his best position may well turn out to be scrum-half. T.S. Ryman has the makings of a good full-back; he handles and tackles well and likes to attack. The other backs were usually S.P. Holloway, T.A. Jones, M.A. Etchells, and A. Johnson. D.A. Bishop and M. Elliott also played several times as did J.L. Patton, M.F. Packman, P.J. Latham, J.W. Beswick and R.I. Davidson.

The strength of the team undoubtedly lay in the forwards where there was a lot of individual skill and a general willingness to work together as a cohesive unit. The props were chosen from C.S. Rogerson, S.J. Logan and A.P. Laker. D.C. Haworth was hooker. A Dowdall, R. Zemurs and D.J. Barnes played in the second row, with K.J. Wadsworth and R.M. Wadsworth as flankers, and S.R. Reubens at number eight.

# U-14 RUGBY

Played 9, Won 2, Lost 5, Drawn 2. Points For 100, Against 239.

v. Stockport G.S	A	Cancelled
v. Sale G.S	H	L 0-36
v. O.E.G.S., Wakefield	H	L 4-67
v. Birkenhead School	A	L 0-60
v. Cheadle Moseley	H	L 11-21
v. King's School, Macclesfield.	H	L 0-40
v. De La Salle College	A	D 4-4
v. Denstone College	H	D 4-4
v. Merchant Taylors' Crosby	H	Cancelled
v. Arnold School, Blackpool	A	Cancelled
v. King Edward's, Lytham		W 36-4
v. Manchester G.S	H	W 15- 3
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W 26- 0
v. Mount St. Mary's	H	Cancelled

The following played for the team:

G.W. Keating, I.W. Keating, M.P. Brown, P. Cotterill, R.P. Flamank, R.S. Munro, K.D. Murray, A.J. Padkin, A.W. Smith, A. Stainsby, N.S. Tucker, S. Brown, P. Keddie, M. Latham, J.M. Parry, C.G. Pass, B.J. Rosenberg, B. Cooper, M.I. Emmott, M.J. Ward, A. Gibson, J.N. Hemy, A.J. Steeples, and S.A. Taylor.

This year's U-14 XV struggled against the majority of other School teams during the first half of the season, but they defeated Manchester G.S. and Cheadle Hulme School at the end of the Christmas Term.

Despite these heavy defeats, enthusiasm was never lacking during matches against other Schools or in training sessions. This led to a marked improvement in both team and individual skills. The forwards were moulded into a mobile and powerful unit producing high quality first-and second-phase possession, but the back division had difficulty in breaking down the opposition's defence. This situation, however, was remedied by the end of the season when both the forwards and threequarters scored well constructed tries.

The weaker aspects of the U-14 play were lineouts, tackling and a basic lack of ball-handling skills. Line-

outs were continually unsatisfactory owing to the lack of ability to catch, and inter-passing movements often broke down as the result of poor passing or failure to catch the ball clearly. In the threequarters the passing movements were not performed at speed, and erratic tackling resulted in tries for the opposition.

If this team continues to play and train with the ability and enthusiasm shown last season, they will achieve some successful results in the near future.

I would like to thank Mr. D. Clark for his constant help throughout the season.

A.J.P.

# **UNDER-13 XV RUGBY**

Played 7, Won 3, Lost 4. Points For 102, Against 132.

v. Sale G.S	H	L	4-41
v. Cheadle Moseley	H	W	10 - 4
v. King's School, Macclesfield.	H	L.	4-51
v. De La Salle College	A	L	10-14
v. King Edward's, Lytham	H	W	28- 8
v. Manchester G.S	H	W	40- 4
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	L	6-10

The team was represented by J.C. Adderley, A.P. Booth, N.S. Crossley, N.J. Firth, E. Livingstone, J.B. McFarland, P. Robinson, M.L. Wilson, D.M. Bretnall, I.G. MacMillan, D.K. Smythe, A.D. Tatham, R.P. Thornton, W.D. Edwards, W.J.H. Murray, I.M. Powell, T.C. Smith, P.R. Hunt, R.G. McLaren, S.J. Smith, and P.E. Stanley.

The standard of the rugby played by the team improved throughout the season and the backs in particular, produced some excellent moves against King Edward's, Lytham and Manchester G.S.

D.G.B.

# **UNDER-12 XV RUGBY**

This was not a vintage year and a great deal of work needs to be done to overcome the lack of talent. A thorough grounding in the basics will have to be established next season to consolidate this year's beginning, and it is on this grounding that future games will have to be planned. As usual, the biggest problem was to overcome the gentleness of the boys and to induce a rugged streak. Only towards the end of the season was "a bit of devil" becoming apparent and even then, it was a very docile devil.

The boys worked very hard to overcome their shortcomings, and with a great effort next year perhaps we shall see a different attitude which will produce a side able at least to hold its own.

J.P.

# **HOUSE RUGBY**

A very full programme of House Rugby was played with almost three rounds of the house leagues being completed. The general standard of play was high and one cannot help feeling that a great deal of talent shown would be better developed on school team practices. However, the games were played with enthusiasm and enjoyment and it is to be hoped that this will continue next season.

The league table very quickly developed into a top and bottom half. Right from the start Fraser, Heywood and Whitworth went away from Byrom, Dalton and Gaskell and so it remained to the last game. Fraser took an early lead and were able to keep it all term with Heywood breathing down their necks all the time and Whitworth some way behind.

Final Result: 1) Fraser 175 points
2) Heywood 154 ,,
3) Whitworth 117 ,,
4) Gaskell 94 ,,
5) Dalton 66 ,,
6) Byrom 48 ,,

# HOUSE KNOCKOUTS

Senior First Round: Dalton beat Heywood Fraser beat Byrom

Second Round: Fraser beat Whitworth Dalton beat Gaskell

Final: Fraser beat Dalton

Junior First Round: Fraser beat Whitworth Heywood beat Gaskell

Second Round: Fraser beat Dalton Byrom beat Heywood

Final: Fraser beat Byrom

# FIRST X LACROSSE

Played 12, Won 5, Lost 7. Goals For 139, Against 154.

v. Urmston 'A'(H)	H L	9 - 17
v. Manchester University		24-11
(1st Round Lancashire Junior	Cup)	
v. Heaton Mersey 'B'		21 - 7
(2nd Round Lancashire Junio		
v. Cheadle Hulme School		13-8
v. Oldham and Werneth	AL	10 - 13
(Semi-final Lancashire Junior		
v. London University		10-11
v. Oxford University	AL	11-16
v. Cambridge University	AL	5 - 8
v. Sale	AL	6-18
v. Sheffield University 'A'	HL	4-18
v. Stockport G.S	H W	12-10
v. Old Hulmeians	H L	14-17

This was a season which promised much, but which, owing to injuries to vital players, never fulfilled its early promise. Pre-season practices and early season squad sessions revealed a depth of talent but perhaps a lack of obvious stars which made it difficult to pick a First Team. However, once selected the team put so much into their training and were so prepared to learn that it became apparent that any deficiencies that might have been feared would be more than overcome by the readiness of every member of the team to pull

his weight and work hard for everybody else -a refreshing change!

The opening fixture looked the hardest of the season. It was against Urmston, who were riding high at the top of the third division of the League, but we acquitted ourselves well, scoring nine goals but conceding seventeen. The result gave us confidence that once the attack had played together more and the defence had tightened up we would have a fine team.

The weather robbed us of our game against Stockport Grammar the following Saturday and thus of match preparation before the first round of the Lancashire Junior Cup against Manchester University, but we were to make light of our lack of match practice when, after hard work at mid-week training, we produced a devastating display against the students, winning 24-11. The next round of the Cup the following week against Heaton Mersey saw a comparable display against weaker opposition, and put us through to the semi-finals for the first time in five years.

Before that match, however, we had to meet a Cheadle Hulme side which was sweeping all before it in the fourth division, and at first we wilted under the pressure from a side every bit as fit and keen as we were. At half-time we were 5-8 behind, and struggling to capture our true form. But the team were as determined as ever and showed their character in fighting to produce their best qualities in the face of strong opposition. Harris was calm and assured in goal, pulling off some marvellous saves from Murphy in particular. Bennington, Kennerley and Lightfoot combined their aggression on the ground ball with determined, forceful, clearing and persistent bodying to keep the defensive sheet clean in the second-half. In the mid-field Hewitt, Manning and Dale worked tirelessly, providing support for the defence when clearing and a constant stream of possession for the attack from the faces. Flair and finishing were the keynotes in attack. Sandy, Wharton, and Jones all scored four goals, each in their own particularly specialised manner: Sandy teasing and tormenting his defence-man, Wharton picking up half-chances on the crease, and Jones running hard and directly, before swerving and sidestepping to find the space to shoot. These were the qualities which they had worked hard to make the best of during the term, and they were to pull the game round in our favour at Cheadle Hulme and see us home, good winners in the end, by 13-8.

It was more than unfortunate that the young and relatively inexperienced team which had found its feet so quickly and developed into what one Old Boy and Lancashire player described as, "the best Hulme side for pure teamwork since the Swann, Roden, Underwood, era" should through injury lose its most experienced player and captain for the rest of the season.

The loss of Sandy was a blow we could not overcome. At a grim Rochdale ground, in the shadow of multi-storey flats and under an overcast sky, Oldham's packed zone defence proved just too much for us. Waring came into the side and played admirably, but the team had had only a week to adjust their whole attacking style, formerly based on Sandy. It was not

to be our day and we failed by 10-13 to reach the final. The Tour of the Southern Universities was as eventful as ever, but owing to Dale's unfortunate injury after the first game at London, we were a weakened side when we faced the Oxford and Cambridge teams. By this stage of the season Parkyn and Cooper had made their ways into the First Team, and were showing what a fund of skilful attacking talent we have in the School. However, after the Tour, stiff fixtures against Sale, Sheffield 'A', and the old Boys were too much for us to cope with. We put up creditable performances and always played good lacrosse but we had to be satisfied with a solitary win against Stockport Grammar School in the second half of our season.

Throughout the season I was pleased to see a greater development and improvement of lacrosse skills and tactics in the side as a whole and in individuals in the side than I have ever seen before. Every member of the team seemed prepared to work at his game, and thus reaped the rewards of improved performance. Bennington, Kennerley, Hewitt, Jones and Wharton all represented Lancashire at Under 18 level, Manning and Harris were selected as reserves for the Lancashire v. Cheshire game, and the unfortunate Sandy was robbed of the Captaincy of the Lancashire side by his back injury. Sandy, Bennington, Kennerley, and Wharton were all awarded Colours.

My thanks go to all the following who played throughout the season with enthusiasm and spirit: J.P.B. Sandy, J.N.D. Bennington, P.D. Kennerley, D. Lightfoot, A.P. Waring, C.S. Manning, J. Dale, N.J. Hewitt, T.G. Jones, L.J. Wharton, C. Parkyn, O. Cooper, and N. Duncan.

I.J.S.

# SECOND X LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 0, Lost 9. Goals For 57, Against 129.

v. Oldham and Werneth	AL	7 - 14
v. Stockport G.S. 1st	HL	4 - 19
v. Stockport "C"	HL	7 - 11
v. Old Hulmeians "Extra A"	HL	7 - 18
v. Mellor "B"	HL	8 - 13
v. South Manchester and		
Wythenshawe "B"	HL	8-9
v. Stockport G.S. 1st	A L	2 - 13
v. Cheadle Hulme "A"	AL	6 - 13
v. Old Hulmeians "A"	HL	8-19

Since some experienced second team players were needed to play for the first team, it was necessary to begin the season with a squad of players with rather less experience than usual.

The side began the season poorly but, after the second game, it settled down and the skill of certain players made up for the team's overall lack of experience.

Against Stockport "C" in the David Beesley Cup we started badly, but after half-time we began to get on top owing to our superior fitness. Towards the end of the game our opponents managed to slow the game down enough to win 7-11.

Two weeks later we met Mellor "B", a successful third division side, and we put up a very good display. Special mention must be made of M.R. Hawkins, M.J. Sandy, and A.P. Waring for some excellent midfield play.

Our closest game was against South Manchester and Wythenshawe "B". Unfortunately our play was rather suspect at times, especially our passing which accounted for our eventual downfall.

In the following game at Stockport Grammar School we were without two regular attackers, and although their replacements were at first overawed by the size of the opponents' defenders, they soon settled down and showed great promise. The defence also played very well in containing the experienced Stockport attack, and R.K. Cox had a splendid game in goal, making some fine saves.

Our final game, against Old Hulmeians "A", proved to be one of our best, as we fought well against a side of considerable skill and experience. S. Prior handled the defence well, and M.J. Sandy and M.R. Hawkins showed that their play had matured over the season, with some inventive moves and strong running from midfield. The attack also played unselfishly and scored some good goals.

The squad has shown considerable improvement over the season, and we can look forward to much greater success next year.

The team was usually selected from:

N.I. Duncan (Captain), S. Prior, O.C.D. Cooper, R.K. Cox, D.A. Hanley, M.R. Hawkins, A. Keddy, P. Maddocks, G.H. Mills, C.D. Parkyn, M.J. Sandy, A.P. Waring, B.M. Wilkinson, and P.R.H. Wilson.

The following boys made brief appearances on the team:

J.C. Dale, N.W. Hewitt, R. Leak, A.T. Murphy, S. Postles, and L.J. Wharton.

N.I.D.

# **UNDER-15 XII LACROSSE**

Played 10, Won 10. Goals for 216, Against 15.

v. Boardman & Eccles	A	W	27-	0	
v. Stockport G.S	H	W	24-	1	
v. Stockport Juniors					
(Juniors and Schools Cup. Rot					
v. Cheadle Hulme Juniors			23-	0	
v. Wilmslow G.S					
(Juniors and Schools Cup. Rou	and	2)			
v. Broadway School			10-	6	
(Juniors and Schools Cup. Sen					
v. Boardman & Eccles			35-	0	
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	21-	2	
v. Mellor (Juniors and Schools					
Cup Final at Poynton					
Lacrosse Club)		W	21-	1	
v. Broadway School	A	W	16-	0	

The results speak for themselves: only in the first game against Broadway was the team severely challenged. Whether at centre faces or recovering a groundball in the course of normal play, the speed, fitness and technique of the whole team was far too much for any opposition, and in many games the ball entered our defensive zone hardly at all.

A. Dowdall made some fine saves when called upon, particularly against Stockport Juniors; he is not a graceful goalkeeper, but a very sound and courageous one. The straight defence of D.C. Haworth, D.J. Barnes, M.A. Etchells and P.G.M. Jessup (the last of these in his first full season of School lacrosse) showed stick-handling ability far beyond the level which one expects in these positions and established real tactical skill, particularly when "marking out" on, and beyond, the half-way line. D. Watmough playing in mid-field was devastating on some of his solo runs through packed defences, and the Wadsworth twins showed complete understanding of each other's play, both at the face and close to goal. A. Johnson was eventually moved into a midfield position when he failed to score goals and played extremely well there. P.J. Latham and S.C. Bickerton proved to be ideal members of an attack which was always bound to be overshadowed by H.S. Davies. Playing behind and at the sides of the goal, picking up loose balls, occasionally scoring, but always needing marking, they opened up spaces and provided a continuous supply of passes. At this level a player who moves and handles a stick as Davies does with real power and precision simply cannot be stopped. T.A. Jones and M.F. Packman both had fine games as reserves, and the potential of T.S. Ryman, only just learning the game, is enormous.

This most successful team for several years was generally selected as follows:

A. Dowdall; D.C. Haworth (Capt.), M.A. Etchells, D.J. Barnes, P.G.M. Jessup; D. Watmough, K.J. Wadsworth, R.M. Wadsworth, A. Johnson; H.S. Davies, P.J. Latham, S.C. Bickerton. *Reserves*; T.A. Jones, M.F. Packman, T.S. Ryman. Davies, Etchells, Haworth, Jessup, K. Wadsworth, R. Wadsworth and Watmough were all selected for the Lancashire Under-15 team which recorded a resounding win over Cheshire (Barnes, Dowdall and Johnson were selected as reserves), and Davies, Etchells, Haworth, K. Wadsworth, R. Wadsworth and Watmough all played for the North of England against the South.

# UNDER-14 XII LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 3, Lost 6. Goals For 67, Against 84

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v. Wilmslow G.S	A		3-22	
v. Audenshaw G.S	H	W	19- 4	
v. Rochdale Juniors	A	W	9-6	
(Juniors and Schools Cup. Roy				
v. Cheadle Juniors	A	Ĺ	6-9	
v. Mellor Juniors	A	L	6-10	
(Juniors and Schools Cup. Sen	ni-Fi	nal)	and a very	
v. Stockport Juniors	H	L	4-13	
v. Ashton Juniors	A	W	9-5	
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	L		
v. Wilmslow G.S.			5-6	

The following represented the School:

J.M. Adams, A.J. Padkin, P.H. Newton, B. Cooper, C.D. Bradbury, I.P. Grange, M.P. Brown, G.W. Keating, I.W. Keating, T.A.M. Maula, S. Brown, S.R. Brown, J.K. Hargreaves, J.M. Parry, J.R. Heaton, N.B. Wiltshire, R.J. Mitson, A.W. Smith, K.D. Murray, D.B. Emsley, R.P. Flamank, G.L. Robinson, N.J. Tucker, P. Keddie.

The season saw many changes in the composition of the teams, as various players were tried in an attempt to find a winning formula.

From the beginning of term, the team lacked ability in many vital positions. All the many players tried had difficulties in marking the opposition attack, especially during slow and deliberate build-ups, when that dreaded lacrosse disease "ball-watching" caused far too many men to be free in attacking positions.

The midfield usually worked hard, and were rarely bettered in ball-winning situations. This was almost solely due to the efforts of J.M. Adams, A.J. Padkin and A.W. Smith, who deserve special credit. They are very enthusiastic players, who rely on aggressive skill and the occasional agricultural cleave to win fifty/fifty balls.

The straight attack invariably failed to penetrate the opposition defence. They did not notice free men, and were often rather static around the goal. It wasn't until the final game of the season that worthwhile cuts were made and the necessary feeds given. If the team can begin next season at the point at which they left off, then it can be looked forward to, otherwise much hard work will be needed to achieve a satisfactory standard of performance.

M.M.

# **UNDER-13 XII LACROSSE**

Played 9, Won 8, Lost 1. Goals For 98, Against 33.

v. Wilmslow G.S	Н	W	10- 3	
v. Stockport G.S	H	W	15 - 2	
v. Mellor L.C. Juniors	H	W	15 - 2	
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	15 - 3	,
(Centurion Trophy Round II)				
v. Broadway School	H	W	12 - 5	
(Centurion Trophy Semi-Final)				
v. Stockport G.S	A	W	11 - 4	
v. Stockport L.C. Juniors	A	L	4- 7	
(Centurion Trophy Final)				
v. Marple Hall U.14	H	W	6- 4	
v. Broadway School	A	W	10 - 3	

The following boys represented the School:

R. McLaren, N. Firth, A. Brown, E. Livingstone, W. Murray, R. Thornton, C. Stubbs, T. Smith, I. MacMillan, W. Sandy, N. Crossley, N. Roberts, R. Phillips, P. Robinson, D. Thorpe, D. Bretnall, P. Winterbottom, J. McFarland, A. Booth, R. Taylor, M. Scoltock, I. Powell.

C.P.L.

This team had a most successful season, despite losing an entire month to wet weather. Only the Centurion Trophy Final was lost. It is clearly no longer our Trophy by divine right and our limited season possibly hinders the development of our players, particularly in a wet season. The Final was an exciting game which we should have won after leading 3-1. Sadly our finishing and poor combination play in attack meant that we squandered the chances made by a tireless midfield where MacMillan had a good game.

Over the season the best player was probably Livingstone at centre and he received good support from Brown, a big defender, Roberts, in goal, and the mobile Booth. The leading scorer was Firth who did well in early games but who never really found a partner to play with in the manner of Swann and Roden, Johnson and Watmough, or the Wadsworth twins. There were several other good players, notably the loud and aggressive Robinson, Smith and McLaren, but our coaching methods need an overhaul if we wish to compete with the total lacrosse way of life of Stockport Juniors.

Finally the team is to be commended on its fitness, keenness and excellent team spirit. The frequent practice sessions improved many players a good deal: tactical expertise will follow with better coaching and experience of playing outside their age group.

P.J.W.

The Centurion Trophy game was much too early for the team to really put a game together, but three late goals helped to boost their confidence. Success soon followed, with the use of S.P. Rutter in straight attack, and goals were scored frequently. Superb team performances showed in the convincing win at Cheadle Hulme and the return game at home against a much larger and more experienced side. On these occasions, all worked hard for each other, there was much good positional play and excellent handling.

The team was captained for most of the season by A.D. Emsley, who always encouraged the other players and worked hard with much skill in midfield. The form of S.N. Heywood throughout the season was outstanding, with his non-stop running, very good handling and his domination of several games. Special mention must be made of Rutter, who scored nine goals in one game and six in each of two others. The team must ensure that they do not rely entirely upon his goalscoring abilities. The defence was always well organised by the tall, strong, central defenders J.D. Thorpe and D.I. Jaquiss, together with the eager D.C. Hurst.

The players showed great enthusiasm throughout the season, and if they work hard practising handling, and consider carefully tactics and teamwork, they could become a very good side.

M.D.W.

# **UNDER-12 XII LACROSSE**

Played 8, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 1. Goals For 81, Against 38.

v. Stockport Juniors (Centurion Trophy)	Н	L	3-13
v. Stockport G.S	A	W	8- 4
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	21- 0
v. Wilmslow G.S	H	W	14- 4
v. Stamford School	A	W	13- 0
v. Cheadle Hulme U-13	H	D	9-9
v. Blackpool Juniors	A	W	10 - 7
v. Wilmslow G.S	A	W	3-1

The players, with goals scored, were:

S.P. Rutter (28), M.J. Bowyer (13), M.I. Shaw (10), J.M.D. Sealy (10), A.D. Emsley (8), S.N. Heywood (6), I.C. Thompson (2), A.H. Morgan (2), A.B. Rowley (1), E.C. Whipp (1), D.C. Hurst, I.D. Thorpe, D.I. Jaquiss, C. Holmes, I.W. Pattinson, R.D. Hardern, P.A. Knight, I. Kershaw, M.G.R. Warburton, J.E. Perry, N.R. Hatton, D.J. Harries.

Bad weather in the early part of the year brought difficulties in finding the most able boys for the squad, and very little practice was possible for many potential team members. Hard work at every opportunity helped many players to develop the necessary skills and several of them turned in excellent performances throughout the season. Lack of practice showed on occasions when the players failed to play together as a team, although there were other games when teamwork was much in evidence.

# HOUSE LACROSSE

For the first time in many years the House League was not played because of the dreadful weather conditions. Cancellation after cancellation prevented the games from even starting and only a few practice games were played. In spite of this, the knockouts and the six-a-sides were squeezed in on the one or two playable days.

Six-a-Sides. On a relatively mild day 56 games were played by 288 players with the following result:

1)	Fraser	26	points
2)	Heywood	23	"
3)	Whitworth	20	"
4)	Dalton	19	"
5)	Gaskell	12	33
	Byrom	12	"

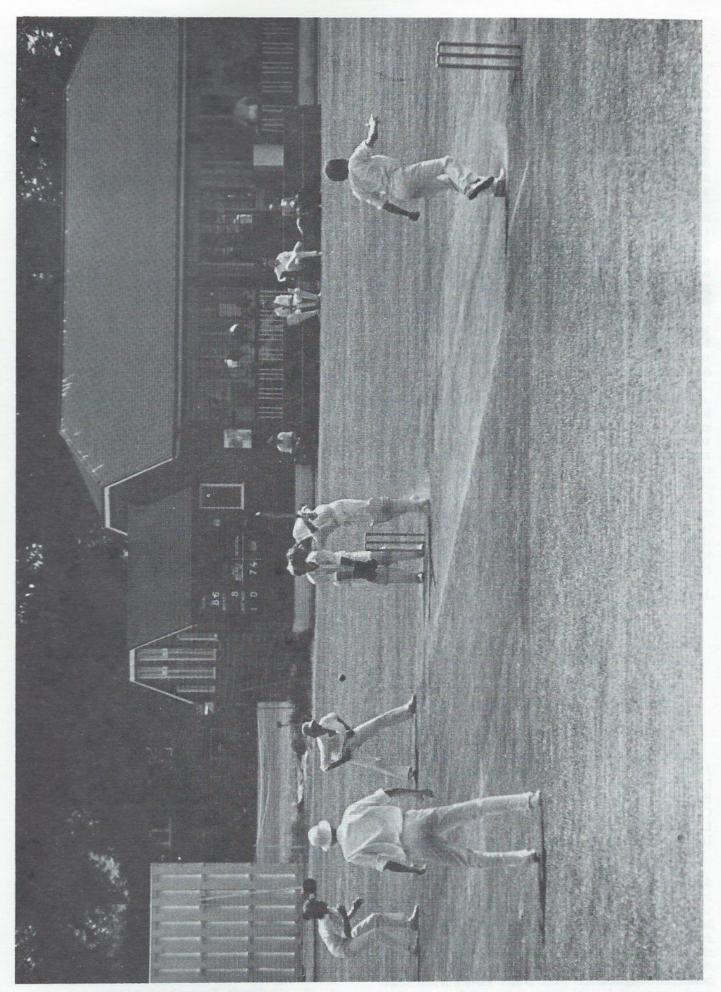
# **KNOCKOUTS**

Senior First Round:	Fraser beat Byrom Gaskell beat Whitworth
Second Round:	Dalton beat Heywood Gaskell beat Fraser
Final:	Gaskell beat Dalton
Junior First Round	Gaskell heat Heywood

Junior First Round: Gaskell beat Heywood Byrom beat Dalton Second Round: Fraser beat Gaskell

Byrom beat Whitworth

Final: Fraser beat Byrom



# SCHOOL CRICKET

Ask anyone in Manchester what they thought of the summer in 1977 and few of the replies will be printable. Over one hundred hours of cricket were lost at Old Trafford and it was a sorry season for the county. At School we were amazingly fortunate and only the games against King's Macclesfield were called off en bloc. Week after week we continued to have our games on the one dry day, and at the end of term we enjoyed a fine and warm fortnight, a pleasure for players and spectators alike.

The Old Hall was adorned, if that is the right word, with a structure vaguely reminiscent of Clochemerle on which match reports, press cuttings, averages and posters appeared throughout the season. It created much interest and soon there was much to be interested in. Dickinson was appointed captain of Manchester Boys, five fifth formers went straight into the 1st XI, a little boy in a sunhat and big gloves called Thompson took charge of the Under 12s, the Under 14s kept making exceedingly low scores and the 2nd XI lost their two year unbeaten record, and we earnestly watched the MCC batting film.

Despite these set backs the underlying feeling was buoyant and as England won the Old Trafford Test we found a new hero, Derek Randall. He, one felt, was just like us. He played ghastly strokes, he was eminently human, consistently amusing and altogether a much more inspirational figure than his predecessor, the impeccable David Steele.

And so it was that, perhaps through England's success, the blue touch paper was suddenly lit. Wright led his Colts team to eight wins out of twelve and Hussain enjoyed it all immensely. The Under 14s were bolstered by the left hander. Roberts, fast bowler Brown, and Thornton who consistently made 0 or 50, all imports from the year below. They prospered and by the end of the season at least some of Mr. Langford's work was rewarded.

Beesley made 122 not out against Durham on tour and won a bat. Hewitt made 104 not out against Manchester Grammar School and returned to tremendous applause, winner of another bat. Warner reached 84 against the Staff and then, possibly to the relief of Mr. Peat, was out. Runs, sunshine, good wickets and then suddenly big names.

Hughes caught Wrigley bowled Mills; Bailey caught Tracey bowled Ratcliffe: Beesley 72 not out. A splendid afternoon against Lancashire Club and Ground and an honourable draw. Clive Lloyd arrived and signed several hundred autographs. He came again, this time for a Sports Forum, along with Tommy Cavanagh. Farokh Engineer. Tom Tyrrell and, unexpectedly, Tony Book. The evening was chaired by Mr. Mitchell, now departed to Carlisle, a friend who deserves our thanks for his work with School teams, a cricketer who will be sadly missed by the unpredictable Staff Eleven.

I found it difficult to know, in my first season running School cricket, whether we were doing it right. So I pretended to be Derek Randall – if I was wrong at least I enjoyed myself. I think many others, boys and staff, did the same. Ask any of them what they thought of the summer 1977.

P.J.W.

# 1st XI CRICKET

Played 19, Won 4, Lost 6, Drawn 8, Abandoned 1

- v. Sir John Deane's School, Northwich (H). Won by 27 runs.
  - School 109 all out, Northwich 82 all out
- v. Bolton School (H).

Match Drawn.

School 140 for 9 dec, Bolton 73 for 7.

v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A).

Won by 81 runs.

School 153 for 7 dec, Arnold 72 all out.

v. King Edward VII School (H).

Match Drawn.

School 123 for 3 dec, Lytham 58 for 5.

v. Q.E.G.S. Wakefield (H).

Lost by 9 wickets.

School 155 all out, Wakefield 156 for 1.

v. Burnley G.S. (H).

Match Drawn.

School 181 for 3 dec, Burnley 102 for 8.

v. Woodhouse Grove School (H).

Match Drawn.

School 155 for 8 dec, Woodhouse Grove 103 for 7.

v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby (A).

Lost by 15 runs.

School 124, Crosby 139.

v. Lancashire Club and Ground XI (H).

Match Drawn.

School 105 for 6, Lanchashire 166 for 4 dec.

v. Barnard Castle School (A).

Lost by 92 runs.

School 157, Barnard Castle 249.

v. Sedbergh School (A).

Match Drawn.

School 140 for 6 dec, Sedbergh 122 for 8.

v. Durham School (A).

Won by 1 wicket.

School 172 for 9, Durham 169 for 5.

v. Birkenhead School (H).

Lost by 4 runs.

School 78, Birkenhead 82.

v. Manchester Grammar School (H).

Match Drawn.

School 209 for 5 dec, M.G.S. 111 for 7.

v. Ellesmere College (A).

Lost by 47 runs.

School 114, Ellesmere 161 for 5 dec.

v. Stockport Grammar School.

Lost by 6 wickets.

School 90, Stockport 93 for 4

v. Bury Grammar School.

Won by 133 runs.

School 203 for 2 dec, Bury 70.

v. The Staff.

Match Drawn.

School 170 for 1 dec, Staff 142 for 6.

The season was so rich and varied that it would take a Neville Cardus or John Arlott to chronicle adequately all the events. It began with an abandoned match against Batley Grammar School, when the rain turned the square into a lake and the floodlights at Maine Road shone brightly from a stormy sky as Liverpool fought out a draw with Everton. It ended with a buffet supper to which all the parents of the first and second elevens came on a perfect evening. We paid tribute then to Mr. Bartels, our groundsman, who worked unstintingly on the squares, and to Mr. Gregson and his staff who had made our visits to the dining room a real pleasure. Colours were presented to Beesley, Bailey, Mills and Hewitt, half colours to Rainford, Lord and Warner.

One boy dominated the eleven and indeed the cricket of the School, *The Sports Pink*, *The Sun*, and everyone's conversation. It is almost true to say that form rooms and labs emptied to see him bat and even the anti-cricket devotees or the studiously indifferent had to admit that his was a remarkable performance. In sixteen innings Beesley scored 732 runs, including 574 in May and June for an average of 143½. He

inspired the team by his personality and his example, and I could have wished for no better captain and ambassador for the School.

By the time these words are read seventeen boys will be preparing to tour St. Lucia and Antigua during the Easter holidays 1978. The players who represented the School know already what I thought of their performance in each game. The season was splendidly illustrated by the photographs of S. Bedford, particularly in his shots of Hewitt's undefeated 104 against M.G.S.

P.J.W.

### 2nd XI CRICKET

Played 13, Won 6, Lost 3, Drawn 4.

v. Bolton School (A).

Match Drawn.

School 115 for 5 dec. (Wilde 44) Bolton 59 for 9. (Wrigley 4 for 12).

v. Arnold School, Blackpool (H).

Match drawn.

School 181 for 7 dec. (Barron 40 n.o.). Arnold 35 for 5. (Morton 4 for 7).

v. King Edward's, Lytham (A).

Match Drawn.

School 114 for 7 dec. Lytham 49 for 8 (Ogden 3 for 6).

v. Manchester Grammar School (H).

Won by 8 wickets.

School 91 for 2 (Ogden 44 n.o.). M.G.S. 89 (Morton 5 for 35).

v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (A).

Lost by 52 runs.

School 58.
Wakefield 110 (Chantler 6 for 32, Morton 4 for 35).

v. Burnley Grammar School (A).

Lost by 5 runs.

School 68.

Burnley 73 (Ogden 4 for 16, Chantler 3 for 7).

v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby (H).

Won by 6 Wickets.

School 38 for 4. Crosby 37 (Wrigley 5 for 21, Hope 3 for 6).

v. The Parents (H).

School won by 1 run (over limit game).

School 100 for 6 (Wrigley 41). Parents 99 for 6 (Mr. Langford 83 n.o.).

v. Rydal School (A).

Lost by 14 runs.

School 77. Rydal 91 (Ogden 3 for 13).

v. Birkenhead School (A).

Match Drawn.

School 138 for 5 dec. (Wharton 37, Barron 35, Wilde 31).
Birkenhead 77 for 6.

v. Cheadle Hulme School (A).

Won by 95 runs.

School 135 for 5 (Collins 57 n.o.). Cheadle Hulme 40 (Richards 3 for 5).

v. Stockport Grammar School (A).

Won by 7 wickets.

School 72 for 3 (Barron 32 n.o.). Stockport 69 (Wrigley 4 for 11, Chantler 3 for 1).

v. The Masters (H).

Won by 71 runs.

School 174 for 9 dec. (Hope 63).

Masters 103 (Dr. Peek 57, Manning 4 for 14, Wharton 3 for 13).

This season was a most interesting one during the course of which almost all those who played for the 2nd XI made significant progress, and the team, despite one or two lapses, turned into a very efficient cricketing unit.

We began the season well, batting confidently and scoring over one hundred runs in each of our first three games. Our out-cricket and bowling were very good also, but although we stopped the opposition from having any hope of getting near our totals, we did not quite manage to bowl them out, until the Manchester Grammar School fixture, when we batted second. It is perhaps too easy to say in retrospect, that we should have declared earlier on these occasions, but perhaps we should at least learn to have a little more confidence in our ability to force a draw while in the field, if needs be, and thus allow ourselves greater time in which to bowl the opposition out.

Having started the season with three "winning" draws, it was good to gain our first win against Manchester Grammar School, but equally disappointing to collapse at Wakefield after bowling the home side out for 110. The following fixture, against Burnley Grammar was perhaps even more disastrous, and our defeat certainly avoidable. Here, Burnley batted first, and with Wrigley and Hope bowling tightly, and our

fielding allowing the batsmen no respite from the pressure, it was eventually Ogden and Chantler who destroyed the Burnley innings for a lowly 73, with the help of two splendid catches from Odum. However, our batting was to disintegrate more rapidly than theirs, and although Hope and Collins nursed our faint hopes of victory we eventually succumbed at 68, losing by 5 runs.

We were happy to finish the first half of the term with a win over the Parents, despite a fine innings by Mr. Langford, and then to pick up where we had left off, after the holiday, by bowling out Merchant Taylors' for 37 and winning with six wickets in hand. The game at Rydal saw the tables turned on us, and in an "over-limit" match we could not make the 91 runs needed to win after we had once again bowled our opponents out for less than one hundred. The end of the season was to see our most successful run, with excellent displays against Stockport Grammar and Birkenhead School as well as easier wins over The Masters and Cheadle Hulme School.

During the season we bowled out our opposition nine times in thirteen games and this perhaps reflects the strength of the side. No bowler conceded more than two and a half runs per over and Wrigley and Chantler took over twenty wickets each. Wrigley is becoming a fine bowler and deservedly played for the First Eleven on two occasions. He will doubtless be striving for a permanent place next year. Hope bowled erratically and short at the start of the season but without luck later when he consistently pitched the ball up to the batsmen. Chantler always wants to bowl, and always attacks the batsman when he does. He is a real competitor and should also be aspiring to a higher level. We only saw Richards towards the end of the season, but he always bowled quickly and economically, and showed no signs of having forgotten how to bowl while on the First Team. Morton had only a short stay with us on the Seconds. He found his line and length quickly, whenever he bowled, and turned the ball enough to beat the good batsman while flighting the ball well to unsettle the less confident. After taking 14 wickets in 5 matches he deservedly gained a First Team place, leaving Ogden to spearhead our spin attack. This he did with his customary relish and enthusiasm, although he must realise that a little quiet thought on events and occurences in the game is often more productive than animated discussion. All of the bowlers seemed to think about their job and it was especially pleasing to see the range of deliveries which our bowlers used in their attack.

The batting, although fragile on two occasions, was generally sound. Barron scored consistently all season both as opener and as middle order batsman. Ogden played some delightful innings early on, but did not have the same success later in the season. Wilde always looked solid and his 44 at Bolton boded well for the season. However, he seems to suffer from lapses in his concentration. This is the only explanation I can suggest for his habit of being bowled out so often. Odum hit the ball extremely hard but too infrequently. The six he hit into the quad at Birkenhead remains in the memory, and Collins's innings at Cheadle Hulme

was a treat to watch, particularly his running between the wickets with Richards, and his playing of anything even a little short of a length.

Overall the season has been a most successful one. The side has learnt a lot about the game of cricket and about themselves, and the lessons have come from both winning and losing. Every member of the side has contributed something to the team's success. The two captains, Wharton and Wilde, have both been leaders of the side in the true sense of the word, and both have been willing to play a minor role when the other has been in charge, which says much for their character. My thanks are due to them and the squad for their enthusiasm, their willingness to practise, their will to win, and their excellent manners and bearing on and off the field, which made them a credit to themselves and to the School.

The following boys were regular members of the Second XI: L.J. Wharton, A. Wilde, P.A. Barron, P. Collins, S. Chantler, M.C. Hope, C.S. Manning, J.F. Morton, A. McLaren, J. Odum, S. Ogden, D.G. Richards, C.J. Wrigley, J. Allen. J.M. Boyle, A.C. Evans, J. Holden, P. Maddocks, R.A. Porter, C.M. Thorpe, B. Wilkinson also played. Our thanks also go to our Scorers, M.I. Emmott and J.K. Hargreaves.

# **UNDER-15 XI CRICKET**

Played 12, Won 7, Lost 1, Drawn 3, Abandoned 1.

v. Batley G.S. (H).

Match Abandoned owing to rain.

Batley 15 for 3.

v. Stockport G.S. (H).

Match Drawn.

School 69-8 (S. Dickinson 32). Stockport 109-4 dec.

v. Bolton School (H).

Won by 29 runs.

School 112-9 dec. (S.P. Dickinson 45, D. Watmough 25).
Bolton 83 (D.B. Wright 6 for 13).

v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A).

Won by 14 runs.

School 88 (S.P. Dickinson 30). Arnold 74 (J.L. Patton 4 for 14).

v. King Edward VII School, Lytham (H).

School 112. Lytham 63 (H.S. Davies 4 for 17).

Manchester Grammar School (A).
 Match Drawn.

School 49 for 8. M.G.S. 58 (H.S. Davies 3 for 6, J.L. Patton 3 for 12).

v. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield (H).
Lost by 6 wickets.
School 135.
Q.E.G.S. 137 for 4.

v. Burnley G.S. (H).

Won by 84 runs.

School 204 for 7 dec. (D. Watmough 60, H.S. Davies 57).
Burnley 120 (J.L. Patton 3 for 18).

v. Woodhouse Grove School (H).

Won by 107 runs.

School 170 for 6 dec. (A.P. Laker 50 not out, H.S. Davies 36).

Woodhouse Grove 63 (H.S. Davies 7 for 19).

v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (A).

Won by 1 wicket.

School 85 for 9. M.T.S. 83 (H.S. Davies 6 for 23).

v. Rydal School (A) (30 overs).

Won by 59 runs.

School 129 (H.S. Davies 44). Rydal 70 for 5 (J.L. Patton 2 for 8).

v. Ellesmere College (A).

Match Drawn.

School 98 for 8. Ellesmere 101 (D.B. Wright 4 for 18, H.S. Davies 4 for 42).

This was a satisfactory season. The team relied mainly upon the batting of S.P. Dickinson and the all-round talent of H.S. Davies, but many boys contributed to the maintenance of a high standard in all aspects of the game. The captain, D.B. Wright, had a very poor season with the bat but he did not let this hinder his captaincy which was most skilful for a boy of his age. J.L. Patton, who plays club cricket with Wright, also helped to give maturity to the conduct of the team in the field, although his own bowling was often inaccurate. Davies developed into a relaxed, thoughtful batsman who played some beautiful shots and also fielded brilliantly.

One hopes that A.P. Laker will play a little more freely in future and that P.A. Tittle will not be too discouraged if his bowling does not always achieve the results which it deserves. He can look forward with confidence to a season in senior cricket with the knowledge that his team-spirit, good manners and talent have been noted.

The team should remember their defeat by Wakefield as a warning against slovenliness; they should be proud of the high scores against Burnley and Woodhouse Grove; and above all continue to enjoy their cricket. The support of parents, particularly that of Mr. G. Wright who umpired, is most welcome, and I must also thank Messrs. Booker and Daniels who were able to look after the team when I was unable to.

Those who played: D.B. Wright (capt.), H.S. Davies (vice-capt.), D.A. Bishop, S.P. Dickinson, A.J. Hepburn, K.N. Hussain, P. Jessup, A.P. Laker, R. MacDermott, E. Morrison, J.L. Patton, P.D. Sargeant, H. Shawdon, M. Singleton, S.Smith, P.A. Tittle, D. Watmough, I.M. Wood.

E.W.M.

# **UNDER-14 XI CRICKET**

Played 15, Won 2, Drawn 4, Lost 9.

v. Batley Grammar School (A).

Match Drawn.

School 95 for 7 dec. (Smith 22). Batley 15 for 0.

v. Stockport Grammar School (H).

Lost by 6 wickets.

School 53, Stockport 55 for 5.

v. Bolton School (A).

Lost by 10 wickets.

School 29, Bolton 30 for 0.

v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A).

Lost by 8 wickets.

School 27, Arnold School 31 for 2.

v. Yew Tree (H). (Cricketer Cup First Round).

Won by 10 runs.

School 68 for 9 (Shaw 25).

Yew Tree 58 for 8.

v. King Edward VII School, Lytham (A).

Lost by 10 runs.

School 37.

Lytham 47 (Cotterill 4 for 15, Shaw 4 for 21).

v. Manchester Grammar School (H).

Lost by 18 runs.

School 68 (Cooper 23).

M.G.S. 86 (Cooper 6 for 26, Cotterill 4 for 13).

v. Poundswick High School (H). (Cricketer Cup Second Round).

Lost by 2 wickets.

School 114 for 4 (25 overs) (Thornton 37, Ashfield 25).
Poundswick 116 for 8 (24.5 overs).

v. Burnley Grammar School (A).

Won by 4 wickets.

School 73 for 6 (Cooper 22).
Burnley 71 (Cooper 5 for 27, Robinson 4 for 19).

v. Woodhouse Grove School (A)

Match Drawn.

School 89 for 6 (Cooper 44). Woodhouse Grove 173 for 6 dec. (Cotterill 4 for 40).

v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H).

Lost by 104 runs.

School 53 all out. Crosby 157 all out (Cooper 4 for 50).

v. Rydal School (A).

Match Drawn.

School 108 for 9 dec. (Ashfield 42). Rydal 102 for 7 (Brown 3 for 19).

v. Birkenhead School (H).

Lost by 114 runs.

School 68 all out (Cooper 25).

Birkenhead 182 all out (Cotterill 5 for 52,

Robinson 4 for 49).

v. Ellesmere College (A).

Lost by 2 wickets.

School 97 all out (Roberts 29, Fish 27). Ellesmere 98 for 8 (Cotterill 3 for 29).

v. Burnage High School (A).

Match Drawn.

School 46.

Burnage 38 for 8 (Shaw 5 for 12).

An unusually high number of poor performances this season was certainly due to a large extent to a chronic lack of confidence; players are uncertain of their own abilities and of the collective ability of the side, and are therefore tentative in everything they do. Quite a number of games lost this season will be won next season if a more positive approach can be developed.

There were several definite areas of progress. B. Cooper soon slowed down from medium-pace to bowl left-arm spinners, and after a while showed himself capable of bowling long spells with accuracy and

variety. P. Cotterill and N.M. Shaw, who opened the bowling, both bowled well at times and will do even better when they deliver the ball from a point as near as possible to the wickets — a left-arm bowler bowling wide of the crease has an almost impossible task to bowl a batsman out or get him out l.b.w. The mediumpace of R. Mitson and G. Robinson completed a perfectly adequate bowling attack, one certainly capable of beating most school sides when supported by good fielding. This was principally where the side failed.

Whilst the wicket-keeping of K.D. Murray was quite good and is steadily improving, and the cover-fielding of G. Robinson was as excellent as in previous years, the rest of the fielding was generally very poor. True, there was some good throwing-in, but actual stopping and picking-up, and above all catching were inexcusably bad. Any reasonable fielder is assured of a place on this team; he can cut down the opposition's score by sound ground-fielding or by taking a vital catch to stop an opposition star from getting set at the crease; this is as much part of the game as scoring 50 or taking 5 wickets.

Similarly, the batting suffered from lack of confidence and application. Cooper played some exciting innings, but lack of support made him hit out indiscriminately and lose his wicket. Some promising efforts came from the Under 13 XI 'imports' Thornton and Roberts, but our main hope for next season, apart from that our batsmen will all show determination to get behind the ball, must be that we will have regular innings from the determined G. Fish and the very promising M.S. Ashfield. Further new recruits will be welcome to attend the projected winter training sessions, which we hope will improve technique and results next season.

**UNDER-13 XI CRICKET** 

The team had a successful and enjoyable season in which several players showed real promise. Seven matches were won and four lost, with no decision reached in the game at Batley which was eventually abandoned because of rain and extreme cold after R.P. Thornton had made an excellent fifty in a long partnership with D.K. Smythe. Thornton played several good innings to give the side a good start. He hit cleanly, particularly on the off-side and always looked like making a good score if he survived the first over or two. Smythe always defended well and made some useful scores by waiting for the bad ball and getting most of his boundaries behind square on the leg-side.

H. Fryman was often bowled by the over-pitched ball but he drove well, as did N.S. Crossley, who also kept wicket with increasing confidence as the term progressed. W.N. Roberts is the hardest-hitting and most aggressive of all the batsmen. Like most left-handers he is very strong on the leg-side. He is perhaps too impetuous but there seems no doubt that he will eventually make some very big scores. A.D. Brown is another batsman who would do very well if he were higher in the order.

The team were very fortunate to have opening bowlers of the quality of Brown and R.G. McLaren. Quite different in style, they were equally effective, taking most of the wickets between them. Thornton, Smythe and Roberts made valuable contributions with occasional help from I.M. Powell, D.A. Thorpe and D.M. Bretnall.

The fielding was good in every way. Many fine catches were taken, notably by J.F.R. Ingham.

Others not yet mentioned who played a few games were N.A. Smith, T.C. Smith and C.A. Stubbs.

The captaincy was shared by Crossley and Smythe both of whom approached their job thoughtfully if not always positively enough. But both enjoyed the enthusiastic support of a team several of whose players will surely develop into very able members of future school teams.

H.W.T.

# **UNDER-12 XI CRICKET**

Played 7, Won 3, Lost 4, Cancelled 3.

- v. Burnage High School (H).Lost by 2 runs.School 50 for 7, Burnage 52 all out.
- v. Manchester Grammar School (A).

  Lost by 30 runs.

  School 73 all out.

  Manchester Grammar School 108 for 3 dec.
- v. Bury Grammar School (A).Won by 9 wickets.School 59 for 1, Bury 55 for 9.
- v. Cheadle Hulme School (A).

  Lost by 7 runs.

  School 63 for 4, Cheadle Hulme 70 for 8.
- v. Altrincham Grammar School (H).
   Lost by 3 runs.
   School 36 all out, Altrincham 39 all out.
- v. Sale Grammar School (H).Won by 7 wickets.School 58 for 3, Sale 55 all out.
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A).Won by 2 wickets.School 49 for 8, Stockport 48 all out.

Despite the fact that we lost more than half of our seven matches we were never disgraced and we won our three matches by larger margins than those we lost.

We started the season losing narrowly to Burnage High School, and we suffered our worst defeat at the hands of Manchester Grammar School who made run scoring look easy and had a good pair of opening bowlers.

In our victory over Bury Grammar School J.M.D. Sealy had a fine innings of 41 not out and he also scored 21 against Cheadle Hulme School. Other players who batted well during the season were I.D. Thorpe, I.M. Shaw and I.C. Thompson.

Many players showed bowling ability and accuracy and length improved with each match. D.G. Frost was the most consistent bowler and he had an excellent game against Sale Grammar School when he took 5 wickets for 12 runs and scored an unbeaten 26 runs. I.C. Thompson also proved to be a very capable wicket-keeper and captain.

The squad showed considerable enthusiasm both at practices and during matches, and with more concentration and technique they have the makings of a competent side.

The following boys played: I.C. Thompson (Capt.), S. Ball, S.J. Barratt, M.J. Bowyer, A.D. Emsley, D.G. Frost, M.E. Leon, S.R. Morgan, M.R. Perry, S.P. Rutter, I.M. Shaw, J.M.D. Sealy, R.D. Meadowcroft, I.D. Thorpe, A.M. Zaidi.

M.E.P., A.J.P.

# HOUSE CRICKET

The Senior section of the House League has ceased to function owing to the early start to the G.C.E. examinations. The few weeks available make it hardly worthwhile to include the games in the league table, and so the matches are used as practices for the Knockouts. The third and fourth forms, however, managed to play quite a number of games in spite of the rather poor weather, and some enjoyable cricket was played.

The Knockouts produced some very indifferent games as well as a very fine Senior Final.

# Results:

Senior First Round: Dalton beat Byrom. Fraser beat Heywood.

Dolton heat Caskell

Second Round: Dalton beat Gaskell.
Whitworth beat Fraser.

Final: Dalton beat Whitworth.

Junior First Round: Gaskell beat Byrom.

Dalton beat Whitworth.

Second Round: Gaskell beat Heywood.

Dalton beat Fraser.

Final: Gaskell beat Dalton.

# ATHLETICS

### SENIOR

During an abbreviated season of athletics, the Senior team had mixed fortunes.

# Results:

U.20			
v. Staff	H	L	91-93
v. Marple Hall School U.17	Н	L	56-74
v. Marple Hall School	H	L	39-88

At the Manchester Schools' Championships, J.S. Bradley won the Senior shot, S.J. Keeling was second in the U.17 800 metres, R.D. Leak was third in the Senior 800 metres, and N.P. Heron was third in the Senior 1500 metres.

At the Public Schools' Relays Meeting at Ampleforth the following places were gained:

U.20
4 x 100 metres - 5th
4 x 200 metres - 7th
Medley (2 x 200, 1 x 400 and 1 x 800 metres)
- 4th.

U.17
4 x 800 metres - 2nd

At the end of term, athletics colours were awarded to N.P. Heron, J.D. Tricker and R.D. Leak.

# MIDDLE

# Results:

U.15			
v. Marple Hall School	H	L	42- 86
v. St. Bede's College	H	W	92- 74
v. Stockport G.S	H	W	92- 64
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	89- 70
v. Audenshaw G.S	A	L	89- 95
v. Denstone College	A	W	134-117
v. Mount St. Mary's College	A	W	134-121
v. John Taylor's School	A	W	134- 98
v. Marple Hall School			52 - 75
St. Bede's College Centenary	Shi	eld,	5th of six
Schools.			

U.16			
v. St. Bede's College	H	W	98- 68
v. Stockport G.S	H	W	98- 86
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	.74 - 62
v. Audenshaw G.S	A	L	74-116
v. Denstone College	A	W	128-122
v. Mount St. Mary's College	A	D	128-128
v. John Taylor's School	A	W	128- 74
v. Marple Hall School	H	W	64- 63

Several excellent athletes were in the Middle School athletics teams this year, and many outstanding individual performances were achieved:

U.15

A. Stainsby: 12.03 metres in the Shot against

the Staff.

G.P. McDonough: 2:13.6 at Stretford in the

Manchester Schools Champion-

ships 800 metres.

A.J. Padkin: 34.20 metres at Stretford in the

Manchester Schools Champion-

ship Javelin.

All three of the above won their respective Manchester Schools titles.

U.16

T.S. Ryman: 11.80 metres in the triple jump

at the School Sports.

5.72 metres in the long jump in the match against Marple Hall

School.

S.P. Holloway: 55.2 in the 400 metres at Den-

stone College.

12.4 in the 100 metres at Den-

stone College.

R.M. Wadsworth: 25.3 in the 200 metres at Denstone.

K.J. Wadsworth: 4: 34.9 in the 1500 metres

at Denstone.

The following also regularly represented the School: M.A. Etchells, S.R. Cooper, S.R. Reubens, C.S. Rogerson, D.M. Goodman. P. Cotterill, R.P. Flamank, D.C. Potts, J.M. Adams, S.R. Brown, J.M. Parry, A.T. Bowyer.

M.M.

# JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS

This year has seen a steady improvement in both the first and second year teams. The seaons began with an Interform Championship for the first and second forms and this was won by 1D and 2D respectively. The winners of this meeting formed the basis of two good teams but many boys have been given a chance to compete for the School and everyone has competed to the best of their ability. Two good teams have now been established and the future looks very bright.

# **UNDER-13 ATHLETICS**

# Results:

v. Stockport G.S	H	W 108- 83
v. St. Bede's College	H	W 108- 72
v. Audenshaw G.S	A	L 67-90
v. Cheadle Hulme	A	L 67- 76
v. Marple Hall	H	L 49- 79
St. Bede's Inter-school Shield.	A	Fourth out of six.
Manchester G.S Six Schools Meeting.	A	Fourth out of six.

Individually the boys have produced some excellent performances against strong opposition. R.H. Turner has regularly competed in both the 800m and 1500m and his effort and determination have been a fine example to all the team. R.D. Meadowcroft (100m) 14.3 sec and 200m 29.9 secs), S.N. Heywood (400m 69.5 sec), S.J. Barratt (H.J. 1.28m), C. Holmes (H.J. 1.35m and T.J. 8.96m), I.D. Thorpe and M.G.R. Warburton in the throws have all produced excellent performances. Two of the team, Barratt and Holmes, also obtained third places in the Under-13 West Area Championships. Overall the team has more ability than the results show, but everyone must take note of the kind of determination which is needed and which has been shown by the above boys. There is plenty of scope for improvement in this team and with determined effort the team's results next year will show a big improvement.

# **UNDER-14 ATHLETICS**

# Results:

v. Stockport G.S	H	W	89-	86
v. St. Bede's College	H	W	89-	57
v. Audenshaw G.S	A	W	78-	70
v. Cheadle Hulme	A	L '	78-	83
v. Marple Hall	H	L :	54-	74
St. Bede's Inter-school Shield.	A	Four	th ou	
Manchester G.S	A	Third six.		

The regular 10 or 12 boys are developing into a very strong team. Once again the highlight of the season has been the 1500m races between D.J. Hartshorne and R.J. Furniss. Both of these athletes show considerable potential in cross country and track events. They have consistently finished first and second in all their races, and have pushed each other to faster and faster times culminating in outstanding times of 4.56.4 sec. and 4.59.8 secs. in the Staff v School Athletics match. M.L. Wilson is developing into an excellent sprinter but I feel his true potential lies over 400m where only his lack of confidence lets him down at the present time. P.R. Hunt has not only been the mainstay in the throws but has also shown a hidden sprinting talent which strengthened the teams overall strength. P.E. Stanley, when not on swimming duty, has done well in the 800m and shows considerable ability in the event. It is difficult to single out athletes, but A.P. Booth (T.J.), N.W. Mellor (T.J. and L.J.), D. Howarth (400m), S.A. Leadbeater (H.J. and Shot) have competed consistently well and the team as a whole can be pleased with this season's effort.

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# ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS, 1977

SENIOR		1st	2nd	3rd
100 metres 200 metres 400 metres 800 metres 1500 metres Relay High Jump Long Jump Triple Jump Shot Discus Javelin	11.7 23.9 56.7 2-2.3 4-9.3 50.3 4-8 16-9 35-10 39-6 95-2 102-10	I.D. Endlar (F) I.D. Endlar (F) R.D. Leake (F) N.P. Heron (B) N.P. Heron (B) Fraser D. Nicholson (H) N.J.F. Warner (D) J. Beesley (F) J. Beesley (F) J.C. Dale (H) J.M. Sandy (F)	I.G. Jones (G) I.G. Jones (G) R.K. Cox (F) J.D. Tricker (F) J.D. Tricker (F) Whitworth R. Warrick (F) D.A. Campbell (W) N.J. Warner (D) J.S. Bradley (F) J.S. Bradley (F) A.J. McLaren (W)	S.M. Haythorne (D) N.J. Warner (G) G.R. Heads (F) R.D. Leake (F) J.M. Sandy (F) Byrom A.U. Shaikh (H) T.G. Jones (G) G.R. Hepburn (Ŵ) J. Aldred (W) D. Fraser (F) C.J. Wrigley (D)
MIDDLE				
100 metres 200 metres 400 metres 800 metres 1500 metres Relay High Jump Long Jump Triple Jump Shot Discus Javelin	12.4 25-1 56.8 2-12 4-29 51.1 5-2 17-3 39-0½* 34-9 85-4 107-6	C.S. Rogerson (B) C.S. Rogerson (B) S.A. Keeling (G) S.A. Keeling (G) K. Wadsworth (F) Heywood D.A. Campbell (W) T.S. Ryman (W) T.S. Ryman (W) D. Watmough (B) A.J. Perkins (G) M.A. Etchells (D)	D.C. Loynes (D) R. Wadsworth (F) R. Wadsworth (F) J.P. Burden (B) M.J. Sandy (F) Gaskell B.M. Wilkinson (H) A.J.C. Sidebotham (B) D.C. Loynes (D) G.H. Mills (H) S.R. Reubens (W) C.S. Rogerson (B)	T.S. Ryman (W) M.A. Etchells (D) B.M. Wilkinson (H) K. Wadsworth (F) J.P. Burden (B) Byrom G.L. Lowe (D) D.C. Loynes (D) J.P.H. Jessup (W) B.J. Kumeta (F) D. Watmough (B) J.R. Evans (F)
JUNIOR 100 metres 200 metres 400 metres 800 metres 1500 metres Relay High Jump Long Jump Triple-Jump Shot Discus Javelin	12.6 26.6 55.4* 2-19.7 4-55.2 51.8 4-10 15-10 35-3 39-8* 81-5 17-1	S. Holloway (H) J.A. Adams (W) S. Holloway (H) G.M. McDonough (D) S. Cooper (B) Heywood A.J. Hankey (F) S. Smith (H) S. Holloway (H) A. Stainsby (H) J. Patton (D) A.J. Padkin (F)	D.C. Potts (W) N.S. Tucker (H) G.M. McDonough (D) S. Cooper (B) D.M. Goodman (W) Whitworth N.S. Tucker (H) R.P. Flamank (H) A.J. Padkin (F) J. Bonser (W) A. Stainsby (H) D.C. Haworth (H)	A.J. Surkes (G) D.C. Potts (W) A.D. Carroll (D) A.J. Padkin (F) P. Cottrell (G) Gaskell D.M. Goodman (W) J.A. Adams (W) A.D. Carroll (D) A. Dowdall (B) S. Cooper (B) J. Patton (D)

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1.	Fraser	275
2.	Heywood	232
	Whitworth	202
4.	Byrom	167
5.	Gaskell	151
6.	Dalton	140

# INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

Senior	R.D. Leake	(F)
Middle	T.S. Ryman	(W)
Junior	A.J. Padkin	(F)
	S. Cooper	(B)

# JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1977

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100	CIVI	1st		2nd		3rd	
100 metres	14.4	R.D. Mea	dowcroft (1D)	P.A. Knight (1C)		A.H. Morgan (1A	)
200 metres		R.D. Mea	dowcroft (1D)	B.H. Morgan (1A		S.N. Heywood (1	
400 metres		S.N. Hey	wood (1C)	S.G.R. Bonser (1	D)	P.A. Knight (1C)	
800 metres		9 R.H. Turi	ner (1B)	D.R. Jeanes (1C)		M.I. Shaw (1D)	
1500 metre	s 5-37	R.H. Turi	ner (1B)	D.R. Jeanes (1C)		N.G. Dampier (10	C)
Relay		1A		1D		1C	
High Jump	4-2	C. Holme		D.G. Frost (1A)		M.J. Bowyer (1A	)
Long Jump		I.C. Thon	npson (1A)	M.G.R. Warburto	on (1D)	S.J. Barratt (1B)	Dollars.
Triple-Jum			dowcroft (1D)	S.J. Barratt (1B)		C. Holmes (1D)	
Shot	26-9		Donald (1C)	R.D. Hardern (11		I. Bell (1B)	
Discus	51-8	M.G.R. W	Varburton (1D)	N.S. MacDonald	(1C)	S.P. Rutter (1C)	
Javelin	66-9*	I.D. Thor	ne (1D)	D.G. Frost (1A)		D.K. White (1D) S.P. Rutter (1C)	
		1.0. 11101	pc (12)	D.G. 11031 (1A)		S.I. Rutter (IC)	
SECOND F							
100 metres	13.6	N.L. Wils		N.W. Mellor (2D)	)	P.R. Hunt (2D)	
	13.2*		on in heats				
200 metres	28.9	N.W. Mel		K.P. MacDonnell		R.P. Thornton (2	B)
400 metres	62.2*			D.I. Howarth (20		L.J. Upcott (2C)	
800 metres				D.I. Howarth (20		R.J. Furniss (2B)	i lan
1500 metre			shorne (2A)	R.J. Furniss ***(	(2B)	N.J. Grunfeld (21	3)
Relay	57.2	2A	. Helder	2D		2B	
High Jump	4-61/2		lbeater (2D)	P. Wright (2B)		A.C. Woods (2A)	
Long Jump			shorne (2A)	N.W. Mellor (2D)		S.J. Smith (2D)	
Triple-Jump	30-0		shorne (2A)	I.G. MacMillan (2		D.M. Bretnal (2B)	
Shot	35-2	P.R. Hun		S.A. Leadbeater		S. Robinson (2A)	
Discus	57-2	P.E. Stan		S.D. Slifkin (2C)		N.J. Grunfeld (21	
Javelin	78-11	N.L. Wilso	on (2A)	I.M. Jackson (2C)	)	A.D. Brown (2D)	
	FIRST F	ORM POSITIONS		SECOND FO	RM POSI	TIONS	
	FIRST F						
		114 points		1. 2A 1	24 points		
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	1. 1D 2. 1C	114 points 90 ,,		1. 2A 12 2. 2D 3. 2B	24 points		
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Match Results U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 14, 1	1. 1D 2. 1C 3. 1B 4. 1A new School	114 points 90 ,, 72 ,, 67 ,, col Record.  WIMMING  orth Cestfian (H.) unchester G.S. (H.)	Won 198-182	1. 2A 12 2. 2D 3 3. 2B 4. 2C	24 points 95 " 92 " 46 ", R. Wad K. Wad	sworth sworth vn	4th
Match Results U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 14, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1	1. 1D 2. 1C 3. 1B 4. 1A new School 5. 19 v. No 5, 19 v. Ma 9 v. Ch	114 points 90 ,, 72 ,, 67 ,, col Record.  WIMMING  orth Cestfian (H.) unchester G.S. (H.) eadle Hulme School (H.)	Won 198-182	1. 2A 12 2. 2D 3 3. 2B 4. 2C 4	R. Wad K. Wad S. Brow K. Wad	sworth sworth vn sworth	4th 4th 5th
Match Results U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 14, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13	1. 1D 2. 1C 3. 1B 4. 1A new School 5. 19 v. No. 5, 19 v. Mo. 69 v. Ch 9 v. Bu v. Bu	114 points 90 ,, 72 ,, 67 ,, col Record.  WIMMING  With Cestfian (H.) enchester G.S. (H.) eadle Hulme School (H.) ry G.S. (H.) rnage H.S. (H.)	Won 198-182 Won 162-132 Won 170-134 Lost 75- 77	1. 2A 12 2. 2D 3 3. 2B 4. 2C  U15 Breaststroke Backstroke Butterfly Squadron Relay	R. Wad K. Wad S. Brow K. Wad S. Coop	sworth sworth vn sworth per, R. Wadsworth	4th 4th
Match Results U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 14, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13	1. 1D 2. 1C 3. 1B 4. 1A new School 5, 19 v. No 5, 19 v. Mo 9 v. Cho v. Bu 5 v. Mo	114 points 90 ,, 72 ,, 67 ,, col Record.  WIMMING  With Cestfian (H.) Inchester G.S. (H.) eadle Hulme School (H.) ry G.S. (H.) rnage H.S. (H.) oston Brook H.S. (A.)	Won 198-182 Won 162-132 Won 170-134 Lost 75- 77 Won 175-148	1. 2A 12 2. 2D 3 3. 2B 4. 2C 4	R. Wad K. Wad S. Brow K. Wad S. Coop	sworth sworth vn sworth	4th 4th 5th
Match Results U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 14, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1	1. 1D 2. 1C 3. 1B 4. 1A new School 5, 19 v. No 5, 19 v. Mo 9 v. Ch 9 v. Bu v. Bu 5 v. Mo 9 v. Xz 9 v. Ch	114 points 90 ,, 72 ,, 67 ,, col Record.  WIMMING  WIMMIN	Won 198-182 Won 162-132 Won 170-134 Lost 75- 77 Won 175-148 Won 192-134 Won 165-139	1. 2A 12 2. 2D 3 3. 2B 4. 2C  U15 Breaststroke Backstroke Butterfly Squadron Relay (4x50 yds)	R. Wad K. Wad S. Brow K. Wad S. Coop K. Wad	sworth sworth vn sworth per, R. Wadsworth	4th 4th 5th
Match Results U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 14, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13 U12, 13, 14, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1	1. 1D 2. 1C 3. 1B 4. 1A new School 5, 19 v. No 5, 19 v. Mo 9 v. Ch 9 v. Bu v. Bu 5, v. Mo 9 v. Xz 9 v. Ch	114 points 90 ,, 72 ,, 67 ,, col Record.  WIMMING  WIMMIN	Won 198-182 Won 162-132 Won 170-134 Lost 75- 77 Won 175-148 Won 192-134	1. 2A 12 2. 2D 3 3. 2B 4 4. 2C  U15 Breaststroke Backstroke Butterfly Squadron Relay (4x50 yds)  Urwick Cup	R. Wad K. Wad S. Brow K. Wad S. Coop K. Wad	sworth sworth vn sworth per, R. Wadsworth sworth, S. Brown ols Relay Meeting	4th 4th 5th 3rd
Match Results U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 14, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1	1. 1D 2. 1C 3. 1B 4. 1A new School 5, 19 v. No 5, 19 v. Mo 9 v. Ch 9 v. Bu v. Bu 5, 19 v. Mo 5, 19 v. Mo 5, 19 v. Mo	114 points 90 ,, 72 ,, 67 ,, col Record.  WIMMING  WIMMIN	Won 198-182 Won 162-132 Won 170-134 Lost 75- 77 Won 175-148 Won 192-134 Won 165-139 Won 231-149	1. 2A 12 2. 2D 3 3. 2B 4 4. 2C 4  U15 Breaststroke Backstroke Butterfly Squadron Relay (4x50 yds)  Urwick Cup Squadron Relay	R. Wad K. Wad S. Brow K. Wad S. Coop K. Wad P - School	sworth sworth vn sworth per, R. Wadsworth sworth, S. Brown ols Relay Meeting ley, R. Byrne	4th 4th 5th
Match Results U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 14, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1	1. 1D 2. 1C 3. 1B 4. 1A new School 9 v. No 5, 19 v. Mo 9 v. Ch 9 v. Bu v. Bu 5 v. Mo 9 v. Xz 9 v. Ch 5, 19 v. Ma 7 v. Ch 9 v. Xz 9 v. Ch 9 v. Xz 9 v. Ch 9 v. Ch 9 v. Ch 9 v. Mo 9 v. Ch 9 v. Ch 9 v. Mo 9 v. Ch 9 v. Ch 9 v. Mo 9 v. Ch 9 v.	114 points 90 ,, 72 ,, 67 ,, col Record.  WIMMING  WIMMIN	Won 198-182 Won 162-132 Won 170-134 Lost 75- 77 Won 175-148 Won 192-134 Won 165-139 Won 231-149	1. 2A 12 2. 2D 3 3. 2B 4 4. 2C  U15 Breaststroke Backstroke Butterfly Squadron Relay (4x50 yds)  Urwick Cup Squadron Relay (4x50 yds)	R. Wad K. Wad S. Brow K. Wad S. Coop K. Wad P - School	sworth sworth vn sworth per, R. Wadsworth sworth, S. Brown ols Relay Meeting	4th 4th 5th 3rd
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Match Results U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 14, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13 U12, 13 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1 U12, 13, 15, 1	1. 1D 2. 1C 3. 1B 4. 1A new Scho  9 v. No 5, 19 v. Ma 9 v. Ch 9 v. Bu 5 v. Mo 9 v. Ch 5, 19 v. Ma Manches Associa	114 points 90 ,, 72 ,, 67 ,, col Record.  WIMMING  WIMMIN	Won 198-182 Won 162-132 Won 170-134 Lost 75- 77 Won 175-148 Won 192-134 Won 165-139 Won 231-149	1. 2A 17 2. 2D 3 3. 2B 4. 2C  U15 Breaststroke Backstroke Butterfly Squadron Relay (4x50 yds)  Urwick Cut Squadron Relay (4x50 yds) Time: 1.49.0  English	R. Wad K. Wad S. Brow K. Wad S. Coop K. Wad P - Schools	sworth sworth oer, R. Wadsworth sworth, S. Brown ols Relay Meeting ley, R. Byrne vn J. Bradley	4th 4th 5th 3rd
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U16

Squadron Relay (4x72 2/3 yds) Time: 2.59.5	S.R. Cooper, S. Brown R.M. Wadsworth, K.J. Wadsworth.	3rd
Medley Relay (4x72 2/3 yds) Time: 3.19.6	S.R. Cooper, S. Brown R.M. Wadsworth, K.I. Wadsworth	3rd

The following boys have represented the School this year [not including the boys mentioned in the results above]:

G.J. Nash, N.R. Hatton, D.J. Harries, M.J. Harries, D.R. Jeanes, N.S. MacDonald, I. Bell, I.R. Cumming, M.W. Harrison, A.C. Harrison, D.C. Hurst, A. Lawrence, R.P. Botkai, J.W.R. Hammond, J. Hogg, D.I. Jaquiss, L.J.T. White, A.P. Denham, N.A. Hoskinson, R. Taylor, I.M. Jackson, M.J. Scoltock, K.P. McDonnell, I.G. MacMillan, R.P. Thornton, N.J. Firth, D.J. Hartshorne, J.B. McFarland, N.A. Smith, G. Fish, K.R. Paterson, G.P. McDonough, I.W. Keating, P. Keddie, M.P. Brown, R.P. Flamank, M. Harris, G.W. Keating, J.C. Bonser, M.N. Davidson, J. Whalley, N.A. Jackson, R. Byrne, [Captain], G. Jefferies, S.V. Tindall, W.J. Shepherd, J.W. Reed, J.S. Bradley, and D.S. Dodd.

The School Swimming team has performed with ability, enthusiasm and determination throughout the whole School year to produce eight victories in nine matches. The only defeat was against Burnage H.S. and then the U12 and U13 teams lost by only two points.

The major reason for the success was regular training by most of the School swimmers which led to a good team spirit, a reduction in individual and team 'time', and a desire to compete for a place in the Year Teams.

The improvement in ability of the School swimmers is well illustrated by a comparison of the 'times' recorded in the first year of competition 1974-75, with those of this year, 1976-77, in the Freestyle. In 1974-75 there were two boys who recorded under 30 seconds for 50 yds; in 1976-77 there were eight boys who recorded between 26.8 and 28.3 seconds for 50 yds. Having noted this improvement, it must be said that the School Swimming Team have not made any significant breakthrough in the Manchester Schools Swimming Association Championships or the English Schools' Team Championships. The U13 and U15 Teams did achieve reasonably high places in relay events, but only one individual, P. Stanley, won an individual event in the Manchester Schools Swimming Association Championships. This is not a reflection upon the School swimmers, but rather a testimony to the extremely high standards of individual swimmers in these Championships.

The School Team was well led and organised by R. Byrne both in the water and around the bathside.

My thanks go to all the members of staff who helped organise the Swimming matches, and to N.B. Wiltshire the Team Organiser.

A.J.P.

# **SWIMMING RESULTS, 1977**

SENIOR		1st	2nd	3rd	
Breaststroke 35.5 Backstroke 33.0 Butterfly 14.6 Freestyle 27.0 Medley		G. Jeffries (D) R. Byrne (H) D.S. Dodd (H) J.S. Bradley R. Byrne (H)	S.V. Tindall (H) P.R. Fairclough (B) P.R. Fairclough (B) D.S. Dodd (H) J.S. Bradley (F)	M.K. Kohn (B) P.M. Kennerley (D) A.T. Murphy (W) G. Jeffries (D) T.J. Peet (B)	
MIDDLE					
Breaststroke Backstroke Butterfly Freestyle Medley	36.6 34.6 14.6 29.1 75.5	J.W. Reed (D) N.A. Jackson (W) K.J. Wadsworth (F) J. Whalley (D) K.J. Wadsworth (F)	S.P. Dickinson (B) C. Hoy (G) J.W. Reed (D) C. Hoy (G) J. Whalley (D)	A.R. Baines (H) S.P. Holloway (H) R.I. Davison (H) S.P. Holloway (H) N. Jackson (W)	
JUNIOR					
Breaststroke Backstroke Butterfly Freestyle Medley	36.2 32.7 14.1 30.7 78.5	S.R. Cooper (B) S. Brown (B) S.R. Cooper (B) G.P. McDonough (D) S. Brown (B)	R.P. Flamank (H) J.C. Bonser (W) P. Keddie (B) M. Harris (G) R.P. Flamank (H)	P.H. Newton (F) G.P. McDonough (D) M. Harris (G) A. Stainsby (H) D.M. Hainsworth (H)	

### FINAL RESULT

1st	Byrom					38	points
2nd	Heywood.					37	,,
3rd	Dalton					33	,,
4th	Fraser					22	,,
5th	Whitworth					17	22
6th	Gaskell					16	

# Individual Winner R. Byrne (Heywood)

# SWIMMING RELAYS

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1)	Heywood					20	points
2)	Byrom						
3)	Dalton						
4)	Whitworth.					6	,,
5)	Fraser					4	,,
6)	Gaskell					0	,,

# JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS, 1977

FIRST FORM	1	1st	2nd	3rd
Breaststroke Backstroke Butterfly Freestyle Medley Squadron	45.0 41.5 17.9 34.9 83.2 70.8	G.A. Smith (1D) L.J.T. White (1A) C.F. Marshall (1D) C.F. Marshall (1D) 1D	G.J. Nash (1D) R.D. Meadowcroft (1D) J. Hogg (1A) G.J. Nash (1D) 1A 1C	M.G.R. Warburton (1D) A.C. Harrison (1A) G.A. Smith (1D) N.R. Hatton (1C) 1B 1A
SECOND FO	RM			
Breaststroke Backstroke Butterfly Freestyle Medley Squadron	37.8 34.9 14.9 24.8 66.5 63.0	R.P. Thornton (2B) P.E. Stanley (2D) P.E. Stanley (2D) C.P. Robinson (2A) 2D 2C	S.A. Leadbeater (2D) M.J. Scoltock (2C) P.P. Thornton (2B) K.P. McDonnell (2B) 2A 2D	F.D. Winterbottom (2D) C.P. Robinson (2A) S.A. Leadbeater (2D) A.P. Booth (2A) 2B 2B

# RESULT

FIRST FORM	SECOND FORM
1st 1D	1st 2D
2nd 1A	2nd 2B
3rd 1C	3rd 2A
4th 1B4 ,,	4th 2C

# WATER POLO

Senior T	eam-1	<i>lesul</i>	ts
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# League and Friendly Fixtures

Played 13, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 3 For 96, Against 58.

v. Moston Brook H.S	H	D	4-4
v. Xaverian College	H	W	7- 6
v. Plant Hill H.S	H	L	3-14
v. Wellacre School	H	W	10- 4
v. Bury and Elton S.C	A	L	5-6
v. M. Kirkman's Invitation			
Side	H	W	7-4
v. Xaverian College	H	L	6-8
v. Dean G.S. Bolton	A	W	9-3
v. Burnage H.S	H	W	7-3
v. Manchester G.S	H	W	18 - 1
v. Moston Brook H.S	H	W	4-2
v. South Manchester S.C	A	W	6- 2

# Tournaments

South Manchester Swimming Club U18 Tournament Played 4, Won 0, Drawn 2, Lost 2, For 8, Against 15. Position 4th

Manchester Schools Open Age Tournament

Played 4, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 2, For 12, Against 13.
Position 3rd

William Hulme's G.S. Tournament

Semi Final Lost Xaverian 3 W.H.G.S. 1

As the results suggest this has been an extremely successful season for the Senior Team. The only disappointment was the failure of the team to maintain their high standard at our own Tournament and the Manchester Schools' Tournament held at Moston Brook High School.

The year began with high hopes of regular competitive fixtures in the Manchester Division of the new E.S.S.A. Water Polo Championships. Unfortunately, several schools failed to fulfil their obligations and the League effectively disintegrated in the middle of the Lent Term. Despite this situation the School played 13 full length fixtures and took part in 3 One Day Tournaments.

The highlight of the year was again our own Tournament held at School at the end of the Lent Term. Seven schools took part and although the School Team was beaten in the Semi-Finals the Tournament was a great success with a distinct improvement in the standard of play. Moston Brook High School retained the trophy after defeating Xaverian College in the Final.

Individually G. Jefferies, the Captain, had an outstanding season scoring over 60 goals in all matches while J. Bradley was perhaps the best all round player. R. Byrne was a responsible and well controlled Midfield player. N. Jackson, J. Reed and D. Barnes played with great enthusiasm and skill throughout the whole season.

The following were regular members of the Senior Team:

G. Jefferies, R. Byrne, J.S. Bradley, N.A. Jackson, J.W. Reed, J. Odum, J. Whalley, W.J. Shepherd, D.J. Barnes and R.V. Tarr.

# JUNIOR WATER POLO

Results:

Dean G.S. Bolton 'B'. . . . . A L 1-3 South Manchester S.C. U15. H W 4-1

Despite the difficulty of obtaining regular fixtures for this age group, U15, the players managed to gain some experience in the two fixtures organised, and by playing on occasions, in the Senior Team. The following boys represented the School:

G. Keating, I. Keating, M. Harris, R.M. Wadsworth, K.J. Wadsworth, S.R. Cooper, I.K. Corlett, A.J. Padkin and D.M. Hainsworth.

M.K., A.J.P.

This year M. Kirkman has continued to coach Water Polo to a very high standard and produced excellent results considering that this sport has only been played in the School since Easter Term 1976. He will not be coaching the team on a regular basis next year as he is beginning at Loughborough University in October 1977. I would like to offer my thanks to him for all his efforts during the last two years and wish him every success in the future.

A.J.P.

# JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

After a very promising athletics season it was expected that D.J. Hartshorne and R.J. Furniss would

lead a very strong Junior team. This proved to be the case and the team were Stretford League Champions in both U15 and U13 age groups. The strongest league opposition came at the Sale Harriers League fixtures where the U14 team was unlucky to finish 3rd behind very strong teams from Wright Robinson H.S. and Moston Brook H.S. However, it was in these fixtures that the Second Form team began to believe in itself and it was encouraging to see the improvement of the first four runners, D.J. Hartshorne, R.J. Furniss, D.I. Howarth and W.A. Sandy from 10th, 12th, 27th and 48th positions in the first fixture to 6th, 7th, 10th and 11th positiosns in the third fixture. It was clear that we had the basis of a very promising team backed up by several other reliable runners.

The second Term brought harder conditions and the teams continued to run well against other schools, gaining valuable experience and becoming very fit. After a very enjoyable training weekend at Hardraw the team faced the Northern Schools' Cross Country Championships at Lyme Park. The U14 team did well to come 11th out of 106 schools and was led by the most encouraging run of the season by R.J. Furniss coming 34th out of 636 runners. The U13 team finished 50th and showed that, although they have fewer runners with natural ability, useful results can be achieved with hard work and enthusiasm. If they all follow the example of the reliable R.H. Turner and D.R. Jeanes they can look forward to another good season.

J.H.F.

### **TENNIS**

First Team:

# Played 10: Won 8, Lost 2.

v. Cheadle Moseley G.S	H	W	61/2-21/2
v. Sir John Deane's School	H	W	7 -2
v. Bolton School	H	L	21/2-61/2
v. King Edward's, Lytham	A	W	71/2-11/2
v. Stockport G.S	H	W	71/2-11/2
v. Manchester G.S	A	W	6 -3
v. North Cestrian G.S	H	W	9 -0
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	A	L	4 -5
v. Wilmslow G.S	A	W	7 -2
v. Birkenhead School	H	W	7 -2

In a sport where there is a relatively small number of players from which to select, absence as a result of illness or other commitments has a radical effect on the strength of a team. This year, however, we have been extremely fortunate in this respect, and the consistent composition of the First Six has been one of its chief strengths.

The first pair, I.M. Jefferson and O.C.D. Cooper, have had an outstanding season, showing tremendous ability and flair, and conceding only two sets (both to Bolton School) out of a total of thirty-three played. M.J. Sandy and A. Keddy have still to develop fully their self-confidence on court, but both have played exceptionally well at times and have won twice the number of sets which they lost. Rather more consistent



were the third pair, S.D. Cordingey and A.H.G. Dannatt, who lost only nine sets from a total of thirty-four played, achieving in some matches a better score against an opposing pair than either of our higher pairs.

Other players who represented the First Team this season were R.C. Higham, T.S. Ryman and N.J. Grunfeld.

I should like to express my thanks to Mr. A.J. Burden who organised the two very enjoyable Parents' Matches against the Masters' and School teams, to R.C. Higham, Captain of Tennis, and to I.M. Jefferson who, with characteristic affability and enthusiasm, stood in for the Captain on several occasions.

Second Team:

# Played 5: Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 1.

v. Bolton School	A	L	1 -8
v. King Edward VII School	A	W	51/2-31/2
v. Stockport G.S	A	W	6 - 3
v. Manchester G.S	A	D	41/2-61/2
v. Birkenhead School	A	W	8 - 1

The Second Team were fortunate in being able to call on the considerable skills of Higham, Ryman and Grunfeld, all players of first team standard, and despite several changes in the pairings results were remarkably good. The third pair, K. Woodcock and C. Wilkins, improved steadily to win their final match, at Birkenhead School, by six sets to love.

Others who represented the Second Team during the season were A. Dyson, N.J. Adderley, and I.P. Grange.

Under Fifteen Team:

# Played 3: Won 1, Lost 2.

v. Bolton School	A	L	2 - 7
v. Cheadle Moseley G.S	A	L	31/2-51/2
v. Burv G.S	H	W	6 - 3

This was a disappointing year for the Under Fifteens. Two fixtures were cancelled, leaving only three to play, and yet the better players were selected inevitably for the senior teams in the most important of these, the match against Bolton School. New and inexperienced players had no opportunity to establish themselves in the team, and in spite of their enthusiasm there was little they could do against seasoned pairs. More junior fixtures and fewer cancellations will, I hope, make next season far more rewarding for the aspiring younger playes in the School.

I should like to thank Mrs. Johnson who, at very short notice, agreed to take charge of both the Second and Under Fifteen Teams this year.

The performance of two individual players outside the School deserves to be recorded. In August O.C.D. Cooper was selected to take part in Junior Wimbledon, which he did with some success; and N.J. Grunfeld produced a string of notable performances in tournaments this Summer, several of them in age groups senior to his own, the Under Fourteen. Chief among these achievements were reaching the final group of sixteen at the L.T.A. National Championships at Eastbourne, winning the Lancashire U14 Championship at Southport, and winning the B.P. Inter-Regional Tournament, the national finals of which are to be held in London.

This has been a most successful season for School Tennis. The keenness of younger players and the strength and experience of the senior teams should encourage an optimistic approach to next year's programme.

D.M.F.

### TABLE TENNIS

At the beginning of the Lent Term, 63 second-form boys and 53 first-form boys entered their respective table-tennis Knockout Competitions. After many weeks of matches, the first-form competition was won by P.D. Glickman who beat R.D. Botkai 21-19, 23-25, 21-17 in the final. The second form competition was won by D.J. Hartshorne who defeated N.J. Grunfeld in a final of high calibre. It is hoped that next year the competition can be extended to include all year groups.

M.M.

# **BADMINTON**

During the hot Mid-summer Term of 1976 a School Badminton Tournament was held in response to interest shown in the game. Houses selected their best pairs from the third and fourth and from the fifth and sixth forms to enter the knockout. B.M. Wilkinson and P.A. Barron of Heywood won for the third and fourth forms, whilst for the fifth and sixth forms the prize went to Gaskell members H.J. Matthewson and G.E. Band.

Fixtures for a first team were arranged and played between December 1976 and April 1977.

# Played 10, Won 3, Lost 7.

v. Altrincham G.S	H L 11-	1
v. Manchester G.S	A L 11-	1
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A L 8-	1
v. Urmston G.S	A L 12-	0
v. Altrincham G.S	H L 9-	3
v. Parrs Wood H.S	H L 7-	5
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H W 9-	0
v. WHGS Staff	H W 9-	3
v. WHGS Parents	H W 8-	4

Despite the final scores the team have played well and hard at all the matches. Acclimatization to away courts presented some difficulties and may well be the reason for some of the defeats. Only one U16 match was played; this was against Bramhall G.S. The School lost 9-0.

Next season we hope for greater success when we join the Manchester Schools Badminton Association.

Players this season were: R.D. Bailey, P.A. Barron, C.J. Wrigley, D.A. Campbell, P.A. Howarth, N.I. Duncan, P.L. Ross, D. Soumekh, T. Hunt, P.G. Turner, D.J. Manifould, A. Keddy, A.P. Laker, N.J.F. Warner, C.M. Thorpe.

I would like to convey my thanks to Mr. B. Gregson for providing refreshments; to Mr. M.R. Booker for help in officiating and transporting teams; and to D.A. Campbell for his useful work as Secretary.

R.S.M.

# VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball continued regularly throughout the Michaelmas Term on an organised yet informal basis. It is a good game to play, particularly for those normally involved in highly competitive team sports. Seven teams, each containing one member of staff, played on a league basis.

The second term saw the inter-house competitions. In the Senior final Fraser beat Heywood 0-9, 9-8, 9-2 and in the Junior final Dalton beat Fraser 9-5, 7-9, 5-4.

The standard of play is improving steadily with a large number of fifth formers playing. My thanks to those who acted as captains, D. Loynes, D. Hanley, D. Richards, M. Sandy, P. Rainford, J. Holden, P.

Turner, and to Messrs. Peek, Shaw, Murray, Percival and Moore who assisted with umpiring the games throughout the two terms.

P.J.W.

# **SQUASH**

# Played 4, Won 3, Lost 1.

v. Alderley Edge Juniors			A	W	3-2
v. Manchester G.S. 'A' .			A	L	2-4
v. Ellesmere College 'A'			A	W	4 - 1
v. Ellesmere College 'B'.			A	W	4 - 1

This was a highly successful start to the School's Squash career. Although the players have only limited use of some nearby courts, their standard has improved without exception. The bulk of those representing the School are from the third and fourth forms, while the oldest are from the fifth form. This should ensure a measure of competence for the next three years and allow time for more young players to emerge. When the School finally builds its own courts a far greater number of boys will be able to play and receive coaching. Judging by the standard reached already we can look forward to some success here.

S.R.A. Proficiency Certificates were won by H. Davies (Intermediate) and A.W. Smith (Elementary).

The following represented the School:

O.C.D. Cooper, S. Cooper, H. Davies, D. Haworth, A. Jones, G. Keating, I. Keating, A. Keddy, T. Ryman, M. Sandy, R.M. Wadsworth.

P. McN.

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# OLD HULMEIANS' ASSOCIATION NOTES AND NEWS

Under the Presidency of Stanley Thelwall, the Association has had a successful year, with increased attendance at the two major social functions, the Annual Dinner Dance in February and the Annual Dinner in April. On the latter occasion, the Association's new trophy, the Gordon Davies trophy for the Old Hulmeian Sportsman of the Year, was awarded to Jeff Norman, who represented the country in the Marathon race at the Montreal Olympics.

The Lacrosse Club has had mixed fortunes, with a disappointing season for the first team after its triumphs of the previous year. The lower teams all fared rather better, and finished comfortably placed in their respective divisions. Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of the Club's present state of morale is the decision to field a fifth team next season; there is a fascinating blend of youth and experience in the Club's present playing strength that augurs well for the future, but new recruits of whatever vintage will always be welcome. C.P. Langford can be reached in his "working hours" at School, and will be only too pleased to give information about the Club and its facilities.

The Rifle Club has passed through a lean season but is hoping for better things in the near future when several new members are expected to join. Shooting takes place on Wednesday nights at School and anyone interested is warmly invited to get in touch with Dr. Alan Wilson. It would indeed be fitting if his year as President of the O.H.A. coincided with a revival in the fortunes of a Section that he has done so much to foster.

The Golf Section continues to flourish, with increased attendance at its Ascension Day meeting, a successful Captain's Day in September, and a very fine performance in the Lancashire Old Boys Golf Tourna-

ment when the "A" team finished 6th, and Alan Tune won both the "best net" and the "best gross" prizes. As always, Bill Allman will be very pleased to supply information about the Golf Society's activities.

For the 1977-8 season the Association's President is Dr. Alan Wilson, who will have the Hon. Secretary, Frank Pickup, as his Deputy President.

Any news of Old Hulmeians is always welcome and may be sent to C.J. Lowe at School, who will gladly pass it on to the Editor of the "Newsletter", the official magazine of the Association.

# UNIVERSITY RESULTS

The Editor would be pleased to receive further news of Old Hulmeians' University results. The following have been reported to him:

A.R. Armstrong	Imperial College Scholarship, Mechanical Engineering.
S.D. Bourne	Rayner Award, Civil Engineer- ing, Nottingham University.
B.J. Clayden	2i, English, York University.
A.P. Cosslett	2i, Economics, Manchester University.
I. Dickson	Duke of Edinburgh Scholar- ship to the Inner Temple.
R. Erskine	2i Chemical Engineering, U.M.I.S.T.
P.C. Holmes	2i, Law Tripos part one, Cam- bridge University.
P.J. Howarth	2nd in Civil Engineering, U.M. I.S.T.
P.J. Marsh	2i, Nat. Sciences, Cambridge University.

# PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Our programme of events began a little earlier than usual with a Garden Fête in July 1976. The event was blessed with both extremely good weather and generous support from Parents and friends. Whilst it was not the original intention of the Parents' Association to hold the Fête in order to raise money towards the Appeal Fund, it was later decided that the money should be set aside to prove financial assistance for a boy of merit and need. With this in mind the Committee applied itself to the task of setting up a Trust to administer the money. Expert legal and financial assistance was sought and a draft Declaration of Trust was produced which was put to a Special Meeting of the Association and approved.

We were very sorry that Mr. Filleul, the Head Master, because of illness, was unable to open our Autumn programme with the customary Head Master's talk. We look forward to a 'double helping' next time.

Once again our social calendar started with the Junior School Cheese and Wine Evening in October which was very well attended by Parents and Staff, and as usual all those who attended enjoyed themselves very much. The evening is an ideal opportunity for the Parents of new boys to meet members of Staff informally and to learn more about the School. Also, in October Mr. Haynes very kindly presented once again a series of slides to illustrate his talk entitled "William Hulme's on Holiday — Past and Present." Needless to say the slides were very carefully scrutinised both from a family and photographic point of view, and a very interesting and humorous evening was enjoyed by everyone.

Following our success with a Hoe Down last year, it was decided to repeat the event, calling it this time a Barn Dance. Again it proved to be an enjoyable and successful evening.

The Autumn Term was brought to a close with the Annual Christmas Party and Dance attended by Parents and Staff. As on previous occasions, with the help of our genial Father Christmas, the evening proved to be enjoyable and entertaining.

From time to time the Committee has received requests to hold some functions on nights other than a Friday, so with this in mind the date of the Junior School Hoe Down was changed, and a happy number of persons were cajoled through the various figures with good humour and enjoyment.

We were very pleased that Mr. Langford, after missing a billing last year, was able to present his illustrated talk "Walking in all Seasons." Mr. Langford emphasised the need for careful preparation and suitable clothing when walking in mountains and I am sure that Parents appreciate the care and expert guidance that their sons receive on such expeditions.

Our knowledge of the activities of the C.C.F. was improved when Mr. Chudleigh very kindly arranged for members of the Army Youth Team to speak about the various activities boys can take part in as members of the C.C.F. The Team showed a film of some adventure training activities but I suspect some mothers

expected to see their sons doing a leopard crawl accross the Bolton Moors or looking very sunburnt in Malta!

The Annual Dinner Dance this year was held at the Portland Hotel. This was a new venue for us and attendance was considerably lower than last year, despite the fact that we had managed to maintain last year's price in these inflationary times. However, a comfortable, pleasant and very musical evening was enjoyed by those who attended.

In addition to the social events already mentioned, the usual Sporting activities have been taking place during the year. They have included matches between Parents and boys — Tennis, Cricket and Badminton, in addition to the purely parental sessions. The Parents versus Staff Cricket Match led to the usual good natured discussion in the nearest hostelry as to who had really won.

It is a function of the Parents' Association to raise money for use in the School and the profits made from our social events provide the funds to make gifts to the School. This year we have provided money for a Timing Clock for Swimming Matches, a Pressure Stove for Camping and have paid the rates on the premises at Hardraw, in addition to setting money aside in the Trust. In these most stringent times it is, therefore, essential that we have the continued support of Parents and I would like to ask that every effort be made to attend our functions.

The Annual General Meeting in May was, as always, followed by the Cheese and Wine Evening. At the meeting, the following were elected to the Committee for 1977/78:

President: Mr. A. Frost
Chairman: Mrs. V. Cox
Vice-Chairman: Mr. R.B. Buxton
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J.R. Roffey
Treasurer: Mr. A. Wadsworth

Committee: Mrs. M. Kettlewell, Mrs. S. Arron, Mrs. J. Murphy, Messrs. D.E. Nicholson, A.J. Burden, D.N. Barber, and C.P. Haworth.

Co-opted Members: Mrs. A. Hargreaves, Mrs. J. Keddie, Mrs. A. Wrigley, Messrs. P. McDermott, A. Hibbert, C.F. Jeanes, K.S. Daber, and F.S. Leon.

Two members of the Committee retired at the end of the year: our President, Mr. R. Leak and Mrs. J. Worth. We would like to thank them for the hard work and support they gave to the Association and we wish them and their sons success in the future.

A full programme has been arranged for the coming year and we hope we shall have the pleasure of meeting all our members at one or all of the events.

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