

In a Clean Bed

Cocooned in soft, warm sheets,
A naked foot escapes the sweaty confines
To smooth fluid ripples.
The ecstasies of exploring the ridges
With individual toes.

The maternal smugness.
Dark warm womb.
The air fresh and quiet,
Kissing with silence.
Ear against the pillow, the soft thud
Of mother heat.
The body melts into the gaps,
The covers float.

Plump white clouds settle on tired limbs,
Joined in warm bondage,
Securing the floss.

Crinolene of lids becomes silk.
Peacock lashes meet.
Intensity leaves as body sags.
Replaced by pure unclouded emotions.
A dreamy Utopia.
Drunk with weary,
I slumber.

A. Harris (5Y)

Parched Road

Green fur burnt off
To brown rusted wire.
Mouths in crooked smiles gape,
Brown crumbling lips spread
To receive water.
Soft moist skin pales,
Burnt, it peels and flakes.
Sores split open
And dry.
Edges curl,
Flakes twist, distorted in the heat,
Become grey and crumble.
Small lumps become dust;
Dust to dust
Until water binds
As the heavens lament with tears and beads of fury.

A. Harris (5Y)

THE WAY WE WERE
(Extracts from *The Hulmeian*
of 25, 50 and 75 years ago)

1957

The first House Play Competition was held in the Lent Term, and was won by Whitworth with an extract from *Henry IV Part I* which showed 'a suitable healthy vulgarity'.

Among the Science Society lectures was one on 'Hi-Fi': 'and it is with sorrow that we record that the audience were soon "Rockin' thro' the Block", to Mr. William Haley and his Celestial Musicians'.

An expedition to the Tyrol threw up new sights: 'New Year's Eve produced more violent celebrations than we are normally accustomed to in Britain. After a riotous evening, midnight was heralded by the darkening of all lights and the arrival of a young sweep carrying a piglet'.

An original contribution on children through the ages noted that in ancient Rome citizens living near the schools 'were obliged to send servants early in the morning to ask the master to keep the boys that he was beating more quiet'.

An Old Hulmeian who entered the School in 1896 recalled that the Head Master, Dr. Hall, could be seen frequently 'on the School field rapt in deep thought and occasionally picking up small pieces of paper with a spiked stick'.

The account of the Paris Trip at Easter reported that the party saw Bizet's *Carmen* at the *Opera comique*, 'which was almost incomprehensible to those with no previous knowledge of the plot'.

In April an expedition to the Yorkshire Dales met with difficulties: after tactfully depositing in the Left Luggage Office at Victoria a shotgun and an air-pistol brought by two boys, the whole party got lost on the moors; this was explained by a master as 'a deviation from the route planned'. A later conversation between two masters was included:

'Hello, Mr. . . . Ha, ha! Have you got the second formers?'

'Hello, Mr. . . . Ha! ha! No.'

Reminiscences of an Old Hulmeian at school from 1908-1915 recorded that during this period gas lighting was replaced by electricity; School dinners cost 3s. 6d. (17½p.) per week; and that the tram used to beat the horse bus by ten minutes in taking boys to the swimming baths once a week.

At the beginning of the Michaelmas Term, an Asian 'Flu epidemic swept through the School, so that on one day 376 boys were absent.

The new extension to the Science Block was opened, the Head Master remarking in an address that 'the main purpose of the new building was to prosecute the study and the search for truth. If that were forgotten, it had no other value'.

In a joint debate with Whalley Range High School the House voted to get married by 72 votes to 20.

A Hulmeian at Cambridge for the Scholarship exams related his impressions: 'I stood still, trying to visualise what the place must have looked like 400 years ago, sensing its hallowed antiquity. Then suddenly I heard the faint sound of a muted trumpet. It was not the silver trumpet of a herald, which I heard in my imagination: it was the trumpet of a negro danceband.'

In a Science Society lecture on 'Engines of the Human Body' 'muscles, veins, and arteries were discussed, and corresponding parts of a motor-cycle shown'.

The Cadet Corps Camp at Grange-over-Sands 'started with almost forty hours of continuous rain'.

Among the magazines acknowledged by the Editor was 'The Grammarian', the journal of Tientsin Grammar School, North China.

A reviewer of a production of J. E. Flecker's *Don Juan* noted approvingly that 'the crowd of strikers looked disreputable enough to be convincing'.

In a piece on 'Nature Studies' a learned writer adds colour to his report of the finding of a hedgehog by reminding us that 'Pliny asserts that hedgehogs even climb fig-trees, throw down the fruit, and, dropping down on top of them, carry off the figs impaled on their spikes'.

An Old Hulmeian Motor Club Trial against the Oldham Old Hulmeians was won by the School in fine style; the winner 'put up a good show, in spite of running off the course in search of petrol'.

1907

It was reported that already three Old Hulmeians had published books: one on *Practical Mathematics*, a *Scientific and Technological German Reader*, and a work on *Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration*.

An astonishing resume of the plot of a French play performed in May reads, in part: 'The garcon, Jean, hides his broken crockery under the turf at the bottom of the garden. We quite sympathised with him when the family cow developed a fatal appetite for broken decanters, and when the antiquarian, Poitrinas, unearthed from the apricot tree the bits of salad bowl which Jean had concealed in his apron so successfully in the first scene. But Jean is equal to the occasion, and joins with Poitrinas in assuring his master, Caboussat, that the fragments are of Roman origin . . .'

In a keen debate on the motion 'That men should not shave' one speaker quoted 'the case of Central African boys coming to Sunday School to have their heads shaved with pieces of broken bottles'.

The 21st Prize Day was held (on August 1st!) when the Head Master took the opportunity to point out that, so far, only one Old Boy had left the School any money in his will.

Finally, the following item is best left without comment: 'On the morning of October 4th no boy was absent from School, and to celebrate this record event the Head Master gave the School a period "off" in the afternoon'.

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HOUSE LETTERS

BYROM HOUSE

Michaelmas Term

The following appointments were made:

Head of House: A. P. Booth.

Deputy Heads of House: S. J. McNicholls and P. R. Hunt.

House Prefects: C. A. Stubbs, R. E. Humphreys, S. A. Leadbeater, D. A. Hulmes, A. J. Scully, A. H. Morgan, J. P. P. Hill, R. R. Czarnopis, C. D. Farrell, D. M. Powell, J. M. Newton, S. D. Slifkin and C. F. Marshall.

Captain of House League Rugby: A. P. Booth.

Captain of House Knock-out XV: P. R. Hunt.

The following played rugby for School teams:

1st XV: P. R. Hunt, J. P. P. Hill, C. D. Farrell, A. C. Harrison, N. Harrison, C. F. Marshall, D. J. C. Ingram.

2nd XV: S. J. Barratt, L. J. C. White, A. P. Marsden.

U.15 XV: M. L. Jackson, N. W. Barber, A. P. Fox, R. J. Goodier, R. T. Dunning.

U.14 XV: D. Arundel, S. J. Hughes, M. R. Turley.

Our Senior Knock-out side was again very strong and under the captaincy of P. R. Hunt, we reached the final with ease, defeating Gaskell 26-3, and Fraser 40-3. The beauty of the Knock-out, 'one off' competition was shown to Whitworth favour. Byrom were clear favourites and on nine occasions in ten would have won by a large margin. But on the day, in atrocious conditions, which were the same for both sides, Whitworth produced a spirited performance and held us 0-0 at half-time. They withstood considerable pressure and we frequently played badly. It took a magnificent, side-stepping run by J. P. P. Hill to score the only try, near to the posts. This was safely converted and we won 6-0, giving us the rugby trophy yet again.

In the House League the 1st XV played with much determination and in spite of the number of players unavailable on the School squad, we managed to defeat every House on at least one occasion. C. A. Stubbs, S. A. Leadbeater, S. J. Barratt and A. P. Booth all made outstanding contributions. Whilst the 2nd XV were bound to be weak, they always provided reasonable opposition and were well led by A. P. Hulmes.

S. A. Leadbeater organised a successful 4-a-side soccer competition during lunch hours, although our 3rd year boys were conspicuous by their absence in the Sport Hall.

The Juniors were heavily defeated by Dalton 22-12 despite strenuous efforts by M. L. Jackson and N. W. Barber. Only M. R. Turley of the other players showed a real inclination to tackle low. Nevertheless, rugby is a very physical game and for future years we have real potential - when it grows - and as Seniors they may reverse these results. Both third and fourth year teams performed well in the League.

This term I have been pleased with the House Prefects' responsible attitude and I should like to thank them and Mr. Blight for their support.

A. P. Booth

After playing in the rugby final and taking Oxbridge examinations Booth left. He proved a first-class Head of House and he goes with our best wishes for the future. Likewise, his deputy McNicholls has been one of the 'characters' in the House and Byrom has benefited from his effort with the 2nd XV rugby and cross-country running.

A. M. Blight

Lent Term

P. R. Hunt acted as Head of House until C. A. Stubbs took over.

Head of House: C. A. Stubbs.

Deputy Head of House: P. R. Hunt and S. A. Leadbeater.

After winning the swimming competition for five successive years we felt it was time to give another House a chance! Well as S. A. Leadbeater and his seniors performed, we were weak at the Junior end and had to relinquish the title.

The Lacrosse side gave a good account of itself in the Knock-outs and only in the last quarter did we cave in to a superior Gaskell side. In the League our 1st X and 2nd Xs won every single game and we took the League title convincingly.

The Junior Knock-out side took a bye in the first round and then faced the formidable Fraser team. Unfortunately our better players D. Arundel, S. J. Hinchcliffe, M. R. Turley and D. A. Butterworth, all skilful handlers, were handicapped by lack of height. Contrary to the expectations of many, we held the score level to quarter-time, were one goal ahead at half-time, but slipped disastrously in the third quarter. Despite a fight back in the final quarter we lost 9-7. P. J. Yarwood kept goal splendidly, N. W. Barber and M. L. Jackson did trojan work in the mid-field and S. J. Hinchcliffe and D. Arundel produced some fine lacrosse in attack.

Under the able leadership of R. H. Turner the Cross Country team brought off a surprise victory. An outstanding run by M. W. Turley, enabled I. L. Martin and P. J. Goodier to stretch our lead to two minutes at the three-quarter stage, leaving Morgan little work to do to gain victory. Our second and third strings also did well with fine runs from the Hulmes brothers, A. B. N. May, D. J. C. Ingram, M. A. Sever, M. R. Sale and J. L. Weston.

In a tactical decision R. H. Turner ran for the third string in the final leg. Despite an excellent run, he was disqualified from the individual competition after a slight misunderstanding as to the course. However, this was a fine team performance which demonstrated a degree of encouragement and spirited determination that was a pleasure to witness.

The House Music entry was organised once more by P. Goodier who presented the items in impressive manner. We came third. Ten boys took part playing an instrumental range from flutes to synthesizer. The performers gave an entertaining performance in the New Hall which present problems of acoustics. R. E. Humphreys made his usual outstanding contributions on piano and organ playing solo and also provided the piano accompaniment for other performers. Others deserving a special mention are A. P. Fox (trumpet) N. E. Hussey (flute) and G. W. Williams (clarinet).

Our House Play contribution was 'The Face of the Angel'. This was produced by A. P. Hulmes. The cast put in much hard work, but knowledge of lines was weak in one case.

May fell into the fatal error of trying too hard and thereby sacrificing that subtlety essential to high quality acting and the judges felt he misinterpreted a key part. But he is resilient and part of the value of all activities is to learn. A. S. Campbell gave an excellent performance in a difficult part and good performances were put in by A. P. Fox and J. L. Weston. The cast must not be discouraged. Next year's success can be built from this year's failure. A. P. Hulmes worked hard at a very difficult play and we faced strong competition this year from the other Houses.

Midsummer Term

With the demands of 'O' level lunch-hour tests it was necessary once more to withdraw Byrom from the Standards Competition. In the Athletics Competition proper we came fourth. There were good individual and team efforts, but quite outstanding was S. Barratt's performance in the high jump wherein he set a new School record of 181 cms.

In Cricket the less said about our performances this term the better. We were knocked out at Senior level by Dalton and our bowlers suffered at the hands of (or from the bat of) J. Braddock who hit a fine century. Our batting was ineffectual.

The Juniors suffered a like fate. Dalton bowled well and only N. Barber, who scored an excellent 50, mastered their attack. We were dismissed for 92, which Dalton knocked off for the loss of one wicket.

In the Junior Tennis Knock-out a weakened Byrom side played well and were unfortunate to lose to Heywood. The Seniors, after a good win in the semi-finals against Gaskell, were totally outclassed by a strong Fraser side which included the School 1st pair.

Finally our best wishes go with all the Byrom boys who have left this term and my thanks go to P. Hunt and C. Stubbs for their work as Heads of House since Christmas.

A. M. Blight

DALTON HOUSE

Michaelmas Term

Head of House: D. I. Howarth.

Deputy Head of House: J. A. Lord.

School Prefects: D. I. Howarth, J. A. Lord, R. M. Phillips.

House Prefects: S. J. Smith, P. J. K. Humphreys, C. H. Buxton, J. A. C. Evans, P. A. Stepanek, W. R. B. Simpson, S. P. Rutter, P. A. Knight, R. D. Hardern, J. W. R. Hammond.

Captain of House Rugby: S. J. Smith.

Captain of League Rugby: R. M. Bent.

The term commenced with House Prefects taking regular lunchtime rugby practices for third and fourth year boys, and much enthusiasm was shown. Small numbers in the sixth form in the House produced problems in selecting two distinct senior rugby teams, although the lack of strength was compensated for by the determination in evidence, especially from the fifth years. Although several performed well in the House Second XV, they were less effective when promoted. Despite some disappointing losses in the House League, enough points were accumulated to keep Dalton in contention for the title. The Junior teams won each of their games and, with one match to play, Dalton were one point behind the leaders. Despite losing the final game, a position of third in the House League table was very creditable.

In the Senior Knock-out, we were drawn against Whitworth, and had to play without S. J. Smith, our captain and a 1st XV player. The team were already inexperienced and lacked his leadership and strength. Although we scored first, the result went against us 6-11. Much was hoped for in the Junior Knock-out tournament, where our captain, M. T. Clarke, had previously shown good leadership. There were frequent practice sessions, and one practice game, against our first round opponents, Byrom. The very quick, strong P. J. Crosby set up the first win with four tries in the score of 22-10. It was a very convincing performance, although positional changes were made before our next match against Fraser. This time, Clarke led by example and brought us back from behind. A very closely contested game finished 16-10 in our favour. Bad weather before the final, against Heywood, prevented lunch time practices, and further team changes were

necessary because of illness. The first half, with a strong wind in our favour, produced a score line of 8-0, not as much as had been hoped for. The second half brought a first class team performance, the forwards winning the ball, and the backs using it well. Eight good tries were scored, and Dalton won the Junior Knock-out final 36-3.

School team players included:

1st and 2nd XV: S. J. Smith, N. A. Hoskinson, S. P. Rutter, P. A. Knight, R. D. Hardern.

Under 15 XV: M. T. Clarke, A. G. Cleary, R. J. Stead, I. Mullins, E. P. Tullock, A. A. Akka, M. P. Kelly.

Under 14 XV: P. J. Crosby, G. P. Benson, M. P. Loenholdt.

Lent Term

Captain of School Lacrosse: J. A. Lord.

Captain of House Lacrosse: R. M. Phillips.

Captain of League Lacrosse: N. A. Hoskinson.

A House tuck shop, having been started last term, was again open each lunch time, and the profit was used to purchase lacrosse sticks for House use, and House shirts. Practices and games continued to be photographed by P. A. Stepanek. The successes of the term came on the lacrosse field, where Dalton won the Senior Knock-out competition, under the captaincy of R. M. Phillips, the Junior Knock-out competition, under A. G. Cleary, and the Hewlett Cup 6-a-sides.

The Seniors were strong and had expected success, but did not start off well against Whitworth, going down 0-2 quickly. However, School captain, J. A. Lord, sorted out the defence, and School 1st X players S. P. Rutter and R. M. Phillips started to command the midfield. The match was won 15-6. In the next game against Fraser, our midfield of Rutter, Phillips and P. A. Knight was too strong for the opposition, and we were through to the final. In the final against Gaskell, heavy rain, a strong wind and a slippery pitch made playing conditions difficult. Despite missing chances against the School goalkeeper, Dalton won a shortened game 6-1. Six of the team will still be at school next year, and we must again hope for success.

The Juniors' first game against Whitworth produced good performances from M. T. Clarke and J. R. Goodchild in midfield, who supported our excellent captain A. G. Cleary. The latter scored five times in a 12-6 win. The final against Fraser must have produced some of the best junior lacrosse played at school for a long time. In the first game, Dalton were ahead early with good inter-passing between Goodchild, Cleary and Clarke, and we were three goals ahead at half time. More aggression from Fraser in the second half brought us problems (and sending off!), but our defence played well and the midfield were strong on the quick break. Fraser came back in the final quarter, and the full time score of 9-9 brought extra time. For the first time we had to come from behind when Fraser scored twice, and the strong P. J. Crosby scored a good solo goal with less than a minute to play, to bring the score to 11-11 and a replay. It was expected that the opposition's School midfield would perform better this time, but our superior teamwork showed, with I. Mullins in goals excellent, especially on the clear. An 11-9 win was fully deserved.

The Hewlett Cup was played for the first time in recent years, and five teams out of eight in the finals ensured a victory by three points.

The House Play, *Bring Out Your Dead*, was produced by N. C. P. Devereux. The nine members of the cast failed to rehearse sufficiently well. Despite promise shown by H. J. Minty and W. G. Shone, the audibility and positioning on stage of the rest was not good, and Dalton finished sixth in the competition. In the House Music competition, we managed to obtain more participants than last year, but lack of talent in depth brought us fifth position. In the Road Relay, Dalton could only manage fourth, despite good runs from J. D. Addy and the three seniors, S. R. Morgan, D. I. Howarth and I. M. Whittell.

School lacrosse team players included:

1st and 2nd X: J. A. Lord, R. M. Phillips, S. P. Rutter, R. D. Hardern, P. A. Knight.

Under 15 X: A. G. Cleary, J. R. Goodchild, R. J. Stead, I. Mullins.

Under 14 X: P. J. Crosby, G. P. Benson.

Midsummer Term

Captain of Senior Cricket: R. M. Bent.

Captain of Junior Cricket: A. G. Cleary.

Captain of Athletics: D. I. Howarth.

The term commenced with an Athletics Standards competition, and the third and fourth year boys went out each lunchtime, supervised by House Prefects and a House Master. All attempted to gain standard points for Dalton, and most achieved success in many of the athletic events. Constant accumulation of points produced a convincing win, with Dalton first on 506 points, 80 above the Second House. This constant practice helped find the best Juniors for each event for Sports Day. Good results in the heats ensured that we had a points' lead, and that we were represented in most finals. On Sports Day, thirteen first places helped Dalton repeat their success of last year, with 221 points, a lead of 70. S. J. Smith won the trophy for the most successful senior athlete.

Our Senior cricket team had only one regular School player, and were drawn against Whitworth in the first round. A good bowling performance restricted the opposition to 139 all out, but inexperience lost us three quick wickets. A very good innings of 48 by R. M. Bent gave us a chance, but we were eventually bowled out for 106. Much was expected from the Juniors, a good mixture of third and fourth years. Against Whitworth, a score of 64 by W. P. Hopwood and five wickets to G. C. Benson gave Dalton a victory by 84 runs. In the next game, three wickets each to Benson and M. T. Clarke bowled out Byrom for 100, and with I. Mullins scoring 50, a nine wicket victory followed. In the Final, against Gaskell, our total of 91 was disappointing, but would have been very much less had not the last three batsmen played sensibly. Benson's magnificent bowling performance of 8 for 9 gave us a 51 run win. I hope that these Juniors will continue to work together, after gaining victories in all three knockout competitions.

This was a very good year for Dalton, who won one rugby cup, three lacrosse trophies, three athletics trophies and one cricket cup. The leadership of D. I. Howarth as Head of House was excellent, as he gained respect from the rest of the House and led by example. I hope all will work hard to continue our success next year.

The following boys represented the School at cricket:

1st and 2nd XI: R. M. Bent, N. A. Hoskinson, S. P. Rutter.

Under 15 XI: A. G. Cleary, I. Mullins, W. P. Hopwood.

Under 14 XI: G. P. Benson, S. A. Barnes, S. D. Kay, A. K. Zaidi.

M. D. Wood

FRASER HOUSE

Head of House: P. D. Winterbottom.

Deputy Heads of House: I. G. MacMillan.

Deputy Heads of House: I. G. MacMillan, R. P. Thornton.

School Prefects: P. D. Winterbottom (Head of School), I. G. Macmillan, K. L. Price, R. P. Thornton.

House Prefects: S. J. Birchall, K. H. Chakrabarty, A. Cormack, S. E. Cox, S. C. Doyle, S. H.

Duckworth, J. Ellis, R. J. T. Healey, D. C. Hurst, J. E. Kaye, M. W. Kennedy, T. J. Kettlewell,

A. S. Olive, K. L. Price, W. A. Sandy, R. Sultan, J. R. Tate, C. P. Tatham, G. F. Williams.

Michaelmas Term

P. D. Winterbottom was appointed Head of School at the beginning of term and succeeded in combining this role with that of Head of Fraser very effectively and to the detriment of neither.

In September J. P. Krawiecki came to us from Moor Allerton and of course joined his brothers' former House. We wish him success and happiness at School.

A gradual improvement in the performance of our two senior fifteens led us to the top of the league by the end of term with one match left to play. Unusually the points were so close between the four leading Houses that any one of the other three could have overtaken us had we lost our match with Byrom. However they were sitting last by now, and we simply had to beat them to win the League. This potentially gripping climax turned unfortunately into familiar anti-climax because of a bout of appalling bad weather which meant that the last round of matches was cancelled. Thus we had won the League without having to play this final decisive game. Nevertheless, since the League points are amassed over several weeks and contributed to each week by the third and fourth year teams as well as the two senior ones, all Fraser rugby players should feel that they have played a part in winning the League fair and square. The third year team still has much to learn, but with the kind of coaching that was provided this year by Winterbottom, Thornton, MacMillan and Hurst they can only improve.

In the Knock-out competition it was a different story. Our Junior XV lost narrowly to Dalton in the second round; and the Senior XV, having beaten Heywood, went on to be overrun by a Byrom pack that was simply too powerful for them.

During the term Mr. Moss kindly took over the supervision of the very popular Swimming Club, and it is hoped that this arrangement can continue next year.

The House was very pleased to hear of the award of two Exhibitions to Fraser boys from Oxford colleges; I. G. Macmillan (Trinity College) and A. J. Moffatt (Brasenose College).

Lent Term

It was decided to appoint fifth form House Prefects this year, partly as an attempt to introduce a little extra continuity into the leadership of the House, and partly as a recognition of this particular year group in Fraser. R. J. T. Healey, A. S. Olive and C. P. Tatham duly became House Prefects after Christmas.

We had hoped to maintain our good record at Lacrosse by carrying off the Junior Knock-out Trophy this year. Starting off firm favourites, we beat Heywood comfortably, then Byrom not quite so comfortably, and finally met Dalton to decide the competition. With a sound team built around the experience of G. P. Wadsworth, M. M. E. Cowburn, and captain J. R. G. McManus, we had high expectations. At full time, though, each House had scored nine goals. Extra time was played, therefore, and each scored twice more! The match was replayed consequently, and, partly because of uncertain defending, we eventually lost by a margin of two goals. Neither Cowburn's unusual gift for scoring goals while falling over nor his unfortunate bid to injure our opponents' House Master was sufficient to influence the outcome in our favour.

Meeting Dalton's skilful Senior Knock-out X proved to be our downfall also, and in Hewlett Cup Six-a-side tournament we came third behind Dalton and Heywood.

W. A. Sandy again captained the teams for the traditional Road Relay Race, and again produced the fastest time of the day, an excellent 18 minutes 3 seconds, to take the Individual Trophy. The House teams

finished commendably fourth, fifth and sixth out of eighteen, putting Fraser second overall behind Byrom, a fine joint effort by runners of all ages within the House.

In spite of heavy defeats in three matches the Chess Team did manage to beat two other Houses, and B. J. B. Wetters and N. D. Pritchard are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm, without which we simply would not have had an adequate team this year. We are quite obviously short of good chess players, but the competition is a keenly contested one to which I feel we ought to do better justice. The Chess Team would like to thank Miss Green for her hard work in running the competition.

A review of the House Drama Competition appears elsewhere in the *Hulmeian*. It is sufficient here to record the considerable efforts of K. L. Price the producer, his cast, and all those involved in this year's play, to ensure the polish and entertaining performance we witnessed. Called *The Chinese Mask* and written by Michael Drin, it was placed joint second by the adjudicators, and so was shown to the School at the end of term.

Again it was Price who arranged and rehearsed the entry into the House Music Competition, producing an impressive duplicated programme and a slightly self-conscious M.C., in the shape of Sandy, into the bargain. Although musical and varied, not all the pieces were of a sufficiently high standard, and we were placed fourth.

After several years of domination by Byrom, the Burnside Cup, the Swimming Sports Trophy, was won by Fraser; and only in the very last event were we beaten into second place in the extremely exciting Relays Competition by Heywood. J. R. Tate led the team by his own excellent example in the pool, having ensured that we achieved the all-important maximum entries in the initial heats.

Healey and Tatham were the Middle Individual Champions, and C. L. Porritt the Junior.

Midsummer Term

Under the firm guidance of captains A. S. D. Heelham and N. P. Lord the fourth and third year basketball teams succeeded in winning the lunchtime competition, both teams pleasingly scoring the same number of points. Since basketball is soon to be played against other schools this recently-introduced competition will perhaps arouse rather more interest among the Houses than it has yet done. The Fraser teams would like to thank Mr. Seddon for conducting the competition and for refereeing all the matches.

The performance in the Athletics Sports was a disappointment. Poor organisation, and in certain events insufficient strength or ability to match our rivals, led to our downfall in this important event. Heelham did well in organising the Junior team, and in him and many other fourth form athletes there are the making of an enthusiastic and excellent future team.

The response to Standards was again good this year, and in spite of a later start than we had intended the House overtook all the others but Dalton before time ran out.

At half-term J. Ellis, M. W. Kennedy, J. R. Tate and G. F. Williams were appointed temporary School Prefects.

This year a Junior Inter-House Tennis Competition was organised after much insistence from K. H. Herman and K. H. Wax, but ironically these two were knocked out in the first round, along with Fraser's second pair. The Senior pairs, left in the hands of the captain, Kennedy, found little difficulty in disposing of all comers, including Byrom in the final, held during the last hours of term. Apart from Kennedy, the team consisted of N. J. Grunfeld, the School Tennis Captain, W. A. Sandy, his School doubles partner, M. R. P. Galek and C. P. Tatham. They conceded only a handful of games throughout the competition.

It was an almost unanimous decision amongst the Fraser Juniors that we should once more take a House trip to Alton Towers in Staffordshire. Again several second-formers destined for the House in September accompanied the party. The day proved rather more successful even than in the previous year.

Throughout the term our cricket had been muddling along unremarkably, with the exception of the Senior Knock-out match against Byrom. Here R. P. Thornton made a respectable seventeen, Healey a robust twenty-one, but J. R. Braddock could not put a foot wrong and batted on to a superb 115 giving us a spectacular 167 for 7, at which point we suspended the innings. After tea we bowled out the opposition without too much trouble, Braddock again played well (2 for 16) and I. R. Ladd outstandingly (8 for 50). Our fortunes were to alter radically, however, for we had earned a match with Heywood in the following round and they were much too good for us in the end. It was, of course, only at the very end of term when all the matches had been completed that it was discovered that Fraser had pulled off the impossible - or at least the extremely improbable - and had won the Cricket League. This victory seemed generously to compensate, in my mind at least, for our failure to win any of the Lacrosse honours earlier in the year.

During the year W. C. Shaw left School to move South with his family, and we wish him and his brother well in their new school. At the end of the Midsummer term R. J. T. Healey and S. J. Winterbottom, both from the fifth form, also left. In the House Winterbottom will chiefly be missed for his increasingly confident goal-keeping in the Senior Knock-out Lacrosse X, and we wish him every success in the future. Healey's place in the House will be harder still to fill. He was Fraser's most dedicated and enthusiastic supporter. It was not in him to do anything half-heartedly and although he made use of both the School and the House System to the full he put back into them at least as much as he took out. He goes to Welbeck College to pursue a military career, and the sincerest good wishes of the House go with him.

My thanks are chiefly due to Mr. Lewis for his help and interest in House matters, to all the House Captains, to the House Prefects, and of course to P. D. Winterbottom for his tireless and good-natured 44 efforts to keep Fraser on its toes and working as a cohesive unit.

D. M. Fisher

GASKELL HOUSE

Michaelmas Term

The following appointments were made at the beginning of term:

Head of House: N. Roberts, M. C. Drackley.

Deputy Head of House: M. Crowther.

1st Team Captain: J. S. Wade.

2nd Team Captain: M. Crowther.

This particular rugby season was on the whole a good one for the House. Although we were unable to retain the House League trophy, which we had held for the previous three seasons, we were only two points behind the winners, Fraser.

As within most houses there were good and not so good teams. Within Gaskell house it proved to be the 2nd XV who were mainly responsible for our position with the league. Few teams posed any real problems for them and they comfortably won all of their matches, this despite a tendency for the backs to go backwards rather than forwards.

Had the 1st XV had a record as good as the 2nd XV's the league trophy would have been Gaskell's for another year. Unfortunately, due to tough opposition and lack of enthusiasm the 1st XV only managed to win one game, losing the rest.

At 4th Form level, the weather only permitted two matches to be played. Both of these games were lost as three very good players were out through injuries for the whole season. The weather again interfered with rugby at 3rd Form level, again only allowing two matches to be played. With ten squad players in the team, needless to say, they won both of these matches comfortably.

As in previous years Gaskell had no success in this year's K.O. competition. A strong Junior team, consisting mainly of third years, was knocked out in the second round. The Senior team was convincingly beaten in the first round by the eventual competition winners, Byrom.

Lent Term

This term is the most active of all when it comes to competitions between Houses. As seems to have become customary this year, Gaskell failed to win any of them.

The first of our problems this term was trying to raise full teams to play lacrosses. Had we managed to raise full teams our standing within the league could have been much better.

The Junior K.O. side was defeated in the first round Whitworth. A weakened Senior K.O. team was defeated by Dalton. in the final; had it not been for N. Roberts in goals, defeat would have been predictable before the start of the game.

An extremely large cast of boys took part in this year's House Play. *Trial and Error*. The play was produced by the veteran M. Crowther with assistance from R. D. Meadowcroft. The cast of all ages put in plenty of effort despite some lack of acting skills.

The House Music competition was also disappointing despite vast amounts of effort from the organiser, N. Grant.

Enthusiasm, for swimming within the House is at an all time low, so only just managing to raise enough conscripts, we did not succeed in winning.

Cross-country was organised by Ingham but despite many talented runners Gaskell failed also in this competition.

Midsummer Term

The Midsummer Term once again brought the cricket season to House Games. The Senior K.O. team was knocked out by a strong Heywood team in the first round. The Junior K. O. side was beaten in a very exciting final by Dalton; notable performances came from Fearnley and Taylor of the fourth year.

Despite a lack of talented athletes a Senior level, all-round effort from most house members saw us come third in the competition. A new school record for the high jump was achieved by J. Crews.

A new system for standard points saw Gaskell come second; the most pleasing thing to see in this was the immense enthusiasm shown by Third and Fourth Forms to give Gaskell what we thought was an unrivalled number of points.

The house tennis team, captained by R. D. Meadowcroft, was beaten into 3rd position.

In the early part of July a party of about 45 boys went to Alton Towers for the house trip; this was a very successful day out and all who went enjoyed it thoroughly.

D. Waldon

HEYWOOD HOUSE

Michaelmas Term

At the beginning of term K. P. Holdridge was appointed Head of School and D. K. Smythe, L. J. Upcott, A. Prestwich, N. J. Firth and M. Collins were appointed School Prefects. This is a record number for Heywood in recent years and the appointments reflect the multifarious contributions that the above boys have made to the school.

D. K. Smythe was made Head of House with L. J. Upcott as his deputy.

The Senior rugby knock-out captain was L. J. Upcott and the Junior captain D. Madeley. Both teams had byes to the semi-finals where the Seniors lost narrowly to Fraser and the Juniors defeated Gaskell 9-8, thanks to three penalty goals from K. G. Rushton. Although the Juniors played spiritedly in the final, they were unable to make any impression on a strong Dalton side who won comfortably in the end. In the house league all teams played well and Heywood headed the table for much of the season, but lost one or two vital matches towards Christmas. We still had an outside chance of winning the competition with just one match to play but unfortunately it was cancelled because of bad weather.

Lent Term

Both the Senior and Junior teams were beaten in the first round of the knock-outs and we also fared badly in the House League. However the balance was somewhat redressed by an excellent all-round performance in the Hewlett Cup in which we came second. In the House swimming competition Heywood won the team event and came second in the individual events. G. J. Nash set a school record in the Senior freestyle and J. P. Curran and W. S. Dixon swam very well for the Juniors.

In the House chess competition the Heywood team, under the captaincy of P. D. Glickman, scored six-nil wins over Fraser and Gaskell and eventually finished second to a strong Whitworth side. Although we only managed fifth place in the road-relay competition the whole team gave their best and the running of G. W. Wright and W. H. Johnson deserves special mention.

Heywood's best performances were saved for the end of term in the music and drama competitions. M. R. Cobb's excellent production of the comedy *Albert* was placed joint second. The small cast, comprising J. L. Lighthill, A. M. Pollard and M. J. Taylor, knew their lines perfectly and held the audience's attention and interest from beginning to end.

There was perfect harmony between the judges in the House music competition, at least as far as choosing the winning entry which was deservedly that of Heywood. N. C. Langley had put together a varied and ambitious programme, including a chamber orchestra, and all those who took part are to be congratulated. Special mention must be made of A. M. Buckley's superb cello solo which drew high praise from the judges.

Midsummer Term

In the cricket knock-outs Gaskell were the first round opponents of both the Juniors and Seniors. Heywood Juniors were all out for 53 and Gaskell won by 9 wickets. However the balance was redressed when the Senior team made 212 for 2 (H. Fryman 60, J. M. D. Sealy 61, D. K. Smythe 54 n.o.) and dismissed the opposition for 45 (I. D. Thorpe 6 wickets). In the second round we bowled Fraser out for 79 and won by 8 wickets. In the final Whitworth were dismissed for 76 (I. D. Thorpe again taking 6 wickets) and at 71 for 5 Heywood seemed sure of victory. However the impossible sometimes happens, particularly in cricket, and we duly lost by two runs with A. Brown taking a hat-trick for Whitworth.

Heywood's overall fifth position in the athletics competition was disappointing, although there were good performances from A. Prestwich and I. D. Thorpe in the Seniors, I. B. Beckett, H. A. Gardiner and G. W. Wright in the intermediates and J. P. Curran and I. A. K. Watt in the Juniors.

The Junior tennis team of H. A. Gardiner, C. A. Nelson, P. A. Iredale and D. B. Lancaster did very well to win through the first two rounds against Dalton and Byrom before losing to Gaskell in the final.

In September Mr. A. Simkin will be taking over from me as Housemaster of Heywood and I should like to wish him and the House every success in the future.

M. R. Booker

WHITWORTH HOUSE

Michaelmas Term

A change to the lunch-time catering service was probably the first greeting of the new academic year. Visions of endless queues, of choices rapidly dwindling as time passed, of one sitting waiting for another to clear away gradually disappeared within a fortnight. Most people are now agreed that the new system is an improvement in every respect. Regarding the social integration within the House I have noted a tendency for year groups to segregate but I hope suitable arrangements have been made to put the time previously laid aside for grace, waiting for grace and the general time-inefficiency of the server system to be employed more profitably by House members. Apart from rugby training and coaching sessions the House found time for a four-a-side football tournament, admirably arranged by J. S. Hamburger and a chess competition organised by P. F. Donald.

Two new lads joined the ranks of Whitworth this year: K. Hussain from Burnage High School immediately gained respect as a very powerful front-row man and stop-at-nothing-tackler on the rugby field. A. T. Anderton from Moor Allerton Preparatory School also has found his feet quickly amongst his peers in the third form.

R. G. McLaren retained his post as Head of House and with several of the House Prefects made the now traditional pilgrimage to Hardraw for four days over the half-term holiday for fell-walking, boating on Windermere and as an opportunity to develop new ideas for the House. The Prefects were again my guests as hosts to parents of lads in the third and fourth form at the Buffet Super in November. The occasion gave insight to both parties about the ideals and expectations a House should offer as a back-up to the academic pursuits of the School. I think all enjoyed the evening for what it had to offer in food, drink and conversation. J. R. Salem organised a meal out for Prefects at the Steak and Kabab Restaurant, Didsbury, during the last week of term - a very enjoyable occasion indeed - with compulsory snowballing afterwards.

The rugby season was very successful for Whitworth up until the closing matches. At Junior level Gaskell held us to a draw in the first round. Fervent training between this match and the replay was not of much consequence to the result. However the conversion K. M. McDonnell failed to make just before the final whistle would have meant a second replay had it been successful. Perhaps this served to show how closely matched the two teams were. Separately the two teams from which the Knock-out team was blended fared moderately in the league competition. The third form team, captained by P. M. Thompson, drew on the ex-Junior School team talents of M. P. Hancock, I. K. Lomas, J. D. Pollard and S. M. Kennedy. The experienced hands of S. P. Mitchell and K. M. McDonnell looked after the fourth form team. At Senior level much skill and cunning were evident in both first and second teams. Captains were R. G. McLaren and M. Wallwork respectively who managed their teams magnificently throughout the season. McLaren's absence through illness for much of the second half of the term was covered quietly but forcefully by W. J. H. Murray with more than a watchful eye from J. B. McFarland. Apart from the usual luminaries on the rugby field we saw the development this year of new talents particularly from D. J. Adams, a committed no-nonsense tackler, K. A. Hussain, a solid front-row pack member, S. J. H.

Richardson a very competent kicker. In the Senior Knock-out we had a bye for the first round, beat Dalton 11-6 in the second and faced Byrom in the final. Much was said, prior to the match, as to how Whitworth would be thrashed without mercy. In the event we lost 6-0 presenting ourselves very favourably throughout the match. As the term drew to a close we were placed top of the points table. In the final week of play we were to see that position drop to fifth having lost three matches at various levels in two days. Despite very useful coaching of the younger lads by some of the Prefects we learned that every single game must count as being important - most particularly when the points are very close.

Five Whitworth members appeared on stage in this year's School Play, '*The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*.' M. J. Hinnells and M. Wallwork as Italian gangsters tackled lengthy parts with clarity. A. C. Cheung and S. P. Mitchell as bodyguards are now fast-maturing drama regulars. Cheung's opening set the scene in a most easy and satisfying manner. S. Espiga-Ventura as the butler provided the most hilarious cameo I have ever seen in such a short space of time.

Several exhibitions were found in room nine during the term ranging from Pre-Columbian Art to David Oxtoby's prints of rock stars. A photographic exhibition by M. J. Hinnells provided a visual distraction in our quiet room.

Lent Term

M. Hull was successful in gaining a place at Downing College to study medicine. We will miss his laconic wit and skilful games playing. School colours were obtained by M. Elston, M. Hinnells, A. Lawrence and M. Wallwork for their involvement with drama and stage staff work. A fair number of House colours were awarded in view of the excellence of particular individuals in rugby last term.

Internal House affairs began with a news-quiz. A rather poor response perhaps indicated that brains were still cold from the snows of Christmas. Mr. Seddon's third and fourth form basketball competition started the first week back and spanned most of the term. On its completion we were placed third. Our third form team, captained by M. Hancock, was particularly strong, losing only one game out of five.

Whitworth did not produce good results in lacrosse this season. At Senior level, although we won several matches early in the term, the turning point came quickly after our defeat to Dalton (11-4) in the first round of the Knock-outs. The Juniors were successful against Gaskell in their first round but it was again Dalton who stumped them 13-6 in the second round. Overall in the league we were placed fourth. Our general performance in the Hewlett Cup was probably best described as disastrous - we were placed sixth.

Other inter-House competitions build up towards the end of this term involving a heavy commitment by many members of the House. We only managed a fourth placing in the swimming sports with a fifth position in the relays. This was a pity because enthusiasm, practice and encouragement provided by captain K. McDonnell were not in short supply. The road-relay, held in two periods of brilliant sunshine, saw spectacular displays by V. Pollard, S. Bailey and M. Hodgson, all finishing at least a clear minute before the other two members of their year group in the House. We finished in a well-deserved third place. Chess has been a particular forte of Whitworth House and again under the shrewd guidance of P. Donald we were placed first. We will very much miss his leadership next year. I was sorry to miss our House Music entry this year but verbal and written reports indicate it was well presented by S. Redford - second placing speaks for itself. The winning of the House Drama Competition with Margaret Wood's "*Top Table*" pleased me most. Since any involvement by the House Master is strictly forbidden it reflected how the lads could manage themselves without my interference. It made me contemplate for sometime the relevance of my role in the success of the House! I felt all the actors gave every possible effort into developing, in the short span of time available, a real character for each of the parts they were playing. My particular favourite must be S. Espiga-Ventura's presentation of the U. K. delegate - his management of the performance will be long remembered by many. Good programme production, much helped by the art work of A. Jones, was also partly responsible for our clear lead in this venture.

Lunchtime entertainment was provided by way of lacrosse practice organised by A. Brown, W. Murray, J. Hamburger and others early in the season. A bridge club initiated by Mr. Sharp and Mr. Gracey was so successful that they complained towards the end of the term that lads had no room in their games for them! Assistant House Masters along with Mr. Simkin (as guest) presented themselves as a volley ball team with much grace and skill on court.

With the increasing pressure of academic work, his heavy involvement with first team School lacrosse and on being appointed Deputy Head of School R. McLaren retired as Head of House at half-term. He proved himself to be a first rate Head of House for more than four terms and I wish to express my special thanks to him for giving me excellent support in many aspects of House life over this period. His successor is A. Emsley who has shown already his cool organisation of the House lacrosse first team.

Midsummer Term

Athletics dominated much of the spare House time up to half term. Again the competition was divided into achievements gained at standards meetings and on Sports Day. This year only third and fourth formers were involved in standards which seemed to make the competition much easier to manage. Enthusiasm was high especially in Dalton House - the winners by almost 100 points. Whitworth managed a fourth placing in this five-House competition.

Lashing rain dampened the Sports Heats afternoon but Whitworth looked set to do well with a strong fourth position after seven finals. The final result saw the House placed sixth but only after some spectacular effort. S. Looker produced first positions in triple and long jump; N. Fairfax was placed second in javelin. The energy expended in the middle and senior relays transformed us from a lost cause to a creditable force. Looking over the points gained it was apparent that the middle band gained about half the total. Still, with lemonade, Coca Cola, ice pops etc. sales, organised by the House Prefects, Whitworth must have been the best refreshed House!

The House was more successful in cricket rather more through skill than diligent pre-match practice. The Juniors lost to Dalton's very strong team in the first round. The Seniors went from beating Dalton in the first round to winning the final against Heywood. The latter was not so simple. Whitworth batting first were all out for 76 in 30 overs. The strength lay in the bowling of A. Brown who took 7 wickets in 11 overs and R. McLaren taking 2 in 4 overs. I am sure it was a surprise to everyone partaking and watching to see Heywood fast approach their goal but not quite make it. They were all out for 74. Much effort was expended by both teams by just being present! The game had been postponed twice, this was the last Friday of term, several lads had taken a German exam prior to turning out. This was a very suitable climax to the sport of the term.

The tennis competition is always held late in the term when everyone is concerned with other matter; consequently practice and performance suffer. The Juniors were well managed by J. Dwek and I. Lewis and played Gaskell in the second round after receiving a bye for the first. Gaskell won 10-6 against our first pair but not without the threat posed by a 3-0 lead to Whitworth. The second pair, S. Bailey and D. Kersner, were rather less successful. The Senior team lost to Gaskell in the in the first round.

During the last week of term 40 House members attended the day-trip to York. A 'cruise along the Ouse' on a rather small barge, followed by the treasure hunt around the town's Roman walls, organised by the Prefects, gave the opportunity for new members to the House to meet others. Good weather prevailed and made the day an even more successful event. I hope Mr. Gracey and Mr. Sharp enjoyed themselves as much as I did. It is at this point I can thank them, along with Mr. Shaw and the House Prefects for much of the organisational success of this year and hope I can draw on their co-operation and help in the future to promote the ventures of the House.

R. S. Moore

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GAMES

GASKELL HOUSE RUGBY REPORT

It has been a disappointing season on the whole in which we just missed winning the house league, which would have been the fourth successive victory. We saw the senior knockout team defeated in the first round of the competition by Byrom, the holders. In the house league, the senior first team failed to win a match, but drew once. The second team, however, had a particularly successful season in which they won all their matches. Perhaps if the first team could have pulled one out of the bag we would not have ended in second place to Fraser

A much better showing was made by the relatively inexperienced third and fourth form knockout team, made up chiefly from the third forms. With valuable contributions from Fearnley, Richards and Edmonds (until his shoulder injury put him out of the competition), the junior team fought Whitworth bravely to a 'four-all' standstill in the first round. In the reply the margin of victory widened to 15-12 and we looked set to storm through to the final. Unfortunately, the second round match with Heywood found us unable to snatch the opportunities created by sound forward handling and good support from the backs, and Heywood 'stole' the game by three penalties; we lost 8-9.

In the league, a third form team containing ten squad players embarrassed Fraser by 28 points in only 20 minutes, the referee no doubt decided that our more individualistic players had had sufficient reward for their efforts. The more spectacular tries in this first game were due more to lack of tackling by the opposition than to Gaskell team work. In the next game against a stronger Heywood side, team work began to evolve, allowing us to gain the advantage over a large pack. Consequently our backs received more possession and we got more tries than expected. In the forwards, Adderley, Pope, Jackson and Palmer encouraged team work and morale, while Gaskell in the backs scored 5 tries in 2 games and did much to improve the overall quality of the games from their point of view.

In conclusion, although we could have wished for a more positive result, there have been many encouraging signs from seniors and juniors alike. It will be interesting to see how our junior team performs next season; with those victories behind them, things look promising. A word of congratulation to our illustrious, undefeated Second Team for an outstanding performance, under all conditions, and finally thanks to all those who played this season. Better luck next year!

J. H. Thomson

FIRST XV RUGBY

Played 19, Won 8, Lost 10, Drawn 1.
Points for 264, Against 299.

v. Ashton on Mersey Colts	A W	14-0
v. Invitation XV	A L	30-38
v. Sale G.S.	H L	11-24
v. Major Watkin's XV	H W	32-24
v. Marple Hall School	A L	10-28
v. Bramhall High School	A D	0-0
v. Wilmslow High School	A W	13-10

v. Cheadle Moseley School....	H W	20-0
v. Sir John Deane's School	H L	10-20
v. St. Bede's School	H W	44-0
v. Merchant Taylors' School..	A L	0-48
v. Whitgift School	H L	11-34
v. Goffs School, Cheshunt	A W	25-3
v. Richard Hale School	A W	15-0
v. Arnold School	H L	0-18
v. King Edward VII Lytham...	A L	0-27
v. Manchester G.S.	H L	18-19
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A W	7-0

A look at the playing record of the team would seem to indicate that all is well at 1st XV level. This is not so, for the XV contained very few players of quality, rather more players with determination and a majority of boys who were quite happy to accept the status of 1st XV rugby but who lacked the necessary determination and maturity to contribute positively to the games and to general team discipline. Far too many players failed to support the captain J. B. McFarland and inevitably this led to a decline in playing standards and morale. The adage 'you only get out of a situation what you are prepared to put in' would seem to be particularly true of sport and too few players were prepared to put in more than the absolute minimum.

The season began with a 'warm up' game against Ashton on Mersey Colts. This victory was followed by two defeats, one at the hands of an Invitation XV drawn from the Sale area and containing many International and County players, the other by Sale G.S. The Watkins game was re-established and it was pleasing to see many old faces turning out. What they lacked in cohesion and fitness they certainly made up for with determination yet playing the game in the right spirit. From then on the run up to half term was uninspiring with little to savour. We welcomed Whitgift School to the area but found them rather too strong for us, even though they too only play Rugby for one term. The XV left for the half term tour following two resounding defeats but returned victorious having won both games and having played attractive rugby whenever possible. Arnold came to us having inflicted our heaviest defeat of last season and with an unbeaten record this. They kept their record but were made to look rather ordinary at times as the School played to their full potential being unlucky not to score at least two tries in a very exciting game. For the second year running Manchester G.S. beat us by a single point although it must be said that our opponents played much better rugby with the School lacking the bite and aggression needed to raise the standard of their game.

Throughout the term the front row of C. F. Marshall, J. B. McFarland and M. W. Harrison remained solid, the lock pairing of I. D. Thorpe and D. J. C. Ingram was somewhat inexperienced at 1st XV level. Thorpe will have to become a more aggressive front of the line jumper and Ingram will need to protect the ball he has won slightly better. Combinations of A. Brown, S. M. Heywood, P. R. Hunt, S. P. Rutter, R. J. Healey and N. Hoskinson were tried in the back row and generally whoever played performed quite well. However the unit did lack a constructive player capable of producing the ball from the second phase situations.

Selection of the backs was always difficult because of a lack of genuine talent. R. P. Thornton, fly half for the last two seasons, was moved into the centre basically to fill a problem position. J. D. Sealy or J. P. Hill played fly half but neither really possessed the required skills or vision to control the back division. An injury to B. Cooper gave P. J. Torkington an early taste of 1st XV rugby and he responded quite well. He must however work on his obvious weaknesses. His pass to the right is poor but with hard work he should develop into a capable player. S. Smith was possibly our most elusive runner but saw too little of the ball. P. A. Knight usually partnered Thornton in the centre but for some reason failed to live up to the expectations of last year.

During the term McFarland was selected to represent the Lancashire Schools Under 19 XV, going on to play for the North of England and to be selected as replacement for the final England trial. Marshall was selected for the Manchester Schools at Under 19 level and P. J. Torkington was selected at Under 16 level.

Half colours were awarded to Marshall, M. W. Harrison, P. R. Hunt and S. M. Heywood.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. T. Simon and Mr. J. McFarland of Sale R.U.F.C. for their work in producing such a star studded Invitation XV, all the players who supported this fixture and helped to make it such a memorable occasion, and Mr. and Mrs. Gregson for the splendid meal following the Whitgift game.

The following boys represented the 1st XV: J. B. McFarland, R. P. Thornton (v. capt.), J. D. Sealy, S. Smith, C. D. Farrell, P. A. Knight, J. P. Hill, P. J. Torkington, B. Cooper, R. Taylor, A. Brown, P. R. Hunt, S. P. Rutter, N. A. Hoskinson, R. J. Healey, S. M. Heywood, R. D. Hardern, A. D. Tatham, D. J. C. Ingram, I. D. Thorpe, C. F. Marshall, D. C. Hurst, M. W. Harrison, A. C. Harrison, N. R. Fairfax, C. Tatham, D. L. Hallows.

C. H. Seddon

SECOND XV RUGBY

Played 12, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 9.
Points for 137, Points against 189.

v. Marple Hall School	A L	10-27
v. Birkenhead School	A D	0-0
v. Wilmslow H.S.	A L	6-22
v. Sir John Deanes School	H W	13-12
v. St. Bede's School	H W	64-3
v. Merchant Taylor's, Crosby.	A L	10-13
v. Whitgift School	H L	4-13
v. Arnold School	H L	6-12
v. King Edwards, Lytham	A L	12-26
v. Manchester G.S.	H L	0-32
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A L	4-7

The team was usually selected from the following squad of boys:

S. J. Barratt, N. R. Fairfax, D. L. Hallows, R. D. Hardern, A. C. Harrison, R. J. T. Healey, S. M. Heywood, N. A. Hoskinson, D. C. Hurst, D. I. Jaquiss, D. A. Kelly, I. G. Macmillan, G. G. Manrot, A. P. Marsden, W. J. H. Murray, M. A. Roland, S. P. Rutter, J. R. Salem, D. K.

Smythe, A. D. Tatham, C. P. Tatham, P. J. Torkington, L. J. Upcott, W. M. Wallwork, L. J. T. White and G. F. Williams.

A run of six successive defeats up to the end of the season makes for disappointing reading even though three of these, against Merchant Taylors, Whitgift and Arnold, plus the victory over Sir John Deane's showed our ability to play hard, fully committed rugby against strong school sides. Thus to lose against weaker sides and by a much greater margin showed that the team did not always play to their full ability, did not always take the field with the attitude necessary to win and relied too much on the performances of determined individuals whilst other went through the motions much as they did in training.

I. D. Lewis

UNDER-15 XV RUGBY

v. Sale G.S.	A L	4-50
v. Marple Hall	H W	20-6
v. Bramhall H. S.	H W	50-0
v. Birkenhead School	H L	0-6
v. Wilmslow H.S.	H W	34-10
v. Cheadle Moseley	A W	28-0
v. St. Mark's H.S.	H W	24-4
v. Sir John Deane's	A W	18-4
v. St. Bede's	A L	4-10
v. Merchant Taylor's	H L	9-32
v. Audenshaw H.S.	H W	16-4
v. Arnold School	H W	16-9
v. King Edward's	A L	0-38
v. Manchester G.S.	H L	0-12
v. Cardinal Allen	H W	8-4

After the first game when we were well and truly beaten, it looked as though it was going to be a long, uphill struggle with obvious problems in the scrum and some poor tackling. Fortunately, however, things turned out differently and the team had a very good season, winning nine out of the fifteen matches played. What was lacking in skill was certainly made up for by enthusiasm and a determination never to give up.

The forwards, ably driven on by team captain M. L. Jackson, were at their most effective in the loose, where players such as N. W. Barber, C. A. Jackson, and D. Madeley were determined grafters. A. P. Fox was an ever-present prop-forward, in which position M. P. Kelly, J. R. G. McManus and E. P. Tullock also played. The hooker was either S.P. Mitchell or R. J. Stead. D. R. Taylor, S. P. Sexton and H. J. Pimlott also represented the school in the forwards. In the lines-out, M. M. E. Cowburn's height enabled him to win a lot of the good, clean possession which is so important to a team and which we were not able to obtain consistently from our scrummaging.

G. P. Wadsworth was a fine scrum-half who could always be relied upon, even under pressure. H. A. Gardiner at fly-half played very sensibly, knowing when to give the ball to his strong-running centres, or when to take it back to his forwards for support. M. T. Clarke is one of the hardest tacklers I have seen and he and I. Mullins at centre were a strong combination. The last line of defence was the slightly-built, but plucky P. T. Fearnley who always gave a good account of himself at full-back. K. M. McDonnell was a determined winger and R. T. Dunning, P. P. Edmonds, M. J. Cross, R. J. Goodier

and R. J. Worthington gave good support in the three-quarters. K. K. Herbert, S. J. Hopwood, A. J. Treweek and D. Leigh also represented the School.

M. L. Jackson and M. T. Clarke are to be congratulated on their selection for the Manchester Schools' side. Finally I should like to thank Mr. J. H. Thomson for his continued help in running the team.

M. R. Booker

UNDER-13 RUGBY

Played 14, Won 13, Lost 1, Drawn 0.

Points for 468, Against 110.

v. Sale G.S.	W	14-10
v. Marple Hall H.S.	W	68-10
v. Bramhall H.S.	W	50-4
v. Wilmslow H.S.	W	68-0
v. Cheadle Moseley	W	24-20
v. St. Marks R.C.H.S.	W	38-0
v. Sir John Deane's G.S.	W	26-0
v. St. Bede's	W	32-0
v. Audenshaw H.S.	W	30-12
v. Arnold S.	L	12-22
v. King Edward	W	30-16
v. Manchester G.S.	W	20-12
v. Cheadle Hulme School	W	30-4
v. Cardinal Allen School	W	26-0
v. Stockport G.S.		Cancelled

The season of 1981 will be long remembered as being one of the best seasons that an Under 13 side has had for sometime. The School only lost one game and scored over 400 points.

The first game of the season against Sale G.S. was an exciting game with two evenly matched sides playing some very good rugby. This game allowed the School to find out the various weaknesses of the side.

The forward play of the side at the start of the season was quite "scrappy". There was plenty of enthusiasm from the pack, but they did not really manage to play as a unit; there was too much individual play, which at times was commendable, but caused many problems. The isolation of the players from the rest of the pack meant that the side often gained ground only to lose the ball at the end. The basic setting up of the ball also left a lot to be desired as more often than not the opposition's loose forwards were still arriving at the breakdown as our backs were receiving the ball. This, and one or two other problems were sorted out during the season and, by the end of the season, the forwards were shaping up very nicely.

The back play was fairly sound in its attacking qualities. Here the main problem was that of defence. The quality of possession given by the forwards was good and the side made some good use of the ball. Hinchcliffe and Kirby teamed up very well in the centre, with Thomson and Garlick doing well on the wings.

As was mentioned earlier, the defensive qualities did leave a lot to be desired. There was plenty of determination in the backs but some of the finer points of defensive play have yet to be mastered. Even with some of the obvious problems the side played some very attractive rugby.

It is always difficult to isolate the performances of just

a few individual players, but it should be said that the whole team played extremely well throughout the season. Swain always played a captain's role, Hinchcliffe, as well as scoring tries, was consistently accurate with his boot.

Finally I would like to thank all those parents who supported the team throughout the season.

The following represented the school:

M. C. Anderton, P. P. Arnfield, S. J. Beggs, R. Burns, D. P. Clarke, A. M. Dickin, J. J. Garlick, A. Y. Hessayon, A. Y. Jameson, S. Jones, D. R. P. Kirkby, N. J. Pitcher, A. O. Qureshi, A. D. Smith, R. D. Swain (Capt.), N. E. J. Thompson, M. A. Thorley, S. D. Thornton, C. W. Timm, G. B. Moss

UNDER-12 XV RUGBY

Played 5, Won 4, Lost 1.

Points for 84, Against 46.

v. Audenshaw H.S.	A	W	10-4
v. Arnold School	A	W	30-8
v. King Edward's, Lytham	H	W	24-4
v. Manchester G.S.	A	L	8-22
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	W	12-8

(The two final games of the season were cancelled because of frozen and snow-covered grounds.)

The season's Under 12 XV had a very successful season and one in which the players often showed great character and determination, a feature so important in rugby football. It was clear from the first chaotic efforts in early September that there was not to be a group of natural 'star' players, but that the team would have to be built around a few strong points and would have to follow its instructions very closely if it was to achieve any good results. This proved to be a very good thing for team spirit, and every player was able to play a significant role in the side, without expecting any one individual to pull the side through in case of difficulties.

The backs section of the team was formed around R. W. Bailey, an experienced player and a strong and elusive runner, who made a very captain. He was given a good service from the base of the scrum by P. K. Heathcote, and was always ready to bring the speed and effectively sudden acceleration of J. Bradley into the game. Several wingers and outside centres joined these three players, notably the determined Hindley and Crowther and the strong and fast Jackson and Savage, and the back division was lucky to have as its last line of defence, and often as an additional man in attack, the reliable and forceful personality of G. J. O'Driscoll.

The scrum was built on the foundation of a large and effective second row of A. W. Kloss and D. M. J. Timm, and these two players were very important in providing good possession for the backs. They were best supported by several smaller players who made up for lack of size by liveliness and determination: amongst these K. J. M. Stevenson, D. Campbell and A. J. Sayyid were outstanding, and several other forwards put in promising performances.

Only in the defeat by Manchester Grammar School did the team fail to play up to form: the two easy victories

were gained by achieving good tries early on, involving some exciting moves by the backs: however the two narrower victories were most typical of the team's best asset - determination. Particularly against Cheadle Hulme School, when two points behind with time running out, this factor snatched an excellent victory. The chances to score were always just thwarted by the Cheadle Hulme defence, but the team, however, disappointed, maintained constant pressure and Bailey's final try and conversion ended a memorable match and a very rewarding season for players, coaches and spectators.

The team was usually selected from:

R. W. Bailey (Capt.), S. N. Anning, J. Bradley, D. Campbell, A. G. Crowther, P. K. Heathcote, N. J. Hindley, S. P. Hinds, A. J. Jackson, A. W. Kloss, R. M. Leather, G. J. O'Driscoll, A. J. Savage, A. J. Sayyid, M. J. Simpson, D. P. Sproson, K. J. M. Stephenson, N. Stevenson and D. M. J. Timm.

In addition a 2nd XV, captained by Stevenson, scored a good victory over Manchester Grammar School by 20 points to 6: this side was unfortunate to have its other games called off. In addition to those named above, the following were selected to represent the School:

O. S. Bawany, N. de B. Baynes, R. P. Bell, P. Davies, S. F. Denton, N. J. Donald, J. P. Gardner, L. B. Hope, S. I. Jones, I. D. Law, J. P. Lucas, D. R. MacDonald, S. Pilling, A. R. Tomlinson, D. E. Walker, A. J. Wray.
C. P. Langford

1st X LACROSSE

Played 18, Won 13, Lost 5.
Goals for 260, Against 148.

v. Old Stopfordians 'A'	H W	13-6
v. Heaton Mersey 'B'	H W	15-7
v. Cheadle 'B'	H L	9-10
v. Heaton Mersey 'B' (Lancs. Cup)	A W	21-4
v. Cheadle Hulme L.C.	A W	16-10
v. Boardman & Eccles 'A'	H W	21-6
v. Rochdale (Lancs. Cup Semi-Final)	W	21-5
v. Sheffield University	A* L	11-16
v. Oxford University	A* W	9-5
v. Cambridge University	A* W	18-1
v. Kenton L.C.	A* L	12-13
v. Mellor 'B'	H W	18-6
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A W	13-3
v. Ashton 'A'	H W	13-10
v. N. W. Hewitt's X	H L	11-16
v. Ashton 'A' (Lancs. Cup Final)	W	17-6
v. Old Hulmeians	H L	17-4
v. Stockport Grammar School	H W	18-7

* Denotes matches on Tour.

This season's 1st X was:

J. A. Lord (Captain), B. Cooper (Vice-Captain), W. N. Roberts, P. D. Winterbottom, A. D. Brown, R. D. Phillips, W. A. Sandy, S. G. Rutter, R. G. McLaren, N. J. Firth, and G. S. Williams. Also played: P. A. Knight, D. L. Hallows, I. D. Thorpe, D. I. Jaquiss, W. J. H. Murray, and I. G. Macmillan. Scorers; G. P. Benson, R. D. N. Hunt.

The 1st X's season was successful in many ways in

1982. The major success was the retention of the Lancashire Junior Cup, in its last year of existence, but there were other notable events. The half term tour saw us beat Oxford University for the first time for many years. The School entered the Heaton Mersey Six-a-side Competition for the first time and the Stockport Lacrosse Club Tournament for the third, and acquitted itself well against first division opposition. Second division opposition was introduced into the 1st X fixture list and the Tour also brought a fixture with the powerful Sheffield University team.

The quality of lacrosse during the season was consistently high. On a few occasions the team played lacrosse as good as any seen in the country, but lack of experience meant that it was not maintained in the crucial matches when it was most needed. Against Sheffield the team played above themselves for the first quarter and ran the University side ragged as they rushed into a substantial early lead. It was then that the inexperience which is, perhaps, inevitable, showed, against the Yorkshire team, who gradually took a grip of the game. Despite a late revival of more superb lacrosse, the School could not make good their deficit, and had to make do with the consolation of a scoreline that several of Sheffield's 1st Division opponents would have been pleased with.

The ability to produce high quality lacrosse emanated from all areas of the field. In goal, Roberts had a season of consistent excellence and crowned his School performances by not only being selected for Lancashire U-21's, but by producing a display against Cheshire, in which his individual brilliance earned Lancashire their draw.

At the other end of the field the ability to score good goals against good defences, sometimes containing full County players, was always evident. Cooper was the highest individual goalscorer and had the knack of being able to score goals under pressure, when they were most needed. His quality was never more evident than in the final of the Lancashire Junior Cup, when he maintained his record of scoring six goals in each round.

Perhaps the most consistent player of all and the one that the team owed most to, for their success, was Phillips. His fitness, desire to improve, effort on the pitch, and degree of skill, especially in winning ground ball, were exemplary and outstanding, even in this very good side. He will enjoy his lacrosse at Sheffield University next year, and should aim to play at the highest level.

The defensive unit of Lord, Brown and Winterbottom never stopped developing and learning, throughout the season, and, with the luxury of a goalkeeper of Roberts' class, stood the test of the more demanding fixtures ably, emerging with much credit. They all have their individual strengths but their greater strength came from their unity, and few attacks found any comfort in spending their Saturday afternoons in the company of our 'back three'. Notwithstanding the teamwork which is the essence of good defence, there were also moments of individual glory for them all. Two which come readily to mind are Brown's dispossessing the Cheadle and England attack player Mick Murphy, as though he were a junior house player, and Winterbottom's resolute 'bodying' against Boardman and Eccles.

In the midfield the fitness and speed of all our players

was a major factor. McLaren, Rutter and Sandy all showed their willingness to run, and also to score goals in attack. McLaren had an outstanding season, scoring 40 goals and claiming 30 assists and his ability to read the game and control the flow and direction of the attack, served us well. Sandy followed in the footsteps of his two elder brothers, both of whom graced the 1st X, and became a most compact player. His ground-ball work was second only to Phillips' and his sensible and productive shooting gave him a high percentage of goals to shots.

Rutter was something of an enigma in the team on occasions, all the more so because of the outstanding individual performances that he often produced. His fearsome shot, speed off the mark and dodging ability with both hands, produced many spectacular goals, but he must know that his self-indulgence in displays of temperament do neither himself nor the team any good. It was good to see a tendency for him to create goals, as well as score them, develop later in the season.

The final link in the attack was usually either Firth or Williams. Both are excellent handlers, but it was Firth's sureness in front of goal which ultimately gave him the edge in selection.

Successful teams must have good captains and this year Lord proved his leadership qualities on and off the field. The development of an excellent team spirit was very much his work and he did much to make my job as Coach an easy one. The team even condescended to allow a coached set-play of the American type, to creep into our game, and they all worked hard to perfect that, and all other areas of their game. The School team next year will do well to match this year's and to put the School's name on the new Lancashire Cup which comes into being in 1983.

I. J. Shaw

2nd X LACROSSE

Played 11, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 1.
Goals for 159, Against 81.

v. Cheadle 'Cheadle'	H L	10-15
v. Cheadle Hulme	H W	16-14
v. Cheadle Hulme	H W	16-14
v. Timperley 'B'	H W	9-6
v. Boardman & Eccles 'B'	W	16-4
v. Leeds University	A W	22-8
v. Old Hulmeian 'B'	A W	7-4
v. Oldham & Werneth	A W	10-8
v. Norbury 'A'	H W	21-3
v. Leeds University	H W	14-4
v. Heaton Mersey Guild	A W	23-4
v. Old Hulmeian 'A'	H D	11-11

The Second Team consisted of:

W. J. H. Murray (Captain), S. J. Winterbottom, R. J. T. Healey, R. D. Hardern, D. I. Jaquiss, I. D. Thorpe, D. L. Hallows, P. A. Knight, J. D. Sealy, A. D. Marsden, S. N. Heywood, G. S. Williams, I. G. Macmillan, N. J. Firth. Also played: L. Pye, S. D. Looker, N. Fryman, R. Taylor.

Under the inspirational captaincy of W. H. J. Murray, the School 2nd X completed their season unbeaten, except for the first game of the Term, played against a powerful Cheadle side containing some notable Old Boys, and thus they made an early exit from the David Beesley

Cup. The development of the team throughout the season showed that, had they gone into this match with just a little more practice, instead of having it as their first match together, they might well have gone all the way to the final of this competition. However it was not to be, and they had to content themselves with the best playing record of any of the School teams, and a rousing final match against the Second Division players of the Old Boys' 'A' team, a match which the Old Hulmeians were grateful to draw.

The success of the side was due to three things: a real team spirit; handling skill of the highest quality in attack, midfield and defence; and a strong squad which meant that competition for places was always keen. The team spirit emanated, in great part, from the captain and his enthusiasm, but the whole team developed into a unit in which players supported each other in every way possible, on the field, and made up for the lack of experience that they had when facing club sides. The captain's interesting, well written, and often provocative match reports did much to foster and maintain this excellent feature of the team's play.

The handling skills were evident in every area of the team's play, but especially in attack where the experience of the senior players, Williams and Firth, set the highest possible standards for the younger squad members to emulate, and it was good to see Heywood grow in confidence in front of goal, and to score an increasing number of goals towards the end of the season. The ground ball skills, and power of the midfield were often a key factor for the team, and Hallows, Knight and Murray, all earned games on the 1st Team for their endeavours. Sealy and Marsden never made the side look any weaker when they were brought in, reflecting the strength in depth of the squad. In defence the ability of individuals and the team defence play often proved insurmountable problems for the opposition, but the sign of the real quality in this area of the field was the standard of handling ability. Healey, Hardern and Jaquiss were never afraid to clear the ball with their big sticks, and never looked out of place in their forcing runs into attack, but an outstanding feature of the team was the ability of Thorpe to make his intimidating rampages into the heart of the opposing defences, to score several goals and create even more for his team-mates.

In goal, Winterbottom started the season as a good 'stopper', but developed his confidence, handling, and clearing to fit in perfectly with the rest of a most skilful side. Indeed, his ability to clear the ball quickly and accurately led directly to many of the quality goals which the side seemed to make habit of scoring.

Finally, the thanks of the Second Team are due to Mr. Maudsley for his support and encouragement throughout the season, especially in his debut for Old Hulmeians 'A' team, and to all the other masters who gave up their time to drive vans and give support.

I. J. Shaw

UNDER-15 X LACROSSE

Played 6, Won 6, Lost 0.
Goals for 74, Against 30.

v. Morthorpe/Darfield	A W	25-1
v. Stockport G.S.	H W	9-8

v. Broadway H.S.	H W	8-3
v. Stockport G.S.	A W	13-5
v. Wilmslow Harefield	A W	10-5
v. Stockport G.S.	H W	9-8

This team came up from the Under 14 level with the reputation of being a highly talented group of players who were quickly developing the ability to play as a team. However, the loss of J. Treweek and R. Hogg posed problems to start with since the squad was short of players who could readily replace both their skill and experience. With the acquisition of the Juniors and Schools Cup as the chief aim for the season, it was necessary to find a balanced side as quickly as possible. In this the weather was against us at the start of the season. The 'warm-up' game against Wilmslow Harefield was cancelled, and we had to wait until 30 January before travelling to Moor-thorpe to win the first round game 25-1 (Cleary 13, Jackson o.g.).

The following week saw Stockport G.S. defeated 9-8, but they were allowed to come back from 2-9 in the last quarter to teach us the important lesson that pressure must be kept on throughout the game. Mullins gave an excellent display in goal in this game, Wadsworth and McManus dominated the midfield, and Gardiner played superbly in defence.

There followed impressive wins over Broadway H.S. Under 16's and a weakened Stockport G.S. before the Cup semi-final against Wilmslow Harefield. This was a very disappointing game in which we showed little determination or organisation. We won 10-5, but only because they had no answer to Cleary (6 goals). The lack of teamwork was epitomised by the fact that 9 goals were scored unassisted.

A good performance midweek against 'P.C.H. Invitation X' restored some pride and confidence before the Cup Final against Stockport G.S. It came as no surprise to any of the players or supporters that this game was won by a single goal margin, for this was the way games between these two talented sides always were. The excitement and drama of the Final has been well documented elsewhere, but the highlights of the game were Cowburn's ground ball work and strong finishing (2 goals); Gardiner's marathon run and inch perfect bounce shot to level the scores at 4-4 at a crucial time of the match; McManus's domination of the centre play; Wadsworth's tireless running; Cleary's hat-trick despite being shadowed; and Marsh's last minute attempt to force the game into extra time! I am delighted that the team won the Cup after the disappointment of the Centurions Trophy two years previously, for it is no less than they deserved.

Those boys who had travelled to the U.S.A. in 1981 showed, during the School season, the benefit of the extra coaching and experience: Jackson was a tidier and braver goalkeeper, Gardiner was confident and able all season, Heelham and Stead eliminated bad habits of technique, McManus rarely lost a face-off, Wadsworth organised the attack sensibly and captained the side by example of attitude and determination, Marsh made up for some handling problems with sensible positioning play, and Cleary became an astute team player never losing his clinical and powerful individual skills. At the same time, the other two members of the team, Cowburn and Clarke, whilst lacking the experience and coaching of the others, made up for this by adopting a determined attitude and a

willingness to learn. Between them they won much vital possession and although outscored by Cleary in the attack, their contribution was invaluable.

The following boys represented the School during the season:

D. A. Buttworth, M. T. Clarke, A. G. Cleary, M. M. E. Cowburn, H. A. Gardiner, S. J. Heelham, J. R. Goodchild, R. D. N. Hunt, M. L. Jackson, S. H. Marsh, J. R. G. McManus, I. Mullins, M. R. Osborne, R. J. Stead, G. P. Wadsworth.

P. C. Hallworth

UNDER-14 LACROSSE

v. Hulmeian Juniors U-15	H L	5-9
(Juniors and School Cup)		
v. Cheadle Hulme Juniors U-15	H L	6-15
v. Broadway High School U-14	A W	13-5
v. Heaton Mersey Juniors U-14	A W	10-1
v. Stockport G.S. U-14	H D	6-6
v. Stockport G.S. U-14	A D	6-6
v. Broadway High School U-14	A W	7-5
v. Boardman and Eccles U-16	H L	5-8

Played 8, Won 3, Drew 2, Lost 3.
For 58, Against 55.

The season opened with an intriguing Juniors Schools Cup match against Hulmeian Juniors U-15. Although the School were playing their first match of the season, Hulmeians had the obvious advantage of having played regularly during the Michaelmas Term. This, together with the absence of Schofield, were the main reasons for defeat in a close, hard-fought match. A second defeat against Cheadle Hulme Juniors did little for morale but the return of Schofield for the next game brought a much needed change of fortunes.

Broadway were no match for the School especially when they resorted to dirty play rather than playing lacrosse. An easy win against a weak Heaton Mersey side was not the ideal preparation for successive games against Stockport G.S. These two games were both exciting tussles played in miserable conditions. Each side had opportunities to win both games but the results were identical 6-6 draws.

Another win against an improved Broadway side, after trailing in the last quarter, extended the unbeaten run to five only for the run to end in the final game of the season against an older Boardman and Eccles side.

Overall the season was a satisfactory one, but the team never played to its full potential and much work will be needed next season if the Juniors and Schools Cup is to stay at William Hulme's. Benson developed quite well in his first season as a goalkeeper but still lacks a little mobility. In defence, Crosby and Lightfoot were sound apart from occasional lapses of concentration. The third defensive place was normally occupied by either Jackson or Lord. Jackson had the aggression needed but often spoiled his performance by misdirecting this aggression. Lord started off shakily but improved with each match

and, if he can improve his stick work, should challenge Jackson for the third defensive position.

There were a number of problems with midfield, not least being the faces. Jackson was the only player to gain a fair share of possession from the faces, and, with continued improvement from Lord, permanent move to midfield for Jackson may be the solution. Arundel and Schofield both earned regular places in midfield while Hindley and Porritt never really established themselves. Hindley seems to lack confidence in his own ability while Porritt was inconsistent, giving the ball away too often with careless passing.

However, the major problems were in attack. Leyden was the only attack player to score consistently. His tally of goals could have been higher. He has developed a powerful slingshot and although it is effective at times, he seems unable to shoot in an orthodox manner when needed. Rushton, Hinchcliffe, Turley and Lancaster generally completed the attack.

The following players represented the School during the season:

B. M. Adderley, D. Arundel, J. S. Barnes, G. P. Benson, P. J. Crosby, S. J. Hinchcliffe, A. M. Hindley, G. R. Jackson, D. B. Lancaster, S. A. P. Leyden, H. N. Lightfoot, N. P. Lord, C. L. Porritt, K. G. Rushton, S. J. P. Schofield, F. Sheldon and M. R. Turley. I would like to thank all the players for their effort in the season and in particular Schofield who was captain of the side. He led the team by example and his presence in the team increased the confidence and effectiveness of the whole side.

A. Simkin

UNDER-13 X LACROSSE

Played 10, Won. 8, Lost 2.
Goals for 107, against 64.

v. Mellor L.C.	H L	8-11
v. Harefield High School	H W	19-3
v. Broadway High School	A W	8-6
(Centurions Trophy: 2nd round)		
v. Stockport L.C.	H W	8-7
v. Broadway High School	H L	4-14
v. Stamford School	H H	10-9
v. Stockport Grammar School	A W	12-6
v. Harefield High School	H W	19-1
(Centurions Trophy: semi-final)		
v. Stockport Grammar School	H W	9-4
v. Stockport Grammar School	W	10-3
(Centurions Trophy final, held at Heaton Mersey Lacrosse Club.)		

The aim of the season was the recapture of the Centurions Trophy which had been absent from the School's shelves for too long: indeed it was pointed out that never in the history of the Trophy had we had the situation of no boy in the School having played in a side which won this trophy. The team's success was as sweet as it was deserved. There are however still those who cannot understand why we still do not win the Trophy every season as we used to do. Too often we are assumed to have advantages such as a huge pool of players and

limitless practice time, whilst neither of these assumptions is correct. Our boys are in fact woefully inexperienced at this age group in these days where even junior sides play in all seasons and many have the advantage of starting very young. A full game of 60 minutes is in fact a sizeable proportion of his total experience for a young W.H.G.S. player, and there is no substitute for the proper game, practice as much as we may.

This year's Under-13 side developed splendidly once they had played enough matches to know their own strengths and what threats they might have to meet from opposition sides, but the selection of a settled team took several weeks with many players taking up a number of different positions. In fact we found a totally new and very intelligent defence, whose tactical performances late in the season were excellent, and we were still changing the midfield and attack around until directly before the Trophy final. Though we raised two teams on one Saturday morning (and could have done so regularly give the opposition sides to play) it was clear that of the thirty or so players who practised with the squad there were twelve who stood out from the bunch as plainly a first choice; the reduction of the team to ten gave the team manager a lot of doubts, though with substitution allowed in all but Trophy matches everyone got plenty of lacrosse.

The defensive half of the team had an impressive season, coping well with the demands on their positional sense. It was decided to cover areas of field rather than definite players, this method being much more readily adaptable to the man-down situation. Moore, who played in the middle of the defence, learned his role very well, and he was well supported by the regular players around him: Thornton, Bailey and Swain all worked hard on their game over the season, and it was sad to have to leave one of them out for the last stage; it was a simple matter of strength and reach which gave Swain the final choice over Bailey, but all these players showed great intelligence off the ball and provided good cover whenever a man got into trouble. Behind them Smith was an alert and mobile goalkeeper, trying to catch the ball whenever possible rather than just stop it.

A midfield player also needs to be a good defender and fit in with the defence's pattern of play, and one of the most interesting features of the season was watching Hinchcliffe, a strong runner and regular goal scorer, take more and more part in the defence and start attacking moves from far back in our own half. Other midfield players fitted into this style of play quickly, and Gardner, Garlick and Kirby all looked dangerous on the break and used the breadth of the field cleverly. Gardner recovered from a quiet start to become a major influence in the final matches, and Garlick effectively won two matches for us with his hard shooting from a distance. When Kirby moved from attack to midfield his determination and running power more than made up for lapses in finishing.

Quality finishing was in fact the hardest thing to find in the team, in particular the ability to get close to goal and convert a shot in a split second without needing too much thinking time. Dean, a left-hander, had some good moments but lacks pace as yet; Charlesworth and Williams moved intelligently but both lack confidence under pressure. Late in the season Jones began to produce just the right blend of tricky running and speedy finishing and proved a good partner for the diminutive and excellent McManus, the player who, along with Hinchcliffe, most

consistently produced problems for opposition sides and earned the praise of opposition team managers.

All in all, the team had a very satisfying, if rather short season, and it was a very happy season as well; the attitude when things went wrong was very sensible and determined, and the team practised regularly, hard and constructively both indoors, where the Stixball set helped us all to move into tiny spaces and create short, telling passes, and at lunchtime on the field, where a lot of the learning work was done. The team's success was enjoyed by a regular band of keen supporters who contributed greatly to my own satisfaction at a good season's work with a very good team.

The successful team in the Centurions Trophy final was as follows:

Goal, A. Smith; Defence, R. J. Moore, R. D. Swain, S. D. Thornton; midfield, C. L. Gardner (Capt.), A. G. Hinchcliffe, D. R. P. Kirby; Attack, J. J. Garlick, S. Jones, P. R. J. McManus. (Reserves, I. D. Bailey and S. J. Dean.)
C. P. Langford

UNDER-12 X LACROSSE

Played 12, Won 9, Lost 3.
Goals for 120, Against 69.

v. Bramhall Juniors U-14	A	W	W	
v. Mellor Juniors	H	L		2-21
v. Broadway H.S.	A	W		17-3
v. Sale Juniors	A	L		2-16
v. West End School	H	W		11-5
v. Urmston Juniors	H	L		5-7
v. Poynton Juniors	A	W		16-0
v. Stockport G.S.	H	W		17-2
v. Broadway H.S.	A	W		12-1
v. West End School	H	W		10-4
v. Poynton Juniors	H	W		14-1
v. Cheadle Hulme Juniors	H	W		8-4

Regular players (with goals scored) were as follows:
A. P. Cleary (54), M. J. Copson (21), N. Stevenson (11), N. A. Meech (10), P. K. Heathcote (10), N. J. Hindley, D. Campbell, G. J. O'Driscoll, R. W. Bailey, D. P. Sproson, D. Loveland, A. J. Savage, S. N. Anning.

Some boys had the opportunity to attend coaching sessions during the Michaelmas Term, with a few playing in matches for Hulmeian Juniors. Bad weather over the Christmas holiday period brought fewer than usual to the pre-season practices. The basis of the team was apparent quickly, however, and the ten selected for the first match all stayed in the first team squad.

The first game was against a tall but inexperienced Bramhall side, who were beaten by the better handling team. In the second game, we were no match for a very experienced Mellor side, but a convincing win against Broadway came from very good teamwork, with six different goalscorers. The final match before half term, at Sale, was the least convincing performance of the season, when the players decided that the older opposition were going to be too strong. With this attitude, the game was lost.

The mid-season break, and the introduction of N. Stevenson and P. Heathcote into midfield, produced an enjoyable match against West End School. One of the best performances of the season was against a strong, rough and over-age Urmston side. Teamwork was in

evidence throughout the game, which we were unlucky to lose after having 'goal' disallowed after it passed through the net. Each performance thereafter was very convincing, and the team never looked like losing again. A squad of fourteen players were used for the later matches, with others having the opportunity to play in some B-team fixtures.

The usual captain was N. Meech, who became a very competent centre. His stick handling was very good, and he showed confidence at all times. I would like to have seen him have more shots at goals, however, and to move forward a little more quickly at times. The top goalscorer was A. Cleary, who played on the left of the attack, moved round the front of goals and placed his shots. He scored twelve goals in one game against Stockport G.S., and eleven and six against Poynton. M. Copson put his strength to good effect, but could have scored more if he had moved further in front of goals. He ought to concentrate on the centre of the attack. G. O'Driscoll and R. Bailey played very well in defence, with very differing styles. The former showed good positional sense and organised the others well. He made good use of the body check and confidently intercepted passes, before moving the ball forward. Bailey was the quickest player in the team, and won many ground balls because of his speed. His movement through the midfield improved as the season progressed, and he set up goals on several occasions. D. Sproson was a very good goalkeeper, who always aimed to catch the ball. His distribution improved, and he helped to push the midfield forward. However, he must be more willing to help the defence when they have the ball behind goals. Of the other regular players, N. Hindley and D. Campbell both started off very confidently in midfield, but their handling deteriorated - with determination and practice, they should gain a regular place. D. Loveland played in attack, and showed promise in practice, but failed to score any goals during the season.

The size of the squad, 30 players, was much larger than usual, and all could fit into a game quite confidently. Three matches were arranged for a B-team, and two were won. It was pleasing to note the teamwork that was in evidence in each match. The strength in depth should ensure a good School team for the future, and I hope that all practice the skills of lacrosse, both individually and in matches, at every opportunity.

M. D. Wood

HUMLEIAN JUNIORS LACROSSE

Under-13 X: Played 20, Won 9, Lost 11.
Goals for 138, Against 158.
Under-15 X: Played 18, Won 10, Lost 8.
Goals for 159, Against 137.

Regular lacrosse was again available for boys not playing School rugby (Michaelmas Term) or lacrosse (Lent Term), with a home pitch at Old Hulmeian Lacrosse Club. Boys were coached weekly, and matches refereed by Old Hulmeians, especially Mr. D. Marsden and Mr. D. Barnes, with others assisting regularly. All the help given was greatly appreciated. First years gained experience before the School season commenced, and several others progressed to play regular School lacrosse.

The Under-13 team lacked regular players, and it was usually strengthened by including Under-14 players. The season started well with a convincing win against West

End School, but some heavy losses were experienced against stronger sides. Three wins just before Christmas, including one against a well-coached Mellor side, brought hope for the second half of the season. However, the stronger players were lost to School teams, and little experience remained. It was pleasing to see other boys now gain enthusiasm for the sport, and matches against Cheadle and Poynton produced two end of season successes. After Christmas, J. Wilson became the regular goalkeeper and N. Abrahams and P. Sharman brought stability to the defence. M. Thorley, A. Jameson and S. Kay also played regularly, but the team lacked a consistent goal scorer.

The Under-15 team had many more regular players, although several fifth year boys also played on occasions. The strength of the players available and the desire of many to play regularly, helped the team to play some good lacrosse, and for all to enjoy the game. Success came after Christmas, when Heaton Mersey and W.H.G.S. under-14's were beaten, to gain a place in the semi-finals of the Juniors and Schools Cup competition. At this stage, however, we were comprehensively beaten by Stockport Grammar School. Regular players included C. Nelson, C. Jaquiss, F. Sheldon and A. Campbell.

The support of Old Hulmeians in refereeing and providing transport and of parents with cars is always essential with these teams. Thanks to the many who did help. Many players from the older team had the opportunity to play senior lacrosse for the first time, and I hope that they will continue their interest in the game.

M. D. Wood

LACROSSE - HOUSE KNOCK OUT

This was certainly Dalton's year, winning both the Senior and Junior finals. The quality of lacrosse played by all Houses was very high indeed saying much for the strength of School lacrosse in general.

My only concern is that the more able the player is, the more he seems unable to accept decisions that may go against him. Foul play in any sport will sometimes go unnoticed by the referee who is after all only human (yes, even Schoolmasters!). It is vitally important that the senior/better players set a suitable example on the field no matter what injustices they feel they may have suffered.

Results - Senior Competition

1st Round			
Gaskell	11	v.	Heywood 4
Whitworth	5	v.	Dalton 15
2nd Round			
Gaskell	17	v.	Byrom 8
Dalton	13	v.	Fraser 7
Final			
Dalton	7	v.	Gaskell 3

Results - Junior Competition

1st Round			
Fraser	16	v.	Heywood 1
Whitworth	9	v.	Gaskell 3

Bye - Dalton, Byrom

2nd Round			
Fraser	11	v.	Byrom 7
Whitworth	6	v.	Dalton 12
Final			
Dalton	11	v.	Fraser 9

(Following an 11 all draw)

C. H. Seddon

HOUSE LACROSSE LEAGUE

A total of 54 games were played during the term. Byrom, scoring consistently well in all years, amassed 108 points, nearly twice as many as the second placed team.

Results

Byrom	108 pts.	1st
Dalton	66 pts.	2nd
Fraser	54 pts.	3rd
Whitworth	50 pts.	4th
Gaskell	39 pts.	5th
Heywood	35 pts.	6th

C. H. Seddon

SCHOOL CRICKET 1982

The 1982 cricket season was one which saw some excellent results from all teams, although only the U-15 team managed to maintain its form consistently throughout the term. The School 2nd XI, under G. S. Williams, had some of the best sequences of results, scoring over 200 runs on no less than 4 occasions. The high points of the year were individual performances of outstanding merit, with the School maintaining its tradition of presenting cricket bats to scorers of maiden centuries, and being happy to make three such presentations in this season. Surprisingly none of these centuries was scored by a 1st XI batsman, although R. P. Thornton scored an unbeaten 70 against Lancashire Club and Ground. This fixture, once again saw our boys matched against young Lancashire players, destined for full County honours, and Ian Cockbain, Ian Folley and Steven O'Shaughnessy provided strong opposition.

At Under 15 level there were two century makers. P. T. Fearnley's excellent 111 against Lytham was followed later in the season by 104 n.o. and 108 n.o. from G. A. Cleary against Birkenhead and M.G.S. respectively. Nobody can recall whether an Under 12 has scored a hundred before. It seems unlikely, but G.J. O'Driscoll did so against Merchant Taylors', Crosby when he scored 118 n.o. out of the team's 201 for 1 dec. Individuals were also to receive representative honours in abundance boys playing for Manchester Schools at all levels:

U-12's; A. W. Kloss and D. M. J. Timm.

U-13's; A. G. Hinchcliffe, A. N. Jameson, S. Thornton and C. W. Timm.

U-14's; G. P. Benson, R. Harvey, S. M. Kennedy and K. G. Rushton.

U-15's; P. T. Fearnley and S. M. Kennedy.

and full County honours were gained when D. M. J. Timm played for Lancashire U-12's.

The close season saw a new era begin with the 'tooling up' of the Groundkeeping Department. New, superior equipment has been purchased, and Head Groundsman, Bob Bartels, after yet another successful season playing in the Central Lancashire League, is hoping to produce some of the best wickets we have seen, for next year.



Captain of School Cricket, D. K. Smythe, tosses up with Harry Pilling of Lancashire C.C.C., before the Club and Ground fixture.

(Photo: Mr. I. J. Shaw)



I. D. Thorpe bowls to Ian Cockbain in the School v Lancashire Club and Ground fixture.

(Photo: Mr. I. J. Shaw)

Once again, the thanks of all the boys who have played School Cricket, and the masters who have run School Teams, are due to Mr. and Mrs. Gregson for their hard work, understanding, and flexibility, in the mammoth task of providing lunches and teas for cricket teams. This job could not, of course, be successfully managed without the considerable assistance of mothers in the Parents' Association. Our thanks to them, and especially to Mrs. Anne Marsden, for their help.

Finally, we look forward to a winter practising our batting against the new and extremely impressive bowling machine, purchased by the Summer School recently. Anyone who saw this demonstrated on 'Blue Peter' last year will appreciate its potential, and expect to see the results of its presence in the School's batting averages next summer.

I. J. Shaw

1st XI CRICKET

Played 23. Won 8. Drawn 8, Lost .

- v. Rydal School
School 160 for 9 dec.
Rydal 118 all out (N. J. Fairfax 5 for 35. I. D. Thorpe 3 for 9.)
School won by 42 runs
- v. Arnold School, Blackpool
School 11 for 1
Rain
Match abandoned as a draw
- v. Woodhouse Grove School
Woodhouse Grove 181 for 9 dec.
School 85 for 8
Match drawn
- v. King's School, Macclesfield
School 93 all out
King's 83 all out (A. D. Brown 6 for 12)
School won by 10 runs
- v. Lancashire C.C. Club and Ground
Lancashire 197 for 7 (I. Cockbain 53)
School 143 for 5 (R. P. Thornton 70 n.o.)
Match drawn
- v. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield
School 155 for 8 dec. (H. Fryman 39)
Q.E.G.S. 157 for 7
School lost by 3 wickets
- v. Bolton School
School 129 for 6 dec. (R. G. McLaren 35, J. D. Wade 29 n.o.)
Bolton 95 for 5 (A. D. Brown 4 for 16)
Match drawn
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham
Lytham 167 for 7 dec. (I. D. Thorpe 4 for 26)
School 162 for 8 (D. K. Smythe 48)
Match drawn
- v. The Parents
School 110 from 23 overs (McLaren 35)
Parents 105 from 23 overs (Mr. D. Marsden 50 n.o., Mr. A. Barratt 31)
School won by 5 runs
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby
Crosby 90 all out (N. J. Fairfax 4 for 9)
School 91 for 4 (H. Fryman 53)
School won by 6 wickets
- v. Birkenhead School
School 94 all out
Birkenhead 93 for 8 (D. K. Smythe 3 for 19)
Match drawn
- v. Ashley C.C.
School 198 for 6 (H. Fryman 81, G. A. Cleary 35)
Ashley 50 all out (A. Hinchcliffe 3 for 11, S. McLoughlin 3 for 12)
School won by 148 runs
- v. Shrewsbury School
Shrewsbury 163 for 7 dec.
School 123 for 9
Match drawn
- v. XL Club
XL Club 124 all out (I. D. Thorpe 4 for 27, D. K. Smythe 3 for 14)
School 126 for 6 (W. N. Roberts 35, R. G. McLaren 31 n.o.)
School won by 4 wickets
- v. Sedbergh School
School 134 all out (H. Fryman 34)
- v. Sedbergh 135 for 7 (R. G. McLaren 4 for 17)
School lost by 3 wickets
- v. Manchester Grammar School
M.G.S. 177 for 5 dec.
School 178 for 8 (H. Fryman 33, R. P. Thornton 56, J. D. Sealy 37 n.o.)
School won by 2 wickets
- v. Stockport Grammar School
Stockport 186 for 8 dec.
School 131 for 6 (J. D. Braddock 38)
Match drawn
- v. Ellesmere College
Ellesmere 159 for 4 dec.
School 48 all out
School lost by 111 runs

ON TOUR

- v. Nottingham High School
School 107 all out (R. P. Thornton 36)
Nottingham 108 for 3
School lost by 7 wickets
- v. Loughborough Grammar School
School 171 all out (R. P. Thornton 46, H. Fryman 39, R. G. McLaren 30)
Loughborough 128 all out (R. G. McLaren 5 for 17)
School won by 43 runs

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- v. Sutton Valence School
School 149 all out
Sutton Valence 153 for 6 (I. D. Thorpe 5 for 60)
School lost by 4 wickets
- v. Rochester Maths School
Rochester 174 all out
School 116 all out (P. D. Fearnley 31)
School lost by 58 runs
- v. St. Peter's School, York
School 140 all out (J. D. Braddock 32)
School lost by 6 wickets

The following boys played regularly on the 1st XI in 1982: D. K. Smythe (Captain) J. D. Sealy (Vice-captain), R. P. Thornton, H. Fryman, W. N. Roberts, R. G. McLaren, D. G. Shelston, J. R. Braddock, J. D. Wade, N. J. Fairfax, I. D. Thorpe and A. D. Brown. Scorer, M. L. Artley.

The 1982 season began with a fine win over Rydal School, but finished, somewhat disappointingly, on tour, with the team losing their last fixture to the weather, and the previous three to the opposition at the Sutton Valence Festival. In between, there was a lot of good cricket with some excellent victories, some comprehensive defeats, and many lessons learnt.

In terms of results, this year was one of the best for several years. Victories against opposition the quality of Macclesfield, Manchester Grammar, Loughborough, and others gave us more wins than any side since 1976. The fact that there were also seven defeats reflects the positive manner in which the School always played the game. It also reveals, however, the fallibility of the batting, a weakness which alone stood between the side and a truly record breaking season.

Every member of the team showed his ability with the bat on some occasion, and there were many individual scores in the thirties, but batsmen rarely went on from that stage of their innings to make big scores, and this was to cost us dearly on several occasions. Only four half centuries were scored all season, and this meant that the team frequently was out, or had to declare, short of 150 runs. This in turn left the bowlers being asked to perform miracles, to create the chance of a School victory or even the chance of saving the game, in several matches. These moderate scores were to prove even less satisfactory on the hard wickets which we encountered on tour.

In fact, some of the results do bear witness to the near miraculous performances of the bowling and fielding. Against Macclesfield we were bowled out for 93, but with Brown bowling very quickly and very straight Macclesfield could only get to within ten runs of our total, before they were bowled out. In a similarly "impossible" position, defending a total of only 94, against Birkenhead, Thorpe's opening spell proved to be too much for the opposition batsmen, and laid the foundations of a remarkable draw. The Cheshire side had been restricted in their scoring, but still only needed 22 runs off the last 11 overs, with seven wickets left. Thanks to the accuracy of the bowling and Smythe's captaincy, Birkenhead were glad to draw as we were in the end.

As a pair, Brown and Thorpe were probably as good

an opening attack as we saw all season. They are very well complemented, both capable of bowling quickly, but with Brown moving the ball away from the batsmen, and Thorpe bowling off-cutters. Brown has an excellent, high action, but his concentration and determination sometimes leave him, and this meant that returns like the ones which he got against Lytham and Macclesfield were all too infrequent. Thorpe seems to combine a thoughtful approach with the uncompromising aggression that is vital in a fast bowler. He needs to work on his action, however, and to straighten his front leg in his delivery stride to make the best of his height and natural speed. This will be crucial as he progresses in the game, but he still managed to take 49 wickets in his first season on the 1st XI. and to rip the batting of the XL Club, Sutton Valence, and Lytham teams, and be our most successful bowler.

The other two bowlers in an essentially four-pronged attack were McLaren and Fairfax. The former found little rhythm and suffered from a lack of practice in the first half of the term, but improved later, especially at Loughborough, where, after bolstering our middle order batting with one of several excellent thirties which he scored during the season he removed the heart of the East Midlands side's batting, on a pitch that offered little assistance to the bowlers. Fairfax began his season with a match winning performance, bowling confidently and thoughtfully, and looked set to take a lot of wickets during the season. His confidence and his length seemed to be undermined in subsequent weeks, however, despite a good return against Crosby, until against Sedbergh and Ellesmere his confidence had reached its lowest ebb. His reaction to this situation says a great deal for the mature outlook which has made him next year's Vice-captain. He had a little self-analysis, a quiet discussion of possible solutions, some hard practice, and came back to play a major part in the victories at Loughborough, bowling off a slightly longer run-up, at a slightly faster pace. While McLaren was taking wickets at one end, Fairfax had the other closed down with a variety of leg-spin and googlies. His natural 'loop', now that he has grown, means that he does not have to throw the ball up in order to bowl a flighted delivery. At the new quicker pace, his top spinner is better disguised, and the really tossed-up delivery becomes a useful variation, instead of being the stock ball, and a source of runs to the better quality batsmen, that it was in the early season.

The 1st XI's batting has been a source of some disappointment, this year. Only Fryman scored more than 500 runs, and his consistency was a major factor in the successes that the team did enjoy, especially against Crosby, and at M.G.S. and Loughborough. He has worked hard to overcome the lapses in concentration that seemed to afflict him when he had reached about seventeen, and cut short promising innings in the past, and he provided the side with solid starts to their innings, which the rest have not always capitalised on.

The only other batsman to make any major scores was Thornton, who, early in the season, played a superb innings against the Lancashire Club and Ground attack on Ian Folley and Steven O'Shaughnessy, to score 70 not out. The promise of that match was never really fulfilled, however, and by his own high standards he will be disappointed with his season with the bat. Generally he started confidently but he relaxed too much, once he began to time the ball, and a good score seemed in

prospect, It is interesting that when he was obviously concentrating very hard, and very determined to make a score, at Manchester Grammar School, he scored 56 in a vital stand with Sealy, which put us in sight of victory. This was Sealy's moment of glory in an otherwise lean season, but once he has some minor footwork problems sorted out, he can be sure that his front foot attacking shots will bring him plenty of runs in the future. Certainly, he executed his duties as Vice-captain in exemplary fashion, and never let his own disappointments detract from his job of encouraging and bringing the best out of others. He will make an excellent Captain next year.

All the other batsmen produced at least one innings which showed their true ability, but, again, inconsistency was the problem. Smythe's 48 almost won the exciting game against Lytham, Roberts' 42 at Rydal seemed to presage a better season that eventually he enjoyed, Wade, whose hard work has improved his wicket-keeping substantially, made a promising 30 against Bolton, and Braddock, the most impressive of the younger players this season, gave Stockport Grammar, and St. Peter's, a foretaste of his ability.

Some of the most interesting performances of the season were by young boys who will provide the stars of future 1st XI's. Technical correctness and application from Shelston and A. G. Cleary will bring them runs at first team level in future. Bowling performances from R. A. Shotton and A. G. Hinchcliffe, and a promising debut behind the stumps from C. W. Timm bode well for the future. S. C. McLoughlin can look forward to some lengthy bowling spells for the 1st Team, next year, if he maintains the line and length that he bowled against Ashley. The best individual performance by a youngster, however, was from P. T. Fearnley who batted for almost an hour and a half and was within a whisker of saving, single-handed, the match against Rochester Maths School. His innings showed technical correctness and real determination, on a difficult pitch against hostile bowling, and once he overcame some initial trepidation in the face of short pitched bowling, he was an outstanding example to his seniors, only being out, to a brilliant slip catch off the last over.

Throughout the season the side was captained in the manner to which we have become accustomed, after a long line of successful captains. D. K. Smythe ranks with the best of the captains which we have produced. He showed great skill in the field, and understanding in dealing with junior and senior players alike, never giving less than a hundred per cent himself. He experienced the best and worst predicaments of captaincy, and will have learnt much this season, never more than at Sedbergh. Against Birkenhead his field placings and use of bowlers was inspired and relentless and denied Birkenhead, when victory had seemed theirs, and against Crosby he produced one of the best sustained pieces of captaincy in the field that I have ever seen, when he seemed to weave a spell over the whole game. Every bowling change produced a wicket, every field change attracted a catch, and he seemed to be one step ahead of the opposition at every turn. His positive attitude to the game was reflected by the whole team, and their results, and contributed greatly to making the season successful, interesting and enjoyable for everyone associated with the 1st XI.

I. J. Shaw

SECOND XI CRICKET

Played 13, Won 6, Lost 2, Drawn 5.

- v. Rydal School (A)
Match Drawn
School 211 (Bent 42, Thorley 34, Buckley 29, Ladd 25)
Rydal 145 for 9 (Wallwork 4 for 14)
- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A)
Won by 71 runs
School 223 for 5 dec. (Williams 70 n.o., Bent 54, Marsden 51)
Arnold 152 (Shotton 4 for 33)
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H)
Won by 104 runs
School 164 for 6 dec. (Thorley 82 n.o., Williams 29)
Woodhouse Grove 60 (Williams 4 for 13, McLoughlin 4 for 21)
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A)
Won by 7 wickets
Macclesfield 96 (Williams 5 for 16)
School 98 for 3 (Shelston 53 n.o.)
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (H)
Lost by 5 wickets
School 80 (Ladd 30 n.o.)
Wakefield 81 for 5
- v. Bolton School (A)
Match Drawn
School 131 for 9 dec. (Pye 25, McLoughlin 21 n.o.)
Bolton 98 for 4
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham (A)
Won by 136 runs
School 211 for 8 dec. (Buckley 51 n.o., Thompson 46)
Lytham 75 (Shotton 6 for 50)
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (A)
Lost by 2 wickets
School 131 (Williams 42 n.o., Ladd 27)
Crosby 135 for 8
- v. Birkenhead School (A)
Match Drawn
School 121 (Pegler 35, Bent 21)
Birkenhead 118 for 8 (Williams 4 for 43, Ladd 3 for 20)
- v. Sedbergh School (A)
Match Drawn
Sedbergh 122 (Wallwork 4 for 27)
School 101 for 4 (Ladd 32, Thorley 26)
- v. Manchester Grammar School (H)
Won by 6 wickets
Manchester 57 (Shotton 5 for 26)
School 61 for 4 (Shelston 34)
- v. Stockport Grammar School (H)
Won by 84 runs
School 157 (Williams 41, Pegler 41, Ladd 25)
Stockport 73 (Shotton 5 for 25, Williams 4 for 14)

- v. Ellesmere College (A)
 Match Drawn
 School 18 for 8 dec. (Pegler 70, Leon 21)
 Ellesmere 96 for 8 (Shotton 4 for 29)

The Second XI enjoyed a highly successful season, winning nearly half of their matches and losing only two. This success was due to a very good team effort although the performance of two or three key figures prominently. Foremost among these was Williams. As a captain he was not outstanding except inasmuch as he led by example. The virtues of his batting were that it was uncomplicated and positive. Against inaccurate bowling at Arnold School he hit a whirlwind 70 not out, one of the highlights of the season. When we played host to Stockport Grammar School he came in and played in a similar manner when we were collapsing, thus rescuing the innings. In addition to scoring the most runs Williams took 29 wickets, second only to his opening partner Shotton.

A winning side must possess the ability to bowl out the opposition. That we did so seven times was mainly due to our opening bowlers, who took nearly two thirds of the wickets. Shotton, after a mediocre period in the middle of the season, improved greatly towards the end although he does rely too much on pace and in order to progress further should learn to bowl with more variety. Wallwork made a major contribution on two occasions and in fact ended with the best bowling average. McLoughlin's spin-bowling was unfortunately rarely needed. However without him we would not have bowled out Woodhouse Grove School so cheaply and, had he been available, we would certainly have beaten Rydal School.

Our batting was by no means dependent on Williams: all our batsmen made important contributions at some time. Ladd and Buckley were our most reliable batsmen and both owed this to a good technique. Thorley promised much at the beginning of the season, particularly after his match-winning 82 not out against Woodhouse Grove School, but in fact he produced only two or three substantial scores afterwards. A slight adjustment of technique will enable him to overcome his problems. After a fine innings at Arnold School, Marsden never again succeeded although he too is potentially a very good batsman. In the first two matches Bent tore apart the bowling of Rydal School and Arnold School but he did not achieve much more success. Shelston played two good innings but for much of the time he was obviously out of form and unable to display his batting. His best innings was when he helped to win the match at Macclesfield but even there he had to bat for a long time before he began to enjoy himself and play his shots. Leon came into the side very late in the season and made a useful contribution in both the games he played in.

Pegler had to wait until the middle of the season before obtaining a place in the team but, after two failures, went from strength to strength. He hits the ball cleanly and powerfully and his talents were never more in evidence than on the flat Ellesmere College wicket. This was an excellent innings and was a fitting finale to the season.

The fielding and catching were more than adequate throughout the season. Some splendid catches were taken (notably by Pegler against Manchester Grammar School) and the throwing was generally good. Pye kept wicket for

most of the season but even though he performed well, his rival Thompson was certainly no worse and was a better batsman.

In short it was a talented team, strong in both batting and bowling, all of whom enjoyed their cricket and attracted much praise from those who watched them.

P. M. Bull

UNDER 15 XI CRICKET

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

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A)
 Lost by 8 wickets
 School 59
 Arnold 62 for 2
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (H)
 Match Drawn
 School 157 (Taylor 30, Hunt 27 n.o., Wadsworth 27, Cleary 25)
 Macclesfield 99 for 7
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (A)
 Won by 7 wickets
 Q.E.G.S. 108 (Cross 4 for 32)
 School 111 for 3 (Mullins 51, Jackson 32)
- v. Bolton G.S. (H)
 Won by 3 wickets
 Bolton 118 (Taylor 6 for 28)
 School 119 for 7 (Cleary 32, Fearnley 30, Barber 27)
- v. Bury G.S. (H)
 Won by 10 wickets
 Bury 22 (Cross 9 for 13)
 School 24 for 0
- v. King Edward's, Lytham (H)
 Lost by 4 wickets
 School 167 (Fearnley 111)
 Lytham 169 for 6
- v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby (H)
 Won by 5 wickets
 Crosby 144 for 2
 School 147 for 5 (Jackson 48, Fearnley 31 n.o., Mullins 23)
- v. Birkenhead School (H)
 Won by 152 runs
 School 227 for 3 (Cleary 104 n.o., Barber 51 n.o., Jackson 40, Fearnley 25)
 Birkenhead 75 (Cleary 7 for 13)
- v. Shrewsbury School (A)
 Match Drawn
 Shrewsbury 165 for 8
 School 137 for 5 (Jackson 48, Fearnley 42 n.o.)
- v. Rydal School (A)
 Won by 4 wickets
 Rydal 132 (Taylor 5 for 14)
 School 133 for 6 (Cleary 62, Fearnley 30, Jackson 24)

- v. Manchester G.S. (H)
Match Drawn
School 20 for 4 (Cleary 108 n.o., Jackson 40,
Mullins 20)
M.G.S. 93 for 1
- v. Ellesmere College (H)
Won by 10 wickets
Ellesmere 95 (Taylor 5 for 28)
School 99 for 0 (Cleary 74 n.o., Jackson 22 n.o.)

After an early hiccup at a snowy Blackpool, the under 15's side settled down to become one of the most powerful sides in the area and to complete a very successful season.

If at times the bowling lacked variety and penetration, this was more than made up for by a very powerful batting line-up in which the skipper A. G. Cleary, P. T. Fearnley and M. L. Jackson excelled but were well backed by the ability of others to come in and score quick runs or stop a collapse as the situation arose.

The highlights of the season for me were P. T. Fearnley 111 against Lytham in our only other defeat, A. G. Cleary 104 not out against Birkenhead and 108 not out against M.G.S. and M. J. Cross 9 for 13 (including a hat-trick) against Bury. Other notable performances were regular contributions by M. L. Jackson who managed to be dismissed in the forties on four occasions and G. P. Wadsworth who made up for in his determination what he lacked in stroke play and could always be relied upon to keep one end steady whilst runs were being scored at the other.

D. R. Taylor was the top wicket taker with 24 and his steady bowling was able to contain sides as well as bowl them out. M. J. Cross was the main strike bowler but, other than with his amazing performance against Bury, was generally countered by a straight bat on flat wickets and a number of chances which were not taken. R. D. N. Hunt was on the whole disappointing, usually coming on to bowl rather late and trying to bowl with too much variety rather than concentrating on bowling his off-breaks on wickets which generally gave him some assistance. The ground fielding was usually of the highest order with N. W. Barber and G. P. Wadsworth excelling but the close catching was not always good and a number of vital chances were missed. I. Mullins performed exceptionally well behind the stumps and made a valuable contribution as an opening bat.

Although I have mentioned the key players this was very much a team performance and the contributions of the others ensured that the spirit and the humour in the side was always high thus making A. G. Cleary's job as skipper that much easier. My thanks to all who made it a very enjoyable season to umpire.

The following represented the School:
A. G. Cleary (captain), P. T. Fearnley (vice-captain), N. W. Barber, R. H. Coathup, M. J. Cross, J. V. Dwek, W. P. Hopwood, R. D. N. Hunt, M. L. Jackson, I. Mullins, D. R. Taylor and G. P. Wadsworth. Also batted: I. R. Davies and J. M. Hodson.

I. D. Lewis

UNDER 14 XI CRICKET

Played 16, Won 5, Lost 8, Drawn 3.

- v. Arnold School (H)
Match abandoned
- School 15 for 1
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H)
Match Drawn
School 161 for 6 dec. (Benson 46 n.o., Rushton 32, Harvey 20)
Woodhouse Grove 103 for 9 (Kay 4 for 27, Rushton 4 for 28)
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A)
Won by 130 runs
School 179 for 3 dec. (Benson 61 n.o. Rushton 53, Schofield 29 n.o.)
Macclesfield 49 (Rushton 6 for 15)
- v. Q.E.G.S. Wakefield (H)
Lost by 10 wickets
School 55.
Wakefield 58 for 0
- v. Poundswick High School (H)
(Harold Bailey Trophy)
Won by 4 wickets
Poundswick 68 (Rushton 5 for 11)
School 69 for 6 (Harvey 23)
- v. Bury Grammar School (H) (25 overs)
Lost by 8 wickets
School 65
Bury 66 for 2.
- v. Bolton School (A)
Lost by 1 wicket
School 88 (Rushton 22)
Bolton 89 for 9 (Rushton 5 for 23, Zaidi 3 for 21)
- v. King Edward's School, Lytham (A)
Lost by 8 wickets
School 75
Lytham 76 for 2
- v. St. Bede's College (H) (Harold Bailey Trophy)
Lost by 6 runs
St. Bede's 123 (Rushton 3 for 20, Kay 3 for 25)
School 117 (Rushton 47, Harvey 31)
- v. North Cestrian Grammar School (H) (20 overs)
Won by 9 wickets
North Cestrian 80 for 5
School 83 for 1 (Harvey 39 n.o., Benson 33 n.o.)
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (A)
Match Drawn
School 86 (Rushton 25)
Crosby 70 for 9 (Benson 4 for 23, Harvey 3 for 9)
- v. Birkenhead School (A)
Lost by 6 wickets
School 69 (Kennedy 20)
Birkenhead 70 for 4

- v. Rydal School (A)
Won by 16 runs
School 68
Rydal 52 (Benson 8 for 16)
- v. Manchester Grammar School (A)
Lost by 9 wickets
School 56
M.G.S. 57 for 1
- v. Stockport Grammar School (H)
Won by 122 runs
School 182 for 3 dec. (Harvey 65, Benson 40 n.o.
Rushton 37)
Stockport 60 (Rushton 4 for 13)
- v. Ellesmere College (A)
Lost by 8 wickets
School 107 for 8 dec. (Benson 26, Taylor 22)
Ellesmere 108 for 2

The following players represented the School:

B. M. Adderley, D. Arundel, S. A. Barnes, G. P. Benson, R. Harvey, S. D. Kay, S. M. Kennedy, D. B. Lancaster, K. G. Rushton, S. J. F. Schofield, M. J. Taylor and A. K. Zaidi.

The team did not enjoy a very good season though it was by no means a disaster and would indeed have looked much more respectable if we had managed to take the tenth wicket in the drawn matches against Woodhouse Grove School and Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. We also allowed the last Bolton pair to score 25 runs to win the match when victory for us had appeared a certainty. In contrast to these three extremely close matches we had one or two very convincing wins and some heavy defeats.

The unpredictable pattern of results was due quite simply to the fact that the side possesses a limited number of players of real ability. Occasionally they all succeeded at once as in the matches when we overwhelmed Macclesfield by 130 runs and Stockport by 122. On other occasions when there was no outstanding individual performance we looked rather a poor side.

Benson, Rushton and Harvey batted very well and all three scored over 250 runs. Rushton has developed into a sound opening batsman who tries to get behind the ball and watches it on to the bat. Benson takes advantage of his height and reach and plays well off the front foot. Both of them are beginning to think in terms of building a large score and their improvement has been marked. Harvey has an easy, relaxed style and a good eye. He is sometimes too casual but has the making of a very good batsman indeed. The combined average of these three was about 60 and they were usually able to lay the foundation for a good total. The middle order, however, was always vulnerable. Schofield had a disappointing term after a bright start, Kennedy is capable of making many runs but was often out to an injudicious shot early on, and Kay has not yet added a sufficient number of scoring strokes to a sound defence. The remaining batsmen, Lancaster, Barnes, Adderley and Arundel, all did their best and Taylor made a valuable contribution at Ellesmere College.

Most of the bowling was done by Benson and Rushton. Benson at his best was very effective and produced

remarkable figures of 8 for 16 against Rydal. With more variance in pace and angle of delivery he should do still better. Rushton always presented problems to batsmen. Several of his wickets were the result of smart stumpings by Kennedy who again kept wicket very well. Taylor and Zaidi suffered from the fact that they did not have sufficiently long spells to establish length and direction. Harvey took some wickets but generally bowled too short. Kay bowls in a similar manner to Rushton though he turns the ball less. At times he bowled very well and is certain to improve.

Rushton had a difficult job as captain. He set an excellent personal example but the feeling persists that he is dealing with a collection of individuals rather than a team. This was often apparent in the field where too many players wandered from their position and where backing-up was often neglected. Running between the wickets also showed a lack of understanding and co-operation. If each player is constantly aware of what he can do to improve the performance of the team it may well be that next season we shall just win rather than just lose to close matches and that the overall pattern of results will be much healthier.

H. W. Timm

UNDER 13 XI CRICKET

Played 12, Won 9, Lost 2, Drawn 1.

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A)
Lost by 4 wickets
School 162 for 9 (Jameson 44, Garlick 31)
Arnold 164 for 6
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H)
Won by 2 wickets
Woodhouse Grove 83
School 87 for 8 (Garlick 27 n.o.)
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (H)
Won by 68 runs
School 210 (Hinchcliffe 53)
Macclesfield 142 (Hinchcliffe 4 for 12)
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (H)
Won by 85 runs
School 150 (Hinchcliffe 36)
Wakefield 65 (Jameson 5 for 24)
- v. Bury G.S. (A)
Won by 89 runs
School 137 (Garlick 77)
Bury 48 (Wilson-Barnes 5 for 3)
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham (H)
Won by 10 wickets
Lytham 63 (Wilson-Barnes 5 for 20)
School 68 for 0
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H)
Won by 66 runs
School 191 (Garlick 90, Hinchcliffe 40)
Crosby 125 (Hinchcliffe 4 for 30)
- v. Burnage H.S. (A)
won by 63 runs
School 95 for 8 (Jameson 30)
Burnage 32 (Wilson-Barnes 5 for 11)

- v. Birkenhead School (A)
Lost by 16 runs
Birkenhead 98 (Wilson-Barnes 6 for 28)
School 82 (Timm 24)
- v. Manchester G.S. (H)
Won by 8 wickets
Manchester 70 (Hinchcliffe 5 for 9)
School 72 for 2 (Timm 32 n.o.)
- v. Stockport G.S.
Match Drawn
Stockport 129 (Wilson-Barnes 7 for 39)
School 114 for 7
- v. North Cestrian G.S.
Won by 21 runs
School 88 for 5 (Garlick 42 n.o.)
North Cestrian 67 (Hinchcliffe 5 for 15)

The following boys represented the School:

C. W. Timm (Capt.), N. R. Abrahams, M. J. Braddock, J. J. Garlick, A. G. Hinchcliffe, A. N. Jameson, S. Jeffries, R. D. Lawson, M. A. Thorley, O. E. Wilson-Barnes, S. D. Thornton, J. Charlesworth, D. R. P. Kirby.

The School enjoyed a very successful season and showed themselves to be a team of highly promising young cricketers. After losing their first game in a gale force wind at Arnold, they won their next seven in a row before possibly becoming complacent at Birkenhead. Their only other blemish was a draw at Stockport, played on a 22-yard pitch!

Although having a strong bowling side their main strength lay in their batting which always went down to ten, with one or two more of ability having to be left out. In Timm, Hinchcliffe, Jameson, Garlick and Arnfield the School has five batsmen of outstanding ability, but remarkably, a good batting side could have been chosen from the remaining batsmen in the squad. The major batting honours must go to Garlick who displayed great natural ability but with a desire to improve, and this he did. He was unlucky to miss out on scoring a century on two occasions.

Hinchcliffe can bowl a side out when he is on form but sometimes he lacks control, as does the promising Jameson. Freddie Truman has nothing on this lad when it comes to aggression and determination, but he couldn't quite find the right line this season. In the main it was Wilson-Barnes who took the bowling honours with some classic leg-spin (taking 40 wickets), ably partnered at the other end by the off-spin of Arnfield.

Timm, the captain, led his side with quiet authority and displayed some shrewd judgement with his bowling changes. He also set an example with his wicket-keeping, making the fielding look very tidy. There was some impressive catching by Lawson, Jeffries, Abrahams and Wilson-Barnes.

This team has a lot to live up to next season, and in the seasons to come and they may have to work harder at their game than they did this year. I hope so, for their sake, as it will do them good in the long run.

I must thank Mr. Wood for his assistance during the season.

C. J. Maudsley

UNDER 12 XI CRICKET

- V. Arnold School, Blackpool (H)
Match abandoned as a draw
W.H.G.S. 101 for 3 (Timm 51 n.o., O'Driscoll 27)
Blackpool did not bat
- v. Woodhouse Grove, Bradford (A)
Won by 17 runs
W.H.G.S. 54
Bradford 37 (Timm 5 for 4, Sayyid 3 or 1)
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A)
Won by 16 runs
W.H.G.S. 110 (Kloss 27, Tomlinson 22 n.o.)
Macclesfield 84 (Timm 7 for 13)
- v. Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield (A)
Lost by 4 wickets
W.H.G.S. 46
Wakefield 47 for 6 (Timm 3 for 7)
- v. Bury Grammar School (A)
Match tied
W.H.G.S. 83 (O'Driscoll 47)
Bury 83 (Timm 4 for 20, O'Driscoll 3 for 21)
- v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby (A)
Won by 93 runs
W.H.G.S. 201 for 1 dec. (O'Driscoll 118 n.o., Timm 590)
Crosby 108 (O'Driscoll 3 for 14, Timm 3 for 15, Sayyid 3 for 17)
- v. Burnage High School (H)
Lost by 3 wickets
W.H.G.S. 76 (O'Driscoll 29)
Burnage 79 for 7
- v. Birkenhead School (A)
Won by 6 wickets
Birkenhead 82 (Cleary 8 for 19)
W.H.G.S. 8 for 4
(Timm 29, Hinds 20 n.o.)
- v. Goff's School (H)
Won by 9 wickets
Goff's 53 for 8 (Timm 3 for 5)
W.H.G.S. 54 for 1 (Timm 21 n.o., O'Driscoll 24)
- v. Manchester Grammar School (A)
Match Drawn
W.H.G.S. 142 for 6 dec. Timm 75, Hinds 34 n.o.)
Manchester 113 for 8 (O'Driscoll 3 for 20)
- v. Stockport Grammar School (H)
Lost by 11 runs
Stockport Grammar School (H)
Lost by 11 runs
Stockport 93 (Sayyid 4 for 17, Cleary 3 for 9)
W.H.G.S. 82 (Hinds 23 n.o.)
- v. North Cestrian Grammar School (A)
Lost by 3 wickets
W.H.G.S. 66 for 8
North Cestrian 8 for 7 (Cleary 4 for 14)

BATTING AVERAGES					
Name	Innings	Not out	Highest Score	Total runs	Average
Timm	12	2	75	290	29.0
O'Driscoll	12	1	118 n.o.	291	26.4
Hinds	9	3	34 n.o.	109	18.2
Kloss	9	1	27	79	9.9
Tomlinson	8	1	22 n.o.	60	8.6

BOWLING AVERAGES					
Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Timm	59.1	17	140	31	4.5
Sayyid	66.3	24	118	20	5.9
Cleary	101.5	38	182	26	7.0
O'Driscoll	50	11	121	12	10.1

FIELDING

Wicketkeeper: Kloss 2 catches, 8 stumpings.
Non-wicketkeepers Timm 7 catches, Hinds 6, Cleary 5, Sayyid 3.

The following players represented the School during the season:

G. J. O'Driscoll, D. M. J. Timm, B. Armstrong, R. W. Bailey, A. J. Booth, J. Bradley, A. P. Cleary, N. J. Hindley, S. P. Hinds, A. J. Jackson, S. V. Kapadia, J. R. C. King, A. W. Kloss, D. Loveland, K. L. Reid, A. J. Sayyid, K. J. M. Stephenson and A. R. Tomlinson.

Played 12, Won 5, Tied 1, Drawn 2, Lost 4.

The season started, as many seasons do, with the weather being the only winner in the game against Arnold School. Sufficient play was possible for Timm and O'Driscoll to show that they were capable of scoring many runs in the season with Timm scoring an unbeaten half century. In the following game at Woodhouse Grove, the School collapsed against some good slow bowling but managed to win a low scoring match by the use of the slow bowling of Timm and Sayyid. This was followed by another narrow win at Macclesfield where again the bowling of Timm was a major factor and included a hat-trick.

The run of successes came to an end at Wakefield where the School suffered their heaviest defeat of the season, losing by four wickets after being dismissed cheaply. The most exciting finish of the season came in the next game at Bury. The School scored 83 thanks largely to O'Driscoll and when Bury batted the game was evenly poised right up to the last ball when Bury needed two runs to win with their last pair at the crease. Good fielding by Jackson brought a run out as the Bury pair went for the winning run to leave the match tied.

Several records were broken in the next game at Crosby. O'Driscoll and Timm took full advantage of a good wicket and inexperienced opposition to put on 179 for the first wicket, allowing the School to declare at 201 for 1. Timm was run out for 59 while O'Driscoll scored an unbeaten 118. When Crosby batted, the School did not bowl particularly well but had enough runs to win comfortably. The School were then brought down to earth against Burnage who had one good all-rounder who was allowed to dominate the match. Confidence was restored by a good win against strong opposition at Birkenhead.

Cleary finally got the sort of figures that he deserved taking 8 for 19 including a hat-trick. The opposition in the next game was a touring side, Golf's, who were beaten with ease.

The game against Manchester G.S. was something of an anti-climax for, after scoring 142 for 6, the School were unable to bowl out the opposition and the game petered out in a tame draw. The season ended disappointingly with successive defeats at the hands of Stockport and North Cestrian. The batting was the main problem in both games. Against Stockport only Hinds showed the necessary application while against North Cestrian runs were not scored quickly enough in a limited over game.

Overall the season was quite successful although the narrow defeats in the last two games spoiled the record somewhat. The team has considerable potential but this potential was only fully realised on two or three occasions. Two players dominated the batting: O'Driscoll and Timm. O'Driscoll has the natural ability to time the ball well and to hit it very hard as he showed in his excellent unbeaten century at Crosby. However, he does not play straight and hits the ball uppishly far too often. In trying to correct his technique, he tended to get out in the second half of the season to balls that he would have despatched to the boundary in the first half of the season. If he can overcome the disappointments in this transitional period then it will be well worth while. Timm, on the other hand, plays much straighter and more correctly. He will score runs regularly and has considerable potential for the future. Of the other batsmen, Hinds played several good innings and with his big hitting should develop into a useful middle order batsman. Sayyid had a disappointing season with the bat: the promise that he showed in practice never really came to fruition in matches. Tomlinson and Kloss also scored useful runs on occasions.

The bowling showed much better balance than the batting. In Cleary, the team had a fine opening bowler who bowled accurately and quite quickly. He did not always have the luck that he deserved but was rewarded at Birkenhead. His accuracy may be judged by the fact that no fewer than 22 of his 26 wickets were bowled. The other opening bowler was usually either O'Driscoll or Sayyid. O'Driscoll bowls medium pace fairly accurately but lacks penetration. Sayyid, on the other hand, was more successful. Although not an orthodox opening bowler, his slow-medium left arm round the wicket provided a useful contrast to the bowling of Cleary. Timm was the most successful bowler with his slow right arm spin. Although he does not turn the ball much, he is prepared to give the ball air and this will always produce wickets at this level. However, unless he starts to turn the ball a little more, I doubt if he will be as successful as the opposition becomes more experienced. With limited opportunities, Loveland showed that he could develop into a useful spinner with his peculiar round arm action. The unfulfilled potential on the bowling side came from Tomlinson and Hinds. Both players looked very useful in practice but neither bowled with the accuracy needed to justify a prolonged spell in matches.

The fielding of the team improved steadily throughout the season. Hinds held several smart catches at slip while Sayyid, Cleary and Timm were impressive on most occasions. Towards the end of the season, Bradley, Hindley and Jackson earned their places on the team purely on account of their fielding. Kloss was the wicket

keeper and although he started the season quite well, he did not show the expected improvement and was untidy at times. He drops far too many straightforward balls either from the bowler or from fielders. It seems to be a problem of concentration since his keeping to slower bowlers was quite good.

Two players shared the difficult task of captaincy: O'Driscoll and Timm. Both did well, with Timm, having greater previous experience, slightly the better of the two.

Of the other players, Sayyid showed that he too has the necessary understanding and knowledge of the game to be a potential captain of the future.

Finally, I would like to thank all the players for their efforts that made it a most enjoyable season, Henshall and Trigg, who gave up their time to act as scorers, and Mr. Wood who deputised for me when I was unavailable.

A. Simkin



"England Test Cricketer Paul Allott presents the 1981 cricket awards to R. H. Harvey, S. C. Mc Loughlin and N. J. Fairfax at the Cricket Evening in March."

(Photo: K. A. Hussain)

JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS - RESULTS

First Form

100 m.	13.6	R. W. Bailey	1c.	S. P. Hinds	1b.	I. D. Law	1c.
200 m.	28.9	R. W. Bailey	1c.	S. P. Hinds	1b.	I. D. Law	1c.
400 m.	73.6	J. J. Burden	1c.	N. Stevenson	1c.	D. J. Mathews	1d.
800 m.	2-42.2	A. D. Ryan	1d.	N. Stevenson	1c.	J. J. Burden	1c.
1500 m.	5-50	S. Pilling	1d.	A. D. Ryan	1d.	K. J. M. Stephenson	1c.
Relay	61.1	1C.		1B.		1A.	
H. Jump	1.28	N. J. Hindley	1b.	K. J. M. Stephenson	1c.	A. J. Savage	1b.
L. Jump	3.80	I. A. Jones	1b.	J. P. Garner	1a.	P. K. Heathcote	1b.
T. Jump	8.76	R. W. Bailey	1c.	S. P. Hinds	1c.	J. Bradley	1d.
Shot	9.00	R. H. Jones	1a.	D. P. Sproson	1a.	O. S. Bawany	1c.
C. Ball	51.8	I. D. Law	1c.	A. R. Ball	1b.	K. L. Reid	1a.

Final positions:

1.	1C.	95 points
2.	1B.	64 points
3.	1A.	46 points
4.	1D.	43 points

Second Form

100 m.	12.9	A. G. Hinchcliffe	2c.	N. E. J. Thompson	2d.	J. J. Garlick	2a.
200 m.	27.4	A. G. Hinchcliffe	2d.	J. J. Garlick	2a.	N. E. J. Thompson	2d.
400 m.	67.8	A. M. Woodhouse	2a.	S. J. Beggs	2a.	D. R. P. Kirby	2c.
800 m.	2-32.5	C. L. Gardner	2c.	J. C. Melen	2c.	A. M. Woodhouse	2a.
1500 m.	5-11.8	C. L. Gardner	2c.	J. D. Jacobs	2a.	E. R. M. Taylor	2b.
Relay	58.0	2C.		2A.		2B.	
H. Jump	1.40	C. L. Gardner	2c.	R. Burns	2d.	J. J. Garlick	2a.
L. Jump	4.35	A. G. Hinchcliffe	2d.	S. J. Beggs	2a.	A. D. Smith	2c.
T. Jump	8.47	A. D. Smith	2c.	W. J. Deakin	2a.	S. D. Thornton	2c.
Shot	9.73	I. G. Wakefield	2c.	A. Y. Hessayon	2a.	A. O. Quereshi	2c.
Javelin	26.75	N. R. Abrahams	2c.	A. Y. Hessayon	2a.	R. Burns	2d.

Final positions:

1.	2C.	109 points
2.	2A.	76 points
3.	2D.	30 points
4.	2B.	22 points

SWIMMING 1982

Played 10, Won. 5, Lost 5. Captain: S. Leadbeater.

v. Cheadle Hulme School	1	188-198
v. Deane Base G.S.	W	92-88
v. North Cestrian G.S.	L	171-225
v. Wright Robinson H.S.	W	116-112
v. Cheadle Hulme School	L	101-135
v. Bury G.S.	L	121-124
v. R.S.D.	W	
v. North Cestrian G.S.	L	152-179
v. Burnage H.S.	W	87-64
v. Moston Brook H.S.	W	93-58

This was a fairly satisfactory year in terms of results; the School won as many matches as it lost.

The first year intake proved to be one of the better age groups that the School has had for sometime. A. Ball and N. Hindley were two of the outstanding swimmers in the team. This must not, however, overshadow the efforts of the rest of the first year team.

The second year swam adequately well as a year group. The most outstanding performances came from J. Moores, R. Swain and D. Khan. D. Khan managed to go through the whole year without a defeat in any individual events.

The third year team had something of a lean year. The results achieved by this age group were not as good as one expected. The most notable performances came from A. Hindley, J. Curran and C. Porritt.

The senior team swam well throughout the season. There were good performances from S. Leadbeater, C. Marshall, J. Tate and G. Nash.

This year saw the School win the Manchester Schools Swimming Association Swimming League at Junior and Intermediate levels for the first time. This was a good performance from those pupils involved.

The annual City Championships also had its ups and downs. The Intermediate and Senior age groups did not fare particularly well. It was up to the Juniors to fly the flag. They had a good championship, in that they managed to get two relay teams to the finals. R. Swain managed to reach the final with the Junior Boys' Breast Stroke. The Championships saw some swimming of exceptional quality from D. Khan. Khan entered four individual events and managed to win four individual events. This remarkable performance was the first time that any boy has managed to win all four individual events, in city swimming championships. So very hearty congratulations to D. Khan.

Finally, I hope that next year we may see something of

a more positive approach from the swimming team as a whole. I would also like to thank those parents who supported the team throughout the year.

The following pupils represented the School:

First Year:

A. Ball, A. Dawes, M. Copson, B. Grange, S. Hatton, A. Hilder, N. Hindley, N. Meech, K. Reid.

Second Year:

A. M. Dickin, A. N. Jameson, D. A. Khan, D. R. Kirby, J. S. Moores, R. D. Swain, D. M. White, Wilson.

Third Year:

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

Seniors:

A. Booth, S. Leadbeater, C. F. Marshall, S. A. Meech, A. P. Marsden, G. Nash, C. P. Tatham.
G. B. Moss

JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS 1982

First Year Backstroke:

N. Hindley, 1B (38.6 secs.), B. Grange, 1A, A. Savage, 1B.

First Year Breast Stroke:

N. Meech, 1C (44.2 secs.), A. Ball, 1B, A. Hilder, 1D.

First Year Butterfly:

A. Dawes, 1A (18.4 secs.), N. Hindley, 1B, R. Glynn, 1D.

First Year Freestyle:

A. Ball, 1B (33.8 secs.), K. Reid, 1A, N. Baynes, 1C.

First Year Medley Relay:

1C. 1B. 1A. 1D.

First Year Squadron Relay:

1C. 1B. 1D. 1A Disq.

Final Points Total: 1B 31 pts.
1C 27 pts.
1A 16 pts.
1D 11 pts.

Second Year Backstroke:

J. Moores, 2D (37.4 secs.), R. Angel, 2B, D. White, 2B.

Second Year Breast Stroke:

R. Swain, 2B (41.3 secs.), S. J. Beggs, 2A, A. Dickin, 2A.

Second Year Butterfly:

D. Khan, 2D (12.9 secs*), A. Jameson, 2B, N. Abrahams, 2C.

Second Year Freestyle:

D. Khan, 2D (27.9 secs*), J. Moores, 2D, R. Swain, 2A.

Second Year Medley Relay:

2D. 2A. 2B. 2C.

Second Year Squadron Relay:

2C. 2B. 2A. 2D.

Final Points Total: 2D 38 pts.
2B 24 pts.
2C 16 pts.
2A 16 pts.

*New School Record.

G. B. Moss

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING RESULTS 1982

Junior Backstroke:

C. Porritt, (F), 36.09 secs.

B. M. Adderley, (G), 37.3 secs.

N. W. Barber, (B)

Middle Backstroke:

R. J. Healey, (F), 35.4 secs.

D. J. Ingram, (B)

J. R. McManus, (F)

Senior Backstroke:

J. R. Tate, (F), 31.33 secs.

C. F. Marshall, (B)

R. D. Meadowcroft, (G)

Junior Breast Stroke:

S. P. Mitchell, (W)

N. W. Barber, (B)

S. D. Harrison, (D)

Middle Breast Stroke:

S. A. Meech, (D), 38.4 secs.

T. A. Jones, (H)

R. G. Dalglish, (F)

Senior Breast Stroke:

S. A. Leadbeater, (B), 31.95 secs*. R. P. Thornton, (F)

P. Winterbottom (F)

Junior Butterfly:

W. S. Dixon, (H), 17.12 secs.

A. M. Hindley (F)

G. P. Wadsworth, (F)

Middle Butterfly:

C. Tatham, (F), 14.44 secs.

G. Manrot, (F)

P. E. Cantley, (H)

Senior Butterfly:

R. P. Thornton, (F), 15.41 secs.

A. G. Kanellis, (H)

D. Howarth, (D)

Junior Freestyle:

A. M. Hindley, (F), 29.91 secs.

J. P. Curran, (H)

N. A. Mellor, (F)

Middle Freestyle:

R. J. Healey, (F), 29.46 secs.

G. Manrot, (F)

K. M. McDonnell. (W)

Senior Freestyle:

G. Nash, (H), 26.55 secs.*

C. F. Marshall, (B)

A. N. Simpson, (G)

Junior Individual Medley:

C. Porritt, (F), 1.18.1 secs.

B. M. Adderley, (G)

W. S. Dixon, (H)

Middle Individual Medley:

C. Tatham, (F), 1.18.1 secs.

S. A. Meech, (D)

V. J. Lord, (F)

Senior Individual Medley:

G. Nash, (H), 1.08.66 secs.

S. A. Leadbeater, (B)

J. R. Tate, (F)

Individual Points Total:

Byrom

Byrom 76 pts. 3rd.

Dalton 47 pts. 5th.

Fraser 124 pts. 1st.

Gaskell 39 pts. 6th.

Heywood 82 pts. 2nd.

Whitworth 62 pts. 4th.

Junior Medley Relay:

Heywood, 1.08.6 secs.

Fraser

Whitworth

Middle Medley Relay:

Fraser

Byrom

Heywood

Dalton

Senior Medley Relay:

Byrom, 58.62 secs.

Fraser

Heywood

Whitworth

Junior Squadron Relay:

Heywood, 2.32.67 secs.

Gaskell

Dalton

Fraser

Middle Squadron Relay:

Fraser, 2.09.05 secs.

Heywood

Dalton

Byrom

Senior Squadron Relay:

Heywood

Fraser

Whitworth

Team Results:

Byrom 18 pts. 3rd.

Dalton 10 pts. 4th.

Fraser 40 pts. 2nd.

Gaskell 6 pts. 6th.

Heywood 44 pts. 1st.

Whitworth 10 pts. 4th.

Individual Champions:

Junior:

C. Porritt, (F)

Intermediate:

R. Healey and C. Tatham, (F)

Senior:

G. Nash, (H)

G. B. Moss

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Each House, having entered a third year team and a fourth year team, played each other house in a year group competition, a total of five games per house per year group. The final result however was decided by adding the points total gained by both year teams. It is very important therefore that a house fields two strong teams. This Fraser did playing consistently well enough to hold off the challenge of last year's winners, Byrom.

Unfortunately three houses failed to comply with the competition rules. This resulted in Dalton's and Heywood's third year teams and Gaskell's fourth year team being withdrawn from the appropriate competition.

However, basketball of a reasonably high standard was seen. Cowburn's dominance under the basket, Viner's ball control and MacDonald's work rate springs immediately to mind. However basketball is a team game and to win the shield a house must play solid basketball in both year groups. In both year groups Fraser lost only two games out of ten played.

Results:

Fraser	18 pts.	1st.
Byrom	16 pts.	2nd.
Whitworth	15 pts.	3rd.
Gaskell/Heywood	11 pts.	4th equal
Dalton	7 pts.	6th.

C. H. Seddon

TENNIS

Played 10, Won 5, Lost 3, Drawn 2.

v. Mosely School
Won 6-3

v. Stockport Grammar School
Won 5-4

GLANVILL CUP - FIRST ROUND:

v. Hutton Grammar School
Lost 1-2

v. Range High School, Formby
Drew 1½-1½

v. North Cestrian Grammar School
Lost 4-5

v. Bolton School
Won 6-3

v. Birkenhead School
Won 6½-2½

v. Arnold School
Won 6½-2½

v. Manchester Grammar School
Lost 3-6

v. The Parents Drew

The experience of the senior players began to tell straight away with some excellent performances against the usual diverse opposition. Several players had been keeping their hands in over the winter with weekly matches in the Sports Hall, and although this did not always result in the consistency one might have expected it did at least ensure that no-one was entirely rusty when the season began in earnest. N. J. Grunfeld and W. A. Sandy usually played as First Pair and were unbeaten all season, never conceding a set and seldom allowing their opponents more than a consolation game or two. The remaining members of the principal squad played in a variety of pairings with mixed success, but all of them displayed a strong commitment to the game and a determination to win even when the odds were poor. The tennis was always exciting and tense, therefore.

Once again our defeat at the hands of mediocre opposition in the Glanvill Cup defies rational explanation, when all the School players are perfectly used to competitive tennis under pressure. As in previous years, I must simply look forward to next year's Glanvill, I suppose.

The Second Six had very few games this year, insufficient to become really established. Yet they played strong steady tennis and produced some promising results.

Equally promising was the Under Fifteen Six, which contains the nucleus of an impressive future senior side.

The long-awaited Pavilion was at last erected towards the end of the season, too late, unfortunately, to be of any

real use to the School teams this year. It consists of a changing-room, a store-room for nets and posts, and an attractive and sheltered verandah for the use of players and observers alike.

We were asked once again to provide teams of ball-boys for Finals Day at the G.M.C. Moben Kitchens Lawn Tennis Tournament, held as usual at the splendid Northern Lawn Tennis Club in West Didsbury. It is a measure of the Tournament organisers' satisfaction with our previous teams' performances that this was the fourth consecutive year we had been chosen for the day of the finals. The attraction this year was of course the 1981 Wimbledon Champion, John McEnroe, who narrowly beat Russell Simpson of New Zealand in the most exciting Men's Singles Final that has been seen at the Northern for some years. All our ball-boys performed impeccably, and apart from a little friendly advice on court from McEnroe, they came in for nothing but praise.

My thanks go to Mr. Thomson for assisting with many of the School matches, to Grunfeld for captaining the First Six, and to all the School players, whose excellent behaviour on and off court made it a pleasure to watch the high standard of tennis they played.

Full Colours are awarded again to N. J. Grunfeld, and for the first time to W. A. Sandy.

Half Colours go to M. W. Kennedy, R. D. Meadowcroft, A. B. Rowley and L. J. T. White.

Apart from the above, the following also represented the First Six:

M. D. Binns, R. P. Botkai and A. H. Morgan.

D. M. Fisher

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS 1981/82

The first event of our year was, as usual, the Garden Fete. Once again this was held in perfect weather and £2,000 was given to the School to help refurbish the stage in the New Hall.

New and old parents had the opportunity to hear and talk to the Headmaster at our September meeting. This was followed, in October, by the Cheese and Wine evening. This has long been an annual event, when we welcome members of staff and enjoy their company.

In November Mr. Hallworth and Mr. Wood gave an illustrated talk on the School Lacrosse tour of America.

In December we held a Christmas Dance in the Dining Hall. This is a function which is becoming very popular and is a good start to the Christmas festivities.

The first event of 1982 was a Whist Drive followed two weeks later by a famous-name seconds sale.

In February our Hoe-down and hot pot supper was a huge success - the dining hall was full of families and friends really enjoying themselves.

The final event was the Annual Dinner Dance. This year a change of venue to Hough End Hall, Chorlton was appreciated by many people who supported us. We were pleased to welcome as our guests the Vice-Chairman of the Governors, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Filleul and the President of the Old Hulmeians.

The sporting activities of the Association continue and matches against the School and Staff are enjoyed.

The 300 Club is still a valuable source of income and new members are always welcome.

Our thanks are due to members of School staff who are always willing to help.

The Committee for 1982/3 is:-

<i>President :</i>	Mrs. S. Artley
<i>Chairman:</i>	Mrs. J. Campbell
<i>Vice-Chairman:</i>	Mrs. R. Pimlott
<i>Hon-Secretary :</i>	Mrs. A. Marsden
<i>Hon-Treasurer :</i>	Mr. A. J. Burden

Members: Mrs. J. Matthews, Mrs. H. Dixon, Mrs. P. M. Meadowcroft, Mr. G. W. Wakefield, Mr. M. Miller, Mr. A. Artley, Mr. H. A. E. Downie, Mr. J. J. Lancaster.

Mr. C. F. Jeanes, our President, retired this year. Mr. Jeanes was Treasurer of the Association for many years and in charge of the 300 Club.

Our thanks to Mr. Jeanes for all his work on behalf of the Association.

OLD HULMEIANS ASSOCIATION

Under the energetic presidency of Dr. Stanley Foulds, the Association has had a successful year. The Annual Dinner proved to be something of a private re-union for the 5A of 1946-7, far apart from the President himself, the two guest speakers were Professor Jack Cairns and the Reverend Alan Godson, while among those present was Alan Blight - it was indeed a vintage year, and a very enjoyable dinner! Other regular functions such as the Dinner Dance, the September Reunion and the annual ramble under the leadership of Chris Bryans were well supported, but, as always, increased attendances would help to make the Association an even more thriving organisation.

Although the Lacrosse Section failed to gain major honours it had a successful season with its First "A" and "Extra A" teams holding their own in the top three divisions, while the "B" and "C" teams performed in the fifth and seventh divisions. The youth policy under the leadership of Malcolm Wood and David Marsden has encouraged more juniors to play; it is very pleasing to report that in the coming season a sixth team will be representing the section and giving invaluable experience to young players. Any boys still at School who are interested in learning more about the opportunities which the Lacrosse Section can offer are cordially invited to consult Mr. Wood.

The Golf Section has had a successful year with its two regular meetings (one in September, the other on Ascension Day) as well as performing creditably in the Lancashire Old Boy's Association meeting at Crosby. The Rifle Section has not been able to field a team in postal competitions this year - only a handful of new members is needed to revive the fortunes of the section.

Perhaps the most significant event of the year has been the revival of the London Association after a lapse of several years. Two social functions, including the traditional dinner, were held and received good support from Old Hulmeians in the London area. We wished the London Association every success for the future.

Unfortunately the year that has passed has been marked by the deaths of several Old Hulmeians who had given long and distinguished service to the Association. Tommy Bland was for many years the Treasurer of the Association and gave his time and professional expertise unstintingly on its behalf. Three other Past Presidents, Brian Plaskett, Allan Smith and Sydney Whittingham, also died during the year - all men who had served the Association well. Their experience and their friendship will be sadly missed by all who were privileged to know them.

Finally, the response to the D. M. Williams Memorial Fund Appeal was such that over £600 was donated in less than a year. The money has been presented to the School and is to be used to purchase two new instruments for the orchestra and to endow a Music Prize - a fitting memorial to a man who introduced generations of Hulmeians to the joys of music making and singing.

C. J. Lowe



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