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THIS term our accommodation has been extended by the provision of a temporary building which houses comfortably the three Sixth Forms and the Library, and the congestion which produced near chaos at the beginning of the year has been greatly reduced. Early next year the first stage in the extension of the permanent buildings should be begun, and when the alterations are completed we should be immeasurably better equipped, although our numbers are not likely to be substantially increased.

The results of the Examinations at the end of the Summer Term marked an improvement on the satisfactory standard maintained in recent years, a high proportion of the boys entering at O & A Levels securing a pleasing number of passes. Five boys were successful in gaining County Major Scholarships.

At Football the Eleven performed creditably under very difficult circumstances, being most severely handicapped by injuries. In particular, Donohoe must be the unluckiest of School Captains in that he has been unable to play a single match and nobody doubts but that the record would have been a great deal better had he been able to play regularly.

The term concluded with the usual Carol Service at SS Peter & Paul's Church: this Service has won praise in the past and this year a large congregation took part in what was generally felt to be an even better effort.

Examination Results

County Major Scholarships.

J. D. Brammer, A. G. Clewer, J. M. Smith, D. J. A. Tinling, O. P. N. Tully.

Oxford Local Examinations.

ADVANCED LEVEL. W. M. Alder (2), J. D. Brammer (4), V. C. Butcher (1), M. A. Churchill (1), A. G. Clewer (3), R. H. Dennis (2), P. B. Gardner (1), J. M. Gay (3), A. A. Holden (2), M. C. Lawrence (1), D. R. Linchan (2), J. W. McGrath (3), I. J. Noot (1), J. M. Payne (2), D. Phelan (3), C. R. Raggett (3), C. Rowling (2), J. M. Smith (3), R. Smith (3), P. R. Spencer (2), D. J. A. Tinling (4), O. P. N. Tully (3).

ORDINARY LEVEL. D. Baker (8), N. R. Bennett (4), K. P. Blakely (4), P. J. Bloxson (6), A. J. Boggust (5), R. A. Brent (5), V. L. Chamberlain (9), D. R. Cherrington (7), M. Clague (4), T. Cousens (5), G. R. Dimmick (6), P. J. Dimon (4), D. A. Efford (8), C. J. Emery (5), C. W. Evans (5), R. E. Gisborne (6), R. F. Grimble (4), M. E. Hall (6), C. J. Herring (8), J. Hobbs (6), P. A. Jeffs (5), P. B. Johnson (5), I. R. Kilgour (4), A. D. Legg (6), M. F. Lisle (6), M. J. Losh (8), E. W. McLarty (7), C. R. Marsh (7), M. A. Mogg (7), C. Payne (7), G. N. Potter (6), J. M. Roussel (4), P. A. B. Thomas (5), P. J. Vibert (8), A. Wells (4), R. M. Wilkins (9), D. L. Wyatt (4), R. C. Young (8).



BLACKBROOK—A. J. Forward, N. M. Barron, H. G. Hubbard, P. D. G. Uden, A. J. Hook, M. A. Baylis, S. R. Birks, R. J. Ellis, F. A. Gladman, D. V. Goff, P. J. C. Hitchcock, C. Hughes, G. J. Keith, B. T. Page, G. C. Pollinger, D. N. Pratt, V. Stevens, P. J. Stubbings, J. R. Windeath.

CAMS—T. Bull, C. M. Brown, G. J. Brown, R. G. Bunce, M. J. Burke, A. B. Carter, P. F. J. Domone, J. R. Lock, S. McGrath, J. O'Shaughnessy, P. M. Poole, R. G. Smith, B. I. Stewart, A. R. Watts.

SCHOOL—J. H. Sumner, G. J. Steel, G. W. Elmes, A. Vickers, I. G. Williams, I. G. Windebank, A. Bennett, P. D. Bright, R. D. Chase, D. J. Coomber, N. A. Davies, C. R. Gilbert, M. J. Howlett, J. A. Legg, K. H. Knowlton, S. F. Olden, B. G. Wake, M. G. Ward, R. A. Young.

WESTBURY—J. Hedges, R. M. Jenks, K. C. Upton, J. L. Blann, G. N. Andrews, R. J. Barnett, R. F. Fielder, M. J. Hillman, P. W. Keeble, F. Harris, M. D. Knight, R. P. Manley, B. F. Nicholson, B. R. Taylor, A. T. Shafford, R. M. Shaw, T. R. Woods.

Valete

BLACKBROOK—C. W. Evans, B. St. J. Evans, C. F. Bruster, R. G. Mitchell.

CAMS—G. A. Lock.

SCHOOL—P. B. Phillips (1st XI Football, Hockey), G. N. Potter, B. Deakins, Pipkin, C. R. Spicer, D. Edwards.

WESTBURY—M. R. Brown, K. N. Scorer, T. Riches.

The Library

The provision of new classrooms has enabled us to move the Library to new and better quarters, though with the old bookcases. Simultaneously it has ceased to be a form room. The result has been a much more frequent and effective use of the Library. This could not have been achieved without the assistance given by a group of Sixth Form boys, notably Cousens and Chamberlain.

Apart from acquisitions by purchase, particularly in the Geography section, we acknowledge with gratitude various donations and, in particular, a generous loan from Mr. Alderson.

Cadet Corps

The term just finished is always notable for a lack of exceptional activity and in consequence my notes will be rather scanty.

A Pt. I examination was held and a good percentage passed (after some previous training!).

A silver mounted mace was presented to the band and after the presentation the Headmaster expressed his pleasure and also his pride in the fact that the band is so outstanding a representation of the Corps itself.

I wish very well to all those that are leaving school and hope that the time spent in Corps activities will be of some value. Will you please remember that the Territorial Army is anxious to get recruits. It is probably as good a club as there is and the more of you who join the more chance there will be of National Service being finally dispensed with. I know for a fact that the local units are looking to the grammar schools to provide them with their officers. So please bear it in mind.

T.H.

Music Society

Four concerts were held this term, each one being publicised for a week beforehand by colourful posters produced for the Society by M. J. Losh. Early in the term a selection of popular records, presented by I. J. Noot, including many in the top twenty, proved quite successful. Before half-term Traditional and Mainstream Jazz was the subject of a concert given by G. Potter, and many of the latest Jazz records were played. During the second half of the term a concert of works by Mozart was presented by M. J. Losh, which included the serenade, "Eine kleine Nachtmusik," the Horn Concerto in E. flat major, and two piano concertos. Next term we hope to present more concerts of classical music as the more serious side of music has been rather neglected this term. The last concert of the term was given by C. Vaughan. This consisted of popular records, many of which were the latest 'hits.' About forty-five boys attended this meeting which went with a swing from start to finish.

The Annual General Meeting held in November was well attended, and Hoadley was elected Secretary after the unfortunate loss of C. Evans, who has moved to London. It was decided at the meeting to elect two representatives for each of the fifth and sixth forms, to represent classical and popular music at the concerts.

Thanks are due to Mr. Smith for his help in his capacity as Vice-President of the Society. Next term we hope to continue to hold concerts for the amusement and enjoyment of all members of the School interested in all forms of music.

M.J.L.

Chess Club

The season started with a good influx of junior members, who, now having mastered the principles of the game are beginning to play confidently and are giving the more experienced players strong competition. A committee was formed early this term, which consisted of Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, J. Smith: Senior Captain, M. Salt: Junior Captain, B. Evans: other members, Clewer, Tyack and Keen. This committee has resolved several major issues already this term.

In the Portsmouth and District Chess League Schools Division, the Senior team won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ boards to $1\frac{1}{2}$ against Gosport County Grammar School, and lost $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$ against Portsmouth Grammar School. Against the same two schools the Junior team lost 2-3, and won 3-2 respectively.

A Senior League has been formed this term and it is hoped that one will be formed for the Junior players next term. In the annual tournament the entries were below the expected number but all entrants should have good games on their way to the prize.

The Committee look forward to seeing new members next term and if you cannot play tuition is arranged. Now it remains for us to thank the Sports Fund for supplying us with four new sets and helping with our match expenses; we also thank the Head Master for allowing us to use the school for our home matches and the cooks for letting us use the kitchen.

J.M.S.

The Philatelic Society

It was felt that there was need once again for a club to cater for the many boys interested in postage stamps. The Headmaster agreed and at the first meeting, over forty boys were present. The purpose of the club was described as being to promote this interesting hobby and give the opportunity of exchanging stamps. A subscription of 1/- a term provides philatelic journals for the Library. Five meetings were held during the term—fortnightly on Tuesday and Thursday alternately. Attendances were most satisfactory, and many have greatly benefited from their swapping. Next term we hope to have even more members remembering to bring their collections to school and we should like to hear at least one speaker. Office holders are D. L. Wyatt (Chairman) with B. Evans and latterly Tanner as Treasurer.

D.L.W.



1st XI FOOTBALL

From the point of view of those who have played we have had a good season. From other standpoints, the absence from the field of Donohoe and Miller (and possibly Houghton from the 2nd XI) due to prolonged injury, cannot be other than disappointing. Inevitably our success was affected by the loss of these two experienced players, but no doubt others included in the team in consequence, appreciated the opportunity thus presented them. Of these, Forder Read and Skym all show promise and yet all have weaknesses that experience will help to modify.

Many of the displays given by the team were meritorious; Brockenhurst and Bournemouth spring to mind although the results were very different. On the other hand, Itchen and Portsmouth Northern may well recall memories that many would prefer to forget. On such occasions one feels that the root cause was not so much in lack of footballing ability or stamina as in a certain lack of team spirit. This is no general indictment of the team, for the reasons for this may be several; the disappointment of cancelled matches does not help but others may suggest themselves to thinking members of the team.

Touchline encouragement has always been adequate and in this connection it gives pleasure to note the great enthusiasm with which Donohoe supported his team on almost every occasion. Seldom, one imagines, has one had a non-playing Captain of School Football; seldom has such a Captain been so badly needed on the field but again seldom has such interest, advice and encouragement been so enthusiastically communicated to a team by its Captain.

Evans as Vice-Captain has managed the team well on the field and we were pleased to hear that he has been asked to travel with the Hampshire Grammar Schools XI in January.

Phillips is to be congratulated upon gaining 1st XI Colours this year. Although the sole member to do so this season, if my expectations are realised, this is merely the forerunner of a heavier crop in 1959.

Our thanks are due to Gisborne, a first rate linesman, and to Miller and Houghton for maintaining a supply of balls for all games.

G.C.T.

CAPTAIN'S NOTES

This season on the whole has been quite successful. Although the results, in some instances, appear to refute this, two things must be remembered, firstly that we have played against schools considerably larger than ours, and secondly that at least six of this year's team were newcomers to 1st XI football. We have also this year been very unfortunate, through injury and loss of form, in not having a settled team, until the end of November and so, in trying to find the best combination, more boys than usual played at least one game for the 1st XI.

Of these Read showed considerable promise at left-half. His tackling is strong and quick but he lacks good distribution of the ball, which is essential to a wing-half. Clarke, who deputised for Phillips in goal, showed that he is a capable 'keeper whilst both Forder and Skym tried hard at centre-forward.

Phillips as goalkeeper proved himself a great asset to the team making numerous good saves; however, he is inclined to be careless and his kicking leaves a lot of room for improvement. Holden at right-back has had a most successful season. His ability to be in the right place at the right time with a sharp tackle or a hard kick has proved invaluable; although at times he has tended to give his winger a large amount of room to move in, he has been one of the major reasons why the school defence has been so strong on occasions. Herring at left-back has had rather an indifferent season although he has tried extremely hard.

This year the half-back line has undoubtedly been the strong feature of the team. Evans, Payne and Tudge have always tried to play hard and fast football, although Tudge still lacks the positional sense that would save him so much last minute running and make his tackling infinitely more successful. Payne at centre half has brought a strong tackle and a good head to a position where these qualities have been lacking over the last few seasons, but his weakness rests in the fact that he has been easily drawn out of position by a good centre-forward; this has proved disastrous at times. Evans,

the veteran of the side, has led the team well setting a good example of hard and fast football. He has tackled strongly and his speed has proved a great menace both to opposing team's defence and forwards.

This year the forward line has been unsettled in the quest for the best combination which was found for the last two games. Every member of it had had no 1st XI experience until this year and they must be congratulated in the way that they have tried hard and never let up without a fight.

Rowling who came to rest on the right wing after playing at inside forward has always used the ball well although one must be led to think that with harder training his football would be more successful. Dugan, without doubt, has been the greatest danger to opposing defences. He has excellent ball control and the makings of a truly fine footballer but he must learn to make the ball do more of the work. Rankin, who played at outside right for most of the season before moving to centre forward has proved himself to be a capable footballer, although at the moment through inexperience he lacks steadiness in his game; his push and run style of football has proved quite successful. Pugh at inside-left has, through his great enthusiasm snapped up a number of vital goals. This opportunism is typical of his play although at times his inexperience has been obvious. Cooper has become a great menace to opposing defences with his quick dashes down the wing but his play would improve tenfold with better ball control.

MATCH REPORTS

Sat., September 27th

Gosport C.G.S.

Won 3-2

The team as a whole played well considering that this was the first match of the season, played on a larger pitch than we were accustomed to. The defence was outstanding, particularly Evans and Payne, and the forward line, although lacking cohesion, showed a great deal of promise.

Forder; Rankin; Pugh

Wed., October 8th

St. Vincent

Won 4-3

The game was played on a heavy pitch after a week of rain, and the school settling down quickly opened the score through Gardner and Rankin after several Dugan inspired moves. Nevertheless St. Vincent fought back and it was only through hard tackling and clearing by Holden, Payne and Evans that kept them from scoring only 2 goals, but the school forwards once more got control of the situation and scored two quick goals in reply to a goal from St. Vincent.

Gardner 2, Pugh; and Rankin

Sat., October 18th

Southern G.S.

Lost 3-2

The school were faced by a very strong side with powerful inside forwards who soon swamped the school defence with a series of clever passes. This was the main reason for our collapse and we were very fortunate that our opponents did not score more than three goals. With the move of Evans up to the forward line, however, we looked a lot more impressive and managed to score two goals before the final whistle.

Evans; Rankin.

Sat., October 25th

Brockenhurst

Lost 3-0

This was a remarkable game in the fact that the visitors, a strong, skilful side full of confidence after a series of high wins, were only able to score three goals with a great deal of difficulty. The school's defence was outstanding and although the forward line was blotted out for most of the game it occasionally looked dangerous.

Wed., October 29th

Peter Symond's

Draw 2-2

This was a most noteworthy game for two reasons, firstly for the way both teams fought for the winning goal leaving the result in doubt until the final whistle and secondly for an outstanding goal scored by Dugan. Peter Symonds went ahead with a rather fortunate goal but Dugan equalised with a brilliant shot and Skym put the school ahead. However, the opposition attacked with unceasing vigour in the closing stages and equalised after a goal-mouth scramble.

Dugan; Skym.

Sat., November 1st

Itchen

Lost 3-1

This was altogether a very disappointing match for a team which had played so well the previous weeks against better teams to turn in such a dispirited display. Confidence appeared to be lacking throughout the team, especially in defence where covering appeared non-existent. However, the school were most unfortunate to have Evans injured; he had scored the goal and was proving himself invaluable in defence.

Evans.

Sat., November 15th

Bournemouth

Won 3-1

The standard of play and confidence throughout the team went to prove that the team the previous week was sadly out of form. Scoring three extremely good goals through Rankin, Holden and Pugh in the first half, the school managed to withstand the continuous pressure of the Bournemouth forwards in the closing stages of the game. The defence in thus crucial stage was outstanding in all departments.

Rankin; Holden; Pugh.

Wed., November 19th

Purbrook

Won 2-1

This was also an extremely fine display by the school team. The school took the lead through Pugh in the first half but Purbrook quickly equalised, and so the remainder of the game resulted in a battle between the two very strong defences until Cooper scored the winning goal after a shot by Rowling had hit the post.

Pugh; Cooper.

Sat., November 29th

Northern G.S.

Lost 6-4

This match need not have been lost, for at the interval we were winning 2-1 and were the better side. However, soon after the resumption of play the team seemed to relax and all cohesion disappeared. The defence were sadly out of form, making a series of mistakes allowing the Portsmouth forwards in to score the five goals.

Pugh 2; Cooper; Own Goal.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI this year, owing to the growing numbers in the school, was able to recruit some very fine players, who although not up to 1st XI standard this year, will certainly attain that height next year. The old tradition of the 2nd XI being a crowd of the biggest boys in the school is now fast fading and giving way to a team of keen, proficient boys of any size, who are interested enough to train hard and play good football, so that they are continually challenging 1st XI players for their places. Above all this year's team was governed by a sense of comradeship and friendship which made playing a pleasure, win or lose. It may appear from the results, that this year's team was not very strong, but this was not the case, as this 2nd XI, although small, was one of the best the school has ever had, and it will also be noted that the matches lost were lost narrowly.

Results

Gosport C.G.S.

Away

Won 4-1

Playing together as a team for the first time, we played intelligent football against a much bigger side. Jones and Stapley on the left, and Skym and Gardner on the right, played together very well. Davies and Vinall played well in defence.

Scorers: Gardner 3, Stapley 1.

Old Priceans: Cancelled.

Purbrook C.H.S.: Cancelled.

Southern Grammar School

Home

Lost 4-2

Again playing against a much bigger side, we held our own quite well in the first half. But in the second half we were overwhelmed for a little while, Southern Grammar scoring 3 goals. Towards the end of the game, however, we attacked again and again, but without success.

Scorers: Gardner 1, Shurlock 1.

Peter Symonds

Away

Lost 3-2

Here again the team played very well during the first half and we were leading 2-1 at half time through opportunist goals by Forder and Jones. But in the second half, owing to injuries and mishaps, we conceded two goals. Alder and Davies played well in defence.

Scorers: Forder 1, Jones 1.

St. Vincent

Away

Won 2-1

This was perhaps the hardest game of the season, played against a very fit team. But our side played very well, with the exception of a few minutes during the second half, when, because we were hard pressed, the whole team retired into its own penalty area. But luckily this period did not last long. Clewer played very well and in goal Walker saved a penalty.

Scorers: Forder 1, Skym 1.

St. Mary's: Cancelled.

Northern Grammar School

Home

Lost 4-3

This game at the start appeared to be going to turn out a game of high scores, when both sides scored within five minutes. But on a very heavy ground the pace soon slowed and the team settled down to play a hard game of football. We held our own during the first half, but in the second half the other side took the lead, owing to a disappointing display by the rearguard, and grimly held on to it.

Scorers: Jones 2, Forder 1.

I would like to thank Clewer for acting as linesman and also I would like to thank him and Wheble, who although not regular members of the side, played well on the occasion when they were required.

E. W. McL.

COLTS FOOTBALL

The Senior Colts eleven has had a successful season. The lack of practice early in the season showed itself in their first match against Portsmouth Southern Grammar School. However, after this poor start, the team played very well, winning three of their remaining four matches, and holding a very strong side from Peter Symond's to a draw. In this match, a little more steadiness in defence in the last ten minutes would have held on to a 4-2 lead.

Emery, the captain, has been a tower of strength in goal, and captained the side ably. Jenks, a newcomer and Edinberry, have filled the full back positions adequately. In the half-back line, Curtis has played well at times, but is inclined to dribble too much in his own penalty area. Vibert, at centre-half, has kept most centre-forwards from the goal, and Smith at left-half has been the outstanding defender, strong in defence and attack. In the forward line, all have played well, although at times their combination was not good; however, the goals have come. The following six boys have shared the forward positions; Carter, Wilkins, Greentree, Watton, Goble and Hunt.

It is a sign of the support that some boys give to the team, in that we have been able to rely on the services of a linesman for every match. Hutchings has run the line very well for most matches and O'Keefe and Cherrington have also acted as linesmen.

The Under-Thirteen eleven played only one match which they won comfortably 4-1. Watton, with experience of the senior side, captained the side well, and it should develop into a useful Colts side in two years time. The team was, Wright, Woods, Penn; Hughes, Watton, Fisher; Freeman, Lewis, Smith A., Salmon and Harvey.

The Under-Fourteen team in their one match were outclassed by a more experienced side but fought hard. The defence was rather suspect and allowed the opposing forwards too much space in which to work the ball. The following boys played: Thomas (capt.), Wright, Holloway, Houghton, Watton, Hughes, Wake, Salmon, Greentree, Wilkins and Gardner.

Results: *v.* Southern Grammar (Away) Lost 6-2 (Wilkins 2)
v. Brockenhurst (Home) Won 7-2 (Goble 3, Hunt 2, Greentree 2)
v. Peter Symond's (Home) Drawn 4-4 (Greentree 2, Wilkins 2)
v. Itchen (Away) Won 4-2 (Greentree 3, Carter)
v. Bournemouth (Away) Won 3-0 (Greentree 2, Hunt)

Under 14 *v.* Northern Grammar (Home) Lost 6-3 (Wilkins 2, Greentree)

Under 13 *v.* Peter Symond's (Away) Won 4-1 (Smith 2, Salmon, Own Goal)

HOUSE MATCHES

Senior

Blackbrook	...	...	8	Cams	...	...	...	0
School	...	...	3	Westbury	...	...	...	1
Blackbrook	...	...	1	School	...	...	...	0
Westbury	...	...	7	Cams	...	...	...	2
School	...	...	9	Cams	...	...	...	1
Westbury	...	...	7	Blackbrook	...	...	...	3

Junior

Blackbrook	...	...	11	Cams	...	...	...	1
School	...	...	4	Westbury	...	...	...	4
School	...	...	6	Blackbrook	...	...	...	5
Westbury	...	...	10	Cams	...	...	...	0
School	...	...	5	Cams	...	...	...	2
Blackbrook	...	...	3	Westbury	...	...	...	3

Minors

Cams	...	...	7	Blackbrook	...	...	...	0
Westbury	...	...	7	School	...	...	...	1
Blackbrook	...	...	5	School	...	...	...	0
Cams	...	...	4	Westbury	...	...	...	1
Westbury	...	...	8	Blackbrook	...	...	...	2
Cams	...	...	5	School	...	...	...	0

Badminton Club Notes

This has been a fairly successful term for the Club. The membership has increased and as the term has progressed the standard of play has risen considerably. Of the new members Payne has played regularly for the team and Baker shows considerable promise.

Holden has set a fine example as captain of the team and has been unfortunate in not finding a permanent partner; Pugh and Payne have been the most successful pair, and Rowling, Evans and Noot have all played well. Unfortunately, Donohoe who would have been a most useful player had to miss most of the matches owing to a knee injury and Butler ably took his place.

The Club is indebted to the Sports Committee for the purchase of two new racquets. Our thanks are also due to those boys who have helped with refreshments, to Mr. Ashton, for the loan of the hall and to the kitchen staff for the loan of some of their equipment.

Match Reports

Hamble B.C.

Home—Won 9-7

All four pairs played well to beat Hamble in a close and exciting match, each pair scoring at least two successes.

Crofton B.C.

Home—Lost 3-13

Crofton had little difficulty in beating the team weakened through an injury to Donohoe in the first game. Noot and Evans won two games; Pugh and Payne being the other successful pair.

Hamble B.C.

Away—Lost 5-11

With a stronger team, Hamble beat us in this return match. Pugh and Payne scored two successes as did number two pair, the other success going to Holden and Butler.

Park Gate B.C.

Home—Drew 8-8

Despite the cold weather, this was a keen and exciting match, the result being in doubt until the last game. All pairs played well each winning one or more games.

St. John's College B.C.

Away—Lost 3-6

In this match each team played with three pairs; and against a team which played better badminton than we did, we lost, each pair winning one game.

W.M.A.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

This term has not been outstanding, as the football results show. We managed however, to finish first equals in the Seniors, and third in both the Juniors and the Minors. All of the Minor team were small, and because Cams and Westbury had at least one useful player with some good solid weight we lost to both of them, most of the team being inclined to run alongside of the player instead of tackling. In the first match against Cams we suffered a 7-0 defeat to a much better side. The Westbury game followed suit with the exception that we scored twice through O'Keeffe and Hughes C., the final result being 2-8. Against School, however, we played much better and managed to secure third place by winning 5-0, the scorers being, Myhill four, and Hughes G. By acquiring more experience and determination the standard of the team's football will improve together with the results.

The Juniors started off in fine style by beating Cams 11-1, the scorers being Gardiner five, Emery and Phelps two each, and Roshier and Coffin one apiece. Against School after being 5-1 down, they managed to achieve the final result of 6-5, losing by the odd goal; the game on the whole was scrappy and neither side produced any good football. Our scorers were Gardiner and Emery two each, and Barron. The final game against Westbury was drawn 3-3, the scorers being Emery two and Roshier. Of the team, Gardiner and Barron played well in the forwards, whilst Thomas and Emery were sound in defence, and Wright played very well in goal.

The Seniors started off by winning their first two games, against Cams 8-0, and School 1-0. The game against Cams was a walkover, with goals coming from Dugan four, Cooper three, and Tudge. Cooper in particular played well. Against School, however, things were different; a magnificent goal from Bruster gave us the lead at half-time. Not long after the restart Dugan had to leave the field, and we were then thrown on the defensive for the rest of the match. We maintained our lead, however, winning 1-0. All we had to do against Westbury was draw, and we would win the Senior Cup. We lost 7-3. Bruster managed to give us the lead and at halftime it was 1-1. The second half saw us go to pieces, and some bad marking in defence and lack of cohesion in the forwards lost us the match. Our other scorers were Bruster again and Cooper. Before the third game, the team played well as a whole and everyone must be given credit.

By the time you are reading these notes, we will all be training hard for the Cross Country, and I ask all the members of Blackbrook to do their best to help raise our position in the Reed Cup to first, and to keep it there.

J.M.E.

Cams

The House honours for the football competition must go without question to the Minors who by winning all their matches gained the Minor Football Cup for the House. In so doing they obtained the only points that the House was able to muster for the Reed Cup in the three sections of the football competition, the Seniors and Juniors having lost all their matches.

In their first match the Seniors played Blackbrook and kicked up the slope in the first half. Blackbrook got on top right from the start and as time progressed dominated the game more and more. However, it was not until about twenty minutes after the start that they scored their first goal; but two more followed in quick succession and another was added just before the interval. The second half saw little change in the state of the match, the ball being in our half nearly all of the time. Blackbrook added to their score four times after the interval and had it not been for the hard work put in by Alder W. M., Read C. and Herring in defence our opponents' score might easily have been doubled. Our second match against Westbury was rather a different affair, our standard of football showing great improvements. We opened the scoring soon after the start following one of many attacks on the right wing by Brammer, J. D. The goal resulted from a shot by Wheble the ball being deflected by Brent onto a Westbury player and thence into the net. It was not long before the score was levelled and soon afterwards Westbury took the lead after a bounce up in the penalty area. Both sides scored again before half time our goal being deflected into the net by an opponent. For the first fifteen minutes of the second half Westbury did all the attacking and during that time scored twice. After that, although we came back into the game, we were unable to score. During the closing stages of the game we conceded two more goals

and finally lost 7-2. In this game Blakely played well in goal, Brammer showed promise on the right wing and Alder and Read again held the team together. In our last match we played School House and our performance was not very encouraging. By half time our opponents had built up a five goal lead and they continued to add to their score in the second half. The final score was 9-1, our goal having been scored by Brammer following a good left wing attack by Brent.

In their first match against Blackbrook the Juniors soon found themselves six goals down. They were almost continually on the defensive and were losing 8-0 at half time. Playing uphill after the interval they came into the game more the final score being 11-1. Our only goal was scored by Hutchings after Thompson had made a very good dash down the right wing and had centred the ball to him. Against Westbury the Juniors were again outplayed losing 10-0. The high score was by no means the fault of our goalkeeper Warde who played a very good game. The Junior's performance against School House turned out to be a pleasant surprise; though it must be admitted that our opponents were playing several reserves. By half time we were behind by the odd goal in five. Barton and Bull T. having been our scorers. Holloway, Thompson, Alder C. and Hutchings played well in this game the final result of which was a 5-2 victory for School House.

The Minors won their three games in convincing style being ably captained by Watton who at centre-half was the backbone of the team. By half time in their first match against Blackbrook they were leading 3-0, Watton, Wills and Harvey having scored. The forwards were in fine form and with two more goals from Watton and one each from Harvey and Burke we won 7-0. Johnson in goal, played very well saving a number of difficult shots. As was obvious to all concerned the match between Westbury and Cams would decide the winners of the Minor Football Cup. Both sides had to play with reserves but nevertheless a very good game resulted. At all times we just had the edge over Westbury and as a result of goals from Lewis and Watton we were 2-0 up at half time. In the second half Westbury tried very hard to level the scores and Freeman in scoring their only goal was the only player in the whole competition to put the ball past Johnson who was in fine form. Fraser and Hand scored for us in the second half and we won 4-1. After their great win over Westbury the Minors found their match against School House to be an easy one. McGrath S. scored once and Watton twice in the first half and after the interval Hand and Lewis scored to make the final result 5-0. In all their games all the Minors played well and they always played as a team: it is to this that they owe their success.

Although the Seniors and Juniors met with little success the spirit with which they played was of high quality and in every game they tried hard right up to the final whistle. It is to be hoped that in the forthcoming Lent Term each boy in Cams will support his House to the best of his ability, either by taking part in the sporting activities or by giving encouragement to those taking part.

D.J.A.T

School House

This has been a fine start in the House's quest of the Reed Cup for a further year. The Seniors shared top place in their division whilst the Juniors, who did not seem to be contenders for first place, topped the division by a handsome margin. However, the Minors, although outclassed, tried extremely hard, but unsuccessfully, to pull out of last place.

The strength of the Senior team lay in a most solid defence in which praise must go to the half-back line of Walker, Payne and Vinall who were so instrumental in our fine start. Against Westbury, who appeared the stronger team on paper, the Seniors

scored an easy victory winning 3-1, whilst against Blackbrook we tasted defeat by the only goal of the match although we had our scoring chances. However, against Cams we overwhelmed what opposition there was and both Forder, and Clewer scored hat-tricks in our 9-1 victory.

The Juniors, most ably captained by Curtis, played extremely hard drawing 4-4 against Westbury and winning 6-5 against Blackbrook after a hard tussle in which Greentree scored three goals. Against Cams, Greentree scored a further hat-trick in our victory 5-2.

The Minors, although trying extremely hard, could not make any impression on opposing defences, but Keith, Steele, Wake and Oakshott must be congratulated on their displays. Against Westbury we were defeated by 7-1, Ward scoring our only goal, against Cams we lost 5-0 and to Blackbrook we lost by the same total.

It is very difficult to mention everybody's name in this short account but I do congratulate every boy, whether a Senior, or a Junior or a Minor on their wholehearted displays, and I look forward to further success in the next term.

R.G.D.

Westbury

For the first time, within the memory of the present house, Westbury have ended the first term as joint leaders, with School House, of the Reed Cup competition. Against School House the Seniors lost their first game 3-1. The team, on paper, was one of the best Westbury has possessed for some time; this was shown in the fact that only three members of the side did not play for representative school teams. All three goals were scored in the first half, a further effort in which the goalkeeper was injured, was disallowed. The forwards did not work well together and in the breakaways they did make, lacked finishing power. Our only success was a goal awarded in the last few minutes. The second game, against a weak Cams team, was won 7-2. Cams fought hard and their forwards were dangerous at times. Pugh and Shurlock scored in their own goal to give Cams an early lead, but Holden, playing in the forwards, Rankin and Jones proceeded to make the score 3-2, for us by half time. Then Westbury put on the pressure, and Jones played quite outstandingly to finish the game with five goals to his credit. Brebner in his first game for the Seniors handled the ball well in goal. In our last game against Blackbrook the team was outstanding. After being 1-1 at half time, a magnificent rally by the forwards well supported by a stalwart defence put Westbury on the road to a 7-3 victory. History was made as Westbury won a share in the Senior Football Cup with Blackbrook and School House. Throughout these three matches Holden has captained the team well, he has been supported in defence by Wells, McLarty, and Pugh, and in attack by Skym, Rankin, Rowling, Jones and Shurlock.

The Juniors, with a strong team were equally successful in their competition. They were unfortunate to draw their first game 4-4 with School House, but this result was most favourable considering the fact that two penalties were awarded against them. The team did not work well together, and the result was that passing was rather poor. However, Smith scored a hat trick and Hunt the other. Against Cams, on a muddy pitch, Westbury triumphed completely by winning 10-0. Even then the forwards missed many chances and the score might easily have been twice what it actually was. At times all eleven players were in one half. Fuller the captain and goalkeeper touched the ball scarcely half a dozen times. In the last match against Blackbrook, the team, needed a win to obtain first place in the series. They were second; the team drew 3-3, an unfortunate result for a team which tried so hard. The chief members of this team were Fuller who did a good job as captain, Smith, Carter, Goble, and Hunt in attack, Edinberry, Jenks and Houghton, though lacking in height, in defence.

The Minors, like the Juniors, were second in their competition. The weight of their success has rested on the shoulders of Salmon, the captain, and Freeman. Against School House with a team of three reserves, they won 7-0, the goalkeeper Knight, quite a promising young player, touched the ball twice, while Salmon and Freeman scored three goals each and Beddis just one. They continued their good work against Blackbrook, who were defeated 9-2; this time a new boy, an extremely promising right-winger, Shafford, scored his first goal for the house; Salmon, Freeman and Beddis again contributed. With Salmon absent, the team were rather at a loss in their last game against a strong Cams side. They lost 4-1, mainly because they were scared of Watton, around whom the Cams team centred. Freeman scored our only goal. The house has been most fortunate this year in having a good in-take, for there were some quite promising young players in this Minor team, namely Barnett, Manley, Knight, Shafford and Woods.

Thus, in the position they now occupy, Westbury can now look forward with some hope of success to Hockey and the Steeplechase.

I.J.N.

London Revisited

After a wet start from Fareham we arrived at the Houses of Parliament at 11 o'clock. Here we waited in vain for Dr. Bennett. In his stead Mr. Vale, a member of Serjeant-at-Arms staff, competently conducted us around, and all found the tour very illuminating. We were pleased to note a party of Italian schoolgirls taking an interest in our constitution. We separated for lunch and some seized the opportunity, and viewed Westminster Abbey. In the afternoon we spent a pleasant couple of hours in the Tower under the watchful eye of a Beefeater, who provided amusement, if not instruction.

As darkness fell we reboarded the coach and left London—but soon stopped to quench our thirst. Nevertheless the party arrived in Fareham at 8 o'clock and all agreed that it was "ten bob well spent." In conclusion we should like to express our hearty thanks to Mr. Lloyd-Davis (alias Mr. Howard-Jones) who organised the expedition.

M.H.M.

Old Priceans Association

Firstly I must apologise for the non-appearance of the Sports Notes in the last issue of the 'Lion.' The notes were despatched to the Editor in good time but unfortunately they did not arrive until the 'Lion' had gone to press.

Those of you who would have been interested would have found the result in the earlier pages of the 'Lion' and would have noticed that the Old Boys turned out two XI's both of whom were successful; an event on which we justly pride ourselves.

Unfortunately the bad weather in early October prevented us from playing the Soccer Match on October 4th. This year the response to my circulars had not been so gratifying as usual, and we would have been hard pressed to have produced two XI's to repeat last years double victory.

For your diaries—the Hockey Match will be played on the third Saturday in March which will be the 21st when we hope that we might be able to reverse last year's unexpected defeat.



There is very little to report about our doings of the end of last year. The November Grand Grill meeting was not well populated—three of us drank and gossiped together.

The gathering for the Christmas Dinner must have been the smallest for some years. The meal itself was far superior to last year's, and Hayward, Humphries, Swinstead, Privett, Knight, Ellis, Malcolm, Reed and I were very well satisfied. We were disappointed that so few of us were there and that nobody could manage the journey from the School. I think my invitation system probably wasn't too sound, but it was hindered by two unfortunate circumstances over which I had no control. I would like to say now that next year's Christmas Dinner will again be at Bertorelli's, Charlotte Street, W.1., on Tuesday, 8th December, after the Varsity match. Please make a note of this; any Old Pricean is very welcome. The next Grand Grill meeting is on Tuesday, 10th February.

We offer our congratulations to Martin Privett, whose wife safely presented him with a healthy girl shortly after he had returned from a Grand Grill meeting.

It is with regret that I have to report the loss of the book recording all the L.S.O.P. meetings from the 1930's. I left it for safety in the Schoolkeeper's office; the schoolkeeper thought that it had been put there as a contribution to a jumble sale about to take place in the School; he could not see what use it would be to the jumble sale (how right he was) — so he burned it. I was very angry and quite helpless.

I hope you will have had a merry Christmas and that the New Year, which will be well under way by the time you read this, is prospering.

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