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From September to March.

DURING the two terms which this issue chronicles the School pursued an even course. Although peace has not come the war has moved further away from us. Deserted by tanks and S.P.G.'s, unmolested by sirens our existence has certainly been more peaceful. We were able to send in a record number of entries for School Certificate and, as the list of successful candidates shows, with a very considerable measure of success. Football has been played both terms and by the time this issue appears the Steeplechase will probably have been settled. And, here as elsewhere, it is likely to appear that there are still good fish in the sea.

As a record of the events of the past, here once more, is "The Lion"; we hope it will not be long now before we can include once more original compositions by members of the School and that there will be a flourishing section dealing with the activities of the Old Priceans' Association. Meanwhile we wish all our readers happiness and good holidays.

Honours List.

D.S.O. J. M. LEE, L. F. SHEPPARD.

D.F.C. A. PICKWOOD, J. PARSONS, P. GIBBS, D. SIEVIER.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES. G. F. JACKSON.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL. C. E. LILYWHITE.

CASUALTIES.

We deeply regret having to record the following :—

Killed. I. M. H. MAY, B. J. HYNES, A. S. FLEMANS, R. CLARK,
C. W. BARTER, L. F. SHEPPARD.

Missing. M. HILLS, P. GIBBS, D. GODDEN.

Prisoners of War. F. C. J. DIXON, H. P. DAWKINS.

We congratulate W. H. BILTON, previously reported Missing, now safely returned.

L. F. SHEPPARD.

The following is a translation of the remarks of the Greek Minister of the Interior at the funeral of Lt.-Colonel L. F. Sheppard, Intelligence Officer of the Greek Unrra Mission :—

“ On behalf of the Prime Minister and the Greek Government, I lay a wreath and address a last farewell to a glorious and honoured departed friend. . . . His name will go down in the great annals of the fight for freedom.

“ He was a Greek scholar of broad culture who had a clear conception of the new social trends. He will be remembered as one who rendered invaluable service to the Greek cause. He fought in the mountains and came down to the Capital during the dark era of servitude, at great personal risk, to contribute more to the liberation of our country. He was the liaison officer between the British and the three members of our Committee.

“ His friends and collaborators will remember with deep emotion and heartfelt regret the good friend and brave soldier. Greece will gratefully include his name in the long list of brave British Philhellenes.”

Examination Results.

OXFORD HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE.—J. J. Way, J. D. Cole.

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*Signifies Exemption from London Matriculation.

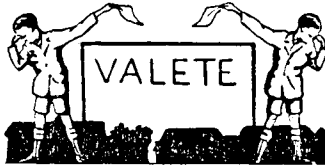


VB. P. Durrant. IVA. R. W. Frame. IVB. C. Cowdrey.

REM. Wills. 3a. R. D. Ditchburn. 3b. D. Holliday, R. N. Palmer.

2a and 2b. C. G. Aitken, F. Andrews, H. J. Andrews, A. W. R. Allwood, P. J. Bates, P. G. Blewden, B. E. Callon, R. B. Chadwick, A. C. Corbett, B. A. Cozens, K. Eldred, D. J. Hammerton, C. F. Hills, D. T.

Jarman, D. J. Jones, J. F. Maidment, B. J. Marchant, R. V. Marshall, K. A. McBride, P. J. Newbold, A. P. Paterson, D. F. Peckham, P. I. Phillips, W. A. K. Prescott, L. A. Quianlan, G. P. Stone, G. R. Stubbington, A. J. Taylor, F. E. Thomas, R. H. Wilcox, M. B. Walling, L. D. Williams, J. Bailey, B. C. Bannister, J. B. Carpenter, P. R. Chapman, S. F. Courtney, C. S. Critchett, J. T. Farthing, T. R. Gilham, P. D. E. Gregory, J. K. Groves, R. J. Hawkins, M. F. J. Herbert, B. H. Hughes, G. James, A. M. John, J. R. Lindsell, P. B. Linnett, J. L. A. Majendie, J. A. Moger, C. B. E. Morris, C. A. Norton, D. C. Rennison, M. R. C. Sammons, A. D. Sharpe, G. M. Sheppard, M. J. Smith, J. R. Taubman, A. Thomas, F. P. Verdon, R. J. Williams, A. C. Bailey.



BLACKBROOK.—B. T. W. Barnacott, G. Rees, R. Skipper, P. Durrant, H. J. Bascomb, J. Whatley, S. Jacobs, K. Oakley, G. French, J. Colbourne, D. J. Way, E. A. Shorney, D. Jones, B. Jarvis.

CAMS.—J. Bennett, E. Norster, D. Hayes, R. Steel, C. Fowler, J. Denton, K. Maddison, A. Palmer, J. Palmer, R. Farthing, R. K. Ockenden.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—S. C. Nolan, J. G. Lennox, F. Keen, G. Alexander, A. Forsyth, W. Banks, R. Hartfall, M. Lewis, J. Kemp, J. F. Gale (School 1st XI Cricket), G. Short (School 1st XI Cricket), T. Floate, C. R. Wright (Victor Ludorum, School 1st XI Football and Cricket), J. Johnson, J. Maffey, E. Holman, C. Gough.

WESTBURY.—H. C. Blake (Prefect, School 1st XI Football, C.S.M., Cadet Corps), J. Smailes, G. Dines, T. Sharpe, P. Allen, M. Beale, J. Trigg, K. Randall, H. P. Oxlade.

Cadet Corps Notes.

It was with very deep regret that we learnt of Captain Shaddock's retirement from the School Company, for during his command of the Corps we had many successes and it is only fitting that our grateful thanks should be extended to him for all that he has done for us in the past.

Upon Captain Shaddock's resignation, Captain Munday took charge for a brief period, but eventually he was forced to resign under pressure of work, thus leaving the Corps without a commanding officer, in which position we remain. However we have been ably assisted by B.S.M. Moore, who has helped materially in carrying out a training programme, the consequences of which are manifested in our excellent examination results.

We can proudly state that of the ten candidates who took Part I of War Certificate "A," nine were successful and of the entrants for Part II, eleven passed out of twelve.

Congratulations must go to all who took part in this achievement and we trust that future N.C.O's and Cadets will live up to these high standards.

Since July, 1944, there have been Summer Camp and numerous courses, all of which were well attended. The Summer Camp which was held at Basing Park, near Privett, was extremely successful under the instruction of an Army Travelling Wing. Our Company has been well represented at Vehicle Maintenance, minor tactics and fieldcraft courses, but it cannot be over-emphasized, how useful and beneficial the instruction and experience gained here can be. It should be the aim of every cadet to attend the next Summer camp, which will again be held in Basing Park.

The last year has seen the N.C.O's shouldering a greater responsibility than ever before and they have helped and instructed admirably.

Finally, we would thank all cadets for the grand work they have done in keeping up the reputation of the Company as the best in the Battalion, and we hope that the younger cadets will live up to their Corps standards and retain its position in the future.

V. A. KNIGHT, C.S.M. J. R. SUGGATE, C.Q.M.S.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the way in which the N.C.O's and W.O's are tackling the responsibilities thrust upon them. Probably nobody is so able as myself to understand just how much they are doing, and so I would like all concerned to know that in my opinion the boys who are now in charge are doing a fine job of work and deserve congratulation.

J. SHADDOCK.

The Scout Troop.

Separating the Troop into Seniors and Juniors, though done to avoid scouting hindering School Certificate preparation, has some advantages from a scouting point of view. It enables the seniors to do more advanced work and different activities, and it gives the younger boys a chance of becoming patrol leaders sooner. But when there is only one scoutmaster it makes his task four times as difficult, as not only are there two troops to run, but also the Junior Troop loses the help of experienced patrol leaders. Both troops are bound to suffer a little as a consequence of the difficulties. Last year the Troop had very great help in Fenwick Gale (Senior Scout) and Vivie Hoad (Troop Leader). The one has now left school, and the other is in the Senior Patrol.

Much of last term's work in the Junior Troop was training and absorbing new recruits. This term much of our energies have been given to preparing for Parents' Night. By the time this is in print, Parents' Night will be over, but at the time of writing it is in the near future and we are very busy getting ready.

Camping is chiefly a summer activity, but it is one of the most important parts of scouting. Last summer camp was the best this Troop has ever had—partly because it was the first fine weather camp, and partly, perhaps, because the water supply failed suddenly and completely. The whole camp was broken up at an hour's notice and sent out in patrols to "camp out" in the country around for a day and a half until the pump in the well was mended. The competition for the best patrol in camp was won by the Woodpigeons under Micky Moore. They were not only the best patrol, but also the happiest. The two things, efficiency and happiness, don't always go together.

But camping has not been forgotten during the winter months. Two senior scouts braved the winter weather and long dark nights to camp in November and pass their hiking test for first class badge by following the route of the Roman Road from Wickham to Winchester. We shall soon be getting ready for Whitsun Camp, and we have already been looking for a site for next summer's camp.

A new adventure for this troop has been a night hike by some of the seniors. We felt a bit mad, and certainly other people thought us mad, as we took a bus out of Fareham late one Saturday evening in order to walk back, but when it was over we all agreed it had been a worth-while and enjoyable experience. We walked from Park Gate to beyond Sarisbury Green, where we joined some senior 8th Fareham scouts and cooked supper on a fire under the trees. It was quite dark by then as the moon did not rise till midnight. We set out on our night walk soon after ten, along small roads for two miles; then across what used to be a bit of wild land with a path difficult to find even in daylight, but rather to our disappointment we found that during the last two years it had been made into a good cart track to Whiteley Farm. However, we made up for that by leaving the road north of Lee Ground and travelling round ploughed fields and woods, steering by compass and stars. The last part of the journey, when it was getting on for two in the morning, was the heaviest going; the sort of remark frequently heard in the dark was "Come over this side, the mud is only up to the ankles here."

Debating Society.

The Society started a new School year in September, 1944, with a committee of three; these were H. R. Thacker, Esq., President; J. D. Cole, Hon. Secretary, and R. F. Stapley. Three debates have been held to date and these have been fairly well attended, but only by the same people each time; I should like to see some more people taking notice of the Society and I should like a few different speakers as the same people speak in nearly every debate. There has been a definite reluctance on the part of members to speak when the debates are declared open; I hope this will be remedied at future meetings.

The first debate was held on November 8th, 1944, on the motion that "The teaching of Classical Languages should be abolished in Secondary Schools"; this was carried by eight votes to three. This result was mainly effected by a number of boys from 4A who attended en bloc and voted for the motion, although 4A is a Latin Form. The Second was held on December 8th,

1944, on "A Prosperous Germany is essential to a Prosperous Europe"; this debate evoked a lively discussion and several good points were raised, one of them, which I think swayed the debate, was made by Stapley, who said that if Germany's prosperity were removed, a general slump would follow throughout Europe; in the end the motion was carried by eleven votes to three. The last debate was held on February 16th, 1945, and the motion was "A Coalition Government is desirable after the War"; this motion was defeated by seven votes to two. Amongst the more notable speakers in the debates were Jones and Jarvis of 5B, who raised some very good points in the last two debates, and Stapley and Wilkins of the Sixth Form.

One more debate will be held this term and I hope to see a greater influx of members in the Summer Term.

Finally, I should like to wish all members a happy Easter and the best of luck to those taking Exams in the Summer.

J. D. COLE, Hon. Sec.

Football.

While the first eleven of the past two terms cannot be said to have been unusually brilliant, it can be truthfully stated that we have been at least average, having held our own with most of the school teams we have played, and having beaten most of the club sides fairly comfortably. At present our record is: Played 13, Won 8, Lost 4, Drawn 1; Goals: For 57, Against 41.

From these statistics it will be readily seen that though the forwards have been good, the defence was the part which needed strengthening. The weakness was mainly due to weak kicking and reluctance to tackle quickly. The heading has been extremely good and as this has usually been our weak point, it can at least be said that we have made progress in some direction.

Among the forwards too, the heading has been generally good, but here again the shooting was not always reliable. Excepting short spells the combination was not good, until the last matches, when it was almost brilliant; indeed the whole team played a different class of football against St. John's College and Eastleigh.

White filled the place between the posts (figuratively and nearly literally) until mid-way through last term when the Army stole him. His great height and reach enabled him to save many shots which most 'keepers could not have reached; his long, apparently effortless goal kicks were also of great advantage to us and we missed this in his successors. Both Smith and Joint were tried and after changing twice we kept the latter, though there was little to choose between them. All three have dealt confidently with pass-backs, which have been used with advantage very frequently. The latter two make up for lack of White's height with good positioning.

Gilbody has played regularly as left back and has been generally reliable, tackling and kicking well for his size. Holloway, who filled the right back position for most of the season did not develop as was hoped and eventually Ponsford was brought in. He has justified his choice and with more practice at ball control should make a good back.

Wilkins has played throughout the season at left-half and was one of the strong points of the defence. He tackles fearlessly and his heading leaves little to be desired. For most of the season Knight has been right-half and worked very willingly, but his kicking was erratic. Grogan, who had been playing centre-half for the second eleven, has recently filled the right-half position and the experience gained should be very useful to him next season.

Jackson, our regular right wing, played very well in the first two matches and had good patches in nearly all the games, but he reached his best form at the end of the season, when he finally realised his position was wing, ready to receive a pass, and not inside forward. Blake played inside-right until Christmas, when the Army took him too. That position was purely nominal as he played with a roving commission and was extremely successful in this bill, always turning up where he was most wanted, sometimes perhaps right back, sometimes left wing. His limitless energy and fine ball control made him engineer of most of the movements among the forwards. Young at inside left has been a clever dribbler and at times his shooting has been excellent, but often he has failed to spot an opportunity to pass into the centre, though he has remedied this fault to some extent recently. Suggate started the season at outside-left, but was not a natural winger and when Blake left he moved to inside-right and has played well there, forming a link between forwards and defence. Cundick, who took over at left-wing, filled the position well and though short, proved to his opponents to be hard to dispossess.

I should to thank those boys who have volunteered as linesman for our matches, and also those who have turned up to support us. The whole team joins with me in thanking Mr. Shaw for the time he has devoted to us and the sound advice he has given us.

R. E. D.

Most of the above notes have been written by Cole and Daysh, and that is the reason why so little mention of their share in the season's performance has been made. But they cannot be allowed to get away with that. I think that the rest of the team will agree with me that Daysh and Cole have to a large extent been the team, or at least have been responsible for its success. No team could have had a better captain than Daysh, and his ability as a player is so considerable that I consider him one of the very best players we have had at the School in the last twenty years. This is very high praise indeed. His kicking, heading and tackling are all excellent, and he also has the sense of position so strongly developed that he is rarely caught out of position.

Cole is that *rara avis* among School footballers—the natural centre-forward, and in that position he has this year played many games which he will find it hard to improve upon. He is exceptionally quick off the mark and has a powerful shot, particularly with his right foot. Like all centre-forwards he needs the right kind of pass, but given that, the rest may be safely left to him. He has, as Vice-Captain, ably supported Daysh, and his bag of goals for the season thirty-one.....speaks for itself.

Daysh has been in the 1st XI for four years and Cole for three. We shall greatly miss them next year.

I see earlier on that I have been thanked for taking something of an interest in the team. May I return the compliment by saying that it has been a pleasure to have to do with an XI which has always tried hard, mostly played well and always behaved well. The season has for me been a most enjoyable one.

B. R. S.

Date	Ground	Opponents	Result
Sept. 30/44	Home	Southern College of Art ... (Scorers : Cole, Jackson).	2-2
Oct. 7/44	Home	St. John's Ambulance, Gosport ... (Scorers : Cole 5, Young 2, Suggate)	8-0
.. 14/44	Home	St. Mary's College, Southampton (Scorers : Cole 5, Young, Jackson, Suggate)	8-3
.. 21/44	Home	Purbrook Park County High School (Scorers : Jackson 2, Cole, Young)	4-5
.. 25/44	Away	Eastleigh County High School ... (Scorer : Jackson)	1-5
.. 28/44	Home	Southern College of Art ... (Scorer : Cole 2)	2-1
Nov. 11/44	Home	St. John's Ambulance ... (Scorers : Cole 3, Young 3)	6-0
Dec. 2/44	Home	Bedhampton Youth Club ... (Scorers : Cole 3, Young 3, Suggate 2)	8-4
Feb. 17/45	Away	St. Mary's College ... (Scorers : Cole 2, Suggate)	3-8
.. 24/45	Home	Portsmouth Grammar School ... (Scorer : Young 2)	2-7
.. 28/45	Home	St. John's College, Portsmouth .. (Scorers : Cole 4, Suggate)	5-3
March 3/45	Home	Eastleigh County High School ... (Scorers : Daysh, Cole 2, Cundick)	4-3
.. 10/45	Away	Headquarters Company, Cadet Corps (Scorers : Cole 3, Suggate, Cundick)	4-0
	Away	Purbrook ... (Scorer : Cole 2)	2-4

Sept. 30th, 1944. Price's 2 Southern College of Art 2.

This was a very even match, but the football did not reach a very high standard. After some very even mid-field play, the Art College opened the scoring with a ground shot and shortly after increased their lead with a hard shot to which Smith got his hands, but which he couldn't hold. Our own forwards could not get going, owing mainly to lack of co-operation, which was to be expected in the first match. In the second half, however, with the sun and slope to our advantage, the forwards pressed hard, but were kept out until about twenty minutes from time, when Cole drew our opponents' goalie out from his goal and put a well-placed shot into the net. About five minutes later, Jackson, who was the best forward of the match, put in a good shot from the wing which was headed in by a defender. This completed the scoring, though we did most of the attacking afterwards, but could not force a deciding goal.

Oct. 7th, 1944. Price's School 8 St. John's Ambulance 0

As the score indicates we won very easily, and the team was improved on the form of the previous match. All the goals scored were good ones, mostly the result of good shooting on the part of Cole and Young. White's long goal kicks were responsible for two goals, Cole receiving the ball well inside our opponents' half and beating the goalie easily.

Oct. 14th, 1944. Price's School 8 St. Mary's College 3

In the opening stages of the game we were overrun by a lively set of forwards, who hopelessly spreadeagled the defence by clever passing. They were assisted too by the defence being so slow in tackling.

Thus it was against the run of the play, when Cole broke clean through from a good pass from Blake, to give us the lead with a well-placed shot. Following more pressure on our defence, Cole repeated the performance. Undismayed, our opponents came back and forced a corner from which they reduced the lead. Our team then began to settle down and for a spell did most of the attacking. Shortly before half-time, however, a long clearance from the College defence enabled their centre-forward to run through and equalize the score. This was the state of affairs at half-time, when the defence were urged to tackle much more quickly.

Carrying out this policy we were soon rewarded when Cole completed his hat-trick with another good goal. From then on we took control of the game and added five more goals with one rather lucky goal in reply, making the final score 8-3.

The forwards still lacked cohesion, though individually they played well. Blake in particular worked very hard, and Knight in defence did well, especially in the second half, to keep a very clever inside-left under control.

Oct. 21st, 1944. Price's School 4 Purbrook 5.

This match was easily the best of the term, and was fought out at a killing pace to the final whistle.

We started off very shakily, mainly owing to Purbrook's reputation, and it was no surprise when they opened the scoring, though White, who obviously thought the ball was going clear, should have stopped it. Then, during a spell of glaring sunshine, into which we were kicking, Purbrook added two more goals, both rather weak lobs, which our goalie, blinded by the sun, could not stop. Thus after half an hour we were 3-0 down and playing very badly. A recovery seemed a very remote chance.

Nevertheless at this stage we began to improve and Young reduced our arrears by running through Purbrook's defence and rounding off with a low shot into the corner of the net. Almost immediately Purbrook restored their three-goal lead, but this rid the School of their last trace of nervousness and from on they seemed as if they had been filled with some sudden inspiration. Cole received a lovely pass through the centre and raced through like a hurricane to put the ball well outside the keeper's reach into the net.

After the interval we immediately went on the attack again and after ten minutes Jackson reduced the lead with a fine shot from the wing. Purbrook again renewed pressure and after a hectic spell with the ball in our half got the ball through to their centre-forward, who promptly made a bee-line for our goal. Gilbody came across quickly and succeeded in partially stopping the centre-forward, but in doing so, stumbled. The Purbrook man retrieved the loose ball and shot just past White, who almost succeeded in turning it round the post.

Still undaunted we pressed hard again and a shot was put in which the Purbrook goalkeeper saved, but Jackson flustered him enough to make him drop it and put the ball into the net. This made the score 4-5, and with about 20 minutes still to go we went all out for an equaliser. Sometimes we missed by inches, but the ball seemed fated not to go into the net and full time came with no further score. A very keenly fought match between two well-matched teams.

Oct. 25th, 1944. Price's School 1 Eastleigh County High School 5.

Our team, weakened by the absence of Wilkins, played disappointingly and were well beaten by a side who played better football. The forwards were deadened with the Eastleigh centre-half dominating the middle of the field and only Blake was on usual form. Gilbody was easily the best defender, saving certain goals on two occasions, once by kicking the ball from the goal-line. White could not be blamed for the goals conceded and made some fine saves with a slippery ball. Our only goal was scored by Jackson from a good corner by Suggate.

Oct. 28th, 1944. Price's School 2 Southern College of Art 1.

The first half was fairly even and both goals had narrow escapes before opponents scored the first goal with a short range shot which was deflected by a defender. Half-way through the half Cole was brought down in the penalty area, and he equalised from the spot kick.

In the second half our goal was rarely in serious danger, but in spite of constant aggression by our forwards the score was still 1-1 five minutes from time. Then, following a corner by Jackson, who had changed wings with Suggate, the ball came loose in the penalty area. It was promptly kicked goalwards and Cole stuck out his toe and deflected the ball into the other side of the goal.

Nov. 11th, 1944. Price's School 6 St. John's Ambulance 0.

Although we certainly deserved to win, the score greatly flatters our margin of superiority. The two main reasons for this were firstly the excellent shooting of Cole and Young, who each got a hat trick, and secondly the grand goalkeeping of White, playing his last game. At one time he made two miraculous saves in as many minutes, and he handled the ball more confidently than hitherto. Blake played another fine game with a roving commission and Cundick made a most satisfactory entry into the team.

Dec. 2nd, 1944. Price's School 8 Bedhampton Youth Club 4.

The field was in appalling condition for this match and considering this the standard of football was quite high. Three times during the first half we were a goal down, but we were leading at half-time 4-3. Soon after half-time we added another goal, but our opponents reduced our lead again. After this, however, we took command and added three more goals, one of them by Cole a model one from a fine centre by Cundick. Suggate played his first game as inside right and did quite well, his two goals being the result of fine left-foot shots, as were Young's.

Feb. 17th, 1945. St. Mary's College 8 Price's School 3.

Feb. 24th, 1945. Price's School 2 Portsmouth Grammar School 7.

In both these matches the team was far below its usual form and the least said about them the better from our point of view. It must be admitted we were well beaten, though Portsmouth Grammar's score was not a true representation of the play.

Feb. 28th, 1945. Price's School 5. St. John's College 3.

The form of our team in this match was a welcome contrast to that of the previous two matches and it was the best game since last term's match against Purbrook.

With the slope in our favour in the first half, we were slightly the better team in the early exchanges, though several dangerous College attacks had to be broken up by passing back to Joint. After a quarter of an hour, Cole received one of his favourite passes through the middle of the field and tore through to open the scoring. Five minutes later he again got a pass from a long clearance and after beating a defender in his stride scored another Cole-goal. Those who have watched our matches will best understand the meaning of this. The College, however, hit back and reduced our lead, only to spur on the School. Cole added two more typical goals from passes, first by Suggate and then by Young.

At half-time, leading 4-1, we seemed to have the match in hand, our opponents, however, thought otherwise, and within five minutes of restarting had reduced the lead by two goals; both of these were the result of misunderstanding in the defence, which their left wing was quick to turn to his advantage.

With a sporting chance of winning, our opponents now attacked fiercely. Our own team, eager to regain a safer lead, counter-attacked just as vigorously. Thus it was a ding dong struggle throughout the second half, and both defences had a gruelling time. Yet they held out until about a quarter of an hour from time. At this point, Cundick centred accurately to Cole, who pushed the ball to Suggate before he could be tackled. The opposing back thought Suggate was going to pass it on to Jackson, as he had frequently done before, but this time he took the ball to the edge of the penalty area and drove home a very

good left-foot shot into the corner of the net. Even then the pace didn't slacken and both goals had some narrow escapes before the whistle left us victors by five goals to three.

Our victory was to a great extent due to the spread out play of the forwards and both Jackson and Cundick on the wings were outstanding.

March 3rd, 1945. Price's School 4 Eastleigh County High School 3

In ideal football weather we avenged our last term's defeat and played better as a team than previously this season ; it was a very even game and the football reached a very high standard.

Eastleigh attacked from the kick-off and some weak kicking by our defence enabled them to stop in our half longer than was comfortable. Finally we got the ball away and had our turn of attacking, but had no real scoring chances. Then slowness by our defence enabled Eastleigh to score the first goal. By now the defence realised that against such fast forwards the best thing to do was to tackle quickly and kick first time, and following these tactics they kept out the opposing forwards. Meanwhile, we were hitting back and when Young and an opponent both tripped over fighting for the ball, Daysh ran up and shot the loose ball into net, having the satisfaction of scoring his first goal in school football. This goal enheartened the team and up to half-time they did most of the attacking.

Kicking down in the second half our forwards re-opened aggressively. Realising that the Eastleigh centre-half was watching Cole very closely, they overcame the difficulty by putting the ball so that Cole could run for it, and then his speed rid him of his attendant. In this manner Cole gave us the lead and about five minutes later increased it in the same fashion. We did not allow Eastleigh to settle down and shortly afterwards Cundick received a perfect pass and cut in for goal, beating the back before shooting into the net well clear of the goalkeeper.

Eastleigh now fought back fiercely and they had the better of the last part of the game though our forwards were always threatening the Eastleigh goal. Our defence held out until 15 minutes from time, when Eastleigh made the score 4-2. From the centre, Cole got through and put in a hard shot, but the goalie made a fine save. Then five minutes from the end Eastleigh again scored ; this completed the scoring, and Eastleigh were given no further chance of equalizing.

The whole team played in their best form after the first goal, and their feat is all the more creditable as this was Eastleigh's first defeat with a full team.

March 10th, 1945. Headquarters Company 0 Price's School 4.

This was again a creditable performance against an older team, much strengthened from outside sources, which indeed had most of the play territorially. But the defence came out with honours and the forwards used their chances.

During the first half our forwards had very little of the play, but we defended stubbornly, and Joint in particular did fine work. Against the run of the play we opened the scoring during a short spell of attacking. Before half-time we increased our lead with a similar goal.

After half time we had more of the game, but until a quarter of an hour from the end there was no more scoring. Then Cole broke through and added to our lead and soon afterwards put us further ahead. Our defence was constantly under pressure and Joint again made some extremely good saves.

SECOND XI FOOTBALL.

The Second XI has not had many matches but it has shown that with more practice it might have been a more than useful team. The only match lost was a hard game against Portsmouth Grammar, while both St. Mary's and St. John's were soundly beaten. If we can build up the fixture list, and there is good prospect of doing so, the Second XI may well become a source of strength to school football.

RESULTS.

Price's School	6	St. Mary's College	2
Portsmouth Grammar	3	Price's School	1
Price's School	8	St. John's College	0

COLTS' FOOTBALL.

Circumstances have led to a good deal of chopping and changing in the teams and there have been some surprising results, but there has been some good material and, on the whole, we have acquitted ourselves well.

There have been two principal sides, Under 15 and Under 14, and the players to some extent overlap. One or two players who appeared in early games were promoted to the 1st XI. Of the others, Maynard and Malcolm have played in goal without making serious mistakes. Of the full-backs, Ashwell shows great promise and it is very difficult to keep him out of any side. Hewitt has a very proper disregard for his own person and that of his opponents. Corner is older, but has made great strides this year. Of half-backs, Simkin has been very effective in the older side, and Kervill is very useful both here and as forward. Sapsed is big and strong and a great kicker of the ball so long as it does not come to his left foot. Feast throws in beautifully, has a strong tackle but is not sufficiently aggressive. Gale, Hunt and Wilcox also deserve mention. The most general criticism to be made of the defence is that it takes too long to recover and once a man is beaten he seldom gets back in time to attempt a second tackle.

Of the older forwards Webb and Betts are a most satisfactory wing and have generally been a source of much trouble to the opposition; of late Betts has done well as centre-forward. Other centres have been R. Steel, a little disappointing, and Allen, who will be very dangerous when he is a little faster off the mark. Rees played many good games at inside-left. After the promotion of Cundick, Cawte became outside-left, a little slow and awkward, but a difficult player to dispossess and

a good shot. Of the younger forwards, D. Johnston, Gwilliam, Biggs, Miskin and Willetts all showed considerable promise, but the outside-left position remained a difficulty; Jarmain kicks beautifully, and perhaps next year he will solve the problem.

The number of boys playing is not large in relation to the size of the school, and until it increases we cannot consider the position really satisfactory; but we can feel sure that in the Colts now there are players who will take their place in School sides as good as any we have had.

COLTS' FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Autumn Term.

Under 14	Price's School	2	Southampton Central School	5
	Price's School	2	Fareham Senior Boy's School	3
Under 15	Price's School	3	Purbrook	- - 2
	Eastleigh	1	Price's School	- - 5
	Price's School	8	Gosport Central School	- 1

Spring Term.

Under 15	Price's School	4	Eastleigh	- - 4
	Price's School	12	Southampton Central School	1
	Purbrook	1	Price's School	- - 2
Under 14	Price's School	3	Portsmouth Grammar	- 3
	Price's School	1	Fareham Senior Boys	- 4

HOUSE MATCHES.

Autumn Term.

1ST IX.				COLTS.			
Blackbrook	2	Westbury	1	Blackbrook	2	Westbury	2
Cams	2	School House	1	School House	2	Cams	1
Cams	3	Blackbrook	2	Blackbrook	8	Cams	1
School House	8	Westbury	3	School House	3	Westbury	1
Cams	6	Westbury	2	Cams	2	Westbury	1
Blackbrook	7	School House	2	School House	1	Blackbrook	0

Spring Term.

Blackbrook	2	School House	2	School House	1	Blackbrook	0
Cams	11	Westbury	0	Cams	2	Westbury	1
Blackbrook	10	Westbury	0	Westbury	1	Blackbrook	1
Cams	8	School House	0	School House	4	Cams	0
Cams	3	Blackbrook	0	Blackbrook	4	Cams	3
Westbury	2	School House	1	Westbury	3	School House	0

Winners both Terms: Cams 1st XI, School House Colts.

HOUSE NOTES.

Blackbrook.

When we look back at the past two terms we can see that we have not a great deal to show for our labours. This has not been due to lack of effort on the part of the football teams who, although they have not gained cups have gained experience which will enable those who are remaining to place the cups once more on our shelf.

The Senior team which has played very well in all its matches, has found a match for itself in the Cams team; our team has pressed hard in both matches, but the ball seemed to prefer the field behind the line to the piece in the Cam's goal; we must congratulate our opponents on their victories.

Against School House we have a better tale to tell; in the first game we administered a sound defeat, which is well worthy of praise, but this term we only drew with them—once more the shooting might well have been better than it was. We won both our matches against Westbury, wins that should not be gloated over, as Westbury has had very bad luck in losing prematurely some of her most able seniors.

In criticising the team bouquets can be offered no one person in particular, as the whole of the team has played very well. Some of the younger members show prospects for future years' teams, especially Biggs, who, if he grows, will become invaluable.

The Junior team, which was ably captained by Feast, has played reasonably well both terms, and players that deserve special mention are Willetts and Bascomb, who has now returned to his home town, Southampton.

The Steeplechase has yet to be run; hopes are high and competition great, but it would be much better for the House if some members did not make use of the coupon position to offer one more excuse for shirking their responsibilities. These people leave the thirty or forty keen members to do all the work of getting honours for the House.

Next term there are many cups to be won back from the other Houses and it is up to everyone to do his utmost for the House. A cup that is very often forgotten is the Tarbat Cup; if every one puts a little more effort into his school work the cup is ours.

With this thought on our mind, let us determine that next term shall be a record one for Blackbrook.

V. K.

I cannot refrain from adding to the House notes some mention of Cecil Barter, partly because he was captain when we were at the height of success, partly because he was such a very good leader of House and School. He died as the result of an accident in North Africa, but there

are many who will remember him vividly, breaking long-jump records, taking hat tricks with the most innocent looking balls, and, above all, as a perfectly fair, but most ruthless and devastating centre-half. Much must be left out, his Victor Ludorum, his most surprising caution as a batsman ; but those who were at school with him will testify how many of their memories are associated with Cecil Barter.

H. R. T.

Cams.

During the last two terms there have been competitions for the Senior and Junior Football Cups and the Hockey Cups. In addition there was the Tarbat Cup last term, making a total of five trophies, so it will be seen that in winning three out of these we have done very well. We won the Tarbat Cup last term for the first time for many terms, and both the Senior Football and Hockey Cups.

The Senior Football Cup, which had wandered away from our shelf is once more comfortably resting there, thanks to very courageous efforts on the part of our team. I should like to give them special praise for beating Blackbrook 3-2, when they played themselves literally to a standstill against a team which, on paper at any rate, was much stronger than ours.

This term, too, we continued our unbeaten record by winning all our matches, and thus retained the Senior Hockey Cup, for which in recent years we have had football competitions. We did not concede a single goal, and scored twenty-two against our opponents. This record speaks for itself and I need only add that it was achieved by everyone giving of their best. What was lacking in the finer arts of the game was more than counteracted by sheer pluck and determination not to be beaten. The team spirit has reached a very high level and it is heartening to be a member of such a keen team. It would be unfair to mention players individually, so I will heartily congratulate the whole team on the splendid performance of the past two terms.

Though the Juniors have not done so well, winning only one match in each competition, there are several players who should be of value to the House in years to come, notably Miskin, Bowman, Johnstone 2 and Jarmain.

The Steeplechase has yet to be run, and I hope the whole House will do their best. So far the practices have been virtually voluntary and I am sorry to say that numerous members have not been pulling their weight. This is depressing when one compares this spirit to that of the football teams.

Our shelf is now as full as any other, but some of the cups could be moved closer together to make room for some of the Sports Cups and the Cricket Cups. It is up to all members to see that some of these trophies adorn our shelf in the near future.

R. E. D.

School House.

During the last two terms the House has not had as much success as we would have liked in the Seniors, but we must congratulate the Juniors on the splendid effort of winning both the Junior Football and Hockey Cups.

The Juniors contesting for the Football Cup won all three games. Malcolm, who kept goal, proved himself to be a possible 1st XI goalkeeper, whilst Ashwell (captain) and Hewitt played well in keeping the defence going and feeding the forwards.

Competing for the Hockey Cup, the Juniors played well again, but were beaten by Westbury, three goals to nil. This, however, did not prevent us from winning the Cup. Hunt (captain) and Bass played well and Harding proved himself to be a very good goalkeeper,

The Seniors, however, lost both Football and Hockey Cups.

In playing for the Football Cup, the Seniors made a determined effort, but were beaten by the narrow margin of two goals to one by Cams, who were the winners. We then beat Westbury, but lost against Blackbrook, which spoilt our chances for the Cup.

This term, the team started off well for us, but slackened off towards the end. We drew with Blackbrook, two all, but lost to Cams eight nil and to Westbury two one. The following players deserve individual praise for the way in which they played:—Jackson, Holloway and Kendrick.

The Steeplechase has yet to be run, and I wish all competitors the best of luck and hope to see the cups for which they run on our shelves.

In conclusion I wish all members of the House an enjoyable Easter Holiday and success in the work, sports and cricket of next term.

L. E. S.

Westbury.

It is natural that the main substance of these notes should be about football, since during the two terms that have elapsed since the last issue of "The Lion" there have been two rounds of House football matches. The Christmas term was rather an unlucky one for Westbury, as, in spite of extremely good play by Blake, the mainstay of the team, the Seniors lost all their matches, by 6-2 to Cams, 6-2 to School House, and 2-1 to Blackbrook. The Juniors also lost two and drew one of their matches.

The Easter term saw the second round, during which the Seniors felt the absence of Blake so strongly that the first two matches, against

Cams and Blackbrook, were rather a walk-over, and they lost 11-0 and 10-0. However, in the last match, Westbury staged a come-back, and beat School House 2-1 after a hard-fought game, during which only the splendid work of Joint in goal prevented the match from being a draw or a loss. Webb, A. R., had the misfortune to miss a penalty during the second half.

In all the matches, Joint played an excellent game, and was very well backed up in the forward line by Webb and Maynard.

The Juniors this term are second in the final order, and were very unfortunate in losing to Cams. Packer, Gwilliam and Alderton deserve special mention for their play.

Throughout all the matches, support has been mainly noticeable by its absence, and it is evident that there is a lamentable lacking in the team spirit of some of the members of the House. Support can have a surprising effect upon the result of a match, yet except for one or two staunch enthusiasts, the touchline has remained practically empty.

The winners of the Tarbat Cup have not yet been decided upon, but it is to be hoped that this cup will go to reinforce Westbury's scanty number of trophies.

The Steeplechase has yet to be run, although we cannot put very much hope in that.

These remarks end on a hopeful note when I say that I hope Westbury will return to school, after a happy holiday, to place themselves once more upon the School map.

E. W. G.