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**T**HERE is no doubt that history has been made this term ; the new laboratories have been started, and the only questions remaining are whether or no they will be ready for occupation in September and what is to be done next. Certainly this is a time for hope.

In another way too the term has been remarkable : the weather has permitted more hockey to be played on the school field than has been possible for many a year and it was a bitter irony that Mr. Johnston who, so often had just cause for complaining of the weather, was not here to enjoy it and the hockey that was played this year, for the one often matched the other.

## Examination Results

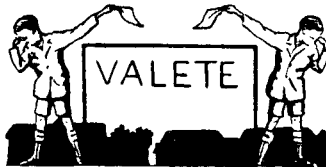
SANDHURST ENTRANCE.—J. S. Coombes.  
 ARTIFICER APPRENTICES.—F. Deans, A. Bath.  
 OLD BOYS.—R. L. Edwards, D. Phil (Oxford).

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## Salve

BLACKBROOK.—R. S. Gates.

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BLACKBROOK.—J. Slaughter, A. A. C. Read.

CAMS.—D. W. Sparks, M. J. Roux.

SCHOOL HOUSE.—J. S. Coombes (Prefect, Steeplechase Winner 1952-53, Mile Record Holder, R.S.M. Cadet Corps), K. J. Barr (1st XI Football).

WESTBURY.—N. G. Densham.

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## Cadet Corps

The term has been notable for the transfer to the C.C.F. becoming effective. It has meant a considerable amount of extra work on the part of the administrative staff, but benefits are beginning to be noticed and there is no doubt that we shall be much more efficient once everything is sorted out.

A Certificate 'A' Part I examination was held in the last week of term and of the 50 entries 39 were successful. This is a reasonably satisfactory result, but there are no grounds for complacency. A Part II examination will be held in the last week of the summer term and I am warning cadets now that if they do not reach a very high standard in their training or if they have been guilty of the more serious breaches of discipline they will not be allowed to take the examination.

Camp will be held at Windmill Hill and I am not sure where it is situated, but I expect that it will be a very good show.

Before the G.C.E. examinations begin, the Annual Inspection will be held and, because we are new to the C.C.F. I anticipate that it will be of a more searching nature. We have no reason to fear that, but it must put us on our mettle to show ourselves off to the best possible advantage. A field day will be held at the end of the term and if at all possible the bigger boys will spend the night out of doors. I am not promising this but I hope that I shall have the time and the necessary energy to arrange it.

I have already taken the first steps to form an Air Section and Mr. Chapman has promised to look after it. Cadets who have passed Cert. A Part I will be qualified to join this section, but the selection will not be automatic.

Finally let me wish those that have left all the very best in their chosen occupations and especially must I mention ex-R.S.M. Coombes, because of his very loyal service to the Corps. He has done very well and he will be the first to thank the Corps for what it has done for him.

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## Chess Club

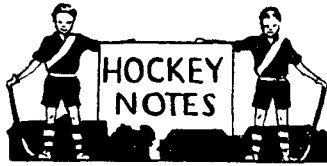
This term the Club has progressed better generally than it has for some time. After the school exams we decided to hold two knock-out tournaments, dividing the Club into the older boys in the senior tournament and the younger boys in the junior tournament. The four rounds were played off over six weeks and the play was at times most exciting and very varied as players met who had not previously been matched. During the second round so many boys were playing that Mr. Shaddock had to ask for a pair to give up their board to a tournament match. It is clear that if this happens again the Club will have seriously to consider increasing our existing stock of ten boards and sets. The finals were watched by quite a distinguished gathering from the Sixth Form and the senior game especially was most interesting, although the Secretary, who was fortunate enough to win, missed an easy mate ten minutes before the end of the game. The junior tournament was won by Holden, a player in the Second Form who shows great promise. Both winners were presented with suitable books on chess as prizes by the Headmaster at the end of the term.

The Chess Library has been very popular this term and the Sixth Form and upper school membership has increased. The results of this are not yet clearly apparent, but the general standard of play has risen considerably. This term A. G. W. Barker was appointed Hon. Treasurer. The duties of this office had previously been carried out by the other Club officials.

To counteract the slow rising of the new science laboratory the old physics hut appears to be rapidly falling to pieces and it is now doubtful whether the completion of the former will see the existence of the latter. A comfortable game can still be played, however, if the tilt of the benches and the draughts are ignored. During the last meeting of the term, Mr. Shaddock asked for a show of hands as to whether chess should be continued during the Summer Term. The response was quite overwhelming by its unanimity in support. Summer chess, however, is quite a rare phenomenon at Price's as it is almost entirely dependent on the other school activities such as Sports practices. It was decided therefore that meetings could be suspended if the attendance dropped too low.

We would like once again to thank Mr. Shaddock for all the work which he still does on behalf of the Club. His help and advice are invaluable to some members and in the general running of the Club. Any boys who wish to join or rejoin the Club will be welcomed next term. If they will come along to any of the meetings they can there be enrolled as members.

P. R. L.



In one respect the past season has been a record one. The ancient enemy of School Hockey—wet weather—was completely defeated, and never have we been able to play so many games on the school field. As a result more boys played than usually get a chance and on the whole great improvement was made throughout the school.

The First Eleven, starting the season with no Colours, and with very few of last year's team, built themselves up into a very workmanlike side, and at the end of the term were playing very fast and effective hockey. This was due to the hard work put in by Percival and Rudling very largely, both of whom improved their own play considerably, and their example—the one in defence and the other in attack—inspired the whole side. The team's record of six games won, three drawn and three lost, reflects the worthy performance of the whole side. During the season Rudling scored twenty-eight goals, and Percival at centre-half never played a bad game. It was a fitting reward for their efforts when both were chosen to play for the Hampshire Schools in the Inter-County Tournament.

Apart from the successful nature of the season judged by matches won, the improvement in the hockey played was very gratifying, and should provide a firm foundation upon which to build next season. Boys have learned to hit harder, and stop more cleanly. This applies to the Second XI and Colts XI as well as to the Senior XI, and both these teams had many keen games, showed great possibilities and reached a far higher standard than is possible in years when wet weather interferes with play as it so often does. I think that more boys this year realised what a fine game hockey can be, given favourable weather conditions.

### FIRST ELEVEN

**A. D. PERCIVAL** (Centre-Half)—Captain. Has developed into a fine half-back. Very quick in the tackle, hits hard and stops well. His example of tenacity and determination have been an inspiration to his side.

**D. C. RUDLING** (Centre-Forward)—Vice-Captain. Has the best stick-work of anyone in the side, and is difficult to tackle. His shooting is at times erratic, but has scored many goals.

**W. R. KILFORD** (Goalkeeper). A young player of great promise. Anticipates well, and kicks a long ball. Has played many good games.

**D. R. ADAMS** (Right-Back). Makes good use of his great speed, and is now hitting and stopping the ball cleanly.

**A. E. GULLICK** (Left-Back). Has improved considerably and should make a good back. At present too slow in recovering, and getting in his clearance, which is dangerous when facing fast forwards.

**A. C. PURKIS** (Right-Half). One of last year's side who has improved his stick-work and is now an effective half-back. Pushes the ball through to his forwards quite well, and covers in defence with intelligence.

**R. I. BRADFORD** (Left-Half). Has some clever stick-work, and stops well, but is inclined to obstruct when tackling. Could become a good player either as half or forward.

**P. B. A. RIDETT** (Outside-Right). Has the speed for the position and is a most enthusiastic and determined player. His stick-work is not as polished as it might be. Also plays well at half-back.

**R. A. SPENCER** (Inside-Right). Came into the side late in the season, but has improved the attack. Has good stick-work, but should follow up more consistently.

**M. G. COSENS** (Inside-Left). Came out of goal to this position, where he is much happier and has played some good games. Uses his stick well, but is rather lacking in shooting power.

**M. P. GILLARD** (Outside-Left). Has made a good effort to fill this most difficult position. Is quite fast and tenacious, but must try to centre the ball more quickly.

**A. R. REED** (Back), **J. C. TERRY** (Inside Forward) and **N. HARVEY** (Outside-Left) have all played at times for the XI.

**Full Colours** have been won by Percival, Rudling, Purkis, Ridett and Adams.

Away **H.M.S. St. Vincent** Won 5—2

For our first match we fielded a virtually scratch side on account of the school field being unfit for practice. This deficiency was clearly apparent in St. Vincent's being allowed to lead 2-1, our goal being scored by Rudling. We started the second half rather expectantly and were thoroughly recompensed for our endeavours by four more goals from Rudling. Thus we finished winners by five goals to two.

Ridett and Purkis played well at wing-half, but the wing and inside forwards were hesitant near goal. However, Rudling played at top-form and turned the game into a tonic for the coming matches.

Away **King Alfred's College 2nd XI** Won 5—0

This match was played at Winchester and after tackling what one of our team deemed "a Commando assault course" the game was started reasonably promptly.

However, the opposition, although it was rumoured to have scored more than ten goals against our last opponents, was weak. Thus the game was rather one-sided and the final score of 5-0 was hardly representative of the play. King Alfred's rarely looked dangerous and again it was impossible to gauge the strength of our team, but once more the forward line, Rudling excepted, was lacking in scoring power. Adams, moved to wing, scored twice from his very few opportunities, but unfortunately he is needed in defence. Rudling (2) and Kemp scored the other goals.

Away **Churcher's College** Lost 2—5

After a thoroughly pleasant journey we came out to play on a beautiful winter afternoon. We were weakened by the absence of Ridett and we faced a very strong and determined team on a smallish pitch.

The game proved rather gruelling and we were beaten by a much faster and more skilful side. The final score of 2—5, although representative of our opponents' superiority, spelt disaster for our defence, which "gave" away two very soft goals, with the subsequent demoralizing effect. The forward line tried hard but it was left to Rudling, the only forward who appeared capable, to net our two goals. The defence was unable to get the ball away quickly with the result that the forward line was presented with no real opportunity.

Purkis and Adams at wing half played hard and although beaten, we came away well satisfied with a most enjoyable trip.

**Away****R.A.F. Calshot****Draw 2—2**

We all looked forward to this match because the "voyage" is so pleasant, and we were not disappointed. However, it was decided that the actual game should consist of two twenty-five minute halves and consequently we did not settle down.

Still we should have been victorious and it was no fault of Rudling's, who with two more goals brought his total to eleven in four games, that we were not, as he played brilliantly. Winning 2—1 at half time, we gave away a goal because of an error of judgment and we were unable to add to our score.

With the exception of Purkis, the defence was not quite fast enough, but notwithstanding this our superiority was marked and we were rather disappointed at our inability to exploit our advantage.

**Away****King Edward VI****Draw 1—1**

This match was played at Southampton during half-term and we have now learnt by bitter experience that in such circumstances a travelling reserve is a necessity. Thus we were forced, through the inability of one of our players to arrive, to field only ten men.

However, even with this great handicap, against a good team, our side played magnificently. Every player did his utmost and all are to be congratulated on their efforts. Each member of the team fully realized the effort demanded and rose to the occasion.

Our supremacy in the early part of the game was marked by a goal from Rudling, by which we led at half-time. Our team maintained their effort during the second half, but one defensive error allowed our opponents to equalize with a good shot. This half was very even and this in itself speaks for the endeavours of our whole team.

Individuals should not be singled out in a performance of this nature and I felt proud to captain a side which played itself to a standstill and, to coin a phrase, "found glory in adversity." This was a truly enjoyable and memorable match.

**Away****Ryde****Lost 2—3**

A trip to Ryde is usually pleasant, but unfortunately our crossing was carried out in heavy mist. On arrival we found the weather clear and bright, and we looked forward to a keen game.

The pitch was on the small side, but nevertheless our team exploited the open spaces and scored through Cossens and Rudling. One feature of the first half was the tendency of the ball to "fly" from our opponents' sticks and this helped to dampen our enthusiasm for tackling. But we started the second half well and it was not until Ryde scored their first goal that the game changed. From this stage Ryde took command and scored twice more to triumph 3-2.

The introduction of our goalkeeper Cossens to the forward line infused some life, but generally penetrating power was absent. Gullick and Kilford, who played extremely well in goal distinguished themselves, and sympathy must be accorded to the forwards who tried so very hard.

**Away****Bournemouth Collegiate****Won 2—1**

This match was played at Fleming Park, Eastleigh, and a more perfect setting for a game is indeed difficult to imagine.

For five minutes or so we were hard pressed but gradually asserted ourselves. Rudling opened our score, and this was almost the only significant fact of the first half. On the resumption, with our score having been increased, it seemed that the team was content to rest on its laurels and justice was done when Bournemouth scored shortly before the close.

Altogether the attack showed real spirit, and the inside forwards, Rudling, Kemp and Cossens, played well. A certain loss was felt in the neglect of the right wing, and any advantage we may have possessed here was lost. The defence was a little hesitant and unsteady, with only Purkis consistent, but we may count ourselves fortunate that our opponents' wing forwards did not exploit their opportunities to better ends.

**Home****Old Priceans****Won 5—1**

For this annual fixture our opponents had managed to collect together a formidable team. Apparently many of the Old Priceans were 'Colours Men,' but our expectation was that they would not play as a team. Consequently, although there were flashes of brilliance, the necessary teamwork was missing and the School side took great advantage of this.

Thanks must be expressed to the large number of boys who came up to School on a Saturday afternoon to support the School side. Their encouragement was not wasted and Rudling gave them chance to air their feelings. His performance is reflected in the fact that he scored five brilliant individual goals and he gave an almost perfect example of centre-forward play.

The whole team was very steady and Ridett, Purkis and Adams worked very hard. A noticeable improvement was clear in the forward line, where Bradford and Kemp played well together. This was one of the most enjoyable fixtures of the season.

**Home****Taunton's****Lost 0—3**

After the fine encouragement which we had received at our last game, this match was a great anti-climax. It can be said this was the game at which encouragement was most needed. One could not help feeling that if this little extra had been forthcoming we should have done much better.

However, once more the match can be summarized by saying that whilst we were in command we scored no goals, whereas our opponents scored three in ten minutes. They thoroughly deserved their victory as a result of their very 'open' play, which was in complete contrast to the lone hand played by Rudling. This might have been an extraordinarily good match which we could have won.



**Home****Peter Symond's****Won 6—1**

The last occasion of a side from Peter Symond's visiting the School was last term, when our Soccer team was beaten 8-1, and we were determined to avenge ourselves. We were not disappointed and encouraged by many supporters we swept to victory by six goals to one. Our goals, although four of them should never have been allowed to penetrate the goal, were well merited and just reward for our endeavours.

Ridett on the right wing played well as did Rudling and Spencer, and with fine support from the defence the forward line had many opportunities.

All that can be said for "Peters" was that, as their "supporter" continually reminded us, we did not score eight.

**Away****Fareham II****Won 1—0**

For this match we were without Rudling and the effect of this may be realised by the fact that he had scored 21 of the side's total of 31 goals. Thus Spencer was moved to centre-forward and Cardy came into the team at inside-right.

The result of this was that the team, most unexpectedly, played extraordinarily well against a team which was comprised almost completely of Old Priceans. The only goal of the match was the occasion of Spencer netting with a reverse stick shot from a waist high centre. Indeed an occasion.

The whole of the second half was devoted to some strange game which one could only reconcile to Hockey with extreme difficulty.

All credit must be given to our team for an almost "last ditch" line of defence and attack against a much stronger and heavier side.

**Home****Havant IV****Won 13—1**

For our last match we were greeted by a sudden break in the weather which left us a somewhat bleak and showery afternoon on which to finish the season.

However, our hopes of a fast and hard match did not materialize and the opposition seemed below any feasible standard. The final score reflects the difference between the two sides, and the weakness of Havant allowed us a virtual monopoly of their circle.

Rudling 8, surely a personal record, Spencer 2, Ridett 2, (most certainly a personal record!) and Gillard scored our goals.

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I am sure that all the team will join with me in giving thanks to Mr. Shaw, who has shouldered the heavy responsibility left by the passing away of Mr. Johnston. His death was an almost irreparable loss, but Mr. Shaw has succeeded admirably in his efforts to ensure that the School still retains its relative position in the County's Hockey—a position which was so dear to Mr. Johnston.

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**SECOND ELEVEN**

The 2nd XI Hockey team has had an enjoyable but not entirely successful season. It has played four games and has lost two, drawn one and won one.

The first match was against Churcher's College at Petersfield and we lost by the comparatively large margin of 4-0, a margin which reflected to the full our opponents' superiority.

They scored three goals in the first half, the second of which struck the back of the net with the speed of a rocket. In the second half, thanks to some determined defending by Bradford and Spencer, they could only add one more goal. Their goalkeeper hardly touched the ball during the whole of the match owing to the utter lack of cohesion in our forward line.

The second match, against Bournemouth Collegiate at Eastleigh, we won by a margin of 4-0. They were a poor side and we were in their half for three parts of the game. At half-time we led by one goal, a brilliant piece of opportunism by Gillard. After the interval we increased our lead with goals from Gillard and Spencer (2). Bradford, Gillard and Spencer were the best players on the field.

Our next match, at home against Taunton's, we were most unlucky to lose 3-2. It was the best match of the four and the sides were evenly matched. The score at half-time was 2-2, Wooden scoring both our goals, the second of which threatened instant decapitation to their goalkeeper. Early in the second half they scored the final and winning goal of the match and although we pressed hard until the end of the game, the well deserved equalizer eluded us and we were forced to submit to an unsatisfactory defeat. Scale and Sheath defended well in this game while Gillard and Harvey formed a most efficient left wing; Wooden played well in the middle.

The last game, that against Peter Symond's, which was a 0-0 draw, was also unsatisfactory in that we had the greater part of the game and yet could not score a goal. Although the whole team played quite well as a whole the forwards just could not get the ball into the net and several opportunities, which, had they been converted, would have proved our superiority, were missed. Kemp was our best forward.

The team, apart from the first game, has been quite sound, although the last two games seemed to be thrown away merely through bad finishing. Scale has played excellently in defence, while Gillard, ably supported by Wooden, has been by far and away the best forward; Rutter has played competently in goal and Tutton, in both defence and attack, has tried very hard.

M. J. C.

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### HOUSE MATCHES

1st XI				Colts XI			
Blackbrook	1,	School House	1	Blackbrook	1,	Westbury	1
Westbury	2,	Cams	0	Cams	5,	School House	0
Blackbrook	1,	Westbury	0	School House 2,	Blackbrook	1	
School House 3,	Cams	2		Cams	2,	Westbury	0
Blackbrook	1,	Cams	1	Cams	3,	Blackbrook	0
School House 3,	Westbury	0		School House 3,	Westbury	0	

## The Steeplechase

The Steeplechase was again fortunate in its weather ; particularly so this year, because twenty minutes after the Senior had been won a most unpleasant lot of rain came down. Once again it was a triumph for School House, comfortable in the Juniors, but a close thing in the Seniors. In that race Coombes closed his school career in triumph and since he has twice won this race against runners as capable and determined as Adams and Ridett, and moreover is the holder of the mile record, he must be regarded as the most distinguished distance runner of whom the School has certain record, though one can think of heroes of earlier generations who might possibly have disturbed his equanimity. He is an admirable runner, light and economical in action; as yet, perhaps because he has not had to, he has not produced a really decisive sprint. If he can add that weapon to his armoury he will be formidable indeed.

For the rest, Adams, a much younger boy, again came second and is, as we all know now, a remarkably good runner. Ridett, as usual, took a high place and there was very much worthy endeavour behind him, but the result of the race was never really in doubt.

The Juniors looked to be a good even lot and there seemed little doubt that Izod was the best of them ; he is a strong runner and finished well. Ambrose appeared second, more apparently tired, one of those who are not born steeplechasers, but who just cannot do badly in any form of athletics. Once again it must be remarked that a decisive part is often played in the Steeplechase by those whose names do not appear high up in the lists, but whose efforts are reflected in their Houses' positions.

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### RESULTS

Senior			Junior		
1 Coombes (S)	7 Cardy (B)		1 Izod (S)	7 Glead (S)	
2 Adams (B)	8 Gillard (S)		2 Ambrose (C)	Powell 2 (C)	
3 Ridett (S)	9 Winter (S)		3 Ireland (C)	=8 Calderhead (W)	
4 Percival (B)	10 Collins (S)		4 McMinn (S)	10 Phelan (C)	
5 Orchard (B)	11 Spence (S)		5 Lee 2 (S)	11 Dennis (W)	
6 Scale (B)	12 Spencer (W)		6 Hayward (B)	12 Jacobs (C)	

### HOUSE POSITIONS

1 School House ... ..	725	1 School House ... ..	1286
2 Blackbrook ... ..	715	2 Cams ... ..	1149½
3 Westbury ... ..	475	3 Blackbrook ... ..	899
4 Cams ... ..	421	4 Westbury ... ..	760½

### REED CUP (To-date)

	FOOTBALL		HOCKEY		STEEPLECHASE		TOTAL
	S.	J.	S.	J.	S.	J.	
Blackbrook ...	12	0	12	2	6	2	34
Cams ...	0	12	0	12	0	4	28
School House ...	18	4	18	8	9	6	63
Westbury ...	6	8	6	2	3	0	25

## Badminton Club

The Club has been very active this term; there has been a Handicap Tournament, nine fixtures against other clubs and some very instructive coaching by Mr. R. Powell, an Old Boy of the School, who very kindly consented to come and give us the coaching; I am sure all those members who were present will join me in thanking him. We must also thank Mr. Shaw for the interest he has shown in the Club and the financial help he has given us with the many breakages in our racquets.

The Tournament produced many good games and was well appreciated by the whole School. In the final Rudling, by his speed and retrieving power, beat the much fancied Percival for the Cup he kindly donated to the Club. Viney did very well in reaching the quarter finals, a very good effort for a non-member of the Club.

In the matches Percival and Rudling must be the most consistent doubles pair for many years. Of the new players in the team Chinnery has played steadily but must attack more; Wooden has played many good games but is not consistent. Dove has played twice and shows promise. Harvey and Robertson-Fox should prove useful next season.

### Home Bridgemary B.C. Drew 8—8

The Club were very lucky to end the evening all square with Bridgemary, the third drawn in three games between the two Clubs. The first couple won 2 games and lost 2, the second and third couples won 3 and lost 1 and the fourth couple failed to secure a game.

Team:—Rudling and Percival, Whitcombe and Lewis, Purkis and Chinnery, Cossens and Coombes.

### Home St. John's College B.C. Lost 6—9

St. John's, strengthened since we last played them, proved too strong for the Club. Rudling and Purkis won their singles games for the School. The first and third couples won 1 and lost 2 games, the second couple won 2 and lost 1.

Team:—Rudling and Percival, Whitcombe and Lewis, Purkis and Cossens.

### Home Purbrook C.H.S. B.C. Won 14—2

From the start the School were too strong for Purbrook and the result was never in doubt. The first three couples won all their 4 games, the fourth couple won 2 games and lost 2.

Team:—Rudling and Percival, Purkis and Cossens, Whitcombe and Wooden, Lewis and Chinnery.

### Home Bridgemary B.C. Won 10—6

As the Club considered the last home match with Bridgemary unsatisfactory we invited them again and had the satisfaction of beating them for the first time in two seasons. The first couple won 3 games and lost 1, the second won 2 and lost 2, the third couple won all 4 games and the fourth couple won 1 and lost 3.

Team:—Rudling and Percival, Purkis and Cossens, Whitcombe and Wooden, Lewis and Chinnery.

**Away** **Hamble B.C.** **Lost 7—9**

The Club definitely had an off night against Hamble; the second couple certainly should have won two games. As it was they lost all four games; the first couple won 3 and lost 1 and the third and fourth couples won 2 and lost 2.

Team:—Rudling and Percival, Purkis and Cossens, Whitcombe and Wooden, Lewis and Chinnery.

**Home** **Old Boys** **Drew 10—10**

Against a fairly strong Old Boys side the Club, seriously weakened by the absence of Percival, put up a great effort to draw, Rudling, Purkis and Cossens winning their singles games.

The first couple won 3 and lost 1, the second couple won 2 and lost 2 and the third and fourth couples won 1 and lost 1.

Team:—Rudling and Cossens, Purkis and Wooden, Lewis and Chinnery, Whitcombe and Ridett.

**Away** **Alverstoke B.C.** **Won 12—4**

The Club, playing its first match after Mr. Powell's coaching, showed how much it benefited by it, easily beating Alverstoke. The first two couples won all their 4 games, the third won 3 and lost 1 and the fourth won 1 and lost 3.

Team:—Rudling and Percival, Purkis and Lewis, Whitcombe and Cossens, Wooden and Chinnery.

**Away** **Bridgemy B.C.** **Drew 8—8**

The Club could only manage a draw mainly owing to the inability of the third pair to settle down against their third and fourth pairs. The first couple won all their 4 games, the second and fourth won 1 and lost 3 and the third won 2 and lost 2.

Team:—Rudling and Percival, Purkis and Lewis, Whitcombe and Wooden, Chinnery and Dove.

**Away** **Purbrook C.H.S. B.C.** **Won 14—2**

Again the School was far too strong for Purbrook and the result was never in doubt. The first and second couples won all 4, the third and fourth lost 1 each.

Team:—Percival and Cossens, Purkis and Lewis, Whitcombe and Wooden, Chinnery and Dove.

P. W. W.

## Table Tennis Notes

This term the only important event was the School Tournament.

The Junior section had no particularly outstanding players and Kilford, Mellish, Lowe and Glead all showed distinct promise. The final between Lowe and Glead resulted in a win for the latter by three sets to two. In distinct contrast to the Senior final this game was extremely exciting as the two finalists were very evenly matched. Indeed this game was perhaps the most exciting match since the inauguration of the Junior Tournament and both contestants are to be congratulated on providing such a thrilling match.

In the Senior Tournament, Viney did exceedingly well to reach the final, as he has not the advantage of the intensive practice given to Club members. The Tournament was somewhat spoiled by the best members of the Club being drawn against each other, but such things must be if the excitement of a tournament is to be sustained, and if other members of the School are to be given a chance to make progress. The desire for "seeding" has only this disadvantage, that it would mean a virtual monopoly of the Senior Tournament by Club members, and this would rather deter the rest of the School from entering.

Lastly, one would like to thank the "Young Conservatives" for the table-tennis table which was borrowed four years ago and which they gave us permission to use at a time when our finance would not enable us to purchase one for ourselves.

D. P.

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The Table Tennis Club owes a great deal to its Hon. Secretary and it is only fair to Percival to note that he was the winner of the Senior Tournament.

H. R. T.

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## HOUSE NOTES

### BLACKBROOK

Last term the Steeplechase and Hockey Cups were decided. In both competitions we were just beaten by School House. As gratifying as the result was disappointing was the distinct improvement in the spirit of the House which was witnessed. It is indicative of this trend that only five runners from Blackbrook did not score for their House in the Steeplechase, and although there are still "scrimshankers" in the House I am pleased to say that they can be counted on the fingers of one hand,

The Senior Steeplechase team did not look very strong and as a friend of mine remarked we had "quite a few steady men." Fortunately these "steady men" did very well and it was due to them that we ran School House so close. Adams, who was well trained, did very well against older opponents and came second to a winner who set a gruelling pace. Percival came in fourth, which was a remarkable effort as he was unable to do much training owing to his multitude of other sporting interests, mainly Hockey, of which he is the First Eleven captain. After Percival, our group of "steady men" came in; Orchard, who was a very unexpected and very splendid fifth, Scale sixth, Cardy seventh, and Harvey thirteenth, all of whom ran to the utmost of their ability and came about ten places higher than was expected. For the rest of the runners, everyone who counted, I believe, ran as well as he possibly could. By this combined effort we were defeated by as small a margin as ten points. When it is remembered that Brown and Shepherd, who I am sure would have at least been labelled "steady men," were absent on the day of the race, we see what a magnificent effort this result was and why this year's Steeplechase was very good indeed. It is hoped that the house as a whole will follow the example of Adams, Percival, Orchard, Scale, Cardy and Harvey, and do better than their "best."

In the Junior race we did very well to come third as we had the smallest number of runners. Again most of the runners did their very best and the team made up in spirit what it lacked in ability. Hayward, who was sixth, was the first Blackbrook runner home. He was followed by Downe, Gudgeon, Pallett and Stamp, all of whom were in the 'teens. Pallett is quite young and should do well next year along with Gudgeon and Stamp, who have been mentioned for their keenness in previous 'Lions.'

Soon after the Steeplechase the Hockey competition was decided. Our Senior team had quite a reasonable defence, which was held together by Percival and Adams, but rather a weak forward line. Goalkeeper was a difficulty but Brown, who played twice, and Burleton bridged the gap very gamely. Of the forwards, with the possible exception of Harvey, it is best to say they were inadequate and leave it at that.

The first game was against School House and it was thought, erroneously, as it proved, that this was the "be all and end all" of the tournament. We played up the slope first and thus during the first half School did most of the attacking, although we were unlucky not to score from the few breakaways we had. Towards the end of this half there were a great number of free hits given to us, mostly due to stickwork which would have made Henry Cotton envious, but which Mr. Shaw penalized un-failingly. There was no score at half-time. In the second half, in spite of the fact that we were playing down the slope, our forwards were ineffective and did not look like scoring. After about twenty minutes incessant attacking, School House eventually scored despite the sterling work of Percival and Adams. Soon after, Adams scored a brilliant solo goal after dribbling through the School House defence. This equalizer spurred both sides on but no further goals were scored before the final whistle, although on several occasions there were some desperate saves in our circle. The game had very little hockey but a great deal of spirit brought about by the large number of supporters both sides had on the sidelines.

In the next game against Westbury we had a foretaste of the Cams' fiasco. Although we pressed a great deal throughout the game we could not score and it was left to Percival to score our only goal. During this game Cardy at right half and Podmore at right back played well, and also Adams at centre forward and Watkins at outside right had good games. Near the end Westbury were very unlucky not to score and it was fortunate for us that the game ended when it did. The match was made remarkable by a penalty bully awarded to us. This was marred by the complete ignorance of the rules for a penalty bully by the two players concerned and a distinct doubt in the umpires' minds. Needless to say we did not score from it.

The final match against Cams was from our point of view very disappointing. The whole team did not play well and it was good fortune that Percival was able to score in the first half to give us a lead. In the second half we did press quite a lot but it was not surprising that Cams scored just before full time as they had always looked dangerous in breakaways. Thus the game ended in a draw and School House won the cup. I cannot help feeling that our failure was due to over-confidence and it was a lesson to us that matches are not won on paper.

The Juniors played hard but had very little ability and on many occasions failed to use their wings who unfortunately were more likely to be found in the centre of the pitch. Dugan, who has played for the School Colts, captained thd side keenly

and did a great deal both on and off the pitch to encourage his team. Outstanding in the team were Pallett and Hayward who both played for the Colts on the strength of their displays in the House matches.

In the first match against Westbury we drew one all. Hayward scored our goal with quite a good shot. Pallett and Ross cleared well in defence which on the whole was safe. The next match was lost to School House 2-1, although at half time we were leading by a rather scrambled goal which Dugan scored. In the second half School House went ahead when they scored due to our defences' inability to stop a simple shot although it passed through about four defenders' legs. The final match was against the powerful Cams side who beat us by 4-0. We had two reserves playing namely, Lowe and Hamilton, who both played good games. In this game Pallett put in a good display as goalkeeper. As a result we finished last, equal with Westbury.

Last Term was not a highly successful one for Blackbrook although we had our moments of triumph. This Term the Cricket, Sports and Swimming Cups will be decided. Blackbrook must win at least one of these and I hope that we win the lot. Our cup shelf is still empty, but let us hope that the rising spirit which has been noticed this term, may continue and so win some cups. Finally, I hope you have enjoyed Easter and have returned refreshed and eager to honour Blackbrook.

A. C. P.

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## CAMS

In both of the sporting events of the term the Seniors finished last, but this was in no way due to lack of keenness and House spirit. In the Steeplechase we could get only two runners in the first twenty, Robertson-Fox, who was 15th and Farmer, who was 19th. In the Hockey we lost two and drew one. In the first game against Westbury we were perhaps a little unlucky not to hold them to a draw as we were as good in mid-field, but the forwards, with the exception of Farmer, showed little ability for going for goal. In the second game against School House we played much more like a team and if the defence had played to the whistle we might have drawn; as it was we made a confident School House team fight to the last. Wooden scored two good opportunist goals. Against Blackbrook the House put up an excellent show to hold them to a draw, Farmer running away to score a good goal. Bradford played exceedingly well in all the games and had good support from Gullick. Of the forwards Farmer was the most dangerous although Wooden shot well and hard when he had the chance. Tutton played both forward and half-back with equal ability.

The Juniors did much better than the Seniors, coming second in the Steeplechase and winning the Hockey. An unfit Ambrose did very well to come in Second. Ireland third, Powell eighth, Phelan tenth and Jacobs twelfth are also to be congratulated on creditable performances. In the Hockey they won all their three games. In the first match against Westbury we played better than the one goal to nil suggests. In the second game against School House we did better and won by five goals to nil. Against Blackbrook we scored four times although we were a long time settling down. Ambrose ably led the side, scored six goals and still found time



to help the defence when they were troubled. Bellamy scored four goals and looked very dangerous in front of goal ; of the rest of a team that was strong in every department Ireland as an attacking centre-half and Phelan as a hard working inside forward deserve mention.

Next term we look forward to Cricket, the Sports and Swimming, and hope from these events to gain the points to win us the Reed Cup.

P. W. W.

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## SCHOOL HOUSE

We have reached the end of another term, having continued our run of successes. We have retained three of the four cups contested during the Spring Term and at present we have amassed a total of points in the Reed Cup which exceeds that of Cams and Blackbrook added together. Having said this it now remains for me to particularise our successes, and indeed to modify our jubilation.

The first half of the term was given over to cross-country training, at the end of which we retained both cups.

In the Seniors Coombes won the individual event quite easily for the second year in succession. He was followed home by a sufficient number of School House runners for the cup to be secured by 10 points. Gillard, in his first year, ran well to come in eighth. The margin of our victory was far too close for comfort and although we were without Hansford and Mason, their absence was to my mind compensated by the late addition of Luck to our team.

The Juniors were far more convincing in their victory and Izod led home a continual string of School House runners, consisting of McMinn, Lee 2, Gleed and numerous other boys in their last year as Juniors who all ran extremely well, Kilgour running in his first year was the first "new boy" home in the whole School and he gave further evidence of the all-round ability of the "School House new boys," quite a few of whom show very distinct promise.

It is, to my mind, fitting that our House should win what is the most comprehensive team event of the year, but I must again emphasize the fundamental importance of training for this event. While I am fairly confident that all runners did their best on the day, I feel sure this "best" could have been improved with a more enthusiastic attitude towards training runs.

Before the beginning of the Hockey Tournament I expected we would retain the Senior Cup—we did so—but only because our low standard was slightly better than that of the other Houses. Seldom has a School House team played at such a low level; indeed our display at times verged on the disinterested.

We may make excuses such as shortage of time for practice, absence of Hansford and Mason, or unfortunate drawing of matches, but finally we are confronted with the fact that eleven players nominally representing their House played hockey hardly worthy of a "scratch" game.

Our first match was drawn against Blackbrook, our nearest rivals. The half-backs were shaky and ineffectual, the defence generally chaotic and the attack a

number of disjointed individuals; it is hardly to be wondered at that Blackbrook managed to draw with us 1-1.

It might have been thought that we had played as badly as was possible, but against Cams we showed capabilities of even worse things. After about the tenth short corner we accepted the fact that no goals would be scored from them and the final score, if hardly reflecting the run of play, does justice at least to our general helplessness. We won 3-2.

For the first half of the Westbury game we showed very faint signs of the team we ought to have been, being unlucky not to score twice. Then after two and a half games of spiritless mediocrity something happened to the team and five goals were scored in the second half. Our opponents were unlucky to have their captain injured, but the forwards were combining so well that goals were bound to result. Barr and Rudling were outstanding and the latter scored 4 goals. While we were trouncing Westbury, Cams were doing us the favour of drawing with Blackbrook; hence we won the cup outright.

The Juniors, in a way, were more worthy of praise than the Seniors.

The first match against Cams was lost 5-0. The team was badly arranged and if this match had been played last, the loss would probably have been less decisive.

Against Blackbrook the final score of 2-1 in our favour hardly reflected our superiority.

Finding top form against Westbury we won 3-0, Lee 3 (2) and McMinn scored our goals and with a little more shooting power the score could easily have been doubled.

This year seems to be one of transition for the Juniors from the great successes of last year to the successes of years to come. It is noticeable that certain boys are of sufficient quality to be filling places in their House Teams which should be taken by "2nd" and "3rd years." This fact I take to be an indication of future success.

I will close these notes with a reminder that we have contested only half of the House Cups. Next term I would like to see the House win the Senior Sports along with all the others; this will not be easy for we have now lost the services of Barr, unfortunately not here to try for the Senior Victor Ludorum; and Coombes, possibly the best middle and long-distance runner this School has ever seen, has passed into Sandhurst. We all wish him the best of luck. Coombes is one of those boys who have helped our House to sustain a very high standard and we must, at all times, judge our achievements in relation to our own standards rather than in relation to the achievements of the other Houses.

P. B. A. R.

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## WESTBURY

The results of last term's House Competitions are rather disappointing for Westbury. The Seniors have raised their average position in these events from 4th to 3rd; but that which has been the Seniors gain has proved to be the loss of the Juniors who came last in both events. This adds up to the fact that Westbury has dropped from 2nd to last place in the competition for the coveted Reed Cup.

Spencer was first in for Westbury in the Senior Steeplechase, his position being 12th, soon followed by Field and Rutter I—16th and 17th respectively. The majority of the Westbury Senior runners arrived between the 45th and 66th positions, while only four arrived too late to gain any points. I am pleased to report this as it does show that the Seniors did their best.

However, it was a different story in the Junior event. Nearly half of the Westbury starters arrived home after the 90th position. Many of them finished the race looking as fresh as they had been when they started. Calderhead ran well in coming 8th, but could not improve on his position in last year's event. Dennis ran pluckily and came 11th. As you Juniors certainly did not try your hardest in last term's Steeplechase I want you to make up for this poor effort and do great things in the House events this term.

The Seniors finished their first House Hockey match with their hopes high. This match was played against Cams and resulted in a 2-0 victory for Westbury. The first half of this game was played on an even basis, but in the second half the Westbury team realised that they had by no means won the game and after some better team-work Spencer scored two goals for us. The first came from a goal-mouth scramble while the second was a typical Spencer shot.

Again in the second match, versus Blackbrook, the first half was played evenly in both halves of the pitch. However, during the second half, Blackbrook piled on the pressure, our forwards fell back and we had difficulty in trying to get the ball out of our half. Our opponents eventually scored the only goal of the match. A few minutes from the end Kemp had some bad luck when he hit the goal post with a shot from a corner. We certainly did not deserve a goal, but it would be a pleasant task to record that we had drawn with Blackbrook.

The last game, against School House, was a repetition of the Blackbrook match. In the first half our opponents' attack cut through the Westbury defence many times, the able goalkeeping of Rutter I keeping the score at 0-0 until after half time. During the second half all cohesion between the Westbury players was lost; School House scored at a steady rate and had won 5-0 when the final whistle blew. Again Kemp had bad luck when a shot of his went over the bar.

In all three matches Rutter I played a grand game in the Westbury goal; he could be relied upon to stop hard shots and clear the ball quickly. During the penalty bully against Blackbrook he was not sure what to do, but he entered the bully with fervour and had soon cleared the ball out of the circle. On the right side of the field Sheath and Kemp worked in a quiet but effective manner. Spencer was the spark of the forward line, and was greatly missed there when he fell back to help the defence. Confidence could be placed in him to hit the ball hard in the right direction in either of the circles.

The Junior Hockey XI lost their first match, versus Cams, 1-0. This was a promising result as Cams were the favourites for the Junior Hockey Competition. Our hopes were soon dashed to the ground when they drew 1-1 with Blackbrook and finally lost 3-0 to School House. Brickwood (the Captain) played an admirable game in all three matches; our goal tally might have been higher if he had played an attacking game. Other players who deserve a mention are Gibson II (goalkeeper), Matthews II (who scored our only goal), Agius and Dennis.

In the Junior matches, as in the Senior games, there was very little teamwork in the Westbury sides. Individuals played well only to find that they could pass to no-one.

This term, Westbury, let us work together as a team in the three sports competitions that face us. I need your support in the choosing of representatives for cricket and the School Sports, while Terry I will be glad of the help of the swimmers who will be under his command in the School Swimming Gala.

A. R. R.

## The Bells

They start, and the sonorous clangour wells  
 Around me, above me, the sound of bells.  
 Those ephemeral notes as, with glee, they leave  
 Their lasting parent, prolific mother.  
 Find the aery world willing to receive  
 Each quavering soul, following his brother.  
 To think that they are a joyous offering,  
 An iron-tongued monster's vital tingling offspring!  
 Through the hard atmosphere they blithely haste,  
 The fortunes of a short-lived life to taste,  
 Harmonies incarnate; each one evades  
 As long he can his ending sure, then fades  
 Into 'the light of common day,' bereft  
 In turn, till, the ringers stopped, none is left,

M. J. C.



This term, although there was not a great number of Old Priceans present, we were able to put out a very respectable hockey team against the School and we hope that this news will bring about the re-appearance of some who may have been discouraged on previous occasions. We elected to play three backs and no goalkeeper, but all the same Chapman made some remarkable saves and the game was very open until youth began to tell mid-way through the second half.

An Old Priceans' team also played the School at Badminton and was more successful there. G. M. Shelton was the most successful member of the side and the evening was very much enjoyed by all. On another occasion R. A. & K. Powell came to the School to coach the badminton side and this innovation too was most successful.

I hope that a great number of you will be wanting to come and play cricket or just watch and meet old friends on Saturday, July 4th.

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There are signs of the gathering of a younger element of O.P.'s in the London area and, accordingly, we hope for a rejuvenation in Section affairs. To this end, a meeting will shortly be held to discuss ways and means. In particular, we are anxious to recommence some form of Section sporting activity.

A Coronation Dinner is proposed for June.

If any O.P. working in central London is interested in playing in a light orchestra (strings, woodwind and brass), there is one in existence which has O.P. connections, and I shall be pleased to make the necessary introductions. Rehearsals are held in the City and there are NO subscriptions.

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