

This has been a great year for Gaskell, not only for the shelf full of silver which we proudly display, but in the esprit de corps which has developed in all House activities, and for this I must thank J. C. Banks and J. L. Hindley who have been excellent Heads of House, all the House Prefects who have helped in many ways and every member of the House who has done his best to bring credit to the House. Undoubtedly the most pleasing achievement of a Gaskell boy came on Speech Day when the Graham Johnson Memorial Prize was awarded to D. A. Cotton as the boy who had done most for the cultural life of the School. May next year be as good—or better.

R.A.H.

WHITWORTH HOUSE

This has been a year of mixed fortunes for the House. There have been some very pleasing results—foremost of these was our winning the Senior Rugby Knockout Shield for the third year—but also some disappointing ones. However, in general there was an excellent “House spirit” throughout the year, due largely to the example and the standards set by the Senior half of the House. It is most important that those returning next year continue this atmosphere which is the pre-requisite for any success in House competitions.

MICHAELMAS TERM

Appointments : R. W. MacNeill was made Head of House; N. I. Greensmith was made Deputy Head of House.

R. W. MacNeill, N. I. Greensmith and N. M. Winward were all appointed School Prefects.

The House congratulates R. W. MacNeill on being made Captain of the School 1st XV and for being selected to play for the Lancashire U-14 team.

The House Rugby teams were admirably led and organised by T. Sydney. Although we only finished third in the League this was due primarily to the wealth of School team players rather than to any lack of effort by the House teams.

In the Junior Rugby Knock-outs, Whitworth defeated Heywood very convincingly, 26—12, in the first round. They were unfortunate to be drawn against a particularly strong Gaskell side in the semi-finals, but nevertheless put up an excellent challenge. D. Hoey and J. Bennington made some useful breaks but Gaskell dominated too much of the forward play for our backs to be given the opportunities they needed and were the eventual winners, 36—12.

Having won the Senior Knockouts for the previous two years, Whitworth must have started off as favourites. To reach the final, Whitworth defeated Heywood, 52—3, and Byrom 46—0. In these games the side did not allow themselves to become complacent and rather than just managing to win the games, the side demonstrated its all-round strength to the full. The sternest test, however, remained until the final, where the opposition were Fraser. In an excellent match, where very little was given away by either side, Whitworth were the eventual winners 9—4. Fraser were thought to have the edge in the forwards but on the day, the Whitworth pack, led by A. Cosslett, played above themselves and matched the opposition in every department. R. MacNeill made numerous openings from scrum-half and inspired the Whitworth team to greater efforts. N. Winward deserves a special mention too because it was he, despite a leg injury, who produced a series of saving tackles in the crucial stages of the second half. Our victory was essentially due to a determined team effort. With a good number of the Knockout side returning, Whitworth can again hope to see the shield on their shelf next year.

The following represented the School at Rugby :

1st XV : R. MacNeill, N. Greensmith, N. Winward, C. MacNeill, A. Cosslett.

2nd XV : R. Boardley, A. Lane, S. Aldred, C. Tugman.

U-15's : D. Hoey, J. Bennington, S. Skinner, S. Sherman.

LENT TERM

Firstly our congratulations go to G. Burton who gained a place at Brasenose College, Oxford, and to I. Short, who gained a Royal Scholarship to Imperial College.

The House Lacrosse League was a close-fought thing this year and Whitworth finished second to Gaskell. This position says much for the effort and enthusiasm shown by most of the House teams.

In the Junior Knockouts, Whitworth were again unlucky to be drawn against the favourites, Dalton. The team brought the best out of the opposition and in an exciting game, narrowly lost 10—9. Dalton went on to win the competition but must have considered themselves a little lucky in the first round.

After gaining a bye in the first round the Seniors were faced with a very strong Gaskell side in the semi-finals. The great effort that Whitworth put into the game was not enough to compensate for Gaskell's superior all-round ability and Whitworth lost 15—4. R. MacNeill, S. I'Anson and C. Tugman all deserve a mention for their performances in this game. All too often, however, their efforts were squandered by a dropped pass in front of goal or slack marking in the defence.

In the Hewlett Cup six-a-side competition the spirited performance by our first team was some compensation for our low position in the final order. The team consisted of : S. I'Anson, R. MacNeill, N. Winward, A. Lane, C. Tugman and P. Emsley. The side reached the final of their group and were only beaten 2—1 by Byrom.

After great success in the past in the House Play Competition, our position of fourth was possibly a little disappointing. The co-producers and star performers of Whitworth's play, "Death on the Line", were T. Sydney and S. Hazeldine. A run of bad luck seems to have plagued our performances over the last three years and this year was no exception—a collapsing door at a critical moment and the disappearance of one of our actors! Despite these mishaps, the plays were once again one of the most enjoyable events of the year and with some budding actors in the lower half of the House, Whitworth can hope for future success in this competition.

The term once again came to its conclusion with the annual cross-country run down at Hardy Lane. After being the surprise winners of the entire competition last year, showing that great efforts by a few members of the House pay dividends, it was both disappointing and disconcerting to find that the response to forming a team this year was extremely poor. Far too many boys seemed unprepared to make a little effort on behalf of the House in this event. Despite all this, we finished second behind Gaskell, and G. Hodgson must be congratulated for his individual performance in winning the Senior race and receiving the personal award.

The following represented the School at Lacrosse :

1st XII : S. I'Anson.

2nd XII : C. Tugman.

U-15 : D. Hoey.

SUMMER TERM

The House congratulates R. W. MacNeill on being appointed Deputy Head of School.

N. I. Greensmith was appointed Head of House.

The House also congratulates N. Winward on being made Captain of School Tennis and N. Greensmith on being made Captain of School 1st XI Cricket.

In the Swimming Sports our thanks go to K. Barker for organising the teams and arranging the pre-gala practices. With limited resources the House managed to finish in a very respectable third position.

Whitworth has not been considered a strong cricket House for several years—and this year was no exception. R. Boardley organised the House sides each week ensuring that if nothing else we had eleven players on the field. Despite his efforts, Whitworth could only manage fifth place in the League.

The Cricket Knockouts brought no successes either. After a bye in the first round, the Juniors were beaten by Gaskell while the Seniors lost to Fraser due to a batting collapse. However, neither team was humiliated and the players enjoyed the cricket. For future success in this competition, the House badly needs an influx of cricketing talent.

The House did have one notable success in the Summer term—for the fourth year running we won the Tennis Knockouts. The team was: N. Winward, A. Cosslett and R. MacNeill and N. Greensmith. Our opponents were all defeated by wide margins.

J. Poland arranged Whitworth's entry for the Music Festival. With precious little musical ability in the House the programme that was eventually produced was a very creditable one.

Whitworth should have been in strong contention for the House Athletics Cup but due to a distinct lack of effort from certain quarters of the House in obtaining standards points which count for so much in this competition, we were never able to close the gap on the leading Houses and finished a very disappointing fifth. The importance of these points for standards has been clear year after year and cannot be overestimated. Therefore, I hope that at long last the lesson has been learnt.

The following represented the School at Cricket :

1st XI : N. I. Greensmith.

2nd XI : K. Eckersley.

U-15 : D. Hoey, S. Jones, G. Gillespie.

U-14 : H. Frost.

The following represented the School at Tennis :

1st Team : N. Winward, A. Cosslett, R. MacNeill.

Finally, on behalf of the House, I would like to wish all those who have left every success in the future.

N.I.G.



1st XV RUGBY

Played 19, Won 11, Lost 8, For 387, Against 273.

v. Broughton Park Colts XV	W	16—8
v. Major Watkins' XV	L	16—33
v. Stockport G.S.	L	8—9
v. H.M.S. Conway	L	9—20
v. Q.E.G.S. Wakefield	L	3—24
v. Birkenhead School	W	14—10
v. Bolton School	W	47—3
v. St. Bede's College	W	19—0
v. King's School, Macclesfield	L	12—31
v. Cockermouth G.S.	L	11—18
v. Whitehaven G.S.	L	7—18
v. Austin Friars' School, Carlisle	W	24—12
v. Sale G.S.	W	12—6
v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby	W	19—17
v. Hollings College	W	17—16
v. King Edward's School, Lytham	L	15—24
v. Manchester G.S.	W	29—14
v. Cheadle Hulme School	W	75—3
v. Old Boys' XV	W	36—7

The following boys represented the School 1st XV: R. W. MacNeill (19); N. I. Greensmith (19); M. W. Whiteside (19); S. J. Booth (19); R. S. Threlfall (18); R. W. D. Potter (16); A. P. Cosslett (14); N. M. Winward (12); R. J. Morello (11); P. R. Summersgill (6); C. W. MacNeill (19); P. J. Rae (19); I. R. Cooper (18); P. J. Howarth (13); J. P. Nichols (13); R. Young (12); W. B. Collier (10); J. Carter (9); D. S. Harrison (7); M. Ledigo (5); P. S. Dodd (4); S. Aldred (1); B. J. Howe (1).

Colours were awarded to the following: R. W. MacNeill; M. W. Whiteside; N. I. Greensmith; S. J. Booth; R. W. D. Potter; R. S. Threlfall; A. P. Cosslett; N. M. Winward; R. J. Morello.

The School squad began training on a voluntary basis during the summer vacation, and I am sure that those boys who were able to attend felt the benefits, especially in the early games. Next year it is hoped that we can arrange to go away into the country for a full training week and to prepare thoroughly for the coming season. The School also had two pre-season matches which proved to be most valuable in assessing the strengths and weaknesses of our squad.

Our real strength appeared to lie behind the pack, and so we began early to establish a positive approach, and attempt to attack from every conceivable position. For this to be successful, swift transfer of the ball from man to man is essential. Consequently, most of our initial training revolved around handling games and repetitive handling practices. With much practice we learned how to turn poor kicks by the opposition into attacking opportunities. For this to be successful, wing-threequarters and fullbacks had to link well, and the rest of the back division had to return and re-align quickly to set up these attacks

from deep inside our own half. These counter-attacks proved to be a successful ploy and brought the School many tries and much applause from appreciative spectators. This positive approach to the game took full advantage of the Dispensation Law, and the experimental knock-on law, which allowed for minor errors without infringement, or loss of flow and continuity. Whilst playing Austin Friars' School on the tour, one movement involved sixteen consecutive passes amongst nine players, and the movement covered the full length of the field, only for the scoring pass to be put down. This brand of open, exciting football that the squad had developed was probably most apparent in the Old Boys' game: excellent ball-handling coupled with close support play absolutely mesmerised a very good Old Boys' team, who could very rarely find sufficient cover to master the continual waves of attack mounted by the School.

The School pack played their part most admirably in the success of the side. They often appeared to be somewhat smaller and lighter than their opposite numbers, but attempted to compensate for this by fitness, organisation, and determination. Whilst on tour the forwards found a new spirit, and they adopted a much more aggressive attitude to their play which contributed greatly to the success of the side in the latter part of the term.

Whether winning or losing, the side adhered to their positive approach, and this is most apparent when one realises that the School scored 64 tries in 19 games. Unfortunately only 38 of these tries were converted. Goalkicking was the major weakness in an otherwise well-balanced side. In several matches the School scored more tries than the opposition and yet lost the game through the loss of simple penalties and conversions.

The School were well organised, had a high level of basic skill, and had much individual flair, but initially lacked competitiveness. This developed as the season progressed, but it was the main cause of our early defeats. Another of our major problems was that the ball was not getting from the set pieces to the wings quickly enough. Consequently none of the backs was getting enough time or space to breach the opposition's defences. The back division was completely re-organised after three early defeats, and the new-look team proved most successful until unfortunate injuries forced further changes. Howe (flanker) played only one half of a match before breaking his nose; Summersgill, a most promising centre from last year's XV, was continually dogged by cartilage trouble and only played six games; Winward, an excellent attacking fullback, was hampered by thigh strains which caused him to miss several matches; and Harrison, a most promising outside-half and very good link player, could not play again after receiving concussion whilst playing at Cockermouth on tour. All these players were involved in key positions, and it is a reflection of the overall strength of the squad that, despite injuries, success did not evade the team.

The XV was a good blend of experience and youth. Cooper and Rae came straight from the Under-15 XV into the side and each held his place confidently for the whole term. Carter and Ledigo, from the same Under-15 XV, played several games for the 1st XV which will prove valuable experience for them next season. There was a good deal of healthy competition for places in the side which kept the players sharp and alert at all times.

Eighteen players accompanied by two Masters went on a five-day rugby tour of Cumberland during the half-term break. The tour consisted of travelling north on the Monday, and three games in three days. The party was based in a small country hotel near Ullswater, and travelled each day to the venue. The rugby was hard and competitive, and all three games were closely-fought to the final whistle. Although the XV lost two of the three games, none of the oppositions scored more tries than the School. Our goalkicking was of a low standard throughout the term, but it was extremely poor on tour and it was that lack of kicking skill which cost us both games. Despite the defeats, the tour was a most exhausting but enjoyable exercise. It is hoped to repeat the venture this year, possibly abroad, if this is administratively and financially possible. The team returned from the tour with a new-found, close-knit team spirit. This was to prove most valuable as the XV lost only one game of the seven played in the second half of the term.

R. W. MacNeill proved to be a first-class Captain, both on and off the field. He had the ability to make sound tactical decisions during the game, the ability to command respect from his colleagues, and the personality to coax his players to give him their maximum effort. MacNeill was ably supported by M. W. Whiteside as Vice-Captain, who was a tireless worker who led his forwards by example from the front rather than by vocal encouragement.

R. W. MacNeill was selected to play at scrum-half for Lancashire Schools (19 Group). He played in all their games, except the Yorkshire match, when he had to withdraw through injury. Unfortunately he was injured at a rather critical period in the season as far as national selection was concerned, and was only selected as a reserve for the North of England Trial. It was widely held that had MacNeill not been injured, and the national selectors seen more of his play, he would have gone a good deal further in the national trials. MacNeill had a service of incredible length and accuracy for a schoolboy; and his bustling and aggressive play around the base of the scrum gathered praise and envy wherever the School played. His performances for the School were consistently high, and it was his length of service which proved to be our spring-board of attack.

N. I. Greensmith had an outstanding season, and had it not been for an incredibly inefficient system of trials and selection, he would most certainly have been challenging for a County Schools place. His ability to take and give a pass is of an extremely high standard and allowed his colleagues to capitalise on his skills. He also showed a remarkable improvement in his turn of speed which allowed him to make

some excellent breaks. Greensmith's greatest asset proved to be his support play which earned him 13 tries in 19 appearances. He had the ability to read the game well and the fitness to be where he knew he should be, and it was these abilities that made him leading try scorer.

I. R. Cooper proved to be one of our most powerful backs; his ability to burst through the tackle with sheer strength and speed, coupled with a superbly balanced swerving run, brought him 11 hard-earned tries. Cooper found a tremendous difference in the standard of game that he was playing in, so it took him a while to settle and play the brand of football we knew he was capable of. If he can speed up his transference of the ball, and consistently take the ball at his top speed then he will, without doubt, be challenging for a county place, and possibly an international cap before his School rugby career ends.

C. W. MacNeill also scored 11 tries, mostly by using his pace and fine balance. MacNeill has made excellent progress this season and has become an extremely good all-round player. He is at his best running down the line, and can beat a player with the slightest movement, but most pleasing of all is his defensive covering and tackling.

P. J. Howarth came into the side against Birkenhead on the wing and caused untold worry and harassment to their defence. His strong, determined running, allied to his expert handling made him a most dangerous player. Howarth had a very straightforward outlook on the game; he accomplished things with delightful simplicity. The tackling done by Howarth was quite devastating and disrupted many defences.

D. S. Harrison came into the side when the team was re-organised after four games. Initially he was selected because he could get the ball away very quickly, but he soon showed everyone that he was a most capable tactical kicker, and a fine attacking player. Unfortunately he was badly concussed on the tour. He made his comeback against Manchester G.S. only to be concussed yet again after only two minutes.

N. M. Winward was converted to full back from wing-threequarter and played extremely well. He fulfilled the basic requirements of kicking and collecting immaculately, but his greatest value to the team was in his ability to run the ball out of defence and to set up new attacking situations. W. B. Collier gained valuable experience at fullback when Winward was injured and this experience will, no doubt, benefit the side greatly next season. Collier's tackling was very brave and courageous, and saved many certain scores.

J. Carter was invited on the tour as a utility back with no previous experience of 1st XV football. He took advantage of his opportunity to such a degree that he retained his place in the team for the rest of the season. He tightened up his defensive play, and because of this soon looked a thoroughly good player with much potential.

P. R. Summersgill was most unfortunate, as a knee injury prevented his settling down regularly into

the side. In the early part of the season he was playing confidently and looked as though he was going to fulfill the potential shown last season.

M. W. Whiteside worked very hard in all phases of the game, but was especially impressive in loose-play where his rugged strength, aggression and determination won the School a lot of possession.

R. S. Threlfall had the difficult task of learning, whilst in the XV, the arts of hooking. He accepted the challenge, and went about his job whole-heartedly. In a very short while Threlfall was playing with all the apparent experience and guile of a veteran, and to his credit he was never out-hooked by anyone. He took full advantage of all his physical attributes, and seemed to revel in the close contact mauls and rucks.

J. P. Nichols moved from the back row to the front row, where we lacked strength and solidity. He is ideally built to sustain the physical contact that is all too obvious in front row play, and his experience of back row play has helped him to become a good support player in the loose. Prop forward is no doubt his best position, and he will find playing there a good deal easier next season.

S. J. Booth and R. W. D. Potter formed a solid second row partnership and both progressed in stature and dominance game by game. Booth won some good possession from the front of the line-out using the timed jump, and used his weight when peeling round the tail to set up rucks. He completed the season with a first class performance against the Old Boys when he was technically and physically supreme.

Potter, despite his lack of inches, gained some valuable ball from the middle of the line-out. Effort, enthusiasm and aggression were Potter's greatest assets; he had an ability to support the ball in loose and open play, and found himself in possession driving forward many times. His efforts were rewarded by two good tries.

M. Ledigo had five games in the second row and played well. He is a hard, gritty player who will form the backbone of the pack next year. The second row is a most difficult position to play, especially when one is much younger and lighter than one's opposite number. Ledigo came straight from the Under-15 XV into senior School football, and the experience of the speed and hardness of the game at senior level will have taught him a great deal.

P. S. Dodd was another forward who was introduced into the XV in the latter half of the season so as to gather experience for next year. He played at prop and did extremely well. His mobility is deceiving, for he seemed to appear everywhere, in cover, defence and attack, yet still found the energy to do a completely efficient job in the set pieces.

The back row of P. J. Rae, R. J. Morello and A. P. Cosslett were an effective unit, especially in defence. It was not until late in the season that the back row combined together in unified attack.

P. J. Rae found a place in the XV after showing well in the trials. He played a remarkably mature game considering he was playing in Under-15 football the previous season. His tackling was both safe and courageous, and his covering around the field was immaculate. If his progress continues at the same rate next season he will become an outstanding player.

Morello had the speed which the other flankers lacked. He played an exciting brand of open rugby, and was especially dangerous when breaking from around the base of both set and loose play. He always played the game very hard and very aggressively, with the result that some of his actions were mis-interpreted by referees.

Cosslett led the forwards in the second half of the term and did a first-rate job in getting an untold amount of effort from his pack. He appeared to enjoy the responsibility, and his own game seemed to benefit too. Cosslett won a good deal of ball at the tail of the line, which took a lot of pressure off Booth at the front. He was technically very sound, and when he was aroused became a fine forward.

R. Young made 12 appearances in the back row, playing on both flanks. Although he sometimes appeared to be a yard or two too slow, he was more often than not the first player to the breakdown, setting up the platform for the ensuing ruck.

The XV improved enormously as the term progressed, and had it not been for a rather weak beginning, the result record would have been as impressive as their play. The team was basically very young, so next season's XV should contain many experienced players.

v. Broughton Park Colts—Away—W 16—8

This game was quite a test for the untried XV, but they came through admirably, with a fine spirited performance. The School pack were up against a much taller, heavier, and more experienced pack of forwards. It was the work done by the Hulme forwards which paved the way to victory. After just containing Park in all aspects of the game, except tight scrummaging, for the first twenty minutes, the School began to settle and to dominate. All the forwards played above themselves, none better than Booth, Cosslett and the ever-present Whiteside. Rae, making his debut, covered and tackled very well indeed too.

The side settled after some fifteen minutes and it became apparent that if the Hulme forwards could win sufficient clean ball, their backs could win the game most definitely. Midway through the first half a midfield break and good close support play brought Summersgill a try. The conversion was unsuccessful, like many previous penalty attempts. Park were soon to equalise when some rather weak defensive tackling and general disorganisation by Hulme gave Park their try.

For the remainder of the half, the School exerted continual pressure and were finally rewarded for their efforts by a Greensmith try which he converted.

The School had won three successive rucks when players had been stopped just short of the line, and then Greensmith weaved and side-stepped through a concentrated defence for a magnificent try which gave the School a 10—4 interval lead.

After the break the Park forwards rallied together and exerted heavy pressure on the weary School pack. At this time the School defence did well to limit Park to one unconverted try, for Hulme had most definitely surrendered the initiative in the game. Slowly but surely the School regained their former confidence and this effort was rewarded by two penalties by MacNeill.

v. Major Watkins' XV—Home—L 16—33

The guest XV proved to be too strong a combination for the School at such an early date in the season. The School were not lacking in effort and determination, but lacked the understanding in one-another's play.

The back row of Wappett, Cornish and Murray for the Watkins' XV created many problems for the School and succeeded in collecting seven tries between them for their side.

Although the School were one try down in the very first minute, and always behind, they never once gave up; a regular score throughout the game maintained their spirit at a high level. MacNeill and Summersgill both scored tries, and MacNeill kicked two penalties and a conversion.

v. Stockport G.S.—Home—L 8—9

The first quarter of the game was very evenly balanced with both sides striving to gain early dominance. Unfortunately there was a heavy morning dew which made handling difficult, and prevented any real flow from developing.

Stockport opened the scoring with a long-range penalty which Hulme very quickly erased. The ball was collected cleanly from the kick-off after the score, driven forward at the feet of the School pack, converted into a ruck, and a final drive by Whiteside gave Hulme the lead. This lead was equally short-lived when another siege gun penalty, from wide out and near the half way line, saw Stockport go into a 6—4 half-time lead.

Five minutes into the second half saw the departure of Howe, the School flanker, with a broken nose. This disadvantage seemed to bring the best out of the Hulme pack, for they began playing like men possessed, and the game continued at a furious pace. They began to dominate Stockport in all phases of forward play except the middle of the line-out. Unfortunately all the good possession was being wasted by the Hulme back division who persisted in transferring the ball in a lethargic manner, running across the field, and dropping passes. The amount of possession they received soon became an embarrassment to them as they could find no way through a stout Stockport defence. This frustrated the Hulme

three-quarters and they became worse rather than better.

It took Hulme a while to realise that the game could be won through their forwards, although they were one player short. After ten minutes' concerted forward pressure the forwards drove a ball from a ruck and Threlfall scored a very good try. Greensmith struck the inside of the post with the conversion only to see the ball rebound back into play; little did anyone realise the consequence of such cruel misfortune. With the pressure of being behind lifted from them, Hulme played a good deal better in the closing minutes, but the Stockport cover prevented Hulme from improving on their total. In the last minute of the game Hulme were penalised at the lineout on their own ten yard line, and the Stockport kicker made no mistake, kicking his third long-range goal from three attempts. Hulme had not played well but were somewhat unfortunate to lose, especially after scoring two tries and keeping their own line intact.

v. H.M.S. Conway—A—L 9—20

The long journey to Anglesey seemed to have a disastrous effect on the team, for the School appeared to lack any real aggression and concentration. Although the team played badly they were leading 9—8 ten minutes from time but they paid dearly for slack marking and poor tackling and Conway got a deserved victory.

Young and MacNeill never gave up, and both played extremely well. Aldred, standing in for the injured Nichols, was rewarded with a try for a very workmanlike début performance. The try came after the backs had handled the ball upfield, to be supported by the forwards who successfully completed the movement. Greensmith converted the try and also kicked a penalty, on a day when several kickers were used with little success.

v. Q.E.G.S. Wakefield—A—L 3—24

The three-quarter line showed many changes for this game. Harrison made his début at outside-half, Cooper was moved from centre to wing, Greensmith from outside-half to centre, and Winward from wing to fullback.

In the early exchanges the new-look three-quarter line saw little of the ball as Wakefield began in a dominant mood and denied the School possession in practically all phases. They drove Hulme in the tight, were early arrivals at rucks and their tall man dominated the lineout. Before Hulme settled, Wakefield scored two fine tries, as a result of moving the ball out to the wings, winning quick possession and then stretching the Hulme defence by moving the ball the other way. Hulme settled down to gain some control and what ball they won, the School backs put to good use. Greensmith and Summersgill each made two incisive breaks in the middle, but lacked sufficient support to make the score. At a scrum on Wakefield's line, MacNeill weaved his way over only to have the ball knocked from his

grasp before grounding it. After several kicks had failed, MacNeill called upon Harrison who calmly reduced the arrears. The School pack were gaining in confidence as the half grew older, and were winning their own ball in the tight, and Cosslett was getting good possession at the tail of the lineout.

In the second half, the School began to curtail Wakefield's lineout possession and Booth, Potter, and Cosslett provided Hulme with some ball, although the Wakefield back row were very active and harassed both MacNeill and Harrison into mistakes. If the Hulme threequarters had received a consistent flow of possession they would have been capable of piercing Wakefield's defence. Cooper was running strongly on the wing, and appeared to have the better of his man but the ball never went his way sufficiently. Winward, too, had a very good game, running the ball out of defence and linking extremely well. Territorially, the School had as much of the game in the second half, and an equal share of scoring opportunities without adding to their first half penalty score. Mid-way through the second half, when Hulme were playing some of their best rugby, they were unsettled by a gross misfortune. The Wakefield centre put up a high up-and-under from broken play, which bounced well before Winward could reach it. The bounce cleared and beat three Hulme defenders, the ball returned into the path of the oncoming Wakefield player who ran in to score unimpeded. Hulme rallied again with Greensmith making some fine breaks, but Summersgill could offer only token support as he was suffering badly from a knee injury. The score of 14—3 remained until the closing minutes and then Wakefield increased their tally with a try by their wing when the Hulme defence had been stretched once too often. The final score came immediately afterwards when the centre received possession from a ruck and stopped in his tracks, pushed off on his other foot, and in doing so wrong-footed the whole Hulme defence, and he went through to score under the posts, to make the final score 24—3. The team had played well and with great determination.

v. Birkenhead School—Home—W 14—10

The game began with the School in a most determined mood. The forwards set about their task with great urgency, and were soon providing ball which the backs relished. The power running of Howarth and Cooper, and the skilful touches of Greensmith and C. MacNeill posed many problems to the Birkenhead defence. The School opened the scoring when Greensmith did a scissors with Cooper, drew his man and gave to Howarth who carried the ball up to the fullback where Greensmith was in support to take the scoring pass. The next score fell to C. MacNeill who ran in a try from forty yards out, running parallel to the touchline, and beat the fullback with only inches to spare. Meanwhile, Birkenhead kept in touch by scoring two penalty goals. Hulme were guilty of being off-side at the ruck and paid for it by being penalised in good attacking positions.

The second half saw the Hulme forwards beginning to tire after working so very hard in the earlier stages,

and so Birkenhead came more and more into the game. In the last quarter they took the lead when they scored from a set scrum near to the Hulme line. This rather shook Hulme, but to their credit they rallied again, to see C. MacNeill score his second try when the ball was transferred to him quickly from a ruck on the Birkenhead ten yard line. MacNeill appeared to be going around his man, but stopped, checked and went inside to score much nearer the posts. Greensmith converted. The Hulme backs were clearly superior, but it was the tremendous effort of the forwards which won the day for Hulme. The pack played extremely well as a unit but Morello was outstanding.

v. St. Bede's College—Away—W 19—0

The game began rather quietly but it soon became apparent that the School could win the game if they could break away from the rather lethargic start. Harrison and MacNeill soon gained masterly control of the whole game, and with a steady flow of high quality possession the team was moving forward all the time. The threequarters handled the ball well, and were admirably supported by forwards in large numbers. The control shown at forward, especially the channelling in the scrums, was excellent. Greensmith, R. MacNeill and C. MacNeill all scored tries; R. MacNeill kicked one penalty and one conversion, and Harrison added one conversion too. The School goal-kicking was the most disappointing feature yet again, when four very simple penalty chances failed. Collier, deputising at fullback, had a very sound match, and looked most confident with his handling; his bone-crunching tackles made the opposition very apprehensive about attempting to go near him. Rae, too, had an outstanding tackling game in defence.

v. Bolton School—Away—W 47—3

The ball was wet because of heavy dew and the pitch was rather small, so conditions were hardly conducive to good open football. Even so, Hulme were obviously determined to keep the game as open as possible. The wet ball meant the forwards found difficulty in giving back the quality possession required. The opposition had back row forwards staying out of all forward employment so as to provide extra defence. Despite these defensive measures the Hulme backs pierced the Bolton cover no fewer than eight times. The tries were scored by Cooper (2), Howarth (2), Potter, Young, C. MacNeill and Greensmith. Greensmith also kicked one penalty and six conversions. Potter was the forward of the match, with a most determined, aggressive performance which was well rewarded when he crashed over for a try after winning the ball from a ruck. Howarth was the most forthright threequarter on view; he knew where the try line was and made every effort to run straight for it. Howarth could have scored two or possibly three more times too, if fortune had been with him.

v. King's School, Macclesfield—Away—L 12—31

This match was played two days before the team departed on their tour, and the players seemed more concerned about coming through the game without

injury than winning. Consequently, a most efficient Macclesfield pack completely dominated the Hulme eight for the greater part of the game and the School back division rarely had an opportunity to show what they were capable of. In the first half Winward came into the line from fullback to create the overlap and to score. This try was a copybook effort. For the remainder of the game the backs spent their time tackling and covering. Greensmith kicked three goals from the touch-line, two penalties and one conversion.

v. Cockermouth G.S.—Away—L 11—18

The first game of the tour began in heavy rain and wind which worsened as the game progressed. Both teams were determined to open up the game despite the weather and many mistakes were inevitable; but it did mean exciting, adventurous rugby.

Cockermouth opened the scoring with a penalty; Hulme had many similar opportunities but failed with rather inept efforts. Half-time came with Hulme trailing after having the wind advantage, and Cockermouth soon increased their lead with another penalty when Hulme forwards were caught offside yet again. The forwards were playing their best football of the season, Booth, Potter and Threlfall being outstanding, but spoiling their efforts by fringing around the base and consequently conceding stupid penalties.

Greensmith reduced the arrears when he finally found the target after numerous misses. The game was being keenly fought, and neither side seemed capable of breaching the other's defence. Shortly after half-time, Harrison had to leave the field with severe concussion; a few minutes later Cockermouth intercepted, when the School made a mess of a set penalty move, and scored under the posts; the try was converted. The School appeared to be motivated by this score and by being reduced to 14 men, and began to play like men possessed. Even so they conceded yet another penalty and all seemed lost, but they were determined not to surrender the fight. Many aggressive forward drives supported by excellent three-quarter handling finally rewarded the School with a fine try by C. MacNeill. He followed this score with a fine solo effort, minutes later, when he collected a poor clearance 45 yards out and rounded three men to score again in the corner, and so reduce the discrepancy to 11—15. The School continued to exert tremendous pressure on the Cockermouth defence but they remained firm and also added another penalty in the closing minutes.

This was a tremendous team effort against opposition of very high quality.

v. Whitehaven G.S.—Away—L 7—18

In the unfamiliar colours of red and navy, the School began very strongly and appeared to have the beating of their opposition. Greensmith opened the scoring with a well-taken penalty goal and this was soon added to when Carter crashed over in the corner, after some very neat handling by the three-quarters. Whitehaven replied with two very good

penalties. Howarth excelled in the centre with some magnificent tackling which played a major part in discouraging any attempted breaks by either centre. The forwards were rather lethargic around the field, mainly due to the match the previous day, but they held their own in the tight quite well. Whiteside, playing with a broken nose sustained in the last match, was everywhere, and did the work of three men, sometimes out of necessity! The forwards persisted in fringing yet again, and eventually cost Hulme the game as the Whitehaven kicker tallied four goals at the end.

Leading 7—6 at the interval, Hulme gradually let the game slip from their grasp with an untidy third quarter. The back-row and scrum-half allowed the Whitehaven scrum-half to steal our ball and step in and out of their grasp to score under our posts. In the final quarter Hulme re-awakened, and a fine break by Cooper gave C. MacNeill the scoring pass—unfortunately MacNeill put a foot outside of the in-goal area as he tried, quite rightly, to score as near to the posts as he possibly could.

v. Austin Friars' School, Carlisle—Away—W 24—12

The School were in a determined mood as they did not want to return from their tour without a win, but within eight minutes the School had conceded two unconverted tries and appeared to be in dreadful trouble. The forwards solved the problem by honest toil and began to provide R. MacNeill with good ball from all phases of play. MacNeill worked extremely hard probing their back row and throwing passes of incredible length and accuracy to Greensmith who made sensible use of them all. The team regained its poise and settled to play unbeatable 15-man support rugby which the large crowd relished and applauded. R. MacNeill took it on himself to kick at goal after our recent disappointments and did the job admirably. He reduced the lead with a well taken goal from 35 yards out. The score was reduced further when Cooper took the ball at his full speed for the first time during the term and burst straight between the opposition centres and rounded the fullback with a cheeky wave of the hips to score under the posts. R. MacNeill converted. This put Hulme into a 9—8 interval lead and even better things were to come.

Hulme completely dominated the second half with rugby which was a pleasure to watch. The forwards foraged in the loose providing ball of the highest quality and still found energy to support the ball wherever it happened to be. Greensmith scored two tries in the second half, and on both occasions he had fed the ball from his stand-off position and then supported the resulting movement to take the scoring pass. R. MacNeill converted both tries and added another penalty goal. A short lapse in concentration in the latter stages allowed Austin Friars' in to score a good try.

The team excelled in this their final tour game, and through their performance on the field and behaviour off it, proved themselves worthy ambassadors of the School.

The game was played in wet, greasy conditions which were not conducive to good open football. The team were rather sleepy and never appeared to exert themselves. Howarth opened the scoring for Hulme from a set penalty move which worked perfectly; the ball went out to Cooper who turned it back inside to Whiteside who drove through the defence and Howarth took the scoring pass. Greensmith made the conversion. The forwards were rather spasmodic and failed to gain the control their physical advantage suggested. The School did not adapt to the conditions at all well and were somewhat suspect when the opposition had the ball at their feet going forward.

After a sustained passing movement C. MacNeill wrong-footed the defence by stepping inside and scored near to the posts. R. MacNeill made the conversion. Hulme conceded a penalty in each half to make the final score 12—6.

v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby—Home—W 19—17

As the score suggests, this was an excellent game which neither side really deserved to lose. The lead changed hands several times yet the lively running of the Hulme three-quarters always suggested that a Hulme victory was more than probable.

Crosby opened the scoring with a well-executed set move from a penalty which caught the Hulme defence napping. This try had a beneficial effect on the Hulme defence and it tightened up considerably, although the School gave numerous penalties away which cost them good attacking positions and points.

Cooper scored an excellent try when his power and acceleration took him through the whole of the Crosby defence. Winward showed his opportunism to advantage when he followed up a high, long kick to beat their cover defence for the touchdown. R. MacNeill was in good kicking form and converted two tries and kicked a penalty goal.

The School were behind as the game approached the whistle but a determined effort by the well-drilled School pack kept a constant supply of first class possession flowing. C. MacNeill was given the ball with some room to run and out-paced the cover to score a try, and victory for the School.

v. King Edward's School, Lytham—Away—L 15—24

The School pack began the match in a most determined mood and appeared much superior, but unfortunately could not convert their superiority into points. Booth came very near to crossing the line on two occasions, both times from peels at the line-out. MacNeill played it back to the forwards as handling became more and more difficult as the weather conditions deteriorated, but the School forwards, deflated with their lack of success in scoring, lost their momentum and the Lytham pack took over. They moved the ball out very quickly and

Roberts, the Lancashire Schools player created havoc with the Hulme defence. Hulme found themselves three scores down very quickly and were unable to recover although Cooper and Summersgill both scored good tries in the second half, both converted by R. MacNeill who also added a penalty. Each time Hulme appeared to be closing the margin Lytham added a score and made the task of coming back impossible.

v. Manchester G.S.—Away—W 29—14

This proved to be one of the best team performances of the season as the School lost Harrison in the second minute of the game with concussion, and re-organised themselves into a winning unit with only 14 men. Morello moved to wing-three-quarters from the forwards and had some very hard penetrative runs.

The forwards were magnificent, especially in the tight when pushing seven against eight. The quality of ball provided allowed the backs that extra split-second advantage, of which they made very good use. The School led 22—0 at half-time and had treated the spectators to a first-class exhibition of running and supporting rugby.

In the second half the forwards began to feel the strain of being one short but even then they did not surrender completely to the pressure. The School did concede three tries later in the half—two as a result of trying to run from positions which were unwise.

Dodd, Booth and Cosslett were outstanding in the forwards, and the support play of Greensmith was the feature of the game.

Greensmith (2), C. MacNeill, Cooper, and Howarth scored the tries and R. MacNeill converted 3 and kicked a penalty. Both Greensmith and Cooper crossed the line and lost the ball before gaining the touchdown which reduced the School's final tally enormously.

v. Cheadle Hulme School—Home—W 75—3

The School played good open football which involved straight running, adept handling and close support of the ball in abundance against a young, inexperienced Cheadle XV who were reduced to 14 men in the second half.

The scorers were Greensmith (4), C. MacNeill (2), Cooper (2), Potter, Booth, Morello, Whiteside, Cosslett, R. MacNeill, Howarth (drop goal), and R. MacNeill 8 conversions.

v. Old Hulmeians' XV—Home—W 36—7

The early exchanges were hard and aggressive and neither side seemed prepared to give an inch. The game began at a furious pace which eventually proved the downfall of the Old Hulmeians. The School opened the scoring when a cross-kick by C. MacNeill was smartly picked up by lock forward Potter who went over for a fine opportunist try.

The try, coupled with the support of the School aroused the School XV to the heights they always considered themselves capable of. They began playing some magnificent football and mounted attack after attack, and the School realised that scores would come if they continued. The scores did come, through Cooper (3 tries), Carter, Dodd, and Howarth, Greensmith converting one try and R. MacNeill converting three.

The School forwards played like lions; their rucking and tackling were rugged and determined, and they fought for every ball as if their very life depended upon it and so won a huge share of the ball from opponents considerably bigger than themselves. The Hulme backs ran with conviction and knew that when the tackle came, support would be close by. The attacking movements often went to fourth and fifth phase until eventually the Old Boys' cover ran out and the School would score.

The Old Hulmeians' team included guest player John Horton, Lancashire and England Under 23 international outside-half, but the School were not to be over-awed by reputation and Greensmith and the back row contained him extremely well. Horton showed his class with his tactical kicking and long touch-finding kicks which relieved much pressure for the Old Boys.

It may seem a trifle unfair to pick out individuals when the team played so very well as a unit but even so R. MacNeill, the School Captain, marshalled the whole game, and his splendid services were the initiation of many a fine move; Booth was the outstanding forward on view both in tight and loose situations; and Cooper's power and acceleration made him outstanding amongst some very good back players.

The performance of the team seemed a fitting conclusion to the term's rugby, for the team, who had worked so hard, finally realised its goal in playing hard open football superbly well.

G.W.

2nd XV RUGBY

Played 11, Won 8, Lost 3, For 338, Against 160.

v. Stockport G.S.	W	28—6
v. H.M.S. Conway	W	56—0
v. Q.E.G.S. Wakefield	L	6—45
v. Birkenhead School	L	6—36
v. Bolton School	W	58—0
v. St. Bede's College	W	34—16
v. Macclesfield G.S.	W	22—7
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby ..	L	14—20
v. King Edward VII, Lytham	W	68—4
v. Manchester G.S.	W	20—14
v. Cheadle Hulme School	W	26—12

There is often a danger of second team players seeing themselves either as first-team failures or as "canon-fodder" for 1st XV practices. All credit is due, therefore, to the Captain, R. Marsh, for the spirit he gave to the side, and for the hard work he put into selecting (and finding!) a team.

One would hope that all found playing for the second team an enjoyable and rewarding task—certainly most players worked very hard for the success of the side. One of the most pleasing aspects of the season was the way in which some players, such as P. Swann and J. Hindley, turned out—often at very short notice—to play with some distinction for the team. If this speaks eloquently of the side's reputation, so too, does the manner in which the younger U-16 players, were able to progress so well throughout the season—some reaching first team stature—M. Ledigo and J. Carter—others such as A. Armstrong, C. Ball, C. Tugman, and S. Burrows preparing their game for first team places in coming seasons. A. Cosslett, B. Collier and S. Harrison, players on occasional loan from the 1st XV, all contributed in their own very different ways to the success of the side.

Of the season's regular players, Marsh was the most consistent in all respects, accepting the responsibility of Captain—both on and off the field—in a mature and enthusiastic way. His strong running in the centre often provided the breaks needed to pull the game around to our advantage.

C. Hodgkinson was a steady and efficient scrum-half who, although still somewhat slow around the base of the scrum, was capable of a high standard of play.

D. Paxton was the leading try-scorer, who, after a few attacks of the prima-donna syndrome, decided to settle down and contribute as much to the team—both in training and match-play—as he expected them to contribute to him in the form of frequent and good ball down the line.

P. Dodd was always the outstanding forward, and his promotion to the first XV long overdue. His fitness and hard-running were a constant source of inspiration to the side.

R. Boardley played consistently throughout the season, being a hard and fit player let down only by his somewhat erratic temperament.

A. Lane and G. Burton rediscovered the game after several years' absence from the School sides. With more time they would have become 1st XV standard; as it was, they brought a great deal of new life and enterprise to the side.

P. Cumming and S. Aldred trained and played hard, improving all the time, and will prove a useful asset to the 1st and 2nd XV squad in the coming season.

If one had to criticise the season's performance, one would look to the attitude of the team towards the match—an approach which fluctuated infuriatingly between well-drilled command and flaccid complacency. The games against Stockport, Bolton and St. Bede's were begun as if winning was not an objective worthy of consideration, whilst obvious superiority over M.G.S. and Cheadle Hulme was too seldom exploited to produce the result deserved. But this would be over-critical of a good season,

and much more vivid than chances lost is the recollection of well-earned victories—crowned surely by the 22—7 win over Macclesfield—and of the team's enthusiastic and constructive approach throughout.

2nd XV APPEARANCES

11	Marsh (8 tries)
10	Hodgkinson (2 tries)
10	Boardley
9	Paxton (11 tries) (3 conversions)
9	Meehan (3 tries) (8 conversions)
9	Cumming
8	Aldred
7	Dodd (2 tries)
7	Lane (2 tries)
7	Ledigo (2 tries)
6	D. Burton (7 tries) (15 conversions)
6	G. Burton
6	Hume (1 try)
6	Young (4 tries)
6	Lomas
5	Carter
5	Cosslett (3 tries)
5	Armstrong
4	Collier
3	Harrison (3 tries) (9 conversions)
3	Crowther
3	Ball
3	Burrows
2	Tugman (4 tries)
2	Howarth (2 tries)
2	Swann (2 tries)
2	Newton (1 try)
2	Nicholls
1	Morello (2 tries)
1	Winward (2 tries)
1	Hindley (1 try)
1	Hobday
1	Potter
1	J. Whiteside
1	Summersgill

J.A.O

UNDER-16 XV RUGBY

Played 6, Won 4, Lost 2. For 107, Against 62.

v. H.M.S. Conway	.....	A	20—8
v. Denstone College	.....	H	21—0
v. Birkenhead School	.....	H	4—32
v. King's School, Macclesfield	..	A	38—0
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby	..	A	0—22
v. Manchester Grammar School	..	H	24—0

Although the season was a satisfactory one, the team did not do as well as it had done in previous years. The absence of I. R. Cooper and P. J. Rae, who had moved up to the first team and the unfortunate unavailability of J. E. H. Hamilton and N. H. Clayden certainly weakened the team, but at least

it gave a chance to other players who had previously been unable to get a game. H. G. Bowles came into the side initially at centre, later switching to the wing, and his forceful running brought him a particularly good try against Denstone.

C. J. A. Ball captained the side thoughtfully and enthusiastically from full-back. His defensive play was extremely sound and his willingness to join the three-quarters in attack brought him a good try at Macclesfield. In the backs J. D. Carter and C. J. Tugman were outstanding, scoring between them the majority of the team's points. Although there was a lot of good individual play amongst the forwards, notably from A. R. Armstrong, M. Ledigo and R. J. Paley, they rarely managed to combine their talents effectively and to function as a single unit. Again this was partly due to the many changes which had to be made for one reason or another.

In the first game, against H.M.S. Conway, the School started badly and were soon eight points down, but rallied strongly in the second half to win comfortably, although a lot of useful possession was wasted by poor handling by the three-quarters. The match against Denstone was rather a scrappy affair. The forwards, strengthened by P. J. Rae, played well and won a great deal of the ball but again the backs failed to make the best use of it, although J. D. Carter and H. G. Bowles scored good tries. Against Birkenhead School the team was outclassed in the early part of the game and gave away several tries through poor tackling. They fought back, however, late in the game and were a little unfortunate not to score on two occasions. C. A. Phillips scored a consolation try close to time.

In the next game, against a rather weak King's School, Macclesfield team, the School played some attractive attacking rugby, scoring eight tries in all. Four of them came from C. J. Tugman, playing in the centre. The match at Crosby was played in very bad conditions, with a gale force wind blowing from end to end of the pitch which made good rugby impossible. Merchant Taylors' adapted themselves better to the atrocious conditions and, playing with the wind at their backs, scored eighteen points in the first half. After the interval we failed to make use of the wind to kick for position and were unable to make any impression against a strong side. The School's loose scrummaging was very poor and the cover defence was often lacking, particularly on the blind side. We won the final match against Manchester Grammar School fairly convincingly in the end, after some rather indifferent play early in the game.

The following boys represented the School:

C. J. A. Ball, C. J. Tugman, H. G. Bowles, J. D. Carter, M. Chatterton, S. J. Almond, F. McGurdy, J. P. Whiteside, D. J. Whitehead, B. H. Stewart, S. T. Burrows, R. J. Paley, P. R. Riley, M. Ledigo, B. Clethero, G. L. Steinsberg, N. R. Withington, A. R. Armstrong, C. A. Phillips, P. J. Rae, C. R. Large, M. I. Morgan, A. S. H. Lees.

M.R.B.

UNDER-15 XV RUGBY

Played 13, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 10. For 149, Against 256.

v. Stockport Grammar School ..	L	3—8
v. H.M.S. Conway	W	49—0
v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield	L	0—42
v. Denstone College	L	10—12
v. Birkenhead School	L	14—26
v. Bolton School	L	17—24
v. King's School, Macclesfield....	L	0—52
v. Sale Grammar School	L	12—16
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby ..	L	12—4
v. King Edward VI, Lytham	L	14—26
v. Manchester Grammar School..	W	16—12
v. Cheadle Hulme School	L	10—26

v. Stockport Grammar School—L 3—8

For the first game of the season this was quite encouraging and the result could have gone either way. It was, in fact, Stockport who finally took the honours by capitalising on a defensive error, a story that was to become all too common throughout the season.

v. H.M.S. Conway—W 49—0

As can be seen from this result this game proved to be a convincing win for us. Everyone played very well and it was to the credit of the whole team that the standard of play did not deteriorate as the score progressed.

v. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield—L 0—42

The poor result of this game reflected our poor defence and the weak tackling of some of the backs. The forwards played quite well and in fact won as much possession as the opposition pack. Unfortunately, whether we were going forward or defending, our line was always suspect and the opposition were more or less allowed to run in tries at their leisure.

v. Denstone College—L 10—12

This was one of the finest games we played all season, and indeed it was a game that we should have won. Our defence was much stronger and we showed much more originality and flair in attack, resulting in two very good tries. Apart from these tries we crossed the line on two further occasions, only for the player concerned to lose control of the ball before grounding it.

v. Birkenhead School—L 14—26

As in the previous game we played well in attack and our forwards provided good clean ball both from loose and set play. Unfortunately our tackling again left a lot to be desired and instead of "going low" it seemed that we had a team of "head hunters".

v. Bolton School—L 17—24

We played well in this game and although the opponents were one year older, at no time did we allow ourselves to be overawed. There was a marked improvement in handling and movement of the ball among the backs and as a result some very good tries were scored.

v. King's School, Macclesfield—L 0—52

This game merely highlighted all that had gone wrong previously in the season. Macclesfield had a good team and were undeniably a better all-round side than us. They were not, however, 52 points better. The opposition backs were very big, straight runners and we did nothing at all to stop them, and had it not been for the ceaseless efforts of the pack, the score could have been much higher.

v. Sale Grammar School—L 12—16

Sale appeared to have a side very similar to ours, that is, a team with a reasonable pack, good backs when they had the ball in their hands, but very poor when faced with an oncoming player. Therefore this was a game of mistakes and unfortunately we made one more than Sale.

v. Merchant Taylors' Crosby—L 12—4

This game was played with a strong wind blowing straight up and down the pitch. Both sides adapted their tactics admirably and a draw would have been a fairer result. Due to a series of unfortunate circumstances we were very short of players for this game and special thanks go to R. Byrne and P. Maddocks who turned in fine displays for a team above their own age groups.

v. King Edward VI, Lytham—L 14—26

This game was played in very bad weather conditions and it was to the team's credit that after standing for a long time in the rain they got off to a flying start. The lead changed hands several times and it was not until "injury time" that Lytham took the lead for the final time and hence won the game.

v. Manchester Grammar School—W 16—12

The very fact that we were playing Manchester Grammar seemed to have a good effect on our team. Their whole attitude seemed to change for the better and their tackling was done with confidence and conviction. The forwards had the better of the scrums, and the lines-out, and the backs put this advantage to very good use with some very sensible play.

v. Cheadle Hulme School—L 10—26

As a final game of the season this was rather disappointing as we were looking for a win. We started the game very well and looked to be in with a chance, but one or two silly mistakes let the opposition in for scores, and once they had opened up a lead we found it impossible to close the gap.

The following boys represented the team during the season:

N. Harrison (Captain), W. B. Grant, G. Heine, D. J. Foster, D. J. Mitchell, R. G. Sinclair, N. P. Maxfield, P. D. Boyle, M. J. Scovell, N. A. Milton, M. S. Hargreaves, D. W. Hoey, P. P. Williams, R. G. Skinner, M. G. Holland, S. Jones, D. T. Binyon, N. R. Thorniley, T. Picken, R. Byrne, P. Maddocks.

As can be seen from the results analysis at the beginning of this report it was a poor season for the team. But just to write the season off at that would be unfair to some of the people who played extremely well throughout.

The reason for our many defeats was simply poor defence. We were, however, served very well by our forwards and some boys must take particular credit. The outstanding player of the season was Sinclair. He trained hard and enthusiastically, and as a result turned in first-class performances every Saturday. He set a fine example to follow and most of the time he received admirable support from Maxfield, Boyle, and Heine. In fact if other people in the team with more ability and greater physical advantages than Heine had played with equal effort, our results would have been vastly different.

In the backs Scovell must be given special praise because of the spirit and bravery that he showed under difficult conditions. He was often placed in trouble by his team-mates and regularly had to clean up the mistakes of his fellow backs, but never once did he flinch from his task and as a result he saved us many points.

R.G.C.

UNDER-14 XV RUGBY

Played 10, Won 8, Lost 2. For 219, Against 147.

v. Stockport G.S.	A	W	25—11
v. Q.E.G.S. Wakefield.....	H	L	0—30
v. Birkenhead School	A	W	19 —8
v. Marple Hall G.S.	H	W	56—42
v. King's School, Macclesfield	H	W	12—11
v. Sale Grammar School.....	H	W	10— 0
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby	A	L	10—22
v. K.E.S. Lytham	H	W	36—16
v. Manchester G. S.....	H	W	38— 0
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	13— 7

The pre-season training indicated that there would be sufficient forward strength in the team to obtain good possession but that the backs were liable to waste it. The first match verified this, and passing practice was ordered for the following week. It was, however, an encouraging start. Wakefield always produce a strong team and unfortunately we had several players missing because of injury. The team still played well and should give them a close game at Under-15 level. (Why is this, in itself, such a rarity?).

By this time, the backs had started to take their duties seriously and played really well at Birkenhead.

The match v. Marple Hall was an example of all that is bad in the game, the tackling of both sides being particularly weak. It was of some consolation to the long-suffering coach that the team could not possibly play that badly again.

The first ten minutes against Macclesfield almost caused him to take up Lacrosse! However, the School settled down and finished deserving winners of a close match. The match against Sale Grammar School was well won, despite the low score, and that at Crosby, played under impossible conditions, was a farce. There then followed an excellent win against Lytham and a match against Manchester Grammar School that was not as one-sided as the score suggests. The term ended with a win at Cheadle Hulme. In this match, the opposition played well in the second half and the final whistle was very welcome.

The following represented the School during the term :

L. J. Wharton (full back). A sound player, who can tackle, catch and kick well, but who is, at the moment, too slow over the ground.

D. Coy (wing). He has been one of the real successes in the team. A strong runner and tackler, he can also play at half back.

A. P. Waring (wing). He has also played well and his tackling is improving all the time. He scored several good tries by strong, determined running.

G. Jones (centre). After a tentative start, he had a good season and is now a very promising three-quarter. He kicked several important goals, including the match-winner against Macclesfield.

R. A. Heaton (centre). He played well early in the term but this form was not consistently maintained, especially when under pressure. This is unfortunate because he has a real talent which will be important to the team.

S. G. Tarpey (fly-half). He looked very unsure in early matches but played much better when he listened to advice. He will develop into a very good player when he shows more enthusiasm for tackling.

R. A. Cooper (scrum-half). He is a natural scrum-half, small, quick and with a good pass, but short of confidence, particularly when faced with big forwards running at him.

D. M. Paton (wing) and P. D. Helliwell (fly-half) also played.

M. S. Hamilton (scrum half) trained regularly but did not play in a match.

S. N. Roberts (hooker). He took his first opportunities well and has made this position secure. He will play well with further experience.

M. S. Butterworth (prop). Like all good forwards, he is big, strong, not too subtle and impervious to punishment.

S. J. Sherman (prop). He is too quiet and, at times, too lazy. He will make a very good player when he uses his strength fully. He has a sound scrummaging technique.

M. K. Bradbury (second row). He has natural strength and speed, combined with tireless energy. He is an example to all forwards.

P. D. Boyle (second row). He never dominates but works hard and efficiently. He contributes much to the sound scrummaging of the pack.

J. Beesley (number eight). He is a big and strong but not yet sufficiently well coordinated to be really effective. He did much good line-out work and scrummages well.

I. R. Gosling (wing forward). He is a much improved player, hard-working and effective. He should be an asset to the side in future.

J. N. B. Bennington (wing forward). He has had a good season as a player and Captain, but like several other forwards, is inclined to die with the ball when he should be looking for support.

D. Barrow (hooker) played several games early in the season.

R. Byrne (prop). He is a good player who was unfortunate not to secure a regular place, but his enthusiasm is an example to all.

C. H. M. Petch (wing forward). He showed promise early in the season but a wing forward who will not tackle is a luxury the team cannot afford.

The attitude of the team made this a very pleasing term's sport and if the occasional defensive lapses can be corrected, it will continue to be successful in future seasons.

M.E.H.B.

UNDER-13 XV RUGBY

Played 7, Won 2, Lost 3, Drawn 2. For 94, Against 96

v. Stockport Grammar School	..	W	26—14
v. King's School, Macclesfield	..	L	0—24
v. Sale Grammar School	.....	W	22—0
v. Merchant Taylors' Crosby	..	D	4—4
v. King Edward VII, Lytham	....	L	12—18
v. Manchester Grammar School	..	L	10—16
v. Cheadle Hulme School	.....	D	20—20

The results attained by the School do not properly record the high standards and enjoyment the team produced. Faced with a lack of handling ability, emphasis was placed on the forwards, with the backs being used in mainly defensive rôles. This presented the problem of the wings, who were fine attacking players, not being given sufficient passes. However, with the forwards supplying plenty of good ball, second phase possession could be passed out, risking the inevitable dropped ball.

The term began well enough with a sound win over Stockport Grammar School, due to individual flair rather than teamwork. A highly proficient XV from King's School, Macclesfield, dominated in the threequarters, and, although the School forwards played well, they alone could not cope. A resounding win against Sale Grammar School followed: despite being reduced to fourteen players for most of the game, the School thrived on forward domination, and only a wet ball prevented a cricket score. Undoubtedly, the result against Merchant Taylors' Crosby was the highlight of the season. Forward domination was again obvious, but the School lacked penetration in midfield and had to be content with a draw against opponents who usually run-up a hatful of scores. King Edward VII, Lytham scored twelve early points in atrocious conditions and then had to contend with a spirited revival by the School, which reduced the deficit entirely, before a last-minute breakaway try gave Lytham a somewhat fortunate victory. Practices after school were, by this time, impossible, owing to darkness, and, what with games periods being concerned with inter-form competitions, the "togetherness" of the team had to suffer. First signs occurred against King Edward VII Lytham, and worse was to follow against Manchester Grammar School. Playing very badly, School found themselves twelve points down at half-time. The obvious tactical fault was eradicated, and School pulled back to within two points, only to fall to another last-minute try. The final match of the term, against Cheadle Hulme School, produced a worthwhile draw, with School again pulling back from behind.

The following represented the School :

M. C. Hope, J. Aldred, J. Raby, N. W. Hewitt, P. Collins, J. C. Dale, I. D. Endlar, M. S. Kelly, P. D. Helliwell, T. G. Jones, M. W. Ellis, N. J. F. Warner, J. S. Bradley, P. Maddocks, K. Woodcock, I. E. Dalgliesh, M. K. Kohn; T. Hunt, D. R. Nicholson, D. Fraser, J. I. Sherman, N. D. Kynaston, J. A. Gubba, M. O'Shea.

M.M.

UNDER-12 XV RUGBY

Played 5, Won 1, Lost 3, Drew 1, For 33, Against 106

v. Marple Hall G. S.	.....	W	26—20
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby	..	L	3—48
v. King Edward VII, Lytham	....	L	0—14
v. Manchester Grammar School		D	4—4
v. Cheadle Hulme School	.....	L	0—20

This was rather a lean year for the Junior team as was expected from the early days. It was a very small side and at this level this quality is so important. As the side becomes more experienced, the lack of size will become less important as the skills become instinctive. There are some very good players in the squad and it will be a side to be reckoned with when they produce a little more "devil".

J.P.

HOUSE RUGBY

This season proved to be one of the best for many years as regards both the conditions and the standard of play. There was an all-round improvement in all phases of the game which will inevitably be reflected in School teams as time goes by. It would be a great help in maintaining this improvement if Houses could find time to have an occasional practice for their league teams especially at fifth and sixth form level.

In the House league, Gaskell took the lead very early on, with Heywood and Whitworth challenging very closely, but towards the end of term, Dalton came up with a very strong finish and were only twelve points behind at the close.

FINAL POSITIONS

1 Gaskell.....	134 points
2 Dalton	122 points
3 Fraser	102 points
4 Heywood	98 points
5 Whitworth	92 points
6 Byrom	72 points

RUGBY KNOCK-OUTS

The early rounds of both the Junior and Senior competitions provided very little in the way of excitement as the games were rather one-sided, and the Junior final was also very much one way. The Senior final, however, was the best final for many years and really showed what playing games is all about. Fairly skilful, very hard and played in the best possible spirit, it was a game enjoyed both by players and spectators. The unpleasant tricks which seem to have become standard practice in so many club and international games, and regrettably in some school games, had no place in this one. Both Houses have every reason to be pleased with their performance.

RESULTS :

Round One:

Senior—Whitworth	beat	Heywood	44—3
Fraser	beat	Gaskell	33—0
Junior—Whitworth	beat	Heywood	26—6
Gaskell	beat	Byrom	42—4

Round Two :

Senior—Whitworth	beat	Byrom	42—0
Fraser	beat	Dalton	20—10
Junior—Gaskell	beat	Whitworth	36—12
Fraser	beat	Dalton	27—23

Finals :

Senior—Whitworth	beat	Fraser	9—4
Junior—Gaskell	beat	Fraser	33—6

1st XII LACROSSE

Played 13, Won 12, Lost 1. For 230, Against 74

This has been an outstandingly successful season

as the results amply demonstrate: the games are best considered under three separate headings:

The Lancashire Junior Cup

v. South Manchester and Wythen-shawe "B"	A	W	18—3
v. Old Hulmeians "Extra A"	A	W	18—8
v. Liverpool University (at Rochdale's ground)		W	14—4
v. Urmston "B" (at Old Hulmeians' ground)		W	19—2

The first round game at South Manchester was fought out in thick mud and driving rain; however the team, particularly its midfield players Threlfall, Underwood and I'Anson, seemed to revel in it, and, after a shaky start against an experienced attack, we turned in an excellent team performance. In the second round, however, playing against many familiar faces appeared to prove disconcerting. We produced a semblance of form (and seven goals) in the last quarter, but were on the whole not impressive.

In the same way we failed to strike real form until the last quarter against Liverpool University in the semi-final, but we did develop an aspect of style which became a feature of our play for the rest of the season: fast forcing, with the ball, by a straight defender, as a result of which several important goals were scored. The game was not well-controlled and, as a result, nearly developed into an ill-tempered brawl in the third quarter, but fortunately we managed to keep our heads.

The final was the brilliant team performance everyone had been waiting for, the ground and weather perfect, the big crowd very enthusiastic and largely on our side. After a nervous start, allowing Urmston a goal, we produced our very best lacrosse, Roden shooting very hard in the air, Swann in a devastating mood scoring 9 goals, Harrison and Hodgkinson tidying up around the goal area, the midfield players running the opposition into panic with Threlfall and Underwood quite unpredictable and I'Anson waging the physical side of the battle as well as winning the ball consistently, the defence building a solid wall across the half-way line, leaving Kettlewell a lone and distant spectator. The only pity was that this match came so early and so soon after our tour victories in the South as to make the rest of the season an anti-climax.

Half-term Tour

v. Oxford University	W	13—12
v. Cambridge University	W	17—5
v. Lee	W	20—10

The basic statistics, whilst demonstrating clearly the success of the tour, do nothing to emphasise the class and maturity of the performances, so some further comment is necessary on all the games, which were played to the 10-a-side rules used in the South and now becoming generally accepted in the North.

We travelled to Oxford on the morning of Thursday, February 22nd, arriving just in time to warm up for what must be one of the most memorable games any

of us can have played in. We were soon behind by 6—3 and it appeared that the powerful Oxford midfield, including A. C. Hobday, last year's School Captain, and two strong Americans, would take complete control of the game. However, the defence became tighter and Kettlewell had an inspired spell in goal, and by half-time we had levelled the scores. The second half was evenly fought at a furious pace and we again went behind by two goals, but a switch of Swann to centre seemed to revitalise the attack and we scored the last three goals for a remarkable victory.

Cambridge, without their star player Nash, were a rather easier proposition, and our performance, in which Swann effortlessly scored 8 goals and I'Anson continued to impress at centre, was generally less spectacular than the previous day's.

On the Saturday morning we moved on to Kent to play Lee, Southern champions for several years past and with nine of the South of England squad and two full internationals. They fielded seven of their 1st team and presented apparently formidable opposition. However, we took an early lead and Harrison and Hodgkinson showed that they too posed a considerable goal-scoring threat even when Roden and Swann were marked. In the third quarter the attack produced excellent lacrosse, stretching the Lee defence and moving into acutely judged shooting positions which Roden exploited well. The final quarter saw us using to advantage our fitness, the slope and the opposition's discouragement, and we scored seven goals to their one, five coming from Swann. Throughout the game Hume was outstanding in his marking of Gaines, the South of England Captain.

The tour was, therefore, a great playing success but it was also an outstanding success socially, and thanks are due to all our hosts for their generous hospitality, to Mr. Langford and Mr. Mitchell for leading and organising the tour, to Mr. Mitchell again for his skilful driving and prominent vociferous support, and to the players for their consistent effort and for extending the School's Lacrosse reputation.

Friendly matches

v. Old Hulmeians' Extra A	.... A	W	12—4
v. Stockport Grammar School	H	W	20—4
v. Manchester Grammar School	A	W	22—2
v. Old Mancunians	..... H	W	26—3
v. Ashton A	..... H	W	22—3
v. Old Hulmeians	..... H	L	9—11

We were grateful to the Old Boys for providing us with an early team-building friendly match, but less happy when their 1st XII brought about our only defeat; this game the School somehow never manages to win, though they would probably have had a chance of doing so a week or two earlier.

The team was usually selected from the following:

P. D. Roden (Captain), R. N. Bury, D. S. Harrison, J. L. Hindley, C. W. Hodgkinson, D. C. Hume, S. J. I'Anson, G. D. Kettlewell, W. P. Swann, R. S.

Threlfall, C. J. Tugman, T. J. Underwood and N. R. Withington.

P. D. Roden deserves the congratulations and thanks of all concerned with School Lacrosse following an exemplary season as Captain.

C.P.L.

2nd XII LACROSSE

Played 15, Won 13, Lost 2. For 219, Against 64

(It should be pointed out that, on a number of days in the season, the School fielded two teams under the name of "2nd XII", the main team playing 10 games and winning the David Beesley Cup, and an "Extra 2nd" or Under-16 team playing 5 games).

The David Beesley Cup

v. Cheadle Hulme "A"	.....	W	20—3
v. Old Hulmeians' "B"	.....	W	23—2
v. Stockport "B"	.....	W	10—2
v. Heaton Mersey Guild 'A' Final		W	5—4

In the first round against Cheadle Hulme "A" we were amazed to find no referee appointed, even for a Cup match. However, we soon discovered that the ability to catch and pass still floors most 5th division sides. R. Hall firmly established himself as 2nd XII goalkeeper, and, by the end of the season, it was the opinion of the whole side that we were privileged to have him.

The most notable feature of the 2nd round tie was the beginning of the end of 2nd team Lacrosse for C. W. Hodgkinson, whose seven goals made clear his 1st team potential.

The game against Stockport "B" was spoilt by too many unnoticed fouls off the ball, but we showed we had developed a stable defence in N. H. Clayden, I. Dickson and S. J. Crowther, and S. J. I'Anson won every ball at centre.

The Final was played on a hot dry day on the very narrow pitch at Stockport Grammar School. We were soon 1—4 behind and under severe pressure, but by half-time, when the score was 3—4, the heat seemed to be having its effect on the older opposition players. In the third quarter our midfield players, R. Young, M. H. Bishop, M. Ledigo, C. J. Tugman and B. N. Howe ran themselves into the ground and were repaid by goals from J. F. Leigh and R. J. Newton, which came, as did all our goals, from free positions in front of goal. Throughout the fourth quarter, with the score at 5—4, we managed to keep possession, except for a single mistake which called for the "save of the season" from R. Hall, making us the first winners of the David Beesley Cup.

Inter-School Games

v. Stockport G. S. 2nd	.....	W	23—2
v. Manchester G. S. 2nd	.....	W	17—3
v. Woodhouse Grove School	....	W	21—2
v. Stockport G. S. Combined XII		W	20—3
v. Manchester G. S.	.....	W	18—3
v. Broadway School (U-16 XII)	..	L	5—7

Club "Friendly" Fixtures

v. Sale	W	16—2
v. Timperley "B"	W	17—6
v. Urmston "C"	W	4—3
v. Old Hulmeians "A"	L	8—11
v. Old Hulmeians "Extra A" ..	W	12—11

Goals were scored and plastic sticks broken with amazing regularity in the early weeks of the season. Any illusions that the team might become over-confident were abruptly dispelled by a strangely-titled "friendly" match against Urmston "C", which we managed to win, even if we did leave the field rather battered and bruised.

Other school sides, with the exception of Broadway, provided little opposition: Stockport suffered at the hands of R. J. Newton who scored 15 goals in 2 games against them. It was with particular pleasure that we beat a Manchester Grammar School 1st XII, having lost to them by a single goal last year.

The team was usually selected from the following:

B. N. Howe (Captain), M. H. Bishop, N. H. Clayden, W. B. Collier, S. J. Crowther, I. Dickson, R. J. Hall, G. I. Hawes, M. Ledigo, J. F. Leigh, P. D. Massey, R. J. Newton, C. J. Tugman, R. Young.

We would like to thank Mr. G. Wappett for foregoing his Rugby to accompany us on many occasions.

B.N.H.

B. N. Howe deserves the congratulations of all for his hard work both on and off the field in being Captain of this team, to whom he has set a fine example.

C.P.L.

UNDER-15 XII LACROSSE

Played 8, Won 6, Lost 2, For 101, Against 53

v. Manchester Grammar School A	W	8—4
v. Broadway School	A	L 10—12
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	W 12—2
v. Stockport Grammar School	H	W 15—3
v. Wilmslow Grammar School	A	W 25—4
v. Stockport Grammar School	A	W 10—8
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	L 11—12
v. Broadway School	H	W 10—8

In one important aspect, the relative success or failure of this year's team was decided even before the start of our season. The draw for the Juniors and Schools' Cup, made in July 1972, found us up against Broadway School in the second round of the competition in only our second game. Events at the same meeting also explain the small number of fixtures played by this year's team. It seemed obvious to the Broadway staff member and to me that most other Clubs and School representatives were reluctant to arrange fixtures with our two Schools as, to quote a frequently used phrase, "You're far too good for our little lot!" One can only hope that in the near future this sad condition will no longer prevail and

other teams will feel confident enough in their own abilities and preparation to help us fill our fixture list.

This year's team was notable for the potential most players showed rather than realised. J. Beesley, G. Jones, N. Milton and E. Brunyee must rate as the season's most improved players. Interestingly, all four played largely in attack, and perhaps it is a good indicator of where most of the team's problems lay. At the beginning of the season the defence was lamentably weak; flat-footed, weak at checking and poor at handling. M. Scovell the team Captain, was a notable exception. He has considerable ability as a forcing defence player and it is a sad reflection on our sorry state that he was reduced, for most of the season, to playing in Straight Defence to add some strength there, thereby largely denying the team of his attacking abilities. He was a good leader on the field and always gave a fine example to the team. However, it is to the credit of the eventual defence that they trained and worked hard all season and were making a real success of their jobs by the time we played Broadway School for the second time. The fact that the team was successful in keeping the prolific goal-scorers of Broadway down to eight goals was a major contributory factor in a fine end-of-season victory. R. Sinclair, a much better wing-defence than straight, did a good job marshalling the defence and was very ably helped by D. Mitchell in goal, who when he restricted his remarks to constructive ones, was a very useful cohesive force at the back. He improved greatly throughout the season and was unlucky in just missing a place on the North of England side. It is unfortunate to record at this point that one of the boys who would eventually have formed an important part of our defence found it rather too much trouble to turn up on the occasions he was selected, and relied upon the enthusiasm of the reserves to cover up his apathy.

N. Harrison, who was this year's Vice-Captain was a most useful attack player. His experience, gained on the previous year's Under-15's, was a great confidence-booster to the rest of the attack, and once he learns to stay on his feet for the whole of a match, he will be a first-class player. He and E. Brunyee created some of the best moves of the season; essentially very simple but superbly executed, fine examples to any watching, of hard accurate passing, running into open spaces off the ball, clean catching and finally good finishing.

Ten of the regular team were selected for Lancashire Colts in their match against Cheshire Colts and of those N. Milton, M. Scovell (Vice-Captain), N. Harrison, J. Beesley, E. Brunyee and P. P. Williams were picked for the North of England Colts against the South Colts at Hurlingham Park, London.

The team was selected from the following:

M. Scovell, N. Harrison, D. Mitchell, J. Foster, R. Sinclair, R. Sheldermine, J. Beesley, G. Jones, N. Milton, D. L. Jones, D. Schofield, J. Sandy, E. Brunyee, P. P. Williams, J. Wozencroft, R. Byrne, M. Boyle, D. Manifold, D. Hoey.

J.B.

UNDER-14 XII LACROSSE

Played 7, Won 7, Lost 0. For 111, Against 13

v. Marple Hall G. S.....	W	16—1
v. Cheadle Hulme School	W	17—2
v. Stockport Grammar School ..	W	12—0
v. Cheadle Juniors.....	W	20—0
v. Stockport Grammar School ..	W	12—5
v. Cheadle Hulme School	W	15—4
v. Marple Hall G. S.....	W	18—1

The team was picked from the following players:

M. K. Bradbury (Captain), D. M. Baxter, R. A. Cooper, M. S. Hamilton, M. C. Plant, D. Coy, S. G. Tarpey, A. P. Waring, G. Jones, L. J. Wharton, R. A. Heaton, A. T. Murphy, R. Byrne, J. N. B. Bennington, S. P. Kettlewell, S. N. Roberts, S. R. Cooke, J. Beesley, J. P. B. Sandy, M. J. Howarth.

Most of the matches played during the term were so one-sided that it was difficult to assess how good the School XII were. The defence was never seriously tested, but both Kettlewell and Roberts played soundly in goal. The straight defence is on the slow side but marked tightly, though Bennington and Heaton in particular must learn to body check properly. To provide light relief, if light is the correct word, Byrne and Murphy, both had short spells at centre which resulted in a goal from Byrne and very sore knees for Murphy, who decided to beat the entire Marple Hall defence on his own.

The Captain, Bradbury, led his team well, both on and off the field, and if he can improve his handling a little he will be a tremendous player in a year or two, for he already has speed and determination. Two of the most improved players during the term were Coy and Wharton. Coy's running provided many openings whilst Wharton found his vocation late in the term, especially against Cheadle Hulme, where he scored five splendid goals from closely-marked situations. At centre Jones scored only seven goals but this belies both his talent and his effort—it is a tribute to his versatility that he played for Lancashire Colts at wing defence and was subsequently picked as defence reserve for the North of England.

The attacking positions were filled more or less interchangeably by Baxter, Cooper, Hamilton, Plant and Tarpey. Consequently the field appeared to be occupied by a number of helmeted pygmies, for, although each has his own particular talent, all must try very hard to grow in the next twelve months! Plant could play at centre if he was bigger, Baxter and Hamilton need to be taller to play on the crease and Cooper is at present easily knocked over. Consequently against heavy and boring defences it often needed the individual flair and side step of Tarpey, the leading scorer, to find an opening. Waring, who has great potential, as yet not quite focussed, and Cooke, who ran miles and miles, also played usefully in attack. Beesley and Sandy, both of whom represented Lancashire Colts, normally played for the Under-15 XII but played happily for us against the violent Cheadle Hulme team. Sadly

Howarth who is a potentially good player let his colleagues down more than once by not turning up.

An Under-14 Second XII, captained by Coy, lost narrowly to St. Augustine's U-15 XII—this will be an encouragement to the opposition who are building up their lacrosse and a warning to us that only a fairly small proportion of our 120 recruits each year maintain and practise their skills once out of the Junior School.

It is not really surprising that many of the boys in this year are tempted away by their "home" clubs—certainly the School opposition encountered during the term was very weak and most of the games followed a predictable pattern. But make no mistake, this team could well be the best the School has had for years, provided that it encounters some stern opposition soon! There are a number of faults to be ironed out, but I look forward to 1976 and to seeing Bradbury, Tarpey, Jones and company in full cry: I think they will take some stopping.

P.J.W.

UNDER-13 XII LACROSSE (JUNIOR HOUSE)

v. Stockport Juniors	W	8—0
v. Cheadle Hulme School	W	12—3
(1st Round Centurion Trophy)		
v. Cheadle Hulme School	W	6—5
v. Broadway School	W	8—7
(Semi-Final Centurion Trophy)		
v. Stockport Juniors	L	3—11
v. Stockport Grammar School ..	W	6—4
v. Manchester Grammar School	W	21—0
v. Stockport Grammar School ..	W	10—5
v. Stockport Grammar School ..	W	10—3
(Final, Centurion Trophy)		
Three Fixtures Cancelled.		

The following played in the Centurion Trophy Final:

C. D. Parkyn, P. Maddocks, I. E. Dalglish, J. Raby, A. J. McLaren, P. Collins, J. C. Dale, M. C. Hope, H. W. Hewitt, A. Wilde (Captain), T. G. Jones, C. S. Manning, (Vice Captain).

The following played in earlier rounds of the trophy:

R. D. Leak, M. K. Kohn, J. A. Gubba, C. D. Lightfoot, P. M. Kennerley, P. D. Helliwell.

The usual pattern prevailed during the season: an early frantic period trying to select a team from one hundred and twenty wildly enthusiastic Juniors; some very good games, especially all those against Stockport Grammar School, and some best forgotten; then the end of an all-too-short term, decidedly uncertain that the best combination had been found. The School continues to be the largest lacrosse nursery in the world, and many of our rivals in the senior game breathe sighs of relief that this is so, for they depend heavily on our products without often confessing the fact.

The U-13 2nd XII had two games:

v. Manchester Grammar School..	L	3—6
v. St. Augustine's School	W	7—5

C.E.B.

Played 7, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 0, For 91, Against 38

v. Hulmeians Juniors	.....	A	D	5—5
v. Cheadle Hulme School	....	H	W	17—4
v. St. Augustine's G. S.	.....	H	W	8—6
v. Broadway School	.....	H	W	17—3
v. Stockport Grammar School		H	W	16—2
v. Cheadle Hulme School	....	A	W	15—8
v. Broadway School	.....	A	W	13—10

The team has enjoyed its customary success but in an extremely gratifying fashion. There has been less individual play than in most previous years, and in several ways there has been a real effort to play as a team. As usual the side's strength has been in attack, where hard, accurate passes, many coming from behind goal, have created really mature lacrosse movements.

The defence has been difficult to select; there seems to be a general reluctance at all levels to fill these highly-disciplined and not very exciting rôles. Too many players are easily tempted into stick-checking, and too many succumb to the obvious temptation of watching the ball rather than their own man. However, Baines shows great promise in his positional play, and Wilkinson's bustling style and dangerous forcing have been one of the team's most pleasing features.

Of the midfield players, Cooper, Barron and Sandy have quickly developed the ability to carry the ball at speed and distribute it well into the attack, and it is from this area of the team that the real success has sprung. Keddy also has been a most valuable team-member, setting a fine example of sheer persistence.

As usual the team has a number of small attack players of quality. Outstanding amongst these are Thorpe who moves well into positions and feeds some most astute passes, and Davies, a fearless player in front of goal, who only needs to improve his finishing to become a first-class player.

Cooper was finally selected as Captain of the team and proved a most thoughtful and efficient one.

The team was usually selected from :

D. Baines, M. A. L. Banks, P. A. Barron, J. S. Clough, O. C. D. Cooper, H. S. Davies, M. P. Evans, M. A. Hallworth, D. A. Hanley, A. Keddy, M. J. Sandy, A. J. C. Sidebotham, C. M. Thorpe, C. Wilkins, B. M. Wilkinson, P. R. H. Wilson, M. W. Yates.

C.P.L.

This was a very good year in which we saw excellent lacrosse, some very pleasant weather, but unfortunately some very unpleasant incidents. Whatever the reasons for the appearance of this type of play it will not be treated lightly next season.

Gaskell showed themselves very early in the competition but were closely challenged by Dalton and Fraser until the last few weeks when they pulled slowly away and emerged comfortable winners.

The Knock-outs were very close indeed, teams winning by the odd goal in both the Junior and Senior competition. The standard of play was outstanding in many of the games, but all too often tempers became frayed and a different side of an otherwise pleasant boy was seen. An outstanding season was thus ruined.

RESULTS

Round One:

Senior—Byrom	beat	Dalton	14—6
Fraser	beat	Heywood	10—3
Junior—Dalton	beat	Whitworth	9—8
Fraser	beat	Byrom	24—8

Round Two:

Senior—Byrom	drew	Fraser	11—11
Byrom	beat	Fraser replay	11—4
Gaskell	beat	Whitworth	15—4
Junior—Gaskell	beat	Fraser	6—5
Dalton	beat	Heywood	8—5

Final :

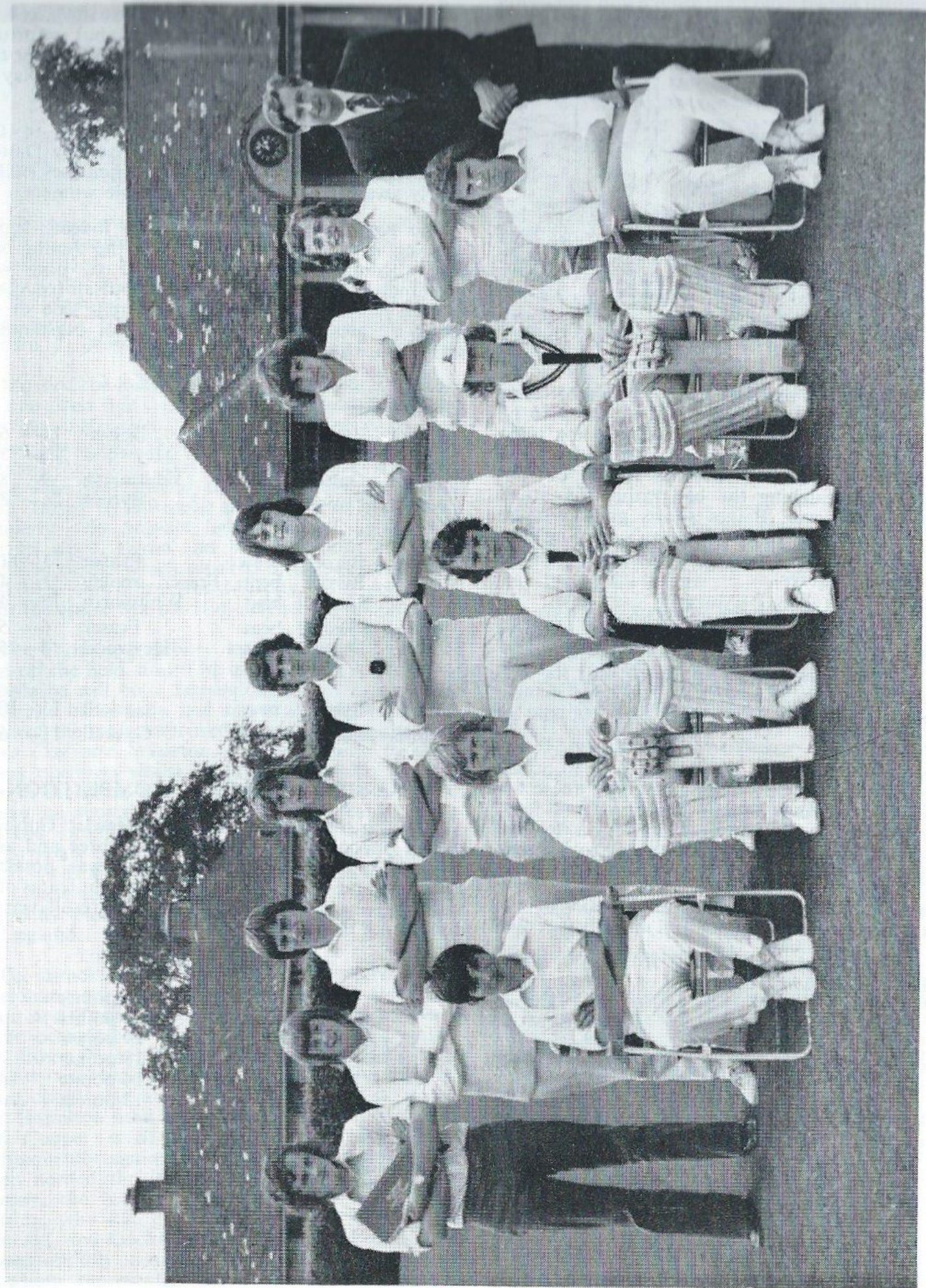
Senior—Byrom	beat	Gaskell	11—10
Junior—Dalton	beat	Gaskell	11—6

SIX-A-SIDE LACROSSE COMPETITION

This year the competition for the Hewlett Cup was played on one afternoon instead of three and as a result a much more exciting finish was possible. Fifty-six games were played by forty-eight teams on a very pleasant afternoon and the final result was in doubt until the end.

POSITIONS

1 Fraser	.....	26 points
2 Dalton	.....	23 points
3 Gaskell	.....	19 points
4 Heywood	.....	15 points
5 Whitworth	.....	14 points
6 Byrom	.....	13 points



played for the 1964-65 All-Ireland hurling team. He is wearing the white County Down team kit. Left

With six of last season's side returning, it was really to be expected that this year's team would be a strong one. In order to meet with expectations, therefore, a high standard had to be maintained throughout the season. The side's eventual record—Won 9, Lost 3, Drawn 6—was certainly a very good one, but at the same time was also slightly disappointing as it gives no indication of the ability and tremendous potential that this year's side had. A feature of the season was the poor results obtained against some of the weaker sides. In most cases this was due to our failure to polish off the tail-end of the opposition and to exploit early breakthroughs. The batting was certainly not without its faults and considering the great wealth of batting talent in the team our low scores against Lytham (86), Sheffield (90) and Birkenhead (40) can only be ascribed to a lack of concentration.

However, it would be wrong to dwell too long on the faults, as for the most part the team was an excellent one. A good team spirit prevailed throughout the season and there were a number of memorable and most entertaining games where the cricket played was of a very high standard. Unlike those of previous years the side was a very settled one and remained almost unchanged during the season.

The side's batting strength was at times an embarrassment, and this meant that, particularly on tour, several of our batsmen were not needed. N. Greensmith batted fairly consistently for most of the season scoring over 500 runs, while R. Marsh was a model of consistency. He maintained an excellent line and length, taking 41 wickets and passing the hundred mark since he has been playing on the 1st XI—a feat not often achieved. R. Potter generated some real pace in his bowling this season and his aggressive brand of bowling could worry the best of batsmen at times. However, his line and length occasionally suffered as a result of his extra pace.

One of the worst facets of the bowling this season was the extraordinary number of no-balls. A spate of no-balls in the first match seemed to set the pattern for the rest of the season. Our opening bowlers were the two main offenders, but their example seemed to have a detrimental effect on almost everybody else who bowled.

M. Kirkman's off-spin bowling proved to be invaluable on numerous occasions—he took 39 wickets in his first season on the 1st XI at a very economical rate. Coming straight from the Colts this was certainly an excellent performance. I feel sure he will take even more wickets next year, particularly if he can learn to vary his flight a little more. C. Ball, also on the Colts last year, played some very useful innings and must be a good prospect for next year.

Perhaps the outstanding fielder of the side was P. Howarth, who took 13 catches, most of them fielding at short leg—a very dangerous position in

schoolboy cricket! I. Dickson again kept wicket excellently and was given plenty to do by our bowlers.

Our thanks go to M. Lomas for his work as scorer and also to Miss Walker and her staff and the ladies of the Parents' Association for their work in providing teas throughout the season. We record our gratitude to Mr. Clarke for his work on the square and to those members of staff who umpired week by week.

v. Stockport Grammar School—Away

School 142—4 dec.

Stockport 97—7

Draw

P. Swann (50), N. Greensmith (73 not out), R. Marsh (6 for 40).

A sensible 1st wicket stand of 92 between P. Swann and N. Greensmith ensured a good total. They batted soundly against the spin bowling of P. Tipton, taking most of their runs at the other end. After losing P. Tipton and Farmer fairly early, Stockport, who were obviously conscious of their weak batting, decided to play for a draw. R. Marsh's accuracy earned him six wickets and with more support from the other end victory would have been ours.

v. King Edward VII, Lytham—Home

Lytham 115

School 86

Lost

P. Swann (21), N. Greensmith (21), P. Howarth (20), R. Marsh (6 for 54).

After some lively and quite hostile seam bowling from R. Potter and R. Marsh on a green track had given us an early breakthrough, Lytham staged a recovery and moved from 28 for 4 to a total of 115. At tea we looked almost certain of victory being 62 for 3. The picture changed dramatically afterwards, and we lost six wickets for only 15 runs to the spin of Van der Bergh. Our batting was poor and the wicket totally unpredictable.

v. A. M. Blight's XI—Home

A. M. Blight's XI 97

School 100—3

Won

C. Ball (25), N. Greensmith (41 not out), R. Marsh (6 for 25), M. Kirkman (4 for 21).

R. Marsh again proved to be the mainstay of our attack and his ability to move the ball both in the air and off the pitch brought him six wickets. M. Kirkman's spin demolished the opposition's middle order. After being given a good start by C. Ball (25), N. Greensmith saw the School safely to their second win.

v. Bolton School—Home

School 128-9 dec.

Bolton 65-5

Draw

P. Howarth (33), W. Collier (37 not out), R. Marsh (4 for 20).

After losing our first three wickets without scoring, a much-needed recovery was staged between P. Howarth and R. Marsh who took our score to 50. Both batted very sensibly and with a good deal of determination. W. B. Collier added to this with a model innings of 37 not out and we eventually reached a very respectable total. Bolton lost four wickets fairly quickly and at no stage made an effort to chase the runs. This made our task the more difficult and despite some excellent bowling from Marsh the game ended in a rather dismal draw.

v. Q.E.G.S. Wakefield—Home

School 170

Wakefield 114.

Won

N. Greensmith (24), J. Meehan (51), I. Dickson (20), Marsh (3 for 33), M. Bishop (3 for 15).

A useful start was capitalised on by J. Meehan, coming in at seven. He punished the bad balls vigorously and with I. Dickson in support, put on 63 for our sixth wicket. Some accurate bowling by our seam bowlers, Potter, Marsh and Bishop, went unrewarded. It was ironical that it was the occasional loose delivery which seemed to pick up the wickets and gave us victory.

v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby—Away

School 190

Crosby 106

Won

W. B. Collier (21), P. Howarth (24), R. Marsh (20), C. Ball (53), Jarvis 5-74, R. Potter (4 for 24), R. Marsh (4 for 30).

This was one of the best all-round performances of the season, and certainly a memorable win. Our opening pair again gave us a sound start. This was built on by some lively batting from P. Howarth, R. Marsh and C. Ball. Ball's innings was both stylish and exciting to watch and gave the first real indication of his true potential as a batsman. A fine array of shots brought him his 50 in almost as many minutes. Our bowling and fielding were as polished as our batting had been. The opposition began to crumble under the seam attack of R. Potter and R. Marsh. Both bowled extremely well and contributed to what was an excellent team win.

v. Woodhouse Grove—Away (35 overs match)

Woodhouse Grove 103-8 in 35 overs

School 106-4 in 30 overs

Won

P. Swann (22), N. Greensmith (39 not out), P. Swann (4 for 42), M. Bishop (2 for 16).

The rain-affected track and overcast conditions suited P. Swann's seam bowling and as a result R. Marsh's absence was hardly noticed. Swann bowled with great hostility moving the ball a considerable amount both laterally and vertically and the batsmen were always on the defensive in the early

stages. In the gathering gloom the School had to score 104 in 35 overs. Thanks largely to a brisk start by P. Swann and C. Ball and a sensible innings by N. Greensmith this total was reached for the loss of only 4 wickets and with 5 overs to spare.

v. King Edward VII Sheffield—Away

School 90

Sheffield 92-3

Lost

R. Marsh (25), W. B. Collier (17), Ibbotson 6 for 16

Without doubt this was one of our poorest performances against weak opposition. After a disastrous start to our innings a minor recovery was staged by R. Marsh and W. B. Collier. For a time they seemed in command. However, after they had gone there was little resistance from our lower order who were demolished by the spin bowling of Ibbotson. Before the tea interval R. Potter and R. Marsh managed to extract a lot of life from the wicket and a result either way seemed possible. However, after some rain the wicket tended to help the batsmen and our bowlers never really settled into a good rhythm.

v. Parents' XI—Home

Parents 87 (G. Wappett 50)

School 88 for 1

Won

C. Ball (32 not out), N. Greensmith (56 not out), M. Kirkman (4 for 16), M. Bishop (3 for 7).

After a good start by Mr. Warner and Mr. Wappett (50), the Parents' batting collapsed. The main threat to the School was thought to be from Mr. Collins. However, he was dismissed by an unplayable delivery from R. Potter who bowled well throughout. The School were steered to a comfortable win by C. Ball (32 not out) and N. Greensmith (56 not out) who batted very sensibly against some accurate seam bowling from Mr. Collins.

v. Masters' 1st XI—Home

Masters 113 Mr. Mitchell (28), Mr. Wilde (22)

M. Kirkman (5 for 44), P. Swann (3 for 20).

School 69-9 P. Swann (20), N. Greensmith (20),

Mr. Wilde (3 for 21)

Draw

In damp conditions the Masters' XI reached a total of 113, the main contributors being Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Wilde. It was thanks largely to Mr. Wilde's stubborn resistance at the tail end that the Masters' total was made a difficult one to beat, considering the wicket and the time. M. Kirkman bowled extremely well and very intelligently and managed to get a good deal of turn out of what was a drying wicket. He was ably supported by P. Swann who again proved he could be a useful seam bowler. The School's middle order failed badly in this match and due to some accurate bowling from Mr. Wilde and Mr. Heap the School never looked like reaching the target. In the end our last pair had to play out time to save us from defeat.

v. Birkenhead—Home

Birkenhead 120

School 90 (Matthew-Jones 7 for 33)

Lost

N. Greensmith (19), I. Dickson (18), J. Meehan (15),
R. Potter (5 for 28), M. Kirkman (4 for 30).

Birkenhead's opening stand of 70 was not broken until M. Kirkman came on to bowl. R. Potter then proceeded to destroy the middle order by taking a hat-trick. In his second spell he bowled with great determination and much life and well earned his figures of 5 for 28. M. Kirkman again proved his value by breaking up a good opening partnership and he finished with the first 3 batsmen to his credit. Our batting was generally poor due really to a fault in technique. Our batsmen pushed forward using too much right hand instead of almost letting go of the bat with that hand. The result was that they spooned up easy chances to close fielders in front of the wicket.

v. Batley Grammar School—Home

School 142-8

Batley 55

Won

P. Swann (26), N. Greensmith (37), R. Potter (27 not out), C. Ball (6 for 15).

In direct contrast to the previous match this was a sound batting display. The backbone of the innings was formed by P. Swann and N. Greensmith who both struck the loose ball fiercely. However, our total of 142 was only reached with the help of the lower order and R. Potter in particular who scored a very brisk 27 not out. Our total proved beyond Batley's reach and a draw seemed imminent. However, their defensive tactics allowed us to crowd the bat and pick up wickets. With two wickets still standing in the last over a win seemed unlikely. However, thanks to C. Ball and a lot of luck we got the wickets with one ball to spare. Ball bowled intelligently, giving the ball plenty of air and forcing the batsmen into errors, proving himself a useful weapon against defensive tactics.

v. King's Macclesfield—Away

School 182-5

Macclesfield 97-7

Draw

N. Greensmith (90), P. Howarth (33), C. Ball (24 not out), M. Bishop (5 for 17).

The School batted first and on an excellent wicket produced one of their best batting performances of the season. In his innings of 90, N. Greensmith scored 74 of them in boundaries.

He was ably supported by P. Howarth (33) who began to show some of his real form and C. Ball (24 not out). However, some loose deliveries early in the Macclesfield innings meant that we lost the initiative and were never able to pressurise the batsmen until the later stages. M. Bishop bowled a good line and length and showed his value as a first change bowler, taking 5 wickets for 17 runs.

v. Manchester Grammar School—Home

School 133-7 (P. Swann (28), N. Greensmith (45))

Manchester 120 R. Potter (5 for 48).

M. Kirkman (4 for 20).

Won

Some aggressive stroke-play from P. Swann and N. Greensmith ensured us a good total. We declared leaving Manchester more time than we had used ourselves. This made for a very exciting game of cricket. The opposition lost wickets fairly steadily but due to an innings of 79 from P. Hudson they were always poised for victory. R. Potter produced probably his best performance of the season, bowling a good line and length and also with an extra yard of pace. However, it was M. Kirkman who eventually took the wicket of Hudson and ensured us victory.

TOUR OF THE WEST COUNTRY

The School again went to the West Country in search of hard wickets and fine weather for the cricket. As in previous years we were stationed at the "Beeches" Caravan site overlooking Blue Anchor Bay. Having had a heat wave for the last five years on tour it was perhaps too much to hope for another one. However, for the first two days the weather was warm and sunny. On the third day the rains came and of our remaining four matches we only managed to play one. Of course this was a great disappointment to all, but despite this, team spirit remained as good as ever.

After a very uneventful journey we stayed at Allhallows School, Lyme Regis the first night. The next morning play began at 11.30—we won the toss and batted first on what is always a beautiful batting wicket and a very picturesque ground. On the first hard track we had seen all season, the side batted extremely well, scoring 179 for 8. W. B. Collier assumed the anchor rôle and in his innings of 63 he showed he was one of the best batsmen in the side producing a fine array of shots with seemingly little effort. He was well supported by N. Greensmith (28), C. Ball (25) and R. Marsh (26). Marsh certainly showed in his innings that he was a fine batsman as well as our most consistent bowler.

Due largely to a 4th wicket stand of 66 between Kitchen (50) and Milton (40), Allhallows kept themselves in the game which was always very finely balanced. Both hit out well and while they remained at the crease a win for Allhallows seemed the most likely result. However, these two vital wickets were taken by M. Bishop and R. Marsh. R. Marsh bowled superbly, taking 6 for 64 on what was a very good batting wicket. In the end we won by the margin of 23 runs.

Our second match was against King's Bruton, where the wicket was a batsman's paradise and a bowler's torment. We batted first and scored 192 for 2. P. Swann (80) and W. B. Collier (73 not out) put on 134 for the opening partnership and were never in any trouble from the opposition attack. Swann's aggressive shots and Collier's elegant stroke play

proved an ideal combination and certainly baffled the fielders.

However, this would probably have been a good toss to lose, for the only chance of winning on such a true, easy-paced wicket was to bat second. Great effort went into our bowling and fielding, but to little effect, and this was extremely frustrating. A great variety of bowling was tried in an attempt to push the opposition into making errors but our efforts proved vain. It took a superb slip catch from P. Swann and a "donkey drop" delivery from W. B. Collier to get two of the three wickets and Bruton finished at 155 for 3. A draw had seemed almost inevitable and it was the wicket, not the players, that had dictated the game.

Unfortunately, and to everyone's disappointment, our match against King's School Taunton was rained off. This was a great pity as this is usually one of the best and most enjoyable fixtures.

Having played Monmouth School for the first time the previous year and lost very narrowly in a very exciting game, we were extremely anxious to win this year. Monmouth batted first and from the start found themselves in trouble, especially against R. Potter, who in his first three overs took 2 wickets for only 3 runs. It was, therefore, a severe blow when in his next over he pulled a muscle in his leg and was unable to bowl again. Nevertheless, R. Marsh stuck to the task well, taking 4 for 54, with support from M. Kirkman (4 for 34). Monmouth eventually reached a fairly respectable total of 127, thanks largely to an innings of 68 from E. Butler. This was a total which looked to be well within our reach considering our two previous batting performances. W. B. Collier, who had been batting so consistently well was dismissed first ball, being L.B.W. to Monmouth's fast bowler, J. Norkett. P. Swann batted well for his brisk 25 as did P. Howarth until he got out to a bad shot rather unnecessarily. This proved to be a turning-point, and despite a fine innings of 36 from C. Ball our task became progressively more difficult and the likelihood of our winning less. Nevertheless at 103 for 6 the odds must have been heavily in our favour, chasing 127. Ball's dismissal heralded a minor collapse which destroyed all hopes of victory, and instead we had to fight hard to salvage a draw. Our last pair had to play out five overs to do this. They defended stubbornly and, much to their credit, saved the game. Very few people watched the last ball, as under almost identical circumstances we had lost last year!

Despite the disappointment of not clinching a victory that was well within our grasp, this was a most exciting and enjoyable game for all those who played and watched.

Our remaining fixtures against Haberdashers' Aske's School and Bristol Bedouins were both rained off and instead we turned to beach football.

When we returned to Manchester we played Exeter School who were touring around Manchester and this provided some compensation for having the other games cancelled.

Our side was not a full 1st XI and included two 2nd team players and two Under-15's, Lindsay and Picken. We batted first and our total of 170 for 4 on a rain-soaked track which was anything but favourable to batting, was quite an achievement. P. Heaton batted confidently and sensibly for his 39 and must certainly be a good prospect for next year. P. Howarth ended the season with a superb, chanceless innings of 66 and gave us a formidable total which Exeter never really looked like getting. M. Bishop bowled accurately, taking 3-11, but Exeter had no answer to M. Kirkman's spin. Kirkman took 5-18 and once again showed he is an extremely good bowler and very difficult to play on a drying wicket. Exeter were bowled out for 68 and the School ended the season with a very comfortable win.

Our overall record of Won 9, Drawn 6, Lost 3 bears witness to the fact that this was an extremely talented side. However, on several occasions the team did not do itself full justice.

Full colours were re-awarded to :

N. Greensmith, I. Dickson, R. Marsh, P. Howarth and awarded to :

P. Swann, R. Potter, C. Ball, M. Bishop, W. B. Collier, M. Kirkman, J. Meehan.

Our thanks go again to M. Lomas for scoring throughout the season and on tour, to Mr. A. M. Blight for taking the 1st XI again this year and also to David Greensmith, O.H. for his invaluable assistance on the tour.

N.I.G.

It should be added that N. I. Greensmith learnt quickly as a Captain. Initially he sometimes failed to crowd batsmen when we were on top and there were occasions when Kirkman could have been introduced earlier with advantage. By the end of the season his field-setting and bowling changes were good. Throughout, his declarations were generous, vital for any game to be worthy of the name. Happily the burden of captaincy did not affect his batting, which was a model for the rest of the side. He combined fluency and aggression (never better than in his innings of 90 at Macclesfield) and when occasion demanded he defended stubbornly and waited for the bad ball to hit. He was the mainstay of the team, an outstanding fielder and the younger players had much to learn from his example in temperament and application.

A.M.B.

2nd XI CRICKET

Played 9, Won 5, Drawn 3, Lost 1.

v. Stockport Grammar School—Home
Stockport 18 (Bishop 7-5)
School 19-1
Won by 9 wickets

v. King Edward VII, Lytham—Away
Lytham 33
School 37-0
Won by 10 wickets

- v. Bolton Grammar School—Away
Bolton 97 (Orton 3-5)
School 72-9 (Eckersley 30)
Match Drawn.
- v. Queen Elizabeth G. S., Wakefield—Away
School 118-7 (Withington 47 not out)
Wakefield 69 (Harrison 6-27)
Won by 49 runs.
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby—Home
Crosby 121 (Dodd 4-21)
School 73 all out (Steinsberg 36 not out)
Lost by 48 runs.
- v. Parents' XI—Home
Parents 88
School 89-3 (Gartside-Beattie 45)
Won by 7 wickets.
- v. Masters 2nd XI—Home
School 103 (Roden 19)
Masters 89-7 (Clayden 3-18)
Match drawn.
- v. Birkenhead School—Away
School 176-9 dec. (Withington 107 not out)
Birkenhead 69 (Roden 5-39, Heaton 2-4)
Won by 107 runs
- v. Whalley Range Cricket Club 3rd XI—Home
School 144-6 dec. (Heaton 51)
W.R.C.C. 88-9 (Swindley 33, Clayden, M. 3-18)
Match drawn
- v. King's School, Macclesfield—Home
School 130-5 dec.
Macclesfield 00-8
Match drawn

After three years' experience as wicket keeper, D. T. Walley captained the side, with K. M. Eckersley as Vice-Captain.

As usual the batting extended deep into the order. The recognised batsmen, however, made some fine innings: N. Withington scored an excellent 47 not out and a wonderful 107 not out at Birkenhead School, including sixteen fours and a six on a good batting wicket. P. Heaton scored 51 with some fine shots all around the wicket. G. Steinsberg proved to be a very solid opening batsman, being the only batsman to master the wicket against Crosby with 36 not out. D. Channon, D. Walley, K. M. Eckersley and J. Swindley regularly scored useful runs to bring victory. The batting of P. D. Roden as usual brought us delight with some very powerful sixes.

The standard of bowling was very high and consequently made competition for places very fierce. M. Bishop was the main bowler at the beginning of the season taking 12 wickets for 9 runs in two matches. The first XI recognised his talent and he was sadly missed by the side after this. P. D. Roden again took many wickets throughout the season, deceiving the

opposing batsmen (and occasionally the wicket keeper) with well-hidden, varying pace. He always managed to get some life even out of a dead wicket. N. H. Clayden and P. Dodd bowled with great speed and accuracy, the former making it very difficult for the opposition to reach high scores. Orton bowled some very accurate left-handed spin-bowling and took some vital wickets. R. Young bowled leg breaks at the end of the season for the side. P. Heaton, N. Withington and B. Clayden also made useful contributions. Our thanks must also go to I. Gosling for scoring this season.

D.T.W.

3rd XI CRICKET

Played 4, Won 4

- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby
Crosby 100 (Young 5-33)
School 104-6 (Swindley 47, Scovell 29)
Won by 4 wickets
- v. Birkenhead School
School 126 (Young 30, Saxby 22, Bailey 21)
Birkenhead 32
Won by 94 runs
- v. King's School, Macclesfield
Macclesfield 81 (Bailey 4-7)
School 82-4 (Coyne 24, Cooper 24 not out)
Won by 6 wickets
- v. Manchester Grammar School
Manchester Grammar School 109
School 112-2 (Summersgill 81 not out)
Won by 8 wickets

It was not surprising that the 3rd XI had a successful season. Many of the players were good enough for the 2nd XI but competition was very keen. P. Summersgill scored 17 boundaries in his innings at Manchester Grammar School. J. Swindley and R. Young deservedly gained promotion to the 2nd XI after good performances in the 3rd XI.

It was pleasing to see such good team spirit and I must thank all who turned out for the team, especially those who willingly made up the numbers at the last minute.

Besides the quality of some of the cricket, the 3rd XI provides one with several amusing memories. How can one forget Boardley's batting, for instance? He is quite convinced that every ball deserves to be hit for four and is not at all shy of appealing for LBW from third man. One remembers Cantrell scurrying between the wickets like a frightened rabbit; lastly one remembers a certain Macclesfield bowler expressing surprise when Cooper came in to bat without gloves and without taking guard; however the bowler's anticipation of a quick wicket to improve his bowling average was soon squashed when Cooper hit the first four balls which he received for four.

P.V.B.

UNDER-15 XI CRICKET

Played 16, Won 9, Lost 3, Drawn 4

- v. Stockport Grammar School—Away
School 167 for 5 dec. (Lindsay 47, Picken 58 n.o.)
Stockport 82 for 9 (Picken 5 for 16)
Match drawn
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham—Home
School 70 all out
Lytham 30 all out (Hoey 3.5-1-2-7)
Won by 40 runs
- v. Didsbury C.C. Juniors—Away
25 over match Didsbury 68 for 7
School 69 for 5 (Fishwick 23)
Won by 5 wickets
- v. Bolton School—Home
Bolton 87 all out (Gillespie 3 for 12)
School 88 for 6 (Brunyee 21, Hoey 20 not out)
Won by 4 wickets
- v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield—Home
School 160 for 7 dec. (Beesley 55, S. P. Jones 38)
Wakefield 163 for 8 (Carrigill 92 not out)
Lost by 2 wickets
- v. Chorlton C.C. Juniors—Home
School 152 for 4. 90 minutes (Brunyee 73 not out, Scovell 30)
Chorlton 88 all out (Kerle 3 for 21, Lindsay 4 for 8)
Won by 64 runs
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby—Away
Crosby 61 all out (Picken 4 for 10)
School 65 for 4
Won by 6 wickets
- v. Woodhouse Grove School, Bradford—Away
School 97 all out (Picken 57)
Woodhouse Grove 66 all out (Hoey 5 for 28)
Won by 31 runs
- v. King Edward's School, Sheffield—Away
School 111 all out (Picken 42)
Sheffield 30 all out (Picken 5 for 7, Lindsay 4 for 1)
Won by 81 runs
- v. Didsbury Juniors C.C.—Away
25 overs match School 96 for 8 (Lindsay 24)
Didsbury 80 all out (Hoey 4 for 30, Boyle 2 for 17)
G. Jones 2 for 15)
Won by 16 runs
- v. Birkenhead School—Home
Birkenhead 129 all out (Picken 7 for 35)
School 130 for 3 (Beesley 23, Lindsay 30 not out, Picken 62 not out)
Won by 7 wickets

- v. Manchester Grammar School—Home
2 hours each. M.G.S. 91 for 7 (Saxby 2 for 30)
School 89 all out (Lindsay 29, Bailey 17 not out)
Lost by 2 runs
- v. Batley Grammar School—Away
School 177 for 7 dec. (Lindsay 33, Picken 70)
Batley 155 for 5 (Saxby 3 for 33)
Match drawn
- v. King's School, Macclesfield—Away
Macclesfield 114 all out (Picken 4 for 30, Gillespie 2 for 20, Hoey 3 for 27)
School 95 for 9 (Picken 46)
Match drawn
- v. Cheadle C.C. Juniors—Away
25 overs match School 88 for 6 (Scovell 32)
Cheadle 90 for 2
Lost by 8 wickets
- v. North Cestrian Grammar School—Away
School 138 for 7 dec. (Maxfield 31, Picken 31, Lindsay 32 not out)
North Cestrian 75 for 5 (Hoey 4 for 35)
Match drawn

Leading Averages:

Innings	Batting				Average
	Not-Out	Highest Score	Total		
T. Picken	15	4	69 n.o.	443	40.2
P. Lindsay	16	3	47	332	25.6
R. Bailey	6	3	17 n. o.	72	24.0
D. Hoey	9	5	20	85	21.25
J. Beesley	7	0	55	125	17.85
E. Brunyee	10	2	73 n.o.	136	17.00
M. Scovell	10	0	33	113	11.30

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets
T. Picken	152	56	240	36
D. Hoey	93	20	279	29
P. Lindsay	46.1	14	154	21
C. Saxby	46	13	128	7
R. Bailey	40	13	71	4

Catches: Hoey 9, Maxfield, Lindsay 8.

Stumpings: Maxfield 4, Schofield 7.

The following played for the team:

P. Lindsay (Captain), T. Picken, R. Bailey, J. Beesley, M. Boyle, P. Boyle, G. Burt, E. Brunyee, P. Dutton, G. Fishwick, G. Gillespie, M. Holland, D. Hoey, R. Kerle, S. Jones, G. Jones, N. Maxfield, M. Pemberton, M. Scovell, C. Saxby, A. Schofield, L. Wall.

The two objectives at the start of the term were to play as much match cricket as possible and to enjoy the cricket. Both were achieved and in the process the results obtained were excellent.

Perhaps on reflection 16 games were too many, as three of the last four were draws but it did provide the chance to give everyone a fair opportunity—22 players were used altogether including four Under-14s who contributed usefully and gained experience for next year. Beesley has the strokes to be a top-class batsman, P. Boyle is extremely sound and both Burt and G. Jones should take many wickets.

Dutton, Wall and Pemberton all played for the team for the first time and did well in supporting rôles, though the latter two must improve their fielding. A. Schofield added a good deal of technique to his enthusiasm and should be a most useful wicketkeeper if he continues his current rate of progress.

Scovell and Bailey found that hitting the ball is not as difficult as some of England's test batsmen may suggest, and both profited from their positive approach. S. P. Jones did not seem to care enough to do consistently well. Brunyee batted well several times but only in his magnificent 73 not out against Chorlton did he really build a big innings. Kerle and Fishwick have respectively too much caution and too little discretion—both must think carefully about the technique and footwork of their batting. It is pleasing to recall that everyone at times showed some ability with the bat—at Woodhouse Grove, for example, the game was won by the last three batsmen holding out while Picken boosted the total at the other end.

The bowling relied heavily on Picken and Hoey and though both had some problems with their line both produced match-winning performances. Lindsay also took a number of wickets though the rest of the team could never understand why. All the other bowlers had their moments, but the side lacked one more really good slow bowler.

Although most of the victories resulted from good team-work, the performances of Lindsay as batsman and Captain and of Picken as batsman and bowler cannot be underestimated. Their skill and their enthusiasm throughout the sixteen games were enormous and I hope that both will continue their positive approach to the game next year.

This account gives a very unconvincing picture of the exciting cricket played during the year—the players themselves will remember Hoey's 7 wickets in 23 balls, Beesley's six which narrowly missed Mr. Renny, Maxfield's amazing 31 at Altrincham, chewed finger nails against Manchester Grammar School and of course Picken hitting the ball all over the field. Next year there will be less opportunity for most of the team so I hope that many of them will supplement their school cricket by playing for their local club's junior side. The more match cricket they play the better they will become.

Thanks are due to Mr. Clark the groundsman for putting up with so many games, Messrs. Bailey, Mitchell and Murray for helping with transport and umpiring, and Mr. Bonnick for the loan of his shooting stick!

P.J.W.

UNDER-14 CRICKET

Played 12, Won 7, Drawn 4, Lost 1.

(a) Regular Fixtures:

- v. Stockport Grammar School—Home
School 203 for 3 dec. (Wharton 85 not out, Parkinson 47)
Stockport 139 for 6 (Tarpey 5 for 44).
Drawn
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham—Away
Lytham 60 all out (Burt 4 for 17, Beesley 4 for 7)
School 64 for 6
Won
- v. Bolton School—Away
School 101 all out (Beesley 69 not out)
Bolton 59 all out (Jones 3 for 5, Burt 6 for 12)
Won
- v. Manchester Grammar School—Away
M.G.S. 132 for 9 dec. (Jones 4 for 38)
School 123 for 7 (Jones 60)
Drawn
- v. King Edward VII School, Sheffield—Away
School 98 all out
Sheffield 66 for 8 (Jones 4 for 25)
Drawn
- v. Batley Grammar School—Home
School 216 all out (Beesley 54, Tarpey 74 not out)
Batley 63 for 7
Drawn
- v. King's School, Macclesfield—Home
King's 113 all out (Burt 5 for 29)
School 114 for 3 (Beesley 51 not out)
Won

(b) Esso Colts' Competition, Lancashire

1st Round

- v. Anfield Comprehensive School—Home
School 119 all out (Jones 33, Coy 34, Baxter 27 not out)
Anfield 73 all out (Burt 4 for 14)
Won

2nd Round

- v. Quarry Bank Comprehensive School—Home
Quarry Bank 151 all out (Burt 3 for 24)
School 157 for 6 (Beesley 45)
Won

3rd Round

- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby—Home
School 155 for 6 (Beesley 66, Coy 42 not out)
Crosby 125 all out (Beesley 3 for 33, Mills 2 for 9)
Won

4th Round (South Lanes' Divisional Final)

- v. Salesian Grammar School, Bootle—Away
School 149 all out (Beesley 39, Boyle 26)
Salesian 128 all out (Jones 3 for 13, Burt 3 for 18)
Won

Lancashire Final

- v. Lancaster Royal Grammar School—Away
Lancaster 101 for 7 (Mills 2 for 12)
School 69 all out
Lost

This has been an excellent season, with some outstanding personal performances and some very good team efforts. The only pity is that the team failed to win the Lancashire final of the Colts Knock-out Competition, which would have qualified it to enter the National Competition next year; but this should not be allowed to detract from an otherwise admirable record.

Twice, the team has scored more than 200 runs; its best performance, perhaps, was to come from behind to score over 150 against Quarry Bank in the Esso Competition. In this match, and against Anfield, our determination to win was all-important. This was shown by first-rate fielding, and, against Anfield, by a remarkable last wicket stand between Coy and Baxter. A very pleasing feature throughout the season has been the willingness of the batsmen to hit the ball hard: this has resulted in some spectacular cricket. Beesley, at his best, has provided brilliant strokeplay, especially at Bolton. He has been the mainstay of the batting, although he has occasionally failed (as at Lancaster!) through trying to drive on the half volley too early in his innings. His bowling has improved a lot, and we expect much of him. Boyle has captained the side quite sensibly, and has thought more about the game as the season has progressed. His defence as a batsman could serve as an example to others, although he needs to develop some more strokes. Parkinson, who is watchful, and strong on the off, and Coy, who is much better against fast bowling than slow, have made valuable contributions. Jones has good potential as a batsman as well as a bowler, and his innings at Manchester Grammar School was a real pleasure to watch: but he will not fulfil himself without greater restraint; batting lower in the order might help. Wharton shone against Stockport, and is strong on the leg side, but his timing of the ball is sometimes not good. Tarpey is beginning to play with a straighter bat; he is still essentially the "hitter," and his powerful straight drive and his determination make up for somewhat defective technique!

Behind the stumps, Bradbury has reached a high standard. He moves very well to the fast bowlers, although, like some of the batsmen, he needs practice against slow bowling. The fielding, in general, has been good, especially that of Tarpey, Parkinson, Coy, and Jones, but there have been lapses, particularly against batsmen who are ready to take the quick single.

It is the batting which has provided most of the entertainment, but the bowling has usually been very

tight, if a little lacking in penetration: the team is a well-balanced one, ideally suited to 40-overs cricket. Burt has bowled scarcely any loose balls all season, and some of his performances have been excellent. He has remarkable control for a slow bowler of his age, but, to achieve his full potential, he should vary his deliveries a little more, and cultivate his off break. Jones has been a little erratic, but extremely fast and therefore (at this level) economical. His smooth action promises well for the future. Beesley has improved a great deal, and can now consider himself an all-rounder; Frost came into the side late, and has bowled useful seamers; Baxter has bowled well at times, and could do well with greater concentration; and Boyle's off-spinners have lent occasional variety to the attack. Mills was imported from the Under-13 team to open the bowling: he has been very economical, and bowls some good inswingers.

At Lancaster, the batting, with the partial exception of Boyle and Tarpey, failed dismally. This came as a surprise, after so many good wins: there is no doubt that the team could have gone much further, and it is a pity that so many chose to have an "off day" at the same time.

Those who have played:

D. Baxter, J. Beesley, P. Boyle, M. Bradbury, G. Burt, R. Byrne, D. Coy, H. Frost, G. Jones, M. Mills, C. Parkinson, S. Tarpey, A. Waring, L. Wharton, C. Whitehead.

D.H.

UNDER-13 XI CRICKET

Played 12, Won 8, Drawn 1, Lost 3.

- v. Whalley Range C.C. Juniors
Whalley Range 63 for 8 (innings closed).
School 66 for 6 (Hewitt 23 not out).
Won by 4 wickets.
- v. Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield
School 52 all out.
Wakefield 53 for 4.
Lost by 6 wickets.
- v. Manchester Grammar School
School 81 for 8 (innings closed) (Warner 24 n.o.).
Manchester G.S. 61 all out (Mills 5 for 21)
Won by 20 runs.
- v. Stockport Grammar School
Stockport 51 for 8 (innings closed) (Mills 6 for 14).
School 52 for 4.
Won by 6 wickets.
- v. Burnage High School
School 88 for 8 (innings closed).
Burnage 66 all out (Mills 7 for 12).
Won by 22 runs.

- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby.
Merchant Taylors' 109 all out.
School 62 all out.
Lost by 47 runs.
- v. St. Bede's College
St. Bede's 61 all out (Hobbs 5 for 21).
School 63 for 8.
Won by 2 wickets.
- v. Whalley Range C.C. Juniors
Whalley Range 63 for 6 (innings closed).
(Hope 4 for 15).
School 61 all out.
Lost by 2 runs.
- v. North Cestrian Grammar School
School 68 all out (Wilde 25, McLaren 21).
North Cestrian 49 all out (Mills 4 for 10,
Lord 3 for 4).
Won by 19 runs.
- v. Batley Grammar School
School 150 all out (Hewitt 44, Wilde 37).
Batley 84 all out.
Won by 66 runs.
- v. St. Bede's College.
School 109 for 8 (innings closed) (Hewitt 30,
Collins 22 not out).
St. Bede's 48 all out (Hope 4 for 12).
Won by 61 runs.
- v. King's School, Macclesfield
Macclesfield 101 for 8 declared.
School 88 for 8.
Match drawn

Though the team took some time to settle, it eventually produced some enjoyable and entertaining cricket. As extremes one could quote the game against St. Bede's on their ground where we took thirteen overs to score our first fourteen runs (and this in a match limited to twenty-five overs per innings!), and, in contrast, that against Batley where, with unlimited time at their disposal, Hewitt and Wilde scored an exhilarating sixty in under half-an-hour.

The most obviously pleasing feature has been the accurate opening bowling of Mills who was ultimately transferred to the Under-14 XI for their more important games; he bowls off a rather long run and swings the ball considerably in towards the batsman, for whom, most important for a would-be fast bowler, he often harbours a quite visible dislike. He was often well supported by Hope, a much slighter figure, but a bowler capable of consistent accuracy at a lively pace if bowled in short spells, and also by Lord, a medium-pace left-arm bowler who will not remember the past season as a lucky or successful one but who will surely take plenty of wickets in coming years. As all bowlers know, there are those seasons when batsmen miss your straight full-tosses and pull your long-hops straight to deep square-leg,

but these must ultimately be balanced by seasons when even your best deliveries keep on missing both bat and stumps. Collins has also bowled well in support of the main bowlers, and Warner has flighted some interesting spinners which show promise for the future.

As mentioned at the beginning of this report the batting has been generally rather inconsistent. Wilde "slogs" hard to extra-cover and mid-wicket but needs some proper defensive shots; like many of our other batsmen he tries to defend without moving either forward or back and is therefore often bowled. Mills and McLaren could also do well with some attention paid to this fault. Hewitt has produced some good innings of responsible attitude and well-varied stroke-play, and Warner and Hope have both shown willingness to play positive attacking shots and to go down the wicket to meet the ball; it was this attitude which saved the game against Macclesfield and won the game against Manchester Grammar School, and as other batsmen increase in confidence and apply similar controlled aggression the team should become a successful one.

The team has usually been selected from:

N. W. Hewitt (Captain), P. Collins, G. R. Hepburn, M. S. Hobbs, M. C. Hope, N. D. Kynaston, N. J. Lord, A. J. McLaren, P. Maddocks, C. S. Manning, A. M. Mills, N. M. Mitson, N. J. F. Warner, A. Wilde and C. J. Wrigley.

C.P.L.

UNDER-12 XI CRICKET

Played 6, Won 4, Lost 2.

- v. Manchester Grammar School—Away
School 83.
Manchester Grammar School 85 for 5
(Allen 4 for 19).
Lost by 5 wickets.
- v. Altrincham Grammar School—Away
Altrincham 71 (Allen 4 for 13).
School 55 (Odum 17).
Lost by 16 runs
- v. Burnage High School—Home
Burnage 69 for 7 (20 overs)
School 70 for 5 (16.2 overs)
Won by 5 wickets.
- v. North Cestrian Grammar School—Home
School 85 for 8 (25 overs; Rainford 19)
North Cestrian 55 (Richards 4 for 13).
Won by 30 runs.
- v. Whalley Range Juniors—Home
School 122 for 8 (Richards 27, Davies 22).
Whalley Range 18 (Richards 6 for 12,
Thorpe 3 for 1).
Won by 104 Runs.

v. St. Bede's College—Away

School 113 for 9 (25 overs; Chantler 64).

St. Bede's 90 for 6 (25 overs).

Won by 23 runs.

Junior cricket often produces one or two outstanding performers and rather a lot of mediocrity. This year D. G. Richards showed a little more ability than the other boys without being good enough to dominate any game. On the whole the team lacked strength in batting and it was not until the last match at St. Bede's that we discovered the talents of S. Chantler; when he learns to play forward properly he will score many runs in schoolboy cricket. J. Odum and M. J. Collins each played competently in their different styles; the former is calm and the latter is violent.

At one time P. A. Rainford promised to bring success to the bowling. He bowls very quickly at times but of course he is not able to keep the ball on a good length consistently. On the other hand J. H. Allen is very accurate indeed, but lacks pace. I believe that J. W. Reed and Collins will become pretty good slow bowlers.

The throwing of this team was very bad indeed and many runs were given away in the field. Only C. M. Thorpe showed the required skill, holding on to one or two difficult catches.

It is hoped that after one season most of the batsmen have learnt how to call and run between the wickets. This aspect of the game troubles even the greatest batsman in the world but can be learnt with a little effort. Twelve-year olds can complicate matters but they certainly appreciate the value of running byes and leg-byes. Against Whalley Range Juniors we collected thirty-five extras through confident running; let us hope that the boys try harder to master the calling of runs when they themselves hit the ball in front of the wicket.

The teams were selected from the following list of players:

J. H. Allen, P. A. Barron, J. M. Boyle, S. Chantler, M. J. Collins, O. C. D. Cooper, H. S. Davies, M. P. Evans, D. A. Hanley, J. Holden, A. Keddy, D. C. Loynes, S. W. McLaren, J. Odum, R. A. Porter, P. A. Rainford, J. W. Reed, D. G. Richards, C. M. Thorpe, B. M. Wilkinson. E.W.M.

HOUSE CRICKET

More games have been played this year than for some time owing to a very good spell of weather, and the league has been the closest ever. At half-term very little separated the teams and only in the final stages did the eventual winner emerge.

POSITIONS

1 Heywood	97 points
2 Gaskell	92 points
3 Byrom	86 points
4 Dalton	80 points
5 Whitworth	78 points
6 Fraser	70 points

The Knock-Outs were played in the best of weather all through and some very good games were seen.

KNOCK-OUTS

Round One:

Seniors—Fraser	beat	Whitworth
Dalton	beat	Byrom
Juniors Fraser	beat	Heywood
Gaskell	beat	Byrom

Round Two:

Seniors—Fraser	beat	Heywood
Gaskell	beat	Dalton
Juniors—Fraser	beat	Dalton
Gaskell	beat	Whitworth

Final:

Seniors—Fraser	beat	Gaskell
Juniors—Fraser	beat	Gaskell

J.P.

ATHLETICS

Weather conditions spoiled the early athletics programme especially for the Senior athletics who had their three matches cancelled. However the Junior boys managed six School matches and several representative meetings.

Many boys were involved early in the term at the Manchester Athletic Club Meeting at Gatley. Cooper won the 100m and Shot Put, and Leak won the 1500m amongst good opposition.

Results of the School Meetings were as follows:

	School	St. Bede's College	St. Augustine's School
U13	68	67	96
U14	78	64	108
U15	80	75	100

	School	St. Bede's College	Marple Hall G.S.
U13	44	64	101
U14	54	85	112
U15	86	68	103

	School	North Manchester H.S.
U13	36	73
U14	61	59
U15	64	61

	School	Manchester G.S.	Cheadle Hulme School
U13	42	102	84
U14	64	102	95
U15	81	83	87

The U15 and U16 teams met Denstone College and Worksop College, separately, in "A" and "B" team competitions. Match scores were not available but the School put up good performances in both matches.

Even though match results were far from impressive many of the boys involved worked very hard to improve their personal performances.

In the U15 West Area Championships, Butterworth was first in the 200m, and Waring (Long Jump), Bennington (400m), Heaton (100m) and Bolton (1500m) were second. Burden won the 800m in the U13 age group, and all these boys represented their area in the Inter-Area Championships at Stretford.

In the Manchester Schools' A.A. Trials, Nias won the U20 Long Jump. Pierce-Jones equalled his personal-best performance in the U17 High Jump to clinch second place. Leak ran well in the U17 1500m but went too early and finished fourth. Cooper came first in the U17 100m in an outstanding time of 10.9. In the U15 trials Bolton won the 3km Race Walk very easily and Butterworth won a hard-fought 200m final. Manchester Schools' A.A. selected Nias, Cooper, Butterworth and Bolton to represent them in the Lancashire Schools' A.A. Championships at Accrington.

Weather conditions at Accrington were hardly conducive to quality performances, but Cooper won the 100m title in 11.6. Bolton came a close second in the Race Walk, and Butterworth came a very creditable fifth in the 200m Final. On performances prior

to the Championships, Nias was one of the favourites to win the Senior Long Jump title, but unfortunately he was unable to get his run-up right and failed to qualify.

Bolton and Cooper were selected to represent Lancashire Schools' A.A. at the All-England Schools' A.A. Championships at Bebington. Cooper won the 100m title with some outstanding sprinting, showing real consistency amongst top-class opposition. In Round One he won his heat in 11.0 secs.; in Round Two he won in 11.2; in the Semi-Final he won in 11.1 and in the Final he won yet again in 11.0. Bolton led the Race Walk at the half-way stage and was walking in fine style when he was disqualified for "lifting", a technical fault which meant he could take no further part in the event.

The performances of Cooper and Bolton were quite outstanding, and were the result of hard work and a great deal of effort. It is hoped that their achievements encourage other young athletes in the School to aspire to better athletic performances.

G.W.

ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS

SENIOR

100 metres	11.4 sec.	P. M. W. Nias (D)	C. W. MacNeill (W)	R. W. MacNeill (W)
200 metres	24.0sec.**	C. W. MacNeill (W)	B. N. Howe (H)	N. M. Winward (W)
400 metres	55.3sec.	E. H. Walker (G)	P. R. Summersgill (H)	M. J. Bailey (H)
800 metres	2min. 09.7sec.	P. J. Howarth (F)	G. R. Hodgson (W)	E. H. Walker (G)
1500 metres	4min. 34.4sec.	P. Yates (B)	R. G. Erskine (H)	P. J. Howarth (F)
3000 metres	10min. 21.9sec.	P. Yates (B)	R. G. Erskine (H)	R. A. Proudman (F)
Relay	48.7sec.	Whitworth	Heywood	Fraser
High-Jump	5ft. 2in.	J. C. Martin (H)	M. W. Whiteside (H)	D. A. Cotton (G)
Long-Jump	19ft. 3½in.	P. M. W. Nias (D)	N. M. Winward (W)	A. Ryecroft (W)
Triple Jump	41ft 5in.***	P. M. W. Nias (D)	C. W. MacNeill (W)	N. M. Winward (W)
Shot	35ft. 9½in.	B. M. Caldwell (H)	S. J. Booth (F)	W. D. Simpson (D)
Discus	88ft. 6in.	T. J. Underwood (G)	J. L. Hindley (G)	P. S. Dodd (F)
Javelin	138ft.	B. M. Caldwell (H)	R. S. Threlfall (F)	D. A. Lane (W)
Pole Vault	9ft.	D. A. Cotton (G)	P. M. Sherring (F)	G. Jefferies (D)

MIDDLE

100 metres	11.4sec.***	I. R. Cooper (D)	H. R. P-Jones (G)	P. J. Rae (F)
200 metres	24.8sec.	H. R. P-Jones (G)	C. J. Tugman (W)	J. D. Carter (H)
400 metres	58.7sec.	C. J. Tugman (W)	I. E. Halpin (F)	I. C. Dewhurst (D)
800 metres	2min. 13.0sec.	N. R. Leak (F)	S. D. Powell (W)	R. G. Hollingum (W)
1500 metres	4min. 33.3sec.	N. R. Leak (F)	S. D. Powell (W)	R. G. Hollingum (W)
Relay	50.7sec.	Dalton	Fraser	Gaskell
High Jump	4ft 10in.	H. R. P-Jones (G)	N. R. Thorniley (H)	A. P. Wilkinson (D)
Long Jump	16ft. 9in.	M. J. Scovell (G)	N. Harrison (B)	J. D. Carter (H)
Triple Jump	35ft 10½in.	N. Harrison (B)	M. J. Scovell (G)	I. C. Dewhurst (D)
Shot	42ft. 11in.***	I. R. Cooper (D)	P. J. Rae (F)	R. G. Sinclair (G)
Discus	117ft. 4in.	I. R. Cooper (D)	M. Ledigo (G)	P. J. Rae (F)
Javelin	97ft.	R. G. Sinclair (G)	C. J. Tugman (W)	R. J. Paley (D)

JUNIOR

100 metres	12.7sec.	R. A. Heaton (D)	M. S. Butterworth (D)	C. H. M. Petch (B)
200 metres	25.9 sec.	M. S. Butterworth (D)	R. A. Heaton (D)	J. Beesley (F)
400 metres	60.5 sec.	J. N. B. Bennington (W)	D. H. Perry (D)	S. V. Tindall (H)
800 metres	2min. 18.6 sec.	W. M. Bolton (B)	J. N. B. Bennington (W)	I. N. Gosling (F)
1500 metres	5min. 07.0 sec.	W. M. Bolton (B)	I. N. Gosling (F)	G. Jefferies (D)
Relay	52.8sec.	Dalton	Whitworth	Fraser

JUNIOR—continued

High Jump	4ft. 8in.	A. R. Grundy (H)	D. M. Baxter (G)	D. W. Hoey (W)
Long Jump	15ft. 9in.	A. P. Waring (G)	M. K. Bradbury (D)	S. T. M. Jones (B)
Triple Jump	33ft 3½ in.	A. P. Waring (G)	R. A. Heaton (D)	A. R. Grundy (H)
Shot	34ft 6½ in.	M. P. Pemberton (D)	J. Beesley (F)	F. D. Boyle (F)
Discus	87ft. 8in.	D. T. Binyon (D)	W. M. Bolton (B)	J. Beesley (F)
Javelin	95ft. 1in.	I. S. Park (B)	S. N. Roberts (F)	I. P. Caldwell (H)

HOUSE POSITIONS

1	Dalton	237 points
2	Gaskell	234 points
3	Heywood	216 points
4	Fraser	205 points
5	Whitworth	192 points
6	Byrom	107 points

IND. TROPHY

Senior Trophy	— P. M. W. Nias (D)
Middle Trophy	— Cooper I. R. (D)
Junior Trophy	— W. M. Bolton (B)

FIRST FORM

100 metres	14.9sec.	A. R. Baines (1b)	M. P. Evans (1d)	H. S. Roffey (1a)
200 metres	30.0sec.	M. R. Hawkins (1d)	B. M. Wilkinson (1d)	A. R. Baines (1b)
400 metres	70.4sec.	M. R. Hawkins (1d)	M. A. Hallworth (1b)	A. J. C. Sidebotham (1b)
800 metres	2min. 38.0sec.	S. J. Keeling (1d)	J. P. Burden (1d)	D. Baines (1a)
1500 metres	5min. 28.0sec.	J. P. Burden (1d)	S. J. Keeling (1d)	J. D. P. Kissack (1a)
High Jump	4ft.	M. J. Sandy (1c)	T. M. Jones (1a)	B. M. Wilkinson (1d)
Long Jump	11ft 8in.	M. J. Sandy (1c)	G. A. Rogers (1d)	A. S. Dyson (1b)
Shot	24ft. 11in.	M. A. Hallworth (1b)	J. S. Clough (1a)	J. Holden (1d)
Cricket Ball	137ft. 5in.***	M. R. Hawkins (1d)	C. M. Thorpe (1b)	R. A. Rainford (1c)

FORM POSITIONS

1	1D	98 points
2	1B	52½ points
3	1A	44 points
4	1C	28½ points

SECOND FORM

100 metres	13.5sec.	I. D. Endlar (2d)	T. G. Jones (2C)	I. E. Dalglish (2d)
200 metres	27.9sec.	I. D. Endlar (2d)	E. I. Dalglish (2d)	T. G. Jones (2c)
400 metres	63.8sec.	J. Raby (2a)	G. I. Heads (2b)	P. R. Kirby (2b)
800 metres	2min. 39.7sec.	N. M. Mitson (2a)	J. Raby (2a)	R. S. Warrick (2b)
1500 metres	5min. 19sec.	N. M. Mitson (2a)	S. Watson (2d)	M. W. Ellis (2c)
Relay	57.9sec.	2D	2A	2B
High Jump	4ft. 5½ in.	A. Wilde (2a)	J. Aldred (2b)	M. O'Shea (2c)
Long Jump	14ft. 10½ in.***	A. Wilde (2a)	J. A. Gubba (2a)	P. Maddocks (2d)
Shot	35ft. 4in.	I. E. Dalglish (2d)	P. Maddocks (2d)	P. M. Kennerley (2c)
Cricket Ball	180ft. 0½ in.	C. J. Wrigley (2a)	C. S. Manning (2a)	N. W. Hewitt (2d)

FORM POSITIONS

1	2A	81 points
2	2D	73 points
3	2C	36 points
4	2B	35 points

SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

SENIOR

Breaststroke	38.8sec.	B. M. Caldwell (H)	S. R. Bollen (G)	I. Stockley (B)
Backstroke	36.1sec.	K. M. Elliott (H)	W. P. Swann (B)	M. Reynolds (F)
Butterfly	14.5sec.	J. L. Hindley (G)	C. W. Warrell (D)	R. M. Bury (G)
Freestyle		P. S. Dodd (F)	C. W. Warrell (D)	S. R. Bollen (G)
Medley	1min. 10.5sec.	J. L. Hindley (G)	K. M. Elliott (H)	W. P. Swann (B)

MIDDLE

Breaststroke	37.5sec.	B. S. Watts (G)	G. Bowles (G)	M. A. Wooler (D)
Backstroke	37.9sec.	J. G. Fairclough (B)	M. J. Wyatt (W)	J. L. Curvis (G)
Butterfly	16.2sec.	B. S. Watts (G)	D. J. Heine (G)	D. S. Mayall (W)
Freestyle	29.5sec.	M. Kirkman (H)	P. R. Riley (W)	I. C. Dewhurst (D)
Medley	1min. 12sec.	J. G. Fairclough (B)	M. Kirkman (H)	D. J. Heine (G)

JUNIOR

Breaststroke	42.0sec.	S. G. Tarpey (F)	R. C. Higham (F)	
Backstroke	43.8sec.	B. C. Clarke (G)	I. N. Gosling (F)	D. M. Paton (F)
Butterfly	17.4sec.	T. A. Simpson (G)	K. Barclay (W)	A. T. Murphy (W)
Freestyle	32.4sec.	S. C. Reid (D)	M. Haddon (W)	A. T. Murphy (W)
Medley	1min. 24.5sec.	T. A. Simpson (G)	C. R. Prince (H)	R. C. Higham (F)

FINAL POSITION

1	Gaskell	53 points
2	Heywood	25 points
3	Fraser	24 points
4	Whitworth	23 points
5	Byrom	20 points
6	Dalton	16 points

Individual Winner J. L. Hindley, Gaskell

JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

FIRST FORM

Breaststroke	42.7sec.	K. M. Clarke (1a)	O. C. D. Cooper (1b)	
Backstroke	45.2sec.	N. A. Jackson (1d)	P. R. H. Wilson (1b)	R. N. V. Tarr (1b)
Butterfly	18.0sec.	K. M. Clarke (1a)	J. W. Reed (1c)	C. Hoy (1b)
Freestyle	37.7sec.	C. Hoy (1b)	N. A. Jackson (1d)	J. W. Reed (1c)
Medley	84.1sec.	1A	1C	1D
Squadron		1C	1B	1D

SECOND FORM

Breaststroke	45.2sec.	P. Maddocks (2d)	M. O'Shea (2c)	N. J. Corder (2c)
Backstroke	40.4sec.	R. A. Aspden (2c)	M. J. W. Steer (2d)	M. W. Ellis (2c)
Butterfly	18.7sec.	P. R. Fairclough (2d)	D. S. Dodd (2b)	M. K. Kohn (2d)
Freestyle	35.6sec.	D. S. Dodd (2b)	P. R. Fairclough (2d)	R. A. Aspden (2c)
Medley	78.3sec.	2D	2C	2B
Squadron	68.3sec.	2D	2B	2C

RESULTS

1st FORM

1	1B	23 points
1	1C	23 points
3	1A	22 points
4	1D	16 points

2nd FORM

1	2D	40 points
2	2C	25 points
3	2B	19 points
4	2A	4 points

TENNIS

Due to cancellations by Bolton School and Q.E.G.S. Wakefield, this year's fixture list was not very formidable and the team enjoyed an unbeaten season.

The foundation of the team was the first pair partnership of Winward and Morello, who, after playing in every match, had not lost an event out of twenty-one by the end of the season. Cosslett and Smithson also combined well to form a hard-hitting and amusing partnership who lost only one event out of twelve. Hawes played five matches, with four different partners, due to illness or holidays, but still managed some good results. Nichols played interesting, if not too consistent tennis, playing probably his best match against Manchester Grammar School at the end of the season. Gosschalk and Sorensen substituted from the 2nd team in several matches and won a few events, but when they came up against good opposition, they found the going tough.

RESULTS:

v. King Edward VII School	
Lytham	A W 7-2

v. Stockport Grammar School ..	H	W	5-1
v. Merchant Taylors' School,			
Crosby	A	W	7-1
v. North Cestrian G.S.	A	W	8-0
v. Birkenhead School	H	W	8-0
v. King's School, Macclesfield ..	H	W	6-1
v. Manchester G.S.	A	W	5-3

The team often had to force themselves to play good tennis against the lesser opposition. Only Manchester Grammar School were any opposition at all, but even with Cosslett, Hawes and R. MacNeill, unavailable, the result was never in doubt.

The following represented the school at 1st Team level:

N. M. Winward, R. J. Morello, A. P. Cosslett, P. Smithson, J. Nichols, G. Hawes, R. W. MacNeill, B. Gosschalk, P. Sorensen.

N.M.W.

The table tennis club had another successful year, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the lunch hour.

The addition of new tables and nets greatly increased the enjoyment and improved the standard of play.

The members of the club included G. L. Steinsberg, M. Ledigo, P. J. Heaton, N. R. Withington, I. C. Smyth, B. S. Watts and P. D. Sorensen.

We would all like to thank Mr. Short for supervising and also providing very good opposition throughout the year.

During the coming year the club hopes to expand and arrange fixtures against other schools.

M.L.

The Sub-Aqua club was formed at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term, under the guidance of Mr. Chudleigh and Mr. Murray.

The club facilities include five aqua-lungs and harnesses, together with a supply of snorkels, masks, flippers and weight-belts.

Training consists of snorkelling in the pool, to ensure the pupil's ability to use the correct methods, and later, use of the lung is included.

On completion of training, outdoor dives can then be attempted. Several outings were planned last year, but many had to be curtailed because of weather and other unavoidable circumstances.

The club is affiliated to the C.C.F. and any cadet interested is welcome to join. An ambitious development of the club is the purchase of a sea-going dinghy and out-board motor, to enable deep-water dives to be undertaken. The forthcoming year promises to be of great interest.

M.M.

OLD HULMEIANS' NOTES AND NEWS

HONORARY GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

It always seems that by this time in the Association year most of the news has already been reported, but it is only fitting that I should draw everyone's attention again to the Knighthoods of William Batty and Robert Mark, and to wish them every success.

If I am brief, it is because the News Letter has recently brought everyone up to date with events. We are all very grateful to Jack Rickards for the work he puts in, and thank him for the result.

The annual Dinner Dance was ably run by P. M. Charnley, and I am sure that the finest way of thanking him is to turn up for this event on Friday, 22nd February 1974, and make it as big a success again.

The Annual Dinner was run this year with the help of the Assistant Secretary, K. D. M. Bowman, and

everybody will want to thank him for his work. In an endeavour to keep down the price, we changed the caterer this year, and as this was not a popular move we have accepted a brief for next year to get back, and even surpass, the old standard.

It is with deep regret that I report the death of Canon H. F. Woolnough, who for many years has been a good friend to the School; also of H. Cardwell, a past President, and J. O. H. Norris.

I would like to thank the Headmaster and all his Staff for the great help which we have received, and I would also like to express my appreciation to the worker behind the scenes, K. D. M. Bowman.

The thanks of all must go to our retiring President, Brian Plaskett, and we extend a hearty welcome to the President for the coming year, Gordon Vlies. We hope he will have a happy and prosperous year.

F. E. Pickup

NEWS ITEMS

In the New Year's Honours List, 1973:

ROBERT MARK, Q.P.M., Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, and WILLIAM BATTY, Chairman and Managing Director of the Ford Motor Company (U.K.) to be Knights Bachelor.

G. A. CLARE was awarded the M.B.E. for services to the British community in Quebec.

Since his appointment as Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, ROBERT MARK has received not only a knighthood but the full treatment from the mass media. His first annual report as Commissioner aroused considerable discussion on radio and television as well as in the press; he was the subject of newspaper articles, some of which were woefully inaccurate about his place of education; he was given a thirty-minute "face-to-face" interview on Thames Television, and he has been invited to deliver the Richard Dimbleby Memorial Lecture on B.B.C. television this autumn.

By comparison, Sir WILLIAM BATTY has been somewhat shielded from the public glare, but he too achieved a more ephemeral recognition by being nominated "The Observer's" Manager of the Week.

Sir DENNIS BARNES has been appointed chairman of the new Manpower Services Commission, set up to supervise both the supply and training of skilled manpower. Since 1966 he has been Permanent Secretary to the Department of Employment; he was also a former head of conciliation at the old Ministry of Labour.

ROBERT CALDERWOOD has been appointed the first chief executive officer to the new Manchester District Council. This is yet another step in a career which has already included the posts of town clerk of Salford and chief executive officer of Bolton Corporation.

NEVILLE HOPWOOD has been appointed Director of the "Manchester Evening News". Previously he had been director of the Newspaper Publishers Association and more recently Managing Director of The News of the World Ltd. In his new rôle of "a friend dropping in" he was a very welcome guest at the O.H.A. Annual Dinner in April, when he proposed the health of the Association.

H. CARTWRIGHT has been appointed Director of the Atomic Energy Establishment at Winfrith, Dorset.

J. H. PORTER has been appointed Chief Engineer for the North Western Electricity Board, thereby maintaining the line of Old Hulmeian succession which began with JIM PETERS and was continued by ERIC KIRKLAND.

JOHN M. BEAZLEY has been appointed Professor of Obstetrics at the University of Liverpool.

COLIN CUSICK has represented England on several occasions in the 800 metres during the indoor athletics season.

ROBERT HEATH had the distinction of being the first T.V. Equestrian Sportscaster in the United States. He was recently in School en route for an international horse show in Aachen before flying back to the States to cover another show for C.B.S. Television.

DOUGLAS HAIGH has been promoted from Secretary to Guy's Hospital, London, to Secretary of the Guy's Group of Hospitals.

IAIN R. MacCALLUM has been appointed Senior Lecturer in the Department of Computing at Essex University. BERNARD SUFRIN is an assistant working in the same department.

W. A. BOOTHAM has been appointed to the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Dr. DONALD READ has established himself as a leading authority on Edwardian England. Apart from publishing a book on the period entitled "Edwardian England 1901-1915, Society and Politics", he has also acted as historical adviser for the B.B.C. on a series of television documentaries covering the period.

COLIN TURNER has been appointed Clerk to the Justices of Macclesfield.

E. A. ROYLE has been appointed Headmaster of Old Moat School, Withington.

L. M. HALL is now working at the Mullard Research Laboratories.

J. A. L. CLARKE is now back with his regiment, the King's Own Royal Border Regiment, after taking a degree in Geography at Durham University.

Lt. MARTIN PRICE, having graduated from the Manchester Polytechnic, has been in Hong Kong with his regiment, the 1st Bn. The King's Regiment.

2nd Lt. GEORGE LORD was A.D.C. to the Inspecting Officer at the C.C.F. Annual Inspection.

DAVID WILCOX, who left School to go to Welbeck College, was awarded the prize for the boy who had made the best all-round contribution to the life of the College.

E. R. JEFFERYS has had his scholarship at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, raised to a senior scholarship after his performance in Prelims. Part I Engineering Tripos.

We were very pleased to receive a visit from J. M. CROOK, "on leave" from his parish in Inverness while acting as padre to a contingent of Scottish

cadets in camp near Leek. He is married and has three children.

A. A. FLETCHER has completed his training as a radio officer in the Merchant Navy and when we last saw him he was eagerly awaiting his first appointment.

R. M. J. KINSEY has been appointed a Lecturer in Law at Edinburgh University after obtaining double first class honours in psychology and sociology at Leeds University. Much of his practical research was based on "hard" criminal cases.

PETER HODCROFT, who is reading Maths. at Cardiff University, has been commissioned into the R.A.F.

CHARLES MORITZ played Antony in the Manchester Youth Theatre's production of "Antony and Cleopatra".

KEITH BOWMAN is leaving Manchester to work in Oxford as an Executive Engineer with the Post Office. He has served the Association in many capacities, especially as a member of the General Committee and of the Membership Sub-Committee; more recently he has been Assistant Secretary to the Association and took a major part in organising this year's Annual Dinner. We wish him and his family well.

LEONARD MOSLEY'S latest book, published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson, is entitled "Power Play"—a study of the Middle East oil scene from 1890 to 1973.

News of Old Hulmeians' activities and achievements should be sent to JACK RICKARDS, Croxton House, Tytherington Lane, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 2JS, or to C. J. LOWE at School.

UNIVERSITY RESULTS

The following results have been brought to our notice:

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

H. M. F. CRAIG (Pembroke College) 1st Class in Part I Engineering Tripos.

E. R. JEFFERYS (Emmanuel College): 1st Class in Prelims. Part I Engineering Tripos.

R. J. WHITE (St. Catharine's College): 1st Class in Part I Law Tripos.

D. A. KNIGHT (Christ's College): Class II div. I in Prelims Part I Engineering.

N. D. GODDARD (St. Catharine's College): Class II div. i in Prelims. Part I Engineering.

A. B. FOYNE (St. Catharine's College): Class II div. ii in Prelims Geographical Tripos.

C. M. SWINDLEY (Downing College) Class II div. i in Engineering Part II.

R. J. WHEELER (King's College): Class II div. i in Engineering Part II.

P. C. MILLETT (Queens' College) Class II div in Economic Tripos Part I

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

G. H. HUNT (Brasenose College) and M. J. HALLWORTH (University College) have passed Part I Hons. Chemistry.

UNIVERSITY OF YORK

R. W. ELTOFT: 2nd Class Hons. in Physics.

P. S. HOPE: 2nd Class Hons. in Physics.

DUNDEE UNIVERSITY

A. J. STRYJAK: 1st Class Hons. in Physics.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES—BANGOR

A. C. McINTOSH: 1st Class Hons. in Applied Mathematics.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY

R. M. J. KINSEY: 1st Class Hons. in Psychology and Sociology.

J. A. WHEATLEY: 1st Class Hons. in English.

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

R. A. COWAN: Class II div. ii in Geography.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY

R. C. McKEON: Class 2i in Law.

C. G. HIGGINSON: Class 2i in Economic History and Geography.

A. J. P. BROADBENT: Class 2ii in Law.

J. M. THROUP: Class 2i in Chemical Engineering.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

I. R. BAYS: Class 2i (Hons) in Computation.

C. B. SAMSON: Class 2ii in Management Sciences

S. K. GARNER: Class 2ii in Hons. Physics.

LONDON UNIVERSITY

N. M. LEON (Imperial College): Class I B.Sc. (Eng.) Mechanical.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY

K. M. HUDSON: Class II ii Hons. in Electrical Engineering.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES and DEATHS

BIRTHS

EKSERDJIAN.—On 5th February, 1973, to Margaret and John, a daughter.

VEITCH.—On 14th March, 1973, to Vanessa and Peter, a son.

THOMPSON.—On 19th March, 1973, to Alison and John, a daughter.

MILLER.—On 18th April, 1973, to Arlene and Jonathan, a son.

SHUTTLEWORTH.—On 31st August, 1973, to Christine and David, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

- McGLUE—WADDINGHAM.—On August 19th, 1972, A. J. (Tony) McGlue to Helen Mary Waddingham.
- PORTER—WEATHERBY.—On September 16th, 1972, Colin Porter to Anne Weatherby.
- DYKES—THOMAS.—On December 23rd, 1972, Paul Dykes to Beryl Thomas.
- WILKINSON—MARTIN.—On March 16th, 1973, Andrew J. Wilkinson to Janice Martin.
- KINSEY—RITCH.—On July 21st, 1973, Richard M. J. Kinsey to Maureen Elizabeth Ritch.
- DORE—FERRES.—On July 23rd, 1973, John Nigel Dore to Deborah Jane Ferres.

DEATHS

- CARDWELL.—On February 18th, 1973, Henry Cardwell, of Lymington, Hampshire, an Honorary Life Member of the Association.
- BROCKLEHURST.—On April 19th, 1973, Herbert Geoffrey Brocklehurst, of 2, Lostock Avenue, Hazel Grove, aged 45 years.
- LLOYD.—On April 20th, 1973, Wynne Llewellyn Lloyd, lately Chief Inspector of Schools for Wales and former member of the School staff.
- WOOLNOUGH.—On May 21st, 1973, Canon Howard Frank Woolnough, Vice-President of the Association, aged 87 years.
- EMERY.—On June 8th, 1973, Jack Emery of 102, Edge Lane, Stretford, aged 52 years.
- TAYLOR.—On August 2nd, 1973, Philip Howard Taylor, B.D.S., L.D.S., of 7 Moorlands Avenue, Davyhulme, aged 52 years.

LACROSSE SECTION

Last season proved yet again to be mediocre in terms of successes experienced by the Lacrosse Section. Eric Broadhurst, Iain Shaw, and John Fitzgerald returned from University to add strength both to teams and administration. On the other hand we lost Peter Brownhill and Andy Veitch, both to Timperley, a club which now boasts more Old Hulmeians than Old Hulmeians. A more important loss was that of John Williams who was forced out of the game by injury.

The season commenced in September 1972 on a promising note when we won the "Ted Donnet" Trophy, a newly-instituted 10-a-side competition organised by the South Manchester Lacrosse Club. Emphasis is placed on the fact that 6 members of a team must be under 21.

Ten-a-side was introduced to the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the North of England League at the start of the season but it was a long time before the 1st Team adjusted itself to the tactics demanded by the new rules. By the end of the season the team had acquired as many points as in the previous year. However a promising core of youngsters had been introduced into the side of whom Andy Taylor and Paul Swann were particularly outstanding.

The "A" Team after making a promising start to the season ended up by being relegated to the 3rd Division, the first time this has happened since the 1930's. Only five out of 22 games in the league were won although many matches were lost by only the odd goal. The major problem was that the personnel of the team changed every week partly due to the changes made by the 1st Team, but mainly to "cry offs", a common feature in any club struggling for success. The side had no regular defence and experienced a lack of mobility in mid-field. The unavailability of Roy Waddington due to injury was also a big loss.

Iain Shaw has been elected Captain of the "A" Team for the coming season. Both the 1st and "A" Teams were knocked out in the 1st rounds of their respective N.E.L.A. Flags Competitions.

In the coming season 10-a-side lacrosse has been extended to take in all first four divisions of the league.

The Extra "A" Team won more games than it lost, but failed consistently to defeat the top clubs in the 4th Division. David Marsden played an active rôle as Captain, ably assisted by John Barnes. Unfortunately on the trips to Birmingham and Liverpool the team consisted of a hotchpotch side made up mainly from the "B" Team; again the inevitable "cry offs" were to blame.

The "B" Team provided the only ray of hope in the Club. The team was in contention for promotion up to the last game of the season, but regrettably it lost. Surprisingly the "B" team was made up of quite a large percentage of youngsters, in particular B. Bennett, D. Whalley, B. Caldwell, D. Hindley, P. Bunnage, D. Kettlewell and many others during the course of the season. Jeremy White as Captain achieved a successful blend of youth and experience and games were played in a good spirit.

In concluding this report the Club Captain, Eric Broadhurst, has asked me to extend a warm welcome to anyone young or old to help the club build up to its former strengths both on and off the field. Meetings are held every Monday evening during the season at the club ground in Kingsbrook Road commencing at 7 p.m. All Old Hulmeians and Schoolboys are welcome. Contact with officials can be made as follows:

Club Captain,
E. E. Broadhurst,
18A, Cavendish Road,
Withington,
Manchester.

Team Secretary,
Iain J. Shaw,
26, Highlands Road,
Shaw, Lancs.
Tel.: Shaw 43459.

Club Secretary:
Ron Heywood,
2, Elswick Avenue,
Bramhall, Cheshire.
Tel.: 439 6233.

FINAL RESULTS:

	Goals						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1st Team	22	7	0	15	182	332	14
"A" Team	22	5	0	17	171	251	10
"Extra A" Team	20	12	1	7	180	161	25
"B" Team	18	11	0	7	200	126	22

MOTOR SECTION

The O.H.M.C. has again had a quiet year, the high-light being the annual dinner dance held at the Woodlands Hotel on December 2nd, 1972. This was a joint affair with the Rifle Club; it was very well organised by our Secretary, Frank Pickup, and was enjoyed, we feel sure, by everyone who attended. If only this enthusiasm could be rallied for other events!

In February, 1973, we held a film show at the School by kind permission of the Headmaster. We showed films loaned by Shell-Mex and BP Film Library about motoring and general topics. The audience, although small, enjoyed the evening.

Unless we can recruit more members who are willing to support events, the future of the club remains doubtful.

G. Davies

RIFLE SECTION

There have been glimmerings of hope for the section over the last few months. One new recruit, and another interested in joining in the Autumn will, we hope, mean that we could field a team in the County Winter Postal Competition.

Resumption of competitive shooting is vital to the survival of the Section, but success depends on competition for places on the team and for this we require more members still. There must be some younger Old Boys with experience of Small Bore shooting either from the C.C.F. or outside clubs. During the coming winter we will hope to be shooting at the School range on the first and third Wednesdays in the month at 7-30 p.m. Please contact me if anyone is interested in giving it a try.

Alan Wilson,
"Royston",
260, Brooklands Road,
Manchester, 23.
Tel.: (Daytime) 226 2710;
(Home) 973 1102.

GOLFING SECTION

The Ascension Day Meeting was held on May 31st at the Chorlton-cum-Hardy Golf Club by kind permission of the Captain and Council. It was very encouraging that despite heavy rain in the morning which only ceased around three o'clock in the afternoon, 27 cards were taken out.

The prizes were presented by the Deputy President of the Association, Gordon R. Vlies in the unfortunate absence of Brian Plaskett on holiday. The winners were as follows:—

Vlies Cup, lowest gross score: F. H. Marshall, 82.
Bradbury Cup, lowest net score: F. Cawley, 67.
Merchant Cup, lowest net score, 16 handicap and over, Stableford: L. Potter 38 pts.
6 mystery holes, lowest gross score: A. J. Moore 27.

As a new venture this year it was decided to give prizes, as a permanent reminder of success, with the Cups. Two very handsome tankards, since engraved, were presented to the Vlies and Bradbury Cup winners, and the Merchant Cup winner received an O.H.A. tie and tie clip; three golf balls for the Mystery Holes winner, and a like award for our annual rabbit who shall, of course, be nameless! These were presented after supper in the Club dining-room by Gordon Vlies. We were indebted to the Stewardess for an excellent meal. Several non-players attended in the evening at supper, and afterwards.

It was proposed and seconded that the O.H.A.G.S. appoint its own officers to act on the Society's behalf and the following were appointed:—

Captain H. W. Andrews.
Hon. Sec. W. Allman.
Hon. Treasurer G. Cocker.

The Captain is to serve for one year only.

Our new Captain proposed that we might have an autumn meeting, and also send a team to the Grammar School Old Boys' Golfing Association Meeting. It was decided to pursue these matters and already plans are in hand for the autumn meeting, again at Chorlton Golf Club, on 27th September. Members will be circularised in due course with the details. Apologies for absence from about 10 members were received for the Ascension Day Meeting, so it is certain our members are increasing. If you are a golfer, single handicap or rabbit, there is a great welcome for you. Enthusiasm cannot even be dampened by flood as both your Secretary and Treasurer can assure you from practical experience.

We also hear of great goings on in the golf world, as it is reported that an Old Boy, Peter Geddes, won the Cheshire County Medal in June with a net of 67 off a handicap of 2! There is room for all of us! You will be most welcome and we will keep you informed of our activities if you will let us have your name and address. Make a note of Ascension Day Meeting in 1974—May 23rd, at Ringway Golf Club.

W. Allman, Hon. Sec.,
292, Withington Road,
Manchester 21
M21 1XZ

OLD HULMEIANS MASONIC LODGE No. 7062

On Saturday, March 24th 1973, our Worshipful Master, W. Bro. Harold Jackson, and Mrs. Jackson

were host and hostess at our Ladies Evening, this year held at Owens Park, Fallowfield. The event proved a very enjoyable and successful evening for a total of over 170 members, ladies and guests.

On Saturday, April 28th, W. Bro. Harold Jackson installed his successor, Frank Ellwood Pickup, in the chair of the Lodge. We look forward to a very happy and successful year under his guidance. Once again we invite those who may be interested in our affairs, to the point of wishing to join, to contact the undersigned or any member of the Lodge.

Douglas Collins,
18, Ffordd Ganol,
Rhuddlan,
Flintshire.

ASSOCIATION OF OLD HULMEIANS IN LONDON

The Annual Dinner of the Association took place on 15th February 1973, under the Chairmanship of Oliver Dennis. Original plans to hold the function in

the House of Commons the previous November had had to be cancelled because of delays in the reconstruction work at the Palace of Westminster.

The alternative venue was the East India Sports and Public Schools Club, St. James's Square, S.W.1 which proved a splendid choice. The former Public Schools Club, to which the School is affiliated, merged last year with the East India and Sports Club, and we remain affiliated to the combined club.

We were pleased to welcome the Headmaster and Brian Plaskett and to hear all the news. Alan Maddock proposed the toast of the School to an assembly of thirty five members and guests, including several friends from Manchester.

It would not be appropriate to close these notes without adding our own special congratulations to Bill Batty and Bob Mark upon their awards of Knight-hoods in the New Year honours list. Regrettably, we do not see them as often as we should like, due to the burdens of their respective offices, but take pride in their achievements.

E. Gordon Hall

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Our 1972/73 Programme commenced most successfully with an address by the Headmaster on "Discipline and Freedom". This was a very well-attended function and gave us all much food for thought.

In November, Mr. Gordon gave an illustrated talk on Germany with Mr. Wilde taking the second half of the evening on Community Service, backed by The Present Tense Folk Group; in January, Mr. Haynes gave us another, but different, "William Hulme's on Holiday" illustrated talk, introducing us to the "Hulme House Harddraw", as the new base in Wensleydale. In spite of thick fog, there was an excellent attendance. Mr. Heap and Mr. Langford shared the evening in February with illustrated talks, Mr. Heap talking about caving and climbing in Norway and Scotland and Mr. Langford about walking in the Lake District. The quality of the slides shown at all these talks was of a professional standard which greatly enhanced our enjoyment. We are indebted to the many members of staff who make available to our sons the extra-curricular activities from which the boys derive so much.

The Social activities were again very well attended. The Cheese and Wine Evenings, the Christmas Party and the formal Dinner Dance at the Piccadilly Hotel were the highlights, and we were delighted to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bird and members of staff and their wives to these events. This year our President and Chairman have been guests at functions of the Old Hulmeians Association; a link has been forged which we hope to maintain in the future to the benefit of both Associations.

From our funds, we have provided a new set of Lacrosse Flags and a case for the old ones among our gifts to the School.

The Association's sporting fixtures were as always great fun both for participants and spectators. The School cricket team beat us, but we feel quite sure that we beat the Masters' team, although they have yet to be convinced of this fact! Apparently there was

some confusion as to whether it was a limited over match or whether it was to be played to the clock, and this indecision gave rise to the uncertainty of the result. At Tennis we were well beaten by the School team who, after all, had youth on their side. School also won the Badminton fixture. We regained our self-respect by beating School in the Golf Match. Our thanks are due to the organisers of these events and to the most formidable opposition.

At the Annual General Meeting in May the following were elected to the Committee for 1973/74:

President: Mr. H. B. Shires.

Chairman: Mr. H. Sorensen.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. G. D. Caldwell.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. M. E. Marsh.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. Wadsworth.

Committee: Mr. A. Bunnage, Mr. R. Leak, Mr. T. Davies, Mr. K. Newton, Mrs. M. Kettlewell, Mrs. M. Haffenden, Mrs. J. Byrne, Mrs. S. Burden.

Four Committee members to whom we are deeply grateful for their interest and support during the past years have left our ranks. They are Mr. Shires, Mr. Cunningham, Mrs. Hobday and Mrs. McKeon. We hope we shall continue to enjoy their company at our social events and we wish them and their sons every success in the future.

By the time this report is published we shall have had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Bird speak on the 21st September when his subject will be "The Years Ahead".

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

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