

The House league side never fulfilled its early promise, having lost several senior players through injury. The Senior Knock-out side beat Heywood in the first round, but lost to Fraser, the eventual winners. The Juniors with a very strong side under the captaincy of N. A. Hatton reached the final of the Knock-outs only to lose by the odd goal to Fraser.

We came sixth in the cross-country; a disappointing result after the fine run of P. J. Goodier which won the first leg.

Under the organisation of S. Brown we won the Swimming Competition for the third successive year with good individual performances by N. A. Hatton, S. A. Leadbeater, C. F. Marshall and S. Brown.

The House Music Entry was organised by R. E. Humphreys and despite some encouraging performances, we came a disappointing sixth.

This year's House Play, *The Monkey's Paw*, was produced by J. E. Hytner. A talented cast did well until they came unstuck in the dramatic conclusion omitting the second "wish-cum-curse" which rendered the third, which should have cancelled it, inoperative. There was no way we could escape the consequences of a "hitch" at such a vital moment. But full credit to Hytner and his cast for their effort.

Midsummer Term

S. Brown was appointed acting Head of House with J. Morris as his deputy.

The following represented the School at Cricket:

1st XI: S. P. Dickinson (Vice-captain).

2nd XI: J. Stubbs.

U.15 XI: M. Ball, P. S. Emmott.

U.14 XI: A. P. Marsden, L.-E. Pye.

The Knock-outs were played early in the term so many players had had little practice. The Senior XI after disposing of Whitworth were soundly beaten by Gaskell. The Juniors did well to reach the final, but unfortunately two of the better players were absent and despite a good innings by A. P. Marsden were defeated.

Byrom continued to make progress in the sports and improved to such a degree that victory was secured on both standards and Sports Day. To mention individuals would take away the importance of the fact that this was very much a team effort with a string of good individual performances.

S.B.

In conclusion, my thanks to A. Dowdall and S. Brown who compiled these reports. Dowdall has been an excellent Head of House and much of the credit for this very successful year must be attributed to his leadership.

A.M.B.

DALTON HOUSE

Head of House: D. J. Barnes.

Deputy Head of House: A. P. Laker.

School Prefects: P. J. Latham, D. B. Lister, I. M. Wood.

House Prefects: G. H. Morrison, J. L. Patton, P. Wright.

Michaelmas Term

This term followed the pattern that has become common in the last couple of years. The Senior Knockout team had only one representative from the School senior teams, M. L. Wilson of the School 1st Team, and were defeated in the 1st round by an exceptionally strong Byrom team after putting up a brave fight. The Junior Knockout team, with R. D. Hardern, M. J. Bowyer, S. P. Rutter, S. R. Morgan and P. A. Knight of the School Under-15 team and D. W. Lloyd of the School Under-14 team went through to the final but were surprisingly beaten by Fraser in a hard-fought game. The House league was well-contested with our 1st team losing only one game, and good support from the other teams in the House nearly won us the title but we failed and came runners-up to Gaskell by one point.

During the term, a small shop was opened to provide the members of the House with refreshments and the profit that was made was given to the House. The initial idea came from D. B. Lister and A. P. Laker and with a great deal of help and enthusiasm from D. J. Barnes and I. M. Wood, the shop was a great success.

Lent Term

The Junior Knockout team, with R. D. Hardern, S. P. Rutter, P. A. Knight and a very good goalkeeper in M. J. Bowyer of the School Under-15 X and D. W. Lloyd of the Under-14 X did not play to their full potential and were beaten in the semi-final. The Senior Knockout team with only D. J. Barnes (1st X) from the School senior teams were no real match for a very strong Whitworth team and were comfortably beaten in the 1st round. The House did well in a restricted league programme and were at the top of the table but it was decided not to award the trophy as not enough games had been played. The Hewlett Cup 6-a-side was played for the first time for several years and although we won one group convincingly, we did not have the strength in depth to make any impression on the stronger Houses in the competition. In the House swimming, there were creditable performances from S. A. Meech in the Juniors, A. P. Denham and M. J. Scoltock in the Middle and G. P. McDonough in the Seniors. A House 5-a-side football competition was contested on Monday lunchtimes throughout the term and after seven weeks, the competition was finally won by a team led by D. J. Barnes. In the House cross-country competition, we came 3rd, mainly thanks to a fine start given to us by the Junior squad.

Midsummer Term

In the Senior Cricket Knockout competition, we had a strong team with A. P. Laker, J. L. Patton and G. L. Robinson of the School 1st XI and G. H. Morrison and I. M. Wood of the School 2nd XI but in the 1st round against Heywood, the batting collapsed and despite excellent bowling and fielding, we were not quite good enough to bowl Heywood out. The Junior Knockout team, without S. P. Rutter, were not good enough to beat a good Fraser side. Again the number of athletics standards points was higher than in previous years, mainly owing to the enthusiasm of Mr. H. M. Symonds but when it came to Sports Day, we did not have the strength in depth required to gain enough points despite a good performance by P. A. Knight.

A.P.L.

FRASER HOUSE

Head of House: R. M. Wadsworth, A. J. Padkin.

Deputy Head of House: J. R. Heaton.

School Prefects: J. R. Heaton, A. J. Padkin, R. M. Wadsworth.

House Prefects: R. J. Artley, J. W. Beswick, S. C. Bickerton, M. P. Brown, M. Elliott, J. G. Evans, M. P. Evans, A. N. Fletcher, J. P. Gallagher, S. M. Haden, D. P. Johnson, R. Jones, M. A. Krawiecki, S. D. Mee, B. R. Mellor, M. F. Packman, M. Tucker, C. J. L. Walsh, S. G. Wilson.

Michaelmas Term

Rugby was led enthusiastically by Beswick yet both talent and experience were lacking and the season was consequently a mediocre one by Fraser standards. In the knockouts we played Whitworth in the First Round, and despite the inspired leadership of Wadsworth, lost a closely fought match.

At the end of term Wadsworth was appointed Head of School, an honour which he richly deserved for his astonishing dedication, and for his inspiration of both House and School over a considerable period.

M. P. Evans and R. Jones both won awards to Oxford Colleges – Pembroke and Wadham respectively – and the congratulations and good wishes of the House go with them.

Lent Term

In January A. J. Padkin became Head of House, holding office during a term which was far more typically successful for Fraser.

The highlight of a rather mixed Lacrosse season was the stirring performance by the Knockout Team in the final against Whitworth. Bickerton's skilful and intelligent game was quite simply a delight to watch, but this was very far from being a one-man team, and the result was a runaway victory for Fraser.

Whitworth were to prove our strongest opponents twice more during the course of this eventful term, and it was only the singular combination of talent and energy displayed by the Fraser boys concerned which prevented our defeat by such excellent opposition.

As Captain of Cross Country Running R. J. Furniss set an extremely high standard for the House to follow, especially in his performance in the Road Relay Race where he was unfortunate not to take the individual trophy. Yet the strenuous running of the entire team, notably the relentless Wadsworth, ensured that Fraser carried the day despite the closest of finishes.

Once again the House Drama Competition was upon us apparently without warning, and was consequently preceded by the usual flurry of activity as plays were selected, scripts procured, costumes and props begged, borrowed, or simply found, programmes and posters eventually printed, and of course, rehearsals embarked on. Throughout all this presided an unruffled Helsby whose composure almost led one to believe that the performance was scheduled for some indeterminate date towards the end of the Summer Term, and not the Friday after next at all. The choice of two short plays, *Blue Murder* and *I'll Ring For More Toast*, certainly created problems but both Helsby, the producer, and his resourceful cast were quite up to the challenge. Here again Whitworth were strong contenders for first place, but the versatility and panache of the Fraser players, particularly in the preposterous *I'll Ring For More Toast*, were to be the deciding factors. Furthermore, and to the pleasure of all who were involved in the productions, this hat-trick of consecutive wins for the House in the Drama Competition was crowned by the award to I. D. Helsby of the new individual prize for the best acting performance.

S. D. Mee again took charge of our formidable entry in the House Music Competition. The intention was, as always, to arrive at a happy compromise between the involvement of a relatively large number of participants and the maintenance of a high standard throughout the performance. We very nearly brought it off, but one or two items in our diverse programme were insufficiently polished and we were pushed into a well-deserved second place. The clarinet pieces played by P. D. Furniss were among the best items in the competition but Mee and all the other entrants should be congratulated for their talents, hard work and considerable success.

Midsummer Term

The first half of this term was dominated, as in previous years, no doubt, by the frantic race to squeeze in to lunchtimes (and free periods!) as many points for Athletics Standards as was humanly possible. A measure of the tremendous efforts of some boys in this respect is that they

were awarded House Colours for Athletics for their performance in the Standards alone rather than for any success on Sports Day itself. In spite of this, certain boys were not willing to expend the necessary time and energy to gain the Standards points which are still vital to success in the Athletics Sports, and so we entered the final day in only third place, and with fewer entrants than usual in the remaining heats and finals. It was gratifying, therefore, to see the determination of all the Fraser athletes that they should not fall below their initial third place, and in the end, after having slipped dangerously at one stage, they did indeed manage to retain this position.

A. J. Moffat collated the Standards results, and Padkin and R. J. Furniss were Captain and Vice-Captain of Athletics respectively. Padkin's performance on Sports Day was outstanding and he was runner-up for the Individual Trophy.

The Senior Cricket XI had little success this year, but the Juniors looked as if they might get a little further in the Knockouts, when they met Gaskell in the second round. It was unfortunate that they did not manage a more substantial beginning to their innings after some reasonable bowling had kept Gaskell's total down to 91. As more and more wickets fell the match slipped visibly away until they were left with just too many runs for the gallant tail-enders, Ellis and Pietrucha, to achieve. Eleven from the last two balls would have been beyond most batsmen's reach in any case! Frost and his team are to be congratulated nevertheless on a spirited performance which made the match enjoyable and exciting.

I am not to be persuaded that cricket is anathema to the Fraser mind, in spite of our recent record in the sport, and am encouraged by the enthusiasm of the Junior players to look forward to better things next Summer.

At half-term D. R. Braddock, I. D. Helsby and A. J. Steeples were appointed temporary School Prefects.

The House moves into new House Rooms in September, and it is hoped that this move will instil rather more of a sense of community into the House Juniors especially.

With very few Middle Sixth-formers prospects on the games field in particular look uncertain for next year, but time will tell.

Finally, Mr. Grange stood down as House Master of Fraser House at Christmas. During the years of his leadership his original and highly effective approach became almost legendary. The bright, optimistic faces of the Fraser training squads as they sped vigorously across the Quad at lunchtime on their way to Alexandra Park will remain forever imprinted on the memory of every boy who witnessed them, and especially perhaps of those from other Houses. The influence of Mr. Grange on the supremacy of Fraser over House Games during the past few years should not be underestimated. His record is not an easy one to emulate, and the House expressed its own feelings through a presentation on his departure.

D.M.F.

GASKELL HOUSE

Head of House: D. B. Wright.

Deputy Head of House: M. Greaves.

House Prefects: S. J. Malcolm, S. D. Carter, C. M. Thorpe, A. J. Surkes, N. A. Hepworth, D. M. Hainsworth, W. F. Nolan, D. C. Tucker, R. J. Mitson, D. A. Bishop, T. A. Jones, K. N. Hussain.

School Prefects: D. B. Wright, M. Greaves, R. Silver.

The start of the term saw us sorting out our various activities for the year. Pride of place of course went to our rugby teams, having won the House league last year. Captains: D. B. Wright, 1st Team, A. J. Surkes, 2nd Team. After our first practice everyone was in high spirits having seen the quality of our rugby at 1st and 2nd team levels.

We went through the term always ahead of our rival houses, only losing to Heywood in one of the 1st team games. The second team defeated all comers. The standard at senior level in the House had to be very high, as we were unable to field a side of fourth form level. The players we had were very enthusiastic, and gave everything, but in every match we were two or three players short, consequently, we were giving six points away every time we played. The third year boys did their share by winning a few games and helped us carry off the House league trophy for the second year running. It was a great achievement by all the Gaskell boys concerned, and will emphasise the effort put in at senior level.

Toward the end of term we decided to have a Christmas Gaskell Show. This turned out to be a huge success. It was made up of various sketches and competitions that were very well accepted by the parents, who braved the atrocious weather conditions to put in an appearance. The highlight of the evening was the final of Gaskell Mastermind, won by P. G. Barker answering questions on World War 1, and General Knowledge. His wide knowledge of World War 1 certainly did raise the odd eyebrow.

A very nice buffet supper was supplied by Mr. Gregson to finish off a pleasant evening.

Lent Term

The Lent term brought the usual crop of bad weather which affected our Lacrosse fixture list. But it was nothing to the extent of the previous year, because we were able to play the Knock Outs. These were games of a very high standard. We were well beaten by Byrom at senior level who went on to win the Final. Our Juniors, however, came up trumps and beat all opposition. The final was a spirited game, the side being very well led by I.C. Thompson whose superior play seemed to give the Gaskell team the edge, and the will to play like they have never played before and go on to win the Final comfortably.

After months of hard work put in by B. J. Rosenberg and S. G. O'Brien and the House musicians we were ready to compete in the House Music Competition. Their performance was superb and they came out worthy winners. Our numbers for this competition were very limited, but the skill with which Rosenberg and O'Brien manipulated their programme was the point that won them the day. It was not easy, but it was very worthwhile.

The House Play, produced by M. Greaves, was very well performed. All actors in the cast had obviously worked very hard in the production, the props were outstanding, and the preparation and publicity taken care of by the House Prefects were very good. The leading role, played by J. Q. Killip, was first class, but I am sure the judges were right in their judgement: the play did lack the little bit of zip to set it afire. Our final position was fifth.

Midsummer Term

The Summer term saw us defending our Cricket K.O. Trophy. The senior team was well led by D. B. Wright who incidentally was also Captain of the School Team. We played exceedingly well until meeting Heywood in the Final, when Ashfield played us off the park. It looked as if Gaskell were cruising to an easy win when the opposition were 20-3, and then came the innings of the season by Ashfield to take the trophy to Heywood: a glorious undefeated knock of 60+. On the performances throughout the tournament though, Gaskell were very good runners up. When we fail at the top, we always have the younger ones coming on to put yet another trophy on the pillar. Excellent teamwork by our Juniors K.O. squad brought us through to win the Final against a good Byrom side.

The year has been a good one for Gaskell: we are beginning to work as a team in all departments, and we must carry on in this manner and be *the* House within the School.

J.F.C.

HEYWOOD HOUSE

Head of House: E. D. Hibbert.

Deputy Head: S. P. Holloway.

School Prefects: E. D. Hibbert, S. P. Holloway, J. P. Marland, K. D. Murray.

House Prefects: A. B. Cretney, A. S. Dodd, R. P. Flamank, C. S. Lowndes, P. P. Marsh, T. J. Sheffield, S. T. G. Smith, R. Zemurs, A. D. G. Wakefield.

In the House rugby league Heywood first and second teams played well, improving on last year's placings. The fourth year team was very successful in winning all its games. In the knock-outs the seniors beat Gaskell in the second round by one point but lost in the final to Byrom. The juniors were beaten early on.

For the first time shooting was offered to Heywood members on Wednesdays and Thursdays and this was run efficiently by T. J. Sheffield. Demand outstripped places and so a rota system was set up.

In the House swimming competitions Heywood had mixed fortunes, finishing second in the relays and fifth in the individuals. The House seemed to be short of talented swimmers but commendable performances were given by G. J. Nash and P. E. D. Cantley who gained most of the points.

The House play which again was placed third was *The Crimson Coconut* produced by P. P. Marsh. C. Aroskin gave a very good performance. The costumes were in the good care of Mrs. V. Hempstock. It is obvious that there are some up-and-coming actors and Heywood should look forward to good results in future years.

The House music result was the best for three years. All those who took part gave a very good performance and managed to place the House fourth, only nine points behind the winners. This was well organised by N. C. Langley and A. M. Buckley.

Heywood were very successful in a closely fought Hewlett Cup and eventually finished first. As usual in the House league few games were played owing to the bad weather, so a true result cannot be given.

In the summer term we finished fourth in the athletics competition. Although we gained a large number of standards points these were not enough to sustain us in the heats when several Heywood athletes were absent owing to the "Day of Industrial Action"! Nevertheless we still managed to gain places in the finals. Many thanks must go to Mr. Booker and Mrs. Hempstock for giving up their lunch times in order to organise the standards.

Many Heywood members took part in the Heywood badminton competition which was organised by I. Alam and won by A. C. Woods and S. P. Robinson. This competition was enjoyed by all and hopefully will be repeated in future years.

In the Road Relay competition the third years got us off to a good start with W. H. Johnson, C. A. Lincoln and M. Goodman running well. The fourth forms kept their positions and by the time the sixth form set off the runners were well spaced. A. T. Bowyer, M. S. Ashfield and S. P. Holloway took over, bringing the house in fourth. Bowyer was awarded the individual trophy for the fastest lap time.

Perhaps our best result of the year came in the senior cricket knock-outs. Against all the odds Heywood managed to beat Dalton in the first round and then Fraser by eight wickets in the second. We then met Gaskell in the final and after struggling against good bowling reached 119 for six, winning the competition with M. S. Ashfield a superb 51 not out.

The Heywood House members would like to wish Mr. Booker every happiness in his recent marriage.

I should like to thank all Heywood members who gave up their time in organising and taking part in the numerous activities. I should also like to wish all continuing members every success in the coming year.

E.D.H.

My thanks go to Hibbert for the very efficient job he has done as Head of House in what has been quite a successful year for Heywood.

M.R.B.

WHITWORTH HOUSE

A lively group of twenty Third Formers entered Whitworth in September from the Junior School and the first part of the term was devoted to integrating them into the ideas and spirit of the House. We were fortunate to have five School Prefects, Turner, who continued as Head of House, Campbell, Millard, Jessup and Goodman and we continued our policy of choosing House Prefects according to their talents, not their age. Loftus, Stanley, McLaren and McFarland joined the Keating brothers, Short, Puddephat, Paterson, Sargent, Wheeldon, Hull and Adams as House Prefects: the availability of coffee and Kit Kats "on tick" meant that the Prefects and other seniors were constantly attracted to room nine and thus the third formers were quickly able to feel part of a House.

A number of competitions and activities furthered this aim. Chess, junior and senior badminton, table tennis and five-a-side were all successfully concluded — not as easy as it sounds — and towards Christmas a series of teams took part in a "Spot the Brain" competition, won by Short, Jackson, A. Emsley and Miller, and a very difficult code in the Christmas Quiz taxed many competitors almost beyond sanity. In November the House Prefects, superbly decked out in suits (for the most part), entertained the parents of 3rd and 4th Formers to a buffet supper in the Old Hall. We welcomed Manchester's controversial Chief Constable James Anderton, as a lunch-time speaker — he was impressive, both in his manner and his ideas, even to those who expected to disagree with him.

In House League rugby competitions the 1st XV and 2nd XV, captained by Wheeldon and Paterson, each achieved four wins and the 4th year team, to its own amazement, defeated Gaskell 24–22. The Junior Knockout team were overrun in the second half by Byrom but the Seniors, with tries by Adams and Ryman and heroic defence at the end by Turner and Hull, reached the final with a 10–4 win over Fraser. Byrom duly defeated us 16–3 but only after a spirited rally by our pack for over half the game.

The wall displays in room nine attracted much interest and during the term we looked at paintings by Rembrandt and Rousseau, drawings by local artist R. J. Cahill, photographs by Frank Sutcliffe, fifty years of railway posters and an eye catching display of record sleeves. The fabric and furniture of the House Rooms were well looked after throughout the year by boys in Whitworth, not always by those having lessons in room nine, some of whom needed sharp reminders of the need to respect their environment. A selection of photographs of House activities was framed at the end of each term — Brown sucking his gum shield won the prize easily for "portrait of the term".

The end of term saw disappointment as none of our three Scholarship candidates Loftus, Puddephat or Turner was successful, but at a cheerful House meeting we presented them each with a book as a leaving present. In the School play *Hostile Witness* a fine performance by Campbell encouraged us to think ahead to a busy term of House drama, music and games.

Lent Term

Goodman took over from Turner as Head of House with Campbell becoming deputy Head of School, Adams and G. Keating being appointed School Prefects and N. A. Smith a House

Prefect. The tragic road accident which led to the death of Martin Blanks affected all the boys in the House profoundly and many boys attended the funeral service at Knutsford Methodist Church. As a memorial we purchased a seat and plaque to stand on the School field and two flowering cherry trees to be planted outside the sixth form centre.

The Inter-House competitions produced an expected win for us in the reconstituted Chess League as Donald took the individual trophy. Despite good work by Hamburger, Salem and Fairfax we lost 3-13 to Gaskell in the Junior Lacrosse and played dreadfully in the Senior Flags Final to lose 18-4 to Fraser. The players, most of them stalwarts of a very successful School 1st X, were justifiably ashamed of their performance. In the Hewlett Cup we were 4th and in the House Music we had another disastrous day with a catastrophic version of Edelweiss - "Who chose that?" I demanded - providing the introduction for a mediocre display by our normally talented musicians. Amazingly, 3rd place.

Stanley broke two School records in the Swimming Sports and with good assistance from McDonnell, Cherry, Timperley and Jackson we achieved 3rd place. In the relays we swam magnificently, winning two of the six races and being second in three. An indication of the good spirit in the House was shown by our having to *select* a Cross Country Relay team after trials. Whitworth and Fraser tied with 13 points each for 1st place, but Fraser took the cup because of a "local rule" - one which is to be changed in 1981. We took pleasure in the superb run by Hodgson which gave us a marvellous start in this relay event.

A term of combat with Fraser ended with two extremely fine House plays. Despite many a panic in the week prior to the performance Maula and his cast put on a humorous and characterful half hour with Short, Jackson, Levy, Roche, D. J. Adams and Murray getting their timing just right. Pass, Keating, Chandraker, backstage, and three impressive posters from Jones added valuable support, but Fraser narrowly gained 1st place. Bonser, Hodgson and Roche had all done well in 1066 and it was pleasing too to see School music colours for Adams, Millard and Fishwick, all members of the Band.

Midsummer Term

The Summer Term provided its best weather before Whitsun, but our senior cricketers could not cope with the elegance of Byrom's Dickinson whose 68 was the margin of our defeat in the Knockout. The Juniors with Fairfax, Hodgson and Smith doing well went down to Byrom and only in Athletics did we provide some surprises. Ryman and Stanley won individual trophies and, in contrast to last year, we compiled over 1000 points in the standards competition. McLaren, Looker, Lawrence, Jessup and Hussain did well and as usual we won two of the relays. A tree fallen near the track and the forthcoming holiday made the Sports an undistinguished occasion.

John Angus, a poster designer from Lancaster, provided a superb exhibition of his work for the first fortnight of the term and this was among a continuing series of displays of work by Klee, Hockney, Chagall, and the excellent collection of photographs from the South Manchester Camera Club. Our new cleaner Mrs. Gregory has assisted greatly in looking after the House rooms: Campbell spent some time after the 'A' levels in redecorating the metal lockers and during the Summer holidays the House Prefects' room has also been refurbished.

Towards the end of June at a full House meeting we said goodbye to the two fifth formers, Jackson and Cohen, who are leaving, and seventeen Middle Sixth boys. The House photograph, enlarged and framed in Room nine, is a reminder of a happy and successful year. Mr. Moore, my successor, and I led a riotous afternoon expedition to Blackpool on June 27th. The sands, the North Pier and the Pleasure Beach provided plenty of scope for the expenditure of energy and money. Finally, as an unexpected bonus, the tennis team of I. Keating, Pass, Paterson, Taylor and Shaw won the Tennis Knockout to put a fifth trophy on the House shelf.

Mr. Bonnick was invited to our final meeting of the whole House and in his most relaxed

mood produced a characteristic cameo of a speech. His main point is both true and important: that there is no such thing as "The House": only a collection of boys of many and varied talents who can give or withhold their abilities as they wish. They do this to their own benefit or otherwise and to the benefit of others.

I am sure that the boys of Whitworth will give the same support to Mr. Moore as I have received for the past two happy years.

P.J.W.

GAMES

FIRST XV RUGBY

Played 16, Won 7, Lost 9.
Points for 182, Against 231.

v. Ashton on Mersey Colts . . .	A W	10-8
v. Stockport G.S.	A L	0-15
v. Sale G.S.	H L	6-14
v. Marple Hall School.	A L	0-3
v. Birkenhead School.	A L	15-35
v. Cheadle Moseley School. . .	H W	13-10
v. Sir John Deane's School. . .	H L	14-19
v. De La Salle College.	A L	6-38
v. St. Bede's College	H W	42-3
v. Lymm G.S.	A L	6-28
v. Merchant Taylors' School. .	A W	9-3
v. Arnold School	H L	3-10
v. King Edward VII G.S.		
Lytham.	A L	12-27
v. Manchester G.S.	H W	8-0
v. Cheadle Hulme School. . . .	A W	24-18
v. Ashton on Mersey Colts. . .	A W	14-0

Though the above results appear quite respectable, they could in fact have been better. On several occasions we paid dearly for lapses in concentration, or for our failure to take the chances offered against far from superior opposition.

The School had a very experienced team captained by J. M. Adams, and the forwards, in particular, can be praised for their efforts throughout the term. The move of D. M. Watmough from centre to lock forward brought a new determination to the pack and a problem to the backs. The pack then had added strength, weight and speed, and the backs had to find other means of penetrating the opposition ranks. This they found somewhat difficult to achieve lacking the basic speed of pass to outstrip the cover defence. All too often they were caught in possession behind the pack giving the opposing forwards the advantage of moving forward to win the ball.

Following the pre-season win against Ashton Colts, the School suffered a string of four defeats terminating in an overwhelming victory for Birkenhead School who led by only three points at the half-time interval. Cheadle Moseley came to us the week after as the Manchester Schools Champions and in a well contested game the School emerged victorious by the smallest of margins, a single penalty goal. The XV failed, however, to capitalise on this fine win and our fortunes fluctuated. Victories over near neighbours, St. Bede's and Merchant Taylors' (fresh from an undefeated tour of Holland), were cancelled out by defeats at the hands of Sir John Deane's School and King Edward VII School, Lytham. Both of these fixtures could have been won if the many chances which presented themselves had been taken.

The season ended on a high note with a "hat trick" of wins including the much coveted scalp of Manchester Grammar School. This, being the local derby, obviously produces a high level of motivation in the players. It is a great pity that this motivation

and will-to-win is not readily generated in all school games.

The following boys gained representative honours at nineteen group level: A. Dowdall, D. M. Watmough and R. K. Wadsworth (Manchester Schools XV), A. Dowdall going on to play for South Lancashire in a final county trial. At sixteen group, J. B. McFarland was selected for Lancashire Schools in the game against Northumberland.

Colours were awarded to the following: J. M. Adams, A. Dowdall, D. M. Watmough, R. K. Wadsworth, A. Johnson.

The following also represented the School: A. J. Steeples, S. Brown, T. S. Ryman, M. L. Wilson, D. G. Richards, R. P. Flamank, R. P. Thornton, B. Cooper, C. Rogerson, S. Cooper, J. B. McFarland, A. Stainsby, S. J. Logan, P. R. Hunt, R. S. Munro, J. Parry, A. W. Smith, A. J. Padkin, P. E. Stanley, M. P. Brown, B. J. Rosenberg and P. Cottril.

C.H.S.

SECOND XV RUGBY

Played 12, Won 7, Lost 5.
Points for 127, Against 192.

v. Stockport G.S.	A W	12-6
v. Sale G.S.	H W	7-4
v. Marple Hall School.	A W	16-4
v. Birkenhead School.	A L	0-45
v. Cheadle Moseley School. . .	H W	26-0
v. Sir John Deane's School. . .	H L	4-50
v. De La Salle College.	A L	9-34
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	A W	18-0
v. Arnold School, Blackpool. .	H L	0-21
v. King Edward's, Lytham . . .	A L	0-18
v. Manchester G.S.	H W	26-6
v. Cheadle Hulme School. . . .	A W	9-4

The team enjoyed a relatively successful season under the spirited captaincy of M. Brown. The strength of the side lay in a lively and uncompromising pack of forwards who won a lot of good possession which, unfortunately, was not fully exploited by our backs. The three-quarters tried hard, but were often lacking the incisive skills needed to make the openings, and some weak tackling gave away a lot of unnecessary points.

The following boys represented the School: S. P. Holloway, K. D. Murray, B. Cooper, C. P. Robinson, R. S. Munro, P. R. Hunt, D. J. Barnes, A. Stainsby, I. G. McMillan, N. D. Short, B. J. Rosenberg, A. W. Smith, A. D. Tatham, R. Taylor, P. E. Stanley, L. J. Upcott, D. M. Bretnall, S. J. Logan, J. B. MacFarland, A. Brown, A. J. Steeples, T. C. Smith, K. N. Hussain, M. N. Davidson, P. Cotterill, H. A. Shawden, J. P. P. Hill.

M.R.B.

UNDER-15 XV RUGBY

Played 13, Won 3, Lost 8, Drawn 2.
Points for 104, Against 210.

v. Stockport G.S.	A W	12- 6
v. Sale G.S.	A L	0-62
v. Marple Hall School.	H L	6-25
v. Birkenhead School.	H L	0-15
v. Sir John Deane's School.	A L	0-12
v. De La Salle College.	H D	14-14
v. St. Bede's G.S.	A W	28- 0
v. Lymm G.S.	H L	4-10
v. Merchant Taylors' School.	A W	18-12
v. Arnold School	A D	0- 0
v. King Edward VII, Lytham	A L	12-14
v. Manchester G.S.	H L	0- 8
v. Cheadle Hulme School.	A L	10-32

The following boys played for the School:

S. J. Barratt, P. S. Emmott, R. D. Hardern, M. J. Harrison, M. W. Harrison, S. M. Heywood, J. Hogg, C. Holmes, D. C. Hurst, E. L. Jaquiss, P. A. Knight, N. S. MacDonald, C. F. Marshall, R. D. Meadowcroft, P. B. Rowley, S. P. Rutter, J. D. Sealey, M. I. Shaw, I. C. Thompson, I. D. Thorpe, E. C. Whipp, D. K. White.

Though the above results appear quite unimpressive it can be said that many of the games were keenly contested. As always the forwards played particularly well. There were not many teams who had a better set of forwards Sale G.S. were the only exceptions.

The team suffered through injuries to players in key positions, that is Hurst at hooker and Sealey at stand-off. It proved difficult to replace these players with people of the same quality. Even when at the beginning of the season these players were fit, the three-quarter line lacked concentration and determination to beat the opposition's three-quarter line. The quality of the tackling as usual left a lot to be desired.

Even amidst the gloom, there were some good performances by various individuals. Rowley at full back played consistently well throughout the season. Rutter and Thorpe played well in their respective positions.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe for their support and encouragement in all conditions.

G.B.M.

UNDER-14 XV RUGBY

Played 13, Won 5, Lost 8.
Points for 232, Against 222.

v. Stockport G.S.	H L	8-16
v. Sale G.S.	A W	26- 6
v. Marple Hall School.	H W	36- 6
v. Birkenhead School.	H L	20-30
v. Cheadle Moseley School	A L	14-18
v. Sir John Deane's School	A L	0-56
v. St. Mark's	H W	30- 0
v. St. Bede's G.S.	A W	38- 0
v. Merchant Taylors' School.	H L	6-24
v. Arnold School	A L	4-10
v. King Edward's	H L	14-36
v. Manchester G.S.	A L	0-12
v. Cheadle Hulme School.	H W	36- 8

The Under 14 team had a very disappointing season. It relied on individual endeavour, ignoring the importance of solid teamwork which is so crucial at this level. The biggest problem was the poor quality of the tackling especially in the three-quarters which resulted in the loss of numerous tries. The forwards on occasions produced excellent rugby but this was the exception rather than the rule. Another major failing was the acceptance of the inevitability of defeat whenever an opposing team took the lead.

R.B.

UNDER-13 XV RUGBY

Played 11, Won 7, Lost 3, Drawn 1.
Points for 211, Against 126.

v. Stockport G.S.	H L	3-53
v. Sale G.S.	A W	10- 4
v. Marple Hall School.	H W	32- 0
v. Cheadle Moseley School.	A W	42- 0
v. Sir John Deane's School.	H W	12- 6
v. St. Bede's School.	H W	48- 0
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby	H D	0- 0
v. Arnold School	A W	28- 0
v. King Edward's G.S., Lytham.	H L	0-23
v. Manchester G.S.	A L	12-18
v. Cheadle Hulme School.	H W	24-22

This was a most satisfactory season considering the lack of outstanding talent in the team. In the forwards M. L. Jackson was outstanding as captain and M. M. E. Cowburn developed into a useful second row player. The backs lacked a player of real skill, although G. P. Wadsworth, I. Mullins and M. T. Clarke played some promising games. Overall, the successes were mainly the result of enthusiasm and teamwork.

D.G.B.

UNDER-12 XV RUGBY

Played 5, Won 4, Lost 1.
Points for 51, Against 21.

The initial practices promised well and, as always, the tremendous enthusiasm and willingness to learn, resulted in rapid progress.

Forwards, although small, were quick and the backs were given plenty of possession. It took some time for the three-quarters to settle down and run the ball, but as the season progressed, their handling improved and some good tries were scored.

In all this was a very pleasing season and promises well for the future.



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FIRST X LACROSSE

Played 15, Won 12, Drawn 0, Lost 3.

Goals for 207, Against 159.

v. Wilmslow	A L	4-19
v. Mellor 'B'	H W	21-10
v. Old Waconians 'B'	A W	29- 4
v. Ashton 'A'	H W	12-10
v. Rochdale	H W	15- 7
v. Birmingham University	* W	13- 3
v. Oxford University	* L	9-20
v. Cambridge University	* W	13-12
v. Old Hulmeians Ex. 'A'	H W	15- 7
v. Cheadle 'B'	A W	14- 4
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H W	11-10
v. Ashton 'A'	H W	15- 9
v. Rochdale (Cup Final)	W	14-10
v. Stockport G.S.	H W	19-12
v. Old Hulmeians	H L	3-23

(* School Lacrosse Tour)

This year's School 1st Team had the unenviable task of following in the steps of the successful 1979 side, and of suffering inevitable comparisons with, arguably, the best team which the School has produced for many years. That they withstood those comparisons and went on to regain the Lancashire Junior Cup does them enormous credit, and reflects the hard work which they were prepared to put in throughout the damp and extremely muddy season.

The team was a very settled one, and made steady progress through the term, playing some excellent lacrosse and all the time learning and improving. Their main weakness was inconsistency, and this stemmed from three things. Firstly, there was a tendency for all the attack players to drift into and out of the game, and spend periods during matches without making a positive contribution. Secondly, the defence and goalkeeper seemed to have the ability to transform themselves from a sound, composed and uncompromising unit, into a set of un-coordinated and almost panic-stricken individuals, through unaccountable lapses in concentration. Finally, when the team was under pressure, the attack sometimes failed to protect the defence by holding on to the ball, allowing them to regain their composure. These faults led to one or two needlessly close-run matches against Cambridge University and Cheadle Hulme School, and show how important it is to play thoughtful and controlled lacrosse.

The team was highly successful, despite these failings, owing to their individual and collective abilities to see opportunities, fashion chances and score goals, with style and skill, and to the teamwork and technique of an excellent straight defence and goalkeeper. To their credit, whenever their backs were against the wall, the team always seemed to produce their best lacrosse and get themselves out of tight situations. Even against the Southern Senior Flags winners, and Southern League Champions, the School came back in the last quarter to rip through the Oxford University defence and force them to concede their highest goal tally.

Of the other fixtures there are some two or three that are worthy of individual mention. Against Wilmslow in our first match of the season, we were

found short of practice, and in need of more time to adjust to the new rules. After holding them to 4-4 at half-time, the School was swamped 15-0 in the second half. With several lessons so harshly learnt the School went from strength to strength and proceeded to play devastating lacrosse against Old Waconians. Then, they fought a tremendous battle with a skilful Ashton team to reach the semi-final of the Cup, in a game when the sides were never separated by more than two goals. The final of the Cup was also a close thing. After looking securely ahead at half-time the School were overhauled by Rochdale who levelled the scores at 9-9 and were pressing strongly. Yet again the School extricated themselves from the difficulty by scoring some of their best goals. In fact the quality of the goals has been one of the outstanding features of the team this year. All the attack have scored memorable and crucial goals at some stage in the season; Cooper and Bickerton in the Final, Johnson and Mitson against Ashton, Jones (and Adams) against Oxford, and Wadsworth against Cheadle Hulme School. All these goals are worth recalling as are some of the saves which Keating performed at the other end of the field.

The success of the team exhibited by these goals really emanated from midfield. The team cleared the ball confidently and their riding improved all season to reach near perfection against Stockport Grammar School, and to prove a major factor in their cup win. The hard work and tactical awareness and determination shown by all the midfield was typified by Johnson who displayed the sort of attitude that was the underlying reason for the team's success.

My personal thanks are due to P.G.M. Jessup for his excellent leadership of the side, to the whole squad for their endeavour in training and their willingness and desire to improve their skills. It has been a pleasure to coach them all. Only if boys in the lower School determine to practise and improve their own personal skills and basic handling, will they emulate their Cup-winning achievements.

The School was represented on the Lancashire County Under 18 Team by four players this year, all of whom were awarded Full Colours for School Lacrosse. They were Bickerton, Wadsworth, Barnes and Jessup. Adams was selected as reserve for the match against Cheshire and he, Cooper, Keating, Johnson, Mitson and Jones received half-colours.

I.J.S.

SECOND X LACROSSE

Played 10, Won 7, Drawn 1, Lost 2.

Goals for 124, Against 82.

v. Cheadle 'C'	H W	12- 4
v. Mellor 'C'	H W	15-10
v. Poynton 'C'	A W	23- 6
v. Cheadle 'C'	A L	8- 9
v. Cheadle Hulme 'A'	A D	12-12
v. Cheadle 'C'	H W	10- 7
v. Ashton 'B'	A W	12-10
v. Stockport Grammar School		
2nds	H W	13- 9
v. Lancashire Colts	A W	13- 9
v. Old Hulmeians 'A'	H L	6-16

Without doubt the Second X's fixtures were dominated by Cheadle 'C' team, whom we were to meet no less than four times in our short season. Early on in the term and then later the Second team won comfortably, but in the replayed Cup-tie half-way through the season, the Cheadle side found the experience necessary to thwart the School's ambitions in the David Beesley Cup, albeit marginally.

The only other team to beat the School was Old Hulmeians 'A' team, in which Huw Davies, of last year's School 1st X, proved to be the difference between the sides. A draw against Cheadle Hulme 'A', a club side of fourth division standard, was an extremely good result, and all the other matches resulted in victories for the School.

The season's success was based on a sound defence, and a skilful attack. N. Roberts in goal was outstanding on occasions, despite a habit of throwing the ball over his shoulder with catastrophic results, and the team were unlucky to lose him through injury. B. Dodd and A. Brown deputised ably when required.

After A. Padkin became available to play, the defence was permuted three from four, with Brown, P. Winterbottom and A. Booth all holding their places well, despite their lack of experience. Their progress augurs well for next year's first team.

K. Murray at centre proved more than a match for most of his opponents and with his fellow midfielders A. Smith, Smith and R. Thornton, provided a steady supply of possession for the attack to use. Here, R. G. McLaren dominated events by scoring over forty goals in nine appearances. He was aided in this achievement by the thoughtful and unselfish play of G. Keating, G. Duncan and W. Sandy.

The whole team trained hard and seemed keen to learn, although in the attack particularly there was a failure to eradicate some bad habits. Smith and Keating use the side arm shot much too often, and McLaren, too frequently, contributes only to the attack, when he has the ball. However, the team as a whole, and especially the younger members, made great strides in learning the complexities of riding, clearing, man-up plays and man-down plays. The boys from last year's U.15 side have shown a great potential, not least in a confident performance against Lancashire Colts. I hope that in the next two years the School benefits from its fulfilment.

Duncan, the captain of this year's side, led the attack and the team with a great deal of authority. He led by example, unselfishly running and cutting, attacking bravely, winning back ground balls, and taking a pride in his stick handling. He lacked only a little composure in front of goal, and would otherwise have been a complete attack player.

My thanks are due to him for his organisation of the team and his regular production of interesting match reports in the event of there being no permanent master to take charge of the team. My thanks and those of the team go to Messrs. Ballantyne, Chudleigh, Fisher, Kirkham, Moore and Booker for taking the team to Ashton, Poynton and other far flung outposts of lacrosse-playing civilisation during the course of the season.

The team was usually selected from:

Roberts, Brown, Winterbottom, Padkin, Booth, Thornton, A. Smith, Smith, Murray, McLaren, Duncan, Keating and Sandy.

Also played: Lord, I. McMillan, G. Williams and R. G. Phillips.

Half-colours were awarded to Duncan, Murray, Keating and A. Smith.

I.J.S.

UNDER-15 X LACROSSE

Played 11, Won 8, Drawn 1, Lost 2.

Goals for 116, Against 64.

v. Broadway High School . . .	H W	17- 3
v. Heaton Mersey Juniors . . .	H W	15- 6
(Juniors and Schools Cup: 1st round)		
v. Harefield High School . . .	H L	7- 8
(Juniors and Schools Cup: 2nd round)		
(after extra time)		
v. Harefield High School . . .	H W	10- 5
v. Cheadle Hulme School . . .	A W	8- 3
v. Stamford School	H D	6- 6
v. Harefield High School . . .	A L	3-10
v. Broadway High School . . .	A W	17- 6
v. Stockport Grammar School.	H W	11- 4
v. Boardman & Eccles Juniors.	H W	12- 6
v. Stamford School	A W	10- 7

In its first three seasons of competitive lacrosse, this team had not had a great deal of success. It had not played with a regularly settled side, and in one season no regular team coach had been available. No goalkeeper had settled in the position. Confidence generally was at a low ebb. It says much for the small squad that, in their 10-week season, they became as good as any other side in their age-group; there was only one disappointing performance (at Harefield), and the final victory of the season was against the winners of the Juniors and Schools Cup. This game and the cup match against Harefield were of the very best standard of junior lacrosse.

It was decided that team building must begin with the defence, and it was not long before Thorpe, Jaquiss and Hardern made these positions their own. At the centre of the defence Thorpe, though often slow to start with, used his strength and height to great advantage, learned to cut out opposition passes onto the crease with great skill and proved a formidable figure when running the ball clear. To his right Hardern played with invariable solidity, improving his ground-ball technique steadily as the season progressed and making up for a continued lack of total handling expertise by his willingness and effort. The captain, Jaquiss, who handled his responsibilities quite excellently, played on the left side and achieved a degree of handling skill and defensive technique rare in a junior player. Most important, these three really played as a unit, coming to a close understanding of each other's play, both strengths and weaknesses.

The front line of the defensive zone, the midfield trio of Sealy, Kershaw and Knight, soon got the idea

of the increased defensive role required of them in the 10-a-side game, and covered a great amount of space in front of the goal, forcing long and predictable passes to be made by opposition attacks. It was in this area that the team changed most from previous seasons and also that the most progress was made: Sealy had been a permanent fixture at centre in previous seasons and again worked hard in all his games and scored some memorable goals, but others found that they could face off just as well. Notably Rutter's, and Sealy's absence for some games was not the terrible handicap which some of the team expected. Kershaw worked as hard thinking about the game as he did playing it and gradually reconciled his attacking and defensive role. Though not used to working hard on the field at the start of the season, he developed with every game and soon produced as much running and as many goals as his midfield colleagues. Knight was perpetual motion: the awkwardness of his handling paled into insignificance beside his fitness and competitive spirit, and to see opposition players being harried into sudden and uncomfortable clearances by one of the midfield players whilst the other two homed in on the resulting loose ball was a great and satisfying feature of the season.

Almost all early practice was done for the benefit of the defence: the first aspect of the game satisfactorily learnt by the attack was the "ride", which aims to spoil the opposition's clearing, and generally little attention was paid to attack play as such. It should be said that the attitude of all the four attack players was exemplary: one could have imagined that such total concentration on defence in depth might have appeared unsatisfactory to the attack, but if it did, this was not apparent and all were more than ready to cover for injured or stranded defence or midfield players when the occasion arose. The attack will gradually knit together with practice; at present the majority of goals are individual efforts. Thompson and Morgan found a lot of opportunities, but both tend to panic when trying to convert them, often forgetting that to shoot whilst running straight at goal or when standing still is usually unsuccessful: the goalkeeper must be given the extra problem of a changing angle as the shot is made. Heywood carried the ball very well near the goal and, being a tall, angular player and left-handed as well, he is very difficult to dispossess. The strong and speedy Rutter had an excellent season, scoring 39 goals and playing with increasing maturity with every game: this was particularly noticeable in his willingness to slow the game down when not everyone was in position, to get back into defence when needed and to maintain his poise and self-control when he was so obviously a marked man. He made his class clear in his shooting, rarely just a fast throw at a target 6 feet square, often going in off the post or crossbar, and quickly.

Finally one must mention Bowyer's first season in goal, a fearsome responsibility, taken on at a day's notice. With practice and help from the rest of the team, particularly the attack, he played as well as any but the very best goalkeepers at this age-group and earned the praise of many spectators. His good eye

and handling ability made it possible for the team to play, throughout the season, a stylish defensive game, with sparks of attacking excellence, and all the team deserve congratulations on a playing record which some observers, before the start of the season, would have thought unlikely. I thank them for their willingness and commitment.

C.P.L.

UNDER-14 X LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 7, Lost 2.
Goals for 107, Against 65.

v. Audenshaw G.S.	A W 15- 9
v. Cheadle Hulme School U-15	A L 5-10
(Juniors & Schools Cup)	
v. Harefield High School	A W 6- 5
v. Stockport Grammar School.	H W 14- 7
v. Stockport Juniors	A L 8-14
v. Cheadle Hulme School. . . .	H W 20- 4
v. Broadway High School . . .	H W 15- 3
v. Mellor Juniors	A W 11- 9
v. Broadway High School . . .	A W 13- 4

The following players represented the School: J. R. Braddock, A. S. Campbell, N. R. Fairfax, D. L. Hallows, R. J. T. Healey (Capt.), N. E. Hussey, D. J. C. Ingram, I. R. Ladd, D. W. Lloyd, S. D. Looker, A. P. Marsden, S. Odum, L-E. Pye, I. C. E. Roberts, C. P. Tatham, P. J. Torkington and S. J. Winterbottom.

The School had a successful season, winning seven of the nine matches. The success of the team was built upon a solid defensive trio of Braddock, Healey and Tatham, well supported by Winterbottom in goal. The only occasions on which the defence looked vulnerable were against teams that broke too quickly for our midfield. Roberts showed that he was capable of filling a defensive position, enabling Braddock or Healey to strengthen the midfield.

It was in midfield that we never really established a regular pattern. This was partly because of Ingram's back injury, but mainly because we never achieved the balance needed. The midfield must be disciplined enough to support the defence and also have the flair and handling skills necessary to help the attack break down well-organised defences. We often satisfied one requirement but rarely looked like satisfying both.

In attack Hallows and Lloyd performed consistently well and, towards the end of the season, Torkington began to establish a place for himself. Against weak opposition, the attack exploited openings well, but, against better organised defences, lacked the ideas and close control needed to penetrate consistently. In these matches a great deal depended upon the ability of Marsden to get forward in support.

Special mention should be made of two players: Marsden and Healey. Marsden contributed greatly to the team's success by his ability to dominate in midfield and to support the attack. Healey's contribution was equally important. He captained the team well, getting the best out of his players by the fine example that he set.

M.E.P., A.S.

UNDER-13 X LACROSSE

Played 11, Won 10, Lost 1.
Goals for 152, Against 63.

v. Broadway High School . . .	H W 14- 4
v. Harefield High School . . .	A W 12-10
v. Heaton Mersey Juniors . . .	H W 20- 4
v. Stockport G.S.	H W 12-10
v. Mellor Juniors	H W 14- 7
v. Cheadle Hulme School . . .	A W 15- 4
v. Stamford High School . . .	H W 18- 2
v. Harefield High School . . .	A W 18- 2
v. Broadway High School	
U-14's	A W 9- 7
v. Stockport G.S.	N L 5- 8
(Centurion Trophy Final)	
v. Stamford High School . . .	A W 15- 5

In the match report of the 14-4 victory over Broadway in the first game I wrote: 'We relied too heavily on the individual skills of G. A. Cleary, A. J. Treweek and J. R. G. McManus. These skills are crucial to the team's success but they need to be channelled more into teamwork, especially when we meet much stronger defensive teams.' The most pleasing aspect of the season for me was the way in which these talented individuals, and indeed the whole side, recognised this basic aim and applied themselves so sensibly to achieving it.

Clearly this was a side which had a good chance of success in the Centurion Trophy, and Harefield High School were our first round opponents. After a poor start we developed a 7-4 lead at half-time only to see it lost by silly defensive errors in the third quarter. In the end it was left to McManus to gain centre possession and Cleary to shoot powerfully to see us home by two goals. The second round was more convincingly negotiated the following week with a 20-4 victory over Heaton Mersey Juniors.

The first test of all-round team ability came in the February match against Stockport Grammar School who were certain to reach the final of the Centurion Trophy in the opposite half of the draw to ourselves. Stockport started well and would have been four goals up had their finishing been accurate. Instead they allowed us time to settle and by the time they realised that Cleary was the main danger he had shot us into an 8-1 half-time lead. The second half was keenly fought and immensely entertaining with the School defence under sustained pressure as Stockport drew level before Treweek produced two fine runs to give us a narrow victory.

Mellor Juniors were easily beaten in the Trophy semi-final and there followed a series of comfortable wins leading up to the Final against Stockport Grammar School on Heaton Mersey's ground. There was a real sense of occasion and a fine game of lacrosse was expected from two excellent Under-13 sides. The midfield battle was crucial and fierce with Stockport's D. Woodhead coming out best in the first half to put School 1-6 down with morale low. In the second half G. M. Wadsworth, the William Hulme's captain, kept Woodhead quiet, the School midfield became dominant and the score was pulled back to 5-6 with the goals coming from Treweek, Cleary,

Jackson, Wadsworth and Hogg. This was not enough though, and two late goals saw Stockport happy in victory and Hulme tearful in defeat.

Happily, success and revenge came the following week when the six-a-side squad of G. M. Wadsworth, G. A. Cleary, A. J. Treweek, J. R. G. McManus, M. L. Jackson, S. Marsh and H. A. Gardiner won the Brooklands Trophy in the first year of the competition by defeating Stockport Grammar School convincingly in the final. smiles!

M. L. Jackson performed very well in goal throughout the season. He is a brave keeper who reads the game well and is very positive in his actions, being particularly strong in judging when to intercept a pass. Although he is well aware of my views on his jaunts over the half-way line I was pleased that he actually managed a goal in the Centurion Trophy Final!

The straight defence was, perhaps, the weakest unit of the team. H. A. Gardiner, R. J. Stead and S. A. D. Heelham all possessed the necessary individual skills but need to be more aware of each other's position if they are to work effectively together. They do not read the game quickly enough and do not recognise danger until it is too late.

The midfield, on the other hand, worked hard for one another. J. R. G. McManus proved an excellent centre and won at least 70% possession during the season. He need not worry about his lack of goals this year if he makes this sort of tremendous contribution. G. M. Wadsworth was rather more defensive than I would have liked him to be. He sees spaces well but does not yet have the close control to be fully effective around goal. He captained the side well and his calming influence and stamina were vital to this team of inherently idle individualists! A. J. Treweek has one of the finest natural dodges I have seen in a young player, but against bigger defences he must learn to look for the free man rather than do everything himself. Nevertheless his 33 goals during the season were well earned and he has a successful future ahead of him. The midfield reserve, R. Osborn, never let the side down. He is a strong runner but needs to get more involved in the midfield battle for the loose ball to become as useful as the other three players.

In attack R. Hogg, D. A. Butterworth, and S. Marsh tried hard all season, the last playing only occasionally later in the Term and being unlucky not to play in the Centurion Trophy Final. None of these three yet has the strength or close skill to score consistently but with time and practice they should all improve greatly. G. A. Cleary was the team's main goal scorer averaging over 4 goals per game. His height and build clearly help him at the moment, but I am confident that his natural stick-handling ability and his excellent tactical awareness will ensure that he remains a constant threat to defenders even as they begin to match him in stature.

It was a pleasure to coach this team. They played much entertaining lacrosse as well as frustrating Mr. Bonnick, the faithful fathers and myself on too many occasions. They improved game by game and probably

learnt as much from the disappointment of their one defeat of the season as from the ten victories. I look forward to watching these players develop in the coming years.

P.C.H.

UNDER-12 X LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 6, Lost 3.
Goals for 91, Against 77.

v. Harefield H.S.	A W	13-12
v. Stockport G.S.	H L	8-13
v. Stockport Juniors	A L	8-17
v. Mellor Juniors	H L	6-17
v. Cheadle Hulme School. . . .	H W	6-2
v. Harefield H.S.	H W	14-3
v. Broadway School.	A W	13-6
v. Cheadle Hulme Juniors . . .	H W	8-7
v. Cheadle Hulme School. . . .	A W	15-0

The following boys represented the School:
S. A. P. Leyden, S. J. F. Schofield, J. M. Hooker,
S. J. Hinchliffe, G. C. Pryor, P. J. Crosby, J. S. Barnes,
C. L. Porritt, K. G. Rushton, S. M. Kennedy, H. N.
Lightfoot, D. Arundel, M. R. Turley, J. D. Campbell,
N. P. Lord, G. R. Jackson, M. P. J. Hancock, N.
Cooke, A. M. Hindley, F. Sheldon, D. B. Lancaster,
S. C. Hyams, C. J. Butterworth, R. Harvey.

This was not an outstanding year for Under-12 lacrosse, as too few boys played consistently well. Many boys attended pre-season practice sessions, and several played for Hulmeians Juniors during the Lent Term, but poor weather conditions prevented the constant practices that are vital at this age.

A good start was made in a very keen and close game against Harefield H.S., when all worked hard to score goals and achieve a win. The next three games, against strong opposition, brought heavy defeats, and teamwork was seldom in evidence. Players must not become complacent, must play hard as a team, and must listen to coaching. Individual skills were developing from a midfield trio of S. Leyden, J. Hooker and S. Schofield, but there was insufficient support for them in attack. The later games, against weaker opposition, produced wins, although more goals should have been scored on occasions. One pleasing result was against a very tall Cheadle Hulme Juniors side, containing 14-year-old boys, when our skills were clearly demonstrated in the win.

The one consistent goalscorer was S. Leyden, who scored five goals twice, eight in the final game, and a total of thirty-six goals. He created space well when in attack, and shot hard and early. The rest of the team must look for the space that has been created and be ready to feed an attacker quickly. Nineteen goals were scored from midfield by S. Schofield. He showed aggression, much running, and good handling skills, and usually captained the side. He scored six in the final game against Harefield H.S., mostly by running through from midfield on his own. He has good insight into the game, and should direct the rest of the team around him. J. Hooker took most of the centres, and, with coaching, could be good, but others must also practise. S. Kennedy always played hard, and could be a very skilful player, but must contribute more to the overall teamwork. The tall defence of

P. Crosby and S. Barnes were seldom as aggressive as they ought to have been. They must have a solid goalkeeper behind them, to direct positional play, and neither goalkeeper used, G. Pryor nor K. Rushton, read the game well enough. Each needs much practice.

There was much enthusiasm from the year group, and a large number played for the team. Three "B"-team matches were also played, but, again, insufficient opportunity to practise skills, especially basic handling, prevented much success. Boys need to have a lacrosse stick in their hands at every opportunity, to catch and throw continually and to practise the easy skills. A good team can be moulded around the skilful players, if all work hard to improve their own skills.

M.D.W.

HULMEIANS JUNIORS LACROSSE

Under 13 X: Played 15, Won 4, Drawn 3, Lost 8.
Goals for 123, Against 163.

Under 15 X: Played 14, Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 8.
Goals for 91, Against 147.

After the re-commencement of the Hulmeians Juniors lacrosse team last year, it was decided to expand and form two teams this year, in the Under-13 and Under-15 age groups. Fixtures were organised for every weekend from the end of September until the end of March, and any boy in the first to fourth years was given the opportunity to play, if he was not chosen to play in any School team. Practice sessions were held regularly, with coaching from senior players from Old Hulmeians Lacrosse Club. At least one senior player assisted with coaching at every match, and the regular assistance of Mr. N. W. Hewitt (Under 13's) and Mr. J. D. Marsden (Under 15's) was greatly appreciated. Three different home pitches were used, according to ground fitness, at Old Hulmeians, Wythenshawe Park and at School (during the Lent Term).

Neither team was expected to do well, as only boys not playing for the School were available. Also, teamwork was seldom in evidence as different boys played each week, selection being on a completely voluntary basis. Although heavy defeats were encountered, each put up some good performances. Notable results included Under-15 wins against Boardman and Eccles (11-7 and 9-8) and Sale Juniors (9-8). The Under-13's started with two wins (14-4 and 15-6) but these were followed by two heavy defeats. The final match produced a 23-1 win against Poynton.

These teams achieved the purpose for which they were created, as the opportunity of playing lacrosse was given to over sixty boys. School lacrosse was assisted in two ways. Several players progressed sufficiently well during the first half of the season to be chosen for a School team after Christmas. Also, several first years were given the opportunity to play, and were introduced to the sport early, forming a nucleus for the School's Under-12 team.

As long as there is the enthusiasm of a large number of boys to play lacrosse, there will be matches for them. I hope that the encouragement and coaching

of senior players will continue, as will the support, and assistance with transport, of parents.

M.D.W.

HOUSE LACROSSE

Once again the weather took its toll of League matches with only seven games being played. The Knockouts were, however, completed with some very close results.

Results:

<i>Senior First Round:</i>	Whitworth beat Dalton	15- 2
	Byrom beat Heywood	9- 6
<i>Second Round:</i>	Whitworth beat Gaskell	11- 4
	Fraser beat Byrom	12- 7
<i>Final:</i>	Fraser beat Whitworth	18- 4
<i>Junior First Round:</i>	Dalton beat Heywood	15- 2
	Gaskell beat Fraser	11-10
<i>Second Round:</i>	Byrom beat Dalton	3- 2
	Gaskell beat Whitworth	13- 3
<i>Final:</i>	Gaskell beat Byrom	9- 8

C.H.S.

SCHOOL CRICKET 1980

1980 was a frustrating season for School cricketers. The seasons seemed out of phase, with a long spell of dry weather up to Whitsun, when exams are on everyone's mind, and a dismal late June and July when a large number of games were scheduled. In fact only the 1st XI match against Lancashire Club and Ground and the block fixtures against Sir John Deane's were completely lost, but a number of other games were affected by rain or played in squelchy conditions. Once again the Head Groundsman, Bob Bartels, and his staff coped admirably, as did the ever-patient Mr. & Mrs. Gregson and the tea ladies from the Parents' Association. But all in all it seemed hard to find a rhythm for winning matches and only the Under-12s had a really successful season.

Nevertheless some material gains were made: the redecorated pavilion made a more pleasant home for our teams and the collection of photographs continues to grow almost as fast as the bulbs and flowers which now surround three sides of the pavilion. We established fixtures for two teams at Shrewsbury, where the facilities must be the best in the country, we met two new schools in Barnard Castle and Maidstone Grammar School, and again had several boys playing for Manchester Schools' representative teams. Sealy captained their Under-15 XI against Pocklington at Old Trafford and throughout the season we enjoyed a happy relationship with selectors and officials as well as with the Lancashire Under 19's and Lancashire Cricket Federation.

The cricket correspondents of *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Cricketer* and *The Manchester Evening News* gave us regular coverage and we also appeared in the averages and notes sections of Wisden. Bob Bartels, however, received a whole paragraph to himself in Wisden!

During the last decade many more of our boys have played for local clubs, particularly in the Under-18 leagues on Tuesday evening and it was good this season to continue our fixtures with Whalley Range, Ashley, Alderley Edge (whom we defeated handsomely) and to play at Radcliffe for the first time. The Staff played the Old Hulmeians and this fixture together with games against the parents provided enjoyable social occasions. It would be remiss here to omit mention of that characteristic man with cap, pipe, shooting-stick and bicycle who has given so much support not just to Junior School matches but to all the School teams. His knowledge of cricket is simple but very true - "Catches win matches", "Bowl at the wickets". We look forward to seeing Mr. Bonnick again on warm June afternoons when the geraniums will release him. Dr. Peek too has been an enormous help in running the Under 12 team - calm amid the chaos of early season practices, humorous amid batting collapses, rewarded by a thrilling win against M.G.S. when all seemed hopeless. We wish him well at Giggleswick.

I have not survived half as long as Messrs. Morley, Williams or Blight as master in charge of cricket, but perhaps a change of commander fairly frequently is a good thing. My belief in running the cricket has been threefold: firstly, that our material facilities need to be the best, not merely adequate, secondly, that fierce competitiveness and the highest sportsmanship must go hand in hand and thirdly that cricket, complicated and infuriating as it sometimes is, can be hugely enjoyable when played well. From sleepy Oxfordshire I shall watch for the deeds of Thorpe, Marsden, Fairfax, Cleary, Rushton, Kennedy and many others as they keep School cricket in the forefront in England.

P.J.W.

FIRST XI CRICKET

Played 21, Won 2, Drawn 11, Lost 8..

- v. Rydal School (A).
Match drawn.
School 162 for 7 dec. (Dickinson 94).
Rydal 122 for 9 (Cotterill 3 for 36, Brown 3 for 16).
- v. Arnold School (H).
Match drawn.
School 167 for 9 dec. (Wright 72, Shaw 33).
Arnold 116 for 7 (Cotterill 3 for 47, Shaw 3 for 9).
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (A).
Match drawn.
School 224 for 2 dec. (Laker 85 n.o., Wright 90).
Woodhouse Grove 84 for 8 (Cotterill 4 for 36).

- v. King's School, Macclesfield (H).
Lost by 4 wickets.
School 117 all out (Wright 53).
Macclesfield 120 for 6 (Shaw 4 for 26).
- v. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield (A).
Match drawn.
School 175 for 5 dec. (Dickinson 44, Smythe 45, Thornton 46 n.o.).
Wakefield 118 for 5 (Cotterill 3 for 30).
- v. Bolton School (A).
Match drawn.
Bolton 184 for 9 dec. (Cotterill 5 for 78, Smythe 3 for 42).
School 38 for 5.
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H).
Match drawn.
School 174 for 3 dec. (Dickinson 50, Laker 75).
Crosby 103 for 4.
- v. Birkenhead School (H).
Match drawn.
Birkenhead 123 for 5 dec. (Cotterill 3 for 37).
School 36 for 5.
- v. Manchester Grammar School (A).
Match drawn.
School 120 all out.
Manchester G.S. 115 for 9 (Cotterill 3 for 40).
- v. Shrewsbury (A).
Lost by 133 runs.
Shrewsbury 216 for 5 dec.
School 83 all out.
- v. Bury Grammar School (A).
Won by 9 wickets.
Bury G.S. 77 all out (Cotterill 19-10-13-5).
School 79 for 1 (Thornton 59 n.o.).
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A).
Lost by 2 wickets.
School 173 all out (Dickinson 81, Laker 37).
Stockport G.S. 174 for 8.
- v. Sedbergh (A).
Lost by 7 wickets.
School 86 all out.
Sedbergh 87 for 3. (Robinson 3 for 32).
- v. Barnard Castle School (A).
Lost by 6 wickets.
School 116 all out.
Barnard Castle 117 for 4 (Shaw 3 for 25).
- v. Ellesmere College (A).
Match drawn.
School 144 all out.
Ellesmere 63 for 4.

ON TOUR

- v. Nottingham High School (A).
Lost by 8 wickets.
School 134 all out (Dickinson 67, Laker 33).
Nottingham 136 for 2.
- v. Loughborough Grammar School (A).
Match drawn.
School 146 for 7 dec. (Dickinson 35, Smythe 38, Ashfield 38).
Loughborough 145 for 8 (Cotterill 3 for 29, Shaw 3 for 56).
- v. Sutton Valence School (A) 110 over match.
Won by 8 wickets.
Sutton Valence 121 all out (Fairfax 4 for 21).
School 122 for 2 (Dickinson 77 n.o.).
- v. St. Peter's, York (A) 110 over match on Sutton ground.
Lost by 8 wickets.
School 81 all out.
St. Peter's, 84 for 2.
- v. Maidstone Grammar School (A).
Lost by 5 wickets.
School 111 for 6 dec.
Maidstone 112 for 5 (Brown 3 for 11).
- v. Trinity School, Croydon (A) 110 over match on Rochester ground.
Lost by 2 wickets.
School 191 for 9 (60 overs) (Dickinson 31, Thornton 52).
Trinity 197 for 8 (Cotterill 6 for 77).

The following boys represented the School:
D. B. Wright (capt.), S. P. Dickinson (vice-capt.),
A. P. Laker, M. S. Ashfield, D. K. Smythe, R. P. Thornton, N. M. Shaw, J. L. Patton, G. L. Robinson,
A. D. Brown, R. G. McLaren, P. Cotterill, P. D. Sargent, (wicketkeeper), J. M. D. Sealey, N. R. Fairfax.

Leading averages:

	Innings	n.o.	Total	H.S.	Av.
S. P. Dickinson	21	1	657	94	32.85
A. P. Laker	19	5	369	85 n.o.	26.35
D. B. Wright	21	0	420	90	20.00
R. P. Thornton	20	3	301	59 n.o.	17.7
N. M. Shaw	17	5	156	33	13.0
D. K. Smythe	17	1	192	45	12.0

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts	Av.
N. M. Shaw	93	30	225	16	14.07
P. Cotterill	251	70	711	48	14.7
A. D. Brown	123	33	294	20	14.7
G. L. Robinson	115	32	341	15	22.74

Catches: D. K. Smythe 9, P. Cotterill 8, P. D. Sargent, N. M. Shaw 7.

Richie Benaud, that most shrewd of Australian critics, observed during this summer's Test Series that batsmen set up the chance of victory, but it is actually bowlers who win matches. A close analysis of the First Eleven performances this summer shows Benaud's thoughts to be correct. Only twice in 21 games did we bowl the opposition out and these were the only two wins, against Bury and Sutton Valence. Significantly we fielded and caught brilliantly on these days, whereas in other defeats, for example, at Shrewsbury and Trinity, Croydon we muffed the one catch or run out which turned the game.

The first part of Benaud's idea seems well founded too, since in seven of the eleven drawn matches we scored more than 140 but failed to bowl the opposition out. In terms of personalities this meant that apart from Cotterill who picked up wickets in every match we had no consistent support bowlers. Brown came back well after being dropped and tried much harder – sometimes too hard – but only rarely was straight and consistent enough. Patton picked up several wickets at crucial moments, but could not sustain an effort in a long spell. Shaw, potentially the fastest of the bowlers, certainly improved, but again lacked control of length and line too frequently. Robinson, bowling from close to the stumps, made the most of his chances and just moved the ball enough to discomfit all but the best of batsmen. McLaren is at his most dangerous when the batsman is attacking him, but this is frequently not the case, and he must therefore develop more penetration in his basic bowling technique. For 1981 one of these – Shaw, Robinson, McLaren or Brown – must achieve the consistency required of a strike bowler such as Rainford or Mills of recent years.

Of the batsmen Dickinson was in a class of his own. He is a fine technician, runs very well between the wickets, and bore the responsibility of being chief run-getter with determination and dedication. Laker played some extremely important innings, sometimes for few runs, as at Stockport and Bolton, and as long as he kept putting his foot down the line became a constant source of despair to opposition bowlers. Wright, the captain, always went for his shots and during the hard wickets of May gathered runs in abundance. Later in the season he grafted when out of touch and gave greater thought to the imprudent pull shot which led to his downfall too frequently. Thornton gradually played himself into form and when his timing was right he was a player worth travelling a distance to see. He will reap the rewards of his first season and a half with a rich harvest in 1981 and 1982.

The averages unfortunately show that after the four premier batsmen we were very shaky and inconsistent in the middle order. Smythe, Shaw and Ashfield all played good innings, but not frequently enough, and all need to work on their technique for next season. Patton and Brown simply did not weigh in with the twenties we wanted from them and the scores show that it was very rare to have a partnership which did not include Dickinson, Laker or Wright.

The wicket keeping was shared by Sargent, who was sometimes untidy but nearly always a safe catcher, and Dickinson, who proved himself a capable deputy

if we wanted an extra bowler or batsman. Overall however, the fielding was not of the standard I hoped for and at Sedbergh we saw what a really top class fielding side (which *practises* throwing) looks like. More work again is required for next season.

Two younger players were selected for the end of season tour. Sealy played well against Maidstone, especially in the area between mid-on and extra cover and in defence. He still has a lot to learn against consistent accurate bowling, but he should develop well. Fairfax had more obvious success with a match-winning spell against Sutton Valence and an accurate stint against Nottingham. He realised, pleasingly, that his line of attack was wrong against Trinity, but for a young leg-spinner he showed distinct promise even if not everything was quite right.

Colours were awarded to the three outstanding players Cotterill, Wright and Dickinson. Cotterill also won "The Ashes", the trophy for the outstanding tourist. His chaotic threshing of arms and legs is a sight to smile at as he approaches the wicket, but he is always a bowler to respect and his magnificent last over against Manchester G.S. saved the game. No runs, three victims all clean bowled. Dickinson was a superb vice-captain – what a change since his first socially unhappy matches three years ago – and by his dress, attitude and appreciation of the game and the players he set a splendid example and provided invaluable support for Wright, his captain. Wright was possibly the best captain I have worked with at William Hulme's. He achieved a remarkable team spirit even during spells of poor play and by his sensitivity to the needs and abilities of each of his players he helped them to develop a great sense of loyalty to him and to the team as a whole. On the tour he looked after Fairfax discreetly and maintained a fine sense of humour both on and off the field – all this at a time of indifferent batting form from himself. I shall remember the 1980 team as unsuccessful in terms of victories, but as outstanding in the way they represented the School on and off the field.

P.J.W.

SECOND XI CRICKET

Played 10, Won 1, Drawn 5, Lost 4.

- v. Rydal School (A).
School 129 for 6 dec. (Ashfield 69 n.o.).
Rydal 95 for 8 (Robinson 4 for 25).
Match drawn.
- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A).
School 135 (Crossley 33).
Arnold 139 for 7.
Lost by 3 wickets.

- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H).
School 163 for 6 dec. (Ashfield 50 n.o., Fryman 37).
Woodhouse Grove 93 (Williams 4 for 31, Ashfield 3 for 32).
Won by 70 runs.
- v. King's School, Macclesfield.
King's 163 for 9 dec. (Roberts 5 for 38).
School 90 for 7.
Match drawn.
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield.
School 155 for 4 dec. (Wade 36 n.o., Morrison 43).
Q.E.G.S. 138 for 7 (Brown 3 for 22, Smith, S.T.G. 3 for 45).
Match drawn.
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby.
School 140 for 7 dec. (Fryman 30).
Crosby 141 for 7 (Williams 3 for 45).
Lost by 3 wickets.
- v. Birkenhead School.
School 129 for 8 dec. (Wade 43).
Birkenhead 130 for 4.
Lost by 6 wickets.
- v. Manchester Grammar School.
School 106.
M.G.S. 71 for 9 (Roberts 4 for 11).
Match drawn.
- v. Stockport Grammar School.
S.G.S. 146 (Williams 4 for 41).
School 121 (Wood 38).
Lost by 25 runs.
- v. Sedbergh School.
Sedbergh 174 for 4 dec.
School 106 for 5.
Match drawn.
- v. Masters' 2nd XI.
School 180 for 9 dec. (Williams 48, Ashfield 47).
Masters 60 (Fryman 3 for 7).
Won by 120 runs.

The Second Eleven had a disappointing season by comparison with teams of recent years and managed one victory from ten completed fixtures. They did try to play good cricket throughout the season and when batting first always endeavoured to produce a result. This attitude meant that there were many excellent games of cricket with several close finishes. It was a shame that of the close games, they did not manage

to win one. Arnold School and Merchant Taylors' got home in tight finishes and Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, Rydal and M.G.S. were let off the hook and allowed draws in which dropped catches cost the School their chance of victory.

When batting, the School made some good scores, failing to score more than 120 only twice. Fryman rarely failed to get us off to a good start, although he always seemed to get out just when he looked set for his half century. His opening partner, latterly, was Wade who made the opening berth his own with some substantial innings, full of character and good sense. Ashfield's dynamism was to be short-lived for the Second Team and he and Robinson quickly and deservedly earned promotion to the first team.

The other batsmen rarely fulfilled their promise. Wood always looked likely to make a big score, but only did so once, although he seemed to be dogged by bad luck in many innings. Morrison, after an excellent score against Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, had a poor season by his own standards; he must learn to watch and concentrate much harder at the beginning of his innings. Crossley hit out well at Arnold but after that never seemed to be able to repeat his success. Roberts, McLaren, Brown, Smith and Mitson all showed that they can play shots, but did not remain at the crease long enough to make substantial scores. Of these, Mitson was rather unlucky and had a particularly unfulfilled season with the bat. It is to his credit that he was perhaps the keenest and most thoughtful of the team in the field and an excellent team member all season.

The team's bowling attack was never settled and no bowler ever looked like laying claim, permanently, to the title of "opening bowler". All of them had their moments, and bowled good spells at some time, Williams more often than most, but none bowled a consistent line and length in any one game, nor from one game to the next.

These deficiencies in the attack and the heart of the batting order were never fully compensated for, as they could have been, by excellent fielding. Generally the outcricket was good, but there were too many lapses in individuals' concentration. Chances were put down, often at crucial times and the team did not always maintain the enthusiasm and high standard of ground fielding exemplified by their captain, and necessary to see any side through difficult periods in the field. In general the team was quick to see these failings in other sides, slow to see it in themselves and slower still to correct the fault.

I would, finally, like to make two further observations, one critical, one complimentary. The first is that despite the lack of success this year the team generally were not desperate to grab the chances to practise, and practices were rarely used by players to work seriously at their bowling, batting, catching and fielding weaknesses. Secondly, the team played their cricket in a positive and sporting manner. Their effort was never in question and they conducted themselves in a manner that made it a pleasure to spend Saturday and Wednesday afternoons in their company and share in triumphs and defeats. Especial thanks are due to G. Morrison, a thoughtful and responsible captain who developed and learned

throughout the season and was an excellent ambassador for the School.

The team was selected from:

G. D. Morrison, H. Fryman, J. S. Wade, I. M. Wood, S. T. G. Smith, A. W. Smith, S. J. Smith, N. S. Crossley, A. D. Brown, R. G. McLaren, W. N. Roberts, G. S. Williams, L. J. Upcott, R. Mitson, J. F. R. Ingham.

I.J.S.

UNDER-15 XI CRICKET

Played 12, Won 2, Drawn 3, Lost 7.

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (H).
Lost by 3 wickets.
School 133 (Sealy 59).
Arnold 134-7 (Frost 5-56).
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (A).
Lost by 8 wickets.
School 64.
Woodhouse Grove 65-2.
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (H).
Won by 30 runs.
School 151 (Thorpe 67).
Macclesfield 121 (Thorpe 4-28).
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (H).
Lost by 162 runs.
Wakefield 201-8 declared.
School 39.
- v. North Manchester High School (A).
Lost by 64 runs.
North Manchester 131-0.
School 67.
- v. Bolton School.
Match Drawn.
School 140 (Sealy 47, Thompson 25, Rutter 25).
Bolton 77-8 (Frost 3-15, Sealy 3-16).
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H).
Won by 9 wickets.
Crosby 83 (Frost 6-34, Sealy 3-12).
School 86-1 (Thorpe 61 n.o.).
- v. Birkenhead School (H).
Lost by 6 wickets.
School 68 (Frost 23).
Birkenhead 71-4.

- v. Shrewsbury School (A).
Lost by 9 wickets.
School 135-6 declared (Ashfield 52, Thorpe 32 n.o., Shelston 20).
Shrewsbury 136-1.
- v. Stockport G.S. (H).
Lost by 10 wickets.
School 42.
Stockport 44-0.
- v. Rydal School (A).
Match drawn.
School 140-2 (Sealy 83 n.o., Thompson 24).
Rydal 71-3.
- v. Ellesmere College (H).
Match Drawn.
School 162-8 declared (Rutter 34 n.o., Thompson 31, Knight 31).
Ellesmere 97-5 (Thorpe 3-34).

The following boys represented the School:
J. M. D. Sealy (captain), S. Ball, M. J. Bowyer, A. M. Buckley, P. S. Emmott, D. G. Frost, P. A. Knight, M. E. Leon, D. R. Pegler, S. P. Rutter, M. I. Shaw, I. C. Thompson, I. D. Thorpe.

Also played:
M. S. Ashfield, S. J. Barratt, A. D. Emsley, N. R. Fairfax, D. W. Lloyd, A. P. Marsden, J. C. W. Palmer and D. G. Shelston.

As a whole, the season was more encouraging than the results suggest with some extremely good performances occurring and individuals showing ability, giving hope for the future. Provided that J. M. D. Sealy could survive and score runs, I. D. Thorpe make contact and the rest acquire enough runs, then there was hope for a successful season. Our batting throughout the season was inconsistent, but even so, we achieved a score of 130 or more on six of the nine occasions when we batted first, an extremely good performance. The batting highlights were J. M. D. Sealy's 83 n.o. against Rydal and 59 against Arnold, and I. D. Thorpe's scores of 67 against Macclesfield and 61 n.o. against Crosby. Other useful performances came from I. C. Thompson, P. A. Knight and some tail-end hitting from S. P. Rutter.

The only victories came on the two occasions when we were able to bowl the opposition out. We had great difficulty throughout the season in taking wickets because our bowlers could not maintain the accuracy required throughout the innings.

D. G. Frost was able to return good figures against Arnold and Crosby, I. D. Thorpe was always hostile, but S. Ball never had the time nor the luck to put his leg-breaks to their proper use.

The fielding and catching were usually of a high standard particularly from P. A. Knight (fielder of the year), I. D. Thorpe and S. P. Rutter.

The side was well served by I. C. Thompson behind the stumps who took some fine catches and made some good stops, but his ability was tested throughout the season by some inaccurate bowling.

J. M. D. Sealey led the side throughout, except for the Shrewsbury game when he was representing Manchester at Old Trafford and M. S. Ashfield stepped down, and he showed great enthusiasm in the field and his encouragement to players of lesser ability was able to give them their moments of glory. His contribution to the side was rewarded by the presentation of a bat which we hope he will put to good use in the future.

I.D.L.

UNDER-14 XI CRICKET

Played 13, Won 5, Drawn 3, Lost 5.

- v. Manchester Grammar School (H).
Lost by 19 runs.
M.G.S. 89 for 7 (25 overs) (Marsden 4-18).
School 70 all out.
- v. Arnold School (A).
Match drawn.
School 137 (Shelston 54, Braddock 42).
Arnold 82 for 7 (Braddock 6-33).
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H).
Lost by 7 wickets.
School 62.
Woodhouse Grove 64 for 3.
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A).
Won by 66 runs.
School 140, (Odum 49).
Macclesfield 74 (Fairfax 5-21).
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (A).
Lost by 71 runs.
Wakefield 140 for 7.
School 69.
- v. North Manchester High School (H).
Won by 63 runs.
School 121 for 5 (20 overs) (Lloyd 39).
North Manchester 58 (Jinks 6-22).
- v. Bolton School (H).
Lost by 9 wickets.
School 128 for 6 decl. (Lloyd 58).
Bolton 132 for 1.

- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (A).
Match drawn.
Merchant Taylors' 113 for 8 decl. (Shotton 4-29).
School 71 for 5 (Lloyd 34).
- v. Birkenhead School (A).
Won by 5 wickets.
Birkenhead 135 for 5 decl.
School 136 for 5 (Shelston 44 not out).
- v. Manchester Grammar School (H).
Lost by 61 runs.
M.G.S. 136 for 6 decl.
School 75 all out.
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A).
Match drawn.
Stockport 136 for 9 decl.
School 102 for 9 (Braddock 67).
- v. Rydal School (A).
Won by 84 runs.
School 172 (Marsden 48).
Rydal 88 (Braddock 4-18).
- v. Ellesmere College (H).
Won by 5 wickets.
Ellesmere 134 for 9 decl.
School 138 for 5 (Lloyd 66 not out).

The two final excellent victories in the last few days of term, including the School's first victory over Ellesmere College, brought an air of respectability to an otherwise rather disappointing season in which the team had still not rid itself of its reputation for brittle batting and too heavy a dependence on the patience and technique of Shelston. It is to be hoped that the confident air about the batting performances against Birkenhead, Ellesmere and Rydal (and also Stockport, when a run-chase caused a late collapse) can be reproduced in the first matches of the season rather than just at the end.

It was particularly satisfying this season to see Shelston joined as the regular run-scorer by Lloyd: each played a particularly outstanding innings, the former at Birkenhead, masterminding a run-chase in the last 20 overs and hitting a decisive 10 runs off an over when the scoring rate was just becoming uncomfortably demanding; and the latter winning the Ellesmere match (after surviving an early fright) with runs to all corners of the ground. Spectacular as his run total was, the emergence of Lloyd as a force in the batting strength was no surprise to anyone who had watched him in previous years.

Glory for other batsmen was brief indeed, and one was left with exasperating clues as to how good these batsmen will be eventually ... but when? Marsden at Rydal, Fairfax at Birkenhead, Odum at Macclesfield ... one day wonders all, and one feels it will be a long time yet before numbers 9, 10 and 11 in the batting order can leave their pads locked in the kit-room!

The bowling has similar problems: we do not *know* that we will knock over those crucial early wickets which put a side really on top and make it cling on to impossible chances and shy the wickets down from 30 yards. Accurate bowling seems terribly rare, and most batsmen are less easily tempted by Fairfax, well as he bowls, now that they are older and wiser. There is an ideal balance of bowling in the side – medium pace, left-arm spin, leg breaks – but it all needs to settle down on that vital off-stump line.

But, leaving the best news until last, the results make it clear that another player has joined the certain choices for the team. Braddock had a fine all-round season and the change in his game over one year was an encouraging revelation: from gentle trundle to challenging medium-pace off a hostile run-up, from a poking, barely surviving tail-ender to a front-foot driving, confident striker of the ball – the 67 at Stockport was so close to a century! So, those who have had a poor season (again!) take note. The transformation may be there for you too. Keep trying: we all have to!

The team was usually selected from the following:
D. G. Shelston (captain), J. R. Braddock, N. R. Fairfax, D. L. Hallows, D. Jinks, I. R. Ladd, S. Looker, D. W. Lloyd, S. C. McLoughlin, A. P. Marsden, S. Odum, J. C. W. Palmer, L-E. Pye, R. A. Shotton, D. A. Thorley.

C.P.L.

UNDER-13 XI CRICKET

Played 13, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 6.

- v. Cheadle Hulme School (A).
Lost by 9 wickets.
School 42 for 6 (20 overs).
Cheadle Hulme School 43 for 1 (14.4 overs).
- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (H).
Won by 32 runs.
School 76 (Gardiner 20).
Arnold 44 (Cross 5–20).
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (A).
Won by 5 wickets.
Woodhouse Grove 88 (Coathup 5–20).
School 90 for 5 (Cleary 29 n.o.).
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (H).
Won by 2 wickets.
Macclesfield 112 for 8 dec. (Taylor 4–34).
School 114 for 8 (Cross 40 n.o., Taylor 25).
- v. North Manchester High School (A).
Won by 7 wickets.
North Manchester H.S. 41 (Taylor 6–10).
School 43 for 3 (Barber 25 n.o.).

- v. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield (H).
Lost by 37 runs.
Wakefield 147 (Brooks 4–16).
School 110.
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A).
Match drawn.
School 117 for 6 dec. (Jackson 30 n.o.).
Stockport 104 for 9 (Cross 7–25).
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (A).
Lost by 1 wicket.
School 26.
Crosby 27 for 9 (Hunt 6–1).
- v. North Cestrian Grammar School (H).
Lost by 14 runs.
North Cestrian 37 (Cross 5–6).
School 23.
- v. Bury Grammar School (A).
Won by 11 runs.
School 75 for 3 (25 overs). Fearnley 32 n.o.,
Cleary 27).
Bury 64 for 9 (25 overs. Coathup 4–17).
- v. Manchester Grammar School (H).
Lost by 3 wickets.
School 39.
Manchester Grammar 41 for 7 (Coathup 4–18).
- v. Burnage High School (A).
Won by 6 wickets.
Burnage 29 (Calderbank 5–3, Taylor 4–2).
School 30 for 4.
- v. Birkenhead School (A).
Lost by 52 runs.
Birkenhead 138 for 4 dec.
School 86 (Cleary 33 n.o.).

This was a Term of very mixed fortunes. The encouragement of such excellent results as the wins over King's Macclesfield and Woodhouse Grove were balanced by the disappointment of unnecessary defeats by Cheadle Hulme School, Merchant Taylors' Crosby, and Manchester Grammar School. Despite very fine individual performances in many of the games the team lacked consistency in both batting and bowling.

The batting let the side down on many occasions, because players who know better continued to play across the line of the ball. G. A. Cleary, who captained the side with mature authority after an uncertain start, was the best of the batsmen, being the only one to score over 100 runs. J. V. Dwek, P. T. Fearnley

and I. Mullins all showed style and promise but lacked application to build an innings on a patient start. M. L. Jackson, M. J. Cross and N. W. Barber provided the middle order aggression along with Cleary but they too were often guilty of trying to do much too soon. D. R. Taylor and G. M. Wadsworth seemed more prepared to play down the line than most but need to develop more attacking shots to improve their effectiveness.

The bowlers were more successful with some excellent returns, notably from M. J. Cross at Stockport, D. R. Taylor at North Manchester, R. H. Coathup at Woodhouse Grove, and R. D. Hunt at Crosby. D. R. Taylor was the most reliable bowler taking 3 or more wickets on 7 occasions. M. J. Cross has speed and is an excellent prospect for the future, but as yet lacks the discipline to concentrate on line and length in his opening overs. R. H. Coathup, adding the useful variation of left-arm over the wicket, together with A. D. Brooks, R. Hunt and S. J. Calderbank, who flighted the ball well, had their share of success and were reliable back-ups for the main bowlers.

The fielding improved markedly during the Term with some excellent catches taken. M. L. Jackson and G. A. Cleary shared the wicket-keeping, the latter having rather more success. With practice and determination Cleary could become a very competent keeper, and this team will certainly need one in future years as Cross gets quicker and Hunt begins to turn the ball more.

There is much talent in this group of young cricketers, but not enough of it was displayed when it mattered this year. I am sure that as they gain match experience they will all make a considerable contribution to School cricket in years to come.

P.C.H.

UNDER-12 XI CRICKET

Played 14, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 4.

- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A).
Won by 3 wickets.
Macclesfield 78 (Zaidi 3-8).
School 82-7 (Kennedy 28, Schofield 20 n.o.).
- v. North Manchester High School (H).
Won by 21 runs.
School 93 (Harvey 33).
North Manchester 72 (Zaidi 5-14).
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (A).
Lost by 4 wickets.
School 50.
Wakefield 51-6 (Rushton 3-7).
- v. Manchester Schools (H).
Lost by 41 runs.
Manchester 92 (Rushton 6-31).
School 51.
- v. North Cestrian School (A).
Lost by 3 wickets.
School 46.
North Cestrian 48-7 (Rushton 3-6).
- v. Stockport G.S. (H).
Lost by 23 runs.
Stockport 89.
School 66.
- v. Radcliffe C.C. (A) (Combined U-12 & U-13).
Won by 87 runs.
School 119-5 (Cross 48, Kennedy 39, Jackson 21).
Radcliffe 32 (Rushton 5-3).
- v. Bury G.S. (A).
Won by 18 runs.
School 88-1 (Rushton 33 n.o., Normanton 32).
Bury 70-9.
- v. Altrincham G.S. (A).
Won by 20 runs.
School 48-9.
Altrincham 28 (Zaidi 4-5, Rushton 3-7).
- v. Manchester G.S. (A).
Won by 7 runs.
School 54.
Manchester 47 (Rushton 9-17).
- v. Burnage High School (H).
Won by 40 runs.
School 61-8.
Burnage 21 (Rushton 6-17, Zaidi 4-1).
- v. Birkenhead School (A).
Match drawn.
School 106-7 (Harvey 60, Schofield 22).
Birkenhead 56-7 (Rushton 6-27).
- v. Cheadle Hulme School (H).
Won by 46 runs.
School 92-7 (Kennedy 32, Rushton 20).
Cheadle Hulme 46 (Schofield 3-3).
- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A).
Won by 79 runs.
School 161 (Lancaster 30, Benson 25, Schofield 22).
Blackpool 82 (Rushton 5-22).
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H).
Won by 38 runs.
School 115.
Woodhouse Grove 77 (Taylor 6-21).

The following boys represented the School:
S. Alam, D. Arundel, J. S. Barnes, S. A. Barnes,
G. P. Benson, R. Harvey, J. M. Hooker, S. D. Kay,
S. M. Kennedy, D. B. Lancaster, M. S. Normanton,
J. D. Pollard, P. A. Rayman, K. G. Rushton, S. J. F.
Schofield, M. J. Taylor, S. Tucker, A. K. Zaidi.

The School enjoyed a successful season which was spoiled only by a run of four successive defeats midway through the Term. In the early part of the season, the wickets were hard and the opposition were rather inexperienced. Consequently the School found runs easy to score and regular contributions came from Harvey, Schofield, Rushton, Kennedy, Benson, Lancaster and Normanton. However, as the wickets became slower and the opposition became more experienced, runs were much harder to come by. Only Harvey and, to a lesser extent, Schofield showed the necessary application and ability to score runs in the second half of the season.

The bowling showed a similar change in pattern as the season progressed. Initially, the wickets were shared between Rushton, Zaidi, Taylor and Harvey but, during the second part of the season, Rushton dominated, taking wickets regularly and cheaply with his well flighted left-arm leg-spin.

Rushton's bowling was greatly assisted by the wicketkeeping of Kennedy (11 catches and 8 stumpings). There is no doubting the ability of Kennedy but an improvement in temperament is needed if he is to fulfil his true potential. The fielding of the team improved gradually throughout the season, but a great deal of practice is needed to improve it further, particularly with respect to throwing. Lancaster and Rushton were the pick of the fieldsmen, both holding some fine catches.

The captaincy of Rushton developed well during the course of the season. He thinks deeply about the game and, towards the end of the season, was making sound decisions with respect to bowling changes and field placings. It was fitting that the highlight of the season (an exciting 7 run victory over M.G.S.) produced Rushton's best bowling performance (9-17).

Although the season was a successful one, more work will be needed to maintain this success next season. More batsmen will need to follow Harvey's example and graft for runs. Greater accuracy is needed from the pace bowling of Harvey and Taylor, while the general standard of groundfielding must be improved.

We would like to express our thanks to the parents who provided regular enthusiastic support and to Mr. Wood for his assistance in running the team.

M.E.P., A.S.

CRICKET KNOCK-OUTS

The cricket Knock-outs were the usual mixture of poor games and close finishes. Even the poorer games were often exciting and the last few overs decided the match.

Gaskell did extremely well to reach both finals, winning the Junior match but losing the Senior to Dalton.

ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS

SENIOR		1st	2nd	3rd
100 m.	11.9 sec.	J. M. Adams (W)	T. S. Ryman (W)	S. P. Holloway (H)
200 m.	24.1 sec.	S. Brown (B)	J. M. Adams (W)	P. G. M. Jessup (W)
400 m.	52.6 sec.	A. J. Padkin (F)	P. G. M. Jessup (W)	P. M. Bowers (D)
800 m.	2-16.6 sec.	G. P. McDonough (D)	P. Cotterill (G)	A. T. Nowyer (H)
1500 m.	4-35.0 sec.	A. T. Bowyer (H)	R. M. Wadsworth (F)	A. D. Burden (B)
Relay	48.8 sec.	Whitworth	Byrom	Fraser
High Jump	1.57 metres	S. Brown (B)	J. M. Adams (W)	A. D. G. Wakefield (H)
Long Jump	5.82 metres	T. S. Ryman (W)	A. B. Cretney (H)	D. A. Campbell (W)
Triple Jump	12.10 metres	T. S. Ryman (W)	A. J. Padkin (F)	P. G. M. Jessup (W)
Shot	11.32 metres	D. Watmough (B)	S. Brown (B)	J. M. Parry (H)
Discus	28.85 metres	D. Watmough (B)	P. D. Sargent (W)	D. J. McNeillie (G)
Javelin	39.85 metres	A. J. Padkin (F)	A. D. G. Wakefield (H)	D. L. Evans (F)

MIDDLE

100 m.	11.8 sec.	M. L. Wilson (D)	R. G. McLaren (W)	R. D. Hardern (D)
200 m.	25.1 sec.	M. L. Wilson (D)	H. Fryman (H)	J. P. P. Hill (B)
400 m.	55.7 sec.	P. E. Stanley (W)	P. R. Hunt (B)	A. Prestwich (H)
800 m.	2-11.0 sec.	P. E. Stanley (W)	D. O. Howarth (D)	R. J. Furniss (F)
1500 m.	4-33.1 sec.	D. I. Howarth (D)	R. J. Furniss (F)	D. R. Jeanes (G)
Relay	51.0 sec.	Whitworth	Dalton	Fraser
High Jump	1.42 metres	S. P. Robinson (H)	S. N. Heywood (H)	E. C. Whipp (B)
Long Jump	5.28 metres	S. J. Smith (D)	K. P. McDonnell (W)	N. W. Mellor (F)
Triple Jump	11.00 metres	K. P. McDonnell (W)	J. P. P. Hill (B)	S. J. Smith (D)
Shot	9.09 metres	P. D. Winterbottom (F)	N. J. A. V. Falk (W)	P. R. Hunt (B)
Discus	24.22 metres	P. R. Hunt (B)	D. A. Thorpe (H)	P. E. Stanley (W)
Javelin	32.10 metres	E. C. Whipp (B)	C. D. Farrell (B)	W. R. B. Simpson (D)

JUNIOR

100 m.	12.3 sec.	P. A. Knight (D)	J. Tate (F)	C. P. Tatham (F)
200 m.	25.9 sec.	P. A. Knight (D)	J. Tate (F)	S. R. Morgan (D)
400 m.	60.0 sec.	S. R. Morgan (D)	S. G. R. Bonser (G)	S. D. Looker (W)
800 m.	2-32.2 sec.	R. H. Turner (B)	A. B. N. May (B)	C. P. Tatham (F)
1500 m.	4-47.9 sec.	R. H. Turner (B)	P. J. Goodier (B)	R. J. T. Healey (F)
Relay	54.5 sec.	Fraser	Heywood	Gaskell
High Jump	1.32 metres	S. J. Barrett (B)	S. Odum (F)	S. A. Meech (D)
Long Jump	4.98 metres	P. D. Knight (D)	S. R. Morgan (D)	F. N. Hussain (W)
Triple Jump	9.73 metres	S. D. Looker (W)	S. J. Barrett (B)	C. P. Tatham (F)
Shot	8.84 metres	C. F. Marshall (B)	G. J. Nash (H)	A. D. Poole (D)
Discus	21.35 metres	A. P. Milton (D)	M. Harrison (B)	K. M. Roberts (F)
Javelin	31.90 metres	A. C. Harrison (B)	R. G. Dalgleish (F)	G. J. Nash (H)

FINAL POSITIONS

1. Byrom	273
2. Whitworth	243½
3. Fraser	194
4. Dalton	172½
5. Heywood	158
6. Gaskell	107

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

<i>Senior:</i>	T. S. Ryman (W)
<i>Middle:</i>	P. E. Stanley (W)
<i>Junior:</i>	D. J. C. Ingram (B)

JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS

FIRST FORM

		1st	2nd	3rd
100 m.	13.8 sec.	P. J. Crosby (1c)	M. J. Taylor (1d)	R. D. Markland (1b)
200 m.	30.6 sec.	P. J. Crosby (1c)	M. J. Taylor (1d)	R. D. Markland (1b)
400 m.	81.0 sec.	J. P. Curran (1d)	N. Platt (1d)	I. K. Lomas (1a)
800 m.	2-43.2 sec.	J. Blease (1d)	J. Pollard (1b)	J. R. Marland (1a)
1500 m.	5-26.0 sec.	J. D. Pollard (1b)	M. R. Turley (1d)	J. D. Addy (1a)
High Jump	1.35 metres	J. E. D. Crews (1d)	R. D. Markland (1b)	P. L. Tyrer (1a)
Long Jump	4.07 metres	P. J. Crosby (1c)	J. M. Hooker (1c)	J. R. Marland (1a)
3-Jump	8.70 metres	M. J. Taylor = rec (1d)	D. S. Beevor (1b)	S. A. P. Leyden (1c)

Shot	8.65 metres	J. P. Curran (1d)	G. P. Benson (1a)	G. R. Jackson (1a)
Javelin	22.42 metres	D. S. Beevor = rec (1b)	J. M. Southern (1d)	G. C. Pryor (1c)
Relay	61.4 sec.	1C	1D	1B

SECOND FORM

100 m.	13.5 sec.	M. T. Clarke (2a)	R. J. Worthington (2c)	G. W. Wright (2d)
		Clarke and Worthington broke record in the heats.		
200 m.	27.6 sec.	R. J. Worthington (2c)	S. Steinsberg* (2d)	M. L. Jackson (2b)
		Worthington broke record in the heats.		
400 m.	68.2 sec.	K. K. Herbert (2a)	I. L. Martin (2b)	K. H. Herman (2b)
800 m.	2-35.0 sec.	K. K. Herbert (2a)	T. J. S-Wynch (2d)	S. P. Bailey (2d)
1500 m.	5-27.4	G. W. Wright (2d)	I. Shackleton (2d)	M. A. Sever (2d)
High Jump	1.39 metres	M. C. Lloyd rec. (2c)	M. M. E. Cowburn (2d)	W. P. Hopwood (2d)
Long Jump	3.96 metres	I. L. Martin (2b)	P. P. F. Edmunds (2c)	K. M. McDonnell (2b)
3-Jump	9.35 metres	G. W. Wright rec. (2d)	W. P. Hopwood rec. (2d)	R. J. Worthington (2c)
Shot	9.90 metres	M. M. E. Cowburn (2d)	N. W. Barber (2d)	M. L. Jackson (2b)
Javelin	24.7 metres	M. T. Clarke rec. (2a)	J. R. Lewis rec. (2d)	M. L. Jackson (2b)
Relay	58.9 sec.	2A	2B	2D

FINAL POSITIONS

FIRST FORM

1st	1D	86 points
2nd	1C	71 points
3rd	1B	62 points
4th	1A	44 points

SECOND FORM

1st	2D	98 points
2nd	2A	69 points
3rd	2B	60 points
4th	2C	55 points

SWIMMING

Match Results

		Points
v. Cheadle Hulme School (H) . . .	Drawn	192-192
v. North Cestrian G.S.(H)	Lost	172-219
v. Deane Base G.S. (A)	Won	111- 69
v. Xaverian College (A)	Lost	111-112
v. Wellacre County Secondary (H) . . .	Won	136-106
v. Bury G.S. (H)	Lost	109-139
v. Manchester G.S. (H)	Lost	151-152
v. North Cestrian G.S. (H)	Lost	196-206
v. St. Gregory's R.C. H.S. (H) . . .	Won	103- 63
v. Manchester G.S. (A)	Lost	146½-116½
v. Wright Robinson H.S.(A)	Lost	83-115
v. Bury G.S. (A)	Lost	132-163
v. Cheadle Hulme School (A) . . .	Won	173-167

This was a fairly lean year in terms of overall results. Although we lost more than we won, this fact does not give a true reflection of how closely fought some matches were.

The year saw the entrance of a good group of young swimmers. These first years were keen and enthusiastic, which had beneficial effects in that they lost very few matches as a year group.

The School did have something to shout about last March when we won the Urwick Cup for the first time. The School had first entered the competition back in 1923 and so a win was long overdue.

The Annual Manchester Schools Championships, held at the Moss Side Leisure Centre, saw the School do reasonably well. The Intermediate Age Group were runners up in the Medley Relay Team Event and Squadron Relay Team Event.

The Senior Age Group did well in winning the Squadron Relay Team Event. The following individuals also did particularly well: S. Cooper came second in the Breast Stroke and Butterfly Events and S. Brown won the Senior Backstroke event.

S. Cooper, M. Harris and P. E. Stanley will be badly missed from next year's swimming team.

The following boys represented the School Team:

First Form:

B. M. Adderley, P. J. Crosby, J. P. Curran, W. S. Dixon, A. N. Hindley, S. J. Hughes, C. L. Porritt, G. C. Pryor, C. J. Shepherd.

Second Form:

N. W. Barber, A. G. Cleary, A. J. Cox, K. H. Herman, W. P. Hopwood, T. A. Jones, P. S. Kersner, J. R. McManus, G. Wadsworth.

Third Form:

P. E. Cantley, R. J. Healey, A. P. Marsden, S. A. Meech, C. P. Tatham.

Fourth Form:

N. R. Hatton, C. F. Marshall, G. J. Nash, J. Tate, L. J. White.

Senior:

S. Brown, S. R. Cooper, M. Harris, S. Leadbeater, P. E. Stanley, R. M. Wadsworth.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

The Annual Junior School Swimming Cups proved to be an exciting afternoon's competition with 1B and 2D being the eventual winners.

FIRST FORMS

		1st	2nd	3rd
Backstroke	42.4 secs.	C. L. Porritt (1A)	B. M. Adderley (1D)	P. J. Crosby (1C)
Breaststroke	42.8 secs.	J. P. Curran (1D)	P. J. Crosby (1C)	W. S. Dixon (1A)
Butterfly	17.1 secs.	W. S. Dixon (1A)	A. M. Hindley (1B)	G. C. Pryor (1C)
Freestyle	33.7 secs.*	A. M. Hindley (1B)	C. L. Porritt (1A)	G. C. Pryor (1C)
	*Equals School Record.			
Medley Relay:	1.18.4 secs.	1B	1D	1C
Relay:	1.12.4 secs.	1C	1B	1A = 1D

SECOND FORMS

Backstroke	41.1 secs.	G. P. Wadsworth (2C)	T. A. Jones (2D)	M. R. Osborn (2D)
Breaststroke	42.2 secs.	N. W. Barber (2D)	A. G. Cleary (2A)	A. J. Treweek (2A)
Butterfly	18.4 secs.	G. P. Wadsworth (2C)	W. P. Hopwood (2D)	N. W. Barber (2D)
Freestyle	32.8 secs.	W. P. Hopwood (2D)	I. C. Shackleton (2D)	A. P. Fox (2C)
Medley Relay	1.18.5 secs.	2D	2C	2A
Relay	1.07.1 secs.	2D	2A	2B

FINAL RESULTS**FIRST FORMS**

1st	1B	27 pts
2nd	1C	23 pts
3rd	1A	20 pts
4th	1D	18 pts

SECOND FORMS

1st	2D	45 pts
2nd	2C	19 pts
3rd	2A	16 pts
4th	2B	6 pts

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING RESULTS**SENIOR**

		1st	2nd	3rd
Backstroke	35.1 secs.	M. Davidson (B)	D. Barnes (D)	G. Duncan (G)
Breaststroke	35.4 secs.	R. Wadsworth (F)	G. Keating (W)	B. Rosenberg (G)
Butterfly	12.4 secs.	S. Brown (B)	G. McDonough (D)	D. Hainsworth (G)
Freestyle	28.5 secs.	G. McDonough (D)	S. Holloway (H)	K. Patterson (W)
Ind. Medley	1.02.1 secs.*	S. Brown (B)	R. Wadsworth (F)	D. Hainsworth (G)
Medley Relay		Whitworth	Dalton	Byrom
Squad. Relay		Heywood	Whitworth	Gaskell

MIDDLE

Backstroke	35.6 secs.	I. Jackson (W)	A. Booth (B)	R. Meadowcroft (G)
Breaststroke	34.7 secs.*	R. Thornton (F)	S. Leadbeater (B)	A. Denham (D)
Butterfly	12.7 secs.*	P. Stanley (W)	G. Hill (B)	M. Scoltock (D)
Freestyle	29.6 secs.	G. Hill (B)	K. McDonnell (W)	M. Scoltock (D)
Ind. Medley	1.03.2 secs.*	P. Stanley (W)	S. Leadbeater (B)	R. Thornton (F)
Medley Relay		Whitworth	Heywood	Byrom
Squad. Relay		Whitworth	Gaskell	Heywood

JUNIOR

Backstroke	33.1 secs.*	J. Tate (F)	P. Cantley (H)	S. Meech (D)
Breaststroke	37.5 secs.	G. Nash (H)	C. Tatham (F)	S. Meech (D)
Butterfly	14.9 secs.	N. Hatton (B)	C. Tatham (F)	A. Kanellis (H)
Freestyle	28.6 secs.	G. Nash (H)		R. Healey (F)
		C. Marshall (B)		
Ind. Medley	1.14.3 secs.	N. Hatton (B)	C. Marshall (B)	R. Healey (F)
Medley Relay		Byrom	Whitworth	Dalton
Squad. Relay		Fraser	Heywood	Gaskell

* New School Record.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1st	Byrom	52 pts.	2nd	Fraser	33 pts.	3rd	Whitworth	30 pts.
4th	Dalton	22 pts.	5th	Heywood	18 pts.	6th	Gaskell	12 pts.

FINAL RELAY POSITIONS

1st	Whitworth	42 pts.	2nd	Heywood	26 pts.	3rd	Byrom	18 pts.
4th	Gaskell	14 pts.	5th	Fraser	12 pts.	6th	Dalton	10 pts.

INDIVIDUAL WINNER

S. Brown (B)

TENNIS

Played 10, Won 6, Lost 4.

Glanvill Cup - Preliminary Round:

v. Sir John Deane's College	. . . .	H L	
v. George Tomlinson School.	. . . .	H W	
v. Stockport G.S.	. . . . .	H W	5-4
v. Stonyhurst College.	. . . . .	A L	4-5
v. North Cestrian G.S.	. . . . .	H W	7½-1½
v. Bolton School	. . . . .	H L	1-8
v. Birkenhead School.	. . . . .	A W	5-4
v. Manchester G.S.	. . . . .	A L	4-5
v. Parents.	. . . . .	H W	
v. Masters	. . . . .	H W	

Captain of Tennis: I. W. Keating

Vice Captain: T. S. Ryman

After a run of the most successful seasons in the history of tennis at the School, this Summer was bound to see a levelling off in the pattern of matches won and lost, and this was indeed the case. The four most established members of the First Six had left, leaving T. S. Ryman and N. J. Grunfeld to lead a relatively untried team through a series of difficult matches.

The season was to be an erratic one in terms of weather, cancellations, availability of players, and most importantly, performance on court. The list of matches detailed above tells the story pretty effectively. What it fails to indicate is the heartening improvement in the Keatings' game and the robust and mature tennis displayed by Under-Fifteen players when temporarily promoted to the First Six on one or two occasions.

As usual the behaviour of all our teams on and off court was excellent, although some of the junior players are inclined to forget that one shakes hands with one's opponents when they have won as well as when we have! Court etiquette is of considerable importance in a game where one is face to face with one's opponent throughout. If rancour or petulance are allowed to show then everyone is affected, and invariably adversely, to the detriment of the entire match.

A high standard of behaviour was similarly evident amongst the fifteen Middle School and Senior boys who served as ball-boys for the Finals Day of the Greater Manchester Cold Shield Lawn Tennis Tournament at the Northern Lawn Tennis Club in West Didsbury. The day was characterised by good weather (until the very last match, the Mixed Doubles), first class tennis, and the excellent turnout and ball-boys of the William Hulme's boys. The most exciting match of the day was not, surprisingly, the men's singles final between the 1972 Wimbledon winner, Stan Smith and last year's Wimbledon finalist, Roscoe Tanner, but the ladies' match between Britain's number two lady player, Sue Barker, and the tough and dogged Alderley Edge girl, Anne Hobbs. Miss Hobbs's ultimate victory was a popular one, and when the ball-boys were finally able to return home, it was with an evident sense of pleasure at having been on court in such illustrious company.

I would like to extend my thanks to Mr. A. J. Burden for arranging the Parents' Team which played both the School and a Masters VI, and to I. W. Keating for his courteous and efficient captaincy. Other captains were:

2nd VI	A. T. Bowyer
U.15 VI	R. D. Meadowcroft
U.14 VI	D. Scheinman
U.13 VI	H. A. Gardiner

The School now enjoys a reputation as one of the major tennis schools in the North West which, even if it has slipped a little this year, will be upheld and reinforced in the years to come by the ability, application and spirit of players even now making their way up through School.

Full Colours are awarded again to T. S. Ryman and N. J. Grunfeld, and to G. W. and I. W. Keating and A. B. Cretney for the first time.

Half Colours this year go to W. A. Sandy and G. R. Duncan.

D.M.F.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

The cross-country teams raced on most Saturdays from September until March. The hardest races of the year were at Lyme Park where we competed against thousands of young runners in the Northern Schools Championships. In contrast we competed several times on our very flat and fast course around Alexandra Park. The competition was strong but Goodier, Furniss and Howarth ran well to finish second, third and fourth in their respective races against Wright Robinson High School. Blease and Addy were the stars of the new first year team and they ran well to finish second and third in our home fixture against Cheadle Hulme School. Blease regularly finished in the first ten in the Sale League fixtures and led the new team to a very creditable fourth position in the final league table. Together with Pollard, Davies, Tucker, Barnes, Crews, Curran and Sale, this team shows good potential for the coming season.

The most successful fixtures were at Bolton School and Wright Robinson. All three teams defeated Bolton School by very convincing margins. Howarth, Jeanes and Turner finished first, third and fourth in the senior race and Goodier, Martin, Brown, May and Johnson filled five of the first six places in the second and third year race. The senior team defeated Derby School and Wright Robinson by sixteen and twenty-six points in the match at Gorton. Howarth, Furniss, Greaves and Jeanes finished second, third, fourth and fifth.

Perhaps the most entertaining race of the year was the annual handicap race held at Hardraw at the end of a hard weekend's training. Furniss trimmed the course record to 17 minutes and 22 seconds but that was not sufficient to catch Pollard who took advantage of a good handicap. Wright ran quickly over the highly obstructed course and gained an excellent time of 18 minutes and 40 seconds. We look forward to another season of running over varied terrain and in extreme conditions.

H.M.S.

UNIVERSITY RESULTS

We are pleased to record the following results which have been brought to our notice:

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

M. Dennis (Christ's College), Class Iii, Engineering Tripos Part II.

T. A. Simpson (Peterhouse), Senior Optime, Mathematics Tripos.

D. R. Blagden (King's), Class I, History Tripos Part I.

D. M. Heaton (Corpus Christi), Class Iii, Law Tripos Part IA.

R. N. Morris (Clare), Class Iii, Classical Tripos Part I.

J. R. Sherman (Sidney Sussex), Class Iii, Classical Tripos Part I.

D. R. Tracey (Emmanuel), Class Iii, Modern Languages Tripos (French) Part I.

D. R. Blagden has been elected a Senior Scholar of King's College, Cambridge and awarded the Doncaster Prize for History.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

A. Marlow (Keble), Class II B.A. (Physics).

G. M. Davies (Jesus), Class II B.A. (Psychology, Philosophy and Physiology).

M. K. Bradbury (Brasenose), Class III B.A. (Natural Science: Physics).

P. D. Stannion (Pembroke), Class II B.A. (Philosophy, Politics and Economics).

D. Coy, (New College), Class II B.A. (History).

J. A. Owrid (New College), Class III B.A. (History).

D. J. Manifold (Wadham), Class II B.A. (Jurisprudence).

A. D. Little (Wadham), Class II B.A. (Modern Languages).

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

P. J. Rae - M.B., Ch.B.

R. E. Meigh - M.B., Ch.B.

N. J. S. Kehoe - M.B., Ch.B.

N. D. B. Golder - Class Iii Bachelor of Laws.

I. P. Caldwell - Class Iii B.Sc. (Electrical and Electronic Engineering).

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

P. D. Boyle - Class Iii B.A. (Politics).

L. J. Wharton - Class Iii B.Sc. (Chemistry).

UNIVERSITY OF SWANSEA

J. N. B. Bennington - Class Iii B.A. (English).

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

G. E. Band - Class Iii B.Sc. (Biology).

LIVERPOOL POLYTECHNIC

R. Byrne - Class Iii B.Sc. Hons (Sports Science).

MANCHESTER POLYTECHNIC

J. J. Carter - Class Iii B.A. Hons (Accounting & Finance).

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The highlight of the year for the Parents' Association was undoubtedly the delivery of, and completion of payment for, one of the two new minibuses which the School acquired. Much hard work and effort on the part of many people had made this possible. It was decided to purchase the minibus for the School early in 1979. The fund was greatly helped by the decision to donate to it all the proceeds from the 1979 Garden Fete amounting to £2,500. There was a slight setback when the minibus was delivered, as, owing to inflation and the increase in the rate of Value Added Tax, the price had increased by £1,000 on the original estimate. However, the Committee were not deterred, and completion of payment was finally thankfully made one year after the decision to purchase the minibus had been made. These two new minibuses have greatly eased the problem of transportation facilities for the School. Owing to the considerable expense involved with the minibus, the only other gifts to the School this year have been the payment of the rates at Hardraw School, which we undertake annually, and a gift of chess sets for use in the senior school.

As you will have gathered, the Garden Fete in July, 1979, was extremely successful, even though the weather, as usual, kept us in suspense as to how it would behave. On this rather cool and windy day parents and friends turned out magnificently to support us. Mr. Peter Wheeler, the broadcaster and also an old boy of the School, opened the Fete. A very amusing and entertaining film of the Fete was taken and shown to parents during the year and this will be added to after future Fetes and will be an interesting record for all to see. We were intrigued to see the speed with which the Fete was organised through the ingenuity of the photographer, the son of a Committee member, and the great deal of time and effort which he put into producing the film was much appreciated.

The first meeting of the new School year, which is traditionally addressed by the Headmaster, had to be postponed owing to unfortunate unforeseen circumstances until January. Nevertheless, when Mr. Filleul addressed the Association on "Fee-Paying Education" the parents who attended found the talk most stimulating.

In October, the Cheese and Wine Evening proved again to be an outstandingly successful event with a record number of parents and masters attending. This was followed in November by a talk "Three Walks in the Himalayas" given by Mr. H. M. Symonds. This illustrated talk showed some spectacular scenery and was followed by a Hot Pot Supper which was much appreciated after a trip to the foothills of Mount Everest!

The venue of the Christmas Dance was changed to the Dining Hall and this proved to be a good move from the heating point of view! The huge success of the tombola contributed both socially and financially to the evening.

At the beginning of 1980 we held a Seconds Evening to add to our funds and were amazed at the results. The Dining Hall begins to look like a department store on the opening day of the sales on this occasion!

The Greater Manchester Police Band entertained us in February to a musical evening which everyone enjoyed. The New Hall lends itself so well to this kind of occasion and there was a very happy atmosphere at the concert. At the Concert we started selling tickets for a Grand Draw which was held this year for the first time by the Parents' Association. The Draw was to take place at the Annual Dinner Dance in March. We were grateful for the support which we received from parents, old boys and friends for the Draw which raised £600 in a very short time. It was gratifying that the majority of winners were from school and known to many of us.

During 1975 and 1976 Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Grant were involved in the building and construction of a low-energy house for use in a programme for Granada Television and they kindly agreed to address our February meeting on their "House for the Future" and their experiences in relation to the production of a programme of this nature. Without becoming too technical, they discussed details of the house's construction and its performance with regard to the purpose for which it was built. This proved to be a very instructional and entertaining evening.

Since the Annual Dinner Dance has been held at the Lancashire County Cricket Club it has been a sell-out, and this year was no exception and was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion. We welcomed as our guests the new Chairman of the Governors, Mr. E. B. Jackson, the President of the Old Hulmeians, Mr. D. Flunder, the Headmaster, Mr. Filleul, and their wives, and we are grateful for their interest and support. We were also pleased that other Governors of the School and members of the staff were able to be with us.

The sporting activities of the Parents' Association have continued to flourish and a very successful addition has been the setting up of a Keep Fit Club which makes use of the excellent new facilities in the gymnasium under the expert guidance of Mr. J. Peat. The badminton, shooting and keep fit clubs meet regularly and once again the matches between parents, staff and boys in cricket, tennis, badminton and shooting have been much enjoyed.

The 300-Club continues to flourish although the full complement of three hundred has not yet been reached and is a valuable source of income to the Association.

We are very grateful to the members of staff who have generously supported our activities and given their free time to address and help our activities. To all other members of the School staff who help us so willingly we also extend our thanks. Without all this help our job would be much more difficult.

Our final event, the Annual General Meeting in May, was a minor part of a very major evening. After the formal meeting, a Cheese and Wine Evening was held to mark the occasion of the retirement of Mr. Bonnick. Again we received tremendous support from parents and many Old Hulmeians were present to say farewell to Mr. Bonnick who has been a master since 1946 and Head of the Junior School for the past twenty-two years. Mr. Bonnick was very thrilled by the engraved crystal rose bowl which was presented to him and the cheque which he will put towards the purchase of hi-fi equipment. No words can express the feeling which the Parents' Association have for Mr. Bonnick and the high esteem in which he is held. We all wish him a healthy and happy retirement.

The Committee for 1980-81 elected at the Annual General Meeting is:

President	- Dr. K. S. Daber
Chairman	- Dr. D. N. Barber
Vice-Chairman	- Mr. C. F. Jeanes
Hon. Secretary	- Mrs. J. Campbell
Hon. Treasurer	- Mrs. R. Pimlott

Committee Members: Mrs. S. Artley, Ms. M. Goldie, Mrs. A. Marsden, Mrs. P. M. Meadowcroft,

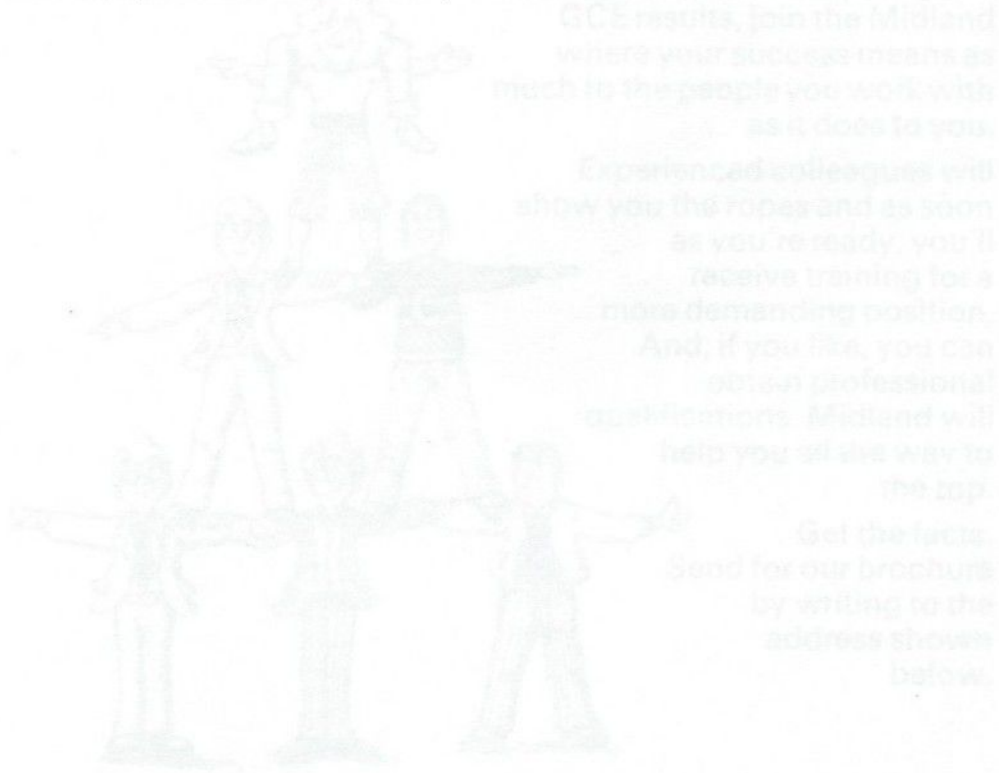
Mr. H. R. Holmes, Mr. J. J. Lancaster, Mr. F. S. Leon, Mr. M. Miller.

Co-opted Member: Mr. A. J. Burden.

Three members of the Committee retired at the end of the year and they will be sadly missed at our gatherings: Mrs. V. M. Cox, our President last year and Chairman for the previous two years, our Ticket Secretary for the past two years, Mr. P. E. MacDermott, who has also been in charge of the Badminton and Table Tennis Sections, and Mr. A. Hibbert who has always organised the production, distribution and sale of Garden Fete programmes for us. We would like to thank them for the hard work and support they have given the Association and we wish them and their sons success in the future. Mrs. Cox was elected a Vice-President for her sterling work for the Association over a great many years.

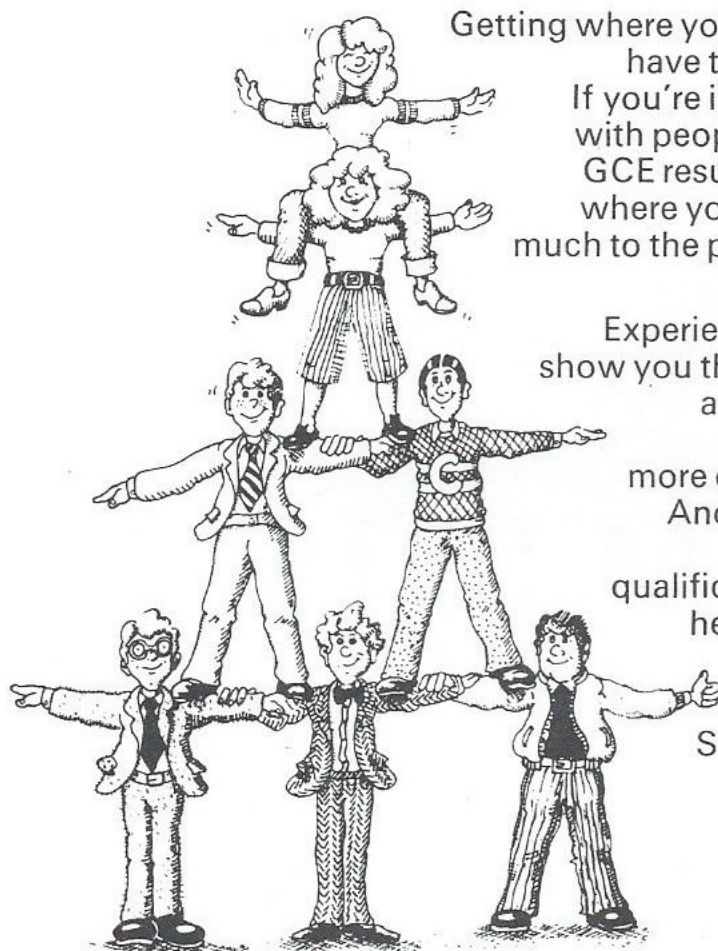
A very eventful programme has been arranged for the coming year and we hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing all our members and friends once again at as many functions as possible.

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