

Deputy-Head of House: G. Midgley.

House Prefects: C. N. Pakes, M. A. Wooler, A. Metcalfe.

C. R. Large and G. Midgley were appointed School Prefects.

R. J. Paley was appointed Deputy-Head of School.

N. J. S. Kehoe became Captain of House lacrosse, and although we undoubtedly had the talent to win our matches, we did not play together as a united team, and as a result finished a disappointing fifth in the House League.

In the Senior Knock-outs we were to do better. We met Heywood in the first round and, playing well below our true form, just managed to win 9—7. The second round was a different story—we regained all our confidence and skill to beat Gaskell 10—0 in an easy, but one-sided game. In the final we were beaten 9—6 by a convincing Fraser team, for although our defence put up a good show, the attack lacked penetration, despite two late goals from D. J. Foster.

The Junior Knock-out team was not so fortunate. After having beaten Byrom fairly comfortably, 12—6, they went on to meet Heywood in the second round, but were outclassed, going down by three goals to eight.

In the Hewlett Cup six-a-side competition we failed to maintain the success of the previous year; but, nevertheless, managed a respectable third position having scored 54 goals in all.

When it came time to organise the Cross-country Competition, there was a certain amount of apathy, especially amongst the seniors, so that our entry was depleted from the outset. In spite of this handicap we still managed to finish in fourth place, with an excellent display from the Juniors and outstanding performances by R. J. Paley and G. Reason.

The House Play was once again a great success and was made so through the enthusiasm and keenness of a fairly large cast. The play itself was an ambitious black-comedy by J. B. Priestly called "The Rose and Crown". The many problems we faced in rehearsals vanished on the night of the performance and we were awarded a well-deserved second place.

House colours went to the entire cast: D. T. Binyon, C. R. Large, G. Lowe, M. Holland, P. Collins, K. B. Gresham, R. D. Bailey, R. J. Paley, and also to D. Dandy and C. Farrell for their work backstage. The cast also provided the co-producers, D. T. Binyon, C. R. Large and R. J. Paley, and was responsible for all the fine publicity.

The following represented Dalton on School Teams this Term:—

1st XII:—J. C. Wozencroft, N. H. Clayden.

2nd XII:—R. G. Shelmerdine, D. P. Schofield, M. K. Bradbury.

U.15:—A. Wilde, P. Maddocks, N. Ashton, P. N. Kennerley, N. J. F. Warner. P. Maddocks (vice-captain), A. Wilde and N. Ashton also played for Lancashire.

## MIDSUMMER TERM

G. Midgley was appointed Head of House with effect from half-term, and N. J. S. Kehoe and N. H. Clayden were appointed Prefects.

The Term, always the most hectic of the School year, brought us mixed fortunes.

In the House Cricket League our efforts were thrown into disarray by G.C.E. examinations which together with School team practices deprived us of more than the



usual number of good-quality cricketers. Despite these obstacles we achieved a credit-worthy third place.

In the first round of the Knock-outs the Seniors met one of the strongest teams in Byrom. Handicapped by the absence of N. H. Clayden, due to illness, and a general shortage of talented batsmen we achieved a total of 65 all out. Good displays were given by D. J. Foster and M. K. Bradbury, and fine bowling by R. D. Bailey and in particular P. M. Hall saved us from disgrace and meant a closer match than we had anticipated, Byrom reaching the required target with only three wickets left to fall.

Having received a bye in the first round of the Knock-outs the Juniors were drawn to play Heywood in the second round. Dalton made an excellent start taking five Heywood wickets for only seven runs, due to fine bowling from A. Wilde and C. J. Wrigley, and three good catches in the slips by P. Collins. Nevertheless, Heywood went on to a score of 44 all out, partly due to the large number of extras. In the Dalton innings P. Collins and P. Maddocks put on 13 quick runs for the first wicket, but complacency on the part of Dalton upset the innings and caused them to reach the final by a score of 45 for 6. Here they faced Whitworth who made a formidable start until C. J. Wrigley took two quick wickets. After this breakthrough their wickets fell with more regularity, Whitworth being all out for 100 runs. Dalton looked set to win as P. Maddocks and J. H. Allen strode on to 43 for the first wicket, but this marked a turning-point and runs became more difficult to find. Six runs were needed off the last over, but skilful bowling kept our score down to three and Whitworth had the victory. N. J. F. Warner deserves a special mention for his keen administration and able captaincy.

C. W. J. Wilson and M. A. Wooler organised the House swimming team, making the best use of the material at their disposal, but shortage of good swimmers left us in fifth position in the Individual Competition and also in the Relay, a situation we hope to improve upon next year.

The Athletics Competition proved not to be one of Dalton's strong points this year. We were handicapped from the start by a comparatively low number of standards points due to the indifference of Seniors. The final placing of fourth in the competition was entirely due to the efforts of the Junior and Middle members of the House of whom special mention must be made of R. A. Heaton, G. Reason, M. K. Bradbury and S. M. Haythorne for outstanding individual performances. The House is indebted to C. W. J. Wilson for much assistance with standards and to M. S. Butterworth for his painstaking organisation of the heats; it is a pity they did not receive more co-operation.

In the House Tennis Competition D. P. Schofield, M. K. Bradbury, S. D. Cordingley and M. S. Hamilton represented the House. Gaining a bye in round one, they faced Heywood in round two whom they defeated 9—10, 10—4, going on to meet Byrom in the final. Our first couple, Schofield and Bradbury managed to beat the Byrom first pair 10—6, but due to some unfortunate errors, the second pair, Cordingley and Hamilton, lost 4—10, which meant that we lost by only two games overall, taking second place in the competition.

This year's House Music entry was organised by G. Haffenden, but due to lack of enthusiasm in the House we came a regrettable fifth. I hope that in future years the House will offer more entries for a competition which really calls for willingness rather than talent.



The following represented Dalton on School Teams this term:—

1st XI:—N. H. Clayden, R. D. Bailey.

2nd XI:—M. G. Holland.

3rd XI:—P. M. Hall.

U.15:—N. J. F. Warner, P. Maddocks, A. Wilde, P. Collins, C. J. Wrigley, N. Ashton.

U.14:—S. Chantler, J. H. Allen, A. Keddy, D. A. Hanley.

1st Tennis:—D. P. Schofield.

2nd Tennis:—M. K. Bradbury, M. S. Hamilton, S. D. Cordingley, A. Keddy.

Athletics:—M. S. Butterworth (vice-captain), R. A. Heaton, D. H. Perry.

Swimming:—M. A. Wooler, G. Jefferies, J. W. Reed.

We welcome the new members to the House and hope they will not lapse into middle-school apathy, but will give to the House, and in turn derive from it, as much as is possible during the years they spend in it. To those who leave us we extend wishes for success and happiness.

At the end of Term we must, with regret, say farewell to Mr. H. W. Collings, who has been the Housemaster of Dalton for some seventeen years. We thank him with the utmost sincerity for his guidance and encouragement, and wish him a long and a happy retirement.

To his successor, Mr. C. P. Langford, we bid welcome, and wish success.

C.R.L.  
G.M.

I should like to add to the above notes a record of my own personal appreciation of the work done by a number of House Seniors who devoted a great deal of time and energy to the organisation of the House games and other activities. It was for me a great disappointment that I was physically handicapped for several months and thus was unable to go out on to the field to watch our teams during most of the Winter and Spring and I am grateful to those who ensured that all went smoothly. I should like to thank Mr. Timm especially for his help and for acting on my behalf when I was 'out of action'. A special reference must be made to the keenness and quiet efficiency of C. R. Large who has been most successful as Head of House, following up well the work of his predecessor R. J. Paley, who likewise had put a great deal of inspiration into House affairs. After Whitsuntide G. Midgley became Head of House and during this comparatively short time showed not only interest but also ability in organisation.

Finally I should like to offer my best wishes to Mr. C. P. Langford as House Master of Dalton and to wish everyone in the House success and happiness, both collectively and individually.

H.W.C.

## FRASER HOUSE

### MICHAELMAS TERM

The following appointments were made at the start of Term:

Deputy Head of School: N. R. Withington.

Head of House: S. T. Burrows.



School Prefects: A. J. I. Turjansky, D. J. Kettlewell, P. J. Rae, G. L. Steinsberg.  
House Prefects, re-appointed: J. G. Heaton, P. J. Heaton, P. M. Sherring;  
appointed: I. E. Halpin, I. A. A. Fraser, R. N. Andrew, M. Chatterton, B. H.  
Stewart, A. M. Pass, M. Dockrill, D. Leach, N. R. Leak, C. A. Saxton,  
I. P. Hartas, N. P. Maxfield, T. I. Whittaker, J. Balcombe.

Captain of House Rugby: P. J. Rae.

Captain of League Rugby: S. T. Burrows.

Captain of Cross-Country: N. R. Leak.

4th Form Rugby Captain: M. O'Shea.

3rd Form Rugby Captain: M. J. Sandy.

In the Knock-outs the Seniors sailed through the first round 22—4 against Whitworth. A team deprived of some key players subsequently lost 4—7 in a closely-fought game against Byrom. After a first round bye the Juniors lost to Dalton 4—8. With more consistency by the House First Team, the position of second in the league could have been improved upon. The fourth year team was particularly strong, the third year team often played beyond themselves and the House Second Team showed excellent attacking play and team spirit.

Senior House Colours for Rugby were re-awarded to:

P. J. Rae, N. A. Milton, P. M. Sherring, S. T. Burrows, B. H. Stewart, M. Chatterton, N. P. Maxfield, G. L. Steinsberg, and awarded to: C. A. Saxton, J. A. Wadsworth, S. G. Tarpey, C. J. Davies, D. N. Paton, S. N. Roberts.

Junior House Colours for Rugby were re-awarded to:

M. O'Shea, I. D. Endlar, D. Fraser, J. S. Bradley, A. N. Mills, T. Hunt, and awarded to: R. D. Leak, R. K. Cox, A. Krawiecki.

In the School production of "Julius Caesar", A. C. M. Bowers, I. E. Halpin and M. D. Turjansky played main parts, R. A. Clegg, J. P. B. and M. J. Sandy, J. Beesley and G. E. James played minor parts, whilst S. N. Roberts and S. P. Kettlewell worked hard behind the scenes.

A. J. I. Turjansky was re-appointed Honary Secretary of the Debating Society, which he has run with amazing diligence. I. E. Halpin and D. R. Blagden were committee members.

J. Balcombe has, almost single-handedly, run the Photographic Society, organising many talks, demonstrations and competitions for its members.

In the music department J. G. Heaton and D. J. Kettlewell remain the stalwarts in representing Fraser. They took part in the Carol Services and the Autumn Concert. Lower down the School, junior Heaton and Kettlewells seem musically bent with D. M. Heaton taking part in a "solo group" of six from the choir. This augurs well for the future of Fraser music successes.

The following represented Fraser on School teams:

1st XV:—P. J. Rae (Captain), J. Beesley, N. A. Milton, S. G. Tarpey,

2nd XV:—M. Chatterton, N. P. Maxfield.

U.16 XV:—D. N. Paton, I. Gosling (Captain), S. N. Roberts.

U.15 XV:—M. O'Shea, D. Fraser, R. K. Cox, A. Krawiecki, J. S. Bradley,  
A. N. Mills, T. Hunt, I. D. Endlar.

U.14 XV:—M. P. Evans, C. M. Weaver, M. W. Yates.

School Colours were awarded for Rugby to P. J. Rae.



Congratulations to A. J. I. Turjansky on gaining an Exhibition at Brasenose College, Oxford and N. R. Withington who gained a place at the same College.

P. M. Sherring, P. J. Heaton, G. L. Steinsberg, N. R. Withington and S. T. Burrows left at Christmas. One could write a volume on the special qualities of each; suffice it to say that their combined service to House and School have been truly appreciated.

S.T.B.

## LENT TERM

The following appointments were made at the start of Term:

Head of House: A. J. I. Turjansky.

Deputy Head of House: D. J. Kettlewell.

School Prefects: J. G. Heaton, I. E. Halpin.

House Lacrosse Captain: P. J. Rae.

League Lacrosse Captain: M. Chatterton.

Captain of Swimming: J. G. Heaton.

Captain of Cross-Country: N. R. Leak.

3rd Year Lacrosse Captain: M. J. Sandy.

4th Year Lacrosse Captain: T. Hunt.

N. D. B. Golder was also appointed a House Prefect and Senior Committee Member of the School Debating Society, to which I. E. Halpin was appointed Debate Vice-Chairman. Congratulations to all on their well-deserved House and School appointments.

*LACROSSE*: Fraser ended the season with a creditable second place in this year's House League, achieving a final score of 101 points—only 26 points behind the winners, Gaskell. Most of the credit is due to the 3rd and 4th Year teams, both of which won all but one of their matches. The Seniors began poorly, but improved sufficiently as time progressed to win most of their games.

The Hewlett Cup saw Fraser narrowly beaten once again by Gaskell, with a mere six points separating the two leaders who left the rest of the field far behind by a good ten points, and many more goals. All of the teams played well, with six out of eight reaching their Finals. Of these, three were won and one drawn, although even this was not enough to win us first place. The highlight of the Finals was undoubtedly the 1st Team's 12—1 thrashing of Dalton.

After finishing in second place twice this season, it was only fair that the Seniors should bring outright victory to Fraser in the Knock-outs. From a decisive 18—6 win over Whitworth in the first round, the Semi-finals saw a 7—2 defeat of Byrom which took us to one of the closest and most interesting Finals of recent years against Dalton, from which we emerged the proud possessors of the House Lacrosse Flags by a 9—6 win. Unfortunately the Juniors were less successful, and lost to Gaskell after extra time in a very hard-fought game in the Semi-finals.

The following were awarded/re-awarded House Colours for Lacrosse:

Seniors: D. J. Kettlewell, S. N. Roberts, R. N. Andrew, J. Beesley, M. Chatterton, D. N. Paton, S. G. Tarpey, N. A. Milton, P. S. Lindsay, J. P. B. Sandy, R. C. Higham, P. J. Rae.

Juniors: T. Hunt, C. M. Weaver, M. J. Sandy, R. K. Cox, A. N. Mills, J. S. Bradley, A. Krawiecki, D. Fraser, M. P. Evans, C. J. Andrew, M. O'Shea, R. D. Leak.



*CROSS-COUNTRY:* The House Cross-Country championship gave Fraser yet another second place this Term. As in the House Lacrosse, it was again the 3rd and 4th Years who contributed most to the final result. Thanks are due to the Cross-Country Captain N. R. Leak for his work throughout the Term, and also to R. N. Andrew and M. Chatterton for arranging regular practices during the preceding months.

The following represented Fraser in the Cross-Country championship:

Juniors: M. J. Sandy, J. Odum, C. M. P. Cowley, J. D. Tricker, R. S. Warrick, R. K. Cox.

Seniors: I. E. Halpin, N. R. Leak, J. A. Wadsworth, S. N. Roberts, R. C. Higham, C. J. Davies.

*HOUSE PLAY COMPETITION:* This year's Fraser entry was something of a departure from normal tradition in that the play performed was both produced and written within the House by A. J. I. Turjansky. Entitled "Crossed Line" and set in the rather unlikely surroundings of a radio studio, this light-hearted comedy set out to explore the funnier side of the medium. It was unfortunate that, in a year which saw all six Houses offering plays of a very high standard, we could finish only in third place. Nevertheless, all those involved in the Fraser production enjoyed themselves immensely both during rehearsals and on the night—and judging by the audience's reaction we were not the only ones! All members of the cast performed creditably, although special mention must be made of M. D. Turjansky as the Actress, and also of G. J. Blair whose surprisingly realistic and very funny portrayal of the "typical radio interviewer" was of much credit to a Sixth Former with no previous acting experience.

The following members of the Cast were awarded or re-awarded House Colours for Drama:

Seniors: A. J. I. Turjansky, I. E. Halpin, G. J. Blair, M. D. Turjansky.

Juniors: J. D. Carp, M. J. Sandy.

In addition to the above House awards, A. J. I. Turjansky and I. E. Halpin were each re-awarded School Colours for Drama at the end of Term. M. D. Turjansky and A. C. M. Bowers were also awarded Full and Half Colours respectively.

The end of Term saw the departure from School of A. J. I. Turjansky and J. G. Heaton. The House wishes to extend its best wishes to both in their University careers.

A.J.I.T.

## MIDSUMMER TERM

At the start of the Term, D. J. Kettlewell was appointed Head of House. The following House appointments were made:

Captain of House Cricket: B. H. Stewart.

Captain of League Cricket: P. J. Rae.

Captain of House Tennis: I. N. Gosling.

Captain of House Athletics: C. J. Davies.

Captain of House Swimming: T. I. Whittaker.

4th Year Cricket Captain: A. N. Mills.

3rd Year Cricket Captain: J. Odum.



Although there were boys involved in School teams, the House was left with enough talented players to ensure Fraser, under the captaincy of P. J. Rae, first place in the Cricket League.

In the Cricket Knock-outs, the Juniors beat Gaskell in the first round by 43 runs thanks to A. N. Mills who scored 27 runs and had bowling figures of 5 for 12. C. J. Andrew (3—6) and S. P. Ogden (2—14) both bowled well in this match. In the second round, however, the Juniors were defeated by a good Whitworth team. In the first round, the Senior Knock-out team was drawn against Gaskell who on the day turned out somewhat short. Even so, Fraser were hard-pressed to reach the required 126 runs getting the last run on the last ball of the innings with the last two players at the crease. Good batting performances were given by P. D. Boyle (57) and S. G. Tarpey (26), while our best bowlers were J. P. B. Sandy (3—32), B. H. Stewart (2—7), and R. L. Wall (1—18). In the second round, Fraser beat Whitworth, bowling them out for 33 runs in 12 overs. This was mainly due to J. Beesley who took 8 for 15. In the final, Fraser met Byrom and bowled first, bowling them out for 61 runs. Once again, J. Beesley bowled well, 6—29, and was well supported by S. G. Tarpey (2—14), J. P. B. Sandy (2—8), and R. L. Wall (0—4). Unfortunately for us, Byrom also bowled well, and Fraser lost by 12 runs. Throughout the Knock-outs, Fraser was the only House to turn out full teams to each match and credit for this must go to the Captains B. H. Stewart and later P. S. Lindsay, and the players themselves.

In the House Swimming Galas, Fraser's performance in the relays was much improved from last year's, and we came a well-deserved joint second. In the individual events, Fraser came second. Both of these results were due mainly to the Middle and Junior sections of the House.

As in previous years, the House was well endowed with athletes. Thanks to good organisation by C. J. Davies and his helpers, Fraser obtained enough standards to place them third before the Sports Heats. On Sports Day itself, Fraser improved their position during the early events, and at the half-way mark, were in first position. However, during the later events, Gaskell overtook us and we finished a very creditable second with 250 points, only 2 points behind Gaskell! In the Junior events, J. D. Tricker won the Junior Individual Trophy, coming first in the 800 m, 1500 m, and the triple jump.

In the House Tennis Tournament, Fraser were drawn against Byrom in the first round. This was a very hard match which we unfortunately lost 11 games to 12.

In the House Music Competition, organised by M. J. Cox, Fraser came third. The main contributors from the House were M. J. Cox, R. K. Cox, J. Odum, D. M. Heaton and D. J. Kettlewell.

House Colours were awarded to the following:

Cricket:

Senior: J. Beesley, P. D. Boyle, R. L. Wall, J. P. B. Sandy, S. G. Tarpey.  
Junior: C. J. Andrew, S. P. Ogden, J. Odum.

Tennis:

Senior: I. N. Gosling, R. C. Higham, N. A. Milton, J. A. Wadsworth.  
Junior: M. J. Sandy.

Athletics:

Senior: P. J. Rae, S. G. Tarpey, J. Beesley, C. J. Davies.  
Junior: M. J. Sandy, R. K. Cox, J. M. Parsons, J. S. Bradley.



Swimming:

Senior: R. C. Higham, S. G. Tarpey.

Junior: A. Krawiecki, J. D. Tricker.

and rewarded to:

Cricket: Senior: P. S. Lindsay, Junior: A. N. Mills.

Tennis: Senior: P. A. Howarth.

Athletics: Senior: N. A. Milton, N. R. Leak, N. P. Maxfield, J. A. Wadsworth,  
Junior: J. D. Tricker, D. Fraser, I. D. Endlar.

Swimming: Junior: J. S. Bradley, R. K. Cox, T. Hunt.

The following represented the House on School teams:

1st XI:—P. D. Boyle, P. S. Lindsay, J. Beesley.

2nd XI:—J. P. B. Sandy, R. L. Wall.

U.15 XI:—A. N. Mills, T. Hunt.

U.14 XI:—J. M. Boyle, J. Odum, M. P. Evans.

Tennis: R. C. Higham, I. N. Gosling, N. A. Milton, P. A. Howarth, J. A. Wadsworth.

Athletics: N. A. Milton, S. G. Tarpey, J. Beesley, J. D. Tricker.

Our thanks go to Mr. C. E. Bryans, who is leaving at the end of the Term after being Fraser's House Master for the past three years. During this time, he has encouraged the House in many ways and has ensured the success of Fraser in School activities. We all wish him well in his new position at Audenshaw Grammar School. We welcome Mr. H. V. Grange as our new House Master, sure that he will continue in the best Fraser tradition.

Finally, we welcome all the new members to the House, and wish those leaving all the best for the future.

On Speech Day of the Special Prizes, I. E. Halpin received the Powell Scripture Reading Prize and D. J. Kettlewell the Music Prize.

S.T.B., A.J.I.T. and D.J.K.

As I leave the House, I should like to express my indebtedness to Mr. R. Slater, Dr. D. G. Barnes and Mr. D. M. Fisher for their great and willing support; in return, though they must know this, they will gain the more from their efforts. I have had three outstanding Heads of House; each for different reasons has set a wonderful example.

My three years as House Master have given me deep and genuine pleasure, more in fact than any pupil could ever imagine; my only regret is that there has never seemed to be enough time for all the things I wanted to do. If Mr. Grange enjoys his "tour of duty" half as much, he will have gained immense satisfaction.

During the year a small group of Fraserites tackled Kinder; a trip which J. D. Carp for one will never forget. He lost a brace, choked on a tomato and was petrified scrambling up near the Downfall. On two occasions camping trips were made to North Wales in conjunction with Mr. P. J. Wilde's training programme for his forthcoming mammoth walk. On the second trip we had the good fortune to camp near a good supply of ash wood, so a small camp fire was lit, around which we all



chatted into the chilly small hours gaining immeasurable nourishment for body and spirit; moments that give shape and meaning to life itself.

C.E.B.

## GASKELL HOUSE

### MICHAELMAS TERM

At the beginning of Term E. H. Walker was appointed Head of House and M. Ledigo was appointed a School Prefect and Senior Deputy Head of House. H. R. Pierce-Jones was appointed Junior Deputy Head of House.

Gaskell got off to a good start with House rugby. The First and Second Teams played consistently well. The First Team lost only one game and the Second Team lost only two. It was mainly due to the enthusiasm and organisation of the House that on every occasion we turned out two full teams. A. Doyle and J. N. Gregson played a large part in this organisation of the Seniors. M. Dennis kicked consistently well throughout the season for both First and Second Teams. The Juniors also produced some fine results so that Gaskell eventually won the League Shield by a margin of forty two points over Fraser.

Gaskell Senior Knock-out Team was well stocked with School Team players in the Forwards but lacked really good backs, which resulted in a decision to play our forwards. We faced a strong Dalton team in the first round which had very good backs. After a very hard game Dalton's backs won in spite of a late try by R. G. Sinclair which, had we achieved the very difficult conversion, would have won us the game.

The Junior Knock-out Team was drawn against Heywood in the first round. In the initial stages of the match they played well with their captain T. G. Jones scoring four tries. However, they failed to maintain their effort and lost.

Congratulations must be given to the following members of the House for a most impressive set of academic results.

P. J. Marsh, Scholarship Pembroke College, Cambridge.

P. C. Holmes, Trinity College, Cambridge.

S. P. Arrowsmith, Scholarship, Wadham College, Oxford.

D. J. Singer, Scholarship, Balliol College, Oxford.

A. D. Little, Wadham College, Oxford, (1976).

A. K. Hug, Brasenose College, Oxford.

The following boys from Gaskell played on School Teams:

1st XV:—A. R. Armstrong, C. J. A. Ball, M. Ledigo, R. G. Sinclair, M. J. Scovell, D. J. Heine.

U.15:—T. G. Jones, J. A. Gubba.

U.14:—R. N. V. Tarr, S. Mann, S. J. Perkins.

### LENT TERM

At the beginning of the Term, A. R. Armstrong, C. J. A. Ball and B. S. Watts were appointed School Prefects. A. R. Armstrong was appointed Senior Deputy Head of House.



In spite of the weakening of the Senior Lacrosse teams by many of the better players electing to use the Sports Hall, Gaskell won the House League Lacrosse. Our margin over Fraser would have been much greater than twenty-six points had we had the support needed to produce more consistently good performances from our teams. D. J. Heine, N. I. Duncan, D. L. Jones and M. C. Plant played well, producing some fine moves on occasion. The occasional appearances of J. Curvis, H. G. Bowles and M. D. Hodgetts caused a great improvement to the team performance. We would have liked to see them more often.

The Senior Knockout Team lacked School Team players, with only M. J. Scovell, C. J. A. Ball and P. P. Williams joining from the squad. While the team played well against Dalton in the first round, Gaskell could not match them for skill. The result was that Dalton won 10—0.

The Juniors had two good Year Teams and they made a very valuable contribution to Gaskell's League total. This quality, together with a large number of School Team players, produced a very strong Junior Knockout Team. They decisively beat Heywood and went on to play Fraser in the final. After a hard game the match was nearly thrown away in the closing minutes due to carelessness. In the second half of extra time Gaskell finally asserted her superiority to win 6—4. The result was due to a good team effort and reflected the enthusiasm shown in the practices before the Knock-outs. The whole team certainly deserved House Colours.

In the six-a-side competition all but the Third Team reached the final. This was due to a superb performance throughout the House and we took the Hewlett Cup.

Gaskell's entry for the House Play Competition was "After Magritte" by Tom Stoppard. This was well-chosen and produced by the experienced P. C. Holmes, who also turned in an excellent performance on the night. The rest of the cast, S. D. Moritz, P. P. Williams, D. J. Leinhardt and D. R. Lloyd did extremely well. Instantaneous inspiration and well-disguised mistakes added to the performance, and Gaskell won the competition.

The Inter-House Road Relay was not won by Gaskell, although E. H. Walker did win the individual trophy. The team achieved third position, which considering the lack of talent was a fair result.

The School had the following boys from Gaskell playing on School Teams:

Lacrosse:

1st Team:—C. J. A. Ball, M. J. Scovell, P. P. Williams.

U.15:—T. G. Jones, M. C. Hope, C. D. Parkyn and J. A. Gubba.

U.14:—O. C. D. Cooper and C. M. Thorpe.

Cross-Country:

E. H. Walker, N. M. Mitson, S. J. Keeling and A. C. Evans.

## SUMMER TERM

Due to P. C. Holmes' leaving at the end of the Lent Term, E. H. Walker was appointed Head of School. A. R. Armstrong was appointed Head of House, and A. Doyle was appointed Senior Head of House.

After the House's success in the Rugby and Lacrosse Leagues we were looking forward to a good term on the House Cricket scene. However, the Senior Team only played two games in the League, losing both.



The first game, against our old rivals Fraser, was a complete fiasco. Fraser batted first and scored 127. In our innings we scored barely 50. In the second match, against Whitworth, we fared a little better, due to a fine innings from P. A. Alfieri and accurate bowling from M. Dennis and D. Thompson. These results, however, do not reflect the effort put in by all those who took part.

In the House Knock-outs we were brought down again. An excellent innings by C. J. A. Ball put us on the right way to victory, the team scoring over 120 runs. Nevertheless we were to be thwarted, despite a great display of bowling from C. J. A. Ball, M. Dennis and M. J. Scovell. Defeat always tastes bitter, but it was even worse for us when Fraser scored the winning runs from the last ball of the match.

The Juniors also met Fraser in the first round, but despite some good bowling from M. C. Hope and A. C. Evans, we were defeated. Fraser won by forty-three runs.

We made up for our dismal failure at Cricket, however. The House Swimming Competition saw Gaskell in second position in both the individual and team events. In spite of D. J. Heine, T. A. Simpson and C. Hoy, who each qualified for two finals, Heywood's strength forced us to be content with second place. With the same enthusiasm next year we should do better.

Thanks are due to Mr. Wood who gave up a lunch time each week to supervise at the pool. It is a pity more people did not take advantage of this opportunity for swimming that Mr. Wood so kindly provided.

Gaskell started the Athletics Competition within striking distance of first place, due to a large number of standard points obtained, mainly by the Juniors. The organisation of standard attempts was carried out by the Acting Head of House, D. J. Heine. It can be truly said that Gaskell's final position depended on every single boy who either achieved standards or a placing in the finals on Sports Day. We only won the trophy by two points over Fraser, and only after the last event. Congratulations on a fine effort by all!

The following represented Gaskell on School Teams:

1st XI:—C. J. A. Ball and M. J. Scovell.

Athletics:—T. G. Jones, A. P. Waring, D. J. Leinhardt, H. R. Pierce-Jones and E. H. Walker.

At the end of this Term the House lost Mr. Haynes in his official capacity as Housemaster. No doubt, we shall still see him on the sidelines giving his usual advice and encouragement though! I find it hard to express the House's gratitude for all that he has done for Gaskell over the many years he has been Housemaster. I can only express confidence that his successor, Mr. Mitchell, will be able to maintain the very high standard Mr. Haynes has set, and wish him and Mr. Haynes every success.  
E.H.W. and A.W.A.

## HEYWOOD HOUSE

### MICHAELMAS TERM

At the beginning of this Term, the following appointments were made:

Head of House: M. Kirkman (School Prefect).

Deputy Head of House: J. P. Swindley (School Prefect).



House Prefects: S. D. Bourne, M. J. Seeley, S. J. Hawes, P. Melichar, M. N. Hemy, N. R. Thorniley, N. D. Bankes, P. Dyson, D. J. Keeling, K. J. Qureshi, N. C. Sugarman, A. N. Walker, J. D. Carter, J. Leigh, A. M. Zilkha.

Captain of House Rugby: J. D. Carter.

Captain of House League Rugby: P. Dyson.

Captain of Junior House Rugby: J. C. Dale.

Captain of Third Form Rugby: B. M. Wilkinson.

Unfortunately, unlike last year, we appeared to lack an adequate number of really good Rugby players. Our fears were confirmed, and Heywood sadly finished bottom of the House League. P. Dyson and N. J. J. Manning, however, deserve a mention for their efforts as first and second team Captains respectively.

The Juniors fared a little better in the Knock-outs. In the first round we met Gaskell in heavy conditions. Tries by Holden and Nicholson and some accurate kicking by Wilkinson enabled us to run out surprise winners 15—3. In the second round we met a strong Whitworth side which included 7 School team players. In atrocious conditions Heywood put up a magnificent fight, finally going down 20—6, after the score at half-time had been 0—0.

These two games showed that when everybody made the effort the team had talent. If only they had put in a little more effort in the League games we might have improved upon our miserable position in the House League.

The Seniors met Dalton in the second round after a bye in the first. Despite some strong tackling and good defensive play from J. Carter and N. Bankes we went down 0—22.

The following played on School teams:

#### Rugby

1st XV:—J. D. Carter.

2nd XV:—N. Thorniley (Capt.), T. N. Picken.

U.16 XV:—R. Byrne, L. J. Wharton.

U.15 XV:—J. C. Dale.

U.14 XV:—B. M. Wilkinson, J. Holden, N. J. Adderley, D. Baines, G. M. Mills.

#### Swimming

M. Kirkman (Capt.), R. Byrne, C. J. Prince, D. G. Dodd, D. Baines.

#### Cross Country

J. M. Jefferson, D. Baines.

The following boys from Heywood were in the School Play:—

A. G. Schofield, J. M. Bentley and S. P. Dutton.

#### LENT TERM

At the beginning of the Term the following appointments were made:

S. J. Hawes was appointed a School Prefect and T. N. Picken, S. M. Bentley and P. G. Barnsley were appointed House Prefects.

Despite a lack of Senior School team Lacrosse Players, Heywood finished in a very respectable third position in the House League, after holding second place for much of the Term. Indeed the House First team lost only one game throughout the



Term. This was due to some brilliant individual play from J. D. Carter and a much more spirited approach as a whole. The Junior teams also performed well and it was only due to the fact that the second team won only two matches that we were not strong challengers for the House League. Thanks are due to K. J. Qureshi and S. J. Hawes who organised the First team so efficiently and J. Leigh who undertook the thankless task of being second team Captain in his usual jovial manner.

Our lack of School team players meant that we could not expect to do very well in the Senior knock-outs. In the first round we met a strong Dalton side which contained several School team players. We were 2—6 down at half-time, but J. D. Carter, who scored 4 goals, led a magnificent fight and we pulled back to 8—8. However, Dalton scored two late goals and went through to the second round.

The Juniors, under the captaincy of C. S. Manning, were very successful. As a result of excellent defensive play and three opportunist goals by B. M. Wilkinson we defeated Whitworth 6—1 in the first round. We then beat Dalton 7—3 in the semi-final to earn the right to play Gaskell in the final. However, they were just too strong for us and we finally went down 3—8. It would be most unfair to single out certain players in particular, as the whole team played exceptionally well throughout the competition. However, special mention must be made of R. Hall who took on the job of goalkeeper in an emergency only the day before the Whitworth match. In this match he turned in a match-winning performance, making many fine saves when we were under early pressure. His performances in the other two matches were equally commendable.

Because of injuries and certain teams not playing to their true ability, Heywood finished a disappointing fourth in the Hewlett Cup Six-a-side tournament.

Cross-Country has recently not been one of our strong points and despite the efforts of our Captain N. D. Bankes we finished sixth for the second year running.

With little success on the games field we looked to the stage in the hope of a trophy. The play "Breakfast at Eight" by Ronald Gow was well received by the audience, but unfortunately the judges did not share their enthusiasm, and we finished in sixth position. Thanks are due to D. J. Keeling (the producer) and his small cast of A. G. Schofield, S. M. Bentley, B. Hall and S. P. Dutton for their hard work and a most entertaining twenty-five minutes.

The following boys represented the School during the Term:

#### Lacrosse

2nd XII:—R. Byrne, L. J. Wharton.

U.15 XII:—C. S. Manning, J. C. Dale, D. R. Nicholson.

U.14 XII:—B. M. Wilkinson, G. H. Mills, P. A. Barron.

#### Swimming

M. Kirkman (Captain), C. R. Price, R. Byrne, D. S. Dodd, D. Baines.

The House congratulates C. S. Manning on his selection for the Lancashire Schools Lacrosse squad.

#### MIDSUMMER TERM

At the beginning of Term the following appointments were made:

Captain of House Cricket: M. Kirkman.

Captain of House League Cricket: N. L. Sugarman.

Captain of Junior House Cricket: N. Walker.



Captain of Third Form Cricket: P. A. Rainford.

Captain of Swimming: M. Kirkman.

Captain of Athletics: T. N. Picken.

Heywood took their first trophies of the year by winning both the Inter-House Swimming and the Relays. M. Kirkman also won the Individual Trophy. Everyone who swam made a great effort but special praise must go to M. Kirkman, R. Byrne, D. Dodd, C. R. Prince, S. Tindall, M. N. Hemy, D. Baines and M. P. Rydings, all of whom qualified for finals.

As we had four first team players in the side we were expected to do well in the Senior Cricket Knock-outs. Sadly, this was not to be. After a bye in the first round we met Byrom in the second. Put in to bat we batted below our best and were restricted to 118 for 6 in our 40 overs. (M. Kirkman 57 not out, J. P. Swindley 24). Even so, with a complete first team attack, we were quietly confident. However, we were devastated by a magnificent innings from E. W. Brunyee, and Byrom won by 9 wickets with almost half their overs remaining.

The Juniors lost to Dalton in the second round by 3 wickets despite a hat-trick from J. C. Dale.

Heywood did much better in the House League and finished in a respectable second position.

Once again Heywood suffered from a lack of talent on the Athletics field and finished in a miserable sixth position on Sports Day.

After defeating Gaskell we were beaten by Dalton in the second round of the Tennis Knock-outs.

By way of compensation Heywood won the House Music Competition for the second year running. The victory was a triumph for S. J. Hawes, who had spent a vast amount of time organising the House entry. P. G. Barnsley and R. G. Morkot also made decisive contributions, while T. N. Picken clinched victory in a tight finish by his training of the choir.

Heywood finished the year on a high note, but this did not alter the fact that we had won only four trophies, three of which came in the swimming. I feel sure that there is basic talent within the House. However, while the effort from the third and fifth forms was very pleasing, I think that next year's middle sixth and fifth year will have to make a more determined effort if we are to achieve consistently good results. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing next year's Head of House a successful year of office and also of extending the House's best wishes to all leavers.

The following played for School teams:

#### Cricket

1st XI:—M. Kirkman (Capt), J. P. Swindley, T. N. Picken and P. J. Dutton.

2nd XI:—A. G. Schofield, L. J. Wharton.

3rd XI:—R. Byrne.

U.15 XI:—G. S. Manning, M. J. Hobbs.

U.14 XI:—B. M. Wilkinson, R. A. Porter, P. A. Rainford.

#### Tennis

1st:—I. M. Jefferson.

2nd:—S. J. Hawes.



## Athletics

B. M. Wilkinson.

## Swimming

M. Kirkman, R. Byrne, C. R. Prince, D. G. Dodd, S. Tindall, P. A. Rainford and D. Baines.

The House congratulates C. S. Manning on his selection for Manchester Schools Colts.

M.K.

My thanks to M. Kirkman and his prefects for their hard work and efficiency in running the House this year.

W.J.

## WHITWORTH HOUSE

### MICHAELMAS TERM

At the start of the Term C. J. Tugman and D. Shabetai were appointed School Prefects. C. J. Tugman was also appointed Head of House.

The following were selected to play Rugby at Senior School level:—J. N. B. Bennington, B. Clethero, G. T. Gillespie, C. A. Phillips, P. R. Riley, S. J. Sherman S. F. G. Skinner and C. J. Tugman. With such a wealth of School players the House League sides performed exceptionally well under the efficient captaincy of P. M. Emsley. Both Senior and Junior sides played some excellent games, enabling the House to finish third overall.

In the Junior Knock-out, Whitworth first played Heywood. The result was a twenty points to six win for the House, in which everyone played well despite the poor conditions. Sadly Whitworth lost to Dalton in the final, six points to four, after having initially taken the lead. The Senior Knock-out team lost in the first round to Fraser after some problems caused by the re-arrangement of the league side.

At the end of Term D. Shabetai left. The House thank him for his support and wish him every success for the future.

### LENT TERM

At the beginning of this Term, B. Clethero and C. A. Phillips were appointed School Prefects.

The following distinguished themselves by playing lacrosse for the School:—J. N. B. Bennington, P. M. Emsley, A. T. Murphy and C. J. Tugman.

The League side was successfully Captained by J. V. Cromack. This team, with the doubtful distinction of fielding at times the most aggressive defence in the league, performed consistently well, beating strong opposition by hard and enthusiastic play.

However in the Senior Knock-out the House lost twenty goals to six against a Fraser House with more than its fair share of School and Club players. The Juniors were also beaten in a close match with Heywood.

In this year's House Play competition, Whitworth performed "The Editor Regrets", produced by C. J. Tugman. Though we hoped it might win, there is no accounting for taste, and it ended up fourth. Nevertheless I hope the participants will carry forward to future years the enthusiasm shown this time.



## MIDSUMMER TERM

This Term began with C. J. Tugman's being appointed Deputy Head of School, and B. Clethero becoming Head of House.

The following people played Senior Cricket for the School:—H. Frost, G. T. Gillespie and D. W. Hoey.

House Cricket was organised by C. R. Gibson, who did a good job both on and off the field, taking a leading part in many of the victories. Although the Senior side won every match the final position in the league was third.

The Senior Knock-out was marked by the absence of middle sixth players due to G.C.E. examinations and hence we lost in the first match. The Junior side provided the House with this year's only trophy by winning their final by three runs. N. W. Hewitt captained the side, and his consistent performances greatly influenced the final outcome.

The House swimming was again organised by B. Clethero; and although Whitworth finished in fourth position, the enthusiasm of the Junior members of the House in attending training sessions was indeed praiseworthy. N. A. Jackson's performances in the gala, and in helping to organise the team are also worthy of note.

In the relays the Seniors swept the board winning both the relay and the squadron. The Juniors, whilst not having the same success, worked hard, and no one could ask more. However the event was marred by the disinterest of the fifth-formers. Their lack of enthusiasm was unfortunately present throughout the year and it must be hoped that their attitude will not persist into the sixth form.

The Tennis team was captained by J. V. Cromack who worked hard with the team in the face of good opposition from other Houses. Unfortunately Whitworth was beaten by a Byrom team composed entirely of School players.

The Athletics competition again proved the House's versatility. We amassed over three hundred points for standards, a magnificent achievement. In the Sports themselves the team, led by S. D. Powell, did well but dropped back from first to third place.

In the House Music Competition the House sadly but not altogether unexpectedly came last.

This year was the first in which a temporary Head of House has been appointed for the duration of the external examinations. In this rôle G. T. Gillespie proved a very able leader. His handling of the House's affairs was efficient and throughout most mature. Special thanks must go to him.

This year Whitworth has achieved consistently good results in all fields, even though lacking outstanding talent. The strength of the House has been the ability of its members to perform enthusiastically and well in a wide range of fields.

I am pleased to welcome all the new members of the House, and to wish both them, and those recently departed, good fortune for the coming years.

B.C.



# GAMES

## 1st XV RUGBY

Played 15, Won 5, Lost 10, For 207, Against 288.

v. Stockport Grammar .....	W	17—15
v. Major Watkins' XV .....	L	25—39
v. Sale Grammar .....	W	20—3
v. Queen Elizabeth G.S. ....	L	6—22
v. Birkenhead School .....	L	15—27
v. Cheadle Moseley .....	L	10—13
v. King's School Macclesfield ....	L	6—29
v. De La Salle College .....	L	0—26
v. Devonport .....	L	13—27
v. St. Boniface .....	Tour	W 7—3
v. Newton Abbot .....	W	30—16
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby ....	L	10—41
v. Arnold School, Blackpool ....	L	0—18
v. King Edward's, Lytham .....	L	0—6
v. Cheadle Hulme School .....	W	48—3

Despite the return of eight players with 1st team experience, this proved to be a very disappointing season. The squad contained some useful players, and the majority looked at their game with enthusiasm. However, a stable team was not to be established, and consequently we suffered at the hands of some very competent, efficient opposition. In good tradition we beat Stockport, although our start to the game wasn't exactly confident. The Major Watkins' XV proved to be an exceptionally strong team and it seemed at first as though we might well be heavily defeated. However, the School played with a determination rarely seen during the remaining games, making a respectable score by the final whistle.

Perhaps of all the schools we play, Wakefield is the one everyone looks forward to, and the team which it gives us most pleasure to beat. This particular year it looked as though we might well do it. For the first twenty minutes we were constantly in their twenty-five. We won good ball, and tested their defence to the limit. The only thing we didn't achieve was a score! Thus, by half-time the tide of events had turned, and they scored two tries in quick succession. The offending winger, once with the ball, was virtually unstoppable due to his sheer speed. The final score was 22—6, the School getting a try very late in the game. However, despite the deficit, it is true to say that the score is not a true reflection of the game.

Thinking that Wakefield were the ultimate in schoolboy rugby, we were to be sadly mistaken when we came across Merchant Taylors' and De La Salle. Both these teams were highly disciplined, and took us to pieces. Despite the differences in score lines, De La Salle were the more efficient of the two. They had several county players and an international in their side.

In other games we were just unlucky or lethargic. Against Cheadle Moseley we were unlucky. We were lethargic against Lytham, whilst against Macclesfield several players seemed more interested in fighting than playing rugby.

During the half-term, the team toured Devon, playing three games. Of the three we won two, although the general standard of opposition was not up to that in the North. Perhaps more importantly though, the team was together for nearly a week, and a good time was had by all.

The end of Term was rounded off with two good victories. Against Cheadle Hulme the team looked efficient. They played some exciting fast rugby, easily winning 48—3. The game against the Old Boys proved to be a novelty. The School were helped out by Messrs. Percival, Murray and Cornish. The combination turned out to be in our favour, and we defeated a very strong opposition 9—8. The team was coached by Mr. Cornish and selected from P. Rae, R. Paley, I. Cooper, J. J. Carter, C. J. A. Ball, J. P. Whiteside, M. J. Scovell, N. Milton, N. Harrison, J. Tugman, R. Heaton, J. Foster, R. Sinclair, M. S. Butterworth, J. Beesley, M. Ledigo, M. K. Bradbury, C. Phillips, P. Riley and A. R. Armstrong.

J.P.W.

## 2nd XV RUGBY

Played 11, Won 4, Lost 7, For 156, Against 264.

v. Stockport G.S. ....	A	L	4—9
v. Sale G.S. ....	A	W	30—0
v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield .....	A	L	0—88
v. Birkenhead School .....	A	L	3—40
v. Parrs Wood H.S. ....	H	W	33—0
v. Cheadle Moseley .....	A	W	17—12
v. King's School, Macclesfield	A	L	6—9
v. De La Salle College .....	H	L	3—45
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby	A	L	6—40
v. Arnold School, Blackpool	H	L	0—15
v. Cheadle Hulme School ....	H	W	54—6

The season began with a close game against Stockport which was narrowly lost by a goal and a penalty goal to a try by G. Jones, who had joined the three-quarter line from the full-back position. Sale Grammar School were well beaten in the next match although they managed to keep the score down in the second half by skilful use of a shortened line-out formation which confused our forwards and deprived us of much of the possession we had enjoyed in the first half.

The match at Wakefield was humiliating. The home team's backs were strong and fast and scored at will because of our pathetic, almost non-existent, tackling. It was much the same story at Birkenhead, where we generously gave away at least twenty points. Parrs Wood High School provided little opposition in the first home game of the season and we were able to regain some of our self-confidence in a comfortable win.

Against Cheadle Moseley we were losing twelve points to three at half-time but rallied strongly in the second half to win an entertaining and hard-fought



game. We never really looked like winning the game at Macclesfield but played extremely well. Despite giving away early points we fought back strongly thanks to two penalty goals from N. Harrison. It was a particularly praiseworthy performance as we had to play the last half-hour without M. J. Scovell (scrum-half) who was forced to leave the field with a muscle injury.

We were well beaten by De La Salle and Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. I am grateful to J. Almond, S. M. Bentley, and J. A. Wadsworth who agreed to play at short notice at Crosby when we lost several players to the first-team because of injuries. Although we lost to King Edward's, Lytham, the team played quite well and were unlucky not to score on at least one occasion. The season finished on a high note against Cheadle Hulme School when we scored ten tries and so were able to redress slightly the points deficit incurred in earlier matches.

The team was captained at wing forward by N. R. Thorniley, who led a strong pack which never gave up. The other regular forwards were D. J. Heine, D. J. Foster, B. Clethero, G. T. Gillespie, N. P. Maxfield, C. A. Phillips, M. R. Boyle and M. Lufta. The following also played in the forwards: M. S. Butterworth, J. N. B. Bennington, M. S. Hamilton, P. R. Riley, S. T. Burrows and N. R. Withington. The full-back position was occupied at various times by G. Jones, A. W. H. Price and C. R. Large (one of the few really good tacklers). Wing and centre positions were shared by M. Chatterton, M. S. Hargreaves, N. Harrison, S. F. G. Skinner, R. A. Heaton, D. Coy, A. P. Waring and H. A. Orton. Scrum-half was either T. L. Park or T. N. Picken, and N. A. Milton, S. G. Tarpey, M. J. Scovell and J. P. White-side all played at outside-half.

M.R.B.

#### UNDER-16 XV RUGBY

Played 6, Won 1, Lost 4, Drew 1, For 94 Against 123.

v. Denstone College	.....	H	L	10—12
v. Birkenhead School	.....	H	L	10—22
v. King's School, Macclesfield		A	L	3—52
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby		A	L	13—27
v. Arnold School, Blackpool		H	D	10—10
v. Grimsby School	.....	H	W	48—0

The U.16 team occupies an uncomfortable position in the progression of School rugby. The best players are picked for the 1st XV, and if the 2nd XV are short in key positions, for this team too, leaving the U.16's often desperate for players. The fixture list is short—an indication that many schools experience similar problems. The players, after House rugby twice a week and possibly squad training as well, are quite naturally not over-anxious for further training. It is in any case difficult to keep even the nucleus of a team together. However it is important for there to be a transition between the Colts and Senior teams, and the very fact of the various depredations gives more people the opportunity to play representative rugby.

It was one of the most pleasant aspects of last year's rugby Term that so many players, once chosen, found real enjoyment in the game.

The team spirit and attitude throughout the Term were splendid, with whole-hearted efforts from every player in the face of several disappointing results. The players themselves must take the credit for this, in particular the Captain, I. N. Gosling, who led the side with determination throughout. The following also played: D. M. Baxter, J. N. B. Bennington, M. S. Butterworth, R. Byrne, R. A. Cooper, D. Coy, C. J. Davies, M. S. Hamilton, R. C. Higham, G. Jones, I. S. Park, D. M. Paton, C. H. M. Petch, C. R. Prince, S. C. Reid, S. N. Roberts, S. J. Sherman, S. G. Tarpey, A. C. Vaughan, L. J. Wharton.

M.C.

#### UNDER-15 XV RUGBY

Played 14, Won 1, Lost 13, For 55, Against 390.

v. Stockport G.S.	.....	H	L	10—33
v. Sale G.S.	.....	H	L	0—34
v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield	.....	H	L	0—33
v. Denstone College	.....	H	L	0—14
v. Birkenhead School	.....	A	L	10—45
v. Parrs Wood H.S.	.....	A	L	16—24
v. Cheadle Moseley G.S.	....	A	L	3—56
v. King's School, Macclesfield		H	L	0—28
v. De La Salle College	.....	A	L	0—28
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby		A	L	0—12
v. Arnold School, Blackpool		A	L	3—18
v. Edward VII School, Lytham		A	L	6—22
v. Manchester G.S.	.....	H	W	7—0
v. Cheadle Hulme School	....	A	L	0—42

A look at the playing record of the team shows how disappointing a season it was. The XV rarely played well, and generally the few good players were relied on to such an extent that any slight lapse by one of them led to a score. Certain players deserve special credit; P. Maddocks showed outstanding ability and unflinching determination throughout the Term. M. S. Kelly occasionally showed some of his ability, but too often capitulated after the first score. N. W. Hewitt was recruited from the forwards and played at fly half with great determination and competence. P. N. Kennerley proved to be the strongest of forwards, and only needs to develop his basic handling ability, to have great potential. N. J. F. Warner was at times brilliant, but too often timid and lacking in self-confidence. Two newcomers to the XV, A. M. Krawiecki and R. K. Cox worked tirelessly whenever they played, and it was a pity the rest of the team did not follow their example.

The following represented the School: P. Maddocks, M. S. Kelly, N. W. Hewitt, T. G. Jones, J. Raby, J. I. Sherman, J. S. Bradley, P. N. Kennerley, D. Fraser, J. N. F. Warner, A. Wilde, T. Hunt, I. D. Endlar, C. D. Lightfoot, P. Collins, A. M. Krawiecki, J. Aldred, J. C. Dale, M. K. Kohn, A. M. Mills, K. Woodcock, R. K. Cox, P. D. Barker.

M.M.



## UNDER-14 XV RUGBY

Played 12, Won 2, Lost 9, Drawn 1, For 117, Against 370.

v. Stockport G.S. ....	A	L	7—42
v. Sale G.S. ....	H	L	6—40
v. Q.E.G.S. Wakefield ....	H	L	0—65
v. Denstone College ....	H	D	10—10
v. Birkenhead School ....	A	L	3—25
v. Parrs Wood High School..	A	W	42—12
v. Cheadle Moseley ....	H	L	22—30
v. King's School, Macclesfield	H	L	0—56
v. De La Salle College ....	A	W	10—8
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby	A	L	0—40
v. Arnold School, Blackpool	A	L	11—14
v. King Edward's, Lytham ..	H	Cancelled	
v. Manchester G.S. ....	A	Cancelled	
v. Cheadle Hulme School....	H	L	6—28

The following represented the School: D. Baines, O. C. D. Cooper, C. M. Weaver, A. Keddy, M. A. Hallworth, S. Chantler, A. J. C. Sidebotham, A. J. Perkins, D. G. Richards, B. M. Wilkinson (Capt.), D. C. Loynes, S. Mann, G. H. Mills, M. R. Hawkins, D. Hanley, J. Holden, P. R. H. Wilson, N. R. Pond, N. J. Adderley, R. N. V Tarr, P. A. Rainford, M. P. Evans.

The team did not play well at the beginning of the season and the first three games were high-scoring defeats. A draw against Denstone was followed by an unlucky defeat against Birkenhead School. In the next game, however, the side achieved a convincing win against Parrs Wood H.S. and they fought hard to defeat De La Salle two games later. The end of the season was disappointing due to the bad weather and lack of regular practice.

The scrummaging, lineout play, and passing the ball to the wings were much improved by the end of the season, but loose play, tackling, and speed off the mark are very weak. Individually, D. C. Loynes was the most outstanding forward. He has a great deal of determination and he tackles exceptionally well on all occasions. The most promising three-quarter was B. M. Wilkinson, but his ball handling must be improved if he is to remain in the back division.

The team definitely improved as the season progressed, and a little more determination and effort will produce a useful rugby XV.

A.J.P.

## UNDER-13 XV RUGBY

Played 9, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 2, For 224, Against 94

v. Stockport G.S. ....	H	W	40—0
v. Sale G.S. ....	H	W	10—6
v. Parrs Wood H.S. ....	H	W	90—0
v. Cheadle Moseley ....	H	L	12—52
v. King's School, Macclesfield	H	D	12—12
v. De La Salle College ....	A	W	8—4
v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby ....	H	L	12—20
v. Arnold School, Blackpool	A	W	18—0
v. Cheadle Hulme School....	A	W	22—0

This very enthusiastic and talented team enjoyed a successful season with several pleasing performances. A lot was learned during the heavy defeat by a powerful Cheadle Moseley side and the team had the character to produce their best performance of the season in defeating De La Salle College away soon afterwards. The last game, away to Cheadle Hulme School, was also a fine effort because the side included many reserves who did more than was expected of them.

There are several players of real potential in the team. The Captain, A. Johnson, in particular had an excellent season and was outstanding both in his play and his leadership. Prominent as a half-back combination were R. Wadsworth and K. Wadsworth, and promising performances also came from S. Etchells, D. Bishop and S. Reubens.

D.G.B.

## UNDER-12 XV RUGBY

Played 7, Won 3, Lost 4, For 94, Against 120.

v. Parrs Wood H.S. ....	W	34—0
v. Cheadle Moseley ....	W	23—6
v. De La Salle College ....	L	3—34
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby ....	L	0—36
v. King Edward's, Lytham ....	L	8—20
v. Arnold School, Blackpool ....	L	0—20
v. Cheadle Hulme School....	W	26—4

The early season practices promised well and the first results were very encouraging but unfortunately the good beginning was not maintained. The backs were rather slow to learn and the forwards seemed to lose the early season fire. The side has, however, considerable talent and will do very well as it matures.

J.P.

## HOUSE RUGBY

This was a very good year from the House point of view. The first and second teams played thirteen matches as well as knock-outs and practices. The grounds were good and the rugby was of a very high standard. Fraser and Gaskell had a great tussle from the word go and left the other Houses behind very early in the competition. After half-term the situation was the same until the final three weeks, when Gaskell put on the pressure and emerged clear winners.

Result: 1. Gaskell	172 points.
2. Fraser	130 "
3. Whitworth	104 "
4. Byrom	94 "
5. Dalton	92 "
6. Heywood	74 "

J.P.

## RUGBY KNOCK-OUTS

The matches were rather disappointing this year, especially in the junior section, where some very tentative and unimaginative football was played. The senior games were equally uninspiring, though, as always, keenly-fought.



## RESULT:

### Junior:

1st Round	Heywood beat Gaskell	15— 3
	Dalton beat Byrom	10— 0
2nd Round	Whitworth beat Heywood	20— 6
	Dalton beat Fraser	8— 4
Final	Dalton beat Whitworth	6— 4

### Senior:

1st Round	Fraser beat Whitworth	32— 4
	Dalton beat Gaskell	9— 6
2nd Round	Dalton beat Heywood	22— 0
	Byrom beat Fraser	7— 4
Final	Dalton beat Byrom	30—16

J.P.

## 1st XII LACROSSE

Played 12, Won 6, Lost 6.

At the beginning of the season C. J. A. Ball was appointed Captain of the 1st XII and must go down in the record books as one of the unluckiest players ever to hold this coveted office, as he broke his leg (playing *football*, one hastens to add) at the very start of the Term, recovering only just in time to lead a School 3rd team against the Old Boys Extra A on March 22nd. He thus missed what would certainly have been his best season of lacrosse; he had made great progress as a midfield player in the 1974 season and would have combined with the few old colours who remained from that season. Short of experience as this year's side was, there can be no doubt that he was missed, and sorely missed.

It seems now to be the accepted pattern of events that those boys who come back to School to sit Oxford and Cambridge examinations in November no longer stay on into the lacrosse team. Many players of considerable experience are thus lost to the School 1st and 2nd teams, and also to their Houses, and the number of "old colours" available is no longer what it was. We were fortunate this year, however, in having an outstanding Under-15 XII from the previous year coming through, all keen to play School team lacrosse: some of them may have had a rather hard season, but they will get the benefit of this early experience on School sides in the next two years: they certainly made a tremendous contribution.

Following the injury to Ball it was decided to hand over the Captaincy to E. W. Brunyee, and he it was, assisted by J. C. Wozencroft, who guided the team through the season. Both these players had considerable experience of club lacrosse to support a high level of technical ability and a most responsible attitude on the field of play.

The most experienced part of the team was the defence, in which Wozencroft kept goal behind N. H. Clayden, C. J. Tugman and M. J. Scovell. Unfortunately Clayden's fitness was at times in doubt and Tugman was unable to practise as much as he would have liked due to academic pressure. It was not surprising, therefore, that the defence, whilst good on paper, never really knitted together and could not cope

with several of the good sides (and they were very good sides) which we met. Scovell had the good season we have come to expect of him and well deserved the honour of captaining Lancashire Schoolboys: he will be a vital figure in next year's team.

J. Beesley, though a comparative junior, never looked such on the field. He played centre and developed his skill at the faces as well as his dangerous capabilities in the attacking half of the field, where his giant strides and lethally placed shots gave all opponents cause for concern. It is a long time since a fifth-former so influenced a first team. N. Harrison was his regular partner in the midfield, and, in spite of some stick problems, he also had a good season. A real power player, he is capable of taking on a whole defence but as yet has not developed the confidence to lay the ball off after doing so; only a lot of play with the same attack can gain him this. The final midfield place, which Ball would normally have filled, went to P. M. Emsley and D. P. Schofield in approximately equal measures. Both run hard and far, and if Schofield has the greater ability near goal, finding space to move in for feeds with impressive regularity, it should be admitted that Emsley was rather more effective in the ball-winning situations which are the primary function of the midfield man.

The attack's basic pattern was that of P. P. Williams feeding Brunyee, a remarkably subtle and ambidextrous player for a schoolboy, and S. G. Tarpey, whose explosive style provided many magnificent moments. Comparison of the shooting styles of these strikers was fascinating, Tarpey all controlled punch, shooting with terrific force in the air, Brunyee taking the feed and changing direction often more than once, the stick always screened by the body, before planting the aimed shot into the bottom corners, bounced of course. So class was always apparent in this attack when it had enough of the ball and when the contest was fairly fought, which was not, regrettably, always the case.

Few reserves could really be called on when this team settled down, but in the games it was possible to give them M. K. Bradbury showed his practical flair in defence and J. P. B. Sandy his deliberate close-handling style in attack. These, and others of their age-group who formed the bulk of the 2nd XII, are clearly future 1st XII players.

As to the fixtures, the usual School matches were played, though these now form only a small part of our fixture list. The games against Stockport Grammar School were closely and at times brilliantly fought, and honours finished even, each school winning on its own ground. Our attack's final barrage in the home game was a real highlight of the season. The final match of a long series with Manchester Grammar School was a sad affair with little of the real feeling of the end of an era in lacrosse, and, predictably, a victory. The Lancashire Junior Cup brought us two good wins in the opening rounds to recover from our defeat at Stockport, but the semi-final found Rochdale too experienced, too heavy and not over-scrupulous and our defence in some strange positions. It is time we won this trophy again! The now traditional tour took



place at half-term, and this remains a great event in the lacrosse season. Thanks to Mr. Murray, A. C. Hobday and A. J. McKeon, and of course their University colleagues, we are again able to visit Oxford and Cambridge and spent an enjoyable break in new surroundings. We came away with one win and one defeat. The final week of Term found us up against strong opposition. Old Hulmeians 1st XII were too strong for us on the Saturday and in the following few days we played two fixtures which it is hoped will find a permanent place in the calendar. Old Hulmeians at Sheffield brought a strong team, including many recent leavers, and played excellent lacrosse; they are at the present time the undisputed top dogs of University lacrosse and look like remaining such, though it is rather a shame in a way that they should have such an embarrassment of riches whilst Birmingham and Nottingham Universities, with magnificent facilities, have problems raising a single team. There is much scope here for lacrosse playing leavers with a bigger ambition than just to go to the top of the lacrosse league. We ended our season in the snow against Mr. C. P. Langford's XII: the opposition's skill in winning the toss and being able to predict a violent hailstorm in the third quarter was a major contribution to their victory, but it was interesting, even in defeat, to put some goals past the Lancashire goalkeeper and to see the impromptu combination of such players as Withington, Collier, Daines and Hobday.

If the season was not an utterly successful one it provided a grand variety of interesting fixtures and introduced us to some competent and promising players.

C.P.L.

## 2nd XII LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 6, Lost 3, Goals for 158, Against 84.

v. Stockport G.S. ....	H	W	27—4
v. Sale 'A' (David Beesley Cup Round 1) .....	A	W	15—9
v. Mellor 'C' (David Beesley Cup Round 2) .....	H	W	24—10
v. Sth. Manchester & Wythenshawe 'C' (David Beesley Cup semi-final) .....	A	W	23—0
v. Stockport G.S. ....	A	W	27—3
v. Sheffield University (David Beesley Cup Final) ....	A	L	4—13
v. Woodhouse Grove School	H	W	17—8
v. Old Hulmeians' Extra 'A'..	H	L	13—19
v. Old Hulmeians 'A' .....	H	L	8—18

A relatively young team represented the School 2nd XII, but they quickly showed that their undoubted skill more than made up for their lack of experience. Against school opposition they were unbeaten, and to find opponents of equal ability they needed to play club sides containing players much senior to themselves. They showed great skill in reaching the final of the David Beesley Cup, having thrashed club sides on their way to the final, and in an entertaining game against an unbeaten Sheffield University side they put up a better performance than the 4—13 score suggests.

The following usually represented the School R. G. Shelmerdine, D. P. Schofield, S. N. Roberts, M. K. Bradbury, R. Byrne, A. T. Murphy, J. N. B. Bennington, A. P. Waring, G. Jones, D. Coy, N. A. Milton, P. M. Emsley, D. M. Baxter, J. P. B. Sandy, L. J. Wharton.

R.G.S. and D.P.S.

## UNDER-15 XII LACROSSE

Played 8, Won 6, Lost 2, Goals for 65, Against 40.

v. Mellor Juniors .....	H	W	8—3
*v. Wilmslow Grammar School	H	W	15—1
*v. Stockport G.S. ....	A	L	3—10
v. Broadway School .....	A	L	4—9
v. Woodhouse Grove School		W	12—3
v. Stockport G.S. ....	H	W	6—4
v. Stamford School .....	H	W	8—4
v. South Manchester & Wythenshawe Juniors .....	A	W	9—6
* Juniors and Schools Cup			

The team was usually selected from N. W. Hewitt (Capt.), N. Ashton, R. K. Cox, P. Maddocks, C. D. Lightfoot, P. M. Kennerley, A. J. McLaren, C. S. Manning, A. U. Shaikh, J. C. Dale, D. S. Dodd, D. R. Nicholson, T. G. Jones, A. Wilde, C. D. Parkyn, N. J. F. Warner.

The following boys were members of the squad and/or played occasionally. B. M. Wilkinson, C. M. Weaver, O. C. D. Cooper, R. Hall, J. F. Morton, J. Raby, G. R. Hepburn, M. C. Hope, M. J. Sandy, P. A. Barron, J. A. Gubba.

It is always a shame to lose pre-arranged fixtures, at the last minute, for whatever the reason, and such losses are even more keenly felt when the season is as short as this one was, with Easter coming in March. Of our original twelve fixtures, four were cancelled, the weather being the villain in the Broadway and Stamford fixtures, and in the other two cases Marple Hall and Boardman and Eccles found themselves unable to fulfil their fixtures. The fact that three of these cancellations came in the first five games was crucial, also, and meant that when we met Stockport Grammar School in the first round of the Cup in mid-February, the team was still in embryo and struggling to find its feet and form. A resolute performance the next week against a powerful Broadway side proved to be the springboard for a successful conclusion to the season, when we won the last four games in fine style and exacted our revenge from Stockport Grammar in an exciting game which ended 6—4 in our favour.

The side was led throughout the season by N. W. Hewitt whose captaincy and attitude were an example to the whole team. He worked tirelessly in midfield with C. S. Manning and J. C. Dale and supported an able defensive unit when needed. It was the defence which proved to be our strength during the season, with P. Maddocks, P. M. Kennerley, and C. D. Lightfoot strong and resolute in their marking, quick to win ground balls and cover, and never afraid to carry the ball into the attack's half of the field when



necessary. In their clearing they were aided by the strong running of A. U. Shaikh and thoughtful positioning of A. J. McLaren. In the midfield and attack, however, we failed to build on this solid defensive base, and there was too much reliance on individuals. A. Wilde, T. G. Jones and C. D. Parkyn will all develop into very capable individualists, for certain, but they and the rest of the attack must realise that beating a man when one has not got the ball is more important than just trying to when one has. The attack were also guilty of not committing and occupying their defence men who were thus allowed to cover very successfully. A defender who is forced to watch his attack-man *all* the time can never see when he is needed to cover a colleague! But when N. J. F. Warner came into the side he showed the sort of selflessness in working off the ball which always leads to goals in the long run.

The most damaging aspect of our play, however, was the general weakness of passing and shooting, over the whole season. Consistently hard, flat passing, and powerful, accurate shooting develop only from frequent and regular practice. It is to be hoped that the lunchtime stick-handling practices and "throw-arounds" which have made our School players' stick-work the best anywhere do not give way completely to less purposeful soccer games.

Finally I should like to say thank-you to a keen and receptive squad, who may not have set the U-15 lacrosse world alight but who have worked hard together and succeeded in improving their individual skills and teamwork, and who were dedicated enough to pioneer the early-morning training sessions in the Sports Hall.

I.J.S.

#### UNDER-14 XII LACROSSE

Played 4, Won 3, Lost 1, For 43, Against 18

v. South Manchester & Wythenshawe Juniors	.....	H	W	9—3
v. Stamford School	.....	H	W	15—3
v. Stockport G.S.	.....	H	W	11—3
v. Stockport G.S.	.....	A	L	8—9

The following boys represented the School: D. A. Hanley, P. R. H. Wilson, D. Baines, M. R. Hawkins, M. J. Sandy, B. M. Wilkinson (Capt.), A. Keddy, P. A. Barron, O. C. D. Cooper, C. Wilkins, C. M. Weaver, C. M. Thorpe, M. P. Evans, G. H. Mills, J. S. Clough, D. G. Richards, M. Hallworth.

This was a satisfactory season that was disrupted by the cancellation of three matches because of rain. We had a talented lacrosse XII, but many of the players failed to establish any form of pattern of play in the match situation. Goals were scored by brilliant individual efforts, although few were created and executed by team work.

M. J. Sandy, B. M. Wilkinson, O. C. D. Cooper and P. A. Barron frequently demonstrated their skills, but they did not play as a mid-field unit, preferring to run with the ball rather than pass to other players

in more advantageous positions. The whole team excelled when moving the ball around the opposition's goal, but inaccurate shooting prevented more goals being scored. A. Keddy and C. Wilkins scored eight goals each by very good stick work close to goal while O. C. D. Cooper (thirteen goals) and C. M. Thorpe (ten goals) shot with power and accuracy from varying angles and distances.

In defence M. R. Hawkins was the most consistent and capable player, but other defenders were unable to maintain the man-to-man defensive system. For this reason, D. A. Hanley did very well to prevent the unmarked attackers from scoring.

This lacrosse team lost their first game this season, but they will have many more successes when they re-establish their Second Year team work.

A.J.P.

#### UNDER-13 XII LACROSSE

Played 6, Won 6, Goals For 97, Against 10.

v. Wilmslow G.S.	.....	A	W	16—1
v. Broadway School	.....	A	W	16—3
(Centurion Trophy Round 1)				
v. Wilmslow G.S.	.....	W	22—0	
(Centurion Trophy Semi-final)				
v. Stockport G.S.	.....	A	W	17—4
v. Broadway School	.....	H	W	22—0
v. Stockport L.C. Juniors	..	W	4—2	
(Centurion Trophy Final on Old Hulmeians' Ground)				

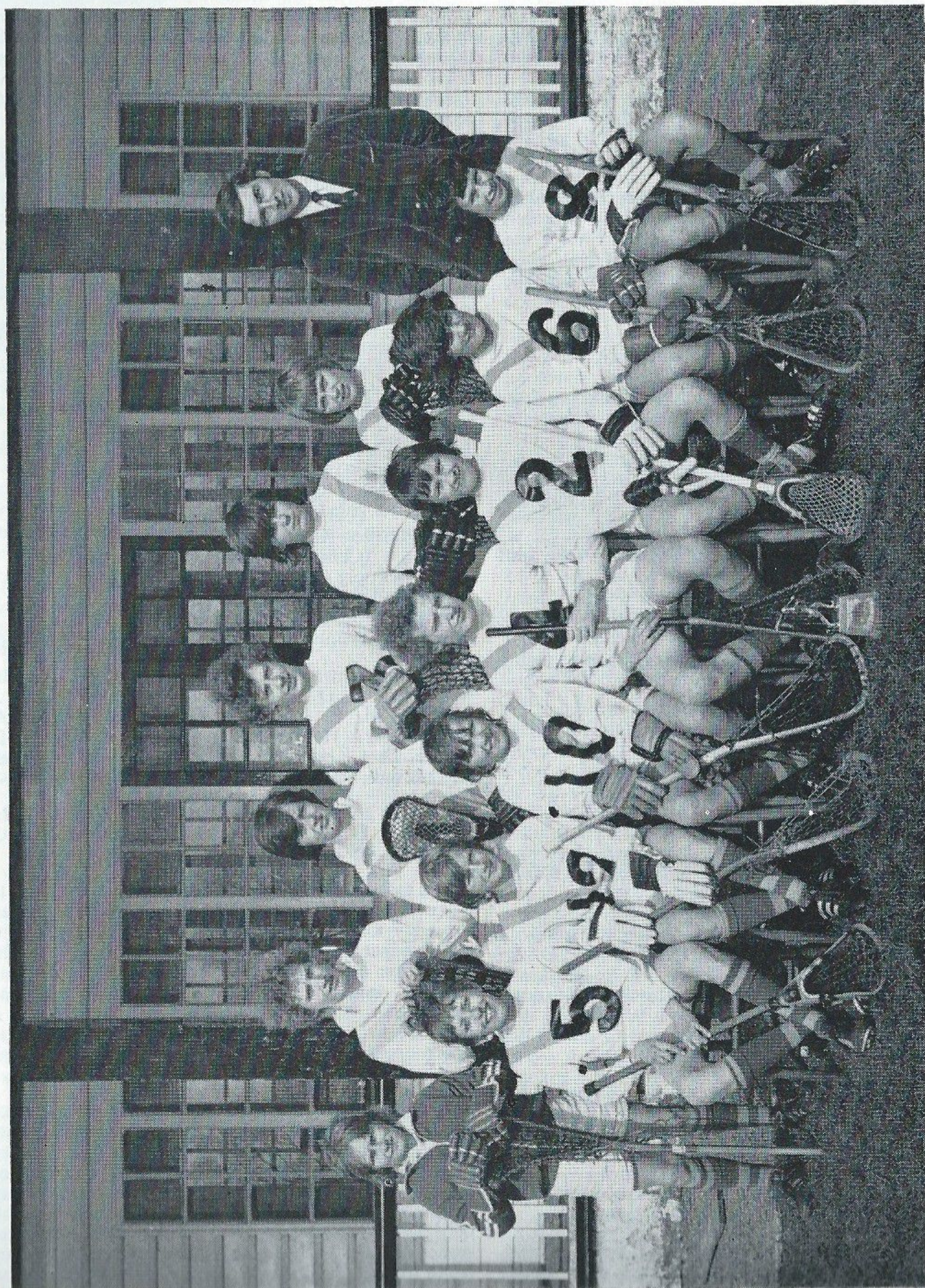
The following represented the School: K. J. Wadsworth (Capt), D. J. Barnes, S. C. Bickerton, P. J. Latham, M. F. Packman, D. Watmough, M. A. Etchells, A. J. Hepburn, S. J. Jary, T. A. Jones, J. L. Patton, D. C. Haworth, A. Johnson, S. R. Cooper, A. Dowdall, R. M. Wadsworth.

Leading goalscorers: K. Wadsworth 20, R. Wadsworth 15, D. Watmough 12, M. Packman 11, J. Patton 11, A. Johnson 10.

The season contained all the elements which go to make School lacrosse both strong and, at times, strangely weak. Great importance is attached to the cup competition and yet the poor quality of the opposition often masks the weakness of a team and dulls its need and desire for training, practice and tactical thought. So it was with this team, but it is pleasing to note that this time the motivation to practise, to improve and to learn about the game was just maintained.

Little need be said about most of the games which were extremely one-sided: the best team performance came against Broadway in the Centurion Trophy when a magnificent first quarter of fierce yet relaxed lacrosse saw us sail into a 5—0 lead. Practice sessions continued unabated and we received much valuable help from Mr. Bryans on defence play, had two games against the U-14 XII, losing one narrowly and being thrashed in the other, and also had the support of Mr. Bonnick and Mr. Haynes on several cold Saturdays.





UNDER-13 LACROSSE SQUAD—CENTURION TROPHY WINNERS



The Centurion Final was not a pleasant game and though we certainly deserved to win we were not at our best. All our previously worked-out tactics were not right on the day in what became a physical struggle. Stockport are to be congratulated on their performance but I would not let this detract from a great effort from our boys, under very difficult circumstances for our relatively inexperienced team.

The strength of the team lay in mid-field. K. J. Wadsworth, the Captain and Centre, won possession nearly all the time and always disputed the game with maximum effort throughout. His brother R. M. Wadsworth played an identical game! At wing defence S. C. Bickerton was the man who tidied up, and rarely wasted a ball, while D. Watmough, very fast and strong both in temper and play, was particularly good going forward. J. Patton, the other wing attack played well in many games, with good runs and neat handling, but he has not yet learned to give maximum effort all the time. At the back A. Dowdall was the senior goalkeeper, being bulkier and also more consistent than A. J. Hepburn. Both played well but both must practise constantly at stopping shots with their bodies.

The straight defence and the straight attack were both units. The defence, organised by D. Barnes, the Vice-Captain, learned a good deal about positional play and also developed the ability to body an opponent, which many a senior player cannot do properly. Barnes intercepts well and handles competently but must try to speed up on the turn. D. C. Haworth, with a very long stride, is a deft handler and often proved invaluable when the ball was on the floor, while M. A. Etchells was gritty, extremely mobile and at all times very calm. He contributed a superb individual performance against Broadway's star player which completely disrupted their game.

The straight attack was well-balanced. A. Johnson, left-handed and an astute reader of the game, usually played behind goal. M. Packman, quick on the ball and with a splendid side step, provided mobility, while P. J. Latham, although not a good finisher, ran into some beautiful positions unseen, often removing opposition defenders from in front of goal. No one played on the crease, nearly a costly tactical mistake in the Centurion Final, and if one of these three can do this they will be even more formidable.

At the end of the season we were pleased to be able to present the Centurion Trophy to the Headmaster and also presented a book each to J. Beesley and J. P. B. Sandy, members of the 1st XII, who gave up a great deal of time and energy in coaching the team. They enjoyed the chance to practise and the team enjoyed body-checking Beesley's knees. A word of thanks is also due to our faithful reserve S. Jary who will be a good player when he is bigger. Thanks also to Mr. Haynes as driver and photographer, Mr. Bonnick for constant encouragement, Mr. Bryans, Mr. Shaw, J. C. Wozencroft, J. Curvis and C. Foulkes who helped with the social side of the Centurion Final, and not least to Mr. Clarke the groundsman, and his staff, in a Term of wet weather.

Finally I would reiterate my comments at the trophy presentation: the School's success at lacrosse will only continue if we have a strong pool of good players, players willing to train, practise and learn so that they may become excellent against the toughest opposition. Defenders in particular are at a premium. I wish the present team luck and thank them for a rewarding Term of hard work.

P.J.W

## UNDER-12 XII LACROSSE

Played 7, Won 3, Lost 4, Goals For 68, Against 33.

v. Wilmslow G.S. ....	H	L	4—8
v. Wilmslow G.S. ....	H	L	4—6
v. Stockport G.S. ....	H	W	18—1
v. Cheadle Hulme L.C. ....	A	L	7—8
v. Stockport School ....	A	L	6—7
v. Stockport G.S. ....	A	W	22—1
v. Stockport L.C. ....	H	W	7—2

The team has been selected from: I. Ackerley, J. M. Adams, C. D. Bradbury, S. Brown, S. R. Brown, B. Cooper, D. B. Emsley, R. P. Flamank, J. Hall, G. W. Keating, I. W. Keating, P. Keddie, T. A. M. Maula, K. D. Murray, R. J. Mitson, A. J. Padkin, A. W. Smith and N. S. Tucker.

The team was unfortunate in having to suffer a dreadful spell of weather in January, and the constant posting of the "Field out of bounds" notice meant that the essential handling practice which shapes one's early lacrosse was largely missed. The team did develop towards the end of the season, and it should be borne in mind that only against Stockport G. S. did it meet a side of similar age and experience. All the other games, however, provided useful experience and we were particularly grateful to Wilmslow G.S. for playing at short notice and in impossible conditions.

Highlights of the team have been the excellent goalkeeping of I. W. Keating, the firm defence of his brother, the determined centre-play of B. Cooper and the forceful midfield work of J. M. Adams and A. J. Padkin. Most players, though, are still much behind schedule in their handling and will have to put in a lot of practice before the start of next season.

C.P.L.

## HOUSE LACROSSE

Rather more cancellations than usual resulted from a very wet Term and only eight matches were played by the senior teams. The standard, as we have come to expect, was very high, but we are still plagued by the petty fouls which seem to be so much a part of the senior game these days.

Gaskell were very quickly ahead of the rest of the Houses, but were challenged by Fraser and Heywood. In spite of a gallant effort by Fraser, Gaskell managed to hold on to a fairly comfortable lead to win.



Results:	1. Gaskell	127 points
	2. Fraser	101 "
	3. Heywood	96 "
	4. Whitworth	64 "
	5. Dalton	53 "
	6. Byrom	39 "

### KNOCK-OUTS

This was a year that will be remembered for the closeness of the scores, though extra time was needed in the Junior second round game between Gaskell and Fraser. The Senior Final, however, was a great game, especially in the second half, when it developed into one of the most interesting and certainly the closest for some years.

#### Results:

##### Senior

First Round	Fraser beat Whitworth	18—6
	Dalton beat Heywood	10—8
Second Round	Fraser beat Byrom	8—2
	Dalton beat Gaskell	10—0
Final	Fraser beat Dalton	9—6

##### Junior

First Round	Dalton beat Byrom	12—6
	Heywood beat Whitworth	6—1
Second Round	Heywood beat Dalton	8—3
	Gaskell beat Fraser	6—4
Final	Gaskell beat Heywood	8—3

J.P.

### LACROSSE SIX-A-SIDE

The annual competition for the Hewlett Cup was this year played in near-perfect conditions and as usual produced great spirit and some fine games. The following table perhaps sums up the afternoon in the best way.

	Pts.	Goals F	Goals A	Finals against	Finals drawn	Finals
Byrom	7	21	59	0	0	0
Dalton	19	54	55	2	0	0
Fraser	30	82	43	6	3	1
Gaskell	36	71	41	7	3	2
Heywood	12	40	46	1	0	1
Whitworth	8	28	51	0	0	0
Total games		56				
Total goals		296				
Total players		288				
Playing time		11 hours 12 mins.				

Fraser and Gaskell reached five finals in which they played each other.

J.P.

### 1st XI CRICKET

Played 20, Won 4, Lost 1, Drawn 13, Abandoned 2.

Despite the fact that we won only four games, it would be wrong to think that the First team played negative cricket. A game was never closed up until victory was out of the question and it is to their credit that only one game was lost. The season was very successful in terms of building a side for next year.

Unfortunately there were problems which had to be overcome. C. Ball, the vice-captain and most experienced batsman, was only available for nine games out of twenty whilst J. Beesley, the side's most successful batsman, was unavailable for the tour. Surely such a talented player as T. N. Picken can never again have such a poor season with the bat, whilst only on a couple of occasions did P. Lindsay show the form that brought him so many runs on the 1974 tour. On the bowling side, N. H. Clayden, our quickest bowler, was once again unable to shake off injury and bowled "flat out" only at Crosby, whilst M. Kirkman, the Captain, who with Clayden was expected to be the mainstay of our attack, suffered what one hopes is only a temporary loss of his action and confidence, and bowled only fourteen overs in the season.

However, it would be wrong to dwell too long upon the things that went wrong in a season which brought a good deal of enjoyment to many and in which many players grew up. J. Beesley was the side's outstanding batsman. He scored over 300 runs at an average of over 34, a remarkable achievement for one coming straight from the Colts XI. Perhaps his greatest assets are his determination and concentration, best underlined by his innings of 59 not out on a difficult pitch against Lytham. C. Ball is a player of undoubted class and his 54, scored out of 64 in only 45 minutes, was a memorable innings. Too often, however, he pointlessly gave away his wicket when he was in the twenties and going well. H. Orton played one or two notable innings, none better than his 56 against Wakefield, but he needs practice against quick bowling on the leg stump. J. P. Swindley batting at six or seven played one or two useful knocks when we were in trouble.

The injury to N. H. Clayden gave P. Dutton his chance to prove his ability as an opening bowler. Bowling at around medium pace, he was always accurate and moved the ball just enough to beat the bat. He captured 38 wickets for about ten runs apiece and was the side's leading wicket-taker. T. N. Picken, who for most of the season opened the bowling with Dutton, improved rapidly. He is quicker than he at first appears and has the ability to think batsmen out by use of the slower ball. At times, as against Batley, he was desperately unlucky, but he proved an excellent foil to Dutton. H. Orton, who is a far more effective medium pace bowler than spinner, captured 23 wickets, whilst C. Ball, who has been underbowled in previous seasons, proved his value with either off-spin or medium pace. H. Frost bowled some accurate left-arm medium pace, but was not needed for most of the season due to the wealth of seam-bowling talent. He must realise that at this level it is essential to keep the ball up to the bat, and he would benefit by getting closer to the stumps in his delivery stride.

D. Coy did a good job behind the stumps in his first season, although he needs a little more practice against slow bowling. He is basically a sound batsman who will score many more runs with a higher backlift and greater urgency between the wickets.



The fielding was little more than adequate. P. Lindsay, T. Picken and M. Kirkman all took some good catches close to the wicket and H. Orton and R. Bailey set a fine example in the outfield. Sadly there were gaps, especially between the legs of the less agile performers!

Perhaps most important of all, there has always been a good team spirit which has made for a most enjoyable season.

Full colours were re-awarded to M. Kirkman, C. Ball, T. N. Picken and P. Lindsay and awarded to H. Orton, N. H. Clayden, P. Dutton and J. Beesley.

Half colours were awarded to D. Coy, R. Bailey and J. P. Swindley.

Finally may I express my thanks to Mr. Blight for his work as coach and umpire and to Messrs. Murray, Langford, Clark, McNair and Shaw who helped out with the umpiring, to G. Morrison, our scorer and to Mr. Mitchell for his help and advice.

M.K.

#### 1st XI AVERAGES 1975

Batting (Qualification 8 completed innings)

	Inns	Times	Runs	Hs	Average
J. Beesley	12	3	313	59*	34.78
C. Ball	9	0	179	54	19.89
J. Swindley	12	4	115	25*	14.38
P. Lindsay	20	3	220	57*	12.94
H. Orton	18	0	221	56	12.28
D. Coy	14	3	126	39	11.46
R. Bailey	15	2	117	18*	9.0
T. Picken	18	1	132	19*	7.77

Catches: Picken 12, Lindsay 11, Kirkman 9, Beesley 4, Burt 4, Dutton 4, Hoey 2, Orton 2, Ball 2, Hewitt, Swindley, Frost and Boyle 1 each.

Wicket-keeping: D. Coy 10 catches, 6 stumpings.

Bowling (Qualifications 9 wickets)

	O	M	R	W	Average
P. Dutton	168.1	53	385	38	10.13
C. Ball	69.5	21	175	17	10.29
H. Clayden	55	18	102	9	11.33
H. Frost	60	17	118	10	11.80
H. Orton	118.2	37	285	23	12.39
T. Picken	163.2	44	375	21	17.86

Also bowled: P. Lindsay 6—3—6—3, G. Burt 33—6—91—4, M. Kirkman 14.4—2—44—2, R. Bailey 1—0—4—0.

#### MATCH REPORTS

v. Stockport G.S.—Away

Stockport 113 (Ball 4 for 24, Frost 3 for 23)  
School 69 for 7 (Swindley 25 not out, Coy 15 not out).  
Draw.

Put in to bat, Stockport reached 57 for 1 before C. Ball's off-spin heralded a minor collapse. However, their Captain batted sensibly and saw them to a respectable 113. The wicket became unpredictable after tea, but this did not excuse some of the ridiculous shots which several of our senior batsmen played. Only sensible batting from Swindley and Coy saved us from defeat.

v. King Edward VII, Lytham—Home

School 138 for 5 dec. (Beesley 59 not out, Ball 19, Bailey 18 not out, Lindsay 17).  
Lytham 69 for 2 (Durham 52 not out).  
Draw.

Against an accurate attack the School started slowly. However, we collapsed from 46 for 1 to 78 for 5 before Beesley and Bailey added 60 in 35 minutes. Beesley's innings was a model of temperament and technique in difficult conditions. Lytham never made any attempt to go for the runs and the game petered out, amidst interruptions for rain, into a dismal draw.

v. Bolton School—Home

School 92 (Swindley 19, Beesley 18).  
Bolton 88 for 9 (Ball 3 for 26).  
Draw.

This was perhaps the most entertaining game of the season. On a soft green wicket we struggled against an accurate attack. At 45 for 1 Bolton looked poised for victory. However, C. Ball, bowling medium pace, supported by T. Picken broke through their middle order. Our ground-fielding was for once excellent and 4 run-outs aided our cause. Bolton began the last over needing six for victory with two wickets standing. However, there was another run out and the fairest result for both sides prevailed.

v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield—Home.

School 158 for 5 dec. (Beesley 56 not out, Orton 56, Ball 29).  
Wakefield 67 for 3.  
Draw.

C. Ball ensured a good start which was capitalised on by J. Beesley and H. Orton who added 102 at over a run a minute. Wakefield in reply could manage only 67 for 3 in 40 overs which was only 9 fewer than we had received. With more or less no worthwhile point in the 'cricket' being played, the players trooped off six overs before the end and the game ended in a thoroughly depressing draw.

v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby—Away

Merchant Taylors' 83 (P. Dutton 5 for 29, H. Clayden 5 for 50).  
School 84 for 7 (C. Ball 23, T. Picken 19 not out).  
Won by 3 wickets.

This was a magnificent effort by our two opening bowlers. Clayden was fast and hostile, whilst Dutton bowled with deadly accuracy. Each of them bowled 18 overs, breaking only for lunch. C. Ball began as if he was going to knock the runs off on his own,



However, he then got out attempting to hit their opening bowler straight for six. His dismissal heralded a minor collapse and it took a sensible innings from T. Picken to see us home.

v. Whalley Range C.C.—Away.

Whalley Range 104 for 4 dec. (Hamson 47).  
School 48 for 9 (Picken 19, Marsh 4 for 9).  
Draw.

We managed to contain a strong Whalley Range batting side quite effectively. However we were without two of our best batsmen and only Picken batted up to standard. In the end our tail end saved us from defeat by batting out time.

v. Woodhouse Grove School—Away.

Woodhouse Grove 133 (Ball 4 for 35, Orton 3 for 28).  
School 134 for 5 (Ball 54, Orton 25, Lindsay 23 not out).  
Won by 5 wickets.

Ball and Orton both bowled extremely accurately and we were held up by their last wicket pair who added 29 runs. Ball gave a faultless exhibition of batting, scoring 50 in only 35 minutes with shots all round the ground before he was trapped leg before. Orton continued the quick pace and we required only 19 in seven overs when he was out. Somehow we lost our way and only secured the winning run off the last ball in a tense finish.

v. Manchester G.S.—Home

School 105 for 8 dec. (Beesley 43, Ball 24)  
M.G.S. 85 for 8 (Ball 4 for 14, Dutton 3 for 40)  
Draw

Sadly this game was played on a wicket which had received insufficient preparation. Ball and Beesley once again proved that they were the mainstay of our batting as we struggled against an accurate attack. With a limited amount of time available M.G.S. sportingly went for the runs and honours were even when stumps were drawn. Both sides deserve credit for their ability to produce an entertaining game on a wicket which was not fit for cricket.

v. Parents—Home

Parents 98 for 6 dec (Mr. Wadsworth 29, Orton 4 for 30)  
School 84 for 3 (Beesley 42 not out, Orton 31)  
Draw

The Parents' side was a definite improvement on those of recent years. With limited time available, victory was never really 'on' after we were 3 for 2. However, lively batting from Beesley and Orton took us to within 14 of our goal when stumps were drawn.

v. Staff—Home

Staff 124 (Mr. Langford 34, Mr. Cornish 25, Mr. Shaw 21 not out, Picken 6 for 44)  
School 96 for 7 (Ball 22)  
Draw

Picken bowled accurately and obtained movement both in the air and off the pitch. At 91 for 9, the Masters were in real trouble. However we dropped a catch and they added a further 33, whilst at the same time taking up valuable batting time. Only Ball came to terms with the accurate attack and the awkward pitch and amidst frustrated appeals we batted out time.

v. Birkenhead—Home

School 56 (Orton 21)  
Birkenhead 57 for 1  
Lost by 9 wickets.

Birkenhead possessed two bowlers, a genuinely quick bowler and a quickish left-arm spinner who were ideally suited to a wicket of uneven bounce. Only Orton managed to come to terms with the pitch and we were dismissed for a humiliatingly low total. Our bowlers were not as suited to the pitch, being slower in pace and despite one or two moments of anguish Birkenhead won comfortably.

v. Batley—Home

School 112 (Orton 38, Coy 24 not out)  
Batley 86 (Dutton 8 for 31)  
Won

On another dreadful wicket, we collapsed to 3 for 3 before Orton, then Coy saw us to a respectable total. Dutton bowled accurately and was well supported by good close catching. Once again he formed a useful attacking combination with Picken who bowled equally well without taking a wicket.

v. King's School Macclesfield—Away

School 155 for 6 dec (Beesley 57, Coy 39, Lindsay 24)  
Macclesfield 94 for 6 (P. Honey 57 not out)  
Draw

Lindsay and Coy, who was promoted to open the innings, gave us a good start in quick time. Coy gave the first real indication of his ability as a batsman and only his poor running between the wickets prevented him from scoring fifty. Beesley once again batted faultlessly until he unluckily trod on his wicket whilst pulling a ball for four. In reply their Captain played a fine innings, but was unsupported, and the game petered out into a tame draw.

v. Old Hulmeians—Home

Old Hulmeians 116 (P. J. Howarth 26, G. Simpson 30, Dutton 5 for 37, Orton 3 for 26)  
School 97 for 9 (Swindley 25, Orton 16)  
Draw

Dutton once again bowled well and was well supported by the medium pace of Orton. We were unfortunate in having to bat second on a pitch which went from bad to worse. However, our batsmen hit out to the end before our last wicket pair batted out the last two overs. The sight of Mr. Shaw bowling slow off-spinners which sometimes lifted above the batsmen's head off a length proved that there was more to the low scores in most of our home matches than poor technique.

M.K.



## TOUR OF THE WEST COUNTRY

- v. King Edward's School, Birmingham  
King Edward's 157 for 6 dec (Dutton 3 for 23)  
School 103 for 8 (Hoey 28, Hewitt 25)  
Draw

On a small ground with a fast outfield, despite an accurate spell from G. Burt, King Edward's scored their runs quickly. We never looked like reaching the total against a bowler of genuine pace. Both Hewitt and Hoey hit well against the spinners but we were thankful when a heavy shower held up play for 20 minutes and left us with only 12 overs to play out.

- v. King's School, Bruton

School 60 for 4 (Hewitt 22 not out, Coy 17)  
Abandoned

Hewitt once again gave evidence of his promise and played some pleasant shots before rain caused play to be abandoned.

- v. Bristol Bedouins

School 54 for 4 (Lord 19 not out)  
Abandoned

The Bedouins generously fielded in steady drizzle which gave Lord a chance to demonstrate his ability before the rain became heavier and play was abandoned.

- v. Monmouth School

School 57 (Picken 19)  
Monmouth 43 for 7 (Picken 4 for 22, Dutton 3 for 20)  
Abandoned as a draw.

On a soft green wicket we put up an inexcusable exhibition of bad batting. The wicket was not responsible for any of the dismissals and it was a lack of application which put us out for a poor total. Monmouth, however, fared little better against Picken, who bowled with great hostility and pace and Dutton, who bowled with his accustomed accuracy and they were in all kinds of trouble when the rain, which had threatened to end play all day, finally had the last word.

- v. Exeter School

Exeter 75 (Orton 4 for 9, Frost 3 for 12)  
School 77 for 1 (Lindsay 57 not out, Lord 16 not out)  
Won

Exeter were unable to take charge against our accurate attack and it took them 53 overs to reach their total. Lindsay proceeded to play the type of innings which we had been expecting him to play all season. He was well supported by Lord in a stand of 65 in about seventy minutes which ensured a pleasing nine wicket win.

- v. Haberdashers' Aske's School, Elstree at Exeter.

Haberdashers' 118 (Orton 4 for 32, Dutton 3 for 13)  
School 85 for 8 (Lord 20, Bailey 17)  
Draw

We did well to dismiss a Haberdashers' side which had scored 240 for 3 dec. two days previously against Exeter. Orton's left arm medium pace was the mainstay of our attack but he received good support from Dutton, Picken and Burt. Apart from Lord, our early batsmen let us down and it took a stubborn ninth wicket stand between Kirkman and Burt to save us from defeat and we were left to reflect on what might have been.

Despite the fact that four regular first teamers were not available and that for the third year running the weather left much to be desired, the eighth cricket tour to the West Country was undoubtedly a success. The tour was not without its usual eventfulness off the field. We arrived at Street Youth Hostel nearly an hour and a half later than expected due to problems with the van, which on the return journey broke down at Hilton Park Service Station after a two-hour traffic crawl on the motorway. A night prowler who thought he would have a look into the senior caravan was hotly pursued by two of our more courageous members of the team but unfortunately was not caught!

Our victory over Exeter was most pleasing whilst we were left to reflect on what might have happened at Monmouth. Our batting sadly let us down against Haberdashers' Aske's, when on paper victory looked to be well within our grasp.

The tour was a success for a number of the players who had not played regular first team cricket during the season. N. Lord and N. Hewitt, both from the Colts XI, on occasions gave the first team regulars one or two lessons in batting. G. Burt from the second XI bowled two very accurate spells at Birmingham and against Haberdashers'. He has a subtle variation in flight, but would do well to work hard on getting the ball to spin more sharply. Lindsay at last played the type of innings of which we knew he was capable whilst Picken at times bowled with genuine pace.

Thanks are once again due to Mr. Blight who organised the trip so efficiently and on whom fell the responsibility of being driver, coach, umpire and accountant!

M.K.

It has never been so difficult to write a tribute to a Captain as it is in the case of M. Kirkman. An outstanding off-spin bowler, his School career ended with a season in which he rarely bowled, as he had lost all confidence. Only if someone else had been Captain and forced him to bowl could this problem have been resolved.

It is much to Kirkman's credit that in a season when our wickets at home were mostly unfit and undermined players' morale, and when he had lost form,



he inspired a young side to play positive and determined cricket. The team was never affected by his personal disappointment. The weakest side ever to go on tour responded to his leadership and he helped create the spirit which enabled it to perform creditably and have a thoroughly enjoyable trip. If success in the face of adversity is the measure of a man, Kirkman rates very highly indeed amongst our Cricket Captains.

A.M.B.

## 2nd XI CRICKET

Played 12, Won 7, Drawn 5.

### v. Stockport G.S.—Home

Match Drawn

School 111 all out (Jones 28)

Stockport 98 for 8 (Burt 4 for 39)

### v. King Edward's Lytham—Away

Won by 45 runs

School 126 for 5 dec. (Boyle 58, Scovell 24)

Lytham 81 all out (Burt 4 for 31)

### v. Bolton School—Away

Match Drawn

School 78 all out

Bolton 67 for 8 (Gillespie 4 for 16)

### v. Q. E. G. S. Wakefield—Away

Match Drawn

School 126 all out (Boyle 40, Gillespie 43)

Wakefield 84 for 7 (Sandy 3 for 20)

### v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby—Away

Won by 45 runs

School 126 all out (Bailey 61)

Crosby 81 all out (Jones 7 for 20)

### v. Woodhouse Grove School—Home

Won by 83 runs

School 130 for 8 dec. (Holland 32, Tarpey 26 n.o.)

Woodhouse Grove 47 all out (Gillespie 4 for 12, Burt 3 for 19)

### v. Manchester G.S.—Away

Won by 7 wickets

M.G.S. 128 all out, (Burt 5 for 31)

School 131 for 3 (Wharton 35, Swindley 57 n.o.)

### v. Parents' XI—Home

Won by 6 wickets

Parents 83 all out (Maxfield 1.3—0—4—2—)

School 84 for 4 (Burt 21, Maxfield 17)

### v. Birkenhead School—Away

Match Drawn

School 160 all out (Holland 54, Hoey 27, Gillespie 34)

Birkenhead 107 for 9 (Sandy 3 for 45, Burt 4 for 22)

### v. Staff 2nd XI—Home

Won by 67 runs

School 145 for 7 dec. (Holland 28, Jones 59 n.o.)

Staff 78 all out (Burt 4 for 11)

### v. King's School, Macclesfield—Home

Match Drawn

School 151 for 3 dec. (Wharton 47, Boyle 40, Hoey 22 n.o.)

Macclesfield 94 for 7

### v. Rydal School—Away

Won by 1 run

School 97 all out (Boyle 30, Gillespie 22, Wall 24)

Rydal 96 all out (Sandy 3 for 22)

The following represented the School in 2nd XI matches:

D. W. Hoey (Capt.), P. D. Boyle, M. G. Holland, G. T. Gillespie, G. Jones, G. S. Burt, L. J. Wharton, R. M. Kerle, S. G. Tarpey, J. P. B. Sandy, A. G. Schofield, R. L. Wall, H. J. Frost, M. K. Bradbury, N. R. Maxfield, E. W. Brunyee, M. J. Scovell, P. J. Dutton, J. P. Swindley, D. Hanley, P. M. Hall, S. Ogden, R. D. Bailey, R. Byrne, D. Thompson.

2nd XI colours were awarded to: D. W. Hoey, L. J. Wharton, P. D. Boyle, G. S. Burt, G. T. Gillespie, G. Jones, J. P. B. Sandy. Half colours were awarded to: S. G. Tarpey, A. G. Schofield, M. G. Holland, R. L. Wall.

## Leading Averages

	Innings	Batting			
		Not-Out	Highest Score	Total	Average
P. D. Boyle	6	0	58	181	30.16
M. Holland	5	0	54	127	25.40
G. T. Gillespie	8	0	43	155	19.37
G. Jones	8	1	59 n.o.	116	16.51
L. Wharton	11	0	47	147	13.37

	Bowling				
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
G. Jones	50.5	16	92	17	5.41
G. S. Burt	77	18	194	25	7.76
J. P. B. Sandy	68.4	17	149	18	8.16
G. T. Gillespie	59	15	134	12	11.16
R. L. Wall	39	12	90	8	11.25

Catches: Wharton 6, Gillespie, Tarpey 5, Sandy, Burt 4.

Stumpings: Schofield 6.

The 2nd XI enjoyed an unbeaten season. Twenty-five boys played for the team, partially a reflection of availability, exams etc, partially a reflection of selection policy. The Captain, D. W. Hoey, did commendably well to create such a good team-spirit despite many changes. He was never afraid to declare early, used his bowlers intelligently, batted significantly himself in several games and improved his Captaincy constantly during the season.



The batting was generally unpredictable but only twice were we bowled out for fewer than 100 and often robust stokes from the lower order, particularly Gillespie and Jones, pulled us round after a middle order collapse. Boyle played as solidly as ever, despite a lack of confidence in mid-season, and batted very well at Rydal. He must improve his running which handicaps his fellow-batsmen badly. Wharton opened the batting and several times threatened to make a large score. He did so twice, at M.G.S. where he utterly demoralised their bowling to take us to a crushing win, and against Macclesfield where he hit the ball very fiercely. He still tends to be out L.B.W. but an adjustment of his guard to leg stump went some way to improving this. Holland, coming into the side later in the season, played some good strokes, particularly square on the off, and if he can improve his confidence, should soon become a player of class. The rest of the batsmen lacked consistency but Wall and Sandy showed they can be valuable batsmen when required, and Schofield and Scovell will both be great assets next season.

The fielding was generally good with Wharton both taking and dropping most catches. Fielders must remember, however, to stay where they are put—at Birkenhead, where we had a bad day in the field which cost us the match, fielders wandered all over the place. Schofield and Maxfield shared the wicket-keeping and both did well. Schofield is still improving his technique and promises well for the future. Maxfield, enthusiastic as ever, is a good team man and, happily, achieved the vital run out in the close finish at Rydal.

The bowling was accurate and intelligent, the strength of the team, and had it been backed by better close fielding could have brought us further victories against Birkenhead and Macclesfield. Jones and Gillespie generally shared the new ball, with assistance in some games from Dutton, soon elevated to the 1st XI, and Frost, who bowled well at M.G.S. Jones found a much better line this season and achieved a number of wickets with a sharp off-cutter. He has a rhythm to his bowling and no little pace. Gillespie is less impressive to watch but very effective when pitching the ball up. Both were difficult to score off. The last hour of the game was often dominated by Burt and Sandy, supported by Wall, who in harmony managed 27 overs much to the consternation of the opposition. Burt, small and dark, takes most of his wickets by accuracy and flight; Sandy, tall and fair, invites the batsman to escape from Burt by hitting him—usually with disastrous results. They made a good pair to watch and a welcome change from medium pace trundlers.

It is more difficult to achieve a result in senior cricket and therefore to the credit of the team and the Captain that seven victories were gained in twelve matches. The sense of enjoyment and the pride in the team's record was always evident and this enabled us to hang on when all seemed lost at Rydal. Thanks are due to our cheerful scorer D. Hanley, to Mr. Murray and Mr. Shaw for umpiring, to the ground staff and to a most lively and jovial team.

P.J.W.

## UNDER-15 XI CRICKET

Played 17, Won 8, Lost 4, Drawn 4, Abandoned 1.

### (a) Regular Fixtures:

- v. Wade Deacon G.S.—Home  
School 78 for 5 (25 overs) (A. Wilde 34)  
Wade Deacon 7 for 1  
Match Abandoned
- v. Stockport G.S.—Away  
School 112 (M. Mills 27, A. McLaren 22)  
Stockport 24 (M. Mills 7 for 9, M. Hope 3 for 10)  
Won by 88 runs
- v. King Edward VII School Lytham—Home  
School 134 for 9 dec. (N. Lord 57)  
Lytham 16 for 6  
Match Drawn
- v. Bolton School—Home  
School 49  
Bolton 50 for 5  
Lost by 5 wickets
- v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S. Wakefield—Home  
School 125 for 8 dec. (C. Manning 40, N. Hewitt 39)  
Q.E.G.S. 76 for 8 (M. Mills 5 for 18)  
Match Drawn
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby—Away  
School 149 for 7 dec. (N. Hewitt 67 not out)  
Crosby 49 for 9  
Match Drawn
- v. Woodhouse Grove School—Away  
School 130 all out (C. Manning 30, M. Hope 23 not out)  
Woodhouse Grove 89 for 7 (N. Lord 2 for 8)  
Match Drawn
- v. Manchester Grammar School—Home  
School 107 all out  
M.G.S. 112 for 9 (N. Lord 4 for 26)  
Lost by 1 wicket
- v. Toft C.C.—Away  
Toft 96 for 8 (25 overs)  
School 97 for 4 (N. Warner 26, N. Hewitt 37 not out)  
Won by 6 wickets
- v. Birkenhead School—Home  
School 189 for 9 dec. (A. McLaren 30, N. Hewitt 33)  
Birkenhead 124 (M. Mills 3 for 30, N. Warner 2 for 24)  
Won by 65 runs
- v. Batley G.S.—Away  
School 201 for 9 dec. (N. Hewitt 66, A. McLaren 36)  
Batley 182 all out (S. Ogden 4 for 51)  
Won by 19 runs



- v. King's School, Macclesfield—Away  
King's, Macclesfield 125 for 9 dec. (Hewitt 6 for 25)  
School 130 for 8 (Hewitt 36, Mills 33, S. Ogden 17 not out)  
Won by 2 wickets
- v. Rydal School—Away  
Rydal 137 all out (N. Warner 5 for 26)  
School 141 for 3 (C. Manning 66 not out, Hewitt 50)  
Won by 7 wickets
- v. Toft C.C.—Home (20 overs)  
Toft 113 for 6  
School 101 for 5  
Lost by 12 runs
- (b) "Cricketer" Colts Trophy (Formerly Esso Colts Competition)
  - v. Oakwood School, Rotherham (Yorkshire Champions)—Away  
Oakwood 67 for 9 (40 overs) (N. Lord 3 for 4, N. Hewitt 3 for 15)  
School 68 for 9  
Won by 1 wicket
  - v. Prestatyn H.S. (Welsh Champions)—Home  
School 139 for 7 (A. Wilde 48, N. Warner 27 not out)  
Prestatyn 116 all out (J. Morton 3 for 21)  
Won by 23 runs
  - v. St. Bee's School (Cumbria Champions)—Away  
School 89 all out (A. Wilde 20)  
St. Bee's 93 for 4  
Lost by 6 wickets

Again outstanding in a season of fine weather and exciting cricket was the "Cricketer" Colts Trophy. As representatives of Lancashire, the Under 15 team reached the last eight in England and Wales. The results are listed above. A sunny day in Cumbria proved to be the last in the Competition, ending a series of eight matches over two years.

If we were lucky at Oakwood, where a last-wicket partnership between M. C. Hope and J. F. Morton carried us to victory, we thoroughly deserved to beat Prestatyn. Fielding, batting and bowling all contributed to a fine display, and tactically we were superior to the Welsh Champions.

Our strength has always been in our ability to restrict the opposition in the field, to attack through a varied bowling combination; runs have been less important than wickets. This season the reverse was proved to be true; we needed every possible run because our bowling was more relaxed and not quite as penetrative as in 1974. Perhaps we were wrong to select J. F. Morton at St. Bees—another twenty runs from a batsman, perhaps P. Maddocks, would have been invaluable. Apart from A. Wilde and S. Ogden, the batsmen failed dismally, some beaten by accurate bowling, others incapable of settling in and building

an innings. It was a pity that, in the excitement, our fielding let us down; mis-fields and half-chances not taken helped St. Bees on their way.

So much for the "Cricketer" Trophy. Apart from an unforgivable lapse against M.G.S. and the defeat by Bolton, we can look back on many worthwhile moments. There was a record total for the team of 201 at Batley; a marvellous 189 for 8 against Birkenhead; a first-rate victory over Rydal; astonishing strokes by N. S. F. Warner and N. W. Hewitt at Toft; calm authority by the Captain, A. M. Mills, and Ogden at Macclesfield, and other fine performances by N. J. Lord, A. J. McLaren and M. C. Hope.

As a team they have learnt a great deal about the game they all so obviously enjoy. Individually some boys have developed and others, regrettably have not. N. W. Hewitt was the best player; his batting is aggressive, skilful and determined. A. M. Mills, the captain, topped the bowling averages with 32 wickets and batted with confidence and good sense. His captaincy is unpredictable and he has trouble with declarations and field-placing; yet I am sure the team were led by the right man. C. S. Manning became the first-choice wicket-keeper early in the season. He worked hard and should improve with practice. However his batting is rapidly improving and I feel he will be as good a batsman as Hewitt in due course. A. Wilde began the season by being repeatedly bowled by yorkers. He played forward more confidently as the season progressed and scored some vital runs. M. C. Hope (another good team-man) caused many batsmen problems with his accurate medium-paced bowling. N. J. Lord and N. S. F. Warner were disappointing although both fielded well on the whole. I hope these two, and also P. Collins, will have more conviction and commonsense in their batting next year.

These, then, are the players who deserve special mention. Many others had something to offer: G. R. Hepburn and C. J. Wrigley, especially have talent in reserve, while Morton's slow bowling must be encouraged once more next year. S. Ogden will talk his way into most teams but he can bat and bowl pretty well and his 12 catches are a credit to his splendid all-round fielding ability.

The season ended with a team dinner in Central Manchester—a fitting, festive conclusion to an entertaining cricket Term. I would like to thank those parents and friends who supported the team this year; also D. Stubbs who scored for us and A. J. McLaren who provided many of the statistics which accompany this report.

E.W.M.

#### UNDER-14 XI CRICKET

Played 15, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 5.

Runs scored: 1526, Wickets lost: 92. Average 16.6 runs per wicket.

Runs conceded: 1310, Wickets taken: 125. Average 10.5 runs per wicket.



- v. Stockport G.S.—Home  
School 62 all out (Richards 33)  
Stockport G.S. 40 all out (Barron 3 for 10  
Evans 2 for 0)  
Won by 22 runs
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham—Away  
School 80 all out (Thorpe 37)  
Lytham 81 for 4 (Barron 3 for 28)  
Lost by 6 wickets
- v. Miles Platting Sec. School—Home  
(Cricketer Colts Trophy, 1st round)  
School 103 for 4 (Wilkinson 39, Thorpe 36 not  
out)  
Miles Platting 23 all out (Rainford 3 for 4)  
Won by 70 runs
- v. Bolton School—Away  
Bolton 38 all out (Richards 3 for 17)  
School 41 for 1 (Richards 26 not out)  
Won by 9 wickets
- v. Stand Grammar School—Home  
(Cricketer Colts Trophy, 2nd round)  
Stand 92 for 5 (30 overs)  
School 91 all out (30 overs) (Chantler 21)  
Lost by 1 run
- v. Burnage High School—Home  
School 98 for 6 (30 overs) (Thorpe 50 not out)  
Burnage 67 all out (23 overs) (Evans 2 for 1)  
Won by 31 runs
- v. Hulme Wanderers—Home  
School 149 for 7 dec. (Barron 34, Boyle 26)  
Wanderers 102 for 9 (Rainford 4 for 17)  
Match drawn
- v. North Cestrian G.S.—Home  
School 102 for 3 (25 overs) (Boyle 43)  
North Cestrian 86 for 6 (25 overs)  
Won by 16 runs
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby—Away  
School 119 all out (Thorpe 45)  
Crosby 120 for 5 (Barron 3 for 36)  
Lost by 5 wickets
- v. Woodhouse Grove School—Home  
Woodhouse Grove 68 all out (Rainford 5 for 19)  
School 69 for 2 (Barron 28 not out)  
Won by 8 wickets
- v. Manchester Grammar School—Away  
School 126 for 9 declared (Odum 52 not out,  
Rainford 32)  
M.G.S. 110 all out (Barron 4 for 20)  
Won by 16 runs
- v. Batley Grammar School—Home  
School 131 all out (Barron 28, Thorpe 24)  
Batley 132 for 8 (Thorpe 3 for 22)  
Lost by 2 wickets

- v. St. Bede's College—Away  
St. Bede's 55 all out (Evans 3 for 10, Barron 3 for  
6)  
School 57 for 1 (Barron 22 not out)  
Won by 9 wickets
- v. King's School, Macclesfield—Home  
School 126 for 1 dec. (Boyle 55, Barron 54 not  
out)  
King's School 127 for 8 (Rainford 4 for 32)  
Lost by 2 wickets
- v. An Invitation XI—Home  
Invitation XI 169 all out  
School 172 for 7 (Hanley 27, Barron 26, Rainford  
24 not out)  
Won by 3 wickets

The team has usually consisted of C. M. Thorpe (Captain), J. H. Allen, P. A. Barron, J. M. Boyle, S. Chantler, A. C. Evans, J. Odum, P. A. Rainford, D. G. Richards, P. G. Turner, B. M. Wilkinson.

In the "Hulmeian" for 1974 I wrote in highly critical terms of the cricket played by this side, stressing in particular the shortcomings in the fielding and the unreliability of the batsmen; at the same time I expressed confidence that this team was quite the equal of its predecessors, and I have been highly delighted to see that confidence utterly justified. Matches have been lost, but we have never really left an opposition side with the certainty that they will beat us at the next meeting!

What, then, has effected this season's transformation? Honest effort by all the players has played a major part, and there has been much constructive thought about finer points of the game; the team has looked like a settled unit, with confidence in themselves and in each other, more than ever before. Every individual aspect of the game has increased in quality.

The side is particularly fortunate to have an outstanding cricketer as Captain. C. M. Thorpe is a most cultured batsman who can be relied upon to steer the early batting through most of the problems it is likely to meet. His innings against Lytham and Crosby, both played against the odds, were quite excellent, and it was he alone who saved us from very heavy defeats in these games. Most opposition sides immediately recognised and commented upon his quality, which also appears in his captaincy: this is developing well, and while mistakes will be made, this particular facet of sporting brinkmanship can only be learnt through such mistakes.

Thorpe was usually well supported by the rest of the batsmen, particularly by the openers, P. A. Barron and J. M. Boyle, who produced a sequence of partnerships of 36, 35, 108 and 30 in the last four games to add to a splendid 90-minute partnership of 57 runs to start the all-day match against Hulme Wanderers; this was excellent cricket, not the crowd-pleasing flamboyance of the remarkable effort against King's, Macclesfield, but sound, mature play. J. Odum produced a superb innings against Manchester Grammar School, which effectively won the game,



D. G. Richards and P. A. Rainford gave us some fine displays of controlled aggression, and S. Chantler almost salvaged the game against Stand with some of the bravest cricket of the season. To see all these batsmen succeed in the same game seemed an impossibility until the remarkable last match of the season!

Another strength of the team is the variety of the bowling, this season rather less dependent on the fast bowlers. Of these Richards worked very hard with little reward and Rainford sensibly slowed his pace to achieve greater movement and accuracy; against Woodhouse Grove he was almost unplayable, keeping wicket-keeper and slips, as well as the batsmen, in a continuous state of nervous tension. Chantler has also bowled well; though slight of build, he is deceptively quick through the air and moves the ball both ways. Barron has bowled some fine spells of very slow, intelligently varied off-spin, and Thorpe, though sometimes reluctant to bowl himself, can spin the ball very sharply both ways. Both the other 'stock' bowlers, J. H. Allen and A. C. Evans, picked up useful wickets and will be very useful when they are a little taller and get the chance to bowl long spells in matches: this is the only significant practice a bowler can get.

The fielding showed a great improvement over last season. P. G. Turner was very successful at slip, taking 10 catches, some of those off Barron's bowling quite unusually good ones. Chantler is an outstanding fielder in any position, and Evans set the finest possible example to the outfielders with excellent throwing and, in the last match of the season, a catch of the type which makes a game for spectators and players alike. B. M. Wilkinson continued to make sound progress with his wicket-keeping and must have appreciated more than most the great improvement in the overall standard of fielding and throwing: he certainly notched an enviable tally of run-outs to add to his 12 stumpings and 9 catches.

The whole team and its reserves have been a real pleasure to coach and to associate with over the season, and they will certainly produce some outstanding cricket next year.

C.P.L.

### UNDER-13 XI CRICKET

Played 7, Won 1, Lost 6, Cancelled 1.

- v. Wade Deacon School, Widnes—Away  
Wade Deacon 35 for 8 (innings closed)  
School 37 for 1  
Won by 9 wickets
- v. Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield—Home  
Wakefield 88 all out  
School 30 all out  
Lost by 58 runs
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby—Home  
Crosby 138 for 8 declared.  
School 44 all out.  
Lost by 94 runs.

- v. North Cestrian Grammar School—Away  
School 35 for 9 (innings closed).  
North Cestrian 37 for 5.  
Lost by 5 wickets.
- v. Manchester Grammar School—Home  
Manchester Grammar School 119 for 7 declared.  
School 15 all out.  
Lost by 104 runs.
- v. Batley Grammar School—Away  
Batley 96 all out.  
School 23 all out.  
Lost by 73 runs.
- v. King's School, Macclesfield—Away  
Macclesfield 129 all out.  
School 50 all out.  
Lost by 79 runs.

After a deceptively easy start to the season, the results do rather speak for themselves. The impression given throughout was that the opposition were always six inches taller, two yards faster and twice as determined as our boys. It would be invidious to review and dissect the season's defeats in great detail; suffice it to say that the team's batting was characterised by a general lack of application and responsibility, and an accurate and penetrative opening bowler was sadly missed.

To look on the brighter side, it must be admitted that the boys unfortunately had little opportunity for serious practice; moreover as teams move up through the School, stature tends to play a less significant rôle and skill becomes progressively more important. The openers, S. P. Dickinson and P. A. Tittle, invariably looked good with the bat, but never really "delivered the goods". K. N. Hussain, with his dogged determination, at least showed that the opposition could be tamed, but it was D. B. Wright, particularly at Macclesfield and Altrincham, who provided the only batting "bonus points" with some sensible, pleasant innings.

Wright also bowled some useful spells in harness with J. L. Patton, who, when he gains better control, should develop into a hostile opening bowler. S. P. Dickinson and Hussain provided most of the support here, but like their colleagues they suffered badly at the hands of their fielders, one individual managing to drop no fewer than four catches at Macclesfield.

My thanks must go to loyal parents for sitting (almost) unmoved through some harrowing collapses. The team should not despair: they can only improve.

The following boys played: S. P. Dickinson (Capt.), D. J. Barnes, D. A. Bishop, B. Cooper, A. J. Hepburn, K. N. Hussain, S. J. Jary, A. Johnson, A. P. Laker, M. F. Packman, J. L. Patton, P. D. Sargent, P. A. Tittle, A. D. G. Wakefield, D. Watmough, I. Wheel- don, D. B. Wright.

J.J.F.



## UNDER-12 XI CRICKET

Only three fixtures were possible in 1975: no one Master was able to look after the Junior side and inevitably they suffered from lack of match practice. However, the first outing to Toft Cricket Club proved very successful with B. Cooper scoring a very confident 53 not out and the fielding of P. Cotterill being an outstanding feature.

Against Burnage H.S., however, nobody was able to bat properly on a terrible wicket "cut" on our outfield and we duly lost by 8 wickets. Our batsman also failed at Manchester Grammar School, though N. M. Shaw managed to score 21.

If cricket is to flourish in this School, attention must be paid to coaching Juniors. It is vital that they are given a decent playing area and that enthusiasm which boys show at 11 years old be maintained.

Thanks are due to Mr. C. P. Langford for devoting time to practices.

Those who played: J. M. Adams, P. G. Barker, S. Brown, B. Cooper (Captain), P. Cotterill, G. Fish, J. K. Hargreaves, P. Keddie, R. J. Mitson, M. L. Morgan, K. D. Murray, A. J. Padkin, G. L. Robinson, N. M. Shaw, A. W. Smith, A. T. Walker.

E.W.M.

## HOUSE CRICKET

This year the cricket was very much a non-event from the seniors' point of view. One or two cancellations and a very short half-term meant that only two

games were played. It is hoped to re-organise the system next year.

The middle school had a much better deal and a lot of good cricket was played.

## League results.

1st	Fraser	93 points
2nd	Heywood	80 "
3rd	Dalton	79 "
4th	Whitworth	53 "
5th	Gaskell	43 "
6th	Byrom	21 "

The Knock-outs produced some close and very exciting games. For the first time, the junior matches were played on the squares and a great improvement resulted.

## Results

Juniors	1st Round	Whitworth beat Byrom. Fraser beat Gaskell.
	2nd Round	Dalton beat Heywood. Whitworth beat Fraser.
	Final	Dalton beat Whitworth.
Seniors	1st Round	Fraser beat Gaskell. Byrom beat Dalton.
	2nd Round	Byrom beat Heywood. Fraser beat Whitworth.
	Final	Byrom beat Fraser.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS

### SENIOR

100 metres	12.0sec	N. Harrison (B)	J. P. Whiteside (B)	H. R. Pierce-Jones (G)
200 metres	25.2sec	J. P. Whiteside (B)	H. R. Pierce-Jones (G)	C. J. Tugman (W)
400 metres	54.5sec	E. H. Walker (G)	N. R. Leak (F)	D. J. Heine (G)
800 metres	2min. 15.1sec.	K. Barclay (W)	N. P. Maxfield (F)	P. J. Nelson (B)
1500 metres	4min. 20.8sec.	S. D. Powell (W)	K. Barclay (W)	M. J. Scovell (G)
3000 metres	9min. 55.9sec.	S. D. Powell (W)	K. R. Pass (W)	J. A. Wadsworth (F)
Relay	48.3sec.	Gaskell	Fraser	Byrom
High Jump	5ft. 1in.	N. A. Milton (F)	H. R. Pierce-Jones (G)	A. R. Grundy (H)
Long Jump	18ft. 4in.	N. Harrison (B)	N. A. Milton (F)	M. R. Boyle (B)
Triple Jump	39ft. 10in	N. Harrison (B)	H. J. Scovell (G)	M. R. Boyle (B)
Shot	35ft. 3in.	P. J. Rae (F)	D. J. Foster (D)	R. G. Sinclair (G)
Discus	83ft. 3in.	P. J. Rae (F)	S. P. Kettlewell (F)	P. R. Riley (W)
Javelin	122ft. 7in.	J. P. Whiteside (B)	H. J. Scovell (G)	C. J. Tugman (W)

### MIDDLE

100 metres	11.4sec.***	S. G. Tarpey (F)	R. A. Heaton (D)	D. L. Jones (G)
200 metres	25.6sec.	R. A. Heaton (D)	C. J. Davies (F)	D. L. Jones (G)
400 metres	55.4sec.	H. K. Bradbury (D)	J. N. B. Bennington (W)	J. A. Owrid (W)
800 metres	2min. 5.4 sec.	W. M. Bolton (B)	G. Reason (D)	N. K. Bradbury (D)
1500 metres	4min. 27.2sec.	G. Reason (D)	W. M. Bolton (B)	N. P. Heron (B)
Relay	49.1sec.	Fraser	Dalton	Gaskell
High Jump	4ft. 11in.	D. M. Baxter (G)	A. Wilde (D)	G. Jones (B)
Long Jump	17ft. 7in.	A. P. Waring (G)	J. A. Gubba (G)	N. K. Bradbury (D)
Triple Jump	33ft. 1in.	A. A. Heaton (D)	A. Wilde (D)	G. Jones (B)
Shot	36ft. 8½in.	J. Beesley (F)	S. G. Tarpey (F)	D. K. Wallwork (G)
Discus	92ft. 3in.	D. K. Wallwork (G)	J. Beesley (F)	W. M. Bolton (B)
Javelin	88ft. 7in.	P. D. Baker (G)	C. J. Wrigley (D)	M. Atherton (B)



## JUNIOR

100 metres	12.7sec.	S. M. Haythorne (D)	A. J. C. Sidebotham (B)	P. A. Rainford (H)
200 metres	27.4sec.	S. M. Haythorne (D)	N. J. F. Warner (D)	M. R. Hawkins (B)
400 metres	60.0sec.	M. A. Hallworth (W)	A. J. Perkins (G)	M. R. Hawkins (B)
800 metres	2min. 11.5sec.	J. D. Tricker (F)	S. J. Keeling (G)	R. K. Cox (F)
1500 metres	4min. 40sec.	J. D. Tricker (F)	M. J. Sandy (F)	S. J. Keeling (G)
Relay	57.4sec.	Heywood	Gaskell	Dalton
High Jump	4ft. 5in.	B. M. Wilkinson (H)	P. D. Barker (H)	R. K. Cox (F)
Triple Jump	32ft. 2in.	J. D. Tricker (F)	N. J. R. Warner (D)	M. C. Weston (H)
Long Jump	15ft. 1½in.	A. C. Evans (G)	P. A. Rainford (H)	C. M. Thorpe (G)
Shot	29ft. 6½in.	D. Fraser (F)	P. A. Rainford (H)	M. R. Hawkins (B)
Discus	81ft. 3in.	D. Fraser (F)	A. J. Perkins (G)	M. A. Hallworth (W)
Javelin	104ft. 0in.	M. J. Sandy (F)	C. J. Wrigley (D)	J. C. Dale (H)

## HOUSE POSITIONS

1.	Gaskell	252
2.	Fraser	250
3.	Whitworth	193
4.	Dalton	188½
5.	Byrom	166
6.	Heywood	110½

## INDIVIDUAL TROPHY

Senior	N. Harrison	B
Middle	W. M. Bolton	B
Junior	J. D. Tricker	F

\*\*\* = Record.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS RESULTS

### FIRST FORM

100 metres	13.9sec.	J. M. Adams (1a)	J. Hall (1c)	J. A. Lee (1a)
200 metres	30.7sec.	J. M. Adams (1a)	P. Cotterill (1d)	D. C. Potts (1d)
400 metres	67.5sec.***	S. R. Brown (1a)	R. P. Flamank (1b)	M. L. Morgan (1c)
800 metres	2min. 28.9sec.***	P. Cotterill (1d)	A. T. Bowyer (1a)	P. Keddie (1b)
Relay	60.1sec.	1A	1B	1C
High Jump	4ft. 1in.	D. C. Ward (1d)	N. S. Tucker (1a)	R. A. Sargeant (1d)
Long Jump	13ft. 1½in.	J. M. Adams (1a)	P. Keddie (1b)	S. R. Brown (1a)
Shot	27ft. 9in.	A. Stainsby (1c)	J. M. Parry (1b)	I. W. Keating (1c)
Javelin	37ft. 9in.	J. M. Parry (1b)	P. Cotterill (1d)	J. R. Heaton (1a)

### SECOND FORM

100 metres	13.4sec.***	K. N. Hussain (2d)	S. D. Carter (2a)	A. D. Carroll (2b)
200 metres	29.0sec.	K. N. Hussain (2d)	S. D. Carter (2a)	S. P. Holloway (2c)
400 metres	64.4sec.	K. J. Wadsworth (2a)	R. M. Breedon (2d)	M. A. Etchells (2b)
800 metres	2min. 27.0sec.	D. Watmough (2a)	I. Wheeldon (2d)	R. M. Wadsworth (2d)
Relay		2D	2A	2B
High Jump	4ft. 6in.***	D. A. Campbell (2b)	K. N. Hussain (2d)	W. F. Nolan (2d)
Long Jump	13ft. 0in.	D. B. Wright (2c)	R. M. Breedon (2d)	D. J. Barnes (2a)
Shot	30ft. 9in.	D. Watmough (2a)	K. J. Wadsworth (2a)	T. A. Jones (2b)
Javelin	74ft. 4in.	A. D. G. Wakefield (2d)	M. A. Krawiecki (2d)	R. Zemurs (2c)

## RESULTS FIRST FORM

1	1A	.....	82 points
7	1B	.....	57 "
3	1D	.....	46 "
4	1C	.....	44 "

## RESULT SECOND FORM

1	2D	.....	86 points
2	2A	.....	69 "
3	2B	.....	45 "
4	2C	.....	29 "



## SWIMMING

Swimming has emerged as an important School activity this year, and Club membership increased from eleven members in September 1974 to fifty members in July 1975.

The Club had matches against Cheadle Hulme School, Manchester G.S., North Cestrian G.S., Wright Robinson High School, and the Royal School for the Deaf each Term. Results were average at first, but the Club finished the Lent Term with a convincing win against Manchester G.S. In the Manchester area the Club has attended several championships. The Seniors won their section in the Independent Schools' Gala and the Under-14 squad: O. C. D. Cooper, J. Whalley, S. Brown, K. Wadsworth and R. Wadsworth came second in both Medley and Squadron relays in the Area Championships of the English Schools Relay Championships.

The Manchester Schools Swimming Association Championships demonstrated the standard of swimming in Manchester Schools to the School swimmers. Nevertheless, the Club managed seven finalists: D. Heine, C. Prince, R. Byrne, M. Kirkman, R. Wadsworth, K. Wadsworth and S. Brown. In the relays the Under-14 squad: S. Brown, J. Whalley, K. Wadsworth, R. Wadsworth came a very close second in the relay final. The highlight of the Finalist Meeting was the Individual Medley Relay, Under-14. S. Brown—backstroke, R. Wadsworth—breaststroke, K. Wadsworth—freestyle (who swam a splendid race to win the relay in a new record time of 44.1).

This was William Hulme's first ever win in the Manchester Schools Swimming Association Championships. The Relay win, however, was followed by K. Wadsworth's winning the Under-14 Individual Breaststroke Race in a new record time of 34.4. He was selected to represent Manchester Schools in the National Championship trials, but failed to maintain his form in the heats.

The Swimming Club, however, is a team, and many boys at School deserve a mention for the number of hours they have trained and the number of occasions they have competed successfully against other schools.

I would like to thank M. Kirkman for his continuous enthusiasm and dedication in both the swimming and water polo teams. He has helped to organise the Club and obtain fixtures. I hope he continues to perform at the high level of swimming that he has achieved for William Hulme's.

Secondly, my thanks are given to all the year leaders: M. Harris, J. Whalley, J. Reed, J. Broadley and R. Byrne for their support and help at training and in matches.

Finally, yet perhaps the most important, the members of Staff who have helped the Club: Mr. Watkins for his attendance and advice every Monday evening; Mr. Chudleigh and Mr. Murray for their help and encouragement in School matches.

A.J.P.

## WATER POLO

Played 9, Won 4, Lost 5, For 42, Against 48,

v. Mount St. Mary's School ..	A	W	9—5
v. South Manchester A.S.C. Juniors .....	A	L	4—5
v. New Moston .....	A	L	3—9
v. Mount St. Mary's School ..	H	W	8—3
v. New Moston .....	A	L	5—8
v. South Manchester A.S.C. Juniors .....	A	W	8—7
v. Manchester G.S. ....	H	L	0—5
v. South Manchester A.S.C. Juniors .....	A	W	2—1

This was a new venture that proved to be both popular and worthwhile. Despite the fact that we lost more games than we won, the standard of play improved steadily throughout the season. The victories against South Manchester A.S.C. Juniors were very satisfying because they were achieved against experienced and physically strong players. The games against New Moston were useful since the School team had to deal with tough-tackling opponents.

Having played for six years at Club level, M. Kirkman captained and organised the team. He played in the middle of the pool and ended the season as the leading goal-scorer. Whilst creating many goal-scoring opportunities for other players, he tended to take too much onto his own shoulders. This fault was greatly diminished as the other players improved their strength and techniques in the water.

R. Byrne is a useful goalkeeper, but he plays exceptionally well as a breaking full back. His performance against South Manchester A.S.C. Juniors impressed their former Lancashire coach! A. Murphy and J. Bradley are versatile players who require improvement in stamina, while C. Prince developed into a very good mid-field player. One of the best attacking players was D. Dodd who is a promising forward and if he corrects a few basic technical faults he will score many more goals in future matches. Several other players performed creditably within limited opportunities: G. Jefferies, B. Clethero, T. Peet, N. Jackson and B. Heil.

With several of this year's squad returning, the prospects for next year look good. It is hoped that next year's Third Formers will attempt to obtain a place in the squad.

The following boys played for the School Water Polo Team: M. Kirkman (Captain), B. Clethero, D. J. Heine, R. Byrne, B. Heil, G. Jefferies, C. R. Prince, T. J. Peet, A. T. Murphy, D. S. Dodd, W. J. Shepherd, J. W. Reed, N. A. Jackson.

A.J.P.



## SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

		1st	2nd	3rd
<b>SENIOR</b>				
Breaststroke	39.0sec.	T. H. Williams (H)	S. V. Tindall (H)	M. A. Wooler (D)
Backstroke	36.2sec.	K. Barclay (W)	C. W. J. Wilson (D)	M. J. Scovell (G)
Butterfly	15.0sec.	D. J. Heine (G)	T. J. Peet (B)	P. R. Riley (W)
Freestyle	27.0sec.	M. Kirkman (H)	M. N. Hemy (H)	P. R. Riley (W)
Medley	74.4sec.	M. Kirkman (H)	D. J. Heine (G)	T. J. Peet (B)
<b>MIDDLE</b>				
Breaststroke	38.3sec.	M. K. Kohn (B)	R. C. Higham (F)	G. Jefferies (D)
Backstroke	35.2sec.	R. Byrne (H)	P. R. Fairclough (B)	T. Hunt (F)
Butterfly	15.4sec.	D. S. Dodd (H)	C. R. Prince (H)	S. G. Tarpey (F)
Freestyle	29.1sec.	D. S. Dodd (H)	C. R. Prince (H)	T. A. Simpson (G)
Medley	77.9sec.	R. Byrne (H)	T. A. Simpson (G)	S. G. Tarpey (F)
<b>JUNIOR</b>				
Breaststroke	38.8sec.	A. C. Evans (G)	R. A. Aspden (H)	B. M. Wilkinson (H)
Backstroke	38.3sec.	N. A. Jackson (W)	R. A. Aspden (H)	M. S. Hobbs (H)
Butterfly	17.2sec.	S. C. Reid (D)	C. Hoy (G)	D. Baines (H)
Freestyle	32.4sec.	C. Hoy (G)	R. K. Cox (F)	M. P. Rydings (H)
Medley	84.8sec.	J. S. Bradley (F)	S. C. Reid (D)	N. A. Jackson (W)

### FINAL POSITIONS

1	Heywood	62 points
2	Gaskell	29 "
3	Fraser	20 "
4	Whitworth	19 "
5	Dalton	18 "
6	Byrom	15 "

### INDIVIDUAL WINNER

M. Kirkman (H)

### SECOND FORM SWIMMING RESULTS

		1st	2nd	3rd
Breaststroke	38.2sec.	R. M. Wadsworth (2d)	R. I. Davison (2c)	R. M. Breedon (2d)
Backstroke	39.4sec.	R. M. Wadsworth (2d)	J. C. Bonser (2b)	M. N. Davison (2b)
Butterfly	34.8sec.	K. J. Wadsworth (2a)	J. Whalley (2c)	R. I. Davison (2c)
Freestyle	33.8sec.	K. J. Wadsworth (2a)	J. Whalley (2c)	S. P. Holloway (2c)
Medley	1min. 16.6sec.	2D	2A	2B
Freestyle	1min. 11.9sec.	2D	2A	2C

### FORM POSITIONS

1	2D	33 points.
2	2A	22 "
3	2C	21 "
4	2B	12 "

### HOUSE SWIMMING RELAYS

		1st	2nd	3rd
<b>SENIOR</b>				
Medley		Whitworth	Heywood	Gaskell
Squadron		Whitworth	Heywood	Fraser
<b>MIDDLE</b>				
Medley		Heywood	Gaskell	Fraser
Squadron		Heywood	Fraser	Gaskell
<b>JUNIOR</b>				
Medley		Gaskell	Heywood	Fraser
Squadron		Heywood	Gaskell	Fraser

### RESULT

1	Heywood	44 points.
2	Gaskell	30 "
	Fraser	30 "
4	Whitworth	20 "
5	Dalton	2 "
6	Byrom	0 "



## CROSS-COUNTRY

Unfortunately our first form junior cross-country fixtures this year were cancelled owing to our opposition's crying off at the last minute. However, our senior teams started this year with a flourish, turning in some very creditable performances. The outstanding performances were by S. Powell, K. Barclay and J. Tricker. Tricker, being the junior by at least two years, should prove to be a star in the forthcoming year. Let us hope that the fixture list we have for this year will encourage the kind of enthusiasm that he and others have shown in the past.

We were able to field teams at all levels for the Northern Schools Cross-Country, but the opposition at this level was far too good for us. However, a creditable performance was put up by all teams involved. This year Mr. J. R. Holland will be running the junior school cross country. I am sure that he will get the support and enthusiasm from them that I have had over the past two years, and that between us we will be able to put the School cross-country back into its rightful place.

J.F.C.

## TENNIS

### First Team:

M. Hargreaves (Captain), M. Bradbury, O. Cooper, R. Higham, P. Howarth, I. Jefferson, G. Neild, D. Schofield.

Results: Played 10, Won 3, Lost 7, Drawn 0.

The first team this year was a young one, so everyone will be able to play again next year. The opposition was very strong and in the matches against Stockport and Bolton we were completely outclassed. Mr. Short experimented with the team this year to find the best pairs for next year and I am sure the team is grateful to R. Higham for his adaptability throughout the season in playing with so many partners.

O. Cooper was unfortunately unable to play until after Whitsun but played very well in his first match and helped to produce a very close contest against Merchant Taylors'. He then played in the 1st pair for the rest of the season and was very successful.

Victories this year were registered against Cheadle Moseley G.S., Wilmslow G.S. and the Parents. We were pleased to beat the Parents despite their putting out a strong side.

The U-15's only match this season was away at Wilmslow and they returned a convincing win showing promise for the future.

I am sure that the experience gained this year by the first team will produce a very successful team next year.

### Second Team:

S. Hawes (Captain), S. Cordingley, I. Gosling, N. Milton, P. Ross, S. Skinner, J. Wadsworth.

Results: Played 11, Won 4, Lost 4, Drawn 3.

The team started the season well with three good wins against Xaverian College, King Edward VII, Lytham and Cheadle Moseley G.S. This winning streak was halted after a trip to Bolton School and after a game against North Cestrian G.S. was declared void when they fielded their first team. Further games against Merchant Taylors', Crosby, Birkenhead School and Manchester Grammar School were lost, and two draws came from Stockport G.S. and a return match against Lytham.

The main problem confronting the team was to find satisfactory pairings for the players. Although S. J. Hawes and S. Skinner played very successfully together throughout the season, usually as first pair, nobody else on the team managed to keep with a partner for any length of time, largely due to absences.

On the whole the team had a satisfactory season against sometimes very tough opposition.

M.S.H. and S.J.H.

## BASKETBALL

Basketball is a game that is easily learnt, but only mastered with much practice, so that lack of experience can be an extremely difficult deficiency to overcome. Despite this, the School basketball teams, learning the game whilst playing, performed reasonably through the year.

### UNDER-15 V BASKETBALL

Played 10, Won 4, Lost 6, Points for 232, Points against 211.

The U-15 team, having had an extra Term's experience of the game, fared particularly well in their league competition, where they finished fourth of the six teams competing. The highlight of their season was a 52-12 thrashing of old rivals Manchester G.S. C. J. Wrigley, the Captain, led by example, scoring almost half the team's total points. He demonstrated early on that he had a natural aptitude for the game, and clearly has a promising future. T. G. Jones scored the majority of his points using his speed on fast breaks out of defence. N. J. F. Warner had the ability to slow the game down, whenever it was necessary. J. S. Bradley and J. C. Dale added their regular tally of points to the team's total.

The following represented the School: C. J. Wrigley, T. G. Jones, N. J. F. Warner, J. Aldred, J. S. Bradley, P. R. Kirby, M. K. Kohn, P. Maddocks, J. C. Dale, J. F. Morton, N. Ashton.

### UNDER-14 V BASKETBALL

Played 6, Won 1, Lost 5, Points for 90, Points against 119.

The U-14 team suffered most from their lack of basketball background. They persevered, improved, and won their last game of the season, which if repeated in the return fixture (which was not completed), would have lifted them from the bottom of



their league. M. R. Hawkins showed promise of developing into a player of outstanding ability. P. A. Barron improved throughout the season, and showed himself to be a superb "general" about the court. D. G. Richards, O. C. D. Cooper, C. M. Thorpe and G. H. Mills occasionally showed promise, but too often lacked confidence in their own ability.

The following represented the School: D. G. Richards, O. C. D. Cooper, C. M. Thorpe, G. H. Mills, M. R. Hawkins, P. A. Barron, A. Keddy, S. Chantler, J. Horwich.

#### UNDER-13 V BASKETBALL

Played 8, Won 1, Lost 7, Points for 124, Points against 161.

The U-13 team never really fulfilled their early promise, and their playing record is a poor reflection of their ability—only two games were lost by more than six points. J. L. Patton, D. B. Wright and P. G. M. Jessup virtually carried the team, and if a genuine attacking dribbler, who could control the ball and slow the game down, could be found, then the team would be able to look forward to great success next year.

The following represented the School: J. L. Patton, S. J. Jary, P. G. M. Jessup, T. A. Jones, C. S. Lowndes, D. C. Howarth, A. Johnson, P. H. Scott, M. W. Smith, J. Whalley, M. J. Singleton, D. B. Wright.

At the end of Lent Term, the School was invited to enter a team in the Bacup and Rawtenstall G.S. basketball competition. Three seniors were added to the U-15 squad to make up a team that fared reasonably, finally finishing a disappointing bottom of the tournament, despite holding the eventual winners to two points. Special mention should be made of C. J. Wrigley who came second in the individual scoring competition, averaging 7.0 points per game.

The following competed in the tournament: C. J. Wrigley, N. J. F. Warner, T. G. Jones, J. C. Dale,

J. S. Bradley, M. J. Howarth, H. J. Matthewson, R. D. Bailey.

M.M.

#### VOLLEYBALL

During the Autumn and Spring Terms a volleyball league for 5th and 6th formers was held on Tuesday lunchtimes. A morning tournament was also held in December. The presence of five members of Staff in the teams added amusement and some ability, particularly from Mr. Cornish and Mr. Murray. The standard of play improved considerably but attention must be paid to handling techniques and infringement of net rules if we are to take on other schools. Most players, however, are heavily committed to other School games and it may be preferable to continue volleyball on a proficient but relaxing level. Thanks are due especially to the team captains, M. K. Bradbury, E. W. Brunyee, J. P. B. Sandy and R. Byrne, for organising the teams and the games each week.

P.J.W.

#### SQUASH RACQUETS

This year, for the first time, the School has been able to use the Y.M.C.A. courts. Quite a large number of boys, from complete beginners upwards, took advantage of this excellent facility under the supervision of several members of Staff. This will be continued again this year and the School is fortunate now to have Mr. McNair as an expert coach.

Squash is a game which can be played with great enjoyment even by fairly poor players, providing they are roughly equally matched. A plateau is soon reached in one's improvement and this is where coaching makes all the difference. It is hoped particularly that younger boys will take up the game this year so that we may soon think of it as a game at which the School excels, as well as an enjoyable way of keeping fit.

P.J.W.



# OLD HULMEIANS' ASSOCIATION

## NOTES AND NEWS

We congratulate Sir Philip Rogers, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security, on the award of the G.C.B. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Sir Herbert Seddon has been awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Graham A. Norris, OBE, JP, has been commissioned as the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Greater Manchester. Since 1962, he has been a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancaster and is now Chairman of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

I. J. Graham-Bryce, head of the Insecticide and Fungicides Department, has been appointed Deputy Director of Rothamsted Experimental Station, near Harpenden.

Geoff Norman won the A.A.A. Marathon at Stoke-on-Trent on June 1st in the time of 2 hrs. 15 mins 50 secs.

Howard Baker has produced the adaptation of A. J. Cronin's novel "The Stars Look Down", for Granada Television.

John de la Perrelle is now in Australia on a two year exchange service with the Australian Navy. He has joined the frigate H.M.A.S. "Stuart" as a Principal Warfare Officer in charge of the gunnery. He is at present at Melbourne, but hopes to return to Sydney for Christmas.

Keith Nightingale writes from Palmerston North Hospital in New Zealand, regretting his inability to attend the Reunion. He left School in 1966 and after qualifying in medicine in 1971 he worked in a mission hospital in Zululand before moving on to New Zealand.

Richard Roberts, who left School in 1964, has been appointed to a two year lectureship at Leeds University, where he will teach the history of religious thought and historical theology in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies. After leaving School, he re-took his 'A' levels, gained his B.A. at Lancaster University, took a Part III in the Philosophy of Religion at Cambridge, and then took his Ph.D. at Edinburgh University.

Howard Price is now working as a Research Officer at the Central Electricity Board's Nuclear Laboratories in Berkeley, Gloucestershire. Ian Goodall is a section leader in the same division of the laboratories.

Tony Parkes is teaching in Jersey. He spent most of his summer vacation in Israel on an Overseas Aid Project.

Roger Nichols, who has been teaching at Ampleforth College, writes to tell us that he is going to teach English at the Städtisches Gymnasium, Wuppertal, West Germany.

Paul Beverley is now teaching in Kenya, at the Kianyaga High School in Central Province.

Andrew Skinner is now teaching in Austria. After graduating in French and German from St. Andrew's University in 1971, he spent several years as an executive with a travel firm, spending much of his time in Europe. He then took a Post Graduate Certificate in Education at Cambridge. He married in 1972 and now has a daughter.

E. R. Jefferys has been awarded a Class I in Part II of the Engineering Tripos at Cambridge. He has been re-elected to a Senior Scholarship at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and has been awarded a College Prize.

Peter Makin has been awarded a First Class Honours Degree in Psychology at Manchester University.

R. J. Peel has been awarded a Class I in Engineering Moderations at Brasenose College, Oxford.

Michael Sorensen has graduated in Medicine from Bristol University with the degrees of M.B., Ch.B.

Gordon Williams has graduated in Medicine from Liverpool University with the degrees of M.B., Ch.B.; he took up his first appointment in September at Stockport Infirmary. Among those present at his degree ceremony was his primary school headmaster, J. W. Yates, himself an Old Hulmeian.

Richard Saleh has gained his B.A. in Business Law at Lanchester Polytechnic.

Keith Elford has passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and he has been admitted as an Associate Member.

David Hume, who left School in 1973, was awarded an R.A.F. Cadetship following his R.A.F. Scholarship. He is now at Birmingham University, where he is Captain of lacrosse.

Malcolm Elam, having taken his degree in History and American Studies at Swansea University, is now a Trainee Area Manager with Allied Breweries in Birmingham.

Paul Holmes took part in the Manchester Youth Theatre's production of "Julius Caesar" in September.

David Anderson has graduated from U.W.I.S.T. (Cardiff) with the degree of B.Eng. (Tech).



## MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

### MARRIAGES

LORD—FOORD—On 12th April, 1975, George Lord to Jill Foord.

ANDERSON—TRAILL—On 19th July, 1975, David Anderson to Dorothy Trill.

MORITZ—SAUNDERS—On 17th August, 1975, Charles Bernard Moritz to Caroline Saunders.

FLETCHER—ROBERTSHAW—On 13th September, David Fletcher to Mary Robertshaw.

### DEATHS

ORR,—CECIL JOHN ORR, of Regent Court, Southport, and late of Whalley Range.

WILDMAN—On 5th October, 1974, RAYMOND SOUTHERN WILDMAN, of 27 Harewood Avenue, Sale.

KIERNAN—On 13th October, 1974, HERBERT STEPHEN KIERNAN, of 14, The Mere, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, aged 60 years.

WOOLLAM—On 8th May, 1975, at his home in the Isle of Man, J. P. V. WOOLLAM, Past President of the O.H.A. and a former Governor of the School.

CAMPBELL—On 28th May, 1975, C. DOUGLAS CAMPBELL, C.B.

ADAMS—On 9th June, 1975, Frank Adams of 18, Silverdale Road, Chorlton-cum Hardy, in his 90th year. Member of Staff from 1910 to 1950. Senior Science Master.

JEWSBURY—On 13th August, 1975, Sydney Shardlow Jewsbury, of 22, Park Road, Disley.

WATKINS—On 9th October, 1975, Lawrence Hugh Watkins of 21, Valley Drive, Handforth. Member of Staff since 1946.

### HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The year which is coming to an end has been difficult for the Association in many ways, and two of the immediate results are the loss for the year which you will see reported elsewhere, and the dissolution of the Motor Club.

For some years now membership of the Motor Club has been falling, and with only eight paid-up members this year, it was decided to wind up the Section.

The loss for the year is caused mainly by rising costs, and we are taking two steps to help remedy the loss. Despite the arrangements made last year, you will be asked to support a proposition that from the beginning of the coming year the under-twentythree subscription will be £1.00, full subscription will be £2.00 and country membership £1.50. You will also be asked to support a proposition that membership exclusion will occur when subscriptions are one year in arrears instead of two years.

The other large increase in costs is due to the large increase in producing the "Hulmeian", and the General Committee regrets that in spite of prior arrangements, it will not be possible to supply a copy to members after 1975.

After this gloomy beginning I am happy to report that, due mainly to the work of Mr. C. J. Lowe, we hope to welcome to our Meeting some old boys who left in the years 1965, 1966 and 1967. We hope they enjoy the evening, and look forward to seeing them in the future.

Part of the Eric Barnes legacy has been used to pay for a half-share, with Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club, in a memorial clock. The rest will be invested, with the income going for the use of Eric's great love, the Lacrosse Section.

I am pleased to report success at both Dinner Dance and the Annual Dinner, though numbers at the latter were down. The thanks of all go to P. M. Charnley and his assistants, Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, for their efforts at the Dance.

May I remind you that Mr. K. P. Thompson would be pleased to receive any item of any sort whatsoever, to help in compiling his history?

You will notice when you receive your fixture card later in the year that titles are no longer printed with names.

The Association would like to thank the Headmaster and his Staff for all their assistance during the year.

I am sure you would like to join me in thanking our retiring President, Brian Norris, for his work during the year, and also in extending a welcome to our new President, Harry Andrews.

F. E. Pickup.  
Hon. Gen. Sec.

### HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT for Year Ended 31st May, 1975

1. The loss for the year was £315 compared with £78 in 1973/74, an increase of £237. Income was reduced by £135, and expenditure increased by £102.

2. The reduction in income is more than accounted for by a reduction in Lacrosse Contributions of £161. This reduction arises from exceptionally large expenditure on equipment by the Section. The Section expects to be able to avoid a repetition of such a charge. The only other item of income which seems worthy of special mention is that of £22 for the Golf Section. Now that the Golf Section has become more active, it is proposed to treat it in the Accounts in the same way as the other Sections, and this figure represents an accumulation of subscriptions and donations, less a small deficit on events. The amount standing to the credit of the Section's bank account (£19) is shown in the Balance Sheet.

3. The main increases in expenditure, all reflecting the generally inflationary situation, fall under the following heads:—



(i) *Pavilion and general expenses.*

(ii) *Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance:* this is mainly attributable to the rates on the Kingsbrook Road ground, but also includes a proportion of a contribution by the Association to the Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club of 10% of the cost of various improvements to the Pavilion. This contribution of £62 is being written off over five years.

(iii) *'Hulmeian' Magazine and Newsletter:* as a result of the decision to supply copies of the 'Hulmeian' only to members who applied for them, and agreed to pay 25p for a copy, the number of copies purchased fell from 810 to 550. Despite this reduction, the cost of printing increased from £327 to £353, and the total cost per copy, including postage, was nearly 80p. In the face of such costs, your Committee considers that the Association should cease to provide copies of the 'Hulmeian' to

members, placing reliance on the Newsletter for the dissemination of Association news. Proposals to implement this decision will be reported to the meeting.

4. The Balance Sheet shows a new item, a legacy from the late Eric Barnes. This legacy was for £100, and £10 has been expended as the Association's share of the cost of a memorial clock in the pavilion at Kingsbrook Road. Proposals for the disposal of the balance, and of the other legacies appearing in the Balance Sheet, will be reported to the meeting.

5. In view of the Association's continuing losses, and the continuing inflationary situation, the Committee considers that the annual subscriptions should be increased, and proposals will be submitted to the meeting.

T. W. M. Bland.  
Hon. Treasurer.

# OLD HULMEIANS' ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MAY, 1975

1974	LIABILITIES	1975	1974	ASSETS	1975
£		£	£		£
	Accumulated Fund—			Old Hulmeians Memorial Ground—Not	
	As at 31st May, 1974.....	1,338		valued	
	Loss for year .....	315	132	Motor Section—Badges, Awards and Cash....	126
1,338		1,023	593	Lacrosse Section—Stock, Debtors and Cash	530
306	Central Fund .....	325		Rifle Section—Equipment, Ammunition and	
1,091	Endowment Fund .....	1,093	85	Cash .....	85
2,205	General Reserve .....	2,205	—	Golf Section—Cash .....	19
	Legacies—		230	Debtors and Prepayments .....	253
	Lacrosse Legacy—N. H. Nall, deceased....	100		Bank Balances and Cash—	
	Legacy from K. Rains, deceased .....	25		Endowment Fund Account .....	137
	Legacy from E. Barnes, deceased.....	90		Central Fund Account .....	325
125		215		Current Account.....	66
	Subscriptions in Advance—		456		528
	Life Members .....	171		Investments, at Cost—	
	Five-Year Junior Members .....	532		£300 I.C.I. Ltd., Ordinary Stock .....	542
	"Hulmeian" Subscriptions .....	96		145 Alliance Trust Co. Ltd., 25p Ordinary	
666		799		Stock Units .....	310
515	Amounts Owing .....	631		1,950 Monks Investment Trust Ltd. 25p	
65	Motor Section—Trophy Fund .....	65		Ordinary Stock Units.....	977
				2,250 Industrial and General Trust Ltd.	
				25p Ordinary Stock Units.....	1,005
				£1,000 Treasury 6½% Stock, 1976 .....	991
				£1,285 Treasury 3½% Stock, 1979/81 .....	990
			4,815		4,815
				(Note: Market value of investments at 6th	
				April, 1965, or date of purchase, £4,977;	
				at 31st May, 1975, £4,704)	
£6,311		£6,356	£6,311		£6,356

T. W. M. BLAND, Chartered Accountant,  
Hon. Treasurer.

We have compared the above balance sheet and annexed income and expenditure account with the books, vouchers and information supplied and certify them to be in accordance therewith; the accounts of the Motor, Lacrosse and Golf Sections have not been audited. No accounts have been submitted by the Rifle Section.

TURQUANDS, BARTON, MAYHEW & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants, Hon. Auditors.

10th July, 1975.



# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st May, 1975

1974	1975	1974	1975
£	£	£	£
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>INCOME</b>	
34 Sports Materials .....	16	73 Donations .....	59
106 Subscriptions .....	61	134 Playing Members' Subscriptions Received .....	128
241 Pavilion and Ground Expenses .....	274	593 Ordinary Members' Subscriptions Received .....	605
252 Printing, Postages and Stationery .....	263	227 Interest and Dividends on Investments .....	239
242 Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance .....	317	8 Commission on Colours .....	12
46 General Expenses .....	46	13 Motor Section .....	19
469 "Hulmeian" Magazine and Newsletter .....	511	— Golf Section .....	20
— Loss on Tennis Tournament .....	27	24 Lacrosse Bar and Catering .....	62
		223 Lacrosse Contributions .....	33
		43 Profit on Association Dance .....	23
		(26) Profit on Association Dinner .....	315
		78 Excess of Expenditure over Income .....	
<b>£1,390</b>	<b>£1,515</b>	<b>£1,390</b>	<b>£1,515</b>

## THE OLD HULMEIANS' LACROSSE CLUB

I write this, my first report as Secretary of the O.H.L.C., with the 1974-75 Season almost complete and I cannot do better than echo the words of the retiring Club Captain, Eric Broadhurst, at our recent Annual General Meeting, when he described the playing results of the Season as being sharply divided into the "Good News" and the "Bad News" and was forced to admit that the second category had to be there purely as a heading under which to discuss the First Team!

Not that the spectre of relegations looms, or has ever loomed, this season! The team has amassed sixteen points from its twenty-two games and had a string of those "might-have-been-different-if-..." type of games which one wins in good seasons and loses in bad ones. Eric Broadhurst and Paul Swann have done the bulk of the scoring, and other strikers have largely struggled for form while the defensive half of the field, including several players in their first full first division season, has not had the effect that last year's zone defence had. What is obvious to all, however, is that the team is full of good players and we confidently expect more good results next season.

And now for the good news ... though this is perhaps not as good as we had hoped, as it appears that the A team will again be pipped for promotion to Division 2. Under Iain Shaw's captaincy they have again shown everyone—and not just Old Hulmeian observers—that they are too good for Division 3. Their chief strength is a really competitive and highly motivated team spirit, and they are a highly experienced side with David Moore and Duncan Murray now entering the 'Pensioners' Class; the A team preserves its great tradition of long service.

The Extra A and B teams, in the 4th and 6th divisions respectively, have both had very satisfactory seasons and will both finish fourth in their division. Both did, in fact, have dim aspirations to promotion but as both teams had difficulty—as all third and fourth teams will have—in selecting consistently the same teams, vital points have been lost. The best features have been the fine leadership of both captains, David

Marsden and Peter Rankine, the return to our ranks of Mike Robinson, John Broadbent and Jeremy Cocker, the welcome arrival of Tony Seeley, the continued splendid form of 'veterans' David Flunder and Mike Barber and the keen and vital support of schoolboys, without whom the B team would not exist and the Extra A would be very short on running power!

So all in all, the future looks quite sound. We have lost the services of some players but have a good supply coming up through the 'junior' sides to take their places. We should acknowledge, though, the debt we owe to two of our distinguished retiring players: Paul Marlton decided at the beginning of the season to call it a day and is now seen as a referee. He has represented the Club at the highest level and, more recently, given the Extra A the benefit of his skills. If you want to feel tired, just think of the miles Paul must have run since he joined the Club. There are those who think he need not have run quite so far—however, his concern for the game remains undiminished and his attitude controversial!

We also hear that Mike Cocker is leaving the area, and so we lose one of the best midfield players of recent years. In fact he has been far more than just a midfield man. He is rather more like the last of the old-fashioned centres, still wooden-sticked, still helmet-less, still covering miles of field in a game. He will be missed for his individuality, and keenness.

A little more still has to be said on individuals. The beginning of the Season was, of course, clouded by the death, in Jersey, of our former Chairman, Eric Barnes. Others, better acquainted and better qualified, have paid him tribute elsewhere, but it must be mentioned that the Lacrosse Club felt a real sense of loss. Eric's name is now perpetuated in the Whalley Range Pavilion by an inscribed clock over the Committee Room. The Club has indeed been fortunate in the devotion of its senior members over the years and in December last, a unique ceremony paid tribute to Norman Barber, our present Chairman, a member of the Club for fifty years this season. Stanley Thelwall organised a most successful presentation from past and present members of the Club.



We younger members are constantly reminded of the advantages of the splendid continuity which exists in such a Club as this one.

We look forward to next season with new captains of the First Team—Tony McGlue, and 'A' Team—John Bardsley. We are confident of fielding sides as strong as this season and determined to improve on our results. We welcome all Old Hulmeians—or those still at School for that matter—to join us either to play or just to support on a Saturday, so if this report is reaching anyone in doubt as to whether to come down to the Club, please put your doubts aside and get in touch with either Norman Barber, Stanley Thelwall or me and come and enjoy Lacrosse as much as we do!  
C.P.L.

## OLD HULMEIANS' GOLFING SOCIETY

### HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1975

Captain 1974/5 F. H. Marshall  
1975/6 Norman Hodson

#### Meetings:

*Autumn Meeting, Captain's Day, 12th September 1974, at Ringway Golf Club.*

#### Prize Winners:

Captain's Prize—N. Pattinson

Supplementary Prize—J. C. Unsworth

Other Prizes—P. M. Charnley  
Alan Wilson  
Jack Rickards

*Spring Meeting, Ascension Day, 8th May 1975, at Chorlton Golf Club.*

#### Prize Winners:

Vlies Cup—A. V. Tune  
Bradbury Cup—Nigel Hodson  
Merchant Cup—D. J. Price

Other Prizes—Norman Hodson  
David Flunder  
Gordon Vlies

*L.O.B.A.G.S. 28th May 1975, at Preston Golf Club.*  
Winners, Hutton G.S.O.B.G.S.—300 strokes

O.H.A.G.S.—330 and 339 strokes

We were represented (two teams) by N. A. Barber, D. J. Price, F. H. Marshall, A. J. Moore, S. D. Cleworth, J. V. Sheppard, P. M. Charnley, Nigel Hodson, H. M. Stockwell, C. B. Hamnett.

Once again we report increased interest in the Golfing Society and increased numbers on the course and, afterwards, in the clubhouse. Each meeting has provided excellent golf and convivial entertainment which is well worth sampling. Our Captain this year is Norman Hodson who took over from Fred Marshall on the 8th May after the Ascension Day meeting. We thank Fred Marshall most sincerely for his efforts during his year of office which led largely to ever increasing support.

*Autumn Meeting, 5th September 1975, Captain's Day, Norman Hodson at Didsbury Golf Club.*  
Results: Competition against Par

First Prize (18 holes): D. J. Holgate, 2 down.  
(J. C. Unsworth was also 2 down but lost against the first better nine holes advantage).

Second Prize (First 9 holes): C. B. Hamnett, 1 up.  
"Runners Up" (First 9 holes): D. J. Price and J. C. Unsworth, all square.

"Birdies" Prizes: J. Richards, N. Pattinson and J. M. Mather.

Supporters' Prize: H. W. Collings.

There were thirty playing cards taken out and thirty seven for supper, once again a record for the Autumn meeting. We were greatly indebted to the Didsbury Golf Club for the facilities provided, and to Norman Hodson for the excellent prizes and arrangements. We look forward to our Spring meeting next year, on Ascension Day 1976 at Chorlton Golf Club (we expect), when we hope for yet greater numbers of participants.  
W. Allman (Hon. Sec.)

## OLD HULMEIANS' RIFLE SECTION

It is a pleasant change to be able to write a more cheerful report on the section. From September we have been shooting regularly again, and entered the County of Lancaster Winter League again after a break of three years. We were entered in the 8th Division which, I am pleased to say, we won with 21 points out of 28.

We also entered the Preston Cup, a handicap Knock-Out Competition, making up the six-man team with one of the two sixth formers who have joined the Club this season. Though we lost in the first round to a team who achieved the top score in the round, our top score came from the newcomer, which is encouraging for the future.

Alan Wilson

## OLD HULMEIANS' MASONIC LODGE

No. 7062

On Saturday, March 22nd 1975 we held our Ladies' Evening at Owens Park, Fallowfield. The Worshipful Master, Alan D. Crompton, and Mrs. Crompton were our host and hostess to a "full house" of members and their ladies and friends. Once again a very happy evening ensued and our thanks go to John Moran, our M.C., and his assistants, for the way they ably conducted the event.

On Saturday, April 26th 1975, Clifford Nash-Eaton was installed in the chair of the Lodge as our new Worshipful Master, at the Masonic Temple, Bridge Street. The ceremony was conducted by his predecessor, Alan Crompton, in the presence of many members and distinguished guests. We warmly congratulate Alan Crompton for his work during the ceremony



and for the considerable ability he has shown during his year of office, particularly in overcoming the difficult problems which presented themselves during our removal from Birch Villa to our new meeting place at The Temple. We wish Clifford Nash-Eaton a very happy year of office at our new abode. Meantime we extend a hearty welcome to all O.H.A. Freemasons to visit us and to all others interested in joining us to contact the undersigned or any member of the Lodge.

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### OLD HULMEIANS' MOTOR CLUB

Hon. Secretary's Report for 1975

It is with regret that I have to report the winding up of the Motor Club.

Lack of support for events has been obvious for some years, and the only successful function has been the Dinner Dance. This year, however, even this event lost money, so that finally the inevitable consequence was the closure of the Club.

F. E. Pickup, Hon. Secretary.

### ASSOCIATION OF OLD HULMEIANS IN LONDON

In the course of the Annual General Meeting on January 17th, 1975, held as in the past years at the East India, Sports and Public Schools Club, Peter Bradshaw was elected Chairman for the year.

Some three months later the same venue was selected for the committee to meet the Chairman of the School Governors, Mr. D. Lloyd-Griffiths, and hear an extremely well-presented exposition of the School's financial situation and the issues involved in returning to independent status, should the threatened withdrawal of the "Direct Grant" be implemented by the Minister of Education. For the future we shall be examining tangible ways of supporting the School in this changed situation.

Gordon Hall very generously entertained those present to dinner after the discussion.

In May, Don Booth and F. M. McClinton were responsible once again for a team of London Association members taking the field against the President of the South of England Men's Lacrosse Union X at Lloyd Park, Croydon. Sadly it has to be reported that the Barber Cup was won on this occasion by the President's team.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Waldorf Hotel, on May 16th. It was our pleasure to welcome Mr. P. A. Filleul to his first London Association function and to hear in the course of his address his projections for the future of the School. Most welcome also were Brian D. Norris and Frank Pickup, as official guests, representing O.H.A. Manchester. The additional strong support from the North in the persons of H. W. Andrews, W. Liggett and J. E. Liggett was very gratifying; others from the distant parts adding

to the pleasure of the evening included the Rev. J. H. Phil. Slade, F. E. Cawley, J. Dodd MBE, and G. Suley.

To the best of the writer's knowledge the promised golf meeting failed to materialise but we are looking forward to strong support for the supper to be held in October.

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# PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Our programme for 1974/75 began in October with a most successful Cheese and Wine Evening for parents of 1st and 2nd year boys and was the first occasion on which we had the pleasure of extending a warm and sincere welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Filleul. We hope it will be the first of very many evenings when we shall enjoy their company.

Early in November, a "Hot Pot with Bingo" evening was arranged for the Middle and Upper School social. This function has been so poorly attended in recent years, that the Social Committee has already decided to offer a different type of programme. We would like to record our appreciation and grateful thanks to a former Chairman and President of this Association, Mr. H. B. Shires, for his untiring efforts on that evening and on several previous occasions to provide such an excellent repast. In the same month, Mr. Haynes presented the annual two-hour slide-show and talk entitled "William Hulme's on Holiday—Past and Present". The Upper Hall in the Sixth Form Centre was packed to capacity, and we enjoyed a most entertaining and humorous evening. We were happy to see Mr. Haynes in such good form after being so ill last summer. To conclude our activities for 1974 a successful and enjoyable Christmas Party and Dance was held at School, attended by approximately 350 parents and members of Staff.

In February, 1975 Mr. Chudleigh and Mr. Langford provided the parents with an informative and educating evening. Mr. Chudleigh talked about the Combined Cadet Force and Mr. Langford about the last summer's Expedition to Arctic Norway.

Our premier function of the year, the Annual Dinner Dance at the Hotel Piccadilly, held on 22nd March, proved to be a most successful and enjoyable occasion. Unfortunately it was not as well attended as in previous years. This function is one of your Association's most profitable activities and we hope for a better attendance next year to assist us in our support for the School.

The Sports programme during the year included Shooting, Tennis, Cricket and Golf matches against the boys. In general, the parents survived these quite respectably, but seldom won. The Parents' Association also has an active Badminton section.

Representatives of the Parents' Association Committee attended two meetings with the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. D. Lloyd Griffiths, and the Headmaster to be advised on the Governors' thoughts and early plans for this School to resume full independence when the Direct Grant is withdrawn in September 1976.

The Annual General Meeting held in May was followed by a Cheese and Wine Evening. At the Meeting the following were elected to the Committee for 1975/76:—

President: Mr. G. D. Caldwell

Chairman: Mr. R. Leak

Vice Chairman: Mr. A. Frost

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. R. Roffey

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. Wadsworth

Committee: Mrs. M. Kettlewell, Mrs. M. Haffenden, Mrs. S. Burden, Mrs. J. Worth, Mrs. J. Murphy, Messrs. D. N. Barber, C. P. Haworth, T. Dandy, R. B. Buxton.

Co-opted Members: Mrs. V. Cox, Mrs. A. Williams, Mr. D. E. Nicholson.

There were two Committee members who left us at the end of the year, our President, Mr. Sorensen, and Mrs. Marsh. We shall be very pleased to see them at our social events and wish them and their sons success in the future.

The Association gave the School £300 recently for the purchase of musical instruments. The main purpose of the Parents' Association is to arrange social activities and to organise functions to raise finance for the School. We need the maximum support from all parents so that every event on our calendar is supported above the break-even figure to ensure the Association's fulfilment of its desire to be successful.

We have a full programme this year and look forward to meeting all our members at one or all of the events during the year.

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