Harklett, P. T. Harvey, G. A. Hilton, J. C. Jenner, J. Keith, D. R. Kemp, C. J. Lampard, T. J. Oakshott, D. O. Roberts, G. H. Roberts, M. K. Turner, P. Wake.

WESTBURY—C. J. Adams, F. R. Ansell, A. K. Beddis, M. G. Dillon, R. J. Eades, D. C. Freeman, P. R. J. Gresham, M. G. Hawkins, J. F. Henning, L. E. Holder, J. M. Salmon, P. Searle, D. Simpson, A. Smith, D. J. Smith.



BLACKBROOK—A. F. Rymell (Prefect, House Captain, Vice-Captain of Cricket), M. R. Lawrence (Prefect, 1st XI Football, Sgt. in C.C.), P. A. Jennings, K. Matthews, F. M. Ansell.

CAMS—R. F. Pond, D. H. Long, S. Miskin.

SCHOOL—T. P. Brice, C. J. Boswell.

WESTBURY—L. B. Agius (1st XI Football, Hockey & Cricket), R. Short (Head of the School, Prefect, House Captain), A. F. Shakespeare, S. K. Glanville, R. M. Keyzor, W. F. Freemantle.

# Cadet Corps

The new year has begun, as usual, with the intake of the IIIrd forms into the corps and so far their training is going well under very capable N.C.O.'s. The rest of the contingent has been training quite satisfactorily and the results of the Cert 'A' Pt. I examination seen below would seem to underline this fact.

The postponed Pt. II examination was duly held just after the beginning of term and only 60% passed. This was very unsatisfactory but I think it is due in large measure to the fact that the cadets concerned had not got into their stride after the long lay-off. It is an undoubted fact that after a long holiday the standard of all aspects of cadet training deteriorates quite considerably. I shall in future therefore arrange Pt. II examinations towards the end of term.

The Pt. I examination held on December 13th was very successful. 43 candidates were examined, 39 of whom passed, one (P. Vibert) with credit. The standard throughout was good, the turnout being especially so.

Speaking of cadet matters in the larger field, there seems to be an impression that now National Service has virtually ended, cadet training is a waste of time. This is by no means the view of the government of the country who devote in these hard times quite a lot of money for the running of cadets. The school authorities in their turn take the view that cadet training is almost essential to the running of the school in that it breeds a quality of leadership, helps boys to be smart about their appearance and for a short time each week gives them a kind of discipline that they do not meet in ordinary day to day activities. All these factors have a tremendous affect on the developing character of the boy cadet and the school authorities set aside two periods a week in the time table for cadet activities. This would not be done if the results had not been gratifying in the past. It is not and never has been as some parents appear to think, a waste of time.

I wish you all a Happy New Year.

T.H.

## Chess Club

This last term has been a notable one for the Chess Club, entering for the first time an outside League: as to its success, the Seniors have not been too lucky, and are now 6th in the table. The Juniors, however, are quite a strong side and will improve with more match experience: they occupy 2nd place in the Junior Division.

Playing on number one board in the Seniors this term has been Tyack, a young boy for such a position: although a strong player, he is rather inexperienced in match play, and will probably do better next term at a somewhat lower board until he is more ready for the lead. Clewer has shown unexpected form, while Smith and Vine have backed up well from the third and fourth boards.

Captain of the Juniors, Evans is developing rapidly as a tactician. Curtis, a new boy, has shown himself a knowledgeable and useful second board potentially; Keen, who has been playing chess for only a year, keeps his accustomed good form, while Lambourne, of more erratic genius, promises well. Kiddle continues to improve, but is too prone to make obvious mistakes in the middle—and end—games, and thus lose from a superior position. With more regular and varied games Downes could also make a useful regular member of the team.

Internally, the Club is in a healthy state. The influx of new boys has been greater than usual, and many upper-school boys play, though with a regrettable reluctance to pay subscriptions. A Ladder Tournament has been instituted, with gratifying success, and it was no surprise to find Evans and others of the Juniors among the top ten.

In short, the Club has excellent prospects for the years to come if the new players we can expect are up to the standard of those of the last two or three years. There is no apparent reason why we should not do very well in the League in coming seasons.

D.J.R.

## Music Society

After a somewhat belated start, proceedings got under way with a 'live' concert, in which we were entertained by the talented fingers of Boggust, Alder (C.) and Hoadley on the piano, and the violins of Walker, Leslie and Datlen; Carter, accompanied by a few members of Mr. Smith's choir, gave a fine rendering of 'Sir Christemas'.

A second concert was presented by Rowling, who introduced a selection of modern records. This proved the most popular concert of the term, a record number of 97 boys attending.

Finally, Brown presented and introduced a programme of records ranging from Gigli to Elvis Presley.

In conclusion, our thanks are due to Mr. Smith, for his unflinching support.

A.C.C.



### 1st XI FOOTBALL

The beginning of any school football season seems always to be clouded with uncertainty. This year it was intended that four two hour coaching sessions during the latter part of the holidays would give some indication of our expected strength. However, the beginning of the term revealed that two boys did not return, as hoped and that Emery who appeared to have improved considerably and would no doubt have gained a 1st XI place, was to spend much of the term in hospital. The surprising fact is that others always appear to fill the vacated position adequately and so it was this year.

A promising start was made, followed immediately by the intervention of the influenza wave which affected the team for several weeks. Subsequently the team settled down well and concluded the short season with a series of victories. A notable feature of the term's play was the inclusion of three new schools on the fixture list, Bournemouth, Brockenhurst and Taunton's, all large schools. One of these games was won, one lost and that with Taunton's regrettably cancelled. The loss, against Brockenhurst was a heavy one, due in some measure to one or two players suffering from 'flu symptoms. It was remarkable in view of the closely contested first half which finished at 2-2.

The defence was rather unsound early in the season and only really settled down when Evans was withdrawn from the forward line to play at centre-half, a position to which he adapted himself most effectively. Lawrence has played very soundly at left back and through the season has improved rapidly. McColgin, a later inclusion at right back, has improved tremendously and in later games has been a tower of strength. Phelan as always has been a very hard working defender and has deservedly won his 1st XI Colours this season. Tudge is a very promising wing half and, although appearing

at times to lack stamina, he is obviously trying to play intelligent football. Miller is another such player and both these boys will have learnt much that will be of value next year, when I am sure they will again be extremely useful members of the team.

Rymell and Phillips have shared the duties of goalkeeper. Although the former was not regarded as a 1st XI prospect he so applied himself to his game that he became a very accomplished goalkeeper whose main fault was undue self-criticism. The games in which he played were those in which the defence as a whole was not sound. Phillips was a little more fortunate in this respect but this must not be allowed to detract from the value of his performances. He has the makings of a very good goalkeeper being particularly agile. His weaknesses, notably uncertain judgment and anticipation, will be largely overcome when he learns to relax.

In the forward line, Ireland has adequately filled Evans' position at outside left. Like the wing halves mentioned earlier, I feel we shall see a great improvement in this player next year. Winnicott has been a most effective player, strong with a powerful shot, a most useful addition to a line of skilful ball players. Jerrim on the right wing has played many useful games. He is a clever winger and what he has lacked in strength and speed he has made up for in ball control and thoughtful play. Donohoe at centre forward has had a most successful season, his play has improved tremendously and he always has the energy and initiative to harass opposing forwards should the need arise. He must be regarded as the most accomplished player in the side at the moment. Some of his success is due to his inside forward and Captain, Starkey; these two have developed a remarkably effective understanding that is pleasing to watch. Their interdependence was demonstrated at the County trial when these two co-operated in the three most effective goal scoring moves of the whole trial. I am very pleased that they have been included in the County side to play Sussex. Starkey himself has not always been at the top of his form but undoubtedly the responsibility of Captaincy and the frequent necessity to assist the defence have been contributory factors. He is still a most effective player and has worked hard for the success of his team.

## MATCH REPORTS

### Won 7-3

### Portsmouth Banks

### Home

Our first match on the new pitch was played in bright sunshine. Despite the fact that Evans scored an early goal, the school soon found themselves 3 goals down, but recovered well to be on even terms at half-time.

With the defence and half-backs in particular being quicker on the ball, we gained control of the mid-field, and consequently scored a further four goals. Donohoe scored four well taken goals and Jerrim one.

Donohoe 4, Evans 2, Jerrim.

### Lost 4-3

### Old Priceans

### Home

The Old Pricean team was as expected, too strong for the 1st XI, who did well to make it so close a game. In order to steady the defence Mr. Thompson turned out, and played a particularly energetic first half. Phillips playing in his first game performed well, and brought off one or two very good saves.

The Old Priceans' scored first, but the school soon equalized when Jerrim crashed in a 30 yard drive. Soon after the start of the second half the school increased their lead to 3-1, when Donohoe, who was playing a lone hand by now, gave Maidment no chance with his shot. However, the Old Priceans' defence gradually assumed command, with Wright, Purkis and Perceval combining well. As the game progressed the more the school lost control.

Donohoe 2, Jerrim.

**Drew 4-4****Purbrook C.H.S.****Home**

After winning the toss, the school soon attacked and our opponents came under pressure. Donohoe went close to scoring with only the goalkeeper to beat, and immediately after the visitors broke away to score.

The school settled down at the start of the second half and three quick goals from Donohoe put us well in the lead, but Purbrook were allowed to draw level two minutes from the end.

Donohoe 3, Evans.

**Lost 6-5****Portsmouth Southern G.S.****Home**

It was obvious from the start that this was going to be a hard match, for the defence tackled slowly and cleared haphazardly. The visitors soon assumed command and scored three goals. Then the school staged a fine recovery, and goals from Evans and Donohoe put us on even terms.

During the second half the bigger side controlled the game and once more we found ourselves three goals down. From then on the game became progressively intense. Despite the poor service from the defence, the forwards scored two more goals, and when the final whistle blew we were battling rather hopefully for the equalizing goal.

Donohoe 2, Evans 2, Dugan.

**Lost 11-3****Brockenhurst****Away**

After conceding an early goal, we settled down and played some good football. Evans and Donohoe both scored to put us in the lead, and we were unlucky in having a third goal disallowed. Then Brockenhurst fought back, and we finished the first half on even terms.

After the interval our defence was completely overrun and although Rymell picked the ball from the net all too often, he could not be blamed for any of the goals.

Although Brockenhurst are a very strong side, the final score rather flattered them, and had the match been played later in the season, I am sure the result would have been vastly different.

Evans, Donohoe, Tudge.

**Lost 8-3****Peter Symond's****Away**

After Peter Symond's were allowed to score three rather simple goals, the school recovered well and were only one goal behind at half-time.

Early in the second half we lost the services of Rymell, who was taken to hospital with a badly cut knee. Winnicott took over in goal, and settled down surprisingly well for his first game in that position. However, our opponents took full advantage of their position and scored a further five goals. In fact it was weight of numbers rather than superior play which won the game for them.

Donohoe 2, Evans.

**Drew 2-2****St. Mary's****Away**

After experiencing a few anxious moments, Winnicott scored with a well placed drive, and the school began to dictate the game. But St. Mary's scored twice against the run of play and led at half-time.

The second half was rather lifeless until Donohoe slammed in a brilliantly taken goal, then both teams sprang to life and fought strenuously for the winning goal. The defence as a whole tackled well, Miller being outstanding in this respect; and throughout the match the half-backs at last showed they could combine with and support the forwards.

Winnicott, Donohoe.

**Won 3-2**

**Bournemouth**

**Home**

Despite a fine display from Phillips in goal, we were losing 2-1 at the interval. Then a goal from Donohoe and another from Winnicott put us into a lead we did not lose. The defence did particularly well to hold a fast moving forward line throughout the second half. The two sides were very evenly matched, and I am sure that the support we received during the second half finally swung the game in our favour.

Jerrim, Donohoe, Winnicott

**Won 6-2**

**Itchen G.S.**

**Home**

After Evans had scored from the penalty spot, Itchen replied with two rather soft goals. However the school led 3-2 when we changed ends. The second half rapidly became 'one way traffic' and although our opponents' goal was under continuous pressure for most of the second half, we failed to score. When at last we did penetrate their defence, three goals were added in quick succession. The whole team again played with plenty of spirit, and Phelan, celebrating the award of his 'colours,' did not put a foot wrong.

Donohoe 3, Evans, Jerrim, Starkey.

**Won 3-1**

**Portsmouth Northern G.S.**

**Home**

This was probably the best game of the season, both from the players' and spectators' points of view. Although our opponents were a considerably bigger side than we were, we led 3-1 at the interval. Starkey scored the first two goals, and a beautiful move between Winnicott, Starkey and Donohoe, ended in the latter scoring the third.

Play was very even during the second half, and at one stage it appeared that Northern Grammar were gaining control. However, the school kept pressing and came close to scoring on several occasions. Evans played a very good game at centre-half, rallying the defence against a big and fast forward line.

Starkey 2, Donohoe.

## **2nd XI FOOTBALL**

This term has been a very disappointing one, and the results, appended below, have not been as satisfactory as could have been expected. The main reason for this has been the demands made on 2nd XI players by the 1st XI. While this has been inevitable this term, it has prevented any team spirit growing up—and it was in this very thing that last year's team was so strong.

But that is not all. It is undoubtedly true to say that very few of the team were, at any time, really fit, nor indeed did many bother to train or practise when the opportunity came along. The result was that in many matches, the team could be seen to be "going through the motions," playing, often, intelligent football, but at half pace and without any real drive or will to win. It is to be hoped that those who played this year, and those who will play next, will learn from these failures that success and hard work are closely linked.

### **Results**

Price's 8 v. Portsmouth Banks 0

Price's 4 v. Old Priceans 5

Price's 2 v. Purbrook 2

Price's 5 v. Portsmouth Southern G.S. 3

Price's 2 v. T. S. Mercury 5

Price's 2 v. Peter Symond's 3

Price's 5 v. St. Mary's 2

Price's 1 v. Portsmouth Northern G.S. 1



## Under 15.

## COLTS FOOTBALL

The team has had a good season, winning three, drawing one and losing three of their seven matches.

The team has been ably captained by Pugh. The forward line has been strong and scored many goals, Jones, Cooper, Rankin and Stanley have worked well together. The defence, with Payne at centre-half and McLarty at right back as the strongest members, has been safe and steady. Fishlock, in goal, has played well at times but often his carelessness presents the opposing forwards with easy chances. Read, Stapley, Wells and Johnston have also played well.

The matches have resulted as follows:—

Price's 5 v. Purbrook 5

(Cooper 3, Shurlock, Pugh).

Price's 4 v. Portsmouth Southern G.S. 7

(Pugh, Rankin 2, Jones).

Price's 8 v. Brockenhurst 2

(Jones 3, Cooper 2, Rankin, Payne, Pugh).

Price's 2 v. Peter Symonds 3

(Stanley, Rankin).

Price's 4 v. St. Mary's 0

(Rankin 4).

Price's 2 v. Bournemouth 3

(Jones, Pugh).

Price's 7 v. Itchen 0

(Cooper 3, Jones, Pugh 3).

I would like to express my appreciation of the services of Gisborne who has been a most cheerful, efficient and loyal linesman for all the matches.

## Under 14.

For their one match against Northern Grammar School, the team was composed of experienced players from the senior Colts side, mixed with some younger boys who play in the under-13 side. The team played well, with Rankin, Emery and Stanley as the stalwarts.

The following boys also played, Vibert, Edinberry, Smith R. O., Thomas M., Carter, Watton, Greentree and Hunt.

### Result

Price's 4 v. Northern Grammar 0

(Rankin 2, Watton, Greentree).

## Under 13.

In this side, composed of some new boys, with one or two who played for the same team last year, Thomas captained the team well, Carter and Greentree played well in the forward line, and the team, as a whole, show great promise as a future Colts side. Watton, in his first year at the School played two good games.

The following boys played: Johnson, Wright, Houghton, Roshier, Hughes, Salmon, Harvey, Freeman and Warde.

### Results

Price's 4 v. Peter Symonds 4

(Watton, Harvey 3).

Price's 6 v. St. Mary's 0

(Watton 2, Greentree 3, Hunt).

## HOUSE MATCHES

### Senior

Blackbrook	...	...	2	Cams	...	...	1
School	...	...	4	Westbury	...	...	4
Blackbrook	...	...	5	Westbury	...	...	2
School	...	...	5	Cams	...	...	1
Blackbrook	...	...	2	School	...	...	1
Cams	...	...	2	Westbury	...	...	2

### Junior

School	...	...	4	Cams	...	...	3
Blackbrook	...	...	4	Westbury	...	...	2
Blackbrook	...	...	2	School	...	...	1
Westbury	...	...	10	Cams	...	...	1

Blackbrook v. Cams & School v. Westbury postponed.

### Minor

Blackbrook	...	...	4	Westbury	...	...	2
Cams	...	...	7	School	...	...	1
Blackbrook	...	...	3	School	...	...	1
Cams	...	...	8	Westbury	...	...	2
Blackbrook	...	...	2	Cams	...	...	1
School	...	...	2	Westbury	...	...	2

## Badminton Club

The Badminton Club has welcomed a dozen or so new members—some of whom show promise of becoming really good players. As there was no school play performed by the Dramatic Society this term more badminton has been played than has usually been possible; as a consequence a greater strain has been placed on our existing equipment and as a result too much of our income has had to be used to string and repair racquets. On this note we must thank the Sports Committee for rendering the necessary first aid to our bank balance—to the Committee we are greatly indebted.

A team representing the Club has played four matches—two home and two away. Our best match was possibly that against Hamble "B" early in the term. Without Hardwick, our captain, and playing with relatively untried partnerships, we lost a close match by the narrow margin of 9 games to 7. Our best pair of the evening was Holden and McColgin who won 3 games; Dennis and Phelan won two games—the other two pairs won one game apiece.

In our other three matches we played against really experienced badminton players and although we tried to make up in youthful vigour what we lacked in experience we were unable to come very near to beating our opponents. The team which played in the other three matches was: Hardwick and Swatton, Holden and McColgin, Dennis and Williams, and Phelan and Rowling.

Alder and Noot have also played for the team. In spite of not winning a match the team has been growing in confidence and experience, and, with a little more concentration, better net-play, and a dose of luck, it should do very well next term.

As regards to matches thanks must be expressed to Raggett, Pugh, Vinal and other characters for helping in preparing the refreshments; our thanks must also go to Mr. Ashton for the loan of the School Hall, and to the cooks for the loan of some of their kitchen equipment.

A.G.S.

# HOUSE NOTES

## Blackbrook

At the end of a most exciting term, Blackbrook is well ahead of the other houses in the Reed Cup. We have won all the house matches so far; three senior and minor and two junior. We have won two cups and at least have a share in the other.

In our first Senior game against Cams we brought off a good win by 3-2. Evans J. scored all three goals. We did most of the attacking during the game but Cams took their chances when they got near our goal. We scored twice in the first half-an-hour and at the interval it was 2-1. Early in the second half the scores were brought level when Cams scored their second, and for a long time the game was in the balance. However, with minutes to spare we scored the winning goal. Against Westbury we were 3-1 up at half-time and won 5-2. The scorers were Winnicott, Evans 2, and Dugan. This game was mainly dominated by our defence in which Lawrence and Tudge played major parts. The last match against School was the deciding match for the Senior Football Cup. We had to avoid defeat to win it. As it happens we won by 2-1 in what must surely have been our greatest match for many a year. We had an extremely strong defence for this match with Evans J. at centre-half and Lawrence and Tudge backing him up. Our forward line was weaker than usual but proved to be strong enough to snatch up a couple of chances to win the match. Evans J. played a most outstanding game, taking the ball from the feet of oncoming forwards nine times out of ten, not only in the centre but on both wings as well. Winnicott also deserves mention for his determined efforts in this match and scoring one of the goals, as well as making the other.

The Juniors began their season by playing Westbury, who were reputed to have the strongest Junior team for many years. We were rather unfortunate in having to play two of our reserves in this match, but nevertheless proved ourselves to be more than a match for the strong Westbury team. We won by 4-2 and the scorers were Cooper 3, and Bruster. At centre-half, Stapely played a good game and was always well supported by Thomas W. and Emery II in goal. The second match was against School and we won yet again 2-1, all goals coming in the first half. We had most of the game to begin with and our two goals came when the opposition goalie came out to narrow the angle of our shots. Instead, the ball was neatly lobbed over his head into the net. The scorers were once again Cooper and Bruster. Our third match against Cams was postponed twice because of the state of the pitch. This match will now be played next term, when it is hoped that Cooper will lead his team to yet another victory.

In the Minor match with School, we were trying out a comparatively new team; a team which had only played together in one practice match. The combination between our players was a little shaky at times but we never seemed to let this worry us. We overran our opponents to win by 3-1, O'Keefe scoring a hat-trick. The Westbury match came next and with the valuable experience of a house match behind us, we romped home to a 4-2 win. This was a fairly even game, and even when we were 4-1 up, it was touch and go as to whether we would hold out. The last Minor match against Cams was another decider. The score at half-time was 1-1 but with a quick goal in the second half we were brought into the winning position we had been waiting for. However, with five minutes to go Cams missed a penalty and were never given another chance. This victory brought us our second football cup.

No house in previous years has ever won all three football cups, or for that matter, won two and shared the third. The only way in which the Reed Cup can be won is by

good team-work and many hours of training and practice. The steeplechase, in my opinion, is the event we must do extremely well in to keep our lead over the other houses. This event has in past years been the reason for our defeat in the Reed Cup. Now it only remains for me to wish the house and the future house-captain every success.

A.F.R.

We must all give Rymell our best wishes for we have scarcely ever had a more successful captain. It has not been through overwhelming strength that cups have been won but rather that in a crisis the whole team, and the whole House, has backed him up. Without obtruding himself he has induced his teams to play above their best and sometimes to defeat stronger sides. He has set a standard of efficiency without officiousness that will be hard to surpass.

Meanwhile Purkis and Percival, two former captains of Blackbrook, have played for Cambridge and Oxford at Football and Hockey respectively. We congratulate them and offer our best wishes for their Blues in 1958.

H.R.T.

## Cams

Another school year has begun and about fifteen new boys have joined the House—of these new boys, all of them Minors, a majority have shown considerable football and athletic ability. In the Minor football we came second to Blackbrook, losing to them 2-1 in the decider. Outstanding in our side were Johnson in goal; Warde, Crawford and Carey in defence, and our forward line of Wills, Auckland, Watton, Bussey and Harvey—all new boys. Out of our forwards Watton and Harvey were the most outstanding—Watton was a very fine leader with a powerful shot for his age and Harvey played very well on the left wing, being a natural left-footed player.

Our team played very well in their first two games against Westbury and School House, beating them 8-3 and 7-1 respectively. Against Westbury the team, captained by Carey, was struggling for most of the first half and at half time we were fortunate to be 2-1 up. In the second half, with the slope to our advantage and with good attacking play, we overwhelmed their defence until at the final whistle we were 8 goals to 3 in the lead. Confident after this win, we again won the toss in the game against School. Playing against the slope for the first half we were 1-0 up at half time; we pressed strongly after the changeover and we scored six more goals. Our goal scorers were Harvey 4, Watton 2, and Bussey. In their final match against Blackbrook the Minor team played more as individuals than as a team, and although at times we dominated the play our forwards were inclined to move the ball slowly and too casually—this was fatal against Blackbrook's resolute defence. We lost by the odd goal in three, one of our forwards missing a vital penalty.

We did not do so well in the Junior section losing both the matches that were played. Against School we were at one time three goals up owing mainly to fine play by our halfback line of Stanley, Reed and Brent. However, after the interval we allowed our grip on the game to slide; two bad slips led to easy goals for School and with vocal support on the touchline School House drew ahead and won by four goals to three. Our three goals came from Wheble, who scored twice—once from the penalty spot—and Hutchings. The Junior team was totally out-manoeuvred and outgunned by a fast-moving Westbury side in their second game. We had few chances and our only goal of the match was scored for us by one of the Westbury backs. Read, as captain of the Junior side, set a very good example to the rest of the side with his stouthearted displays.

In the Senior division we fared little better than the Juniors, finishing with one drawn game against Westbury to our credit. Our first match against Blackbrook was a very scrappy affair and on a very greasy surface good football was impossible. Black-

brook scored first early in the first half and although we scored twice during the game through McColgin and Herring, Blackbrook also scored twice, making the final score 3-2.

Our second game was on the more sloping 2nd XI pitch, against a School House side which did not appear as strong as sides of days gone by; this fact did not stop them from scoring five times against us! The play in the first half was evenly contested and the score at the interval was 1-1. Both sides missed chances and for our part Baber hit the crossbar with the goalkeeper beaten. With the slope in their favour School knocked holes in our defence and but for plucky saves by Fishlock School might easily have scored ten goals. The final result was that School won 5-1; our goal was a fine narrow angled shot from Lock, our best forward. Our final game was against Westbury. Play was evenly divided, Westbury missing more chances of scoring than our forwards. Our goals resulted from mistakes by the Westbury defence and were scored by Ellen and Lock.

Those of the team who deserve special mention for their efforts are Phelan, the captain, to whom we offer congratulations for gaining 1st XI colours, Arkell-Hardwick for good displays at right back, McColgin, and Fishlock, whom we had to call upon from out of our Juniors.

This has not been a very inspiring term for Cams as far as results go but with the Steeplechase and Hockey taking place next term I feel we have a very good chance of winning one or more of the cups, providing of course, that every boy gives of his best and really supports the House in its activities.

A.G.S.

## School House

As has usually been the practice of School House before going on to win the Reed Cup, the Michaelmas Term has not been greatly successful. At present second in the overall Reed Cup placings, the House must make its usual effort in the Hockey and Steeplechase next term. It is the House as a whole which will win the Steeplechase, for instance, which holds as many points as football, through a general effort more than by any individual brilliance.

Second in their overall position, the Seniors have had a good season. I am sure that, given a drier pitch in our match against Blackbrook, our most formidable opponents, our position would have been at the top. This match, which we lost 1-2, our scorer being Gardner, was a close and well-fought game. We drew 4-4 with Westbury, Donohoe scoring twice, with contributions from Jerrim and Clewer, and against Cams we won 5-1 through goals by Donohoe (2), Ireland, Jerrim and Gardner. Starkey has captained the side ably and well, although he has not been so successful in front of the goal: Donohoe, on the other hand, was our chief goal scorer, and has as usual played extremely well. Jerrim and Gardner have also played energetically and formed a rather better attack than had been expected. Tully, on the wing, has played with his usual skill, but although he has a very powerful kick which he employs to its best advantage in some beautiful crosses in front of the goal, he has somewhat surprisingly not scored. We were unfortunate in being deprived of the services of Phillips early in the term, but Vinall made a good substitute in spite of his size.

As to the Juniors, they are now in second place in points, and with one more game to play have a good chance of retaining that position. The match against Cams we won by 4 goals to 3—through Reid, Forder, Greentree and Payne—mainly due to some vigorous support in the second half, for the half-time score was 2-0 against us. This was a good example of what wonders a healthy roar from the touch-line can produce, for during the second half the team played their best football this term. Against Blackbrook the Juniors had a very hard game, especially in the second half, and they lost 1-2, a score which does not properly reflect the balance of the game. Our goal

was from a well-taken penalty by Payne. At the time of writing, there is, as I have said, one more match to be played, which, if won, should give the Juniors second place if they can just manage to conquer a lack of solidarity and team-interdependence which are their most apparent failings. Mention must be made of Payne, always playing well in the middle and keeping the game together, of Johnson, a capable, solid back who works hard, and of Forder, immense among the forwards, who so often got the attack moving, only to fail for lack of support from the rest of the line.

The Minors have not had a very successful season, which can be attributed mostly to a certain lack of the feeling that they were a team and not just a set of individuals in the same colour of shirt. The team does not move up or fall back as a whole, the forwards being particularly susceptible. There is plenty of individual talent, but there seems to be no willingness to play as a team.

Against Blackbrook, a stronger team altogether, we did well to hold off their many attacks, and the score of 2-1 is not a good reflection on the state of the game. Our goal was scored by Jenner to equalise in the first half, when play was fairly even, but after half time it was due mainly to the hard work of our promising goal-keeper, Keith, that the score was so low. Our lack of finish in front of the goal was apparent in the game against Cams, where, playing down the slope, we held them 1-1 until half-time, but with the change-over were overwhelmed, and in spite of some promising attacks—by individuals again and not backed up by the rest of the team—conceded six goals without scoring ourselves. In the Westbury match we quickly established a 2-1 lead through goals by Jenner and Harris, but vigorous attacking in the second half was unsuccessful, although most of the play was in their half: a quick, and in the circumstances unexpected, attack, however, by Westbury in the last minutes was successful and the resulting draw can be said to be rather unlucky for us. Our Minor goal-scorer this term has been Jenner, with three goals to his credit; his score would have been more but for a distressing tendency to capsise in front of the goal. Walker has worked hard and competently as captain. With a little more team spirit, this side could have had a good deal more success, for there are no really weak links.

One word about next term: the Steeplechase is an opportunity unique in the School year for the average boy to help his house, for here hard training is more important than skill. School House has usually done well in the 'chase and the Hockey, and relies on this coming term for a firm foundation to a Reed Cup victory in the summer. Let those who cannot wield a hockey-stick do their best in hard training on the practise runs, for only through an effort by the whole House is a steeplechase win brought about.

D.J.R.

## Westbury

First of all I should like to take this opportunity of welcoming all newcomers to the House. Most of these have joined the House as Minors and some of them have shown promise in the Minor football team, Smith, Beddis, Freeman and Salmon being worthy of note.

The Minors team has not played as well as might be expected, the chief reason for this being an inability to play together as a team. This fault was emphasised in the match against Cams. The score at half time was 2-1 down and in the second half the Cams forwards consistently pierced a weak defence, the final score being 8-3. Short and Houghton, however, played well.

When the team played against Blackbrook the same lack of team spirit was apparent and an inability to keep positions. The final score was 4-2 down, Sharp and Smith scoring.

The team played better in the match against School the result being a draw, 2-2.

This term the Junior team has played well. The first match, against Blackbrook, was played with the team strength down owing to the flu epidemic. Shurlock scored first and after Blackbrook had equalised, Rankin scored making the score 2-1. After this Blackbrook went on to score three more goals. Jones, Waterfall, Edinberry and Pope played well in this game.

In the Junior team's second match, against Cams, the team played really well. The score at half time was 4-0 and the only goal scored by Cams was scored in an open goal in the second half. The final score was 10-1. McLarty, as captain was a great success and I think all members of the team should be heartily congratulated.

The Senior team has not met with much success this term, drawing two of their matches and losing one.

When we played School we started with one man short and were one down within a few minutes. Holden soon equalised after beating the rather weak School defence. After School had scored again the arrival of another player put new life into the Westbury attack who kept the ball in their opponents half for the latter part of the first half. At half time the score was 2-1. In the second half the score was brought to 4 all by Dennis, Vine and Pugh. Miller played with his accustomed brilliancy.

In the match against Blackbrook an early success gave them a 2-0 lead by half-time. However, Westbury fought back determinedly, their effort resulting in two goals by Pugh but the Blackbrook attack clicked into position and the Westbury defence, lacking strength, stood little chance against the Blackbrook forwards and the result was a 5-2 defeat.

We should certainly have beaten Cams. The odds against us were far less than in the other two matches and by half time Westbury were on the road to an easy win. Nevertheless Cams rallied strongly up the hill scoring 2 goals in quick succession and though Pugh and Skym got through several times their efforts did not result in a goal. Miller, Rowling and Linchan played well and Noot, in goal, did a fine job.

I am sure all members of the House will join with me in congratulating Short on his entrance to Leeds University and wish him every success for the future. J.M.P.

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I fear that there is little to report in this issue of the Lion. The Annual Dinner which was to be held as usual after the Soccer match on October 5th had to be cancelled for lack of support. An unofficial but highly successful dinner was however organised impromptu by Ridett and Nobes, at which it was suggested that the Annual Dinner should be held on March 8th next, the day of the O.P. Hockey match, following the formal opening of the new Pavilion.

Will all members now kindly diarise the above date, as we feel that we should have a maximum attendance for the opening of the Pavilion, and in order that satisfactory arrangements may be made with Pyles, it is imperative that I should have a firm idea of the numbers a fortnight beforehand, and I do beg members wishing to attend to give me good notice.

The Old Pricean Bat has this year been awarded to L. B. Agius, who had a very successful season in the 1st XI.

## Sports Notes

I am very pleased to be able to report that the School were beaten on the Soccer field on October 5th. This is the first occasion for some time that we have been successful against the 1st XI and the only occasion in my memory when we have fielded two XIs who have both been successful. Whilst we did not win easily I think it fair to say victory was deserved, the final scores being 4-3 and 5-4 after two extremely well fought games.

We fielded a strong side against the 1st XI and the match was played on the new 1st XI pitch which was rather small and required close control of the ball. We took a long time to get ourselves organised but scored first. The School immediately equalised and we were a little fortunate not to concede more goals before half-time.

Early in the second half the School scored two goals to lead 3-1 whilst we were content to wander aimlessly about. Much credit must go to the captain, Purkis, for raising the team from this state of lethargy and inspiring the three goals which brought a convincing victory. In the last twenty minutes of the game the School were completely outplayed and were very weary. Scorers were Hewitt, Kemp and Mason.

The 2nd XI game was full of incident. After the topsy turvy results of the past two years anything could have happened and did. The Old Boys played up the hill in the first half and good work in the forward line resulted in a 3-1 lead at half-time, with goals by Browning and Farmer (2); the goal against being the result of an unfortunate defensive lapse. In the second half the O.Ps. went further ahead when Farmer completed his hat-trick. Over-confidence then joined in the game and through a penalty and a series of errors the School drew level at 4 all. Excitement reigned high and just on time Browning scored the winner to make it 5-4 for the Old Boys.

It is felt that as we hope to repeat these successes annually the secret of the remarkable staying power of our sides should not be disclosed in this column, but is available to new members an application to the Sports Secretary.

My personal thanks are given to all those who turned up to support either as players or spectators. It is worthy of note that of the 22 playing for the Old Boys, 16 played last year and 9 the previous year.

Please make a note of March 8th in your diaries. On that day the new Sports Pavilion will be formally opened, we shall engage the School on the Hockey field with possibly two XIs and we shall be holding a dinner in the evening.

P. J. ELLIS.

## New Members

GILLARD, M. P.	52 North Side, Clapham Common, London, S.W.4.
POLWIN, F. C. S.	16 Somerford Way, Christchurch, Hants.
POWELL, C. B.	2 The Drive, off Gordon Road, Fareham, Hants.

## Change of Address

JONES, D. M.	31 West Street, Southwick, Hants.
WATTS, P. G.	60 Lonsdale Road, Formby, Lancs.
DIMMOCK, R. C.	Moorings, 57 East Hill, Maybury, Woking, Surrey.
CARR-HILL, E. A.	117 Teddington Park Road, Teddington, Mddx.
KEEMER, P. J. C.	77 Parkway, Three Bridges, Sussex.
MIDGELEY, J. V.	6 Stocks Lane, Blofield, Nr. Norwich.
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Members are requested to note the new addresses of the Sports Secretary and myself, which appear at the head of these notes.

M. W. GARDNER, *Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.*





After watching the Varsity match I found it even more pleasing to welcome on behalf of the L.S.O.P. Messrs. Ashton, Hilton, Howard, Jones and Mollard to our Christmas dinner. It was held on December 10th at Bertorelli's in Charlotte Street and beside our guests there were present: H. M. Lewis, D. Humphries, D. Swinstead, D. Priddon, V. Knight, G. Winsor, M. Privett, H. R. Knight, P. Ellis, L. Martin, J. Kemp, E. Carr-Hill, J. E. Franklin, A. D. Hayward, C. P. Nobes.

In addition I received apologies from L. F. Boten, C. Verdon, B. Marshall, G. Chignell, P. Keemer, D. G. Watts, B. Bannell and J. C. Heath.

We had a pleasant evening. The food was good, the company enjoyable and the speeches short. Mr. Ashton gave us the latest news about the school and we sent our love and flowers to Mrs. Ashton and our best wishes to all the staff and especially in the circumstances to Mr. Shaw. What little I have found time to do for the society was made doubly worthwhile by the number of those present and by their generous thanks.

Our previous meeting at the Grand Grill on November 12th saw a record attendance of 13 people. We agreed then that I should inform everybody that they would no longer receive communications concerning the society unless a subscription of 4/0 was received. As a result of this we now have a solid one of 27 members. They are, besides those mentioned above:

A. F. Hobbs, E. H. Dean Cooper, J. Jones, D. Masterman, A. G. Phillips, G. Chignell, T. Frost.

So it can be seen that we have representatives from 1917 onwards. I should be very pleased to hear from anyone else who wishes to renew his subscription.

I am slowly collecting autobiographical particulars of all our members which I shall incorporate in a newsletter to be sent to all. The first will have appeared early in the new year, I hope. Please let me know all about yourself as soon as you can.

By the time this is published I hope we shall have had at least two meetings. One at the Grand Grill and one, a cocktail party, at an address yet to be fixed.

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