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## **MR. S. R. N. BRADLY**

We record with great regret the death of Mr. S. R. N. Bradly, formerly Headmaster, at St. Mary's Hospital, Southsea, on the morning of Sunday, January 16th. This issue had already gone to press and further statements will be made in our next number. Meanwhile we extend our fullest sympathy to his daughter, Mrs. B. R. Shaw and her family.

**T**HIS has been a very average term with little that was outstanding. The Examination results were average: we congratulate Keen on his State Scholarship and Simmons on his County Major. The football results were average, and for that we were very thankful for it had seemed that Mr. Thompson and Kilford might find difficulty in discovering a satisfactory combination and they are to be congratulated on the results achieved. Moreover there is great promise in the Colts and not merely in the two worthies who secured regular places in the First XI.

At the end of the term the Dramatic Society lived up to the reputation it had won and the Carol Service in the Parish Church won golden opinions from all sorts of people: the standard both of the singing and the reading was extremely high.

We cannot close these notes without some mention of the late Mr. V. T. Keen, of whom a fuller appreciation appears in the Old Priceans' Section. His life was largely spent in the public service and to Price's School, of which he was for many years a Governor, he was ever a loyal counsellor and friend. Men of his ripe wisdom and wide ranging experience are not often found and, when lost, are not speedily replaced. He will be long remembered.



BLACKBROOK—A. J. Hayward (House Football Captain, School Football and Hockey), R. C. Harrison (School Football, Minor and Junior Victor Ludorum, Sgt. in C.C.), R. Hughes, R. S. Gates, P. Ross, P. Dugan, A. E. Pettiford.

CAMS—J. C. Farmer (School Football, Sgt. in C.C.), R. L. H. Thompson, N. C. Trivett (School Cricket), S. Gibson.

SCHOOL—D. T. Coker, B. V. Savage, M. G. Heath, D. A. Mason.

WESTBURY—C. E. Rutter, B. L. Smart, J. M. Harvey, J. A. Moore.



BLACKBROOK—P. W. Bryan, C. Emery, B. St. J. Evans, J. H. Florence, A. G. A. Hallett, A. E. Harris, J. A. Harrison, W. P. Kiddle, A. R. G. Oldfield, D. J. Pedder, D. R. Phelps, P. F. Sheppard, R. O. Smith, P. Warren, J. N. Cottom, B. F. Tanner, M. A. Mogg, B. J. Lusty, R. J. Buxton, M. Bevis, C. English, C. J. Mitchell.

CAMS—C. J. Alder, C. R. Brown, S. A. Bull, C. M. Carey, A. M. Cherrington, R. Comfort, P. Dore, R. W. E. Farr, D. J. Hutchings, R. Ivill, T. K. Palmer, C. C. J. Pannell, A. J. Smith, C. Stanley, J. F. Tanner, J. A. McColgin.

SCHOOL HOUSE—E. J. Bunday, B. Deakins, M. Duffy, D. P. Edwards, D. Goldring, J. C. Hoddinott, C. C. Hudson, D. E. G. Lunn, M. D. Paskins, W. J. Perry, B. D. Pipkin, A. J. Prebble, C. R. Spicer, K. A. Wareham.

WESTBURY—M. R. Brown, G. R. Carter, P. M. Collings, M. N. Edinberry, R. C. Flux, K. L. Goble, I. B. Green, W. L. Hambrook, T. S. Hunt, D. A. W. Jeffries, B. A. Keen, D. L. Lambourne, I. M. Rankin, H. C. Rankin.

### REED CUP (to date)

	<i>Football</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>S</i>	<i>J</i>	<i>M</i>	
BLACKBROOK .. .. .	18	8	4	30
CAMS .. .. .	9	4	0	13
SCHOOL .. .. .	9	12	2	23
WESTBURY .. .. .	0	0	6	6

# Examination Results

**State Scholarship:** D. G. Keen.

**County Major Scholarship:** J. M. Simmons.

**General Certificate of Education:** (Minimum 1 Advanced or 4 Ordinary Level).

A. C. Abercromby, 1A with Distinction, 1A, 1O; M. L. Dove, 3A; J. C. Farmer, 2A; M. P. Gillard, 2A; 1O, D. G. Keen, 2A with Distinction; E. J. Lawrence, 3A; D. A. Mason, 1A, 1O; D. E. N. Robertson-Fox, 1A, 1O; J. D. Shotton, 3A; J. M. Simmons, 1A with Distinction, 1A; R. L. H. Thompson, 1A; D. C. Wooden, 2A, 1O.

At Ordinary Level:

L. A. Agius 4, G. H. Hardwick 4, B. D. Bellamy 5, R. Brack 4, R. G. Brookes 7, M. G. V. Bulley 5, R. H. Dennis 5, P. J. Field 6, R. S. Gates 4, T. B. Gleed 5, R. C. Harrison, 4 J. M. Harvey 5, I. Horne 5, J. Hudson 4, L. P. Izod 4, M. R. Lawrence 4, D. J. S. Lee 7, A. J. Linford 4, D. Phelan 6, R. E. Shepherd 4, M. G. Simpson 4, B. L. Smart 5, A. G. Swatton 5, D. A. R. Thomas 6, C. R. Tomkins 4, O. P. N. Tully 5, W. K. Winnicott 4.

**R.A.F. Apprenticeship:** R. Hughes.

## C.C.F. Notes

I have to apologise for the omission of C.C.F. Notes in the last issue. There are therefore, two terms' activities to report. To take the Summer Term first.

The first activity was the Annual Inspection carried out on behalf of the War Office by Col. P. D. Buchanan, Royal Engineers. For the first time for many years I chose a wet and dull day. In spite of all, however, I was very proud of the cadets in their bearing and appearance. That is not to say there is no room for improvement. Every contingent can be improved and this one is no exception. The Inspecting Officer expressed great satisfaction with all he saw and was kind enough to say so in his final address. In 1956 we shall be inspected, again in mid-May, by a R.A.F. Officer. So look out, R.A.F. Section!

Training took its usual interrupted course, normal in the Summer Term due to examinations and towards the end of the term a Certificate "A" Pt. II board was held. In this examination we had the worst results in our history, only two cadets passing.

There were good reasons for this which are better left unsaid, but I will allow myself this one remark. The standard has been raised considerably and we were not prepared; for this the command must take the blame. I think that this has now been put right.

At the end of term five officers and 63 cadets proceeded to Windmill Camp, where we had quite excellent weather and, I think, a very good camp was enjoyed by all. There are one or two general observations I wish to make about camp attendance. It is very noticeable that the numbers of cadets going to camp is too small and also the senior cadets seem to consider themselves above it. This attitude is greatly to be deplored. It is a good holiday in the fresh air with quite excellent food for approximately 15/- for the nine days' period. Most of those who do not attend camp make all sorts of fatuous excuses but the main reason is they have not got the guts to camp out in the open and face a few days of being told what to do and when to do it. It is regrettable that after 3 or 4 years' education in a good school the above attitude should prevail.

A new departure has been made in the Christmas Term. The Headmaster has agreed to the holding of cadet parades on the last two periods on Friday afternoon. This has proved a great convenience to the contingent and many activities have been and will be possible because of this.

Training has been greatly facilitated by the presence of two and sometimes three N.C.O.s from 245 Armament Battery, R.A. who have been allowed to attend by the kind permission of Major I. A. Johnstone, R.A. whom I am hereby thanking on your behalf. The N.C.O.s have made a great improvement in our standards and when the Certificate II board was held there were only 3 failures and one of those passed in all subjects but did not reach the necessary total.

Because of the Friday afternoon parades it has been possible to make two visits to Browdown Rifle Range by kind permission of Commandant R.M.S.A. School. This will be a continuing feature of our programme providing the range is available, but I will remind those of you who may be disappointed that only cadets over 15½ may fire a .303 rifle.

Whilst on the subject of rifle firing it would be a very good thing if we could now make such progress that we could enter for some public competition. There seems to be very little reason why considerable progress should not be made.

We are now in the midst of Certificate "A" Part I examination and those cadets who pass will have the opportunity to pass into the R.A.F. Section if they so desire it.

### R.A.F. NOTES

The R.A.F. Section's camp at Pembrey in South Wales, was not an outstanding success. It was all very restful for the cadets concerned, but offered little as regards training and still less flying. As flying is one of the main aims of camp, we are changing to Easter Camp in 1956 to see if we can do better. We shall not fall foul of the R.A.F. station's leave period then, as we do in August, and can expect improved activities and flying.

I hope that everybody is making a determined effort to absorb as much of the Proficiency lecture material as possible, particularly those who have already failed the examination once. I should like to be able to see at our next camp a party comprising of only Proficiency and Advanced cadets. Don't forget that a pass mark of 50% should be a laughable obstacle to boys of Grammar School calibre!

T.H.

## Dramatic Society

Once again the Dramatic Society has succeeded in its presentation. The play, "Laburnum Grove" by J. B. Priestley, relates how a seemingly respectable business man, George Radfern, rids himself of unwanted "hangers-on" by telling them his long-kept secret, that he has been a forger for years, and how he then manages to put off the detective who is on his track for long enough to enable him to go abroad with his family.

Robertson-Fox played the part of George Radfern. This part was extremely difficult but he achieved great success, both in the scenes with his family and in the scene with the detective. He also devoted a considerable amount of time to the erection of the stage and other essential tasks. The persevering detective, Inspector Stack, was played with skill and enthusiasm by Pallett. The battle of wits between him and Radfern made one of the most successful scenes in the play, as was quite clear from the reception it

received each night from the audience. Great credit must go to the three "women" Spencer (Mrs. Radfern), Walker (her daughter, Elsie) and Cockbain (her sister, Mrs. Baxley). Each of these rôles had its particular difficulties and not one of them was at all easy for a boy to fill, but not only were the "ladies" successful from the purely histrionic aspect, but they also looked more realistic than is usually the case. Devlin, as Harold Russ, Elsie's weak and money-seeking suitor, delighted the audience each night with his horror at learning that he had nearly married into a criminal family. Chase was always amusing as a crook who, as another character put it, "looked like a bookie's clerk," while Lawrence made a brief but entertaining appearance as a policeman.

But in justice, the greatest praise must go to Mr. Siney, the producer, who had the greatest and the most difficult task. He succeeded in bringing the best out of everybody connected with the play. All-round the back-stage staff was one of the best for many years. Mr. Briscoe, with the aid of Blackwood and Ambury, combined art and science to produce a set which was both realistic and pleasing. The stage Manager, Shepperd, with his assistants, Beckett, Peckham and Smyth, was most efficient and ensured that everything was in the right place at the right time. Dixon, the prompter, exercised his difficult art with skill and discretion. Our gratitude must also be expressed to Mr. Mollard who assisted with the costumes, Mr. Iredale, who helped with the properties, Jacobs, who organised the programme sellers and ushers with an almost military efficiency and to all the others who have given their help in various ways.

It is most encouraging to note that this year the school did not leave everything connected with the play to the sixth form. In fact, most of the cast and many of the back-stage workers came from lower forms.

After the last performance Mr. Ashton invited the cast and the back-stage staff to a supper which will be remembered with gratitude by all who were present.

C.B.P.



The members of the 1st XI are to be congratulated upon a successful season; successful not in having won every match but in having far exceeded my own expectations and, I feel, those of other staff members, no less interested.

There is always, at the beginning of the term, doubt and uncertainty about the team and this was, if anything, greater this year, when it was realised that several possible first team players were still of Colt age. These fears were allayed after the first-match, when the four "under 15s" playing, acquitted themselves well. As it happened, of the four only two stayed the course; Laming and Donohoe returning to the Colts after two games. Although no doubt they had their regrets, there was no regret among the Colts, who depended a great deal upon the strength and experience of these two who, I feel certain will find a permanent place in the 1st XI next year.

The process of settling the new team was not rapid and was in fact, prolonged by the departure of Mason after three games. We were sorry to lose him; he had improved

a great deal since 1954 and in the first game showed that he was likely to become a prolific goal scorer.

His place was taken ultimately by Tomkins, who, being capable of playing on either wing, facilitated rearrangements of the forward line. Tomkins, who later suffered a knee injury was followed by Mellish upon the latter's return to school. Both these players did valuable work during their short period with the team.

Harrison proved his adequacy on the right wing and showed that he is capable of lofting accurate centres, given room in which to work the ball. In order to allow himself more room he should use his speed to outpace his opponents; seldom did he show his ability in this direction. His ability to shoot accurately and hard was demonstrated on several occasions when he received good passes from his inside forward.

Starkey has played extremely well this term. Of Colt age, his inclusion has justified itself by the results. He has scored eight goals and has been responsible for many accurate passes that have led to others scoring. His ball control and ability to beat his opponents are good but he must always keep in sight the need for directions and speed in his approach work. Towards the latter part of the season he seemed to have developed more strength and stamina enabling him to participate more and more in defence.

To suit the whims of the selectors, Evans has played in several positions and to his credit, has played well in each. Robust, enthusiastic and with an exuberant spirit that is so essential to first class play he tackles hard and never misses an opportunity. A Colt also, he has every reason to feel well satisfied with his performances.

Hayward has been a forceful player using his speed and ball control in a manner disconcerting to opposing defences. It is unfortunate that his finishing, by comparison, has been poor. In fact had his shooting been up to the standard of the rest of his game, he might even have trebled his tally of goals.

Phelan and Gillard the wing halves, although neither of them polished players have done a tremendous amount of work and they have been largely responsible for stemming the tide when, on several occasions other teams have been on top. Their main weaknesses have been lack of accuracy in passing and not coming away from goal far enough or quickly enough after our opponents' attacks had broken down. This latter fault has led, particularly in Phelan's case, to either difficult or unsuccessful tackles when the opposition has regained control of the ball.

Lock, at full back, has played well, he is reliable and tries always to clear quickly and accurately.

Shreeve, although slow in recovering after a lost tackle, has shown that in his cool, collected manner he is capable of dispossessing the best of wingers and of clearing accurately and hard. He has been outstanding among the defence in respect of his ability to kick cleanly.

Gullick has been a tower of strength in defence, heading well, tackling hard and successfully. It is a pity that he has not made full use of the training periods in which to practice his kicking which is far below the other departments of his game.

Kilford has been a good Captain and Goalkeeper whose performances have been the inspiration of the team. He catches the ball very cleanly, clears quickly and well, and has shown himself a master in the art of dispossessing otherwise unopposed forwards. I am glad that his season of Captaincy has been a successful one.

## 1st XI FOOTBALL

### REPORT OF MATCHES

**Sat., September 24th**      **N.A.L.G.O. Portsmouth**      **Won 5-4**      **Home**

Soon after the kick-off our opponents scored and it was obvious that they played at a pace much faster than anything we had experienced in practice. However, the School kept up with the game and Mason equalised. Mason scored again so that at half-time we were leading 2-1. Directly after the interval N.A.L.G.O. "put on the pressure" and scored 2 quick goals. It appeared that the School would be overwhelmed but the defence regained control and soon it was 3 all, Mason completing his "hat-trick." Not satisfied, he scored again and Gillard also. With about a minute to go N.A.L.G.O. scored their fourth.

**Wed., September 28th**      **H.M.S. St. Vincent**      **Won 2-0**      **Away**

We expected an easy win when we left Fareham but as soon as the game started it was obvious that it was not to be so. This was not due to the excellence of our opponents but to the School's rather poor display. At half-time we were leading 1-0, Mason scoring. In the second half the team played better but goals did not come until a good pass from Laming to Mason who centred, resulted in Starkey scoring his first goal for the 1st XI.

**Sat., October 8th**      **Gosport**      **Won 4-3**      **Away**

The pace at the start of the match was very fast; the School, however, scored an early goal through Mason. Gosport's defence played well with good first time kicking; our defence was, however, having a shaky game. At half-time the score was 2-2 and we were lucky not to be losing. We thought we should be overcome by our opponents in the second half, but, for some unaccountable reason, they stopped playing "football." A lead of 4-2 was established and the School kept the upper hand till the end. This was Mason's last match and we were sorry to see him leave.

**Sat., October 15th**      **Purbrook**      **Lost 3-0**      **Home**

This game was unfortunate for the School. We expected a close game but the team played badly and any chance of success was dispelled because our forwards did not look like scoring. Once more the defence was not as strong as it should have been. We did not tackle hard enough or move quickly enough to the ball. Purbrook were not a good side, yet they completely outplayed us

**Sat., October 29th**      **St. Mary's**      **Won 5-3**      **Home**

We fielded a completely new forward line in this match and it proved to be much more forceful than previous ones. Harrison, Evans, Tomkins, all playing in new positions scored before half-time. During the second half, St. Mary's were allowed to get "on top." Our winning margin was getting smaller and smaller until we scored two more goals. Gullick played well in the second half.

**Wed., November 2nd**      **Peter Symond's**      **Lost 4-0**      **Away**

The match was played in most uncomfortable conditions—a strong, icy wind, a sloping pitch and rain beating into our faces for most of the game. The weather did not affect the run of the game for we were completely outplayed. The team, as a whole, was too slow on the ball, and our opponents' defence was bigger and faster than our forward line. Consequently it was blocked out of the game. The defence was weak on this occasion although Calderhead, in as reserve did a lot of good work.



**Sat., November 12th**                      **Old Priceans**                      **Won 4-3**                      **Home**

It was most pleasing to see so many Old Boys at School for this match, and partly owing to this a strong team was fielded against the School. After a dull first half the score was 0-0. During the second half, which was much more exciting, seven goals were scored. Starkey scored three goals and Hayward went through on his own to score. The first of the Old Boys' goals came directly from a well-placed free kick. The School seemed to slack towards the end and Mason scored two goals for our opponents. Luckily the final whistle went when it did for immediately afterwards Farmer got the ball in the net. During the second half Gullick and Lock both played well.

**Sat., November 26th**                      **Portsmouth Banks**                      **Won 6-3**                      **Home**

For the first quarter of an hour the teams were fairly evenly matched, but then the School took command and did not relinquish it until the last ten minutes. Mellish provided the forward line with much more "punch" and scored a fine goal with a shot from the edge of the penalty area. Hayward took every chance offered to him and scored a "hat-trick." Harrison also played well and beat the Banks' goalkeeper twice.

**Sat., December 3rd**                      **Portsmouth Northern Grammar**                      **Lost 5-4**                      **Home**

Soon after the start Starkey collected the ball halfway in our opponent's half, dribbled past their defence and scored a fine goal. The School now "on top," played grand football, being quicker on the ball, more accurate in passing, and better at shooting. Shreeve and Gillard, in defence, played their best game of the season against very skilful opponents. Starkey figured again before half-time, when he back-heeled a ball to Harrison who made sure of his shot. The School never quite regained the control of the game during the second half. Towards the end of the second half Gullick was temporarily injured and two goals were conceded. The football throughout was excellent, and the School can feel quite satisfied for Northern Grammar are a fine side.

**Sat., December 10th**                      **Itchen Grammar**                      **Lost 5-1**                      **Home**

We had as much of the play as our opponents during the first half and the score was one all—Pallett scored our goal. But in the second half we lost our hold and Itchen "got on top." The defeat was disappointing because the team did not play at all well. After the previous week's showing a close game seemed likely, but we finished the season completely outplayed.

### **CAPTAIN'S NOTE**

The support which the 1st XI received was on the whole disappointing, but I should like to thank those boys who supported regularly. Thanks must be extended to Robertson-Fox, who again did an admirable job lining for the team and to the cooks, who supplied tea throughout the season. Mr. Thompson has moulded the available material into a compact team and I should like to thank him for all the help and encouragement he has given to us all.

W.R.K.

### **2nd XI**

The second eleven has had a moderate season this year, having won four matches and lost three.

In the first match against H.M.S. St. Vincent a late rally produced three goals to give the school a victory by five goals to four. Tomkins scored a well deserved hat-trick.

Harrison scored an opportunist hat-trick in the next match against Gosport C.G.S. which resulted in a win by four goals to one for the school.

Yet another victory was gained when Purbrook C.H.S. were defeated by two goals to one. Matthews was largely responsible for the favourable result. He scored both goals with extremely hard shots.

Any optimistic hopes for an unbeaten season were dispelled when a defensive blunder gave St. Mary's College a lucky early goal. The school had the better of the second half but luck was against us and the result was a defeat of three goals to two.

In the match against the Old Priceans the school suffered a heavy defeat of thirteen goals to nil by a far superior team.

Our flagging fortunes were revived a little when, thanks to a well taken hat-trick by Holmes, the school beat Portsmouth Banks by four goals to three.

The season ended on a despondent note, when the school, outclassed but refusing to give in, were defeated twelve goals to nil by Portsmouth N.G.S.

Finally Maidment, Calderhead and Tully deserve special mention for their keen spirit, and Pallett for his versatility in a team which has shown great enthusiasm in defeat as well as in victory.

M.I.K.

### COLTS' FOOTBALL NOTES

#### Results

v. Fareham Modern Secondary School	..	..	..	..	..	..	Won	4-2
v. Purbrook Park County High School	..	..	..	..	..	..	Won	3-2
v. St. Mary's College	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lost	3-4
v. Peter Symond's	..	..	..	..	..	..	Won	3-2
v. St. John's College	..	..	..	..	..	..	Won	10-1
v. Itchen Grammar School	..	..	..	..	..	..	Won	5-0

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v. Portsmouth Northern G.S.	..	..	..	..	..	..	Won	12-0
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#### Under 13

v. St. John's College	..	..	..	..	..	..	Won	4-2
v. Fareham Modern Secondary School	..	..	..	..	..	..	Won	15-1

As the results show, the Colts have had a successful season. This is all the more creditable as the situation at the beginning of the term was not very encouraging. Four boys of Colts' age were under consideration for the 1st XI; they naturally represented a serious loss to the Colt's team. Ultimately only two of the four became permanent members of the 1st XI, and though we sympathise to a certain extent with the two who were not so successful, we were very glad to see them back.

That was not the solution of all our difficulties, however. Throughout the term we were searching for a good centre-forward; only at the end did it seem probable that we had found the best arrangement for the forward line as a whole.

The first match of the term was won deservedly, but with the help of two inside-forwards who were to play in the 1st XI for the rest of the season. So it was only in the second match that there was an opportunity to see what result our experiments would produce. We won, but only in the last minute of a secondhalf in which Purbrook had drawn level and looked very much as though they had our defence tired and in serious

trouble. And this experience was repeated in other matches. There was only one really good shot in the whole of our forward line—a rising cross-shot from the edge of the penalty area, at a very narrow angle, with which Jerrim scored several goals during the season. All too often weak finishing spoiled quite promising movements.

The defence of Tudge and Linehan at full-back, with Emery at centre-half and Houghton or Miller at left-half was sufficiently good to allow Laming to roam the middle, supporting the forwards, opening up the game and trying an occasional and often dangerous shot from long range. But as our opponents realised that our forward line was not as dangerous as it appeared, Laming was forced more and more to remain in defence, small inside-forwards had to drop back and work harder for the ball, and slowly we began to find the game moving into our own half. That was the explanation of our one defeat against St. Mary's. Since then Donohoe, who had been masquerading as a left-winger without a left foot, has been showing promise as centre-forward. He has certainly brought speed, weight, a good head, and a very fair shot to a position where all these qualities had been lacking before.

Against Purbrook the winning goal was scraped in from a corner in the last seconds of the match and against the run of the play, after a first-half advantage had been lost. The improvement at the end of the term may be judged from the game against Itchen Grammar School. There, a goalless draw at half-time became a clear 5-0 win for the School in spite of an injury to Emery which made him a passenger after the first quarter of an hour.

In a team which was so keen and worked really hard one might still single out Laming, the most polished player in the side, who was not afraid as captain to change his tactics or his team positions if he felt he was losing control of the situation. He was often right in his decisions. Emery, in a quiet way, did a lot of excellent work at centre-half and covered quite well the gap left by Laming when he went up in support of the forwards. Linehan, though he lacks polish, anticipates and covers intelligently, tackles hard and is still moving fast at the end of a strenuous game. Miller has played hard and intelligently as back, half-back and even forward. He should make a very good wing-half. Finally, Jerrim shows considerable promise at outside-right and not only because he has scored a total of 9 goals in 6 of the 7 matches in which he has played.

The results of the three Junior Colts' matches will have to speak for themselves. They certainly confirm our belief that we have some very promising footballers coming along.

#### HOUSE MATCHES

	1st XI			Juniors			
Blackbrook	2 ..	Westbury	2	Blackbrook	2 ..	Westbury	1
Cams	3 ..	School House	3	School House	6 ..	Cams	2
Blackbrook	4 ..	School House	1	School House	2 ..	Blackbrook	0
Cams	1 ..	Westbury	0	Cams	4 ..	Westbury	0
Blackbrook	6 ..	Cams	0	School House	4 ..	Westbury	0
School House	5 ..	Westbury	0	Blackbrook	1 ..	Cams	0
			Minors				
		Westbury	7 ..	Blackbrook			1
		School House	3 ..	Cams			3
		Westbury	6 ..	Cams			0
		Westbury	3 ..	School House			0
		Blackbrook	1 ..	Cams			0
		Blackbrook	1 ..	School House			1

# Badminton Club

It is sad to report that this term has been rather disappointing for the club. Few new members have joined although these few have been very enthusiastic. It is hoped that the club will gain more support next term.

Since last season several experienced players have left and their loss has been sorely felt. In general, the standard of play has fallen, but this may be partly due to the inconvenience caused by the erection of the stage. With more practice a marked improvement can be expected next term.

Three matches have been played this term all of which were lost heavily, in spite of the excellent example shown by Gullick as captain. Team members must learn to watch the shuttle and concentrate more on their game.

Finally the club's gratitude is due to the Sports Committee for financial assistance and to Swatton who performed the task of Refreshments Officer at the home matches so well.

## MATCH REPORTS

**October 26th** **Bishop's Waltham B.C.** **Home**

This match really showed up the team's weaknesses. The club lost by 13 games to 3, all the successes going to Gullick and Kilford.

**October 31st** **Stoke Road Methodist's Y.P.C.B.C.** **Home**

Stoke Road Methodists produced a very strong team and Price's lost by 14 games to 2. The home wins were gained by Gullick and Kilford, and Johnson and Short.

**December 7th** **Wickham B.C.** **Away**

A re-shuffle of the team had the result that the Club lost this match by 15 games to 1, although the hall at Wickham is undoubtedly a handicap to visitors. Gullick and Kilford gained the one success of the evening.

E.J.L.

## HOUSE NOTES

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### Blackbrook

Although the football has long since passed and your thoughts will be turned to the Steeplechase and hockey, and I hope, to thinking of how much you personally can do for your House in these competitions, I should like to turn your minds back to football. For you can all be proud of your teams; they have done magnificently, giving us a lead in the Read Cup, for no other house has been so consistent in all three competitions.

Blackbrook have won the Senior Cup and the Juniors and Minors have come second in their respective competitions. The spirit among the football teams was wonderful for although I can only speak personally of the Seniors, what I saw of the Minors and heard of the Juniors, and what the Captains tell me, assures me that each one of you tried so hard that not one is not worthy of mention.

In the Seniors, Evans and Hayward were outstanding, but these two were by no means the only two in the side. Tomkins, although perhaps not always forthcoming with a pass when required, played extremely well and usually more than justified himself for holding on to the ball. Harrison was a tower of strength at Centre-half, always in the midst of the *melée*, and more often than not coming out of it with the ball and doing something sensible with it. As for the rest, I do not know what to say, for we were certainly not footballers, but if I say we tried, and tried the very best we could; I think that that about sums it up.

Our first match was against Westbury and in my opinion the hardest of all our matches, for although we were in their half for most of the match we just could not score, while their only two attacking moves resulted in goals. However, luck was on our side and a really magnificent goal by Hayward gave us a fighting chance and we finally managed to make the result a draw, 2 goals each. It was the fact that this game was so hard which I think served to weld us together as a team. Something which was very important, especially against School, for within seconds after the kick-off Starkey walked through our defence and scored. From then on it was fight all the way, but School seemed to be the proverbial brick wall. The course of the match was suddenly altered, by a corner deflected into his own goal by Bulley. We then took command of the game; Tomkins, Evans and Hayward carried all before them and completely overwhelmed the School defence and we won 4-1. Evans two, Hayward one, Tomkins one. For our final match against Cams we were all on top form, with the confidence gained from the two previous matches behind us. We played as one, for we were beginning to know each other's methods and habits, and we were beginning to leave behind the usual kick and rush tactics of House Football. After a stiff initial resistance, for Cams weakness lay in their attack while their defence was quite strong, we eventually broke through, as usual Evans and Hayward assisted by Tomkins leading the blitz on their goal. The final score was 6-0.

The Juniors were weakened considerably by bringing up Evans into the Seniors, but even so they did extremely well. The match against Westbury was similar to the Senior match in so much as we were one goal down at half time, scored from a penalty when Dugan illegally took over from the goalkeeper for a few moments. But after half-time we turned on the pressure and goals from Dugan and Cooper clinched the match in Blackbrook's favour. The game against School, it seems was more or less a game against Laming and as is so very often the case in House matches one strong player can bind together a weak side very effectively, and in spite of some sterling work in defence by Tudge, we had to submit to a 2-0 defeat, by the side which did eventually go on to win the Junior Competition. However, better things were in store, we came out victors in a very tight game against Cams with a new boy Buxton scoring the only goal for us to win 1-0.

I congratulate the Juniors on doing so well, but especially Tudge, Dugan, Cooper, Springett and Emery, who captained so ably, deserve special praise for their determined efforts. Cooper was still a minor and, despite Marsh, the smallest member of the team, but in spite of this he more than matched expectations.

The Minor team this year included quite a number of new boys. It is especially because of this that they deserve special praise for their performance and the younger boys in the team should not be down-hearted because the won only one match; they all justified their inclusion in the team. Vibert, Smith, Stapley and Harrison, J., are all good footballers, but the team fell victim to sides of greater size and strength.

This was especially noticeable in the match against Westbury, for most of our players seemed to hold some of their players in awe. The Minors never seemed to settle

down, except for one brief moment, and from our point of view it was a scrappy game. But, as I have said, for one brief moment they showed what they could really do and by very good passing enabled Stapley to score his goal. The next game against school was more satisfactory. School were quite a strong team and the Minors played well to draw with them one all with a goal scored by Harrison. Against Cams we won 1-0 Leslie scoring the goal; Cams were not a very strong team and although we could not score more than once it was a very satisfactory result.

Although I have said at the beginning that the teams are to be congratulated on having done so well I do want to stress that, even had the results not been so favourable, the congratulations would still have been forthcoming. The praise is not for winning but for trying so hard to do the very best possible, a spirit which I hope will be taken up this term, for it is in the steeplechase that everyone who tries counts. If we can have this spirit then I think that we will be well on the way towards a leading position before the competitions have even started.

Before I close I should like to say a word or two about Hayward. He was very largely responsible for our success last term, a more willing and able House Captain of Football I could not wish to have. Hayward and Harrison left at the end of Christmas term; they will both be missed very much, especially in the Hockey series to come; both were forceful players and will be hard to replace.

J.D.S.

## Cams

At the beginning of the Autumn Term we read through the House List with uneasy feelings. Many of the Seniors who were so valuable last year have left, and although we wish them the best of luck in their new careers we do feel their absence. We welcome 15 new boys to the House and feel sure that they will do their best in accordance with the traditions of the House.

Soccer has occupied the field of House activities this term and the overall results are not very encouraging. The Minors drew two matches and lost one, the Juniors won one and lost two matches and the Seniors won one game, drew one, and lost one.

The Minors lost by 6 goals to nil to Westbury who were a far better side, as their own results show. Blackbrook and School House both proved more equal matches and the forward line which could have been so powerful, did put in some shots at goal, Wheble, Hutchings and Carey all scoring and Baber scoring with a rather remarkable shot downhill from the middle of the field. Stanley and Brent both played well in all their games. Read captained the side and played his best at all times. Fishlock was competent in goal.

The Juniors satisfactorily beat Westbury 4-0. It must be admitted that although we had one reserve playing, Westbury had three reserves in their team and only nine men playing. Nevertheless we were grateful for the points which this victory gave us. School House beat us 6-2. Although the team played hard and well the defence could not cope with the opposing forwards. The Juniors were unlucky to lose 1-0 to Blackbrook. Blackwood I, now fit enough to represent the House, was a useful addition to the Junior team and played well at right wing. Crowle I captained the side ably from inside-left and scored for the side. Thomas, at centre-half, was a strong player and Pond, Ellen and Brammer in attack, and Herring, Newman and Blakely in the defence, were all conscientious. Schollar and Alder I were good supports to the attack.

The Seniors were a much altered team from last year. On paper, the defence looked very strong and the attack correspondingly weak and as a result the inevitable occurred and the defence were frequently very hard worked.

The match with School house proved very keen and a draw of 3-3 was a fair result as far as play went but School House were lucky with two goals which happened through lapses in defence. McColgin scored 2 goals, one of which was a cracking hard shot which we hoped, alas, in vain, to see repeated. Jacobs surprised and pleased us with the third. The Match with Westbury was a miserable affair, played on a cold, wet afternoon. In the second half we scored with a good goal, a just reward for our efforts. Gullick put in a hard shot which Gibson took off balance and Phelan then shouldered him into the net. Blackbrook beat us 6-0. Here a strong defence was put against a stronger attack. Without a dangerous man in our forward line the half-backs had to make all the running up the field and this tended to open the defence dangerously and, as it proved, fatally. Gullick, captain and centre-half, played the game we have come to expect from him, sparing neither himself nor us in his efforts for the house. Hardwick, Lock and Phelan all played particularly well, the last two of ten moving up as inside forwards. Maidment played reliably in goal and the fact that goals were scored against us does no more than prove that he was unable to achieve the impossible.

The prospect of the Reed Cup is fading just a little, but it is not by any means out of our grasp yet and the House will return to School in January after a Happy Christmas with, I hope, every intention of throwing themselves wholeheartedly into next terms activities.

D.E.N.R-F.

## School House

The improvement that was noticeable last Summer Term has continued, except in the Minor division. The Juniors, who were not as good as they might have been last year, won their competition convincingly. Although the Minors came last, they did better against Westbury than any other House, and should have beaten Cams and Blackbrook. The Seniors only played well against Westbury, and although they finished second equal, it was not a very meritorious performance. However, on the whole, the House has done better at football this year.

The Senior's first match, against Cams, was a scrappy affair; School's attack did not co-ordinate and the defence was too slow. Donohoe scored the first goal but Cams replied by scoring three. After the third goal came the brightest moment in the game; Starkey, immediately after the kick-off, dribbled right through the Cams defence and finally passed to Collins who scored. Donohoe scored School's equaliser and a draw was a fair result. The Juniors were more successful; for after being 2-1 down at half-time, fought back to win 6-2. Ireland, at centre-forward, played a fine game, scoring four goals. After winning 3-0 at half-time the Minors, kicking downhill, conceded three goals and a draw was rather unfortunate.

Except for Targett, the Seniors had a bad game against Blackbrook; his first-time kicking especially was good. Starkey, straight from the kick-off ran through, enabling Peckham to score School's only goal. The Juniors' match against Blackbrook was not a good one; Laming played a good game and scored both the goals. After a close match the Minors just lost 1-0, owing to a defensive error.

After a shaky first-half School took command of the game against Westbury. The forwards played their best game, being livelier and shooting more often. Targett again distinguished himself with a sound game. Of the School players, Starkey at times was brilliant, his dribbling and ball-control was uncanny, and Gillard in all the matches worked very hard.

Westbury Juniors were completely outplayed. All the team were trying to score but Jerrim scored two. Apart from Laming, who was outstanding, the team was not composed of individual players, but as a whole was good and played well in all matches.

Westbury Minor team was the only team to win convincingly against School Minors, and although School lost 3-0 they did not disgrace themselves. Payne captained the side for the second time and again distinguished himself.

I hope that this improvement will continue during the coming terms; and there is room for it in the Steeplechase.

W.R.K.

## Westbury

The House matches have been vigorously fought and although Westbury finished fourth in both the Senior and Junior competitions this does not in any way reflect the strength of the teams. The Minors have excelled themselves, winning all three matches, and fully deserving their cup.

The Seniors, most ably led by Shreeve, were the only team to hold Blackbrook and narrowly missed beating them. The result was a 2-2 draw in which Vine scored both Westbury goals. In a strong defence Calderhead and Gibson were outstanding. The Seniors lost both the other matches narrowly to Cams by the odd goal, and 5-0 to School House, but this score does no credit to the excellent first half, in which the Westbury side was at least equal to School House. Matthews being particularly unlucky. Defensive blunders led to the collapse in the second half.

The Juniors were rather disappointing losing all their matches, two of which should have been won. They went down narrowly to Blackbrook 2-1, and lost to Cams 4-0 with only nine men. Against a strong School House team they inevitably lost, by 4 goals to nil. Linehan was a good example as captain in all games, and was well supported by Miller, Potier and Rowling.

The very strong Minor team won all their matches in a most decisive manner, beating Blackbrook 7-1, Cams 6-0 and School House 3-0. The team was excellently captained by Pugh, and it is notable that he is already playing regularly for the School Colts although still a minor. Goble, though not often required, played well in goal, and Lane, Edinberry, Wells, and McLarty, together with Pugh, provided a strong defence. Rankin I, has excelled himself in the forward line, scoring five goals in all. This feat was equalled by Shurlock, and the other forwards, Jones III, James and Carter I show great promise.

This strong Minor team promises well for Westbury in the future, and it is hoped that the House is at least on the way up out of the doldrums it has been in for the last few years. This term has at least produced a favourable start in the right direction.

E.J.L.



## A Visit to Canada

Leaving London Airport one typically English day I could scarcely believe that, within 24 hours I should be in Canada. However, this opportunity had been offered to me and I should like to mention now that similar international exchange visits are, for any cadet, who takes his work seriously, within the bounds of possibility.

Flying in an R.C.A.F. D.C.4., we landed at Montreal some 24 hours later. For the next week this city was to be our headquarters and from it visits were made to Quebec, Ottawa, Montreal itself and the surrounding country. Every effort was made during these trips to ensure we did not lose interest, and a perfect balance was established between conducted sightseeing tours and lighter relaxation. Throughout, we were the guests of eminent Canadians and societies, and were continuously in the limelight. The week was completed by a visit to St. Agathe, a holiday resort in the Laurentian mountains, as guests of a millionaire. Facilities for water skiing, motor boating, canoeing, etc., were at our disposal and the day was given a fitting climax by a feast consisting of every conceivable delicacy.

The second part of the tour was a 1,500 mile journey into the provinces of Quebec and Ontario. Departing from Montreal we flew to Algonquim Park, a place of indescribable beauty about 200 miles north of Lake Ontario. After the previous high speed activity the pleasures of the woods and lakes in this vast nature reserve, were immeasurably satisfying. It was regretfully we left Algonquim three days later and flew southwards to St. Catharine's. At St. Catharine's we again experienced private hospitality and the three days there passed eventfully, though doubtless the outstanding feature was a visit to Niagara Falls. The thundering magnificence of these Falls was something that impressed me beyond compare. Once more we returned to Montreal, and after two practically free days in this city we reboarded the plane for England after 19 days of journeying.

I shall always retain a memory of this visit, a visit made doubly pleasant by the comradeship, the great generosity of the Canadian people, and the masterly organization. Each cadet returned home with more knowledge of the New World and its customs than a wealth of geography lessons could instil, though I do believe that what impressed cadets most was how each meal seemed to be the equivalent of an English Christmas Dinner!

J.C.F.

*“Something hidden, go and find it! Go and look behind the Ranges—something lost behind the Ranges, lost and waiting for you. Go!”* Rudyard Kipling

This is my favourite quotation. It prefaces a story of which I am very fond. The story is about two British Secret Servicemen operating on the North West frontier of India in the good old days. By “the good old days,” I mean the time when So and So Singh was always liable to pop out of his mountain lair and besiege a fort, full to the brim with British soldiers all falling over themselves in the effort to get massacred (the fashion at that time). In this story however, So and So Singh doesn't have to besiege a fort. The soldiers are obviously fed up with waiting to get massacred, so they march out of the fort and proceed to some sort of a Khyber Pass. On their arrival they find So and So Singh all present and correct, with a few loads of medium sized rocks, which he commences to rain down upon the heads of the soldiers below. The soldiers, although determined to get wiped out, decide to sell their lives dearly. So and So Singh finds his medium sized rocks aren't achieving quite the result he had hoped for. He immediately orders his men to bite the ends off their greased cartridges and pepper the soldiers. Meanwhile, the heroes of the story have not been idle, and they soon arrive on the scene. A quick glance around, some lightning thinking and a handy length of fuse do the trick. So and So Singh joins his forefathers a bit before he expected.

Before I read this book, I imagined (with all due apologies to Mr. Shaw), that ranges were orderly rows of mountains of varying heights, upon the top of which goats with long, curling horns idly disported themselves by leaping from peak to peak admiring the view. Alternatively Swiss boys with plus fours and feathers in their caps, hung precariously attached to a lump of rock by an ice pick, and yodelled to their lady friends in the valley below. It seems that I am wrong. Ranges are inhabited by an evil race of tribesmen who whip daggers from the voluminous recesses of their cloaks and stab you in the back if you so much as cast a covetous glance in the general direction of their prize yaks.

The mountains are rugged and grand, rising abruptly into a clear blue sky. They are covered with snow at the top, which seems to come roaring down as an avalanche whenever the hero of a book is around. From the tops of one or two of them you might be able to see the top of Blackpool Tower on a clear day if you were very lucky, but you would have to be very lucky.

It seems that all the English forts are gone now. The English got fed up with having knives stuck in them by jealous tribesmen for casting sly glances at yaks.

Anyway, they said, it's too cold up there on the North West frontier, and too hot down there on the plains. So they granted India a constitution of some sort and all went home to Manchester, where they could all catch colds and take lots of aspirins and feel at home again.

Of course, what this has to do with what is behind the ranges I really do not know, but as I don't know what is behind the ranges, I thought I might as well write something. Nevertheless, it still remains my favourite quotation.

M.G.S.

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## **V. T. KEEN, M.B.E.**

Yet another pillar of the School has gone. I refer to Mr. Valentine Tom Keen—for many years a Governor of the School.

A man of humble beginnings, he became one of Fareham's best loved and respected citizens and there is no doubt he will be greatly missed.

He was the holder of many offices, being amongst other things a County Councillor and a member of the Fareham Urban District Council, of which he was a past Chairman as well as being "the Father." For his many services he was honoured by the late King George VI—receiving the M.B.E.

We of the Association enjoyed the pleasure of his company at our Annual Dinners, and his quiet sense of humour coupled with his humility impressed those of us who were privileged to know him.

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The appointment at the Annual General Meeting of Peter Ellis as Sports Secretary has already produced excellent results. For the first time for some years we were able to put two sides into the field against the School at the Soccer match on November 12th. Our 1st XI, after a very even game lost 3-4; the 2nd XI, containing some players who probably should have been in the 1st XI, won 13-0, but whatever the results, it was very gratifying that so many O.P.s turned out, and great credit is due to Ellis for this revival of interest.

After tea at the School, 43 O.P.s. and Masters re-assembled at Pyles Restaurant at 7.30 for the Annual Dinner, a gathering which though small, was none the less convivial. Two notable absentees were the late Mr. V. T. Keen, an old Pricean by adoption, and Mr. Shaddock. Many other regulars, who will no doubt read these notes, were greatly missed, and it is hoped that next year we may once again have them among us.

An excellent dinner behind us, we settled down to listen to the traditional response by the Head of the School, this year Robertson-Fox, to the toast of "The School," Proposed by L. F. Biden. Robertson-Fox gave a detailed account of the successes, both scholastic and athletic of the School during the past year and we wish him well in whatever career he will follow.

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by the Assistant Honorary Secretary, E. G. Dimmer and was replied to by Councillor Clem Sturgess, the present Chairman on the Fareham Council, himself an old Boy of the School. We were honoured to have him as our principal guest.

Mr. Howard Jones gave the toast of "The Association," and Peter Ellis replied.

It is greatly hoped that there will be as enthusiastic an attendance at the Annual Hockey Match against the School which will be held on **Saturday, March 17th, 1956.**

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Perhaps the words of the Secretary in the last issue touched the hearts of those Old Priceans whose faces had become something of a memory. In London, anyway, this seems to have been the case, for at the Christmas Dinner on December 8th there were eighteen present, an attendance exceeded only once since the war. It was also a very representative gathering, ranging from those who began their school careers in 1918 to those who left in 1950. We hope that this will be maintained at future meetings so that we can look upon it as normal rather than exceptional. To help with this it was decided that next year we should meet on the first Tuesday in February, April, June, etc., as several members had found Wednesdays inconvenient. I also hope that those who have recently left school or returned from National Service and are now resident in London will come along to the Lounge of the Grand Grill, Strand, on these occasions when they can be sure of a warm welcome.

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