

job so much easier. Mrs. Mattison has organised the ever-willing band of parental supporters so efficiently that it is all too easy to overlook her contribution over the last few years. Thanks to her and to all the mums who have given up their Saturday afternoons to help.

Our wickets have gone from strength to strength in recent years, always immaculately prepared by the hard-working Ground Staff, without whose expertise and efforts School Cricket simply would not be possible. The pitches always have something in them for bowlers who are prepared to work at it, but are true enough for batsmen to play the full range of shots. All of this is of course down to John Taylor and young John and Andy.

Last but by no means least thanks to Mrs. McQueen and all the Office Staff for their help in arranging transport, and dealing the countless enquiries and problems which a major School Sport is bound to generate.

It doesn't seem ten years ago that Russell Thornton was my first Captain of School Cricket, but Andy Partington this year has followed in the footsteps of Thornton, plus Smythe, Fairfax, Sealy, Clearly, Rushton, Timm, Timm and Jordan, and without doubt it is for having had the opportunity to see these boys and their Teams develop into young men on and off the cricket field, that I am most grateful.

I have been privileged myself to follow Messrs. Morley, Blight and Wilde in the tradition of excellent School Cricket. I hope I have been worthy of the example which they set, and that my successor gets as much satisfaction out of the job as I have done.

I. J. Shaw.

SCHOOL 1st XI CRICKET

Played 21, Won 5, Drawn 8, Lost 8

- v Arnold School, Blackpool (H)
W.H.G.S. 184 (Warren 65, Wood 45)
Arnold 79 all out (Hollingworth 5 for 21, Edwards 3 for 35)
W.H.G.S. won by 106 runs.
- v Bury G.S. (H)
Bury 180 for 7 dec.
W.H.G.S. 173 for 1 (Warren 109n.o., Wood 46)
Match drawn.
- v King's School, Macclesfield (H)
W.H.G.S. 113 all out
Macclesfield 115 for 0
W.H.G.S. lost by 10 wickets
- v Bolton School (A)
W.H.G.S. 155 for 6 dec. (Wood 70)
Bolton 127 for 9 (Wood 3 for 47)
Match drawn.
- v Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Wakefield (A)
Wakefield 167 for 5 dec.
W.H.G.S. 86 for 8
Match drawn.
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham (H)
W.H.G.S. 191 for 2 dec. (Wood 106, Hollingworth 44n.o., Warren 37)
Lytham 56 (Edwards 4 for 23, Partington 3 for 7)
W.H.G.S. won by 135 runs
- v Parents XI (H)
W.H.G.S. 132 for 3 (Brassell 56n.o., Hollingworth 40n.o.)
Parents 82 for 8 (Edwards 3 for 9)
W.H.G.S. won by 50 runs (limited overs)
- v St. Bede's College (H)
W.H.G.S. 174 for 4dec. (Hollingworth 91)
St. Bede's 122 (Khan 5 for 19)
W.H.G.S. won by 52 runs
- v Birkenhead School (A)
W.H.G.S. 154 (Partington 48, Hollingworth 37)
Birkenhead 155 for 9 (Hollingworth 5 for 39)
W.H.G.S. lost by 1 wicket

- v Sedbergh School (A)
W.H.G.S. 177 for 8 dec. (Abrahams 50)
Sedbergh 121 for 7 (Tilston 3 for 13, Hollingworth 3 for 41)
Match drawn.
- v Manchester Grammar school (A)
W.H.G.S. 181 for 5 dec. (Wood 70, Warren 63)
M.G.S. 184 for 3
W.H.G.S. lost by 7 wickets.
- v Rydal School, Colwyn Bay (A)
W.H.G.S. 107 all out (Brassell 34)
Rydal 97 (Wood 4 for 18)
W.H.G.S. won by 10 runs.
- v King's School, Chester (H)
Chester 178 (Ladd 3 for 26)
W.H.G.S. 139 for 4 (Hollingworth 49, Partington 40)
Match drawn (rain).
- v Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H)
Crosby 50 for 1
Match drawn - rain.
- v XL Club (H)
W.H.G.S. 89
XL Club 90 for 1
W.H.G.S. lost by 9 wickets.
- v Masters XI (H)
W.H.G.S. 177 for 4 dec.
Masters 98 for 8 (Mr. P. Hewston 63n.o.)
Match drawn.
- v Bradford Grammar School (A)
Bradford 138 for 6 dec. (Tilston 3 for 24)
W.H.G.S. 96 for 7 (Hollingworth 35)
Match drawn.
- v Wellingborough School (A)
W.H.G.S. 188 (Tilston 46)
Wellingborough 192 for 5
W.H.G.S. lost by 5 wickets.
- v Magdalen College School, Oxford (A)
Magdalen 138
W.H.G.S. 54
W.H.G.S. lost by 84 runs.
- v Chigwell School (A)
W.H.G.S. 139 (Partington 40)
Chigwell 142 for 5
W.H.G.S. lost by 5 wickets.
- v Pocklington School (A)
W.H.G.S. 137 (Abrahams 50)
Pocklington 139 for 5
W.H.G.S. lost by 5 wickets.

Every facet of School Cricket was reflected in our 1990 season, and our fortunes oscillated from the sublime, as against Lytham, to the ridiculous, against Macclesfield. Our batting was immovable against Bury, flamboyantly attacking against Chester, dogged against Wakefield, but also unimaginative at M.G.S., and spineless at Rydal. We made large scores in short afternoon games, and then were skittled on good wickets on Tour.

Bowling and fielding performances were more consistent, and sometimes saved, or even won matches when defeat seemed inevitable, and the team's best characteristics often shone through in times of the meanest adversity.

The team started the season in excellent shape and heart thanks to some excellent Winter Net sessions run by Barry Wood. Our early season technique and attitude were good, and the results against Arnold when we won convincingly, and Bury where we fell just short chasing an unlikely declaration target, boded well for the season.

Macclesfield made our batting look frail without Wood, however, but Warren looked as if he could not fail to score runs at this stage of the term, and his hard winter work was paying great dividends.

Our setback at Kings' hands seemed to have been overcome as

Bolton hung on for a draw, but the Wakefield pitch looked awkward as the Yorkshire side struggled to a respectable total thanks to our dropped catches. When their opening bowler got up to full pace, however, awkward was a generous description as we battled for a draw thanks mainly to Brassell's determination, in the face a short-pitched bodyline bowling.

The wins against Lytham and St. Bede's brought a number of excellent performances from individuals as well as from the team as a whole. Wood's excellent hundred set up the Lytham match for Edwards' flighted leg spin and Partington's thoughtful and varied medium pace to clinch victory. Against St. Bede's it was a marvellous innings from Hollingworth, who must still be kicking himself for not getting a century, and a fiery spell from Khan, that allowed us to win comfortably.

Four wins before half-term had the team thinking of record seasons and untold glory, but the post-Whitsuntide, post-examination period of the term did not give us the final tally of results that we might reasonably have expected.

The second half-term did not start well with the Stockport Grammar match being washed out before a ball had been bowled. Then at Birkenhead, in a thrilling match we just failed to bowl our opponents out before they reached our modest total, with the winning runs just top-edged over second slip's hands. Batsmen were getting in and then getting out without making a big score, and the bowlers did not bowl quite as good a line and length as they might have, but the real chances of winning matches at this stage of the season went begging with the catches which we spilled.

At Sedbergh we played really well to have the better of a draw on a wicket which was slow enough to make runs difficult to come by. Abrahams' fifty was full of common sense and character and gave us a chance of winning, and Tilston's bowling started to figure strongly in our attack for the first time, as Sedbergh batted out time.

M.G.S. was the first hard wicket we had played on since May and our openers, despite playing long innings, failed to dominate or attack the M.G.S. bowling, and allowed them to dictate to us. The chances which were dropped at slip ensured that any hope we had of winning disappeared completely.

Rydal saw our poorest batting display and we had Brassell to thank for the fact that we struggled to just over the hundred. Our bowling and fielding was excellent however, and Partington showed what a fine tactical captain he has become, as he deployed his bowlers and fielders imaginatively to ensure that we won what was always going to be a tight game. It was pity that the rain foiled our attempt to consolidate our winning ways again, after we had bowled really tightly against King's Chester, with Ladd returning to his rightful place in the side. Hollingworth simply took their bowling apart and was desperately unlucky to have his concentration broken by the first stoppage for rain. As we watched the storm clouds rolling up from the South, Partington took up the race against the clock and the weather, but the downpour arrived to rob us of victory. (and maroon in the pavilion!).

The bad weather was to see our match against Crosby abandoned and the Bradford fixture played on the West Yorkshire mud flats. It was a pity that our cricket never quite got back to its best to match the blazing weather at the delightful Cricket Festival at Wellingborough School. We never quite regained our batting form, and despite fielding superbly on several occasions, we did not register a win, in an event which I hope will become an annual fixture in our Calendar. The team enjoyed excellent hospitality and facilities during a superbly organised week and our thanks go to all those new friends we made taking part in the proceedings and especially to Mike Askham at Wellingborough who did such an immaculate job in running the whole thing.

The season as a whole was rather a disappointment, there were the usual number of "nearly" matches and "might have beens", but we did not press home our advantage and take the chances to beat Birkenhead, Sedbergh, Bolton, and Bury, and the cruel luck with the rain against Chester seemed to sum up dame fortune's view of the second half of our season.

Players' performances generally reflected the amount of practice put in during the winter, and during the season. It is VERY difficult to maintain a level of match practice in a term so interrupted by holidays, exams, and other events, but it does need more planning and commitment from individuals if the "nearly" seasons are to be turned into impressive statistics.

Space must be found to make two or three other observations about individuals. Ekstein's wicket-keeping is now first class, and if he can inject a little more assertion into his game and make himself slightly more the focus of the fielding side, he can have an outstanding year next season. Khan has worked manfully at his run-up and looks quite fearsome when he gets his rhythm. More practice and more commitment from him could be the key to the team's bowling success

next summer. Hollingworth's batting form, with a little more consistency could prove to be the scourge of all our opposition next year, and many of the team could learn from Brassell's determination and application. The two Colts, Wood and Warren were outstanding in their contributions this year. Both have a bright future in the game, both are serious, determined to learn and prepared to practice. Wood brought honour to the School and himself by his selection for the Lancashire side, which he Captained, and for the England team. Our heartiest congratulations go to him and his proud parents. Our thanks are of course also due to his father, Barry Wood who did such a splendid job of coaching in the winter nets.

Finally all I can say is that my successor in School Cricket has some real talent coming up through the School and a solid, experienced foundation on which to build at First Team level, with ten first-teamers returning next year. I look forward to reading of the team's successes in the Telegraph next summer.

The First Eleven was selected from: A. S. Partington (Captain), A. K. Hollingworth (Vice-captain), J. Abrahams, I. A. Brassell, A. K. Doney, A. J. Edwards, M. Ekstein, R. W. Goodall, A. A. Khan, A. R. Ladd, A. K. Scott, L. E. Tilston, P. Warren and N. Wood. The scorer was A. N. Haffner.

Also played: F. J. Baama, M. Kapoor and P. Sidebottom.

I. J. Shaw.

2nd XI CRICKET

Played 12, Won 2, Drawn 4, Lost 6

- v Arnold School (A)
Match drawn
Arnold 196 for 6 dec
W.H.G.S. 69 for 5
- v Bury Grammar School (A)
Lost by 91 runs
Bury 170 for 8 dec (Taylor 4 for 65)
W.H.G.S. 79 (Mehta 31)
- v King's School, Macclesfield (A)
Lost by 3 wickets
King's 83 for 7 (Kapoor 5 for 36)
W.H.G.S. 79
- v Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (H)
Match drawn
Wakefield 159 for 7 dec
W.H.G.S. 84 for 8
- v King Edward School, Lytham (A)
Lost by 5 wickets
King Edward 107 for 5
W.H.G.S. 106
- v St. Bede's College (A)
Won by 51 runs
W.H.G.S. 153 for 7 dec (Bone 37)
St. Bede's 102
- v Birkenhead School (H)
Lost by 73 runs
Birkenhead 118 for 9 dec
W.H.G.S. 45
- v Sedburgh School (A)
Lost by 8 wickets
Sedburgh 121 for 2
W.H.G.S. 120
- v Manchester Grammar School (H)
Lost by 101 runs
M.G.S. 153 for 4 dec
W.H.G.S. 52
- v Rydal School (A)
Won by 117 runs
W.H.G.S. 201 for 6 dec (Bone 56, Daniel 39)
Rydal 84 (Baama 4 for 6)

v Kings', Chester (H)
Match drawn
Kings' 269 for 3 dec
W.H.G.S. 103 for 9

v Merchant Taylor's, Crosby (A)
Match drawn
Merchant Taylor's 187 for 6 dec
W.H.G.S. 16

As can be seen from the record, the 2nd XI had a modest season. At full strength the team was quite formidable but, 1st XI calls, examinations, injuries and miscellaneous other reasons, meant that the 2nd XI was rarely near to full strength. Batting was the major problem; it was the fifth match of the season before 3 figures were reached. The highlights of the season were the two wins against St. Bede's and Rydal, our shortest and longest journeys for away games. There was also a creditable draw against Kings', Chester when the last pair, Lambert and Ranawickrema, assisted by Kapoor's rain dance, held out for the last 20 overs. The major disappointment of the season was the injury to Islam, the captain, which ruled him out of the last 5 matches. He was developing into a shrewd captain, which was vital with such limited resources.

School Cricket also saw the end of an era with the departure of Iain Shaw. As Head of Cricket he has managed to perpetuate the high standards of School Cricket in a difficult time, with increasing pressures from examination commitments. I would like to record my thanks for all that he has done for Cricket at W.H.G.S. and to wish him every success for the future.

No fewer than 30 players represented the School. They were as follows:

O. F. Islam (Capt.), M. M. Ayoub, F. J. Baama, I. N. Bhattacharyya, R. D. Bone, D. Bradley, I. A. Brassell, C. M. Brown, N. J. Burton, D. A. Cooper, J. A. Daniel, P. J. Gallagher, R. W. Goodall, S. P. Howell, R. N. Hulse, N. Kapoor, A. A. Khan, A. R. Ladd, D. J. Lambert, A. S. Mehta, R. J. Merrell, B. A. Miller, C. A. Ranawickrema, M. T. Rhodes, A. K. Scott, N. Sharma, P. A. Sutcliffe, N. F. Taylor, L. M. Warren, S. D. Williams.

A. Simkin

U15 CRICKET

Played 10. Won 1. Drawn 2. Lost 6. Abandoned 1

v Arnold School, (H)
Won by 40 runs
W.H.G.S. 144 for 9 dec (Baama 60)
Arnold 104 (Slack 4 for 38)

v King's School, Macclesfield (H)
Lost by 9 wickets
King's 122 for 1
W.H.G.S. 121 (Baama 36)

v Bolton School (H)
Match drawn
Bolton 172 for 7 dec
W.H.G.S. 65 for 7 (Garside 25 not out)

v Q.E.G.S. Wakefield (A)
Match drawn
Q.E.G.S. 167 for 6 dec
W.H.G.S. 123 for 9 (Dearden 31)

v King Edward VII School, Lytham (H)
Lost by 1 wicket
King Edward's 150 for 9 (Slack 4 for 44)
W.H.G.S. 149 for 8 dec (Rhodes 48, Daniel 30)

v St. Bede's College (H)
Lost by 2 wickets
St. Bede's 169 for 8
W.H.G.S. 168 for 6 dec (Rhodes 68, Daniel 55)

v Birkenhead School (A)
Lost by 75 runs
Birkenhead 200 for 7 dec (Baama 3 for 30)
W.H.G.S. 125 (Daniel 34)

v Manchester Grammar School (H)
Lost by 4 wickets
M.G.S. 129 for 6 (Sobhani 4 for 30)
W.H.G.S. 128 for 7 dec (Rhodes 52)

v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby (H)
Match abandoned
Merchant Taylor's 50 for no wicket

v Bradford Grammar School (A)
Lost by 121 runs
Bradford 217 for 5 dec (Baama 3 for 53)
W.H.G.S. 96

This was a rather disappointing season from the point of view of results and also from that of the weather which caused the cancellation of the matches against Cheadle Hulme, Stockport and Rydal and the abandonment of the Merchant Taylor's game after less than an hour's play.

With Warren joining Wood in the First XI the side was immediately short of quality batting and of its potentially best bowlers, but their absence gave other players the opportunity to contribute more and to develop their own game. An excellent start was made to the term with a comfortable victory against Arnold School which was a triumph of teamwork and determination after Baama, well supported by Howarth, had led the way with a fine 60. All the players responded well in the field, not least Whiteley in his first game as wicket keeper, and some good catches were taken. Sadly, however, this kind of display was not maintained and no more wins were recorded. We lost heavily to King's School, Macclesfield and got the worst of drawn matches against Bolton and Q.E.G.S., Wakefield. We really should have won the next two matches but in the end lost them both by narrow margins. In each game, first against Lytham and then St. Bede's, both at home on the back square, we made adequate scores, thanks to Rhodes and Daniel, but both batted without great urgency on a good wicket and the opposition were able to scrape home. This is not mainly a criticism of the batsmen, far from it. Indeed Daniel and Rhodes, along with Baama, batted very well and usually held the side together. In these two matches we were badly let down by a large number of dropped catches, some sloppy fielding and some indifferent bowling. We only once managed to bowl out a side all term. At Birkenhead we were well beaten, we had eventually to declare against M.G.S. after batting very slowly but we came very close indeed to winning the match thanks to Sobhani who, in the games he played, proved to be the most accurate and penetrative of the quicker bowlers, though a series of dropped catches again denied us victory.

After the abandonment of the Crosby match we went to Bradford Grammar School hoping to end the term as we had started it, with a win. But this was not to be. On an almost impossibly wet wicket Bradford declared at 217 for 5. After eight overs of our innings we were 17 for 7 with still an hour and a half to play! We did not save the game but the lower order in the persons of Connor, Bates, who came in as a reserve Under 14 player, and Whiteley almost thwarted Bradford and showed the kind of commitment which might have turned a mediocre side into a good one.

In the end Cricket is only a game. It must be enjoyable but real enjoyment is enhanced if there is a feeling of team spirit. H.A.F. Slack, the captain, did his best to create this. He approached his job thoughtfully but was perhaps not quite as positive as he might have been. He made a major contribution as an off-spinner and always looked likely to take wickets. He spins the ball naturally but so far lacks consistent accuracy. Baama too bowled his off-spinners well but unfortunately missed three matches because of injury. Howarth and Connor should persevere with their leg-spin, not least because so few batsmen can play it well. Our opening attack was limited. Rhodes was steady but Arora never quite got into his stride. Sobhani emerged as the best of the opening bowlers and it is a pity he did not play all term.

Of the batsmen only Rhodes, Daniel and Baama regularly did well. They should score many more runs for the School. Rhodes needs to work his singles against good bowling. Daniel must learn to play straight as well as square and Baama, who has immense ability, still lacks discretion. Too much depended on them however for, although Dearden, Howarth and Slack gave occasional indications of their ability, the middle and late order batting was very fragile.

With no wicket keeper available Whiteley was drafted in and did the job in most of the games. Though often mesmerised by the slow bowlers, he did his best and undoubtedly improved. Later Bulwich took over and revealed something of an instinct for this specialist position.

I think the team failed to do well partly because there was a collective inferiority complex resulting from the poor results of the previous year. There really is no need for such an attitude. The next stage for these players is the Senior School sides. Several members of the Under 15 team will become key members of those teams. It is just a question of patience, practice and perseverance.

The full list of those who played is as follows:-

H.A.F. Slack (Captain), S. Arora, F. J. Baama, A. V. Bulwich, D. B. Connor, J. A. Daniel, S. J. Dearden, O. J. Garside, A. J. Howarth, M. B. Jones, W. Mason, M. T. Rhodes, B. J. Rimron, A. J. Sharples, S. Sobhani, N. A. Whiteley, O. Asgher, S.D. Bates and M. A. Shelmerdine.

H. W. Timm

Under 14 Cricket

Played 11: won 2, lost 2, drawn 7

- v Arnold School, Blackpool (A)
WHGS 88 for 8 declared (Misra 29)
Arnold 57 for 5 (Misra 4 for 21)
Match drawn
- v All Saints RCHS, Dukinfield (H)
(1st round, Harold Bailey Trophy)
WHGS 155 for 2 (25 overs) (Misra 58 not out)
All Saints 58 all out (Newlove 4 for 8)
Won by 97 runs
- v King's School, Macclesfield (A)
Macclesfield 157 for 5 declared (Hall 3 for 45)
WHGS 110 for 8 (Wood 27)
Match drawn
- v U14s v Bolton School (H)
Bolton 150 all out (Bell 3 for 24)
WHGS 100 for 8 (Allen 47 not out)
Match drawn
- v QEGS, Wakefield (H)
Wakefield 110 all out
WHGS 69 for 7 (Misra 45)
Match drawn
- v Manchester Grammar School (H)
2nd round, Harold Bailey Trophy
WHGS 83 for 7 (40 overs) (Allen 51 not out)
MGS 84 for 1
Lost by 9 wickets
- v King Edward VII, Lytham (A)
Lytham 125 for 9 declared (Allen 4 for 21)
WHGS 92 for 4 (Misra 36 not out)
Match drawn
- v St Bede's College (A)
WHGS 141 for 7 declared (Allen 32; Taylor 23 not out)
St Bede's 36 (Misra 5 for 14; Bell 3 for 1)
Won by 105 runs
- v Birkenhead School (H)
Birkenhead 129 for 9 declared (Callander 4 for 24)
WHGS 128 all out (Taylor 42; Wood 22)
Lost by 1 run
- v Manchester Grammar School (A)
MGS 138 for 6 declared
WHGS 75 for 6 (Misra 33)
Match drawn
- v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby (A)
Crosby 128 for 7 declared (Allen 4 for 28; Taylor 3 for 42)
WHGS 57 for 6 (Misra 28)
Match drawn

Batting Averages

	Innings	not out	runs	ave	highest
Misra	11	2	265	29.44	58*
Allen	10	3	198	28.29	51*
Taylor	9	2	91	13.00	42
Hall	9	5	48	12.00	18
Shelmerdine	4	1	36	12.00	15
Donnai	10	1	89	9.89	19
Wood	10	0	96	9.60	29
Watkins	6	2	31	7.75	12*
Bell	8	3	36	7.20	10
Kniveton	8	0	52	6.50	21
Sayyid	6	1	26	5.40	11

Bowling Averages

(Qualification: ten overs)

	overs	maidens	runs	wkts	ave	best
Callander	13	1	40	4	10.00	4-24
Bell	48.1	11	111	11	10.09	3-1
Allen	73.3	15	210	17	12.35	4-21
Misra	76	13	238	17	14.00	5-14
Bates	18	1	71	5	14.20	2-16
	52	3	193	10	19.30	3-45
Taylor	65	13	177	7	25.20	3-42

The things that most impressed me about this year's under-fourteen cricketers were first, their genuine enthusiasm and second, their quantity. I was initially surprised in March at seeing over twenty attend indoor net practices and more so when they kept on coming every week. This posed some problems: how many could we accommodate in the nets during games and how would it be possible to give adequate match opportunities during the season? The result was to some extent an unsatisfactory compromise, but I felt that the priority was to sustain pupils' interest in the sport as far as possible. Match results were a little disappointing: we won only two, and these victories were against opposition of relative weakness. Nevertheless, we came within reach of beating Crosby when rain intervened and would probably have beaten Lytham if the declaration had not been delayed so long by the opposition. The best match of the season was against Birkenhead: we were coasting to victory, not even needing runs from our usual chief run-getters (Misra and Allen), when we lost our way and the match, in a most exciting finish which few will forget for a long time.

Two players, Alex Kniveton and Tim Allen, were given experience of being captain, with the latter doing the job for most of the season. Gareth Mitchell, if he had not had two unfortunate accidents, would certainly have had a chance too. Alex made a good effort, but was too much out of form as a batsman to deserve a long run as captain. Tim began badly, not knowing where to put his fielders, and, even after several matches, still changed his bowlers at the wrong times; however, he learned from the experience. Joe Sayyid took over from Alex Kniveton as wicket-keeper half way through the season and made enough progress by the end of the season to warrant praise from visiting umpires.

The batting depended very largely on Tim Allen and Ketan Misra. Tim was correct and stylish, batting best when against the best opposition: Ketan tried hard to exercise judgement early in the innings but, by and large, prospered only when the bowling was poor. Our batting was strong only in the sense that it was very difficult for us to be bowled out, but it was very pleasing to see improvements made by several players, for example Damian Taylor, John Hall and Mark Shelmerdine. Tom Donnai and Ben Wood have much promise, too, but all need plenty of match experience. This season, after the May sun, we lost no fewer than four matches to rain and had only a short run in the knock-out cup.

In the field, we were a strong side and will be even stronger in two or three years' time. Chris Bell and Damian Taylor impressed me most but the leading wicket-takers were Allen and Misra, who never failed to worry the opposition's opening batsmen. John Hall did not bowl always as well as he could, but he has the makings of a fine off-spinner. He has a good temperament and is a thoughtful cricketer. Our fielding took a long time to look organized and, even towards the end of the season, some easy catches fell to the ground. Again, some blame for this could be attached to the fact that we did not manage to have a long sequence of uninterrupted matches.

In conclusion I feel convinced that we have a pool of willing and

keen cricketers, many of whom are revealing more than just promise: the future looks bright.

My thanks to Tom Donnai for writing match reports and to Raffi Haroutunian for assisting in the compilation of the averages. I should also like to thank all those parents who attended matches, both at home and away. Their presence was appreciated.

P. M. Bull

UNDER 13 XI CRICKET

Played 12, Won 6, Lost 6, Abandoned 1.

- v Arnold School (H)
Won by 6 wickets
W.H.G.S. 38 for 4
Arnold 37 all out (Sidebottom 5 for 4)
- v King's School, Macclesfield (A)
Won by 3 wickets
W.H.G.S. 71 for 7
King's 70 all out (Brocklehurst 4 for 7)
- v Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (A)
Lost by 6 wickets
Wakefield 79 for 4
W.H.G.S. 78 all out (Cooke 47)
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham (H)
Lost by 1 wicket
King Edward 117 for 9
W.H.G.S. 116 all out
- v St. Bede's College (H)
Won by 80 runs
W.H.G.S. 107 all out
St. Bede's 27 all out
- v Parrs Wood High School (H)
Won by 8 wickets
W.H.G.S. 94 for 2 (23 overs) (Woolrych 41 not out)
Parrs Wood 92 for 6 (30 overs)
- v Manchester Grammar School (H)
Lost by 9 wickets
M.G.S. 127 for 1
W.H.G.S. 126 for 7 dec
- v Merchant Taylor's, Crosby (H)
Match abandoned.
W.H.G.S. 32 for 2
- v Birkenhead School (A)
Lost by 113 runs
Birkenhead 191 for 3 dec
W.H.G.S. 78 all out
- v Bradford Grammar School (A)
Lost by 10 wickets
Bradford 108 for no wicket
W.H.G.S. 107 for 7 dec
- v Manchester Schools Trophy matches
Quarter-final v Oakwood High School (H)
Won by 9 wickets
W.H.G.S. 27 for 1
Oakwood 26 all out
- v Semi-final v North Manchester High School (H)
Won by 108 runs
W.H.G.S. 137 for 1 (Gresty 51 n.o., Cooke 47 n.o.)
North Manchester 29 all out (Warnes 5 for 12)
- v Final v Parrs Wood High School (H)
Lost by 65 runs
Parrs Wood 145 for 7 (30 overs)
W.H.G.S. 80 all out

The 1990 season finished in disappointing fashion for a talented and enthusiastic second year side with three defeats in four days making the final playing record look rather weak. Though sides who win 50% of their games can hardly be called unsuccessful, it must be said that many would have expected more from this squad; the games against M.G.S., Birkenhead and Bradford could and should have been drawn, that against Lytham was all but won, and saddest of all, the Manchester Schools Trophy was lost from a strong winning position.

The reasons for this are not far to seek. Firstly the fielding is mostly still very poor. Whilst Iain Cooke and Jonathan Sills maintain the highest standards, Mark Knowles works really hard to emulate them and Faisal Kureishy's wicket keeping is improving all the time, the best of the remainder are at most reliable stoppers. Most struggle to move smoothly sideways to shots along the ground, and there are still a huge quantity of catches which are not even attacked, let alone caught. Few fielders deliver even a reasonable throw on a regular basis. Secondly the bowling cannot be relied upon to support Phillip Sidebottom's excellent off-breaks. The whole variety of bowlers is there, but of none can one say that he will come on and bowl well. The nearest to success here are the medium pacers Cooke and Knowles, but the latter is often rather tentative, whilst Cooke still bowls at the batsman from wide of the crease, rather than at the stumps from next to the umpire. Dipak Bhakta has it in him to be really quick, but he has still not sorted out a proper run up and therefore never looks settled or confident. Mark Warnes has the potential to be a marvellous left-arm spinner but he too needs to smooth out his approach and delivery stride or the ball will continue to float down the leg side as it now does far too often; James Brocklehurst's left arm over has had its moments, but the accuracy is still not there as yet. With all the bowlers and the fielders it is just a case of daily practice, but in so many cases, living as we do in a world of simple spectacular violence and an easy good time, the plastic football rules free time and opportunities are wasted.

The team's batting line-up is developing very well, though the results are not yet to be seen in terms of fifties and hundreds in spite of the reliability of the home wicket. Nick Gresty struggled through a desperate patch of poor form and by the end of the season looked a confident solid defensive batsman again. His partner Adam Aslam has lots of time to play and is beginning to string scores together. At number three Benny Woolrych has been a great success; watchful and determined though without any great power in his shots, he is becoming a great accumulator of runs, and his marathon innings against M.G.S. was a real highlight of this season. Phillip Sidebottom has still to make a big score, but when he does it will surely be a spectacular one: he has a fine range of shots, a lot of determination and that enviable ability to despatch boundaries without apparent effort. Iain Cooke at number 5 is another cultured stroke-player with a degree of ruthlessness which suggests he too will score heavily in the coming season: his innings at Wakefield against a hostile attack on a dreadful wicket was in the highest class. After this strong first five there is still a number of players who will score runs fairly regularly; Ian Graham, Matthew Whiteley, Mark Knowles, Mark Warnes and Dipak Bhakta are all capable with the bat, and we will have cause to regret, on the fielding side in particular, the departure, temporary we hope, of Jonathan Sills, a fine team man and the winner of this year's Macclesfield match off the last ball of the game.

There have been many plus points, then, if the final statistics are not all that impressive. Further ones, not easy to quantify in the score book, have been the high level of turn-out at winter nets, the team's smartness, willingness and excellent manners on the field, Phillip Sidebottom's excellent captaincy, the best I have seen from a junior, and the splendid support from parents. I am sure that it is within the capabilities of this group of players to be one of the best all-round sides which the School has had.

C. P. Langford

UNDER 12 CRICKET

Played 12, Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 6, Abandoned 0.

- v Arnold School (A)
Lost by 110 runs
Arnold 136 all out
W.H.G.S. 26 all out
- v King's School, Macclesfield (H)
Lost by 106 runs
King's 135 for 7 dec
W.H.G.S. 29 all out

- v Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (H)
Lost by 7 wickets
Q.E.G.S. 39 for 3
W.H.G.S. 38 all out
- v King Edward's, Lytham (A)
Won by 3 wickets
W.H.G.S. 74 for 7
King Edward's 73 all out (Hadfield 4 for 17)
- v Manchester Boys (H)
Lost by 100 runs
Manchester Boys 170 all out
W.H.G.S. 70 all out
- v St. Bede's College (A)
Won by 9 wickets
W.H.G.S. 24 for 1
St. Bede's 22 all out (Hadfield 6 for 8)
- v Parrs Wood High School (H)
Won by 7 wickets
W.H.G.S. 26 for 3
Parrs Wood 25 all out (Hadfield 3 for 4, Flatman 3 for 6)
- v Manchester Grammar School (A)
Lost by 43 runs
Manchester Grammar 141 for 3 dec
W.H.G.S. 98 all out (Johnson 33)
- v Merchant Taylor's, Crosby
Match drawn (rain)
Merchant Taylor's 91 for 5 dec
W.H.G.S. 46 for 5
- v North Manchester (A)
(Semi-final Schools Knockout Trophy)
Won by 3 wickets
W.H.G.S. 53 for 7
North Manchester 52 all out
- v Birkenhead School (A)
Lost by 100 runs
Birkenhead 159 for 5 dec
W.H.G.S. 59 all out
- v Parrs Wood High School (H)
(Final Manchester Schools Knockout Trophy)
Won by 5 wickets
W.H.G.S. 92 for 5
Parrs Wood 90 for 6 (innings closed)

Although many boys showed interest in joining the cricket squad at the start of the term, it soon became clear that very few had actually been coached or had any experience of playing the game. Even though practices took place nearly every day in the first few weeks, it came as no surprise when we were completely outplayed by very strong teams from Arnold, King's and Wakefield in the first three games of the season. The players learned a lot from these defeats however and went on to win five out of the next nine matches, the highlight being the win against Parrs Wood in the final of the Manchester Schools Knockout Trophy.

Throughout the season, the team has been well led by Jonathan Flatman, an all rounder who has created a good team spirit. The most effective bowlers have been Simon Johnson who is very fast but erratic, and Stephen Hadfield. George Wilsher, Sujoy Jaiswal, Nick Ghazi and Stephen Hadfield have scored the majority of runs.

The squad, of which twenty different boys have played for the School team, contains players who do have ability. Although they are all still in the early stages of learning the game, with continued practice many have the potential to become very good cricketers.

My thanks go to Mike Birtwistle, who has been a competent and willing scorer, the Head Master for his help with coaching, Messrs. Myers and Seddon for umpiring and Mr. & Mrs. Gregson for supplying the boys and more importantly myself, with teas.

The following boys represented the School:

I. Anwar, M. Birtwistle, I. Butterworth, P. Day, S. De, R. England, J. Flatman, C. Gerezdi, N. Ghazi, S. Hadfield, C. Hope, S. Jaiswal, S. Johnson, S. McCarthy, C. Podmore, J. Pearson, J. Robinson, J. Sochovsky, P. Tilston, G. Wilsher.

D. J. Mallinder



ROUNDERS 1990

SECOND YEARS - U13 AGE GROUP

Played 5, Won 2, Lost 3, Drawn 0.

v Marple Hall High School	Lost 8-15
v Oriel Bank School	Lost 1½-6½
v Reddish Vale High School	Lost 2-2½
v The Kingsway School 'A' team	Won 3-2
v The Kingsway School 'B' team	Won 8½-0

The Second Year team did not make a very successful start to the season by losing to both Marple Hall and Oriel Bank. Their fielding initially was not tight enough and easily stopped hits were missed and then poorly fielded.

However, in the Second Year Stockport Tournament they did considerably better by reaching the semi-finals as winners of their section. In a very close game we just lost to Kingsway 'A' Team by 2½ rounders to 3. All girls who played there worked very hard and proved that they could work extremely well as a team.

The results were as follows:-

v Reddish Vale High School	Won 4-½
v Bramhall High School	Won 3½-2
v St. James' School	Lost 1½-2
v The Kingsway School 'B' team	Won 8-4

Overall a disappointing start to the season, but a very encouraging, positive end.

The following girls represented the U13 Rounders team: Karen Law, Yvonne Schofield, Claire Reichl, Sara Atkins, Mandy Wheeler, Nicola Miller, Nadian Hanley, Caron Abramson, Justine Goldman, Alison Soper, Rebecca Kingston, Michelle Cowan, Jenny Ellis, Louise Borg, Kathyne Arran, Amanda Jones, Philippa Whittle.

T. Pollard

FIRST YEARS - U12 AGE GROUP

Played 5, Won 2, Lost 2, Drawn 1.

v Marple Hall High School	Won 10½-9½
v Oriel Bank School	Lost 8½-9½
v Reddish Vale High School 'A'	Draw 9-9
v Reddish Vale High School 'B'	Won 4-2½
v The Kingsway School	Lost 6-12½

The First Year girls showed tremendous enthusiasm for this game and worked very hard into improving their skill level. They operated in a very competitive manner, encouraging each other all of the time and consequently produced very good results. They were marginally defeated by Oriel Bank in a very competitive game, where they were very unlucky to score the final rounder to force a draw.

They showed that they were a tactically minded team and I look forward to seeing them in action once more in next year's season, as I am sure that they have a lot to offer.

The following girls have represented the U12 rounders teams:

Beth Hayton, Ellen Nicholson, Sophie Stephenson, Bernie McCurrie, Caroline Ip, Karen Hawcroft, Christina Barnes, Alice Caine, Debbie Mosely, Helen Ralston, Helen Steller, Vinnie Pohoomull, Shinal Patel, Claire Babington, Vivienne Priestner, Natalie Mason, Olivia Dunbar, Philippa Walters, Louise Illingworth, Philippa Matthews, Sarah Holder.

T. Pollard



SCHOOL TENNIS REPORT 1990

SENIORS:

Captain of Tennis: J. J. Meadows
Vice-Captains: R. W. Buckley & P. J. Davies

Played 15, Won 8, Lost 7, Cancelled 2

Senior B v Marple Hall (Midland Bank Comp.) (A)	Lost 0-4
Senior B v Wilmslow High School (M.B.C.) (A)	Won 4-2
Under 16 v Marple Hall (A)	Lost 7-2
1st VI v Stonyhurst College (A)	Lost 9-3
2nd VI v Stonyhurst College (A)	Lost 8-4
Senior A v King's Macclesfield (M.B.C.) (H)	Won 4-2
Senior A v St. Ambrose College (M.B.C.) (H)	Won 5-1
Senior A v Ducie Central H.S. (Glanvill Cup) (A)	Won 6-0
Senior A v Hyde VI Form College (Glanvill) (A)	Won 5-1
1st VI v Manchester Grammar School (H)	Won 5-4
1st VI v Altrincham Grammar School (A)	Lost 4-5
1st VI v North Cestrian Grammar School	Cancelled
Senior A v Bolton School A (M.B.C. Round 2) (A)	Lost 1-5
Senior A v Manchester G.S. (Glanvill Cup R2) (A)	Lost 0-4
1st VI v St. Ambrose College (A)	Won 7-2
1st VI v Manchester Grammar School (A)	Won 5-4
1st VI v King's School, Chester	Cancelled

Senior tennis in 1990 saw William Hulme's represented in both Midland Bank Competition matches, for which we entered an 'A' and a 'B' team and the Glanvill Cup Competition, also now under the auspices of the Midland. The 'A' team was successful in reaching the Second Round of both competitions, being knocked-out by the 'A' team from Bolton School and also, surprisingly, by Manchester Grammar, after we had beaten them at 1st team level earlier in the term. The 'B' team did well against Wilmslow but Marple Hall proved to be too strong.

THE BURDEN TROPHY 1990

July 5th

Round 1	Round 2	Semi-Final	Final	Winner
Pimblott v Lowry }	Lowry (6-2) v Gilbert (6-2) }	Lowry (6-3)		
Gilbert v Maclean }	Lawton (6-5), (2) v Nicholson (6-4) }	Lawton (6-1)		
Lawton v Wilson }	Shelmerdine (6-3) v Buckley (6-3) }	Shelmerdine (6-3)		
Simkin v Nicholson }	Tate v Bartlett (6-5), (4) }			
	White v Fisher }	Fisher (6-4) v Davies (6-1) }		
		Davies (bye)		
			Shelmerdine (6-3)	
				Shelmerdine (6-3)

Thanks to all the competitors for making this a successful and enjoyable evening, I hope you will all take part again next year.

J. H. Thomson

Other School matches took place as usual and good performances were seen from the side, which usually consisted of B. G. Lee, D. M. Berman, R. I. Levene, J. J. Meadows, P. J. Davies and R. W. Buckley. Other players included P. Sheriff, L. Leadbetter, D. Cleaver, D. Donnachie, N. Sochovsky, D. Keller, J. Mason, N. Samuels, J. Beckett, J. Berger, and from the fourth form, C. Jones, S. Bhogal, and T. Veitch, who also played regularly for the Under 15 side.

I would like to say thank you and farewell to those members of the Upper Sixth who have played for the School First VI for the last three years in many memorable matches. Your dedication and service (no pun!) have been extremely good for the side, and have helped in no small way to improve the standards of School Tennis. Colours were

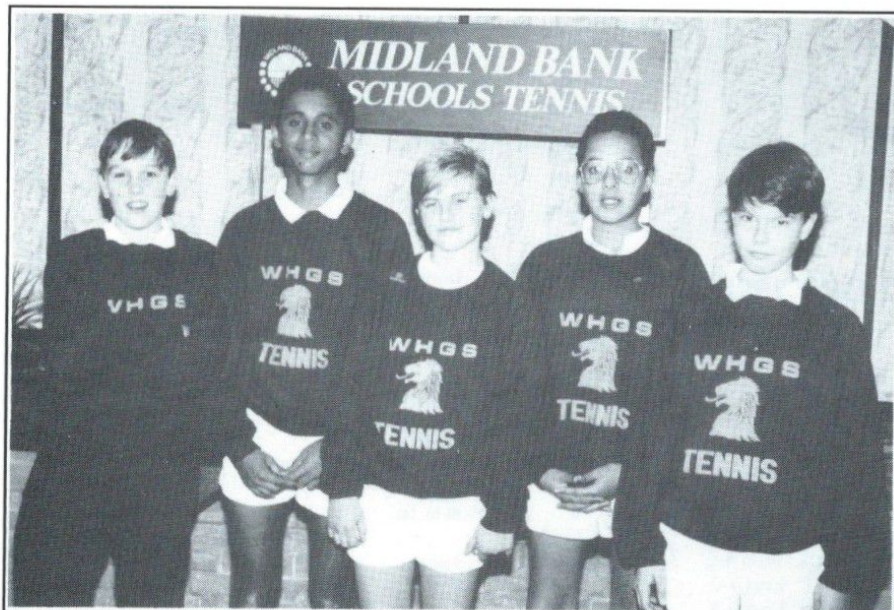
re-awarded to B. G. Lee and D. G. Berman and club colours to R. I. Levene, A. Reece, B. Afara, S. Richardson and S. Larkin. In addition Junior Colours were awarded to Fifth Formers D. Keller and N. Sochovsky for their contributions to the game during the last four years.

There was no tennis tour this year, although a few of us were lucky enough to get to the first day at Wimbledon where we enjoyed the strawberries and cream and of course, the atmosphere of the All England Club. Next year I hope to see the continued progress of School Tennis, with new court surfaces on Courts 3 & 4, and floodlights on Courts 1 & 2. Coaching throughout the school is planned to start in September, with a view to keeping the game going all year round. We are still looking for the next Wimbledon champion, hopefully from William Hulme's Grammar School!



Tennis U15s 1990 (L to R) B. Eckersley, N. Morton, C. Jones, A. Baron, S. Bhogal and T. Veitch.
(Photo: J. H. Thomson)

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Last years U13 squad A. Watkins, K. Misra, C. Simkin, J. Sayyid and J. Tate
at Matchpoint Nov. 1989. (Photo: J. H. Thomson)

MIDLAND BANK SCHOOLS COMPETITION - JUNIORS

Last November, four U-13 boys were successful in reaching the North West Region Final of this competition, which was held at Matchpoint Regional Tennis Centre in Bramhall. The team consisting of Jason Tate, Ketan Misra, Andrew Watkins and Joe Sayyid, was narrowly defeated by the side from Austin Friars School, Cumbria, who won by a margin of 28 games to 23 after a three sets all draw. Austin Friars were then defeated by Bromsgrove School from the West Midlands, who won in six straight sets.

This year, in addition to our senior team, we entered boys at U-15 and U-13 age levels, and both have qualified to represent Manchester in the next round of the competition. The U-15 side of Crispin Jones,

Misra, H Sayyid, C Simkin, and when available, G Wilsher. The U-13s played 4, won 3, and lost 1, also had 2 cancelled, and consisted of the four named above plus James White and Mark Zeegers.

The girls got on to the tennis courts in the shape of the U-13 girls side. Represented by Philippa Whittle (Capt.), Caron Abramson, Claire Reichl, Alison Soper, Mandy Wheeler, Beth Hayton, Ellen Nicholson, and Caroline Ip, they had their most notable win against Marple Hall (8 sets to 0), were defeated (5-2) by Withington, and beat Kingsway but managing a draw against King's Macclesfield. They were represented by C Hope, D Harris, D Lowry, D Gilbert, S Maclean and S McCarthy.

The Parents/Pupils Tournament for the Burden Trophy was held, eventually, after postponements for rain and the World Cup. The results can be seen on page 141. The evening was made most enjoyable by the high standard of the tennis, and the friendly but competitive spirit with which it was played.

J. H. Thomson



Tennis U15s 1990 (L to R) B. Eckersley, N. Morton, C. Jones, A. Baron, S. Bhogal and T. Veitch. (Photo: J. H. Thomson)



ATHLETICS

Due to the poor weather, only five out of a possible nine fixtures were able to take place this season. In these, the School team had overall victories against Birkenhead, Bury Grammar School, and North Cestrian Grammar School, whilst losing to St. Mary's, Crosby and Cheadle Hulme School.

The first year team were strong on the track with notable performances from Joshua Robinson and David Johnson in the sprints, Adnan Malik in the 400 metres and Andrew Kelly and Simon Johnson in the distance events. Although performances were not quite so good

in the field, Richard England remained unbeaten in the discus and shot putt.

The second years had a mixed season, winning three out of the five fixtures. Encouraging performances were given by Martin Wan, David Grove and Nick Byrom in the sprint events and along with José Witter, made up a very fast and powerful relay team.

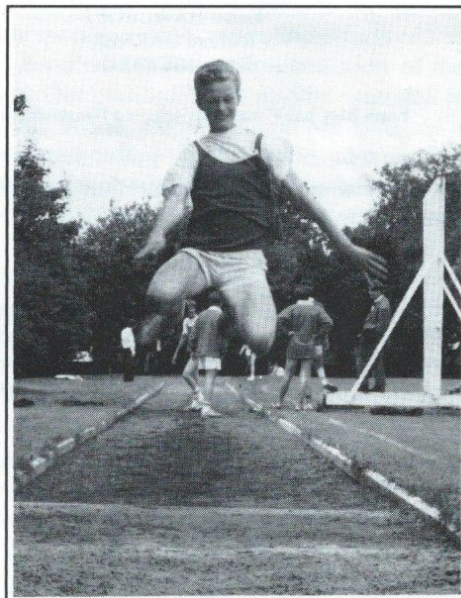
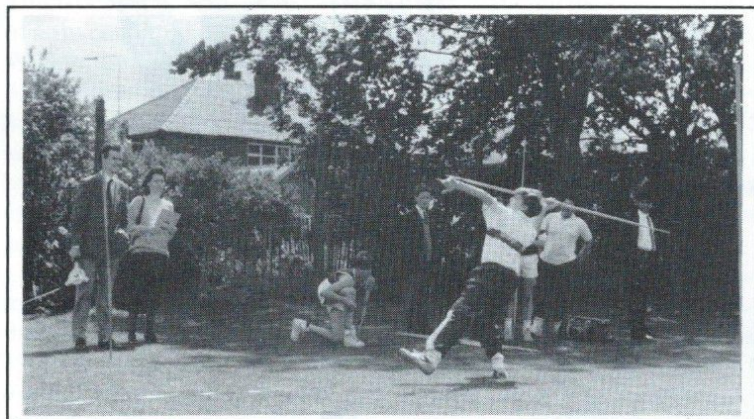
The third year athletics team enjoyed a successful season. Many boys turned out for the school and produced very good performances. Chris Armstrong and Matthew Butterworth were outstanding. Butterworth coming second in the Manchester Schools Junior Boys 400 metres.

The fourth year team, being deprived of many good athletes through injury and other commitments, only obtained a limited amount of success. Many of the athletes did have the potential to do well, but unfortunately did not have the determination or interest required at this level. Chris Bury, Mark Dynes and Anthony Sunderland were the exception, and as a result were awarded Junior Colours.

My thanks go to all members of Staff who have given up their time to run teams or helped out at home fixtures throughout the season.

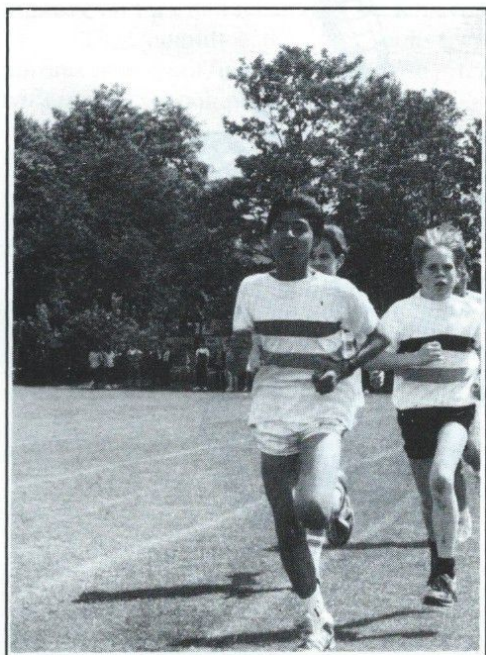
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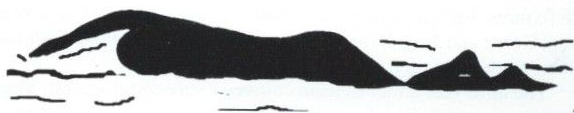
SCHOOL	1st Yr	2nd Yr	3rd Yr	4th Yr	Overall
v. Birkenhead	Lost 32:39	Won 75:62	-	-	Won 107:101
v. St. Mary's, Crosby	Won 69:67	Lost 62:74	-	-	Lost 131:141
v. Bury G.S.	Won 37:26	Won 36:27	Lost 30:33	Lost 26:37	Won 129:123
v. Cheadle Hulme	Lost 61:32	Lost 57:87	Won 75:73	Won 78:70	Lost 271:312
v. North Cestrian	Lost 44:51	Won 64:43	Won 60:53	Lost 46:60	Won 214:212



Sports Day 1990

(Photos: J. H. Thomson)





SWIMMING

The swimming performances throughout the year followed a somewhat patchy pattern. Our inter-school record was poor. We were out-swum by Bury Grammar School, beaten by Cheadle Hulme School, and marginally defeated by North Cestrian Grammar School. However, we had three swimmers representing Manchester in the County Championships and in the Manchester Schools Championships we almost swept the board.

The reason for this contrast between our performance in school fixtures and championships was the lack of depth in our swimming strength. We have a few very good swimmers who serve us well in championships. In the school fixtures particularly in certain years we were often scratching to make up a team. We need more "second string" swimmers who are willing to swim and train to supplement the excellent efforts of the stronger swimmers.

Honours:

Represented Manchester in the County Championships:

Karen HAWCROFT
Richard GARNER
James HICKMAN

Liam McCLOY was also selected but unable to swim.

Medal winners in the Manchester Schools Swimming Championships:

Junior Girls

Karen HAWCROFT { 1st 50yds Free Style - Mrs Spurley Hey Cup
2nd 50yds Backstroke
2nd 50 yds Butterfly

Karen HAWCROFT {
Karen LAW 2nd Free Style Squadron
Philippa WALTERS
Rebecca KINGSTON

Karen HAWCROFT {
Nicola MILLER 2nd Medley Squadron
Karen LAW

Junior Boys

James WHITE {
Richard GARNER 1st Free Style Squadron - Schwan Shield
Jeremy BACK
Robert MOODIE

James WHITE {
Richard GARNER 1st Medley Squadron - Seddon Shield
Jeremy BACK

Intermediate Boys

James HICKMAN { 1st 100yds Free Style - Bax Shield
1st 100yds Backstroke - Wilson Cup
1st 50yds Butterfly - Barnes Shield
2nd 100yds Breaststroke

James HICKMAN }
Simon JONES 2nd Medley Squadron
Nicholas HANN

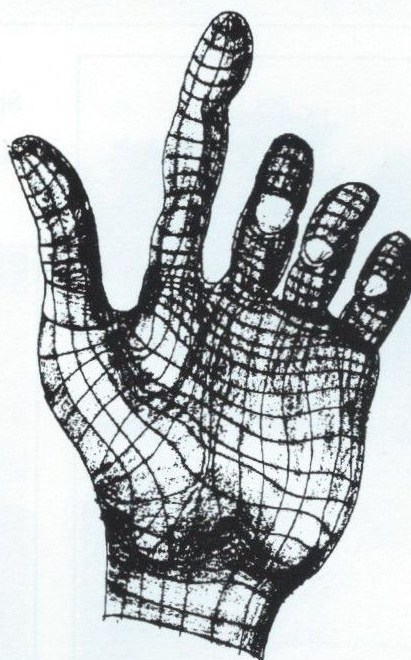
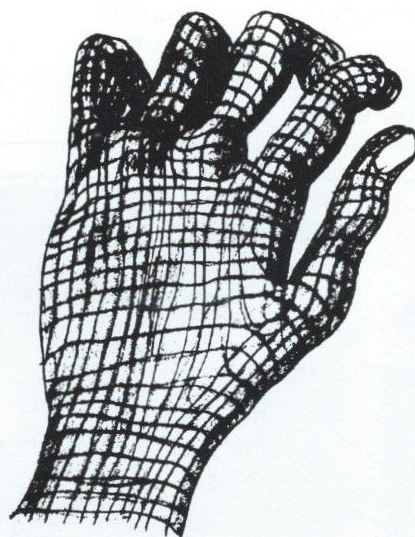
James HICKMAN }
Simon JONES 2nd Free Style Squadron
Nicholas HANN
Stuart WALTERS

Senior Boys

Liam McCLOY 1st 100yds Breaststroke - Brooks Shield
Chris HYLAND 1st 50yds Butterfly
2nd 100yds Breaststroke

Liam McCLOY }
Chris HYLAND 1st Free Style squadron
Mike WILSON
Iain BRASSELL

D. McNally.



Julian Massel 5C

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Parents' Association experienced mixed fortunes in the year, with some events enjoying record support, but others cancelled, mainly for reasons 'beyond our control'. It is, however, pleasing to report that, as we go to press, the Association has sufficient funds to meet the £10,000 gift promised last year towards the renovation of Hardraw. The first payment of £5,000 has just been paid and the balance will follow in the autumn. Raising funds for this particular project has been the main target over the year, but this has not prevented the Association from supporting other projects, with tools for the stage staff, and a contribution towards funding the Russian exchange being the largest of many other donations made during the year.

The two main fund-raising events - the Christmas Fair, organised this year by Sally Whittle, and the Grand Draw which David Ince promoted, both more than doubled last year's figures, with income from the '300 Club' holding its own and providing a regular source of revenue. The Association also organised a number of social occasions during the year based upon the established events of the Head Master's Talk, Cheese and Wine with the Staff, the Dinner Dance held jointly with the Old Hulmeians, Quiz Night, and the regular sporting activities of cricket, tennis and badminton. We did have a Bowls Evening in the calendar, but at the last minute a road improvement scheme temporarily blocked off half of the Green, and the event had to be cancelled. The proposed Summer Fair was also cancelled. In this case, the event was built around a Lacrosse Festival. We had a very poor response from Lacrosse Teams - probably because the only date available in a busy school calendar also clashed with Wimbledon and the World Cup Final! With the core event not viable, and in the face of such strong competition, there was no choice but to cancel.

The whole Committee worked extremely hard during the year, with the Christmas Fair in particular attracting a high degree of help from parents, both in manning the stalls and in the donations which are essential to the success of an event of this nature. Thanks are due to all the Committee, (and other helpers!), but the continuing efforts of Sue Wilson, our Secretary, deserve a special mention for the way she has handled the general organisation of the Association's affairs in addition to taking an active role in all other events. Our gratitude must also be extended to pupils and members of staff who have helped, especially Mr. Simkin, Mr. Wood, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Gregson - amongst many others. This review would also be incomplete without a reference to Ken Griffiths who, after serving on the Committee for six years, the last two as Chairman - accepted the position of President. Ken has worked extremely hard for the School, and it is a tribute to his leadership that the £10,000 target for Hardraw has been achieved.

In looking forward, the Association will need more help and more support in the coming year. The donation to Hardraw will leave the bank balance at a low ebb, and if we are to continue to support and encourage our children, then we must create the resources to do it. The next major target will be a replacement mini-bus, probably in 1991/1992. The cost of this project will be more than we normally raise in a year, and with other, as yet unforeseen projects to consider, the cash will not be easy to raise. We do, however, believe that we can make it happen, and have outlined an ambitious programme for the coming year. 1989/1990 was a record year in financial terms; we now need to improve on this, and it can only be achieved by a concerted effort involving parents, pupils and staff.

The Committee, therefore, looks forward to a challenging year, but a year in which success can be achieved, not only in terms of fund raising, but also in terms of providing a social framework which can only help the relationship between the school, pupils and parents.

R. Dixon.

OLD HULMEIANS ASSOCIATION

The President of the Association for 1989/90 was Paul Marlton, who began his year of office with the task of re-organising the Annual Reunion. Support for a formal reunion dinner had diminished and it was due to the efforts of Paul Marlton that the buffet supper, which replaced the dinner, was so successful. Large numbers of leaving Sixth Formers were encouraged to come to this event, and it was particularly pleasing that a number of new lady members of the Association were present.

The Annual Dinner Dance was again held, in conjunction with the Parents' Association, at the Belfry Hotel. This event was a sell-out and a very enjoyable occasion. Many years ago the Association held its Annual Dinners in School and the Association gratefully accepted the Head Master's invitation to hold the 1990 Dinner at School in the New Hall. This proved to be a most successful and enjoyable gathering of Old Hulmeians of all ages. Thanks must be extended to Paul Marlton and to the others who helped organise this function.

During this year promising negotiations have begun to re-develop sporting facilities and the club house at Whalley Range. If these negotiations come to fruition, then the Lacrosse Club, and the rest of the Association, will receive a considerable boost.

The 1989/90 season was one of mixed fortunes for the Lacrosse Club as all teams suffered from injuries to players. The 1st team led by David Barnes had a miserable first half of the season but improved dramatically after Christmas, due in no small measure to the talents of Paul Swann and Keith Robson. Andy Booth was voted 'player of the year' and represented England in the 1990 World Lacrosse Series in Australia. The A team was led by Andrew Marsden to a memorable victory in the final of the Lancashire Cup, beating Boardman and Eccles 15-4. The extra A team was captained by Gary Cooke and enjoyed a successful season but unfortunately the B team was unable to fulfil many of its fixtures as the players were required for other teams. It is pleasing to hear that a number of lads from School have played regularly for the Hulmeians' Lacrosse Club; this link between School and the Association is to be encouraged.

The Association Cricket team had something of a disappointing season, as games had to be cancelled or were washed out by the weather. The team had a comfortable victory against the School Staff, were beaten by the Parents' Association and Chelford, and in an exciting game against Didsbury came very close to victory.

The Annual North vs. South Golf match which took place at Tadmorton Heath Golf Club was won by the North after a very close competition. Captains Day and the Ascension Day meeting attracted excellent turn-outs of about thirty players. It is pleasing to record that there is a nucleus of younger players in the Golf section which augurs well for the future of the club.

The Rifle Section celebrated its Silver Jubilee this year even though the membership of the section at present is very small. It is hoped that better attendances will enable the section to revive and be able to take part in competitions.

Once again I was able to join the London Association for the Annual Dinner which was held at the East India Club. I thank the Association for their invitation and company. The President for 1990/91 is Jack Bethell and the Vice-President is Ken Pettner, and I look forward to seeing the expansion of what is now an Association including both young men and young women. I commend the Association to all past and present members of William Hulme's Grammar School.

M. Loveland

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT



Three "Hulmeian" Committee Members (Kate, Rachel and Andrew) pause for breath before handing their copy to the ever-obliging Miss Bernadette McNicholas (left) to be typed up. (Photo: G. J. Turner)

There is a long tradition of editorial anonymity in the "Hulmeian". We want to maintain this Flaubertian style, but should like to make one concession to Proustian self-consciousness. This year a committee of students has made a genuine and far-reaching contribution to the magazine, which deserves acknowledgement. This panel has consisted of:

Rob Buckley (L6A4)
Kate Mayne (L6A4)
Andrew Reid (L6A2)
Rachel Roden (L6A3)
Rebecca Slate (L6A4)
Matthew Phillips (4A)
Jonathan Lazarus (4L)
Rebecca Baron (2C)

Jonathan Lazarus (4L) has also designed our new eye-catching cover for the "Hulmeian".

Finally, a very special and big "thank you" to Miss Bernadette McNicholas in the School Office, who typed most of the copy for the magazine. She has saved teachers, students and Deanprint a lot of work, and our readers a good deal of time in waiting for this year's edition to appear.

Editors.



A Committee Meeting during the Summer Holiday. (Photo: Kate Mayne)

