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IN GENERAL we can look back on last term with satisfaction. The G.C.E. results brought with them our first State Scholarship, and our heartiest congratulations go to the winner of it, Christopher Shaddock. There are now three Old Priceans at Cambridge and four at Oxford, to be joined by Nobes when his military service is over. Moreover, the number of Old Priceans taking degrees is far greater than it was even a few years ago : in particular, we must congratulate Chadd on following Gifford by taking a First at Bristol, the only one gained in the Law School there, we understand, for several years. Another pleasing feature is the regular passing of Army candidates into Sandhurst. On the whole, our first encounter with the General Certificate of Education has not been discouraging.

The football team, too, has been a very good one. It had its bad days, but usually it was a formidable combination, and to make Peter Symond's glad to snatch a draw at Winchester was a feat of which it may well be proud.

Although there have been no actual improvements in the buildings future prospects are somewhat brighter and the School is glad to acknowledge from the Old Priceans two oak seats which will adorn the field in summer and enable a number of people to watch the cricket in comfort.

The term appropriately concluded with the Carol Service in the Parish Church. It was generally agreed to be a most successful function and the standard of previous years was more than maintained. Great credit is due to the choir and to Mr. Royds-Jones, but they would all agree that still more goes to Mr. Garton, who took over at a moment's notice during Mr. Howe's absence, and succeeded triumphantly.

Examination Results

STATE SCHOLARSHIP—C. J. Shaddock.

SANDHURST ENTRANCE—G. R. Stubbington.

OXFORD LOCAL: GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION—B. A. Cozens (2 Advanced, 1 Ordinary), K. M. Devlin (1 Advanced, 2 Ordinary), C. J. Shaddock (3 Advanced), G. R. Stubbington (2 Advanced, 1 Ordinary), G. D. Wadey (2 Advanced, 3 Ordinary).

PASSES AT ORDINARY LEVEL—A. Abraham (8), A. B. Byng (4), R. Cockbain (5), J. S. Coombes (8), N. G. Densham (4), R. C. Dimmock (4), A. Hart (8), C. E. Nicholson (4), P. Phelan (8), D. M. Phillips (6), J. A. Slaughter (5), A. J. Terry (5).

OLD BOYS

G. Chadd, B.A. 1st Class Hons. in Law. (Bristol).

J. Way, B.A. 2nd Class Hons in P.P.E. (Oxford).

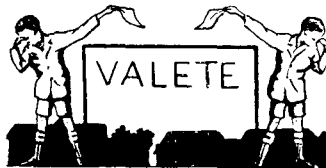
J. D. Cole, B.Sc. 2nd Class Hons. in Mathematics. London. (Ports. Mun. College).

A. R. Webb, B. Sc. London. (Portsmouth Municipal College).

T. R. Webb, B.A. London. (University College, Southampton).

J. R. Suggate, B.Sc. London. (Portsmouth Municipal College).

R. F. Stapley. Education Diploma. (University College of the South West).



BLACKBROOK—E. de C. Turner (Prefect, House Captain, Sgt. in Cadet Corps, Captain of Football & Hockey, School Cricket & Relay Team).

CAMS—C. E. Nicholson, P. Phelan, R. Baker, R. G. Harris, B. O. Yates, J. T. Robertson-Fox (1st XI Cricket).

SCHOOL HOUSE—G. G. Grant, M. A. Flemons.

WESTBURY—A. Abraham, H. Hart, R. M. Pain, D. M. Phillips.



BLACKBROOK—P. J. Brannan, P. I. H. Gilhespie, K. A. Gudgeon, C. Hamilton, R. G. Hughes, M. Lawrence, F. D. Petit, J. E. Robinson, R. Smith, L. P. Stamp, M. A. Williams, W. K. Winnicott.

CAMS—M. J. Roux, R. E. Brack, J. A. Breese, R. P. Colbourne, D. G. E. Crofts, J. M. Gay, S. Gibson, G. H. A. Hardwick, D. J. S. Lee, P. A. Lock, B. J. Maidment, D. Phelan, M. A. W. Powell, D. E. Stevens, D. A. R. Thomas, J. W. Ellen.

SCHOOL HOUSE—C. W. A. Beckett, T. P. Devlin, D. Edwards, M. J. Hammerton, M. D. Hiscock, B. W. Holmes, L. P. Izod, A. B. Layley, M. B. Malzard, P. R. Spencer, T. P. Starr, M. A. Targett, A. J. Williams.

WESTBURY—J. M. Simmons, G. E. Joines, R. N. J. Tregear, T. W. Rands, L. A. B. Agius, J. Bignell, B. D. Calderhead, R. H. Dennis, D. Glanville, A. A. Holden, F. E. Holmes, M. Longman, I. J. Noot, C. Rowling, G. F. Vine, B. T. Waterfall.

Cadet Corps

The Battery has never been so large, roughly 150 strong. Training has gone on all the term uninterruptedly, under a very able group of N.C.O's. A Cup, which was presented by Bruce Tappenden (a late C.S.M.), has been awarded for the best turned out troop on the Monday inspection. The result was a tie between Sgt. Jackman's and Sgt. Cockbain's Troops; the rest of the Battery ran them very close. The cup will be up for competition again next term. It is surprising, but as a result of the competition the standard of dress has improved enormously.

Both the Soccer teams are moving in their usual way to the final of the County Competition. Good luck to them from all of us.

Camp this year was held near Weymouth, and after many difficulties it resulted in the best camp we have ever had. The food was extremely good and plentiful and the various activities were well organised. It is to be hoped that it will be as good this year and I would like at least 80 in camp. Will Cadets start asking their parents for permission to go? It will be at Bourley in N. Hampshire, between 10th and 17th August and will cost 10/-

A Happy New Year to you all.

T.H.

The Scout Troop

Although it now seems an event of a good while ago, the results of the Emlyn Trophy Competition should be here recorded. After winning our local competition, our Owl patrol went to the competition for the best patrol in Hampshire. This was judged at a week-end camp in Botley. We came second to a patrol from Aldershot, losing by only 3 marks out of 400.

Summer Camp on the Western outskirts of the New Forest was in wide open country exposed to whatever weather there was, and we had some of the worst I have known at summer camp, not only wet, but a cold wind with it. We were on high ground and all the wind that came to Hampshire came to us first. But in spite of wet weather it was a very good camp, and the difficulties, faced and overcome, added to its value. It was a splendid effort by the seniors that, on a day when it rained from 8 a.m. without stopping till midnight, produced a really good two course meal for the whole troop, served really hot and cooked on a wood fire in the open in pouring rain and a strong wind. A notable feature of this camp were the adventurous hikes by the older scouts—one pair went on a dead straight line for 10 miles through

the New Forest, and this included crossing the River Avon. Another pair followed a stream to its source through miles of swamp and undergrowth. Some time during the fortnight's camp everyone in camp went out on a 24-hour hike.

In the New Year we look forward to further worth-while camps and we shall be training to make the best use of the opportunities they afford.

E.M.R.J.

Dramatic Society

After two years of apparent inactivity, the Dramatic Society suddenly burst into life half-way through the term, when after many disappointments the production of "Master of Arts," a comedy by William Douglas Home, was started. Despite the numerous difficulties in the selection of plays suitable for production at school, one at last had been found which rewarded the months of patient searching.

It was evident by the immediate response that the interest in acting had increased rather than decreased in the interval of two years since the last production, and a very enthusiastic cast, with Mr. Hilton as producer, was formed.

Unfortunately the play was started too late for the traditional production at the end of the Christmas Term, but it was decided that it should be produced early in the Spring Term.

As the success of a play depends as much on the audience as on the cast, it is hoped that this year's production will receive the support of friends and parents as well as of the boys. The play will be acted on three nights.

Finally our thanks must be given to Mr. Briscoe and his willing band of helpers who, in their contribution to the teamwork of putting on a play, have spent much of their spare time erecting and decorating the stage.

K.M.D.

Chess Club

The membership of the Club has decreased slightly in the last term. This is probably due to the many other activities that are open to the older members.

Unfortunately we have now lost Cooper and Williams to their respective careers and we are greatly indebted to both for the work they have put into the Club. We also wish to thank Mr. Shaddock for the interest which he takes in the Club, staying quite late on some evenings giving advice to members on their many chess problems.

We invite any boys who are interested in chess, whether they can play or not, to come to a meeting next term, when they can be enrolled as members.

R.B.G.H.

The Library

Thanks are due to Mr. Keevil, who has taken over the Junior Library, for a great deal of hard work, and to Dimmock for the gift of books. The gradual re-stocking of the Fiction department of the Senior Library has had a good deal to do with the increase in the number of borrowers and so, I think, has the new Public Library. At all events the change is very welcome and I hope that many more will come along on Wednesdays and Fridays at Break this term.



1st XI NOTES

When this season began, it appeared that the School would produce a reasonably good side. This expectation proved to be justified. We have had a very good series of matches and the football has been of a high standard. To single out any individuals would be making invidious distinctions—all have done well and several Colours have been awarded.

The main secret of our success this season has been team-work. All have played together and no-one has shirked. Keen, crisp tackling and direct movements towards goal have produced good results.

E. de C. Turner was Captain of the School XI until he left half-way through term. He played some really good games, one in particular—his last game (against Portsmouth Banks) was a really splendid performance—a fitting end to a good record. Strongly defensive, he inspired his side and yet managed to score the only goal. He left in a blaze of glory.

All credit to a good XI. The only School team to defeat us was Gosport County. On that occasion the School played far below its usual standard. The football has indeed been of a high standard; as good as, if not better than, any previous 1st XI's.

PERSONALITIES

E. B. Moulson (Goalkeeper). He has greatly improved his play, and has gained tremendously in confidence. Positional play has been good and his kicking has lengthened.

P. D. E. Gregory (Right-Back). Since Turner left School, Gregory has captained the side in a very capable manner. At full-back he has played well and kicks the ball very well indeed—good length and direction.

M. Judd (Left-Back). A greatly improved player. Still has much to learn, but is fast and kicks well (with his right foot!) With more experience he should make a useful permanent addition to the side.

A. C. Purkis (Centre-Half). Has played many excellent games. With his height and intelligent use of the ball is a good pivot. Very difficult to pass,

A. D. J. White (Left-Half). Tall and fast, he is a potential match-winner in any game. He possesses a very deceptive dribble which covers an amazing amount of ground directly and quickly. Good in defence and in attack. He is Vice-Captain of the team.

D. C. Wassell (Right-Half). Good ball control and positional play. Opens out the play very effectively.

D. C. Rudling (Outside-Right). A dangerous winger. Direct and, generally, possesses a good shot.

R. C. Dimmock (Inside-Right). Covers an immense amount of ground during the course of each game. Uses the ball intelligently and plies his winger with some very effective long passes. Rudling, Dimmock and Wassell combine to make a very effective right-wing trio.

K. J. Barr (Centre-Forward). Fast and enterprising. The youngest player in the side, but, given the type of pass which suits him, can be dangerous to any opposition. Has scored many opportunist goals.

D. Percival (Inside-Left). Has come straight into the 1st XI from the Colts. Not a "showy" player but a very useful member of the side. Good ball control and uses the ball intelligently.

D. Hansford (Outside-Left). He is making good progress and can put the ball into the centre with either foot. Must correct a tendency to double back too often. The shortest way to goal is the quickest.

RESULTS

v. Staff	Lost 0-2	v. So'ton University A	Lost 0-1
v. Portsmouth Southern	Won 3-1	v. Old Boys	Scratched
	Percival, Rudling, O.G.				
v. St. Mary's College	Won 4-1	v. H.M.S. St. Vincent	Won 6-2
	Barr 2, Gregory, Rudling			Barr 4, White, Rudling	
v. Purbrook C.H.S.	Won 2-1	v. Peter Symond's	Drew 3-3
	White, Gregory (pen.)			Barr 2, Wassell	
v. Portsmouth Banks	Won 1-0	v. Gosport C.H.S.	Lost 2-3
	Turner			Barr, Rudling	
	v. Northern Grammar	Scratched		

1st XI FOOTBALL

Home

Staff XI

Lost 0-2

The ground and the weather were perfect for the game. The Staff fielded a very strong side including several Old Boys; the School won the toss and decided to kick down the hill. The School did not play as a team, whereas the strong Staff side played like a machine. The game was fast with both sides having equal honours in attack. The first Staff goal came from a good shot from Mr. Howe after a slip in defence. During the first half the School were unlucky in not scoring several times.

The second half saw a desperate effort by both sides; the School had bad luck when Percival hit the post. The Staff did manage to score again—after a goal-mouth scramble Stubbington, the Staff's centre-forward, managed to get the ball into the net.

Wassell was a fine example in defence. Gregory, in the forwards, put in some perfect centres, but the Staff managed to keep the School forwards out.

Home**Portsmouth Southern Grammar****Won 3-1**

The weather was very hot, but the ground was fairly soft; this, however, did not prevent good football. The School won the toss and kicked up the hill first, and looked like a well trained, easy moving team. During most of the game Price's commanded the field. The first goal was rather unfortunate for the Southern Grammar, because a shot from Dimmock was deflected past the goalkeeper by one of the backs. However, the other two School goals were different. The second goal was a fine header by Percival after a perfect corner from Gregory.

The second half saw the School still commanding the play. After many chances were missed the third goal did come from White. He took the ball from the half-way line and crossed the ball to the centre from where it was flicked to Rudling, who ran in and put a terrific drive past the goalie, into the net. After this Portsmouth Southern Grammar made a recovery and scored a good goal through their right wing trio.

The School defence played well and kept the opposing forwards well under control. Our forwards played well and moved the ball about quite a lot. There is, however, still room for them to move the ball sooner. Wassell and White were outstanding in defence, with Percival getting through a great amount of work in the forwards.

Home**St. Mary's****Won 4-1**

After last year's result it was surprising to see the tables reversed. The game was played in perfect conditions. The School lost the toss and was set the task of defending the goal near the road. From the first kick it was seen that the School was playing as a team and not as individuals. The ball was kept on the move and the home forwards gave many anxious moments to a defence which looked impregnable, but the quick moving halves and forwards of the School found that the defence was apt to be very shaky under pressure. The scoring was opened by the School, a shot of Barr's being deflected into the goal by a back. The equaliser came through the centre-forward at the end of the first half.

The start of the second half saw the School forwards doing most of the attacking which soon met with success, for Barr scored after the second minute: a long kick from Byng up to Rudling was quickly crossed for Barr to shoot into the corner of the goal. Gregory scored again to put the School 3-1 up. Both wings did very well and were always dangerous. This was proved when Rudling scored. St. Mary's had a chance of scoring when a penalty was given, but they failed.

The team played excellently with plenty of first time passing, which brought good results. White and Wassell were outstanding in defence.

Home**Purbrook County High School****Won 2-1**

The game was played under ideal conditions. Purbrook won the toss and decided to kick up the hill in the first half.

The game was very fast with both sides sharing the attack, but goals were not forthcoming. Most of the play was in mid-field with the wing-halves doing most of work. The School opened the scoring through White: collecting the ball on the half-way line he walked through the Purbrook defence, beating three men and then placing the ball past the keeper into the net. Before half-time Purbrook equalised through their centre forward, to make it 1-1.

When the second half started it became obvious that Purbrook were going to put on the pressure. However, they were unable to penetrate the School's defence. The School scored again from a penalty by Gregory, which put us in the lead. We held on to this lead until the end of the game.

The game was fast and clean with good defensive play by both sides, White and Wassell being outstanding for the School. Rudling, Dimmock and Barr formed a very harassing trio.

Home **Portsmouth Banks** **Won 1-0**

This was an extremely good game played under ideal conditions.

The School won the toss and elected to play up the hill first. Right from the kick-off the ball was swept from end to end. Turner scored the only goal with a high lob from the half-way line, which passed between the bar and the keeper's hands. During this period the only thing which prevented the banks from scoring on two or three occasions was the outstanding game played by Turner.

In the second half the Banks took up the offensive. Luckily for the School Turner continued to keep the centre of the field completely blocked and he even came to the rescue of the backs when necessary. During the whole game Turner was assisted by Moulson, who played a very good game in goal.

Turner's game, which unfortunately was his last for the School, was the sort of game you read about when the hero of a schoolboy yarn plays his last game for the school.

Home **Southampton University A** **Lost 0-1**

This game was played under conditions more suitable for mudlarkers than footballers. However, it was a very good game with some excellent football played by both sides.

The School won the toss and played up the hill in the first half. It became one continual story of missed chances. During this period there was an unfortunate defensive blunder inside the penalty area which gave the Varsity an easy goal. The second half was a repetition of the first. The School was in almost complete control of the game but could not score.

Owing to Turner's departure Purkis moved to centre-half and Judd came in at left-back. Judd gave a promising display, but picked an unfortunate day to make his debut.

Away **H.M.S. St. Vincent** **Won 6-2**

The game was played at St. Vincent on a pitch which was, in spite of the weather, in a very good condition. The School won the toss and elected to play against the wind. Right from the start it became obvious that it was going to be a very fast game. After the play had switched from end to end Percival pushed a long ball through the middle which Barr chased and shot past the advancing keeper into the corner of the net. Fifteen minutes later Barr scored again from an exactly similar movement.

Having won the toss at the beginning of the game the School kicked off in the second half. We went straight through, the movement ending when Barr completed his hat-trick.

Soon after this White produced one of his best solo runs; after cutting right through the St. Vincent defence, he scored from close in.

Another good move soon followed when Hansford was sent away on the left wing. After closing in he put in a low cross out of the keeper's reach which Rudling pushed into the empty net. Unfortunately after this the School slackened off and St. Vincent scored following a corner. Again, however, the School scored straight from the kick-off. Barr was the scorer and so brought his tally for the match to four. In the closing minutes St. Vincent again managed to score from another corner.

All praise to the team for its very good performance ; especial praise goes to Moulson and Purkis in defence, to Barr, who got the goals, and to Percival who made the openings for most of the goals.

Away**Peter Symond's****Drew 3-3**

This was a grand game played on a pitch which was rather the worse for wear. There was also a wind blowing diagonally across the field.

The School lost the toss and were set to play against the wind in the second half. We should have made sure of the game in the first fifteen minutes, but there was a lot of wild and aimless shooting. Wassell opened the score for the School with a high lob from the half-way line.

The School continued to attack but were still unable to increase their lead. From a goalmouth maul in the Peter Symond's goalmouth their right-half broke away and caught the School defence napping. Their inside-right got through and beat Moulson with a cross drive : the score was 1-1 at half time.

Right from the start of the second half Peter Symond's opened up a barrage on the School goal. Luckily for us Moulson was in very good form and he kept complete control of all the through passes. After fifteen minutes or so a long clearance from Gregory found Percival unmarked on the half-way line ; Percival moved the ball up-field and then passed it out to Rudling who was unmarked on the right wing. Rudling then crossed it to the middle where Barr ran through and scored. Soon after this, however, a long ball down the middle found the Peter Symond's centre-forward, who beat Moulson to the ball and shot past him into the net.

The School got the lead back again when a through pass from Dimmock found Barr who again beat the advancing keeper. In the closing minutes Harrison, Peter Symond's clever inside-left, managed to beat Moulson with a cross shot which went into the corner of the net.

This result was a very satisfactory one because we were beaten 4-1 at home last season. The team gave an excellent performance, with Wassell and Purkis outstanding in defence.

Away**Gosport County School****Lost 2-3**

Unfortunately this was a very poor game. The School side was right off form and so deserved to lose. The School lost the toss and kicked-off. After some very scrappy play at both ends the School managed to open the scoring through Rudling. A cross from Hansford found Rudling on the edge of the goal area ; his shot took the ball and keeper over the line for a goal. The only other point worth noting in the first half was a fine save by Moulson just before half time.

The second half was as bad as the first, but Gosport managed to score three goals, one through their inside-right, the second through their inside-left and the third through their right-winger. In the closing stages of the game the School side was changed about and this seemed to wake us up. We managed to reduce their lead through Barr. If Wassell's header or White's shot had hit the right side of the up-right we should have drawn ; luck, however, was against us.

Away

Knowle Hospital

Lost 5-7

Team :—

		Moulson		
	Gregory	M. Howard-Jones		
	Byng I	Purkis	M. Matthews	
Rudling	Wassell	White	Percival	Hansford

This was an extremely fast game played on an excellent pitch. The team lost the toss and kicked-off with a somewhat gusty wind behind it, and were soon ahead when a centre from Hansford was taken into the net by the wind. Soon after this, however, the team suffered a severe setback when Byng damaged his ankle and had to go on the right-wing. This meant moving White to right-half and Rudling to centre-forward.

This move was soon rewarded when Rudling put the team further ahead with a good shot into the corner of the net. Knowle, however, hit back and were rewarded when a good lob from their inside-right went into the corner of the net. Rudling soon restored our lead when, after trapping a ball on the penalty spot, he swung round and placed the ball past the keeper into the net. Before the end of the first half Knowle reduced the lead when a good cross from the right-winger found the left-winger unmarked on the goal line.

Right from the commencement of the second half it became obvious that Knowle were going all out to reduce their arrears. Once again Rudling foiled them when he put the team further ahead with another good shot. Knowle continued to attack and were rewarded when they scored four goals in quick succession. Wassell, however, reduced their lead when a centre from Hansford found him unmarked on the edge of the goal area. His goal made the score 5-6 to Knowle. Just before the end Knowle increased their lead through their inside-left.

The team gave a very good account of itself. The only person who deserves special praise is Percival who played an extremely good game.

2nd XI NOTES

The 2nd XI have had a fairly successful season, winning both their away matches most creditably and losing one and drawing one at home.

Although the team sometimes lacked the skill of some of their opponents they made up with courage and enthusiasm so that when all seemed lost, as at Purbrook, that last effort was summoned and the game was won.

The usual team was :—

		Byng II		
	Judd	Jackman		
	Doughty	Devlin	Lucas	
French	Spencer	Porter	Cardy	Priestley

Of these Byng II in goal and Priestley, Cardy and Spencer in attack were outstanding with Judd, Jackman and Doughty making sturdy defenders. But all those called upon to play have played their part most admirably in turning out a 2nd XI well up to the standard of past years.

The thanks of the team must be given to E. Bishop who regularly and willingly gave up his half-holidays to be linesman.

September 28th

Portsmouth Southern G.S.

Home. Lost 1-3

With Byng II playing confidently in goal, the defence did well to keep the half time score down to 1-0, but in the second half we were overwhelmed and they got two more goals. Hansford, our only constructive forward, got our consolation goal.

October 20th**Purbrook C.H.S.****Away. Won 4-3**

In the first half we twice took the lead through an inspired Priestley, but at half time we faced a one goal deficit. The second half was not so keenly fought as the ball was in "touch" most of the time. Near the end Priestley crowned quite a brilliant display by equalising; in the closing seconds Cardy scored to give us a win.

October 27th**Portsmouth Banks****Home. Drew 1-1**

We were definitely the masters when Spencer scored a good goal, but the Banks scored an equaliser against the run of play just before half time. All credit must be given to the defence for keeping the scores level, and a draw was a fair result.

December 1st**Gosport C.G.S.****Away. Won 2-0**

The team, reinforced by Byng I at centre-half, played very well and deserved their victory. The team showed more cohesion than before. Cardy made up for many fruitless attacks by scoring in a goalmouth scramble. Straight away after half time we ensured a win when Spencer capped a grand foot to foot movement and scored without the opposing side touching the ball.

The matches against the Old Boys, St. Vincent and Portsmouth G.S. were stratched through the perversity of the elements.

K.M.D.

COLTS

The Colts XI, like every other team, has been unable to fulfil the scheduled fixture list because of weather conditions. This XI has played only three matches this term, and the season's results, when compared with last year's, do not appear to have been very good. It is pleasing to note, however, that enthusiasm was maintained at a high level despite set-backs.

Players deserving special mention this season are Wright, Sheath and Adams. Wright fulfilled the dual role of Captain and centre-half tactfully and efficiently, and his play served as a good example to the rest of his team-mates. Sheath at left-half was always reliable and distributed the ball intelligently. Adams at right-back showed speed and good anticipation.

One or two points need to be mentioned, namely, that the forwards lacked thrust and the inside players tended to hang on to the ball too long, thus making the work of their opponents much easier. One general fault was that players did not make full use of their weight in the tackle. It is hoped that next season will bring forth a stronger forward line, and that the weather will not prevent us from showing our ability on the field.

Played 3: Won 1, Lost 2.

RESULTS :—October 13th ... St. Mary's ... Lost 1-3
 October 20th ... Purbrook C.G.S. ... Won 5-2
 November 28th ... Peter Symond's ... Lost 2-8

HOUSE MATCHES

1st XI				COLTS XI					
Blackbrook	1	...	Cams	0	Blackbrook	1	...	Cams	0
School House	7	...	Westbury	1	Westbury	1	...	School House	0
Blackbrook	4	...	Westbury	0	Westbury	2	...	Blackbrook	0
School House	2	...	Cams	1	School House	1	...	Cams	0
Blackbrook	2	...	School House	2	School House	1	...	Blackbrook	0
Cams	4	...	Westbury	2	Cams	3	...	Westbury	0

Badminton Club

The membership of the club this term has increased beyond all expectation. Next season we should have one of the strongest teams the School has seen.

Unfortunately at the beginning of the term the court was not fit to be played upon. This produced many willing offers to help with the painting, but on the selected half-holiday, owing to a 1st XI football match and other activities, very few did turn up. The painting was not a very great success; in fact the incapability of certain members to paint straight lines and the time taken by the "quick-drying" paint to dry produced many comments.

The club has played three matches this term. Serious play ceased at half-term however, to make way for the erection of the stage, which covers the end of the court. As a result we played one match at home and two away.

Matches played:—

November 1st **Holbrook B.C.** **Away**

This match was in all respects the try-out of an entirely newly arranged team. Only four regular members of last year's team remained at School.

Gregory and Moulson had played together before, but it was finally decided that the first two couples should be Moulson and Hedgecock, Gregory and Purkis. Purkis was captain of the side. The new members were Dimmock and Coombes, Lewis and Whitcombe. Dimmock had played in one match last season.

The side Holbrook put against us was believed to be the strongest they have yet produced. Our first couple won three games out of four: our second couple won two of their four: our third couple won one and lost three. Our fourth couple here deserves special mention; they did very well in winning two games, thus bringing the score to 8 games for each club.

This was a very friendly evening and we were encouraged by a large number of Price's boys who arrived to watch.

November 7th **Alverstone A** **Away**

P.B.C. lost by 14 games to 2

It was obvious from the very beginning that we were hopelessly outclassed. This was a match in which experience counted. Our first and second coupled showed this by winning one game each. Regardless of the beating we received it was a joy to be able to play on an almost perfect court with lighting which was "just right" for badminton. At the beginning there was some amusement caused by the light-hearted arguments of one member of the team concerning the height of the net and we were quickly assured by those in authority that it was in fact the correct height,

Team:—Moulson and Hedgecock: Gregory and Purkis: Lewis and Whitcombe: Percival and Coombes.

November 19th **Holbrook B.C.** **Home**

There was again a change in the team in this match. Byng was able to play after a long absence from the team, and the third couple consisted of Dimmock and Byng.

We entered this match with very good hopes of winning, but owing to an apparent loss of form in our first couple the match was drawn. Our first couple won one out of four games, our second and third couples each won three games and lost one and the fourth couple won one and lost three.

The evening was enjoyed by all and we are indebted to the kitchen for the use of cups and plates, also to all the parents who supplied the refreshments.

Team:—Moulson and Hedgecock: Gregory and Purkis: Dimmock and Byng: Whitcombe and Percival.

There should be at least nine matches in the Spring term, of which five will be home matches. All who are interested are quite welcome to come and watch. The matches in themselves provide quite a good evening's entertainment and it is quite free.

R.B.G.H.

Table Tennis

During the Christmas term it was hoped to play both the Tournament and the House matches in order that during the next term the club might play outside clubs. We have been able to finish the Tournament, but the House matches have not all been played.

The Open Tournament was marked by lack of club members in the last eight and there being two outside players in the semi-finals. This shows up the rather low standard of play in the club, and it will be necessary to call on outside players to fill the teams next term.

In the final Percival defeated Spencer, 21-6, 21-13 and 21-8. The match was of a rather low standard; there were plenty of good shots, but rallies were given away carelessly by Spencer with the result that the game was not very entertaining. These games were a very good example of the folly of developing shots that play on the opponent's backhand: they are necessarily awkward to perfect and seem to be practised by players who lack backhands themselves with the result that the player edges round the table and eventually leaves his forehand flank as open as an aerodrome.

The Junior Tournament was noticeable for the large number of "First-formers" who entered. One of these, Holden, was able to reach the last eight, a most commendable effort. The final was between Rochford and Randall. Randall won this match by quite a large margin: 21-10, 21-13 and 21-19; he chose a defensive game and won the match, helped by Rochford's erratic and impatient method of play. Rallies must be built up, not won or lost by a smash after one hit. Too many of us adopt this method.

Next term we look forward to a successful season against other clubs, but players must develop at least a backhand defence, and an attack if possible if we are to win our matches. It is up to us to develop these and also a more patient attitude to the game to make next term a success.

A.C.P.

Cadet Football

Both teams are still in the Hampshire A.C.F. Football Cup Competition after playing throughout the term. The Juniors have played two matches and the Seniors one. This brings both teams through an intricate system of byes and walk-overs, to the semi-finals. We have great hopes of winning both cups, as last year, for the Battalion. Both teams are indebted to the interest and support given by the officers.

JUNIOR MATCHES

17th Portsmouth**Won 3-1**

In a very close game we were lucky to win so comfortably. However, our team was quicker in settling down and Lay opened the scoring; Portsmouth soon equalised. In the second half we scored two more goals, through Collins and Farmer, to complete the scoring.

7th Gosport**Won 17-0**

The score speaks for itself; we so completely over-ran them that even our full-backs scored. In spite of the score, Gosport never gave up.

SENIOR MATCHES

We gained a walk-over for first match against 7th Gosport.

17th Portsmouth**Won 16-0**

We started off in grand style and kept it up throughout, as the result shows. Barr is to be congratulated on scoring six goals.

I am sure the whole team will join with me in congratulating Purkis in gaining his County Colours.

R.C.D.

HOUSE NOTES

Blackbrook

Last term the Inter-house Football competition was played. We did well in the Seniors, sharing the Cup with School House, but the Juniors did not do as well and came third in their competition. For the first time there were separate cups for Seniors and Juniors and this added excitement to the competition.

On the whole the Senior team was well balanced and often played good football. In defence Turner was a tower of strength and as captain he did much to enable us to share the cup. The team tackled hard and it would be a great help if the teams of the future were as determined. The wing-halves, Jackman and Doughty, were effective, if not talented; Adams IV at right-back played consistently well; Priestley on the left-wing always played hard although his kicks were sometimes rather erratic. The team was handicapped by the absence of Percival in the first two games and this would explain the forwards' failure in these games.

In the first game, against Cams, we won 1-0. The game started slowly but it gradually increased in pace. Our forwards combined well and after twenty minutes Cardy scored a rather lucky goal. In the second half we scarcely witnessed a concerted move by our forwards. Luckily our halves, especially Doughty and Turner, played superbly and were able to break up the rather individualistic Cams' attack.

The result of the match against Westbury was a 4-0 win. The team took this game rather too easily and we were lucky to be leading at half time by a goal scored by Porter. In the second half Porter scored another, while Cardy and Turner, playing centre-forward in this match, also scored. Notable exceptions to the general drabness of the side were Priestley and Adams IV.

The final match, against School House, was a classic and we drew 2-2, thus sharing the cup. For this match Percival returned and a marked improvement was seen in the play of the forwards. Our team took their opponents by surprise in the first quarter of an hour, our forwards and wing-halves being much quicker on to the ball than their School House opposites. Not surprisingly we scored the first goal through a defensive blunder, the shot from Porter hit an opponent and gently bounced into the back of the net. Soon after this School House had a free kick from which they scored, Moulson being unsighted, and soon after took the lead. In the second half our forwards had little of the ball except in breakaways, from which our second goal came, it being scored by Porter, after which we were put very much on the defensive. In this game Adams IV, Turner, Percival and Doughty played very well. Moulson deserves special mention; if it had not been for his brilliant display we should not have drawn this match. He could not be faulted with either goal.

The Juniors did not do as well as expected, coming third in their competition. The failure was due mainly to patches of slack play during which their opponents scored.

Individually several players shone, especially Watkins who captained the side well. Brown played well in goal, but is rather timid; Pettit, at centre-half, was slow but sure. The wing-halves Gudgeon and Lawrence were both young but they played well and will be very useful players in the future. Dugan always played a lively game but was rather inclined to spoil all his efforts by shots that had to be seen to be believed. Tompkins at inside-forward was small but effective. We missed Pettit badly in the last game, against School House.

Against Cams we won 2-1 after a good game. The team lost 2-0 to Westbury, the second goal being a perfect example of "after you, sir!" tactics by our defence. The match against School House was lost, rather unfortunately, 1-0.

On the whole the season was a success regards football, the house having twelve regular players representing the School.

Since the football competition Turner has left and in him the house, not to mention the School, has lost a great sportsman. He had the ability to give confidence to the meekest player and has helped many potential players in all sports, especially Hockey, at which he excelled. For sheer endeavour he was hard to beat and I join with the whole house in wishing him all the best in the future.

A.C.P.

I must join Purkis in his tribute to Turner; he has said just the right things. The Staff will not forget his readiness to help in every way he could. He did the School a great deal of good.

H.R.T.

Cams

Our main concern this term has been the House Football matches of which we have enjoyed very little success. We had to wait till the last matches before either Senior or Junior teams gained a win. However, one thing we can be proud of is the fact that our defences have been tight and, as can be seen by the results, the games could have gone either way.

The Senior team has played well and showed no lack of courage and determination against superior opponents. The superior opponents we encountered in our first two matches and in each game lost by the odd goal.

The first game, against Blackbrook, brought out the capabilities of Byng I at centre-half; he proved a stumbling block to the Blackbrook forwards. Their only goal, scored in the first half, was inevitable, but despite the promptings of their defence in the second half their forwards were unable to add to the score. Our own forwards, inexperienced as they were, could do nothing against the strong Blackbrook defence.

The School House match proved to be much of the same calibre, only this time their forwards, including four 1st XI players, were more dangerous. This did not prevent Byng II in goal from playing a superb game and on numerous occasions saved what appeared to be certain goals. Their first goal came as no surprise to us, but they received a surprise when almost immediately we hit back and were on equal terms. Needless to say they scored again and this time there was little we could do about it. Individuals, apart from Byng II, who played exceedingly well were Byng I, Dimmock and Nicholson (playing in his first game).

The Westbury match started rather sensationally because after only fifteen minutes play we were two goals in arrears. Yet Farmer, making his debut, was not long in scoring a very good goal, followed closely by Penny, whose opportunism put us on equal terms. In the second half two more goals were scored by Penny again and Dimmock. Our goal tally would have been much higher had it not been for the effective packing of the whole Westbury team in their own half.

The Juniors, ably captained by Gullick, gave us much brighter hopes as compared with the dire results of the last Junior team. The infusion of first-year boys did nothing to upset the balance of the team, and they have more than held their own.

The first two matches against Blackbrook and School House respectively were hard fought and we were unlucky to emerge both times losers by the only goal of the match. The last and final match, versus Westbury, proved to be an exciting one for our players who surprised us all by defeating a very strong Westbury team by the clear margin of three goals scored by Gibson (2) and Bellamy. This was truly a creditable performance and we congratulate them on their effort. Individuals who played well were, of course, Gullick a strong-hearted centre-half, Lock and Phelan who never gave up trying. Others who distinguished themselves were Leigh, Gibson and Ireland.

Senior House Team from :—Byng I, Dimmock, Byng II, Nicholson, Bald, Maidment, Cockbain, Lewis, Penny, Dove, Tutton, Boggust, Farmer.

It now only remains for me to wish members of the House a prosperous New Year.

A.D.J.W.

School House

As usual at this time of the year there is only the House Football Competition to report upon. In this the House did very well. We gained a share in both Junior and Senior Cups, which puts us in the lead for the Reed Cup.

Although the Juniors were not nearly as strong as they were last year, they put up a grand performance by beating Blackbrook and Cams each by one goal to nil. Unfortunately they lost 0-1 to Westbury.

The team was ably captained by Spence. The only player to play for the School Colts from our Juniors was Kilford, a very promising goalkeeper. The first Junior match was against Westbury. This was a very tight game with Westbury having the better balanced team. Against Cams the team played as well as they did against Westbury and deserved to win by the odd goal which was scored by Gillard. The team might have won more easily had they had a little luck. They kept up their good performance by beating Blackbrook. In this game they won by the only goal, which was scored by Mason. Although there were few outstanding players the spirit of the team was excellent.

The Seniors won two games and drew the other. Our first match was against Westbury whom we beat 8-1. This comfortable win raised our hopes for the last two games. We beat Cams 2-1. At half time the House who had been playing up the hill on the first pitch crossed over, neither side having scored. In the second half we got two goals through Rudling and Barr, White getting Cams' only goal. This was not such a close game as the score suggests because with a little more concentration we could have scored five or six. In the last game, against Blackbrook, we played down the hill in the first half. The score stood at 2-1 when we crossed over at half time. Our goals were scored direct from a free kick by Gregory and by Barr. In the second half the House kept up a continual attack on the Blackbrook goal; our lead, however, was lost when a defensive lapse let Porter through to equalise.

I am glad to be able to report that the House Seniors have staged a grand recovery. We now have six regular 1st XI players in Judd, Wassell, Rudling, Barr, Hansford and Gregory. We also have the captain of the 2nd XI, Devlin, who has also played for the 1st XI. Wright, who is a very promising young Senior, has been appointed captain of the Colts for this season.

To conclude let me wish everyone a Happy New Year, which I hope will bring fresh laurels to the House.

P.D.E.G.

Westbury

During last term there had been only one Inter-House Competition completed at the time of writing, that being for the Senior and Junior Football Cups.

The Senior XI were very unsuccessful, losing all three matches. The first, against School House, resulted in an 8-1 defeat, Spencer scoring our only goal with a nice left-footed cross shot. Morris put up a remarkable show in goal, stopping many hard shots from all angles. Stockwell and Randall, the wing-halves, played well, the latter clearing on many occasions with good hefty kicking.

In the next match, against Blackbrook, the team showed improvement, conceding four goals without replying. In this match we were without Stockwell and Spencer, the last mentioned being the only person we can depend on to score. Morris again put up a good show and Randall (now at left-back) stopped many dangerous shots.

The last match, against Cams, proved quite surprising, Westbury leading 2-0 after a quarter of an hour's play. The first goal was a gift, an opponent putting in his own goal: a few minutes later Spencer ran the ball through the centre and scored with a beautiful shot. This proved too good to be true for in the second half Cams were on top and the final whistle went with Westbury having lost 4-2. In all the matches the defence harassed the opposition not so much by good football as by unorthodox methods. Terry I, Dowse and Cleal showed steady form in all three matches.

The Juniors did better, winning two matches and losing one, thus sharing the Junior Football Cup with School House. They were a well balanced team ably led by their captain, Sheath.

Their first match was against School House. This was a hard fought game between two equally matched teams, Westbury winning 1-0 with a good goal scored by Newman. In their second match, versus Blackbrook, they won 2-0, the goals being scored by Brickwood and Shreeve.

The last match, versus Cams, resulted in a 3-0 defeat. The score at half time stood at 0-0, but in the second half the Junior team went all to pieces. The excuse was that they were surprised to hear that the Seniors were leading; this apparently put them off their game, but I certainly do not accept the excuse. One of the goals was scored through not playing to the whistle and another from a scramble in the goal-mouth after a free kick. Deanes, Gray and Read I played well and Brickwood ably led the forwards, being well supported by Newman at inside-right and Rutter I at centre-half.

We welcome Mr. Matthews, who has joined the House, and thank him for the interest he has shown on our behalf during his first term at the School.

This term there is the Steeplechase and possibly an Inter-House Hockey Competition. I should like to see all boys taking part in the Steeplechase, for all runners coming in before a certain time limit gain points for their House.

Finally, I hope you all had a Happy Christmas and have returned to school with the resolution to work and play harder.

A.R.R.

Old Priceans' Association

OLD BOYS' DAY—17th NOVEMBER, 1951

Owing to the unplayable state of the School field the Soccer matches against the School unfortunately had to be cancelled at the last moment.

Despite the weather, some twenty O.P.'s attended the presentation by the Association to the School of two oak seats in memory of Old Boys who fell in the last war. The seats, which are intended for the School field, were handed over to Mr. Ashton by the Chairman of the Council, E. R. Hills, Esq., J.P., on behalf of the Association.

After tea, which had been very kindly provided for us in School House, we dispersed until 7 o'clock, when we began to assemble at Pyle's Restaurant for the Annual Dinner.

The Dinner was very well attended, the record number of 62 being present. Our principal guest was E. R. Hills, who is the first O.P. to achieve the distinction of being Chairman of the Council, and he honoured us by wearing his chain of Office. Our other guests were Mr. V. T. Keen, J.P., C.C., M.B.E. and Mr. E. J. Hinxman, (both Governors of the School), and P. D. E. Gregory, Captain of the School and Captain of Soccer.

After an excellent dinner D. E. Gregory proposed the toast of "The School," which was replied to very ably by his son P. D. E. Gregory.

The toast of "Our Guests" was given by Norman Hyde and replied to by E. R. Hills, and that of the Association by Mr. Shaddock and replied to by the Secretary.

By special request an additional toast was drunk to "Absent Friends," with special reference to our beloved Mr. Bradly, who through an unfortunate accident was unavoidably prevented from being with us.

It was very gratifying to see such a good attendance, which included eight past and present masters and also that all age groups seemed to be well represented. We regret the absence of many whom we had hoped to be present, and welcome the presence of several whom we had not seen for some time, and we hope that the next dinner will be even better attended.

Copies of the photograph of the Dinner are available from:—D. K. Blount, 28 Bournville Avenue, Chatham, Kent. Price—1/6 Post Card, 2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Plate, 3/6 Whole Plate.

We are glad to welcome the following new and rejoined members:—

- A. J. Harvey, 98 Carlton Avenue East, Wembley Park, Middlesex.
- H. R. Bucknall, 238 Maidstone Road, Rochester, Kent.
- J. W. Kilford, 40 Victoria Road, Netley Abbey, Southampton.
- P. M. Reynolds, 121 Gudge Heath Lane, Fareham, Hants.
- G. R. Stubbington, 5 Hundred Acres, Wickham, Hants.
- C. J. Shaddock, 251 Mill Road, Cambridge.
- B. A. Cozens, 90 Chantry Road, Gosport, Hants.
- D. K. Blount, 28 Bournville Avenue, Chatham, Kent.
- R. T. Clark, Barclays Bank, Ltd., Commercial Road, Portsmouth.
- N. C. Brown, c/o Major C. E. Brown, R.E., DCRE (E), Famagusta, Cyprus, MELF 3.
- J. Way, 3 Geneva Avenue, St. Giles, Lincoln.

Changes of address:—

- T. Frost, 2 Highlands Gardens, Ilford, Essex.
- S. L. Trueman, PM/X 64342, E.R.A.'s Mess, H.M.S./M Talent, c/o F.M.O. Malta.
- J. V. Midgley, 89 Wymondley Road, Hitchin, Herts.
- V. A. Knight, 102 London Road, Chelmsford, Essex.
- W. C. A. Eyles, Beechwood, Cedar Hill, Carisbrooke, I.O.W.
- C. J. Verdon, Pay & Records Office, Royal Marines, Melville Barracks, Chatham, Kent.
- E. W. Connor, 1 Priory Avenue, St. Denys, Southampton.
- H. C. Cross, Dunglass, Botley Road, Sholing, Southampton.
- M. R. Coghlan, Dymok Estate, Vandiperiyar Estate, Cochin State, Travancore, S. India.
- W. P. Fielder, 32 Blaendare Road, Pontypool, Mon.
- F. L. Mathews, 28a Fore Street, Tiverton, Devon.
- E. J. Gilbert, 101 Oak Avenue, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey.
- M. R. Nicholson, Hill Croft, London Road, Portsdown Hill Rd., Cosham, Portsmouth.
- A. G. Phillips, Hamilton House School, Ealing, W.5.

M. W. GARDNER,
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer,
11, Meadway,
Gidea Park,
Essex.



There is little to report at the moment. Our bi-monthly meetings have continued, but attendances have been small; the reason is, I think, primarily economic. The cost of meals has risen sharply in recent years and the problem of devising a convivial meeting in central London has, so far, proved insurmountable. Undoubtedly this keeps many people away. We are now considering abandoning regular meetings in favour of twice-yearly set dinners which, we think, would be well attended. Our Annual Dinner is provisionally scheduled for the last Wednesday in February, to be preceded by an A.G.M., and future policy will be discussed then. In the meantime, please note that there may be variations in the set programme of meetings at à la Broche and those who may propose attending them are advised to contact me first.

Any O.P. who wishes to attend the Annual Dinner is asked to get in touch with me for details. It was a very successful occasion last year and there are indications that the attendance will be even greater this time.

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Sidcup,
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BRIAN BUCKLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

