

# Price's School Team Sport Summary



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# Introduction

## Price's School:- Team Sports Summary 1915-75

This review of the School's Team Sport Records was undertaken as part of the Old Pricean 2021 Commemorative Project. It specifically addresses the School's First X1 for Hockey, Cricket and Football.

The source for almost all this information, is the School Magazine "The Lion". The Lion was first produced 1915 and its final issue was in 1975.

It would have been interesting to see what the boys mentioned here were to achieve after leaving Prices, but that has rarely been possible. Clearly they had the ability and potential to make their mark in their chosen sports.

The summary looks at Team Results, Captains and Team Members, where known, and recognises outstanding, or otherwise interesting, performances. Very often this proved to be a difficult task, so it should be remembered that this is strictly "error & omission excepted" work. It is almost inevitable that some worthy material has been missed, or a mistake has been made somewhere.

It is understood that many boys, who perhaps shone in sporting arenas such as Swimming, Badminton, Tennis, and Sailing have slipped through this particular net. That is also true of the sudden proliferation of activity in the final years which included Rugby, Basketball, Rifle Club, Table Tennis, Water Polo and even Trampoline.

The earliest records show that Price's was, until the final few years, a 3 term 3 sport school. Hockey in the Spring followed by Cricket and then Football. The first thing that stands out is that weather conditions early in the new year often meant that very little Hockey could be played, and this regularly, and adversely, effected results.

In team events it is often impossible, to identify fairly individual excellence. Simply being a member of the School's Representative Team is an achievement. Beyond that, Team Captaincy and selection for the Hampshire County Representative Teams is further recognition of ability.

It has to be said that, over the years, The Lion had become well known for its critical appraisal of a team's and a player's shortcomings whilst, perhaps understandably, being rather slow to praise outstanding ability.

Finally a suggestion from the author. Be sure to actually read the Team Performance tables where presented; they tell a story in themselves.

	<b>Hockey</b>	<b>Cricket</b>	<b>Football</b>	
<b>1910's</b>	P30 W16 D3 L11 <b>win % 53</b>	P58 W37 D6 L15 <b>win % 64</b>	P37 W15 D5 L17 <b>win % 41</b>	<b>average 53%</b>
<b>1920's</b>	P95 W42 D12 L41 <b>win % 44</b>	P95 W65 D9 L21 <b>win % 68</b>	P98 W67 D10 L21 <b>win % 68</b>	<b>average 60%</b>
<b>1930's</b>	P97 W38 D10 L49 <b>win % 39</b>	P94 W28 D14 L52 <b>win % 30</b>	P110 W57 D12 L41 <b>win % 52</b>	<b>average 40%</b>
<b>1940's</b>	P18 W4 D4 L10 <b>win % 22</b>	P57 W40 D2 L15 <b>win % 70</b>	P88 W35 D10 L43 <b>win % 40</b>	<b>average 44%</b>
<b>1950's</b>	P64 W32 D13 L19 <b>win % 49</b>	P90 W48 D21 L21 <b>win % 53</b>	P94 W54 D9 L30 <b>win % 57</b>	<b>average 53%</b>
<b>1960's</b>	P67 W27 D8 L32 <b>win % 40</b>	P108 W40 D36 L32 <b>win % 37</b>	P114 W54 D10 L50 <b>win % 47</b>	<b>average 41%</b>
<b>1970's</b>	P79 W47 D8 L24 <b>win % 59</b>	P100 W44 D42 L14 <b>win % 44</b>	P114 W48 D22 L44 <b>win % 42</b>	<b>average 48%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>P404 W184</b>	<b>P532 W253</b>	<b>P614 W312</b>	

## Team Performance by Decade

Looking at a summary of performance by decade (opposite page) makes for an interesting start to this report. The individual decades are themselves appraised in more detail later.

The win % shows that the Hockey teams perform well in the early years only to fall away badly before enjoying their most successful period in the 70's. This 1970's Hockey resurgence must have been a hugely pleasing reward for those involved.

The Cricket teams also enjoyed great success in the early years, with an exceptionally good period in the 1940's. The surprise here is that the strong teams of the late 60's and 70's couldn't match those win percentages (largely due to their number of drawn games). In the later Lions the Cricket results are recorded in more detail than are Hockey and Football. This makes it easier to identify outstanding performance. Often, and somewhat unfairly, batsmen's efforts are written up more so than bowlers, but this report will be able restore some balance to that.

The most successful Football teams were found in the 20's although good results were seen in the 50's as well. The Footballers were able to play some 50% more games than the Hockey players, proof, if any was needed, that the weather and pitch conditions regularly hit Hockey and Cricket the hardest.

Taking the three Sports together it is seen that the 20's was an outstanding decade. Whereas the 30's were relatively poor. The 40's and the War Years would also have been poor apart from the very strong showing of the Cricket Teams. The 50's show good, above average, results for all activity, particularly the Football. That standard slips in the 60's and 70's, but is saved somewhat by that late Hockey renaissance.

It is admitted that this appraisal is a very inexact science, because it is unable to assess the relative strength of the opposition throughout the decades. This is particularly true of the 1910-1920 period. When looking at some of those early results it is not uncommon to find as many 10 nil victories as there are 10 nil defeats. Looking at win % alone might also be considered a rather too simplistic approach.

The rest of this report takes a more detailed look at the individual decades. Perhaps surprisingly it works backwards in time, starting with the 1970's. There is a couple of reasons for this approach. The first is that there is quite a lot of interesting information available, including photographs for the later years, whereas the complete opposite is true for the early period. It is difficult to produce an interesting summary when there is literally no information to hand. The second reason is that there will be many more potential readers from the School's later decades and, sadly, precious few still with us from 1940's and before.

One final observation is that on some (many) occasions The Lion was sent to print before all the matches in the season's Fixture List had been played.

## **Team Sportsmen of the Decade**

This list is somewhat subjective, but it is interesting. It is therefore placed in a prominent position in the document. Early reviewers of the work were encouraged to submit the names of anyone they felt deserved to be mentioned here.

There are just four boys known to have Captained all three School sports teams. They are J Henry (1921-22), T Knott (1938-39), D Percival (1953-55) and R Kilford (1955-57). If anyone is looking to find a single name for the ultimate honour, it must surely be a choice between those four and M Coghlan. Sadly Coghlan's record making achievements (circa 1914) are not fully reported, as his time at Price's pre-dated the regular publication of The Lion.

Don Percival was selected for the Hampshire Schools Representative Team in Hockey as Captain, and Football. Roy Kilford was selected in Cricket as Captain, Football and Hockey. So by the narrowest of margins Roy Kilford gets the final accolade.

### **The shortlist being:-**

**The 1970's:-** S Wheeler, I Corkett, M Hartley, T Morton, S Whitby.

**The 1960's:-** T Pugh, N Auckland, M Thomas, R Todd.

**The 1950's:-** D Jarman, A White, D Rudling, D Percival, R Kilford,  
R Starkey, R Donohoe, J Evans.

**The 1940's:-** W Marshall, C Miskin, J Cole, R Daysh.

**The 1930's:-** T Knott, P Moore.

**The 1920's:-** J Henry, W Cummins, R Lewry.

**The 1910's:-** M Coghlan, F Nugent, J Lee, R Scott.

The criteria for inclusion in the above truly "elite" group of team sportsmen is, generally, some combination of the following:-

- At least 2 Captaincy years in either one or more sports.
- Selection for Hampshire Schools representative teams.
- Other documented outstanding sporting achievements.

## The 1970's

This chapter summarises the three core team sports based on The Lion 1970-75. This is, of course, only half a decade because in 1975-6 the Grammar School became a College. There were to be no further Lion publications after 1975. School teams were also to abandon the tradition style playing shirt / colours. There had always been two clear problems with the old shirt, first it really did look as if it belonged in the 1920's, and second, everyone's shirt seemed to be a different shade of blue, leading to a rather untidy appearance. But a more modern one that maintained something of the original would have been a good idea. School numbers had leapt, almost overnight, from around 350-380 in the 60's to about 700 in the 70's, and boys had to choose whether to play soccer, rugby or hockey as the activities, in particular league fixtures, overlapped.

	----- Captain of -----		
	Hockey	Cricket	Football
1970	S Wheeler P21 W11 D3 L7	A Beaton P22 W6 D9 L7	S Chappell P22 W11 D1 L10
1971	S Wheeler P17 W10 D2 L5	I Farley P20 W10 D9 L1	A Loo P25 W14 D7 L4
1972	M Harvey P19 W14 D2 L3	I Corkett P16 W7 D6 L1	R Long P21 W3 D7 L11
1973	R Bradford P14 W7 D1 L6	I Corkett P14 W7 D7 L2	S Collyer not given
1974	S Whitby not given	I Corkett P16 W12 D3 L1	M Hartley P29 W14 D6 L9
1975	J Matthews P8 W5 D0 L3	N Challis P12 W2 D8 L2	A Goddard P17 W6 D1 L10
Decade	P79 W47 D8 L24 <b>win % 59</b>	P100 W44 D42 L14 <b>win % 44</b>	P114 W48 D22 L44 <b>win % 42</b>

### Sportsman of the Decade (shortlist):-

Steven Wheeler, Ian Corkett, Mark Hartley, Terry Morton, Simon Whitby.

### Team of the Decade

1974 Cricket, Captain I Corkett



**1972 Hockey**

R Bradford, P Whitby, A Morley, S Whitby, C Law, P Gilbert, H Noyce  
S Cawte, G Sheriden, M Harvey (Capt), R Hackman, D Baker.



**1975 Hockey**

A Pursey, N Challis, A Bascombe, D Copper, A Richardson, C Prentice, D Beats  
S Dean, P Pike, J Matthews (Capt), I Bundell, G Blakeley

## Hockey

This decade was launched, in a very appropriate manner, with the first Annual Hockey Dinner in 1970. The Guest of Honour was an Old Pricean D.C.T. Humphries, Hon. Sec. Southern Counties Hockey Association. In an interesting, if lengthy, speech his opening remarks are highly relevant to Price's Hockey and are included in a later chapter.

This was the Hockey Teams' best decade. Hockey had become a two term sport; this allowed more games to be played and undoubtedly contributed to those better results. But as ever complaints were heard about poor pitch conditions. Then a new problem arose when a number of potentially good Hockey players were lost to the competing two term Football team. In the early years of the decade two names stand out. S Wheeler (forward) and then M Harvey (full back) not only followed one another as Captain but also in Hampshire Representative Teams and the Fareham Hockey Team.

**1970** (P21 W11 D3 L7). This team was able to play a record number of 21 games. Steven Wheeler as Captain led a very capable team. He, himself, showed excellent form and scored some 36 goals. Two other players that emerged with reputations enhanced, were Harvey at centre-back and Moore at centre-forward.

Team:- Weeks (goal), Wheeler, Harvey, Toms, Moore, Sheriden, Thompson, S Cawte, Baker, Warwick, Richardson, Noyce. The team was playing 4:3:3 but positions are not given.

**1971** (P17 W10 D2 L5). The team continued to develop in strength, but a lethargic spell midway through the season led to a couple of avoidable defeats that even Captain Wheeler's energetic leadership couldn't prevent. A good side that never quite lived up to its potential..

Team:- Russel (goal), S Cawte, Hackman, Harvey, Thompson (backs), Sheriden, Noyce (midfield), Wheeler, Moore, S Whitby, Baker (forwards). Also played Old, Bradford and P Whitby.

**1972** (P19 W14 D2 L3). The Lion proudly reports one of the most successful seasons in the school's history, and it would be hard to argue against that. Michael Harvey led the 1<sup>st</sup> XI who lost only 3 games. This included a 10 match unbeaten run. The success of the team was generated by a powerful midfield and defence. The three inside forwards were quick to convert mistakes into goals. Then there was one other factor, and that was the physical strength of the players, undoubtedly gained from playing club hockey (presumably with Fareham). Harvey was the pivot of the side and fully justified his selection for the Hampshire Schools side.

Team:- Law (goal), Cawte, P Whitby (backs), Sheriden, Harvey, Hackman (halves), Noyce, Bradford, Morley. S Whitby, Baker (forwards). Also played Gilbert and Corkett

**1973** (P14 W7 D1 L6). Robert Bradford led a side that had to find replacements for five of last year's key players. Despite a number of creditable displays, results reflected this lack of experience. Scoring goals was a bit of a problem, conceding them less so. Valuable experience was gained by the promising younger players Grainger, Spink, Pike and Blakeley

Team:- Law (goal), Pike, P Whitby (backs), Grainger, Bradford, Corkett (halves), Old, Blakeley, Spink, Morley, Whitby, Seymour (forwards).

**1974.** Results had tailed off to some degree, in fact the Lion Hockey report was so brief it forgot to give them! There weren't many games played, but enough for D Cooper to show some outstanding goalkeeping skills which was rewarded with his Hampshire Under 19's selection. Simon Whitby captained the side.

Team:- Bowes / Cooper (goal), Pike, Matthews (backs), Grainger, Corkett, Prentice, (halves), Seymour, Morley, Whitby, Blakeley, Challis (forwards),

**1975** (P8 W5 D0 L3). Jim Matthews had the honour of captaining a team which although starting uncertainly, grew in stature. Cooper (goal) and Prentice (sweeper) impressed throughout the season. Challis and Pursey on the wings spearheaded an attack supported by accurate finishing from Bascombe and Blakeley. Cooper was again selected for the Hampshire Schools side.

Team:- Cooper (goal), Richardson, Prentice, Beats, Pike, Matthews, Bundell, Blakeley (defence), Challis, Dean, Bascombe, Pursey (forwards). Limited information given re playing positions.

**Hampshire Schools Hockey:-** S Wheeler, M Harvey, D Cooper.

## Cricket

The 70's saw some strong Cricket Teams achieving extremely good results. The improving standards, first seen in the late 60's, was to continue. Between 1971 and 1975, and under the watchful eye of Charles Tuck, the team lost only 7 matches (in 5 years). There was a period when Price's could justifiably claim to be Hampshire's outstanding school side. A selection of cricketing statistics from 1968-1974 can be found the Cricket appendix.

**1970** (P22 W6 D9 L7). Tony Beaton captained the team, which played a record number of 22 matches. This was to become a "team building" year as a number of promising new players were introduced. Farley had an outstanding season with the bat, scoring 427 runs. R Cawte led the bowlers with 44 wickets. Team results in 1970 and on the Dorset / Isle of Wight Tour were very satisfactory but the best was yet to come. Tucker gained selection for the Hampshire Schools XI.

Team:- Beaton, Richardson, Smithin, Whitby, S Cawte, Sheriden, Morton, R Cawte, Hartley, Prout, Robson, Corbett, Porter, Tucker, Farley.

**1971** (P20 W10 D9 L1). Ian Farley became Captain and once again led the run scoring with 461 runs. The team lost just one game, with Farley joining the elite group of Price's century makers and Corkett taking 47 wickets. Porter and Whitby made valuable contributions batting, while Hartley and Tucker completed a strong bowling line-up. Terry Morton (wicket keeper) won selection for Hampshire Schools (Under 15's) and South West England XI's. This was a strong team which ended the season with a successful, and enjoyable, tour to the Channel Islands reported elsewhere.

Team:- Farley, Porter, Prout, Corkett, Whitby, Hartley, Morton, R Cawte, Smithin, S Cawte, Sheriden, Harvey, Bennett, Tucker.

**1972** (P16 W7 D6 L1). In the final 4 years (1972-75) one name stands out. That is Ian Corkett, who led the team for three successive seasons and ended having played 103 matches for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. The '72 Team again lost just one match, however this was to be Chris Tucker's year with both bat and ball. He scored 429 runs and took 39 wickets, with an amazing 8 for 13 runs on one occasion. Simon Whitby and Terry Morton gained Hampshire representative honours. The Channel Island tour resulted in three wins and a draw.

Team:- Corkett, S Cawte, Tucker, Whitby, Morton, Hartley, Sheriden, Draper, Fripp, Hayden, Russell, Rutland, Smith.

**1973** (P14 W7 D7 L2). Despite losing eight players from last year's squad the team had another impressive season, losing only two games. The younger players noticeably grew in stature as the season progressed, and a season that had started poorly ended memorably. Morton top-scored with 528 runs and Whitby backed him up with 330. Hartley took the bowling honours with 40 wickets supported by Corkett with 32. Morton, Corkett and Whitby gained Hampshire Representative honours.

Team:- Corkett, Morton, Whitby, Hartley, Smith, Hayden, Gillett, Merwood, Traylor, Matthews, Brettle, Blakeley. Also played Davies, Dean and McKay.



**1971 Cricket**

T Morton, R Cawte, S Whitby, R Bennett, T Smithin  
 M Harvey, G Sheriden, I Attfield, M Hartley, I Corkett  
 S Cawte, C Tucker, I Farley (Capt), J Porter, J Prout



**1973 Cricket**

M Holliday, J McKay, S Dean, D Brettle, J Matthews, K Davies, D Gillett, D Traylor, G Blakeley.  
 C Merwood, T Hayden, T Morton, I Corkett (Capt), S Whitby, M Hartley, A Smith.

**1974** (P16 W12 D3 L1). This was Ian Corkett's final year as Captain and the team enjoyed an even better season. Morton, Corkett, Whitby and Hartley all appeared in Hampshire's U 19s, where Whitby was the highest scorer, and Hartley the most wicket taker. For the School, Morton scored 398 runs (with a season's average of 43) and Hartley contributed 51 wickets. This helped the team to a record breaking 12 wins, with a solitary defeat. It was an altogether outstanding final season for Corkett. In his end of season report he rightly directs much deserved praise to his leading fast bowler, Mark Hartley, and to batsmen Terry Morton and Simon Whitby. He modestly declined to mention his own contribution of 341 runs and 38 wickets.

This was a confident team, with sound early order batting and a hostile new ball bowling attack. Even when threatened with defeat there was always someone there to produce a major contribution.

Team:- Corkett, Morton, Whitby, Hartley, Allen, Matthews, Gillett, Challis, Bascombe, Traylor, Smith, Prentice, Blakely, Davies, Allen.

**1975** (P12 W2 D8 L2). The last year for which we have records is 1975, and the much-slimmed-down Lion gives us scarcely any information. Nick Challis led a team which had lost four key players. Although the bowlers often did a fine job dismissing their opponents, the batsmen proved unable to score their runs quickly enough to chase down the runs needed for victory, despite having wickets in hand. But the highlight of that final year was undoubtedly the early season College Tour to the West Indies reported later.

Team:- Challis, Wassell, Bascombe, Cledwyn, Gregory, Dean, Macadam, Dade, Blakeley, Matthews, Smith, Bascombe.

**Hampshire Schools Cricket:-** C Tucker, T Morton, I Corkett, S Whitby and M Hartley.



**1971 Football**

R Seath, S Collyer, J Prout, M Sparkes, R Long, C Tucker, S Withers  
 A Collyer, A Robson, A Loo (Capt), I Farley, G Porter.



**1974 Soccer**

M Cooper, M Kelly, O Traylor, K Davies, G Fielder, I Atkins, ano, A Goddard  
 W Cowan, A Head, T Morton, N Howells, S Lelliot

## Football / Soccer

This was also now a two-term sport, with many more games being played. Overall, the 70's was rather a disappointing time for the footballers, particularly when compared to the Hockey and Cricket Teams. The 1973 Lion summed it up when it recorded "results were appalling" and declined even to publish them! Perhaps it was because in the 70's they switched from playing football to playing soccer! Quite why the 1<sup>st</sup> XI footballers didn't flourish in the same way as the other teams is not clear. Even the reporting in The Lion was poor.

**1970** (P22 W11 D1 L10). The team was now able to play more games than ever before, some 22 matches of which 11 were won and 10 lost. Steve Chappell was Captain. There are no match reports and the Captain himself gives a brief and, as might be expected, rather complimentary assessment of his fellow team members.

Team:- Richardson (goal), Dawson, Chappell, ano, McClelland (backs), Robson, Prout (midfield), Loo, Farley, Downing, Porter (forwards). Also played Long, Lock, Draper, Fairbain and Starr.

**1971** (P25 W14 D7 L4). Some years behind the Cricket and Hockey players, the footballers' first Annual Dinner was held in 1971. The team, under Allan Loo, proved most successful. Loo himself went to gain Hampshire Representative honours, the first Price's footballer, it seems, to do so since 1965. Mr Payne, in his first year at the school, had taken charge of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and much of the seasons' success was due to his influence. Two strong defenders in Long and A Collyer, plus the ever-improving keeper Sparkes, presented an effective defence. Farley, Robson and Prout also played their roles well.

Team:- Sparkes (goal), Withers, Long, A Collyer, S Collyer (backs), Robson, Farley, Prout (midfield), Tucker, Loo, Porter (forwards). Sub:- Seath also played Allen, Street.

**1972** (P21 W3 D7 L11). The less said the better, it seems, about 1972. The team managed only 3 wins in 21 matches. One of the problems was a common one in school football, when a strong and successful team broke up leaving just four experienced players for the following season. Richard Long and Steve Collyer made the Hampshire Representative Team

Team:- Sparkes (goal), Sayer / Draper, Collyer, R Long (Capt), Hartley (backs), Long, Westmore, Fairbairn (midfield), Seath, Tucker, South (forwards). Also played Smith.

**1973.** The Lion says that results improved somewhat (which was not too difficult to do!). But as it failed to give those results we are left none the wiser. Steve Collyer was to captain a team which some thought might be unbeatable! As it turned out, they started well, then ran into a very poor spell before, with the introduction of the free scoring Kelly, recovering somewhat. The "player critique" showed that some boys were playing 40+ games in the season, an incredible number for schoolboy football. Collyer, Hartley and Westmore each had an impressive season, the latter rewarded by gaining Hampshire Representative honours.

Team:- Marchant (goal), Long, Collyer, Hartley, Howells (backs), Westmore, Morton, Sayer (midfield), Wilkinson, Kelly, South (forwards). Also played Feast and Goddard,

**1974** (P29 W14 D6 L9). A “mixed bag” is how The Lion describes the season. The team started with a marvellous undefeated run of 14 games but, largely due to injury problems, form fell away. This team had a 29 match fixture list, the most games the School had ever played. Certain individuals were playing even more matches than this, so perhaps it’s not so surprising that injuries regularly hit team selection. Leading goal scorers were Kelly, Morton and Davies. Hampshire Representative honours went to Captain Mark Hartley, and Terry Morton.

Team:- Fielder (goal), Howells, Hartley, Traylor, Cooper (backs), Goddard, Morton, Head (midfield), Gillett, Kelly, Davies (forwards). Also played Atkins, Lelliott, Cowan, Bishop, Macadam, Marks, White, Fenner, Rice and Corkett.

**1975** (P17 W6 D1 L10). The final, slimmed-down, Lion gave the briefest of reports for a season which again disappointed. The major problem seemed to revolve around the forwards who couldn’t score goals! And then there was a worrying note concerning a lack of effort! Six wins and ten defeats meant that Price’s School Football had ended on a less-than-glorious note. Alan Goddard captained the team.

Team:- Spencer (goal), Head, Gilmore, Byrne, Lee, Macadam, White, Eagles, Rice, Cowan, Young, Goddard, Cooper, Cogan, Watts. (playing positions not given).

**Hampshire Schools Soccer:-** A Loo, B Westmore, M Hartley, T Morton.

## The 1960's

The Lion had flourished for many years but something rather sad happened in the early / mid 60's. The Editor(s) were seemingly content to fill numerous pages with poems, sketches, "inventive writing" and the like. This meant its, factual, sporting content became extremely brief and rather uninformative.

The Hockey, Cricket and Football teams match reports regularly fail to give team names, or even name the team Captain. There are no scorecards, etc., for the Cricket. The players' names given in this chapter are simply a list of those lucky to get mentioned in the match notes.

	----- Captain of -----		
	Hockey	Cricket	Football
1960	P Tudge P7 W1 D0 L6	T Pugh P9 W4 D1 L4	C Payne P9 W3 D2 L4
1961	T Pugh P6 W3 D0 L3	T Pugh P12 W5 D6 L1	R Smith P13 W8 D1 L4
1962	P Thomas P10 W3 D5 L2	M Thomas P12 W2 D4 L6	R Jenks P14 W8 D1 L5
1963	no games played	M Thomas P8 W3 D2 L3	H Curtis P12 W6 D0 L6
1964	R Lewis P8 W4 D0 L4	not given P9 W3 D4 L2	N Auckland P15 W9 D1 L5
1965	N Auckland P7 W5 D0 L2	Damone P10 W5 D2 L3	G Hartridge P12 W9 D1 L2
1966	R Todd P5 W1 D1 L3	G Wheeler P12 W5 D3 L4	G Hartridge P11 W0 D1 L10
1967	not given not given	not given P12 W2 D5 L5	D Ayres P13 W4 D1 L8
1968	M Knight P14 W4 D1 L9	B Haigh P6 W2 D1 L3	J Atrill P15 W7 D2 L6
1969	M Knight P10 W6 D1 L3	D Hall P18 W9 D8 L1	
Decade	P67 W27 D8 L32 <b>win % 40</b>	P108 W40 D36 L32 <b>win % 37</b>	P114 W54 D10 L50 <b>win % 47</b>

**Sportsman of the Decade** (shortlist):- Timothy Pugh, Neil Auckland,  
Michael Thomas, Robert Todd

**Team of the Decade**  
1965 Football, Captain G Hartridge



**1960 Hockey**

Emery (Goal), back:- Fuller, Miller, McLarty, Greentree  
Thomas, Dugan, Tudge (Capt), Mr Sterk, Pugh, Payne, Smith



**1968 Hockey**

Smith, Rogers, D Hall, Beaton, Muir, Sharpe  
Wheeler, Tindale, M Knight (Capt), Withers, Appleton.

## Hockey

Hockey failed to match the progress seen in the 1950's and 1970's, with the teams losing rather more games than they won. Not much can be said of those early 60's years except, perhaps that despite everything, Price's was still, throughout the decade, producing a stream of individual Hockey players talented enough to warrant selection for the Hampshire County side.

**1960** (P7 W1 D0 L6). Peter Tudge inherited the captaincy but, as hard he and Pugh tried, nothing could disguise the fact he was leading a weak line-up. It is clear however that Dugan enjoyed good form and scored some fine goals. The team photograph reproduced in The Lion gave no names, so the following is a tribute to the memory of some contemporary Old Pricean's.

Team:- Emery (goal), Miller, McLarty (backs), Fuller, Payne, Tudge, Smith (halves), Greentree, Pugh, P Thomas, Dugan, ano (forwards).

**1961** (P6 W3 D0 L3). This year Tim Pugh became Captain with Tudge his Vice-Captain. The pair again gave authority to the side and the defence grew in strength. Only six games were played and results broke even. Both Pugh (as Captain) and Tudge gained selection for the Hampshire School side.

Team:- M Thomas (goal), Johnson, McLarty (backs), Fuller, Tudge, Smith, (halves), Carter, Pugh, P Thomas, Martin, Roshier (forwards). Also played Payne, Edinberry, Gardner, Vibert Houghton and Phelps.

**1962** (P10 W3 D5 L2). Paul Thomas took over a team which managed to play ten matches, but the run of mediocre results was to continue. The Lion gives extremely brief match results / team assessments.

Team:- M Thomas (goal), Vibert / Holben, Phelps (backs), Houghton, Smith, Gardner (halves), Carter, Wake, P Thomas, Fisher, Martin (forwards). Also played Hawkins, Thompson and Dowman.

**1963**. "The field lay under snow for many weeks, and then turned into a quagmire" said The Lion. So Hockey was a complete wash-out. Despite this some of the boys were able to play for Fareham teams, and Fisher and Gardiner progressed through the trials to the Hampshire Representative team. Fisher distinguishing himself, scoring six goals in the five match tournament.

**1964** (P8 W4 D0 L4). The team returned to its habit of winning and losing equal numbers of matches. But this team, led by R Lewis, was perhaps stronger than the results might suggest. In Todd and Thomas they had two fine wingers, a competent centre forward in Fisher supported by a goal scoring inside forward Auckland. An excellent combination on a hockey pitch.

Team:- Read (goal), Shaw, Keith (backs), Payne, Steele, Damone (halves), Todd, Auckland, Fisher, Lewis, Thomas (forwards).

**1965** (P7 W5 D0 L2). Neil Auckland had many of last year's side still available for his team and they decisively won more game than they lost. In fact this was the best performance for 10 years. In a strong all-round team Damone in defence, and forwards Todd, Fisher, Joslin and Auckland himself all performed well. It was noted that the newly formed Rugby team denied the Hockey XI the services of several players. Auckland, Damone and Todd were all selected for the Hampshire School side.

Team:- Marnoch (goal), Freemantle, Shaw / Hartridge (backs), Keith, Damone, Payne (halves), Booth / Croker, Todd, Auckland, Joslin, Fisher (forwards). Also played Izzard, Laishley.

**1966** (P5 W1 D1 L3). The following three years were to be something of a struggle. Robert Todd led a young team, which played a mere five games with just a single victory. The Lion gave two brief paragraphs to 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey, plus a simple list of results.

Team:- Raby (goal), Knight, Withers, Barrow, Payne, Smith, Todd, Marcus, G Wheeler, Croker, Fisher (positions unknown). Also played Paisley and Evans.

**1967.** The Lion gave no report on 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey. It did report the Under 13 results so we do know hockey was being played. A photograph exists which states on the back it is of the 1967 team and gives the following names.

Team:- Smith (goal), Rodgers, Hall, Beaton, Muir, Sharpe, Wheeler, Tindall, Knight (in Captain's position), Whithers, Appleton.

**1968** (P14 W4 D1 L9). There are clear now signs that school hockey was coming under "new management", and this included much improved reporting in The Lion. Mick Knight is captain and the team was able to play 14 games, making this a much more satisfying season. Despite winning only four of those games The Lion insists this was a successful season, and defends that point of view with a number of telling observations. Foremost was that more and more of their opponents now play two-term hockey. The results against the one-term sides, three wins and a narrow defeat, seem to confirm the point. Withers was selected for Hampshire Schools.

Team:- Knight, Smith, Tindale, Appleton, Greenaway, Sharpe, Muir, Whithers, Wheeler, Rodgers, Hall. (positions not given). Also played Beaton, Moggach, Gatland and Hartridge.

**1969** (P10 W6 D1 L3) was Knight's second year as Captain. He had an excellent keeper in Loo, and Appleton and Fisher at full back provided cover for a rather attacking half-back line of Sharp, Knight and Thompson. The forward line of Hartridge, Gatland, Hall, Weaver and Walton worked well together, in particular Wheeler and Gatland. This resurgence in form was a direct lead into the highly successful 1970 period. Wheeler and Loo were selected for the Hampshire Schools XI.

Team:- Loo (goal), Appleton, Fisher (backs), Sharp, Knight, Thompson (halves), Hartridge, Gatland, Hall, Wheeler, Walton (forwards). Also played Beaton, Croker, Dyer, Walton, Dixon and Lynch.

**Hampshire Schools Hockey:-** T Pugh (Capt.), P Tudge, Fisher, Gardiner, R Todd, Damone, N Auckland, S Wheeler, P Withers and A Loo . Pugh went on to represented Wales. Todd reached the trials for the England schoolboy team.

## Cricket

For the most part the 60's was not a great period for Price's Cricket.

**1960** (P9 W4 D1 L4). Tim Pugh Captained an experienced team. But the batting promised more than it delivered, and it was often down to Pugh and Tudge to hold the side together. The bowlers, however, performed rather better than expected when Wilkins and Vibert proved to be a very good opening pace attack.

Team:- Pugh, Tudge, Dugan, Donohoe, Rowling, Storey, Wilkins, Vibert, other not known.

**1961** (P12 W5 D6 L1). "The sun has shone on our cricket and it has prospered" are the opening words of the season's report. Pugh, Vibert, Thomas and Powell providing the core of a competent side. Pugh's second season in charge produced the best of the early decade performances when they lost one solitary game. Pugh himself capped his fine sporting record with selection for the Hampshire Schools side.

Team:- Pugh, Vibert, Thomas, Powell, Phelps, Wilkins, Gay, Johnson, Gardner, Carter, Herring. Also played Thomson, Curtis, Brebner, Houghton and Roshier.

**1962** (P12 W2 D4 L6). Michael Thomas was Captain. However the team lacked the all-round strength of the previous year winning just two of their games. It was pleasing to see the season averages being reported. These showed the leading bowlers as Gay (26 wickets) and Wilkins (24). M Thomas was the leading batsman with 284 runs.

Team:- M Thomas, Gardner, Thompson, Phelps, K Fisher, Powell, Sherrington, Gay, Harvey, Jenks, R Fisher, Wilkins. Also played Houghton, Hand and Wills.

**1963** (P8 W3 D2 L3). Things improved a little in Thomas's second year as Captain. While the batting may have been a bit suspect, the bowling was generally good and accurate. Gardner, bowling left arm seamers, always a useful asset in school cricket, took 35 wickets and was ably supported by Fisher.

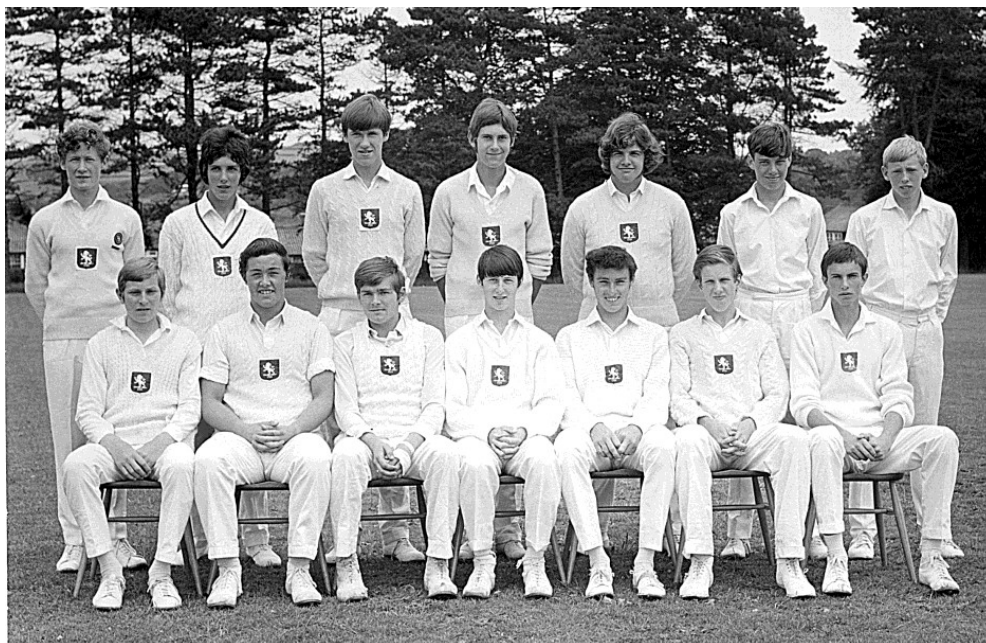
Team:- M Thomas, Hughes, Gardner, Fisher, Wilkins, rest unknown. Also Played Wilson and O'Keefe.

**1964** (P9 W3 D4 L2). The Lion gives us just a single paragraph summary of 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket and neglects to tell us who captained the side. It appears that the batting remained fragile (apart from Sherrington) whilst the bowling was accurate and tidy with Todd, O'Keefe and Wilson bearing the brunt of the attack.

Team:- Todd, O'Keefe, Wilson, Damone. Whiley, Hand, Sherrington, Hughes, Moody, Richardson, Fisher, Weston, Wheeler.

**1965** (P10 W5 D2 L3). This was a young and inexperienced team, led by Damone, which won more matches than it lost. It was good to see a strong batting line up that gave the bowlers something to work with. Izzard at first wicket down probably had the best season with the bat, although a number of others (including Parisot and Todd) all played their part. Bowling honours went to Todd and Izzard. Izzard was selected for Hampshire Schools XI.

Team:- Damone, Parisot, Whiley, Ellis, Dimmer, Izzard, Wheeler, Todd, Eyre, Raby, Payne, Laishley. Also played Marnoch.



**1968 Cricket**

D Bowyer, J Cook, G Vote, A Beaton, T Marlow, G Dawson, J Prout  
G Jarman, J Tindale, D Doyle, B Haigh (Capt), D Hall, J Dixon, A Richardson.



**1969 Cricket**

P Dawson, I Farley, T Smithin  
J Porter, R Bennett, P Appleton, J Prout, C Tucker, S Withers  
I Attfield (scorer), D Bowyer, J Dixon, D Hall (Capt) G Jarman, A Richardson, A Beaton

**1966** (P12 W5 D3 L4). Then for the next few years results were relatively poor and reports were very brief. Geoff Wheeler was Captain. To quote from The Lion re 1966 “Special mention must go to the openers Bassett and Parisot . . . and Todd whose bowling was an inspiration to the rest of the team.” However a glance at the results showed that Wheeler should certainly have been named alongside them.

Team:- Bassett, Parisot, Todd, Payne, Dimmer, Wheeler, Weston, Payne, Raby plus some ano’s.

**1967** (P12 W2 D5 L5). This season was also poorly reported but we can see consistent batting from Jarman and Dixon, and scores of over 50 from Hall and Beaton. This was backed up by some fine bowling from Findall (including a hat-trick) and a steady opening attack from Doyle and Marlow. Captaincy went to Brian Haigh.

Team:- Jarman, Dixon, Hall, Beaton, Findall, Doyle, Marlow, Parisot, Haigh, Tindal, Hall.

**1968** (P6 W2 D1 L3). A new Sports Master, Charles Tuck, joined the Staff and this was to coincide with a steady improvement in the cricket teams’ performances. This is surely a tribute, not only to the boys’ own skill, but also to the organisation and coaching ability he brought. In addition the matches are well reported, in refreshingly good detail, in The Lion. They are a pleasure to read. A special word of praise should go to someone who almost never gets a mention in cricketing circles. That is their scorer / statistician / press sec., Ian Attfield, who was even awarded his cricketing “colours” and was invited into the team photograph. For the first time a set of cricket statistics is recorded and, as anyone who has read Wisden will tell you, cricket statistics tell you a lot! This season was badly affected by rain; only six games were completed and results were pretty average. Brian Haigh was Captain for the second year and top scorer, with Doyle top wicket-taker; but in 1969 things are really about to change.

Team:- Haigh, Doyle, Hall, Tindal, Dixon, Jarman, Cook, Marlow, Beaton, Richardson, Vote, Bowyer, Prout, Dawson.

**1969** (P18 W9 D8 L1). David Hall became Captain and his team played 18 games (more than ever before achieved) won nine and lost just one. This set a new high standard for the following years. In the match against Portsmouth T.H.S. Hall himself scored a century, the first since 1956. But Dixon was to pip him for top of the batting average whilst scoring a total of 503 runs . . . and then followed up by bowling twice as many overs as anyone else and taking 50 wickets. Two bowlers distinguished themselves taking 8 wickets in an innings: they were Doyle, 8 for 28, and Dixon, 8 for 36.

Team:- Hall, Dixon, Tucker, Farley, Porter, Beaton, Jarman, Richardson, Dawson, Prout, Bowyer, Appleton, Smithin. Also played Cook, Bennett, Whitby, and S Cawte.

Amongst a number of exciting cricket innovations and trophies introduced in 68/69, were the “Single Wicket” Competition, Fathers versus Sons matches, the Cricket Tour and the first Annual Cricket Dinner.

**Hampshire Schools Cricket:-** J Dixon, D Doyle, A Izzard, R Todd



**1965 Football**

G Hartridge (Capt), A Izzard, C Eyre, T Dimmer, D Greenland, G Wheeler  
Dyer, D Ayres, B Payne, B Iles, R Todd (in blazer J Cusak)



**1969 Soccer**

R Arnot, D Hall, A Richardson, A Barnett, J Dixon, S Chappell (Capt.), Mr Jay  
R Cotton, M Burrows, G Jarman, J Attrill, G Porter, A Collyer, A Loo

## Football

Overall, the football results in the 60's fell short of the standard set in the 50's. In the early years under Payne, Smith and Jenks the sides were holding their own. In those years Hampshire Schools Representative Honours went to Payne (full back), M Bevis (centre half), Brebner (goalkeeper) and M Thomas (goalkeeper).

**1960** (P9 W3 D2 L4). During a particularly wet football season, Chris Payne (Captain) along with Tudge were the mainstays of a stout, if sometimes overworked, defence; whilst Pugh provided most of the inspiration amongst the forwards.

Team:- Brebner (goal), Davies, Herring (backs), Tudge, Payne, Read (halves), Wilkins, Smith, Pugh, Powell, Brent (forwards). Also played Carter, Edinberry, Jenks, Vibert and McLarty.

**1961** (P13 W8 D1 L4). An early series of good wins promised much for Richard Smith's team but that form couldn't be maintained. Players catching the eye were Bevis at centre half, Brebner in goal and Powell at left half. Watton and Thomas shared 30 goals in the forward line.

Team:- Brebner (goal), Vibert, Thomas (backs), Smith, Bevis, Powell (halves), Carter, Watton, M Thomas, Jenks, Wilkins (forwards). Also played Thompson, Curtis, Dowman, Gritt and Richardson.

**1962** (P14 W8 D1 L5). Robin Jenks captained in 1962, ably supported by vice-captain Powell, and Thomas. Thomas, despite having been known to play at centre half and inside forward, finally became an impressive goal-keeper and gained a place in the County side. Wilkins matured into a most effective goal scorer.

Team:- M Thomas (goal), Wendeatt, Manley (backs), Richardson, Curtis, Powell (halves), Smith, ano, Wilkins, Jenks, Thompson (forwards). Also played Ellis, Gardner and Fisher.

**1963** (P12 W6 D0 L6). Hugh Curtis's time as Captain coincided with the briefest of all reports in The Lion. Curtis himself writes the report and acknowledges Manley, Bamber and Payne's efforts on behalf of the team which, as results show, was a satisfactory season.

Team:- Curtis, Manley, Bamber, Payne, Auckland, Greenland, Wheeler, Eyre, Todd, Whiley, ano. (playing positions not known).

**1964** (P15 W9 D1 L5). The team played 15 matches and won 9 of them, a good season. Neil Auckland was Captaining a young team with real promise. They had two priceless assets, a really good goal-keeper in Dimmer, and a prolific goal scorer in Izzard. Izzard had scored nine goals in one match and was selected for the Hampshire Schools side.

Team:- Dimmer (goal), Manley, Iles (backs), Payne, Auckland, Ellis (halves), Wake, Barnett, Izzard, Eyre, Greenland (forwards).

**1965** (P12 W9 D1 L2). The decade's best season was in 1965 when the team won nine games and lost just two. Although it is not totally clear, it is thought that Graham Hartridge was Captain. However several players may have shared this honour. This was a good, well-balanced team benefiting hugely from the experienced players remaining from last year. Izzard and Iles were selected for the Hampshire Schools side; and we have then to wait until 1971 before any further mention of representative honours.

Team:- Dimmer (goal), Hartridge, Iles (backs), Todd, Eyre, Payne (halves), G Wheeler, Dyer, Izzard, Greenland, Ayres (forwards).

**1966**. Then, while England were winning the World Cup in 1966, The Lion (neither January 1966 nor December 1967 issues) makes any mention of football results. However Ken Raby, a member of this team, still had a copy of the 1966 Fixture List on which he had marked with the results. They were P11 W0 D1 L10, 13 goals scored, 58 conceded. So it is clear why The Lion was happy to omit them. The Fixture List also confirmed Hartridge as Captain. When "colours" were awarded this year they took on a new appearance.

Team:- only a few names known. Hartridge, Raby (back), Wheeler, Ciupek (halves).

**1967** (P13 W4 D1 L8). So we have to move to December 1968 for the next mention of 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football action. David Ayres as Captain and "sweeper" had an excellent season but he had a young and inexperienced defence around him. They won just four games out of the 13 played. This team may have been playing a 4:2:4 formation but that is not stated.

Team:- Richardson (goal), Ayres, Allen, Barnett, Miller, Bryant, Doyle, Attrill, Shelley, Jarman, Dixon, Weston, Haigh. (positions not given).

**1968** (P15 W7 D2 L6). John Attrill took over with rather more success. The team had discarded the Price's traditional shirt and adopted a new blue strip. However it was fitness and team spirit that contributed most to their success. Barnett marshalled the defence well as did Cotton as sweeper, and they had a hard-working midfield in Loo and Attrill. The free scoring Dixon led a forward line that could be ruthless when it clicked into gear.

Team:- Richardson (goal), Arnot, Hall, Barnett, Dixon, Chappell, Cotton, Burrows, Jarman, Attrill, Porter, Collyer, Loo (positions not given). Also played Farley.

From here on the school was to play two-term soccer. As Rugby was now being played the traditionally named Football Term had been discarded. The next Football Soccer report is the 1969 /70 season and is reported under 1970.

**Hampshire Schools Football:-** C Payne, M Bevis, R Brebner, M Thomas, A Izzard, B Iles.

## The 1950's

This decade was the second most successful on record, only surpassed (possibly) by the 1920's. It produced many boys of outstanding ability and this is reflected in the list of those selected for the Hampshire Schools Representative teams.

	----- Captain of -----		
	Hockey	Cricket	Football
1950	D Jarmain P8 W1 D3 L4	D Jarmain P10 W7 D1 L2	P Gregory P4 W4 D0 L0
1951	E Turner P6 W5 D1 L0	A White P9 W5 D0 L4	Gregory / Turner P9 W5 D1 L3
1952	R Dimmock P9 W3 D4 L2	A White P11 W6 D3 L2	A Purkis P10 W4 D1 L5
1953	D Percival P12 W7 D2 L3	D Rudling P8 W5 D2 L1	A Purkis P11 W10 D0 L1
1954	D Percival P5 W3 D1 L1	D Rudling P8 W6 D1 L1	D Percival P10 W8 D0 L2
1955	D Percival P7 W5 D1 L1	D Percival P8 W5 D3 L0	R Kilford P10 W6 D0 L4
1956	R Kilford P6 W2 D1 L3	A Gullick P9 W5 D2 L2	R Kilford P10 W4 D2 L4
1957	R Kilford no games played	R Kilford P9 W5 D4 L0	R Starkey P10 W4 D2 L4
1958	G Hardwick P6 W3 D0 L3	R Starkey P8 W3 D2 L3	R Donohoe P9 W4 D1 L4
1959	J Evans P5 W3 D0 L2	J Evans P10 W1 D3 L6	R Donohoe P11 W6 D2 L3
Decade	P64 W32 D13 L19 <b>win % 49</b>	P90 W48 D21 L21 <b>win % 53</b>	P94 W54 D9 L30 <b>win % 57</b>

### Sportsman of the Decade (shortlist):-

**Don Percival**, Captain of Hockey 3 years, Captain of Cricket, Captain of Football, Hampshire Schools Hockey (capt.) and Football, Combined Grammar School Hockey (capt.).

**Roy Kilford**. Captain of Hockey 2 years, Captain of Cricket, Captain of Football 2 years, Hampshire Schools Hockey, Cricket (capt) and Football.

Others contenders:- D Jarmain, A White, D Rudling, R Starkey, R Donohoe, J Evans.

### Team of the Decade

1953 Football, Captain A Purkis



**1951 Hockey**

G Wadey, A Purkis, R Dimmock, Byng, K Devlin, D Rudling,  
Byng, P Gregory, B Cozens, Mr Johnston, E Turner (Capt), A White, P Nobes,



**1958 Hockey**

T Pugh, A Williams, P Phillips, G Hardwick (Capt) M Miller, P Tudge  
P Phelan, R Starkey, J Evans, M Dugan, A Holden.

## Hockey

Hockey had a most memorable period (1951-55), where over 5 consecutive seasons the team lost just 7 matches. It also saw a record number of boys gain Hampshire School selection honours.

**1950** (P8 W1 D3 L4). David Jarman's team showed the same, rather poor, form seen the previous year. They were unlucky to be without Gregory all season and to lose Turner to injury after just 4 games. Jarman and Cozens had a good season and fully justified their call up for the Hampshire squad.

Team:- Foster (goal), Quinlan, Cozens (backs), Ditchburn, Turner, Chalmers (halves), Palmer, Byng / Dimmock, Jarman, White, Nobes (forwards).

**1951** (P6 W5 D1 L0). The first indication of a resurgence in form came when Edwin de Courcy Turner's team went undefeated all season. This is remarkable as there was no play at all possible on the School pitch. A reliable defence in which Cozens proved a tower of strength, coupled with an effective forward line, meant a well-balanced team. Turner, Cozens, White and Byng were all selected for the Hampshire Team, with Cozens as Captain.

Team:- E Byng (goal), Devlin, Cozens (backs), Purkis, Turner, A Byng (halves), Rudling, Gregory, Dimmock, White, Nobes (forwards).

**1952** (P9 W3 D4 L2). This 1<sup>st</sup> XI had the makings of a very good team, but one or two things went wrong! It seems positional play and lack-lustre shooting were the culprits. Roger Dimmock Captained from centre forward and along with Byng, White and Gregory went on to represent Hampshire Schools that year.

Team:- Moulson (goal), Wassell, Gregory (backs), Purkis, Devlin, Percival (halves), Priestley, Rudling, Dimmock, White, Byng (forwards). Plus, on occasions, Ridett.

**1953** (P12 W7 D2 L3) was a record year! The Lion reports "The ancient enemy of School Hockey - wet weather - was completely defeated". In fact you have to go back to 1939, and forward to 1968, when Hockey was to become a two-term sport, to find more games played. This season also saw the sad passing of Mr. Johnston (27<sup>th</sup> Dec 1952), a stalwart of Price's Hockey for many years. The team developed well, playing fast, effective Hockey. Don Percival at centre half never played a bad game all season and David Rudling scored 29 goals. In the last match he (Rudling) managed to score 8 goals surely an all-time school record! They were both selected for the Hampshire Schools side.

Team:- Kilford (goal), Adams, Gullick (backs), Purkis, Percival, Bradford (halves), Ridett, Spencer, Rudling, Cossens, Gillard (forwards). Also played Reed, Terry and Harvey.

**1954** (P5 W3 D1 L1). Don Percival led the team again in a season yet again adversely affected by the weather. Eight of last year's team remained and this was a strong team. The five match reports are given and team names below come from them. Percival, Kilford and Adams were selected for Hampshire Schools.

Team:- Kilford (goal), Adams, Gullick (backs), Purkis, Percival, Cardy (halves), ano, Gillard, Rudling, Cossens, Harvey. Wooden and Tutton also played.

**1955** (P7 W5 D1 L1). Percival was Captain for the 3<sup>rd</sup> successive season. This time he led a strong side that narrowly lost only one game and that against the Old Priceans! As before the team names / positions have to be deduced from the match reports. Percival, Kilford and Adams again won selection for the Hampshire Schools XI. Percival Captained both the Hampshire side and later a Combined Grammar Schools XI.

Team:- Kilford (goal), Thompson, Gullick (backs), Cardy, Percival, Dove (halves), Wooden, Adams, Gillard, Hayward, Ireland (forwards). Also played Mason and Farmer.

**1956** (P6 W2 D1 L3) As happens after a strong team disbands, the following season has to re-build, and that plus some more bad weather contributed to a fairly average season. The team contained only three really good hockey players, Kilford (Capt.), Gullick and Gillard, and this gave the team a good central spine. Kilford and Gullick were selected for Hampshire Schools.

Team:- Kilford (goal), Hardwick, ano (backs), ano, Gullick, ano (halves), Kirby, Starkey, Gillard, Pallett, Evans (forwards).

**1957.** The weather completely washed out the fixture list. The Lion notes that “so little play has been possible in the past three Spring Terms and the position is becoming serious”. Kilford was again elected Captain, only the weather prevented him celebrating a record breaking fifth year as 1st XI goalkeeper.

**1958** (P6 W3 D0 L3). The third wet season in succession. Geoff Hardwick was Captain and led the defence well. Starkey, Evans and Phelan were the outstanding players in the forward line. The final years of the decade were to be severely hampered by the weather, and are perhaps memorable mainly for opening of the new Pavilion in 1958.

Team:- Phillips (goal), Miller, Williams (backs), Tudge, Hardwick, Pugh (halves), Phelan, Starkey, Evans, Dugan, Holden (forwards). Also played Linehan.

**1959** (P5 W3 D0 L2). No play at all in January or February as the field remained waterlogged from pre-Christmas rain. John Evans captained the side from centre forward and both he and Pugh, who had a very good season, were selected to play for the Hampshire Schools side. The team members have to be deduced from the brief match reports.

Team:- Emery (goal), Tudge, ano (backs), ano, Payne, ano (halves), Holden, Pugh, Evans, Dugan, ano (forwards). Also played Donohoe

**Hampshire Schools Hockey:-** D Jarmain, B Cozens (Capt.), Turner, A White, Byng I, R Dimmock, Gregory, D Percival (Capt.), D Rudling, R Kilford, Adams, A Gullick, J Evans, T Pugh.

**Combined Grammar Schools:-** D Percival (Capt.)

## Cricket

There were many really good cricketing teams in the 1950's, starting with David Jarmain's who won seven of the ten matches played. However it is interesting to include here a small cricketing story from the House matches of that year. The result speaks for itself. School 173 for 5 declared (Rudling 105 not out) versus Westbury 1. The rumour that that single run was a leg bye was confirmed by someone present on the day!

**1950** (P10 W7 D1 L2). This team's strength was in its bowling where there were fine performances from Ditchburn, Jarmain (Capt.) and White. The batting was generally adequate and passed 100 in most games. Jarmain contributing most with a total of 227 runs and was again picked for the Hampshire Schools XI. An all-round good team with Stubbington and new boy Rudling also attracting praise.

Team:- Jarmain, Ditchburn, Cozens, White, Gregory, Stubbington, Nobes, Turner, Sidwell, Dimmock, Rudling.

**1951** (P9 W5 D0 L4). Moderate success was what The Lion said about 1951. Tony (Adge) White led the team and the bowling, returning 8 wickets for 22 against Peter Symond's away. However the bowling was somewhat weaker than previous years, and the batsmen often failed to give of their best, Dimmock and Rudling excepted.

Team:- White, Nobes, Cozens, Gregory, Stubbington, Turner, Wadey, Dimmock, Rudling, Robertson-Fox, the last place going to one of either Williams, Purkis, Moulson or A Byng.

**1952** (P11 W6 D3 L2). White's side met with rather more success this season. His all-round excellence and experience was a great asset to the team, and his best bowling figures were 6 for 6. Of the batsmen White, Rudling, Byng and Dimmock all made good scores, the best being a 94 from Dimmock. White and Rudling gained selection for Hampshire Schools. A good, even memorable, season.

Team:- White, Rudling, Dimmock, Byng, Moulson, Percival, Purkis, Ridett, French, Gullick, Woodes. (Maidment / Cardy).

**1953** (P8 W5 D2 L1). David Rudling took over captaincy and the team's form continued to impress. There was only 1 game lost and that against a strong Old Pricean team. There were good scores made by both Rudling and Percival, whilst the bowlers had some impressive statistics. Gullick 5 for 20, Brown 6 for 16, and then Ridett 5 for 15 and 7 for 13.

Team:- Rudling, Percival, Purkis, Gullick, Kilford, Ridett, Chinnery, Sheath, Wooden, Harvey, Cardy.

**1954** (P8 W6 D1 L1). Rudling's second year as captain, and fifth year in the team, was another with just a single defeat. Rudling, Kilford and Percival scored most of the runs but the bowling suffered from lack of variety and spin. There were many low scoring games where the bowlers dominated, and thus we see figures such as Sheath 5 for 10 and Wooden 4 for 4!

Team:- Rudling, Kilford, Percival, Purkis, Cardy, Kemp, Wooden, Harvey, Gullick, Sheath, Terry.

**1955** (P8 W5 D3 L0). This team went unbeaten through the whole season. Interestingly the captain, Percival, notes that this was not altogether satisfactory. Too many games were won so easily that half the team never got a real chance to participate, other than by fielding. Kilford, Maidment and Percival scored nearly all the runs whilst Gullick and Wooden shared most of



**1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket 1951**

ano, Robertson-Fox, A Byng, Turner, Dimmock, Purkis, D Williams, Rudling  
Wadey, Gregory, White (Capt), Mr Shaw, Nobes, Cozens, Stubbington



**1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket 1957**

back Ian Laming, John Evans, Gillard, Mellish, Peter Tudge, Barry Calderhead,  
front Roger Starkey, Les Agius, Cec Rowling, Alan Rymell, Roy Kilford,

the wickets. Kilford ended with an average of 70 and Percival 66, both of which quite exceptional. Kilford cemented his growing reputation as the best wicket keeper the school had ever produced and won selection for Hampshire Schools.

Team:- Kilford, Maidment, Percival, Wooden, Gullick, Gillard, Agius, Ambrose, Mellish, Mason, Trivett. Also played Rymell, Tomkins, Mason and Keen.

**1956** (P9 W5 D2 L2). Tony Gullick took over the captaincy and once again the team's strong and reliable batting produced a satisfying season. In the first match Maidment scored the first century since 1937 and shared an opening partnership with Kilford of 160, whilst the rest of the team applauded from the boundary; this set the standard for the season. Then, for the first time in many years, the fielding was also reached a really high standard. The bowling couldn't quite match the batting and fielding. Ian Laming, however, produced some devastating spells with the ball and had figures of 5 for 6 and 4 for 5 in successive matches. Kilford was selected for the Hampshire Schools side.

Team:- Kilford, Maidment, Cottom, Rymell, Gullick, Tomkins, Mellish, Starkey, Evans, Gillard, Laming. Also played Calderhead, Holden

**1957** (P9 W5 D4 L0). Roy Kilford captained an unbeaten team. A strong batting line up and good fielding were the foundation of its success. Kilford, Agius, Starkey and Rymell did most of the work batting, whilst of the bowlers, Laming, Starkey and Evans did best. Agius topped the batting averages and Starkey, bowling leg-breaks, led the bowlers.

Team:- Kilford, Starkey, Agius, Rymell, Tudge, Holden, Mellish, Laming, Gillard, Evans, Calderhead. Also played Wharmby and Rowling.

**1958** (P8 W3 D2 L3). The team had to do some re-building after losing seven important players. Roger Starkey took over the captaincy. The Lion kindly says "results were encouraging". Batting was again sound; Starkey, Evans, Dugan, Pugh and Payne were all useful in turn. The fielding was excellent, with Starkey at leg slip. The bowling, however, generally lacked penetration.

Team:- Starkey, Evans, Pugh, Dugan, Donohoe, Tudge, McColgin, Payne, Holden, Ellen, Ireland. Also played Rowling, Alder, Miller and Schollar.

**1959** (P10 W1 D3 L6) The records show the team failed to reach the standards of the previous few years. The side lacked two of cricket's real essentials, accuracy in bowling and solidarity in batting. Of the bowlers, Rowling did best, while of the batsmen Payne, Tudge, Dugan and Pugh showed promise and ability. Captaincy went to John Evans, who despite leading one of the school's weaker teams did much to promote some late season success and ensure the players all enjoyed their cricket.

Team:- Evans, Donohoe, Pugh, Dugan, Tudge, Payne, Holden, Herring, Ellen, Miller, Rowling. Also played Rankin, Baber, Walker, Gardner, Walker, Storey and Jones.

**Hampshire Schools Cricket:-** D Jarman, A White, D Rudling, R Kilford (Capt).



**1951 School Cadet Football Teams** (Senior's in quartered shirts, Junior's in white).  
 Viney, Spenser, Clarke, L Williams, Purkis, D Williams, Nobes  
 Judd, Hansford, Barr, Wassell, E Byng, Moulson, A Byng, Baker, Devlin  
 Collins, Adams, Porter, Percival (Capt), Gregory (Capt), Cozens, Stubbington, White.



**1956 Football**  
 Mr Thompson, Evans, Laming, Donohoe, Phelan, Lock, Agius  
 Lawrence, Shreeve, Starkey, Kilford (Capt), Gillard, Mellish, Matthews

## Football

Football performances in the 50's were, in general, very good and second only to the outstanding results seen back in the 1920's.

Unfortunately the record for the opening season of the decade is missing. In the Jan 1950 Lion the 1949 season is reported, and then the next Lion published is July 1951, and that simply reports on some Cadet football results. Price's had entered Senior and Junior teams in Hants A.C.F. Senior / Junior Cups and both teams went on to win their cups.

Seniors:- Moulson (goal), Cozens, Williams (backs), Byng, Purkis, White (halves), Rudling, Gregory (Capt.), Dimmock, Williams I, Stubbington (forwards).

Juniors:- Byng (goal), Adams, Judd (backs), Clark, Percival, Wassell (halves), Porter, Hansford, Barr, Collins, Spencer (forwards).

**1951** (P9 W5 D1 L3). E Turner was captain at the start of the season and when he left this role was taken over by Gregory. The team possessed many players of real ability, but The Lion modestly reported a "reasonably good team" and declines to single out any individuals.

Team:- Moulson (goal), Gregory, Judd (backs), Wassell, Purkis, White (halves), Rudling, Dimmock, Barr, Percival, Hansford (forwards).

**1952** (P10 W4 D1 L5). Tony Purkis led a side who turned out to be the least successful team of the decade as results go, but the games lost were against men's team opposition so not entirely a fair contest. I can personally remember watching this team as first former. I clearly recall the dominating displays of Purkis at centre half, the dangerous running and shooting from Rudling at outside right and the first appearance of a new young goalkeeper, Roy Kilford.

Team:- French / Kilford (goal), Adams, Wright (backs), Spencer, Purkis, Hansford (halves), Rudling, Dimmock, Barr, Percival, Priestley (forwards). Also played: Collins, Gullick, Cardy, Viney and Cossens.

**1953** (P11 W10 D0 L1). The team had matured into a powerful school side losing just one game. Purkis captained for his second year and had much to do with the team's success. Purkis, Percival and Rudling were all selected for the Hampshire School side. On this occasion The Lion says "I am greatly pleased with the manner in which the team has played. It has always been enthusiastic and sportsmanlike, and their football has been a pleasure to watch".

Team:- Kilford (goal), Wright, Adams (backs), Sheath, Purkis, Cardy (halves), Rudling / Kemp, Ambrose, Watkins, Percival, Terry (forwards). Also played Gillard.

**1954** (P10 W8 D0 L2). Don Percival inherited the captaincy, and along with Kilford and the talented Ambrose, proved to be the driving force behind much of the team's success. Only two games were lost whilst eight were won. Farmer made a success of the centre-forward role and Ambrose was selected for the Hampshire Schools side.

Team:- Kilford (goal), Adams, Dove (backs), Ireland, Gullick, Cardy (halves), Gillard, Ambrose, Farmer, Percival, Mason (forwards). Also played: McLarty.

**1955** (P10 W6 D0 L4). Knowing the team needed to include several players of Colts age meant expectations were not high. Then the team lost Mason who, having scored five goals in the first two games, was looking likely to become a prolific scorer. The two Colts, Starkey and Evans, fully justified their place in the team with Starkey having a particularly good season.

Captain Kilford's performance in goal was often an inspiration to the rest of his team, as was the hard working half-back line marshalled by Gullick.

Team:- Kilford (goal), Shreeve, Lock (backs), Gillard, Gullick, Phelan (halves), Harrison, Starkey, Hayward, Evans, Mellish (forwards). Also played: Mason and Tomkins.

**1956** (P10 W4 D2 L4) was to be Kilford's last year as captain. It was also his fifth year in the team and again he proved to be the team's greatest asset. Despite good, enjoyable football being played results themselves were only to break even, with games won and games lost balancing out. But this was for a school with only some 375 pupils. Without doubt the strong feature of the team was the forward line. Donohoe at centre forward, in his first season, shared some 34 goals with Starkey, both profiting from the service from Evans on the left. Kilford was selected for the Hampshire Schools side.

Team:- Kilford (goal), Shreeve, Lock (backs), Gillard, Agius, Phelan (halves), Calderhead, Starkey, Donohoe, Laming, Evans (forwards). Also played Matthews, Lawrence, Mellish.

**1957** (P10 W4 D2 L4). Roger Starkey became captain, and the incisive "link-up" play with Donohoe, who enjoyed another excellent season, resulted in their both being selected for the Hampshire Schools side. The defence was rather unsound in early matches, and only really settled down when Evans was withdrawn from the forward line to play centre half.

Team:- Rymell / Phillips (goal), McColgin, Lawrence (backs), Tudge, Evans, Phelan (halves), Jerrim, Starkey, Donohoe, Winnicott, Ireland (forwards). Also played Miller, Dugan

**1958** (P9 W4 D1 L4). Dick Donohoe took captaincy but injury prevented his playing. Evans, as vice-captain, together with Payne and Tudge, presented a strong midfield which served the team well through a difficult season. However, this was an unsettled team with six or seven new to 1<sup>st</sup> XI football.

Team:- Phillips / Clarke (goal), Holden, Herring (backs), Tudge, Payne, Evans / Read (halves), Rowling, Dugan, Rankin, Pugh, Cooper (forwards). Also played Gardner, Forder and Skym.

**1959** (P11 W6 D2 L3). The team bounced back to form. Donohoe, now in his second year as captain, was fully fit and able to lead the forwards to a number of notable victories. Dugan played well in support of his Captain as did Payne and Emery. Team members below are deduced, with some difficulty, from match reports, etc. Donohoe was selected to captain the Hampshire School side.

Team:- Emery (goal), Davies, Herring (backs), Tudge, Payne, Jones (halves), Rowling, Dugan, Donohoe, Pugh, Gardner (forwards). Also played: Miller, Forder, Hubbard and Smith.

**Hampshire Schools Football:-** A Purkis, D Percival, D Rudling, M Ambrose, R Kilford, R Starkey, R Donohoe (Capt.).

## The 1940's

War time restrictions dominated the early years of the decade and, not surprisingly, many fewer games were played. This hit the Hockey team particularly hard. Football was also to suffer but, amazingly, the Cricket Team seemed to thrive in the adversity. There were difficulties in finding fixtures; travelling facilities were restricted and there were shortages of boots, clothing etc. Towards the end of the decade there were signs of things getting back to normal.

	----- Captain of -----		
	Hockey	Cricket	Football
1940		K David	W Marshall
	P1 W0 D0 L1	not reported	P7 W3 D2 L2
1941		W Marshall	W Marshall
		P3 W1 D0 L2	P5 W2 D0 L3
1942		W Marshall	W Marshall
		P3 W1 D0 L2	P5 W3 D0 L2
1943		H Allerston	R Daysh
		P5 W4 D0 L1	P6 W5 D0 L1
1944		E White	R Daysh
		P5 W4 D0 L1	P13 W8 D1 L4
1945		J Cole	J Cole
		P9 W7 D0 L2	P9 W3 D1 L5
1946		E Young	E Grogan
		P9 W7 D1 L1	P13 W4 D1 L8
1947	K Joint	P Wilkins	A Webb
	P1 W0 D0 L1	P5 W3 D0 L2	P9 W1 D1 L7
1948	C Miskin	C Miskin	A Webb
	P7 W2 D3 L2	P8 W4 D1 L3	P10 W3 D1 L6
1949	C Miskin	C Miskin	B Cozens
	P9 W2 D1 L6	P10 W9 D0 L1	P11 W3 D3 L5
Decade	P18 W4 D4 L10	P57 W40 D2 L15	P88 W35 D10 L43
	<b>win % 22</b>	<b>win % 70</b>	<b>win % 40</b>

**Sportsman of the Decade** (shortlist):-  
W Marshall, C Miskin, J Cole, R Daysh

**Team of the Decade**  
1949 Cricket, Captain C Miskin



## Hockey

The 1940's were nothing short of a disaster as far as 1st XI Hockey results were concerned. Very few games were able to be played and very few were won. War time conditions (no petrol for mower), weather and lack of suitable opposition all contributed to this sad situation. There was little for The Lion to report on. It appears that from 1941 to 1946 the ongoing difficulties simply had to be accepted, and the school ceased playing hockey for a spell.

**1940** (P1 W0 D0 L1). Team:- Manley (goal), Edwards, Heath (defence), David (centre forward). Rest unknown.

**1941-46** no 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey played.

**1947** (P1 W0 D0 L1). An effort was made to restart hockey with what was the most attractive fixture list ever thus far arranged. But the weather had the last word and only one match could be played. That match was against the Old Boys who, as it happened, featured several of Fareham's 1<sup>st</sup> XI, who were themselves one of the strongest teams in Hampshire at the time. So it was literally a match of men against boys resulting in a heavy defeat. The season was rescued somewhat when the side, captained by Joint, went to Southampton to compete in the County Boys' Tournament and played five previously unscheduled games. Results unknown.

Team:- Joint (goal), Shacklock, Shelton (backs), Hoar, Wilkins, Feast (halves), McCallum, Watts, Stone, Webb, Biggs (forwards).

**1948** (P7 W2 D3 L2). C Miskin captained the side in 1948 and 7 games were played, something of a triumph. The Lion presented a rather lengthy "retrospective" for the season. As many boys were to find, The Lion could be ruthlessly critical regarding a player's shortcomings whilst dismissing others with faint praise like "could make a useful forward". That was for a boy later selected for the Hampshire County side!

Team:- Foster (goal), Shacklock, Cozens (backs), Blake, Miskin, Watts (halves), Hunt, Maybe, Ellis, Webb, Figs (forwards).

**1949** (P9 W2 D1 L6). Miskin's second year as captain was disappointing, as the team looked to be stronger than the previous year. The best that could be said was that, for the first time since 1939, they managed to play nine games. They did, however, supply five members of the Hampshire County squad.

Team:- Foster (goal), Callon, Cozens (back), Gregory, Miskin, Turner (halves), Ellis, Webb, Jarmain, Figs, Chalmers (forwards).

Thus ended not only the worst period for Price's hockey, but the worse decade any of the 3 core team sports.

**Hampshire Schools Hockey:-** C Miskin, A Webb, B Cozens (Capt), Foster, D Jarmain.



**1945 Cricket**

Grogan, Holt, V Knight, Gray, Wilkins  
 Suggate, Young, Mr Shaw, Cole (Capt), Daysh, L Smith  
 Nickless, Ashwell, Betts



**1946 Cricket**

Young (Capt), Wilkins, Holt, Cundick, Joint, Shelton, Watts, Grogan, Ponsford, Jackson, Figes, Webb.  
 Also played: Treloar, Wilcox and Miskin. (positions in photograph not known)

## Cricket

School Cricket, in stark contrast to Hockey, was about to enter its most impressive era, surpassing the success of the 1920's. Throughout this period, the July Lion was regularly going to print before some matches were played, so there were often very few matches reported.

**1940** (P W D L). There was a very inauspicious start in 1940. There was no Summer term Lion and the Dec issue made a belated report: "not one of our more notable teams" and forgot to give the match results. But it appears that poor batting and deplorable fielding meant that the team had a modest record. Bowlers David, Levin, Clements and Hills did very well however.

Team:- David, Clements, Hills, Levin, Jeffery, Cummins, Priddle, Holmes, Gilhespie, Heath, Marshall, Timeke.

**1941** (P3 W1 D0 L2). Marshall captained the team in 1941. Levin bowled excellently as usual.

Team:- Marshall, Knight, Jackson, Priddle, Jeffrey, Levin, Ford, Holmes, Timeke, Hills plus ano.

**1942** (P3 W1 D0 L2). Another much-abbreviated fixture list. Marshall was a good captain and the stand-out batsman. The bowlers were well up to school standard but batting and fielding were not.

Team:- Marshall, Levin, Keane, Allerston, White, Short, Gwilliam, Lamport, Garner, Downes, Daysh, Devine.

**1943** (P5 W4 D0 L1). "A very useful side" was the Lion's assessment of Allerston's 1943 team. Without a single prominent batsmen there were six or seven players who could make runs, Allerston himself was the most successful bowler, and that together with some good fielding was a winning combination. "A team of keen players many of whom have exceptional promise".

Team:- Allerston, Gwilliam, White, Lamport, Weight, Short, Daysh, Young, Wright, Stephenson, ano. Also played Cole, Grogan, Davies and Harrison.

The **1944** (P5 W4 D0 L1) team maintained good form losing just the one game. Wicket keeper and Captain E White kept the side together supported by Young who, in addition to being a sound batsman, bowled his off breaks well up the hill.

Team:- White, Short, Young, Wright, Daysh, Suggate, Cole, Smith, Grogan, Wilkins, Gale.

**1945** (P9 W7 D0 L2). With a fixture list entirely against other school sides, John Cole's 1945 side won seven games out of nine. For the second successive season Suggate and Young bore the brunt of the bowling and yet again, without a single star batsmen, 6 or 7 players could be relied on to make runs. A glance at the statistics shows how valuable and reliable those two bowlers were. Suggate's best figures were 6 for 12, and two seven wicket hauls. Young's best was 8 for 10 plus two six wicket and one five wicket returns.

Team:- Cole, Young, Daysh, Suggate, Smith, Holt, Betts, Grogan, Nickless. Also played Joint, Shelton, Gray and Ashwell.

The **1946** (P9 W7 D1 L1) side, under captain E Young, continued the pleasing run of results and in much the same manner. The batting never once managed to reach 100 runs but the bowling and the fielding were good enough to win most of the matches. Young, together with Holt, bowled consistently well, with statistics even more impressive than the previous year's. This resulted in a number of low scoring matches with exciting finishes.

This was the first year that moves were made to establish a Hampshire Schools side and Young and Holt were invited to play in the trial although there is no record of the outcome.

Team:- Young, Wilkins, Holt, Cundick, Joint, Shelton, Watts, Grogan, Ponsford, Jackson, Figs, Webb. Also played: Treloar, Wilcox and Miskin.

**1947** (P5 W3 D0 L2). The Cricket notes in The Lion were again written when only five of the season's matches were played. With all the cricket reports it is clear that the writer (Mr. Shaw or simply Bert as he was known by the boys) is a hard task master. He was never easily impressed, although that in turn meant that when he expressed praise you could be sure it was truly deserved. This season the batting was "of a very uncertain quality", the bowling "perhaps lacking in variety", the fielding "at best steady". The first match against B.R.Shaw's XI was a defeat for the school. Shaw's XI featured 10 masters plus last year's Vice-Captain Holt. The match report (somewhat gleefully, one suspects) tells of a beautiful innings of 63 not out by Mr Garton, followed by the school, captained by P Wilkins, being dismissed for a miserable 19 runs by Holt (5 for 6) and Mr. Hilton. Although not reported at the time the highest score of the season, indeed for many seasons, was 92 by Webb against Portsmouth Grammar.

Team:- Wilkins, Shelton, Webb, Watts, Miskin, Langridge, Packer, Browning, Jarmain, Alderton, Biggs,

**1948** (P8 W4 D1 L3). C Miskin assumed captaincy in 1948. School cricket was recovering form. Of the batsmen Webb, Hills and Jarmain looked the best, whilst a number of bowlers, Ditchburn, Browning, Jarmain and Miskin all made good contributions in turn. No team was able to reach 100 runs against them.

Team:- Miskin, Watts, Webb, Hills, Jarmain, Browning, Ditchburn, Alderton, Nobes, Ellis, Cozens.

**1949** (P10 W9 D0 L1). This was Miskin's second year as Captain and a very successful one for the team. The Lion, produced a little later in the year, was able to report on all the games and included a very welcome set of end-of-season averages; and a team photograph. Much of the unfulfilled promise shown by last year's team finally shone through. The team lost just one game, against Portsmouth Banks. More runs were scored than in previous seasons and the bowling was generally too good for the opposition. Miskin and Jarmain collected most of the wickets, and of the batsmen, Hills, Webb, Cozens and Jarmain all batted well on occasion. Hills scoring 206 runs with a top score of 87, and Miskin took 40 wickets.

It would have been good to reproduce this team photograph here but unfortunately the scanned quality was simply not good enough.

Team:- Miskin, Jarmain, Webb, Hills, Ditchburn, Cozens, Ellis, Gregory, Stubbington, White, Watts. Also played Turner, Nobes and Figs.

## Football

At the start of this period W Marshall was to lead the Team for three consecutive seasons which each had rather short fixture lists.

**1940** (P7 W3 D2 L2). The 1940 results were probably better than they appear as they included several games against men's Army teams. Knight and Holmes in the forward line, and Ford and Hills got special praise. In fact so well did this team perform that they received a totally unprecedented honour when the whole team was awarded "colours".

Team:- Coles (goal), Jackson, Levin (backs), Ford, Edwards, Hills (halves), Cheater, Marshall, Knight, Holmes, Latty (forwards).

**1941** (P5 W2 D0 L3). It was a similar story in 1941 with Marshall working hard in both defence and attack alongside Wood. But boys were then leaving school at least a year earlier than would normally be the case with the inevitable impact on the standard of the 1st XI.

Team:- Coles (goal), Wood, Adams, Pyle (backs), White, Levin, Priddle, Daysh (halves), Mills, Marshall, Keane, Lamport, Latty, Cook (forwards).

When **1942** (P5 W3 D0 L2) came around a familiar picture emerged, Captain Marshall working hard all over the pitch to rally a team handicapped by having no natural full backs or wingers. Although out of position, Daysh played well at right back as did Gwilliam and keeper Weight.

Team:- Weight (goal), Daysh, Gale (backs), Elcock, Gwilliam, Wellstead (halves), Cole, Marshall, Allerston, Lamport, Blake (forwards).

**1943** (P6 W5 D0 L1). Two of the junior members from the previous year were to rise to prominence in 1943. Roy Daysh moved on from his emergency role at full back to become captain and centre half. John Cole left the right wing and took up position as centre forward and had an outstanding season. Despite the war time difficulties the football season was going strong and results were good. The team winning five of the six games played. The half back line of Gwilliam, Daysh and Wellstead proving to be the real strength of the team.

Team:- Bloomfield (goal), Wright, Gale (backs), Wellstead, Gwilliam, Daysh (halves), Harrison, Gates, Cole, Young, Blake (forwards).

**1944** (P13 W8 D1 L4). Daysh's second term as Captain in 1944 proved every bit as successful as his first. The Lion reports that Daysh and Cole together have "to a large extent been the team, or at least have been responsible for its success". Cole developed into a natural centre forward whilst Daysh was regarded as one of the most complete footballers seen at the school in the last 20 years. Valuable support was provided by White in goal, and Wilkins at left half. A count made of goals scored showed that Cole netted some 33 goals in the 13 matches played. In terms of goals per match played that may be an all-time school record. There were excellent match reports in The Lion.

Team:- White / Joint (goal), Holloway / Ponsford, Gilbody (backs), Knight / Grogan, Daysh, Wilkins (halves), Jackson, Blake, Cole, Young, Suggate (forwards). Also played Smith and Cundick.



**1946 Football**

Gwilliam, Woodnutt, Hughes, Shelton, Feast, Holt, Hunt (Linesman)  
Webb, Joint, Mr Hilton, Grogan (Capt), Wilkins, Wilcox

**1945** (P9 W3 D1 L5). In school football boys come and boys go, and it is inevitable that team performances also fluctuate. That being so, the 1945 team was unable to match the performances of recent years despite having some very good players. Cole was now captain and the team's brightest star, scoring 19 goals in 9 games. He was able supported by Young and Jackson but a slightly weak defence meant goals were too often conceded. There was one result that caught the eye, namely an amazing 7 v 7 draw with St Mary's College.

Team:- Joint (goal), Ponsford, Ashwell (backs), Sapsed / Shelton, Wilkins, Grogan (halves), Jackson, Webb, Cole, Young, Cundick (forwards).

**1946** (P13 W4 D1 L8). There were more games than usual played in 1946. Unfortunately team strength was now in a period of decline and more games were lost than won. E Grogan was captain but despite his personal strong-showing at centre half the team suffered some heavy defeats. The Lion didn't hesitate to give a thorough five point opinion of where the problems lay.

Team:- Joint (goal), Wilkins, Wilcox (backs), Shelton, Grogan, Hughes (halves), Woodnutt, Gwilliam, Webb, Feast, Holt (forwards). Also played Biggs, Smith, Pyle, Hewitt, Pearce, Barnard and Blake.

**1947** (P9 W1 D1 L7). This was to be another poor season. A Webb had the misfortune to Captain a weak side. For the first time ever boys were dropped from the team for "lack of keenness". Once the team settled down it played hard and vigorously but that could not disguise a basic lack of football skills.

Team:- Hall (goal), Hunt, Brickwood / Watts (backs), Langridge, Miskin, Hughes (halves), Blake, Webb, Johnston, Pearce, Jarmain (forwards). Also played Alderton, Hoare, Harding and Bowman.

In **1948** Webb retains the captaincy, but results remain poor (P10 W3 D1 L6) and the football notes are very brief. However Webb, Ditchburn and Cozens emerge with credit.

Team:- Ditchburn (goal), Cozens, Watts (backs), Miskin, Hughes, Turner (halves), Stone, Attwood, Webb, White, Jarmain (forwards). Also played Ballard, Mitchell, Herbert, Stubbington, Abbs, Palmer and Callon.

**1949** (P11 W3 D3 L5). The Lion reports that the 1949 season was "reasonably successful". In retrospect I feel that was a rather kind appraisal. Certainly it was a little better than the previous poor years, and it was a sign that things were beginning to improve. B Cozens was right back and captain and had a number of skilful, if rather slow, players in his team. These boys were, however, to go on and prove to be significant players in the next few years.

Team:- Ditchburn (goal), Cozens, Purkis (backs), Abbs, Turner, Gregory (halves), Stubbington, White, Foster, Jarmain, ano (forwards). Also played Bradley, Wadey, Biggs, Byng and Dimmock.



## The 1930's

The 1930's proved to be a disappointing era. To be fair, the Football Teams could not be blamed for this. It was by far Cricket's worst spell on record, and Hockey was little better.

	----- Captain of -----		
	Hockey	Cricket	Football
1930	L Chamberlain P13 W6 D0 L7	F Troke P9 W5 D0 L4	R Lewry P13 W9 D0 L4
1931	W Murray P8 W4 D2 L2	V Barnes P11 W4 D3 L4	A Frost P12 W4 D2 L6
1932	P Smith P11 W2 D1 L8	P Smith P10 W2 D0 L8	E Gilbert P12 W5 D2 L5
1933	A Jones P10 W3 D2 L5	A Jones P8 W1 D2 L5	P Moore P13 W7 D2 L4
1934	H Etheridge P10 W2 D0 L8	D Saint P10 W2 D2 L6	P Moore P10 W4 D1 L5
1935	B Buckley P9 W3 D2 L4	B Buckley P10 W1 D0 L9	E Dore P8 W5 D1 L2
1936	C Hale P9 W6 D0 L3	C Hale P9 W3 D2 L4	G Hawkins P11 W3 D2 L6
1937	G Hawkins P5 W2 D0 L3	E Warren P8 W3 D2 L3	C Barter P13 W7 D0 L6
1938	T Knott P13 W7 D0 L6	C Barter P10 W4 D2 L4	T Knott P12 W9 D1 L2
1939	T Knott P9 W3 D3 L3	T Knott P9 W3 D2 L4	W Tubbs P6 W4 D1 L1
Decade	P97 W38 D10 L49 <b>win % 39</b>	P94 W28 D15 L51 <b>win % 30</b>	P110 W57 D12 L41 <b>win % 52</b>

**Sportsman of the Decade (shortlist):-**  
T Knott, P Moore

**Team of the Decade**  
1938 Football, Captain T Knott

Sadly there are no 1930 Team photographs (Hockey, Cricket or Football), to reproduce here. However the following may prove of interest.

**Hants Hockey Nursery** (taken from the Portsmouth Evening News, circa March 1931).

*More than once I have wondered during my wanderings around the county, watching Hockey at the various grounds, whether there was anywhere in this county where the young players were trained, or, in other words a hockey nursery.*

*More by accident than design I came across the solution last Saturday, when I journeyed to Fareham, and there I found what was in the nature of a local "Derby" in progress. The Fareham Club were entertaining their neighbours Price's School. The majority of the School team were boys, stiffened in the more essential positions by masters.*

*I was more than surprised by the aptitude for the game displayed by these lads, who, although beaten 3 v 0, put up a sturdy resistance to the opposition. Then and there I realised that this was in all probability the source from whence many of our very fine county players emanated; and judging from the style of play, many more would follow in due course; and I was determined, if possible, to discover something about this potential nursery. They have the good fortune to be coached and captained by R.O. Johnston, a former Hampshire County player, who is a master at this school. Hockey was first introduced in 1909, and has featured amongst the games ever since.*

*They have had many fine players, one of the best known being F Nugent, inside left, who played for Hampshire, South Midlands, and in 1926-27 was capped for England. I do not know his present whereabouts, but he is still engaged in first class hockey. W.C. Eyles, A.G. Coles, and H Sturgess are amongst the ex-members who have played for Hampshire, and T Frost captained the London University and played for Middlesex. During the present season the School have met the Border Regiment, whom they defeated 3 v 2, Havant II 5 v 0, HMS St. Vincent 2 v 1, and drew with Netley Hospital 1 v 1. This, for a team mainly consisting of boys, is a record to be proud of. The Fareham Club includes 5 Old Boys among its players.*

NB:- according to The Lion there were actually 6 Old Boys playing against them that day.

## Hockey

In this period the Hockey reports are very much limited to strict facts and figures. Identifying noteworthy individual performance is rarely possible.

**1930** (P13 W6 D0 L7). The Lion declared “a moderate season”, a phrase which could well be applied to the whole decade. L Chamberlain lead the team well. They played some 13 matches. In some years the team could barely manage half this, and it was evident that this was a season well enjoyed throughout the school.

Team:- Lewry (goal), Bark, Wareham (backs), Murray, Barnes, Frost (halves), Hoather, McNeil, Chamberlain, Troke, Humphries (forwards).

**1931** (P8 W4 D2 L2). W Murray became Captain and led one of the more successful sides. It is clear that the teams around this time had a number of very good players. This is confirmed by an article that appeared in the Portsmouth Evening News. It was headed “Hants Hockey Nursery” and makes a most interesting read.

Team:- Lewry (goal), Murray, Wareham (backs), Rush, Barnes, Frost (halves), Emmett, Fielder, McNeil, Smith, Jones (forwards).

**1932** (P11 W2 D1 L8). A Frost started as Captain but he left school. This meant P Smith took over a team which was then in a re-building phase, with only three of last years players left. Not surprisingly, results were poor and this was to continue for the next few seasons. Jones proved an effective goal-scoring centre forward.

Team:- Child (goal), Reader, Williams (backs), McNeil, Brooks, Hobbs (halves), Crouch, Wilton, Jones, Smith, Atkins (forwards).

**1933** (P10 W3 D2 L5). A Jones inherited the captaincy and the team continued to lose more games than they won. As ever, they were handicapped by weather conditions preventing both play and practice. Jones again proved what a good centre forward he was, supported, in the main, by Moore.

Team:- Child (goal), Bennett, Williams (backs), Sanders, Moore, Etheridge (halves), R Powell, D Powell, Jones, Mansbridge, Buckley (forwards). Also played Hoskins and Smart.

**1934** (P10 W2 D0 L8). H Etheridge led the team that suffered much from its lack of goal scoring ability. Netting only 13 goals from 10 games is not impressive, and even less so when you see none of then were scored in their only two runaway wins. The defence was adequate, if not brilliant, in most of the games.

Team:- Dodds (goal), Dixon, Etheridge (backs), Saint, Moore, Smith (halves), Gough, D Powell, Pressley, Hale, Buckley (forwards).

**1935** (P9 W3 D2 L4). B Buckley captained from centre-forward and in doing so set a fine example to the rest of his team. There was very little reported in The Lion, neither criticism nor praise.

Team:- Bromley (goal), Moss, Sanders (backs), Aps, Troke, Bowen (halves), Grafham, Knott, Buckley, Hale, Dore (forwards). Also played Dodds, Bent.

**1936** (P9 W6 D0 L3) At last an improvement in fortune. C Hale led what turned out to be a well-balanced side to some very creditable results.

Team:- Dodds (goal), Dellbridge, Barter (backs), Bromley, Searle, Dore (halves), Grafham, Knott, Hawkins, Hale, Manley (forwards). Also played Alderton.

The rest of the decade continued that modest return to form under the successive captaincies of G Hawkins and T Knott.

**1937** (P5 W2 D0 L3). Despite the use of Fareham Recreational ground only five games were able to be played. G Hawkins proved a keen and energetic captain and several players showed promise for the future. A remarkably full set of records still exist for both the 1937 Hockey and Football seasons. They were compiled by Alderton and, for each match played, it names players for each position played and goal scorers. In addition he gives end-of-season appearance totals, goals scorers and “colours”.

Team:- Warren (goal), Barton, Young (backs), Ruthen, Hodges, Alderton (halves), Beavis, Durant, Knott, Hawkins, Brooks (forwards).

**1938** (P13 W7 D0 L6). Good all-round team work led to a satisfying season. Barter was a tower of strength in the defence and Captain T Knott led his forward line well.

Team:- Wolfe (goal), Tubbs, Edwards (backs), Jackson / Scott, Barter, Powell (halves), Amor, Durant, Knott, Beavis, Fleming (forwards).

**1939** (P9 W3 D3 L3). A remarkable symmetry appears in the results in Knott’s final year as Captain. The team scored 24 goals and conceded 24 goals.

Team:- Wolfe (goal), Tubbs, Wheeler (backs), Jackson, Scott, Powell (halves), David, Durant, Knott, Fleming, Newbury (forwards).

## Cricket

This decade started well enough but soon tailed off with some of the worse cricketing results seen at the school. On the plus side The Lion gave the match scorecards and this gives an insight into individual performances.

**1930** (P9 W5 D0 L4). F Troke captained in 1930 and despite some good bowling from himself and Lewry, taking 29 wickets apiece, inconsistent batting let the side down. It was interesting to note that in matches against men's opposition, Messrs. Shaw, Thacker, Hilton and Garton often took their place in the school side. Mr Shaw in particular often produced very good bowling figures (both for and against the school side).

Team:- Troke, Lewry, Chamberlain, Barnes, Fielder, Murray, Smith, Clarke, Wareham, Hoather, Humphries. Also played Rush, Gibson, Edwards and Frost.

**1931** (P11 W4 D3 L4). Wicket keeper V Barnes was Captain and again it was the bowlers, this time Lewry and Fielder, that caught the eye. In a generally low-scoring batting line up most runs came from Jones, Smith and Fielder.

Team:- Barnes, Lewry, Fielder, Smith, Murray, Gibson, Williams, Frost, McNeil, Rush, Jones.

**1932** (P10 W2 D0 L8). This was a well-reported season so it was a pity that results were to decline further. P Smith's side could only manage two wins versus eight defeats. Despite scoring 180 against Churcher's they were defeated when Churcher's Captain scored a century in 35 minutes against them and finished with 144! This time it seems the bowling could not rescue some very average batting. The notes clearly recognised that School cricket needed a serious boost. Coaching for the lower school was undertaken, and the number of Junior House matches increased from three to six, with each team playing in other twice.

Team:- Smith, Jones, Willims, Wilton, Saint, Moore, Child, Crofts, Henley, Crouch, Hoskins, Brookes.

Despite the above initiatives School cricket was now to suffer a difficult spell from which it really didn't recover until 1943! It was tempting, whilst writing this, to move rapidly on to the 1940's but that was resisted because, despite everything, it is clear that much enjoyable cricket was being played.

**1933** (P8 W1 D2 L5). A Jones became Captain. If the team had had just a little more solidarity in batting and/or a little more sting in their bowling they might have had a really good record. But it seems either the batting or bowlers were to disappoint, thus never achieving a good all round team display. R Powell was the most successful batsmen.

Team:- Jones, Williams, Child, Moore, R Powell, Saint, Vimpany, Bennett, Buckley, Swinstead, Daventry, D Powell.

**1934** (P10 W2 D2 L6). The teams under D Saint in 1934 and B Buckley in **1935** (P10 W1 D0 L9) had their moments of success but generally failed along the same lines as before, in particular in not making enough runs. The Lion devotes considerable space to critiques of all aspects of their game throughout this period. I wonder if the same effort was being put into the coaching? Towards the end of the 1935 season Godwin and Hale began to show promise, but it was E Dore, the outstanding bowler, who bore the brunt of the bowling and ended with a very creditable 35 wickets to his name.

1934 Team:- Saint, Moore, Buckley, Chambers, Dore, Troke, Pressley, Hale, Bromley, D Powell, MacPherson.  
1935 Team:- Buckley, Troke, Hale, Dore, Bowen, Bromley, Godwin, Grafham, Dellbridge, Moss, Newbury.

**1936** (P9 W3 D2 L4). C Hale's team performed a little better. Batting, with the exception of Warren, was disappointing. Dore again led the bowlers, who suffered from a lack of variety. B.R.Shaws XI beat the school side easily enough, considerably helped by some outstanding bowling from Mr Foster who took 6 wickets for just 4 runs.

Team:- Hale, Bromley, Dore, Warren, Abbott, Manley, Alderton, Akers, Knott, Crouch, Hawkins.

**1937** (P8 W3 D2 L3). The batting improved noticeably in 1937 and the team scored runs right down the batting order. The practice sessions that Captain E Warren had insisted upon reaping reward. Fleming bowled consistently well and Alderton got a hat trick whilst taking 5 for 3 against Portsmouth Grammar. Playing for the school against the Stugess XI, Mr. Shaw also got a hat trick taking 5 for 48. In the match against Midhurst Alderton scored 64 not out and Barter had an astonishing spell with the ball taking 4 for 1 in nine balls including yet another hat trick. While The Lion only reported 8 matches a set cricketing records exists, compiled by Den Alderton, showing that 11 matches were played. The batting and bowling averages are given and within these was an important discovery. P Ruthen had scored 115 not out in the second to last match of the season, but sadly the scorecard for that match is missing. The Lion never got to record this fine performance so it is left to this Sports Review to do that job.

Team:- Warren, Knott, Alderton, Barter, Ruthen, Fleming, Powell, Adams, Durant, Crouch, Sabin, Jackson.

**1938** (P10 W4 D2 L4). Steady, if not brilliant batting was the story of the season under C Barter. The side settled early in the season and had plenty of good bowling to call on. Fleming took most of the bowling credits with support from Knott, Durant, Barter and David.

Team:- Barter, Knott, Adams, Powell, Fleming, Durant, David, Newbury, Jackson, Tubbs.

**1939** (P9 W3 D2 L4). The batting was improving with T Knott (Captain), Powell, Adams and Durant provided a solid line up. Knott and Durant bore the brunt of the bowling. Amongst the scorecards we can see a fine piece of bowling from Mr Garton for the Staff XI of 5 for 28 matched by Durant's 6 for 23 in the same match, and a hat trick in another match. Knott's best contributions being 6 for 14, and in batting a fine score of 64 runs.

Team:- Knott, Powell, Adams, Durant, Newbury, Tubbs, Claney, Gooden, Wheeler, Hills, David, Jackson.

## Football

The **1930** (P13 W9 D0 L4) season opened with R Lewry in his fourth year in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and his third as Captain. In contrast to the fortunes of the Hockey and Cricket sides this was a team doing well. There were all round consistent performances with Lewry and Barnes the mainstay of the defence with McNeil and Fielder playing well in the forward line.

Team:- Frost (goal), Fletcher, Lewry (backs), Gilbert, Barnes, Murray (halves), Fielder, Smith, McNeil, Emmett, Edwards (forwards).

**1931** (P12 W4 D2 L6). With only two of last year's team still available it was unsurprising that A Frost's team was one of the least successful of recent years. The outstanding players were Frost, Smith and Gibson.

Team:- Tew (goal), Gilbert, Gibson (backs), Hobbs, Frost, Moore (halves), Watson, Smith, Child / Weavil, Wilton, Jones (forwards).

**1932** (P12 W5 D2 L6). Gilbert was Captain. Heavy ground condition meant his rather lightweight team had an uneven struggle in many matches. Moore's showing at centre half showed much promise.

Team:- Williams (goal), Gilbert, Hoskins (backs), Croucher, Moore, Sanders (halves), Henley, Child, Jones, Saunders, Powell (forwards). Also played Ford.

**1933** (P13 W7 D2 L4). P Moore became Captain and he and Child proved key performers in 1933. Child at centre forward scored 28 goals in 12 matches. With a sound centre half backed up by two fine fullbacks the team had a good season that could, with just a little luck, have been even better.

Team:- Dixon (goal), Saint, Saunders (backs), Buckley, Moore, Etheridge (halves), Pressley, R Watson, Child, J Watson, R Powell (forwards). Also played Goss, Skilton, Chambers, D Powell and Sanders.

P Moore's **1934** (P10 W4 D1 L5) team was unable to match the previous season. However Moore himself ended a wonderful four year record in school football with yet another fine season. Moore, Presly and Dixon made the best contributions.

Team:- Dixon (goal), Sanders, D Powell (backs), Buckley, Moore, Bromley (halves), Hale, Dore, Pressley, Watson / Searle, Skilton (forwards).

**1935** (P8 W5 D1 L2). saw a return to form. E Dore was Captain and it seems that they almost managed to keep an unchanged team throughout the season. They only had one of last year's "Colours" still available but, without relying on any single brilliant performer, they proved just how effective is good teamwork and confidence.

Team:- Hawkins (goal), Dodds, Sanders (backs), Bromley, Grafham, Bunyan (halves), Manley, Dellbridge, Dore, Searle, Hale (forwards).

**1936** (P11 W3 D2 L6). G Hawkins was goal-keeper and Captain in 1937 with a young and inexperienced side. Manley and Hawkins showed well in defence, but the forwards, apart from Knott, were too easily hustled off the ball.

Team:- Jackson (goal), Tubbs, Manley (backs), Hawkins, Crouch, Barker (halves), Ruthen, Durant, Knott, Alderton, Hills (forwards). Also played Brookes and Long.

**1937** (P13 W7 D0 L6) Under C Barter this was good season in many ways, despite losing Knott and Durant to injury. Barter proved a very powerful centre half and, until his injury, and Knott with his 15 goals, was doing well at centre forward. In addition Jackson, Tubbs and Long provided the defence with a sound backbone whilst Alderton also did well up front.

Team:- Jackson (goal), Tubbs, Long (backs), Brown, Barter, Adams / Young (halves), Durant, Bevis, Knott, Alderton, Amor / Scott (forwards). Also played Legget and Fleming.

**1938** (P12 W9 D1 L2). T Knott regained fitness and took over captaincy. The Lion reports “ in general the matches have been most enjoyable and have contained some good and, at times, brilliant football”. This was a really good all-round team with the half backs and in particular the inside forwards, Patten and Fleming, driving the team forward. The goals were very much shared amongst the forwards which is always a sign of a dangerous team. Durant and Scott as wingers providing excellent service to their centre forward Knott.

Team:- Jackson / Wolfe (goal), Haines, Hills (backs), Powell, Tubbs, Newbury (halves), Durant, Fleming, Knott, Patten, Scott (forwards).

**1939** (P6 W4 D1 L1) turned out to be a difficult season. War precautions meant many schools were evacuated and many fixtures lost. Then there were travelling restrictions and to make things worse some really bad weather. But this again looked to be a useful side and W Tubbs was unlucky in that his captaincy came in this particular season. The half back line of Powell, Tubbs and Wheeler proved one of the best the school had ever seen. Some tribute! The forwards were limited by size and age, but showed excellent promise for future years. Durant’s wing play continued to excel.

Team:- Clements (goal), Claney, Crockford (backs), Powell, Tubbs, Wheeler (halves), Durant, Marshall, David, Holmes, Cummins (forwards).

## The 1920's

The last thing expected when this work was undertaken was the revelation that Price's golden era, regarding Team Sports, was going to be found in the 1920's. This was largely due to the performance of the cricketers and footballers. Pupil numbers back then were averaging somewhere around 180 which perhaps makes their performances even more credit-worthy. The only note of caution is that we cannot be altogether sure about the standard of the opposition in those days. The Lion for this period gave very sparing reports, largely limited to results and names of players.

	----- Hockey	--- Captain of --- Cricket	----- Football
1920	B R Scott P15 W5 D2 L8	W Eyles P12 W7 D0 L5	W Moule-Cole P11 W7 D0 L4
1921	W Eyles P8 W3 D0 L5	H Lewry P15 W13 D1 L1	J Henry P11 W7 D0 L4
1922	J Henry P6 W4 D2 L0	J Henry P11 W9 D2 L0	J Sinclair P12 W10 D0 L2
1923	W Collihole P7 W2 D4 L1	H Sturgess P8 W7 D0 L1	H Sturgess P7 W7 D0 L0
1924	F Bussey P10 W9 D0 L1	F Bussey P8 W7 D0 L1	F Jones P5 W3 D1 L1
1925	E White P10 W4 D0 L6	W Cummins P8 W4 D0 L4	W Cummins P9 W6 D1 L2
1926	B Dodds P12 W3 D2 L7	W Cummins P5 W4 D0 L1	B Dodds P11 W5 D3 L3
1927	F Butters P8 W5 D0 L3	W Chamberlain P8 W4 D1 L3	F Butters P10 W7 D1 L2
1928	E Nobbs P11 W4 D0 L7	E Nobbs P11 W4 D5 L2	R Lewry P10 W7 D2 L1
1929	G Edmunds P8 W3 D2 L3	D Swinstead P9 W6 D0 L3	R Lewry P12 W8 D2 L2
Decade	P95 W42 D12 L41 <b>win % 44</b>	P95 W65 D9 L21 <b>win % 68</b>	P98 W67 D10 L21 <b>win % 68</b>

### Sportsman of the Decade (shortlist):-

J Henry, W Cummins, R Lewry

### Team of the Decade

1924 Hockey, Captain F Bussey

## Hockey

For Hockey this can only be described as a decade of “average” performance. The School had a good run 1922-24 losing only two games whilst winning 15 in those three years. The 1924 Team claimed the most impressive results under the captaincy of F Bussey.

1920 (P15 W5 D5 L8). B Scott captained a team who lost rather more matches than they won. But playing against men’s teams while some of the boys were merely 15 was not really a fair contest. It was interesting to see that they invited recent Old Boy Nugent back to play centre forward for them in some of those games as well as including Mr Johnston.

Team:- Evans (goal), Eyles, Flint (backs), Lewry, Gregory, Wilkie (halves), Biden, Taulbut, Henry, Scott, Crocker (forwards).

1921 (P8 W8 D0 L5). W Eyles took over and his team was to win just three games from the eight played. There are no match reports or player critiques, but it is clear that Nugent was still being called upon for some fixtures as he scored seven goals in those games.

Team as far as known:- Eyles, Henry, Bennett, Nugent.

1922 (P6 W4 D2 L0). J Henry’s season as Captain was yet another hampered by bad weather. Henry has now developed into a strong effective forward with the best supporting contributions coming from the defence, in particular Sinclair (goal) and Wellbourne (centre-half).

Team:- Sinclair (goal), Sturgess, Dunn (backs), Dean-Cooper, H Wellbourne, Grinstead (halves), Cummins, Heath, Henry, F Wellbourne, Radford (forwards).

1923 (P7 W2 D4 L1). W Collihole took over as goal-keeper and Captain. Sturgess continued to display untiring performance at full back with White and Wellborne also performing well.

Team:- Collihole (goal), Bussy, Poelchau (backs), Sturgess, White, Buckley (halves), Maffey, Goodall, Cummins, F Wellborne, McNeil (forwards).

1924 (P10 W9 D0 L1). A largely unchanged and well balanced team captained by F Bussey won nine games and lost just one. This was an impressive record. Sturgess and F Wellborne had outstanding seasons

Team:- Tarrant (goal), Bussey, White (backs), Budden, Sturgess, Tee (halves), Sinnott, Goodall, Cummins, F Wellborne, Jones (forwards).

1925 (P10 W4 D0 L6). With only two of last year’s players remaining, W Cummings (Captain) and White, this team had to be built from scratch and this resulted in a very mixed season.

Team:- Tovey (goal), Dodds, White (backs), Phillips, Hayward, Eyles (halves), King, Cooper, ano, Cummins, Hurden (forwards).

1926 (P12 W3 D2 L7). Although seven matches were lost, many were by small margins and, in some, they were unlucky to lose at all. B Dodds Captained from right back and put in a colossal amount of good work.

Team:- Butters (goal), Dodds, Tremlett (backs), Hewetson / Bucknell, Eyles, King (halves), Chamberlain, Cummins, Chapman, Atkins, Hurden (forwards).

**1927** (P8 W5 D0 L3). F Butters was Captain and frequently called into goal-keeping action in some matches. Raby was a tower of strength in midfield and Atkins developed into a fine left-sided forward.

Team:- Butters (goal), Dodds, Nobbs (backs), Edmunds, Raby, Loosemore (halves), Clarke, Chamberlain Riches, Atkins, Hall (forwards).

**1928** (P11 W4 D0 L7). E Nobbs inherited captaincy and moved to centre-half. The forward line failed to make much impact leaving a lot of work for the defence. But yet again poor ground conditions led to a lack of practice, and that coupled with matches against full men's teams meant seven defeats was not as poor as it might look.

Team:- Lewry (goal), Spencer, Riches (halves), Winsor, Nobbs, Edmunds (halves), Hall, Chamberlain, Andrews, Troke, Christmas (forwards).

**1929** (P8 W3 D2 L3). The Lion records "The team, as a whole, was an average side, its chief weakness being lack of pace amongst the outside forwards, and weakness in shooting, with the exception of Chamberlain and Troke." G Edmunds was Captain.

Team:- Lewry (goal), Murray, Riches (backs), E Christmas, Edmunds, Raby (halves), McNeil, Franklin, Chamberlain, Troke, J Christmas (forwards).

## Cricket

An altogether an outstanding decade for cricket. In the four years (1921 to 1924) the team played 42 games and lost a mere three of them.



**Cricket on the School field circa 1925**

**1920** (P12 W7 D0 L5). The statistics show that Lewry was the outstanding bowler. He bowled far more overs than anybody else and took far more wickets (45). Scott was the leading run scorer with 174. But there were no match reports. The 1970 Lion published a rather poor photograph claiming to be the 1920 team, but the original of that photograph has not been found.

Team members as per that photo:- Sinclair, Wellbourne, Swaffield, Bennett, Howarth, Jeans, Lewry, Henry, Eyles (Capt.) Wellbourne, Sturgess. But we know Scott, Crocker and Moules are also members of that team and they are not in that photograph, some doubt exists.

**1921** (P15 W13 D1 L1). The team had a very successful season under Captain H Lewry. In fact a fixture list surviving in the archives claimed they won 14 and lost 1. Eyles as opening bat had a top score of 106. This was also a strong bowling side with leading wicket-takers Henry (44) and Lewry (37), although Jeans took 6 for 22 in the final match.

Team:- Eyles, Henry, Lewry, Bennett, Jeans, Howarth, Wellborne, Sturgess, Wellborne, Sinclair.

**1922** (P11 W9 D2 L0). When J Henry took over, his team went unbeaten throughout the season. Only 4 of last year's team remained but between them they scored 80% of the runs and took most of the wickets. The bowlers were Henry (26 wickets) and Sinclair (42 wickets). The batsmen Sturgess (average 38) and Wellborne.

Team:- Henry, Sinclair, Sturgess, Wellborne, Collihole, Wagstaff, Clark, Turton, Ross, Dean-Cooper, Carnell.

**1923** (P8 W7 D0 L1). H Sturgess's team continued the run of good results losing just once. Some full scorecards are given and these show good scores from Sturgess (93 and 78) and some fine bowling performances from Bussy, Ross I, Ross II and Collihole.

Team:- Sturgess, Collihole, Ross, Bussey, Ross, Cummins, Goodall, Tee, Sinnott, Hackett, Tarrant.

**1924** (P8 W7 D0 L1). Another season with just a single defeat, and that against the Old Boys. The batting was unconvincing although there was always someone to score the runs. The bowling was mainly responsible for the wins as F Bussey (Captain) and Sinnott were usually good enough to remove most of the opposition by themselves.

Team:- Bussey, Cummins, Sinnott, Tarrant, Tee, Goodall, Jones, Tovey, Collihole, Cooper, White, Swinstead.

**1925** (P8 W4 D0 L4). W Cummin's team won four and lost four matches so the fine run of previous years was somewhat checked. Cooper scored 176 runs and topped the batting averages. F King took 38 wickets and led the bowling averages.

Team:- Cummins, Tovey, F King, Cooper, Chamberlain, Chapman, Hurden, Ross, D King, Phillips, Hayward.

**1926** (P5 W4 D0 L1). Now in his second year as Captain, Cummins proved a good all round-cricketer, in particular scoring runs when they were needed. Hewetson's steady batting showed much promise.

Team:- Cummins, Chamberlain, Tremlett, Hewetson, Chapman, Hurden, Atkins, Clarke, Riches, Nobes, King.

**1927** (P8 W4 D1 L3). The summing up for W Chamberlain's team was "a moderate season but with three serious defeats when they were dismissed for less than 40".

Team:- Chamberlain, Riches, Raby, Nobbs, Butters, Edmunds, Mc Gibbon, Dodds, Swinstead, Andrews, Heifnan, Wheeler, Barnes, Troke.

**1928** (P11 W4 D5 L2). Considering the team had to find a completely new bowling line-up this was a satisfactory season. Swinstead was the most consistent batsmen and Edmunds hit a fine century against Gosport.

Team:- Nobbs, Andrews, Swinstead, Edmunds, E Christmas, Lewry, Troke, J Christmas, Wheeler, Riches, Chamberlain.

**1929** (P9 W6 D0 L3). D Swinstead became a wicket-keeper Captain and his team won six and lost three matches. This appeared to be a rather average batting line up with, perhaps, the team's best feature being Troke and Lewry's opening-pair bowling performances. Riches led the run scoring with 114, and Troke the wicket takers with 30.

Team:- Swinstead, Lewry, Troke, Chamberlain, Wheeler, Riches, Barnes, Mitchell. Bucknall, Smith, Raby.

## Football

For the footballers the 1920s were also a very good period. In 1923 the side went undefeated, and from this point through to the end of the decade very few games were lost. As mentioned, the only point to remember is that it is difficult to assess the relative strength of some of the opposition.

**1920** (P11 W7 D0 L4). This season is reported briefly giving results and goal scorers. W Moule-Cole captained a side with a very respectable seven wins. Swaffield scored 13 goals.

Team members:- as far as known. Maule-Cole, Swaffield, Taulbert, Crocker, Henry, Eyles, Crocker, Bailey,

**1921** (P11 W7 D0 L4). J Henry led a team that once more won seven and lost four, and was himself top goal scorer with 19 goals. Wellbourne at centre half and Sturgess at right back performed well in defence.

Team:- Sinclair (goal), Sturgess, Carnell (backs), Turton, Wellbourne, Heath (halves), Bussey, Goodall, Henry, Wellbourne, Jeans (forwards).

**1922** (P12 W10 D0 L2). We have a rare team photograph for the 1922 side captained by J Sinclair. The names are given but there are only 5 names for the 6 boys on the back row. The missing name is Bussey who we must assume is in there somewhere. The side won 10 of their 12 matches.

Team:- Sinclair (goal), Sturgess, Ross (backs), Poelchau, Wellborne, Buckley (halves), Cummins, Bussey, Ross, McNeil, Jones (forwards).



### 1922 Football

McNeil, Welbourne, Buckley, Ross I, Poelchau  
Sturgess, J Sinclair (capt), Ross II  
Cummins, Jones

**1923** (P7 W7 D0 L0). Seven matches are reported and H Sturgess's team won them all. Sturgess is declared to be one of the best full-backs seen at the School and together with Wellborne at centre half gave the team much of its strength. Centre-forward Goodall scored 25 goals.

Team:- Tee (goal), Sturgess, Bone (backs), Budden, F Wellborne, Archer (halves), Cummins, Bussey, Goodall, McNeil, Jones (forwards).

**1924** (P5 W3 D1 L1). F Jones captained the team from the slightly unusual position, of outside left. Only five matches are reported and they won three of these. This team had two fine wingers and a centre forward that knew where the net was . . . always a good thing. Tee, moving from goal-keeper to left back was the find of the season.

Team:- Cook (goal), Dodds, Tee (backs), White, Budden, Wheatley (halves), Cummins, Tovey, Goodall, Sinnott, Jones (forwards).

**1925** (P9 W6 D1 L2). W Cummins proved a great success both as Captain and the inspiration amongst the forwards. Chapman also played well at centre forward and the defence was generally sound.

Team:- D King (goal), Dodds, Tremlett (backs), Eyles, Watson, Drover (halves) Atkins, Cummins, Chapman, Clarke, Ross (forwards).

**1926** (P11 W5 D3 L3). Results were fairly even. Only two forwards and a single defender remained from last year's team. A fairly sound defence was formed around Butters, Lewry and Captain B Dodds, the forward line was fairly successful if not exceptionally brilliant.

Team:- Butters (goal), Dodds, Nobbs (backs), Loosemore, Raby, Lewry (halves), Heifnan, Atkins, Clarke, Chamberlain, Andrews (forwards).

There is no photograph of the 1926 1<sup>st</sup> XI but there is one of the School House side.



**1926 School House Football**

Team: Butters goalkeeper, Nobbs, Raby II, Spencer, Humphries, Raby I, Andrews, Troke, Christmas I, Swinstead, (positions in photograph not known).

**1927** (P10 W7 D1 L2). F Butters has now become a good reliable goal-keeper / Captain. This was a satisfying season with seven wins and two, very early, defeats before Lewry returned after illness to become the mainstay of defence. This allowed the team to develop into a sound and successful side.

Team:- Butters (goal), Lewry, Nobbs (backs), Edmunds, E Christmas, Troke (halves), Hall, Barnes, L Chamberlain, W Chamberlain, J Christmas (forwards).

**1928** (P10 W7 D1 L2). R Lewry was to Captain the Team for 3 years in succession. His 1928 side was fortunate to have a number of the previous year's team still available and this resulted in seven wins and just one defeat all season. All this was achieved against a new and somewhat more demanding fixture list than in the past. A sound defence proved the team's best asset with Lewry, Troke, Edmunds and E Christmas playing consistently well.

Team:- Riches (goal), Manning, Lewry (backs), Edmunds, E Christmas, Troke (halves), Vibert, J Christmas, Chamberlain / McNeil, Barnes, Wheeler (forwards).

**1929** (P12 W8 D2 L2). With eight wins this is a good record. Captain Lewry was the mainstay of the defence, along with Barnes. The most effective forward line combination was not found until late in the season. McNeil scored 19 goals.

Team:- Frost (goal), West, Lewry (backs), Gilbert, Barnes, Troke / Raby (halves), Clarke, Chamberlain, McNeil, Wheeler, Cook (forwards).

## The 1910's

Until recently the Society had no real information pre-1922, and then the early 1915-1921 Lions were discovered. But between 1910 and 1914 there remains little or no information. Only when The Lion became a regular publication do we have an authentic source. Then, of course, World War 1 casts a great shadow over the 1914-18 period and, to some extent, beyond. It should also be remembered that there were only about 128 boys in the school in 1915.

	----- Captain of -----		
	Hockey	Cricket	Football
1915	R Teek P8 W5 D0 L3	J Lee P13 W7 D3 L3	R Teek P11 W5 D3 L3
1916	F Nugent P10 W5 D2 L3	J Lee P15 W10 D3 L2	A Eade P6 W3 D0 L3
1917	B R Scott P3 W3 D0 L0	J Lee P9 W6 D0 L3	J Lee P8 W5 D0 L3
1918	B R Scott P4 W2 D0 L2	J Lee P9 W8 D0 L1	D Gregory P6 W1 D1 L4
1919	B R Scott P5 W1 D1 L3	W Eyles P12 W6 D0 L6	D Gregory P6 W1 D1 L4
Decade	P30 W16 D3 L11 <b>win % 53</b>	P58 W37 D6 L15 <b>win % 64</b>	P37 W15 D5 L17 <b>win % 41</b>

**Sportsman of the Decade** (shortlist):-  
M Coghlan, F Nugent, J Lee, B R Scott.

**Team of the Decade**  
1918 Cricket, Captain W Eyles



### 1919 Hockey (Past v Present)

Player's names are known, but their position in the photograph is not known.

School 1<sup>st</sup> XI:- Pearce (goal), Eyles, Bone (backs), Wilkie, Gregory, Cheeswright (halves),  
Henry, Marriott, Ivens, Scott, Pattenden (forwards).

Old Boys:- Lee (goal), Fry, Gibson (backs), Misselbrook, Woodward, Horner (halves),  
Hoad, Coles, Nugent, Lee, Harvey (forwards).

## Hockey

**1910.** Team:- Bartlett, Eyles, Coles, King, Frost, Hunter, Gribble, Matleer, Cottington, Scrivens, ano.

**1911-14.** Teams:- not known.

In **1915** (P8 W5 D0 L3) the team was captained by R Teek. At that time there were only two clubs playing regular matches and the fixture list included South Hants and Portsmouth Ladies. There were no detailed match reports.

Team:- Lee (goal), Awbery, Harris (backs), Mulvaney, Teek, Hynes (halves), Hill, Scott, Nugent, Willcocks, Eade (forwards).

F Nugent took over captaincy in **1916** (P10 W5 D2 L3). This was a well-balanced team with a dependable defence and an incisive forward line. The Lion reports “this season was perhaps the best the School has had”. They were helped by being able to play a number of matches on a nearby ground when the School pitch “surpassed the marshes of Poland”. The only matches lost (3) were against men’s teams. Nugent at centre forward and Teek at centre half gave the team a strong core.

Team:- Lee (goal), Harris, Hale (backs), Woodward, Teek, Packham (halves), Eddowes, Risdale, Nugent, Mr Johnston, Eade (forwards).

In later years, and by courtesy of the Old Boys’ section, we learn Nugent has first played in Southern Counties Trials, and ultimately gets six full England International Hockey Caps. Despite all that he often turned out to play for the Old Boys against the School and indeed played for the School when they met some of the stronger men’s teams. Nugent’s obituary, which was published in The Lion, can be seen in a later chapter.

**1917** (P3 W3 D0 L0). As happens in School sport a successful season is promptly followed by a disappointing one, and that was the case here. But it wasn’t B R Scott’s team at fault, rather a combination of frost, snow, epidemics and hurricanes. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI played only three matches and won them all, with victories over Isle of Wight Ladies and Havant (twice).

Team:- Lee (goal), Bridger, Kirk (backs), Martelli, Gregory, Cox (halves), R Scott, Baker, Hoad, B Scott, Misselbrook (forwards). Team varied a lot throughout the season.

Scott Captained again in **1918** (P4 W2 D0 L2). With the team able to play only four games it was not possible to make assessment of either team or individual performance.

Team:- Lee (goal), Edmunds, Eyles (backs), Gregory, Martelli, Kirk (halves), Baker, Scott, Cole, R Scott, Misselbrook (forwards).

Poor Easter term weather restricted the games played in **1919** (P5 W1 D1 L3). Scott was in his third year as Captain but with games mostly played against men’s team results often went against them. The regular Past versus Present match was well reported and contained the line “both teams were photographed after the match”. This was important because a photograph existed which, despite having no information on it, almost certainly matched that date.

## Cricket

**1910.** Team:- Matleer, Higgins, Coghlan, Frost, Chequer, Gibson, Parsons, Kenway, Eyles, Coles and ano.

**1911-13.** Teams:- nothing known.

Regrettably there is no detailed record of the **1914** team, neither matches played, team members nor results. However there is a note of a particular interest in the July 1915 Lion. The Editorial there reflects briefly on the previous year's cricket success when Michael Coghlan broke all records in scoring over 1000 runs including six centuries. This incredible feat was said to be "extremely rare if not unique in School Cricket". Indeed this was never again achieved. He was the only boy known to have hit a six that landed on the school roof !

J Lee was Captain in **1915** (P13 W7 D3 L3), and the matches are extremely well reported with a full scorecard given. The School were competing as two sides. Against opposing men's teams they played as Price's School Club & Ground (PSCC). This allowed them to enlist the support of certain School Masters to give the team more strength. There followed a series of, almost exclusively, low scoring games. The bowlers produced the most impressive performances facing what can only be considered some dubious batting! T Harris was top run scorer and top of the batting averages with 159 runs from 13 innings giving an average of merely 12.23. No one managed to score more than 36 runs in an innings for the entire season, whereas four bowlers had figures of less than 10 runs per wicket. E Packham and W Baker were leading wicket takers with 33 and 29 wickets respectively. The season's report was an interesting even entertaining read, particularly the appraisal of what must be an anonymous batsmen: "has a straight eye but a very crooked bat, which however became a little less oblique as the season advanced".

Team:- Lee, Teek, Harris, Hill, Packham, Baker, Edmunds, Nugent, Eade, Eddowes, Ridsdale.

**1916** (P15 W10 D3 L2) saw an outstandingly successful team posting many scores exceeding 150. Ten matches were won, some in very decisive fashion, with the two defeats coming in the PSCC matches. J Lee made a good Captain with a significant contribution of both runs and wickets. The Lion declared he was "a useful lob bowler"! R Teek was leading run scorer with 404. T Harris, returning to the side after a long illness, distinguished himself with 100 not out in the Old Boys match. Baker and Packham once again took most of the wickets; this time Baker led with 38 ahead of Packham's 21.

Team:- Lee, Teek, Harris, Packham, Baker, Nugent, Eade, Eddowes, Ridsdale, Edmunds, Kirk.

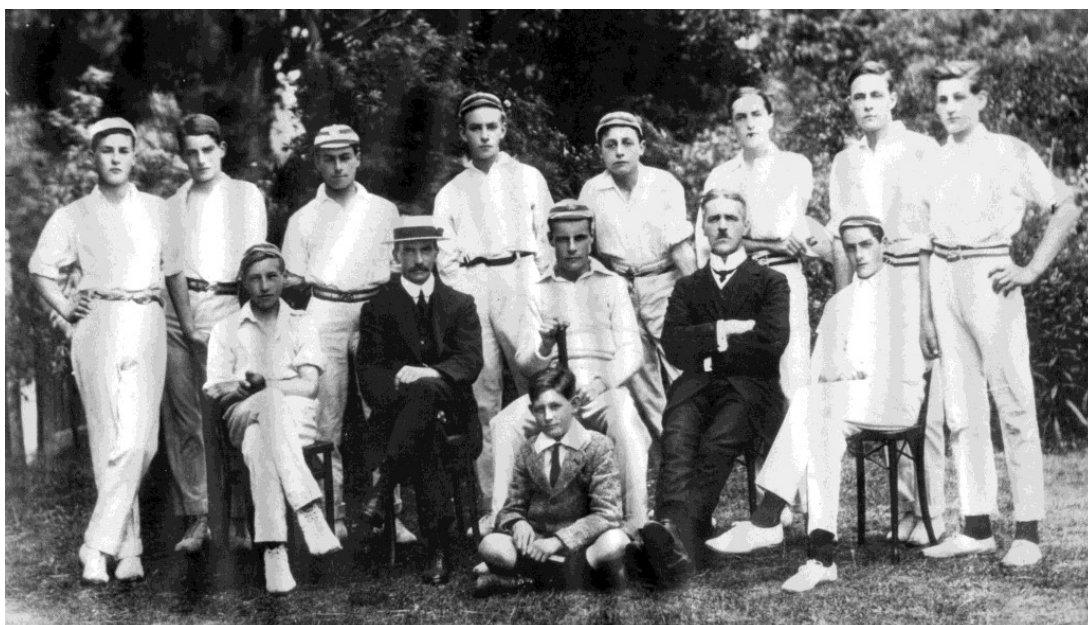
J Lee captained for the third successive year in **1917** (P9 W6 D0 L3). The Lion report on this performance was found in an article called "Gossip Column", and it was not at all complimentary! Numerous weaknesses and deficiencies are listed at length and it was considered surprising how well the results had turned out. Baker (66) and Kirk (39) had taken nearly all the wickets taking advantage of the feebleness of the opposition. Lee (239) and Baker (200) had scored runs consistently but on the whole the team had been regarded as a bitter disappointment!

Team:- Lee, Baker, Kirk, Misselbrook, Martelli, Eyles, Edmunds, Bridger, Scott, Gregory, Hoad.

J Lee set an early record when he captained for the fourth successive year in **1918** (P9 W8 D1 L1). This was a good all-round team whose fielding reached high standards, they won eight matches and lost just one. Baker, also in his fourth year in the team, again led the bowlers with 48 wickets and was given the accolade “the best bowler we ever had”. Martelli scored the most runs with 199 but Lee himself led the batting averages. In his four years as Captain the team had lost only five games and he celebrated with a score of 112 not out against Mile End House.

Team:- Lee, Baker, Misselbrook, Martelli, Edmunds, Horner, Eyles, Scott, Etheridge, Cox, Reeves.

This very early 1918 photograph was donated by an ex Head Boy, Edward Dean-Cooper (1916-1922). He visited Price’s at least once a year after he left. His last visit was in 1973 and he died about ten years later.



### 1918 Cricket

Back row:- Scott, Reeves, Edmunds, Horner, Martelli, Cox, V Eyles, W Etheridge

Front row:- Baker, Mr Gale, Lee, Mr Meadows, Misselbrook,

Scorer:- Smith

W Eyles led an inexperienced team in **1919** (P12 W6 D0 L6) which did well to win six lose six given that matches were still being played against men’s teams. D Edmunds was leading run scorer with 197, whilst he and W Dore shared top bowler position each with 28 wickets. J Lee returned to play for the Old Boys and despite coming with the score 12 for 4 scored another century, this time against the School, before retiring his innings.

Team:- Eyles, Edmunds, Scott, Lewry, Ivens, Pearce, Henry, Carr-Hill, Dore, Wilkie, Shakespeare.

## Football

The 1910 team:- Frost, Chequer, Gibson, Kenway, Coghlan, Higgins, Eyles, Coles, and others.

The 1911 team:- Gibson, Frost, Coghlan, Higgins, Kenway, Parsons, Chequer and others.

The 1912-14 teams:- not known.

R Teek was Captain for the **1915** (P11 W5 D3 L3) campaign and, as with the cricket, there are comprehensive match reports often filling a whole page. Individually the reports make good reading and although it is not possible to identify evidence of sustained “above average” individual performance, Teek at centre half and Risdale at centre forward were often named. Their record improved steadily as the season went on.

Team:- Lee (goal), Harris, Nugent (backs), Eddowes, Teek, Packham (halves), Whale, Lee, Ridsdale, Eade, Mather.

**1916** (P6 W3 D0 L3). Losing nine of last year’s team and replacing them with “small and light players” led directly to a disappointing season. Captain Eade was missing for three matches and hampered by injury after that. “With the exception of Bridger, who was consistently good, the team was inert and lifeless”. An outbreak of mumps meant all matches after half term were cancelled and probably saved the team from more heavy defeats.

Team:- Lee (goal), Hale, Etheridge (backs), Kirk, Eade, Bridger (halves), Baker, Martelli, Hoad, Scott, Edmunds (forwards).

The **1917** (P8 W5 D0 L3) season was considered eminently more successful than the last two or three. Results alone might indicate marginally more successful would have been a better appraisal. J Lee Captained the side, ably supported by Kirk at centre-half and Martelli at centre-forward.

Team:- Lee (goal), Eyles, Etheridge (backs), Gregory, Kirk, Edmunds (halves), Misselbrook, Baker, Martelli, Scott, Cox (forwards).

**1918** (P6 W1 D1 L4) found a team labouring under difficulties; firstly a lack of height and weight, then the loss of experienced players with influenza. Gregory was Captain of a rather unimpressive team.

Team:- Pearce (goal), Eyles, Etheridge (backs), Maule-Cole, Gregory, Cheesewright (halves), Ivens, Pattenden, Lewry, Scott, Henry (forwards).

Gregory, having gained in strength and weight, was Captain again in **1919** (P6 W1 D1 L4). When Eyles was absent the team’s defence was considerably depleted and this, coupled with a weak forward line, led to another disappointing season.

Team:- Ross (goal), Eyles, Redstone (backs), Crocker, Gregory, Pearce (halves), Swaffield, Henley, Lewry, Scott, Henley, (forwards).

## The 1900's

The only source of information for this period is a School Record Book which was found amongst the memorabilia Roy Daysh had manage to save. This gave some early sport information. The details were sparse and it only gave team names (as shown here) hence it cannot be included in the analysis by decade. Hockey was first introduced in the School in 1909.

### Hockey.

**1909** team:- Bartlett, Coles, King, Hunter, Woods, Matleer, Frost, Mercer, Coghlan, Bone and ano.

### Cricket.

**1908** team:- E King\* (capt.) T Frost\*, E Coles\*, K Matleer\*, W Bartlett\*, P Gibson, R Hunter\*, H Pearce, A Parsons, C Gibble and V Sandy. The asterisk\* denoting "colours". The first match was against Gosport which they won.

**1909** team:- King (capt.), Bartlett, Hunter, Frost, Coles, Parsons, Holloway, Gibson, Matleer, Pearce and Gribble.

### Football.

**1908** team:- Sandy, King, Bartlett, Hunter, Frost, Parsons, Gibson, Coles, Holloway, Mercer and Pearce.

**1909** team:- Eyles, King, Bartlett, Hunter, Frost, Parsons, Gibson / Walker, Coles, Holloway, Mercer and Pearce.



## Additional Hockey Notes

### **Obituary:- F Nugent** (By D.C.T. Humphries)

F.E. (*Biddy*) Nugent who died in 1973 was probably the best Hockey player that Price's School ever produced. This is high praise indeed for the school was renowned for many fine players in the 1920's and 1930's, including Frank Wellbourne who represented New Zealand. So much we owed to Mr. R. O. Johnston!

After leaving school, F. E. Nugent played for Bournemouth and Poole Hockey Clubs, during the years 1922-26, and for both Hampshire and Dorset Counties. Later he moved to Ramsgate and was a master at St. Lawrence College (a famous Hockey nursery) and then played for Kent County and the South. He played regularly for the Old Priceans' Team who took part in several Bournemouth Easter Hockey Festivals in the 1930's.

He was awarded six International Caps for England and in 1925 scored five goals for his country in four matches, from the inside left position. In only one of his international matches were England beaten.

For some time he and his wife ran a guest house in Jersey, and his death occurred in the Channel Islands.

### **Hockey Club 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner 1970** (D.C.T. Humphries' Speech, extract)

"Price's School is among the oldest hockey playing schools in the country, with real traditions of sportsmanship, and has produced a steady flow of administrators at all level of the game. Among those who names come readily to mind are F. E. (*Biddy*) Nugent, who won 6 caps for England; Frank Welbourne who played for New Zealand, and was a member of the team who defeated an Indian touring side; Tom Wagstaffe (who I am delighted to see here) and has given distinguished service as both player and administrator to Fareham H. C. and Hampshire over many years; E.G. (*Bobby*) White who was a County player and a divisional umpire and a Vice President of the Northern Counties U.H.A.; and Jeff Franklin who served as Hon. Secretary of Essex County H.A. for many years. In addition the school has provided innumerable players for Hampshire, some of whom played whilst still at school. I particularly recall all *Biddy* Nugent's caps because I was still at school and we got a half day holiday every time he played for his country".

## LSOP Hockey 1935-36

The London branch of The Society of Old Priceans had their own Hockey Team. This photograph is reproduced from a postcard sent by D C T “Dumps” Humphries. Regrettably, Nugent is not present in the photo below, but many of his contemporaries are.



**LSOP Sunday Hockey Team 1935-36**

A French, B Buckley, D Masterman, V Barnes, H Wellbourne, E White, D Gregory,  
A Hayward, H Lardeaux. (French was not an OP).  
front:- A Phillips, D Humphries, C App.

The LSOP were Price’s Old Boys who played their Hockey (1935-38) in the London area. The teams were raised and organised by Humphries himself. In addition to those named above the following also played:- A Crouch, M Hynes, W Henry, D Saint and J Hurden.

The SOP used to send a Hockey Team to take part in the regular Bournemouth Easter Festivals.

### The Johnston Stick Awards

1956	M P Gillard	1963	K Fisher	1968	M B Knight
	A E Gullick	1964	N E Auckland	1969	S A Wheeler
1957-9	No information	1965	R G Todd	1970	M Harvey
1960	No information	1966	No information	1971	G E Sheridan
1961	T H J Pugh	1967	M B Knight	1972	S R Cawte
1962	R O Smith				

## Additional Cricket Notes

### Tour Cricket 1969-74.

The **1969** season saw the first 1st XI Tour under the guidance of Sports Master Charles Tuck. D Hall lead the team on a 4 day trip to the Isle of Wight. Matches against Ryde and Bembridge were both won, but the Sandown match was rained off. Bembridge were dismissed for a lowly 36 runs with Beaton taking 5 for 10. Similarly Ryde were well beaten after the School ran up 180 for 8 dec. (Dixon 66, Tucker 40) and dismissed them for a mere 28 runs (Beaton 4 for 9, Dixon 3 for 6).

**1970.** Arrangements were made for a tour of Guernsey with a match against Weymouth Grammar on the way out. Mr. Tuck, Mr Attfield and Captain Ian Farley lead a party of 15 players plus scorer. Five matches were played with two won two lost and one drawn. The best performances on tour came from Beaton in the Weymouth game when he scored 54 and then took 4 wickets for 29 runs. Prout 44 against Guernsey Grammar and then the bowlers dismissed Guernsey Island C.C. for just 54 in the final match with Cawte taking 5 for 14 and Tucker 3 for 6.

**1971.** The team departed, in the pouring rain, for a second tour of the Channel Island. They were to win three games and draw one. The first match was restricted to a 20 overs per side game in which Price's 89 runs proved just sufficient to win the game. Farley top scored with 44. Against Victoria College they had to chase down a total of 124 which they did with five wickets in hand. Whitby contributing a splendid 75 not out. The match against G Powell's XI followed a similar pattern, this time they overhauled a score of 103 with only three wickets down. Corkett took 7 for 33 in a fine bowling spell and then Porter 52 scored not out supported by Mr Tuck (2 sixes in a row) to complete a good win in a race against the clock. In the final match Hautlieu School batted first and amassed 123. The School quickly lost wickets going 5 down for 39 but then rallied splendidly and despite a great effort, from Hall (64) and Morton (27), they finished 2 runs short of victory.

**1972.** The fourth Cricket Tour in 1972 was, once again, to the Channel Islands. They played five games winning 3 drawing one and losing one. They beat Victoria College by seven wickets when they chased down a total of 155 runs. Hartley bowled well. Then Whitby 55 and Tucker 44 scored the runs needed. The match against G Powell's XI was their only defeat in the whole season. Batting first they scored 102 and then their opponents hit the winning run off the last ball of the match. Mr Tuck's bowling figures were 5 for 26. After a rest day, the School faced Hautlieu School who, batting first, set a target of 152 (Tucker 7 for 45). With only a short time to match that score the faster scorers were sent in early and did not disappoint. Whitby 61 not out and Mr Tuck 53 gave them a victory by 7 wickets. They then moved on to Guernsey for the match against Elizabeth College, who set a daunting total of 181 to chase. With the time left for play this was never going to be likely, but an exciting 81 from Whitby guaranteed the draw. Then came the final game against Guernsey Island C.C. This time School batted first and scored 184 thanks to Tucker's 58 and a good knock from Corkett in the final stages. Guernsey were unable to reach the target and lost the game. Hartley took 5 for 1.  
*Thanks are due to T Hayden who provided an excellent Report for The Lion.*



**1970 Tour – Channel Islands**

Back:- I Attfield, R Cawte, M Harvey, G Sheriden, T Smithin, S Whitby, J Prout,  
M Hartley, S Cawte, I Corkett, T Morton.

Front:- C Tucker, I Farley, Mr Tuck, A Beaton, Mr Attfield, A Richardson, J Porter.



**Price's College C. C. – West Indies Tour 1975**

J Allen, A Smith, K Davies, D Gillett.

G Blakeley, A Bascombe, C Prentice, O Traylor, N Challis, P Cledwyn.

Mr. M Green, J Matthews, Mr. M Tuck, T Morton, I Corkett, S Whitby,

D Hall, M Hartley, Mrs. E Tuck.

**1973.** The tour was back to the Channel Islands again in 1973 playing now familiar opponents on grounds they had come to know. First game was Elizabeth College, and chasing a score of 138 the school made a token 67 for 4 in reply. Then over to Jersey for the match against Hautlieu School which resulted in a nine wicket win. Hartley and Corkett bowled Hautlieu out for a mere 47, which the School knocked off with ease. The next two games were played on the fine batting pitch at Victoria College and proved a personal triumph for Morton, who scored two successive centuries. Batting first again D Ferguson's XI the school made 198 runs and succeeded in bowling them out for 179. Against Victoria College they have to overcome a score of 150 and did so with just 2 wickets down. Thus the tour ended with three wins and a draw. *Thanks go to A Smith for his Tour report in The Lion.*

**1974.** Towards the end of their season the all-conquering 1974 team embarked on the fifth tour of the Channel Islands. First was the Elizabeth College game when the hosts slowly accumulated 122 runs in some three hours at the crease. This left Price's with a mere 45 minutes' batting and they ended on 31 for 1. The match against Victoria College was an altogether different game. Victoria were bowled out for 106 with Hartley taking 5 for 15. Then despite the loss of a couple of early wickets, Corkett with 61 not out steered his side to victory. The final game was against D Ferguson's XI, who were soon in trouble batting first and finishing with just 48 runs. Hartley had a fine opening spell and ended with 6 for 11. Price's then made a terrible start in reply and were soon three wickets down for two runs, but Prentice and Whitby rallied the side and saw them to a comfortable five wicket win. With the final game rained off the tour ended with two wins and a draw. *Thanks go to N.P.C. for the report in The Lion.*

**1975.** In its first year as Price's College the School set out on its most ambitious cricket tour yet. This tour to the West Indies was such a landmark event that *The Lion* devoted two pages to the report when elsewhere they had no space to give match results, let alone the scorecard details as had previously become the norm. We therefore have limited information regarding individual performance.

In strict cricketing terms the tour had its ups and downs, but it is abundantly clear that everyone had a thoroughly good (and most memorable) time. The first match was a two day game against a very strong St Lucia Under 19 side and they lost heavily. This was followed by a series of one day games against school sides and, having acclimatised somewhat, the College fared a little better, winning two out of four. Corkett was sending the opposition in to bat first and generally the bowlers, led by Hartley, did a good job dismissing them quite cheaply. But some poor batting often led to defeat. At Vieux Fort, at the south of the island, Hartley with a spell of 7 for 33 helped to dismiss the opposition for 78, but again the batting collapsed and the College were all out for 59.

The final fixture in St Lucia was a two day game against a strong Combined Schools XI and although it was a drawn game Prices produced their most creditable performance. Day one ended with the Combined XI on 150 and Price's 90 for 1 wicket. On resuming play the middle order batting failed and they were all out for 175. In the second innings, Challis, with some fine spin bowling, had the Combined team in trouble at 72 for 7, but a late half-century meant Price's needed 120 for victory. Declining the challenge they closed on 50 for 1.

The team then moved on to Trinidad and the first match against Progressive School. Thanks to a splendid undefeated 75 by Morton they earned a respectable draw. The following game against Combined Secondary Schools ended in a nine wicket defeat, and then the tour ended with a limited overs match, which the College lost by 51 runs. Individually Hartley proved the most successful bowler with over 40 wickets, with Morton and Whitby each scoring over 350 runs. *Thanks go to N Challis for a fine the report in The Lion.*

### Century Makers

A small and select group of talented cricketers.

1914	M Coghlan x 6	1937	P Ruthen
1916	T Harris	1956	B Maidment
1918	J Lee	1969	D Hall
1921	W Eyles	1971	I Farley
1928	G Edmunds	1973	T Morton x 2

### Colonel Stubbington's Bat

	Batting	Average	Bowling	Av	Wickets	Bowling	Av	Wkts
1915	T Harris	12.2	E Packham	6.6	33			
1916	R Teek	44.9	E Packham	4.7	21	W Baker	5.7	38
1917	J Lee	17.1	W Baker	4.4	66			
1918	J Lee	24.2	W Baker					
1919	D Edmunds	21.9	W Dore	6.1	28	H Lewry	5.4	38

### The Old Pricean's Bat (Shaw Trophy).

On Mr. Shaw's retirement the Old Pricean's Bat (1956-63)  
became The Shaw Trophy (1964-73).

1956	A E Gullick	1963	A P C Gardner	1970	D Beaton
1957	L B Agius	1964	P Sherrington		A Richardson
1958	R C Starkey	1965	A J Izzard	1971	I Farley
1959	C J Payne	1966	No Information		J G Porter
1960	T H J Pugh	1967	J E Tindal	1972	I M Corkett
1961	M D Thomas	1968	B Haigh		S R Cawte
1962	R Powell	1969	D J Hall	1973-4	No Information
			J A Dixon		

### Cricket Trophies 1968-74.

New trophies were awarded in 1969. These were the Attfield Trophy (bowling) , The Gros Cup (best team), the Gros Bat (highest score), and the Tuck Cup (single wicket). The Lion records their recipients for 4 years, from 1969 to 1972 inclusive. In 1973/74 there is no mention of them, and in 1975 Price's ceased to exist.

#### Attfield Bowling Trophy

1969	J Dixon
1970	G Gillett
1971	N P Challis
1972	D J Bloomfield C J Tucker

#### Gros Cup

1971	T R Morton
1972	T R Morton

#### Gros Bat

Open	
1969	R Cawte      D J Hall
1970	I M Corkett      I M Corkett
1971	S P McGuinness      I T Farley
1972	N P Challis      C J Tucker

#### Tuck Cup

1969	G Dawson
1970	I T Farley
1971	R Cawte
1972	T R Morton

### Cricket Statistics 1968-74.

Charlie Tuck, Price's final Sports Master, provided the following testimonial. "What a great asset to the Price's cricketing family Ian Attfield was.... the scorebook was immaculate, comprehensively detailed and portrayed in different colours for each individual player.... almost a full performance analysis every game for all players. Each week he sent the results up for national press inclusion; and for a few years our statistics were included in the Schools' section of the Wisden Cricket Annual, all thanks to Ian."

		1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
Batting	Best Average	Cook 26.33	Dixon 25.59	Farley 22.47	Whitby 31.88	Tucker 39.00	Morton 52.8	Morton 43.22
	Most runs	Haigh 94	Dixon 503	Farley 427	Farley 461	Tucker 429	Morton 528	Morton 398
	Highest score	Haigh 47	Hall 105	Corkett 60	Farley 101*	Tucker 94	Morton 110*	Whitby 85
Bowling	Best Average	Tindal 6.35	Bowyer 5.05	Cawte 13.06	Corkett 11.02	Tucker 10.38	Whitby 9.29	Hartley 8.29
	Most wickets	Doyle 23	Dixon 50	Cawte 44	Corkett 47	Tucker 39	Hartley 40	Hartley 51

- Not out

## **Additional Football Notes**

### **Steve Moran**

There is one footballer that it is not possible to omit from this review. That is Steve Moran. He was playing in the Under 14's in 1975, when he scored an amazing 60 goals. He spent seven years at Price's 1972 -79. He played representative football at all levels for the School / College, and eventually for England Schoolboys. In the season 78/79 he was in the College First XI and then in 1980 he was playing First Division Football for Southampton. He scored 99 goals in 228 appearances for the Saints before moving on to other clubs.

## **Team Photographs unused**

In the course of this work there were more 1<sup>st</sup> XI Team Photographs discovered than have been reproduced here. There was simply insufficient space for them all.

Those “unused” photographs are listed below, and can probably now be found in the Archives of Society of Old Pricean’s.

1975 Cricket and Soccer  
1974 Hockey and Cricket  
1973 Hockey, Hants Hockey and Soccer  
1972 Football  
1971 Cricket Tour  
1970 Hockey

1969 Hockey  
1960 Football

1959 Football  
1956 Cricket  
1950 Cricket (poor quality)

## Credits

In addition to material found in the Society's archives the following, in alphabetic order, have generously contributed to this publication.

Blakeley, Grant (photographs)

Daysh, Roy via his son Mike (photographs and much more)

Goldring, David (review)

Nobes, Patrick (photographs, proof reading and review)

Starkey, Roger (photographs and author)

Tuck, Charles (photographs and review)

Wheeler, Geoff (photographs)