

2nd XV RUGBY

Played 12, Won 5, Lost 6, Drawn 1, Points for 108, Against 184.

v Sandbach School	W	20 - 12
v Lymm High School	L	7 - 14
v Cheadle Hulme School	W	13 - 5
v Altrincham Grammar School	L	6 - 32
v St Bede's College	W	12 - 3
v Widnes Sixth Form College	L	12 - 17
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	W	17 - 9
v Manchester Grammar School	L	5 - 25
v Bolton School	W	11 - 8
v St Mary's College, Crosby	L	5 - 13
v Stockport Grammar School	L	0 - 50
v Bramhall High School	D	0 - 0

After a very poor pre-season turnout of prospective second team players, I was very apprehensive at the start of the season. Our first game however, against Sandbach, raised false hopes. The team, made up of largely 5th and lower 6th formers, turned in a very accomplished performance for the first game of the season and we ran out easy winners.

Lymm High School has always been one of the harder games of the season and it always has particular significance for me as I actually live in Lymm. The team was fairly confident, particularly after the first game at Sandbach, and indeed in the first half we played very capably against an under strength Lymm side. The second half, however, was completely different. Our team, having decided that it was going to be a walkover, were very rudely awakened. Within minutes of the restart, Lymm had scored two quick tries and thereafter they went from strength to strength, steamrolling our pack, breaking the back line on numerous occasions. Eventually, Lymm ran out easy winners.

The first two games really summed up our season. One week we would have a good turnout of the recognised players, although some were never seen at training sessions. The team would play in the right frame of mind and we would win easily. The following week, half the team would not turn up and people would be forced to play out of position and inevitably we lost heavily. Altrincham Grammar School told us that they would put out a weakened team, which they did - it only had six County trialists in at the end! Needless to say we were totally outclassed, but the performance was not helped by half the team not turning up and others turning up late, and even those that did turn up seemed to leave most of their kit behind!

King Edward VII, Lytham were another team unfortunate enough to turn up on one of our good days. In fact, this was one of the best displays that the second team had produced in any of the last three seasons, and both the pack and the backs played to the full capability and we eventually ended up convincing winners. Unfortunately, neither of the two top fixtures for the year produced the same quality of performance. With Manchester Grammar School's game, I think that all I can say is that we did actually have a full side, although I am not sure that Manchester Grammar School noticed us at all.

In the past, Stockport Grammar School games have always been very keenly fought, but I think this was without doubt the most embarrassing performance of the season. A number of players cried off before the game, some turned up late, some did not turn up at all, and those that did turn

up were somewhat demoralised before a ball had been kicked. The Stockport game summed up all that was bad about the second team performance throughout the season, and I think the least said, soonest mended.

Despite the up and down season, we were indebted to Dr Barnes, who never gave up on us and put in an enormous amount of time and effort into both coaching and refereeing. Mr Mallinder also put in a lot of effort at training and we learnt a great deal about the basic rudiments of the game. And finally, thanks to those parents who turned out, some nearly every Saturday come rain or shine, and our apologies to them for some of the performances!

James Brocklehurst (UHNV)

U15 RUGBY

Played 13, Won 5, Lost 8, Points for 150, Against 255.

v Sandbach School	W	0 - 29
v Lymm High School	W	27 - 22
v Cheadle Hulme School	L	15 - 45
v Altrincham Grammar School	L	12 - 22
v St Bede's College	L	14 - 22
v Ashton-on-Mersey High School	L	25 - 29
v Bury Grammar School	W	16 - 0
v Audenshaw High School	L	3 - 7
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L	0 - 27
v Manchester Grammar School	L	14 - 29
v Bolton School	W	17 - 6
v St Mary's College, Crosby	W	13 - 5
v Stockport Grammar School	L	0 - 7

A mid-season run of defeats, a couple of which could have been wins for School, gives a rather unbalanced view of the season. The squad, overall, was lacking in the number of quality players it possessed and it was obvious, at the start of the season that it would have to be a team effort rather than individual.

For the most part, the forwards won a reasonable amount of ball but never really enough quality possession within the opposition 22 m area. Again, for the most part, the backs were able to handle the ball but were guilty of running across the pitch rather than in a straight line. These deficiencies, against the better teams, meant that scoring many times was always going to be difficult and so it proved. The likes of Cheadle Hulme, Manchester G.S. and Stockport were all too strong for us. Cheadle Hulme were the biggest team we played against, Manchester G.S. the most skilful and Stockport were better organised, although we pushed them hard all the way to the final whistle. However, the best performance by the School was against a very good St Mary's team who were both skillful and very physical. Playing excellent tactical rugby, the U15's controlled the game and deserved their victory. I suppose that it is true to say that the better teams play, week in, week out, at a consistently high level. That game was the highlight of the season but the team never, before or after, played as well in any other match.

Of the forwards John Daniel, Tim Barraclough, Hamza Anwar and Tim Edwards all made significant contributions both in the set piece and loose play situations

with Daniel Ellis, Ben Veitch, Adam Goldsmith, Luke Hassett, Brett Smith, Nicky Arthur and Paul Murphy showing improvement. Once all these players develop the skill and vision as individuals and the organisational requirements of forward play they could do very well.

Behind the pack, David Hancock was our strongest running back - often choosing to run the ball when a pass might have been the best option. David, nevertheless, kept the pack going forward for much of the time and our points total would have been much less without his efforts. The difficult position of fly half was occupied by Matthew Naylor. Matthew had a strange season starting out quite well but then, possibly as the better teams exerted more pressure on him, playing badly until for the last few games he regained his form. Ruddy Mensah and Robert Hanley were our usual centre pairings. Both will need to develop better attacking skills to enable either faster distribution of the ball or a break to be made. Either of these options would have given the other, outside players, more of a chance to run in tries. At full back, Chris Johnstone began to enter the attack line more and more, Saqib Arshad and Zishan Anjum, our regular wingers, also looked for the ball rather than waiting for it to be passed to them. However, all the threequarters should endeavour to improve their own attacking skills and distribution of the ball.

When called upon to do so, all the following players gave of their best and fitted into the threequarter line easily: Oliver Briggs, Craig Baker and Matthew Whyatt. Late on in the season, Simon Connor was asked to deputise because of injury to players and played at lock or number 8. Both David Hancock (scrum half) and Hamza Anwar (lock) gained representative honours with Cheshire U15.

C H Seddon

U14 RUGBY

Played 14, Won 4, Lost 10, Points for 200, Against 479.

v Sandbach School	L	10 - 51
v Lymm High School	L	0 - 40
v Cheadle Hulme School	L	7 - 57
v Altrincham Grammar School	W	40 - 0
v St Bede's College	L	5 - 44
v Ashton-on-Mersey High School	W	41 - 29
v Bury Grammar School	W	29 - 5
v Wright Robinson High School	W	28 - 19
v Audenshaw High School	L	12 - 46
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L	0 - 40
v Manchester Grammar School	L	5 - 45
v Bolton Grammar School	L	7 - 31
v Stockport Grammar School	L	0 - 40
v Bramhall High School	L	16 - 32

As the above results will clearly show, this is not one of the strongest teams ever produced by the School. However, there are a number of players who have demonstrated good skill levels throughout the season. The forwards worked well as a unit all season, maintaining good control of the ball and greatly improving their handling skills as the year progressed. Richard Nixon (captain), at number 8, regularly displayed his determination and strength both in set pieces and when running the ball. Good support play usually came from Neil Matthews, Robert Watson and Chris Lindley. The forward unit proved to be the side's main asset and they have a good supply of skill and determination to take them through into future years. However, most of them have yet to learn that rugby is a hard game which demands total concentration and effort

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both during a match and throughout a season. By contrast, the back division lacked cohesion, confidence and basic skills, although there were glimpses of genuine potential from different individuals, though unfortunately never in the same game. Robert Richardson, at scrum half, has the inherent ability required, but must learn to apply himself not just in matches (where his level of commitment is good), but also during training. In the centre, the pairing of David Wynter and Marvin Daniel possessed both speed and handling skills, however, they must put a great deal of work into their defence for next season.

The team as a whole very rarely came together with totally unified performances. All too often their morale collapsed when under pressure, resulting in the opposition running away with the game, yielding some very unflattering scorelines. Without question, all of these players would greatly benefit from a higher level of participation in the game of rugby, through involvement with one or more of the many local club sides. The forwards included: R. Nixon, N. Matthews, C. Edwards, R. Watson, C. Lindley, G. West, O. Ajaz, M. Norcliffe, C. Grimshaw, M. Ghazi. The backs included: R. Richardson, B.M. Green, D. Wynter, M. Daniel, J. Hancock, P. Edisbury, A. Dignan, J. Ahmad, F. Ahmed. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Seddon and Mr Mallinder for all their help and advice during the season, and the parents who regularly turned out to encourage and support the team.

A R Austen

U13 RUGBY

Played 15, Won 14, Lost 1, Points for 601, Against 63

v Sandbach School	W	62 - 0
v Lymm High School	W	27 - 0
v Cheadle Hulme School	W	65 - 0
v Altrincham Grammar School	W	51 - 0
v St Bede's College	W	56 - 0
v Ashton-on-Mersey High School	W	57 - 5
v Bury Grammar School	W	65 - 0
v Wright Robinson High School	W	49 - 3
v Audenshaw High School	W	18 - 5
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	W	17 - 5
v Manchester Grammar School	L	12 - 20
v Bolton School	W	29 - 0
v Stockport Grammar School	W	24 - 7
v Sale Grammar School	W	42 - 0
v Bramhall High School	W	27 - 17

This team as Under 12's were the talk of the School, unbeaten and prolific scorers. I therefore looked forward to the season with both anticipation and trepidation; how could we as a team improve on a perfect record? The answer of course was that we could not, and as everybody knows unbeaten runs come to an end at some point. What is important is how it effects the team. To this team's great credit they used the experience as a platform to go on and play better rugby. At the start of the season I set myself the targets of improving individual skill levels and producing a team that played a 15 man style of game which has been called "total rugby", however this idealistic approach was not easy to achieve.

As with many teams that enjoy high levels of success very early in their development, it rather went to their heads. The first game at Sandbach was dominated by

our very strong, fast individuals, great for them, but not so helpful for the rest. Sandbach's defence was not good enough to cope with these good players and so they ran through; the trouble was that the rest of our team had come to expect this to happen, so stood back and watched rather than supporting. Also the individually strong players sometimes tried to do too much on their own and ended up running across the pitch, not passing to the others, eventually getting isolated and losing the ball. The second consequence of this style of play is that it creates discontent and ill-discipline within the team. This showed in some games where there was a lot of shouting and arguing with each other. What we needed was some stronger opposition to make us play as a team.

Lymm High School provided this. We had to work hard to beat them, particularly in the forwards but once the front five won the ball our backs and the back-row did the rest scoring five good tries. The next few games saw us record some high scoring wins against rather weak opposition, however we only played as a team in patches but when we did it was very impressive. Throughout this time Mr Mallinder and myself were working at the basics of the game. Getting the forwards working together and supporting each other and the backs to run straight, pass and support. One thing I did not have to work too hard at to improve was the team's tackling. They all, to a man, loved tackling and there were some big hitters in the Skinner and Winterbottom mould amongst our number.

The second half of the season was much tougher and as a result it brought the best out of the players. It started with the game at Audenshaw and many of the star players were missing thus giving the others a chance to make an impact and they did just that. At last we came up against a team that really made us work hard, as a result it

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was a good game which we were pleased to win. We continued this good form against King Edward's and again ran out winners in a close contest. The first game back after half term was at M.G.S. It was always going to be the hardest of the season. This proved to be the case, M.G.S. had a huge set of forwards and the game was played on rather a small pitch, which did not help our cause. Though we tried manfully for the whole game we could not match

their power and close control, finally going down. The end of the winning run, but also a starting point. The final games also provided some tough games however we played much better and moved forward as a team. Highlights were the games against Stockport and Bramhall, particularly the latter, a game in which we played some first class rugby and it was a fantastic way to end the season.

UNDER 13 SQUAD PLAYER PROFILES

Props -	THOMAS CHUNG ANDREW PICKFORD	Very strong, runs straight, tackles hard. Good player, strong and getting fitter, best game v Audenshaw.
Hooker -	IAIN GAGE NICK SHARWIN	Always gives 100%, tidies up loose ball well. Best game v Audenshaw. Very good at the technicals, hooking, throwing in at line-out, works hard in loose play.
Locks -	ANTHONY WARDLE CHRIS WHITE	Good runner in loose play. Technically good, works hard, always there - unsung hero.
Flankers -	DAVID FREEMAN JOE HOLLAND JAMES VEITCH	Works hard always gives 100%. Great player, fast, hard tackler, links up with others. Best game v St Bede's Most improved player - always in support, tackles hard, runs straight. Best game v King Edwards
No 8 -	WILLIAM KENT	Very strong, athletic, great prospect. Best game v M.G.S.
Scrum Half -	LUKE COFFEY DANIEL PETERS	(Scully), excellent player, skill, pace, good knowledge. Best games v King Edwards and Stockport. Good player, tenacious tackler. Best game v Bolton.
Fly Half -	DANIEL NAYLOR	Excellent player, skilful, good awareness. Best game v Bramhall.
Centres -	IAN ALLISON CHRISTOPHER HARWOOD DAVID ROGERS	Very good player, skilful, hard tackler - R.L. Action. Great hands, side step and tackling. Best game v Bramhall - R.L. Action. Good player, runs straight, tackles hard.
Wings -	TOM GENT RICHARD HOPKINSON EMIKA NEWEGON PHIL ROBINSON	Tricky runner, good side step - also played full-back. Great runner, finisher, tackles hard. Also played well in the forwards. Best game v Stockport Very elusive runs, tackles well. Quick, good tackler.
Full Back -	JONATHAN MURPHY	Good last line of defence.

Other players that came onto the squad and made valuable contributions were:- Jon Byrom, Adam Harris, Ben Hassan, Tom Hickman, Jack Leigh, Sefton Miller, Alex Russell and Neel Shah. This group of players have tremendous potential. If they stick together, work hard at their skills and develop both knowledge and awareness of the game, they could go on to be one of the best in W.H.G.S. history. Finally a few thanks - firstly to the players, I had a great time coaching them, working at a very high level. Secondly to Mr Mallinder for his help in games lessons and coaching sessions. To Mr Myers, Mr G H Jones and Mr Hewston for their help and travelling to away games. Last but not least to all the parents and friends for their support.

N P Dunn

U12 RUGBY

Played 11, Won 5, Lost 5, Drawn 1, Points for 132, Against 160.

v St Bede's College	W	5 - 0
v Ashton-on-Mersey High School	D	5 - 5
v Bury Grammar School	W	39 - 0
v Wright Robinson High School	W	46 - 0
v Audenshaw High School	L	0 - 34
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	L	5 - 24
v Manchester Grammar School	L	0 - 22
v Bolton School	W	12 - 5
v Stockport Grammar School	L	5 - 26
v Sale Grammar School	W	15 - 10
v Bramhall High School	L	0 - 34

In terms of results on the field, the U12 team have had a reasonable season. In terms of attitude, commitment and enthusiasm, however, they have had an excellent one. The squad consisted of 28 boys, some of whom, although playing only once, never lost their desire to participate and learn. The season began successfully with a narrow victory against St Bede's. The only try of the game was scored by a jubilant Dawkins who, throughout the course of the year, proved himself to be a very competent centre. This was followed by a very closely contested game against Ashton-on-Mersey which ended in a draw. The team won comfortably in the following two games against Bury and Wright Robinson. Mr Myers' tireless work with the forwards was beginning to bear fruit as they began to play as an effective unit rather than in ones and twos. Wimbleton and Green were particularly impressive in the front row. The backs were also impressive in these two games, with Griffiths and Stonehouse, the scrum-half/fly-half link, combining well to make good use of the possession won by the forwards.

The following three fixtures were sobering experiences, as the team lost to Audenshaw, Lytham and MGS. After an encouraging and successful start to the season the team seemed to run into a brick wall. The opponents in these three games were generally quicker and stronger. It was at this point that the mettle and spirit of the team was put to the test. I told the team at the start of the MGS game that, "The strength of a ship's mast is only truly tested in the storm." I think that they understood what I meant! Even though they were defeated 0 - 22, they fought admirably for each other and displayed tremendous team spirit. This spirit was in evidence against Bolton and Sale where the team recorded two victories. Against a very strong Stockport side they showed perseverance, courage and resilience. All these qualities were unfortunately absent against Bramhall, where the team very disappointingly ended the season with a whimper rather than a roar. They must learn to play with more consistency next year.

Our front row of Anthony Green, James Wimbleton and Puya Niroomand/Alex Kizir worked hard all year to improve their scrummaging technique. The second row pairing was chosen from Alick Hyde, Matthew Royle, Ashley Eadsforth and the very versatile Robert Thompson. The back row usually consisted of Daniel Robinson and the potentially explosive Babajide Alafiatayo. John Fletcher, Sam Higgins or William Shaw (who could also play in the front row) made up the trio.

Scott Griffiths and Paul Stonehouse provided an effective scrum-half/fly-half combination. Griffiths confidently captained the team and led by example on many occasions. His pace and aggression were often decisive

factors in games. The most successful centre pairing was to be found in Matthew Dewsnap and Warren Dawkins. Both showed speed, courage and vision, although they should look to improve their ball handling skills. Dewsnap also kicked very competently all year. Julian Chapman, Brett Ramsumair and one of Sam McClements, Zaid Nejm and Daniel Gall completed the line-up. Chapman and Ramsumair are both naturally athletic and quick. They should, with dedication and hard work, mature into exciting rugby players.

Working with this squad has been thoroughly enjoyable. They have been keen to listen, learn and work hard. Above all, they enjoyed playing the game. I would like to sincerely thank all those colleagues and parents who offered advice, help and support throughout the season. I am particularly indebted to Mr Myers and Mr Thompson. Their expertise and willingness to help proved invaluable.

The squad consisted of: S.J. Griffiths (captain), L.L. Adams, B.O. Alafiatayo, H. Al-Bayati, R.J. Booker, J.L. Chapman, D. Daly, W.N. Dawkins, M.A.S. Dewsnap, A.C. Eadsforth, J.J. Fletcher, D.R. Gall, A.P. Green, S.J. Higgins, A.J. Hyde, A.J. Johnstone, A. Kizir, S.A. McClements, A.G. McLeod, Z. Nejm, P. Niroomand, B.M. Ramsumair, D.M. Robinson, M.B. Royle, W.J. Shaw, P.M. Stonehouse, R.J. Thompson and J.A. Wimbleton.

M C Gorman

LACROSSE



1ST X LACROSSE

Played 15, Won 13, Lost 2.

League North Division 5 fixtures:

v Wilmslow A (A)	W	16 - 9
v Blackpool (A)	W	12 - 9
v Manchester University (A)	W	10 - 2
v Boardman B (H)	W	9 - 3
v Sale B (H)	W	10 - 0
v Mellor B (A)	W	8 - 4
v Ashton B (A)	W	15 - 3
v Manchester University (H)	W	12 - 0
v Poynton B (H)	W	10 - 9

U19 Sunday floodlit fixtures:

v Heaton Mersey	L	3 - 6
v Sale	W	5 - 4
v Wilmslow	W	8 - 6
v Cheadle Hulme	W	6 - 4
v Sale	L	6 - 7
v Heaton Mersey	W	6 - 4

The suspicion that Division 5 fixtures would be a total failure for a School 1st lacrosse team was not finally borne out by the facts. On two occasions, it is true, we were let down by opposition teams' failure to raise sides, but we had Sunday fixtures to make up for these, and only the weather actually forced us into a blank weekend. An effort was made to raise sides for games in the rugby term, but we always finished up just short of the required numbers and strength as the players' perfectly understandable

commitment to their rugby, their work and their personal fitness made it impossible to fit everything into a crowded week.

The team was a very well-balanced side at its best, and it was outstandingly led by Chris Gleave who achieved the ultimate accolade during the season of selection for the full England Squad. This was largely on the strength of his excellent technique at the face, and in taking such a large proportion of the faces for the School side, he takes a huge quantity of physical punishment. It does the other middies great credit that they can fill in so effectively for such an influential player. All of them have great skill and massive running power and it was a special pleasure to introduce new players over the season and see them fit in to the side so well.

Jonathan Sills joined Gleave in the England U19 side, and the reason why was clear in the calm yet aggressive technique of his man-on-man defence. It was good to be able to give White a well-deserved full season in the centre of the defence - his goals were high points of the season - and Vickers completed a School lacrosse career of great commitment with his best season ever. England attracted the attention of national squad selectors with some robust and sensible performances; and the replacement of any of the regulars with the up-and-coming Flood always kept the unit looking sound and confident. Knowles, when he eventually took over in goal, produced some inspired spells of goalkeeping, especially his 'shut-out' against the University and his four staggering saves with the score at 10 - 9 against Poynton.

The team's main weakness, as often in recent years, was in the settling of controlled attack plays in which midfield and attack combine to hold the ball and patiently make the sort of chance which is either scored or immediately recycled into renewed control. Obviously the mutual understanding of a settled side can achieve this, but it proves difficult in a School season: the other problem is how to accommodate the individual brilliance on the ball which is the aim of most top young players. Quality breaks from midfield by Flatman, Robinson and Brocklehurst produced goals all too rarely this season, not because of the player on the ball, but because other players could not fully occupy their own men. The main individual goals, apart from Gleave's extravagant handling and shooting skills, came from the ever-eccentric Warnes and from Stansfield who finished his final, rather interrupted season with goals which even he must count amongst the best of many. Any player who relishes the successful feed as much as actually scoring himself could find great satisfaction in picking out Hope or Ghazi, the latter especially finding lots of space in any defence.

This was quite a successful season on the whole. My thanks are due to coach Tom Wenham, whose manner I greatly admired, to colleagues Messrs Simkin and Wood for helping me out on some Saturdays, and finally and most of all to a mature and friendly group of players who provided me with some enjoyable afternoons.

The team was usually selected from the following:

Goal: Mark Knowles, Jeff Pearson.

Defence: Jonathan Sills, James White, James Vickers, Richard England, Stephen Flood.

Midfield: Chris Gleave (C), James Brocklehurst, Josh Robinson, Jonathan Flatman, Morgan Parry, Daniel Taylor, Daniel Gent.

Attack: Mark Warnes, Iain Cooke, Dominic Stansfield, Carl Hope, Nick Ghazi.

2ND X LACROSSE

Played 3, Won 1, Lost 2, For 24, Against 27.

v Stockport C (H)	L	7 - 9
v Sockport C (H)	W	7 - 6
v Boardman & Eccles C (H)	L	10 - 12

The 2nd team played in Division 6 of the League North and, being the lowest division in the league, many clubs found it difficult to raise their lowest team. Consequently, we had many problems trying to get regular fixtures. Only three matches were played, but the quality of these games was very pleasing - all three matches were closely fought with no more than two goals in them.

In the first game, against Stockport C, the School started slowly and was 7-2 down at half-time. A second half fightback narrowed the deficit but Stockport ran out winners. The second match, also against Stockport C, was played seven weeks later and hence it was like starting the season again. However, the School started much better in this game and, despite Stockport drawing level several times, managed to win by the odd goal. The final game, against Boardman C, saw the opposition establish a 5-2 half-time lead, which was extended to 10-4 by three-quarter time. In a spirited last quarter the School came back strongly but had left it too late.

Considering the lack of practice and the lack of continuity in fixtures, the standard of lacrosse was very reasonable and the team spirit excellent. I would like to thank all the players for their tolerance of the fixtures situation and for producing three worthwhile games. Particular thanks go to Iain Cooke, the captain, who signed off in style by scoring six goals in the final match.

The following players represented the School:

I.J. Cooke (captain), P. Bagnall, T.M. Berkeley, M.J. Birtwistle, G.R. Brocklehurst, J.E. Crawshaw, A.J. Holden, K.N. Khan, C.R. Ogden, J.H. Pearson, N.J. Reading, M.E. Robinson, D.J. Rowlands, D.N. Slack, D.I. Taylor, A.M. Watkins, M.A. Whiteley and A. Xydeas.

A Simkin

U16 LACROSSE

Played 11, Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 5, For 76, Against 81.

v Timperley (A)	L	4 - 19
v Rochdale (A) - Juniors & Schools Cup	W	17 - 3
v Wilmslow (H)	L	3 - 15
v Wilmslow (A) - J & S Cup	W	9 - 8
v Ashton (A)	W	8 - 2
v Stockport (A)	L	3 - 11
v Wilmslow (H)	L	3 - 9
v Ashton (A)	W	13 - 1
v Timperley (H) - J & S Cup semi-final	L	4 - 6
v Cheadle (H)	W	8 - 3
v Wilmslow (H)	D	4 - 4

The season did not start well with a heavy defeat at Timperley. We then had a comfortable passage into the second round of the Cup against a weak Rochdale team. However, the next match brought the first of four meetings with Wilmslow, which they won easily. By coincidence, the very next match was against Wilmslow in the Cup and

C P Langford

was a turning point in the season. The School fought hard to stay in touch with Wilmslow and then came back from 5-8 down to win 9-8.

A comfortable win at Ashton in atrocious conditions was followed by defeat against a strong Stockport team. Wilmslow then gained some revenge for their Cup defeat before the School beat Ashton convincingly again. Having lost to Timperley 19-4 in the opening match of the season, we were clearly underdogs in the semi-final of the Cup. Our plan was to keep it very tight in defence and try to frustrate Timperley. This very nearly worked, the School leading 3-2 at half-time before Timperley's midfield strength helped them to win 6-4. A valiant effort. The season ended with a win against Cheadle and a draw in our fourth match against Wilmslow.

The squad is a small one and we had some major defensive problems originally. Reading was press-ganged into playing in defence but he never really put his heart into it. Ogden was new to the game and hence pretty basic, but he improved rapidly and his commitment was never in doubt. Beales was his usual quiet effective self. Help came from a surplus of defenders in the U15's squad. First Jones and then Gilmore became regulars. Both fitted in well, with Gilmore imposing his experience to organise the rest of the defence. Behind them, Robinson had an excellent season. From time to time we tried man to man marking but lack of determination to make it work led to the team reverting to a zone defence for much of the season. This is very frustrating for the opposition who were often forced to shoot from outside the zone. With Robinson capable of dealing with most long shots, the defence ended the season being very miserly.

We were short of one or two players in midfield. Brocklehurst, Calderbank, Lambert, Partington and Xydeas all worked well together but sometimes found themselves overrun against bigger, stronger opposition. We are a small team and this showed up particularly against Timperley in the semi-final. The usual attack of Jobling, Kellett and Newton was supplemented by Ghazi. Jobling scored regularly and created problems for most defences, sometimes in the wrong way. Kellett showed ability in flashes but did not get involved enough, while Newton has a tendency to give the ball away too readily. Ghazi made a big difference to the attack when he played and the other attackers began to learn from his example.

Despite great difficulties trying to get players out for practice - we never had thirteen out at any stage - the season was a good one. This year group has always been a difficult one to coach because of poor attitude to practice by a small number in the squad. Hence, they have not developed, in terms of knowledge of the game, as well as they should have done. Basics such as 'clearing', 'riding', 'fast breaks' and 'setting picks' were still foreign to several players and it is remarkable that the team could do so well with such limited knowledge. If the attitude and willingness to practice was lacking, the spirit on the field, particularly in adversity, was not. I would like to thank the players for their effort in making this a good season and Tom Wenham for his help with the coaching.

The following players represented the School: J.S. Jobling (captain), C.A. Baker, P.A. Beales, R.J. Bowie, G.R. Brocklehurst, M.D. Buckley, J.T. Calderbank, N.B. Ghazi, N. Gilmore, J.T. Higgins, R.S. Jones, S.J.C. Kellett, J.R.M. Lambert, M.W. Newton, C.R. Ogden, J.A.D. Partington, M.E. Robinson, C.C. Reading, R.M. Seddon and A. Xydeas.

A. Simkin

U15 LACROSSE

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

After a pre-season practice during the Christmas holidays, we began the season in earnest. Our first match against Rochdale was a morale boosting start to the season. Against a weaker side, we were able to build our confidence with a 16 - 4 win. The following week, we won our first round cup match against Cheadle Hulme. We were to meet Cheadle Hulme a further three times during the season.

In early February, our cup hopes were dashed in the second round by a 10 - 0 defeat by a very strong Mellor side. This defeat was only one of two defeats during a successful season.

The team has, undoubtedly, improved this year and functioned very well as a unit. One of the most impressive aspects, as a team, has been the way a few members were willing to be substitute goalkeepers for a game when necessary. In defence, we had strength with Steven Flood, Ben Veitch and John Daniels. At the attack end of the field, Paul Murphy led the scoring, netting twenty-four goals over the season.

Thanks go to Mr Welch and Mr Veitch for organising and coaching the team during the season.

The team was selected from the following: Craig Baker, Richard Bell, Richard Bowie, John Daniels, Steven Flood, Nick Gilmore, David Hancock, Robert Hanley, James Higgins, Russell Jones, Richard Longworth, Alex Mal'ouf, Paul Murphy, Matthew Naylor, Robert Poll, Philip Robinson and Ben Veitch.

James Higgins (4K)

U14 LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 2, Lost 7, Points for 52, Against 102.

v Heaton Mersey	L	4 - 19
v Timperley	L	1 - 15
v Wilmslow	L	2 - 22
v Cheadle	L	4 - 7
v Sale	W	16 - 1
v Wilmslow	L	4 - 22
v Old Waconians	W	18 - 2
v Poynton	L	0 - 8
v Cheadle	L	3 - 6

As the above results suggest, this was not a good season for the U14 Lacrosse Team. The problem was the lack of basic skills in the players. Until all team members can throw, catch and pick up a lacrosse ball at match speed, it is fairly pointless to try to play a team game with any expectation of success, for too few of the players worked hard enough in practice at the basics of the game. As a result, we would often lose the ball by failing to catch a pass or pick up a loose ball. All this meant that the opposition had far more possession than we had and, therefore, had far more shots at goal. With such a real lack of possession, the results were never really in doubt.

A second problem for the team was that too many players never developed the right attitude to benefit fully from practice sessions. Many were satisfied with low levels of performance, believing, mistakenly, that they would get better in the heat of the game. This never happened, in fact the opposite is true - under pressure these less skilful

players were made to look even less skilful. I only hope that they have learnt the lesson this season.

On the positive side, however, Ben Green (goal) got better as the season progressed (he never really wanted to play goalkeeper in the first place). Richard Nixon, Marvin Daniel and Adam Dignan always gave of their best. Ben Green (midfield) and Michael Ghazi could become much better players if that is what they want.

The above results apart, it was an enjoyable season in many ways. The team did improve, if slowly, and I think that a couple of the players actually developed a liking for training seeing that it is on the training pitch that you work hard to improve for match days.

Matthew Ludlam, Chris Smith, Robert Richardson, David Wynter, James Hancock, Ross MacKay, Jeremy Cooper, Neil Mcleod, Craig Smith, Araam Tehrani and Raymond Fu all played regularly, but should really work hard at the fundamentals of the game if they have a desire to play at the higher levels.

C H Seddon

U13 X LACROSSE

Played 10, Won 9, Lost 1.

v Stockport G.S. (A)	W	13 - 8
v Cheadle Hulme School (H)	W	17 - 2
v Mellor (A)	L	5 - 12
v Stockport G.S. (H)	W	12 - 1
v Cheadle Hulme School (A)	W	15 - 8
v Poynton 'A' (A)	W	13 - 1
v Sale (A)	W	18 - 7
v Stockport G.S. (A)	W	7 - 0
v Sale (H)	W	14 - 5
v Cheadle Hulme School (H)	W	12 - 0

The U13 team had its expected very successful season. The fixtures were almost entirely against U14 sides, but unfortunately the fixture list seemed to keep the team, perhaps because it was known to be a year young, away from the established best teams in the age group. As a result, of course, there were many long spells of total control when it was just too easy to score and there was no chance of developing quality attack play or sound defence under pressure, and though the team is indeed very strong, there are still few players who really know what to do when they have not got the ball.

James Veitch, as in the first year, looked a remarkably mature and technically very gifted young player, and it was good to see him being found with feeds by the other attacking players as the season progressed. A great deal of good possession came from the strength and courage of Coffey, Kent and Holland, and Kent produced some of the fastest shots I saw all season. White's positional play improved with every game, and it was good to see the great strides made by Machin, a very promising left-handed defender, and Hickman who produced an impressive crop of goals from midfield. The team was very fortunate to have two outstanding goalkeepers: Robinson's promotion to the U15's was a remarkable achievement, and it gave the excellent Robson the opportunity of full games in goal instead of having to share the time. When both these keepers were unavailable, Hopkinson was a spectacular replacement; like Naylor, he is one of those players who could play in any position at any game if he put his mind to it!

A successful team like this one is always backed by a group of interested and committed parents. My thanks go to the splendid supporters who were with us every week, especially Mr Veitch and Mr Robson who filled in so willingly for me and encouraged and helped the players to such good effect. My only regret is that parents of such a friendly, confident and talented group of young lacrosse players were sometimes exposed to the crude, gross, unpleasantness of opposition sides, which must be in danger of forcing lacrosse ever closer to extinction.

The team was usually selected from the following:

Goal: Philip Robinson, Michael Robson.
 Defence: Chris White, Joe Holland, Andrew Pickford, Andrew Machin, David Rogers.
 Midfield: William Kent, Luke Coffey, Richard Hopkinson, Tom Hickman, Tom Gent, Richard Illingworth.
 Attack: James Veitch (C), Daniel Naylor, Jonathan Murphy, Anthony Edwards.

C P Langford

U12 LACROSSE

Played 9; Won 3, Lost 6; Points for 66, Against 70

v Poynton - Cup (A)	L	2 - 8
v Timperley (A)	L	4 - 7
v Hcaton Mersey (A)	L	3 - 13
v Stockport Grammar School (H)	W	22 - 6
v Timperley (A)	W	14 - 7
v Stockport (A)	L	4 - 11
v Stockport Grammar School (A)	W	12 - 3
v Heaton Mersey (A)	L	1 - 9
v Norburv (A)	L	4 - 6
6-a-side Tournament (at Timpedey)	W2 ;	L2

The usual Christmas coaching sessions were well attended this year, and we had the advantage of the School professional lacrosse coach. Mr Tom Wenham, available to assist in starting the boys from scratch in what was a new sport to most of them. Training and coaching sessions continued every lunchtime and on the first few Saturday mornings of the Term. There proved to be a good number of strong athletes who quickly picked up the stick skills necessary, and we looked forward to a practice game set up prior to our first match. However, bad weather prevented both the practice game and the first match taking place, and we had to play a Cup game without having played together as a team.

We worked hard on a cold day at Poynton, but lack of goal power, together with a defence unsure of position play prevented us doing better than a 2-8 loss to the team who eventually reached the Final. Timperley's astroturf was encountered next, when Daniel Gall played the first of many splendid games in goals, and Warren Dawkins found the space to help the goalkeeper clear. Our midfield, however, tried too many ambitious passes, and every missed pass rolled into touch. A very strong Heaton Mersey side were too good for us, and we had to abandon the use of midfield strings to keep our stronger players on for longer periods. Our one gain was the emergence of the skilful Chris Howarth.

Over Half Term, we entered a team in the North of England 6-a-side tournament, and played very well, gaining much satisfaction from our performances. Thanks to Mr Shaw for looking after the team on this day. After Half Term we played our one Home match, and convincingly beat a weak Stockport Grammar School side, with Anthony Green and Jamie Meers scoring regularly. This demonstrated the potential of our side. and what can be achieved by playing as a team. We then returned to the astroturf of Timperley, in a

match that included too much 'needle' between players from each team who knew each other. On a very wet day, we built up a good lead with Sam McClements covering well in defence and Scott Griffiths winning much in midfield. We started to let things slip a little, before coming back strongly to produce a well-deserved win. We then travelled to Stockport Lacrosse Club, the scene of a memorable semi-final victory last year, and took part in just as good a match. The opposition had a well-organised and strong defence, whereas only Robert Thompson was able to use his strength for us. Matthew Dewsnap and Scott Griffiths won faces and pushed forward well in midfield. We had much possession and territorial advantage, but the attack failed to put away the goals. A second string side played Stockport Grammar School in an evening, when Omar Hussain looked sharp in attack in his first game. Tired legs showed in the next day's game at Heaton Mersey, when we were never in the match and were convincingly beaten. Our final game was on a very heavy Norbury pitch against strong, tall and over-age players. The game proved to be an unfortunate end to the season.

This was a team of much potential, although their true potential seldom fully showed. We have yet another outstanding and confident goalkeeper in Daniel Gall, but an insecure defence in front of him. We have a very strong midfield, but an attack who do not score enough goals - the usefulness of a left-handed player in Paul Stonehouse needs to be carefully considered. If the players work together, they can go far. Thanks to Iain Shaw and Tom Wenham for their help in coaching, and to parents for supporting and helping with transport.

The team was usually selected from: W.N. Dawkins, M.A.S. Dewsnap, D.R. Gall, A.P. Green, S.J. Griffiths, C.J. Howarth, A.J. Johnstone, D.T. Mather S.A. McClements, A.G. McLeod, J.A.R. Meers, B.M. Ramsumair, W.J. Shaw, P.M. Stonehouse, R.J. Thompson

Also played: Z. Nejm, A. Eadsforth, F.Foroq, O. Hussain, M.B. Royle

M.D. Wood

HOCKEY



1ST XI HOCKEY

Played 5, Won 4, Drawn 0, Lost 1.

v Stockport Grammar School	L 0 - 2
v Kings, Macclesfield	W 1 - 0
v Newcastle Under Lyme	W 1 - 0
v St Bedes College	W 2 - 0
v Kings School, Macclesfield	W 7 - 0

U18 Barclays Bank Tournament:

v Loreto	D 0 - 0
v St Bede's College	D 0 - 0
v Altrincham Grammar School	L 1 - 2
v Cheadle Hulme	L 0 - 1

Manchester & District Tournament:

v St Bede's College	D 0 - 0
v Loreto	D 0 - 0

v Kingsway	D 0 - 0
v Altrincham Grammar School	L 0 - 1
v Stockport Grammar	L 0 - 1
v Bury Grammar	L 0 - 1

County Tournament:

v Manchester High	W 1 - 0
v Bury Grammar	D 0 - 0
v Hulme, Oldham	D 0 - 0
v Stockport Grammar	D 0 - 0
v Altrincham Grammar School	L 0 - 1

This season was the first year that there was a fully combined L6 and U6 team. The team was also helped by 5th year hockey players. The biggest problems the team faced in September were lack of fitness and getting used to playing together. We had only played before against each other in hockey practices at lunchtimes. We didn't get many matches, as many schools don't have senior squads. This resulted in us playing 5 matches and 3 tournaments.

The first game we played was against Stockport Grammar. We did play well, however, we were beaten 0 - 2 by a lot fitter team. This then led to fitness training and AstroTurf practising. This made the team a little fitter but also helped us to work as a team. Once we sorted out the initial problems, the team played really well winning the remainder of the matches. We began performing as a team and not as individuals passing the ball around, defending well and using all of the pitch and all the team are to be congratulated on their efforts. Our results at tournaments, however, look less convincing than they were. The team worked hard at all the tournaments but a goal drought seemed to be our problem. We had the games in hand, but the lack of goals meant we would always be one point away from the quarter or semi-finals.

Our thanks should be given to Miss Barlow, who always turned out whatever the weather, to the parents who turned out to watch us, whether we won or lost and to all the other people who helped along the way. A special thanks should also go to the captain, Claire Reichl and to all the U6 who were on the team. We wish them all the best for the future. The team was as follows:

Claire Reichl, Sarah Sheldon, Louise Borg, Alison Soper, Yvonne Schofield, Sally Ward, Kathryne Arran, Philippa Whittle, Caroline Ip, Bernadette McCurrie, Debbi Mosely, Sophie Stephenson and Geraldine Brook.

Sophie Stephenson (LPJC)

U16 HOCKEY

Played 8, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 6.

v Newcastle Under Lyme	L 2 - 5
v St Monica's	L 0 - 1
v Abraham Guest	L 0 - 1
v Marple Hall	W 3 - 0
v Kingsway	D 0 - 0
v Weaverham High	L 0 - 3
v Kingsway	L 0 - 3
v Stockport Grammar	L 0 - 1

Looking back on the season, our team hasn't really had much luck this year. On a few occasions we seemed to

have most of the play, but then let in a soft goal towards the end of the game and came away with a defeat. One of our main problems was our fitness - or lack of it. Injury and illness also plagued the season, so some games were played with the absence of many valuable players. However, all the girls attended regular practices but, unfortunately, this hard work did not do us justice on the pitch. The spirit of the team was high and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Hopefully next year we will be more successful; improving our fitness level should contribute to this.

I would like to thank all the girls who have devoted their Saturday mornings for five years to the team. I hope we will be able to field the majority of this team next year, that is if they have not gone on to better things.

I would like to thank Miss Barlow for all her time and effort over the years and for putting up with us. Unfortunately Miss, you've got some of us for another two years. 'What a shame!' Thanks also to those parents who supported us hail, rain or shine.

The following girls represented the team: Vicky Fleming, Emma Weedon, Caroline Shaw, Frances Edwards, Sarah Cochrane, Jane Lawson, Lucy Mattison, Kate Williams, Geraldine Brook, Rachel Goodwin, Louise Ives and Rachel Westbrook.

Geraldine Brook (5B)

U15 HOCKEY

Played 4, Won 1, Drawn 2, Lost 1.

v St Monica's
v St Bede's College
v Marple Hall
v Kingsway

W 1 - 0
D 0 - 0
L 0 - 2
D 1 - 1

After our dreadful results and attitude last season, there were mixed feelings about the squad continuing this year, hence we played so few matches. However, we still had a core of dedicated players who were determined to keep going and were prepared to work on the others. Fortunately, the third year squad were keen to help out. Without them we wouldn't have managed to put a team out on a couple of occasions. It was with their help that we actually managed to win a game - thanks must go to Carla Narnor for scoring our goals and to Levinia Clemetson for saving them at the other end. The pressure from the third years actually encouraged the rest of the fourth years to get involved, so eventually we managed to put out a full fourth year team. Hopefully, this enthusiasm will continue into next season when we become members of the senior squad.

Thanks must go to Miss Barlow, who 'stuck-out' with the team even though practice turnouts weren't brilliant and also to all the third years who helped out at one time or another. The following fourth years represented the team at some stage during the season: Maame Ankrah, Sally Burton, Lauren Crane, Carys Edwards, Cemile Egeli, Rachael Lee, Sarah Moore, Alex Preston, Tabassum Safdar, Laura Smith, Dipti Trivedi, Duygu Uflaz.

Tabassum Safdar (4J)
Rachael Lee (4L)

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U14 HOCKEY

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

v Stockport Grammar	L	0 - 3
v Newcastle Under Lyme	L	0 - 4
v St Monica's	W	4 - 0
v Abraham Guest	W	1 - 0
v St Bede's College	W	2 - 0
v Marple Hall	L	0 - 1
v Kingsway	L	0 - 1
v Weaverham High	W	1 - 0
v Kingsway	W	1 - 0
v Kings School, Macclesfield	W	6 - 0
v Winnington Park Hockey Club	W	2 - 0
v Stockport Grammar	D	1 - 1

The U14 team had quite a successful season this year, even though it started disappointingly. Having had a successful season last year, our first two matches which ended in defeat came as a bit of a shock and made us realise that we had to start playing as a team, not individuals, and also play as though we did actually want to win, ie with some determination and commitment, if we were to succeed again this year.

We had an encouraging win over Abraham Guest as they were playing their U15 team. This victory started us on our winning streak. The goals came more easily and Levinia (in our goal) had less to do in each match. We ended the season with two great matches, the first against a club team who we managed to beat, and the second against Stockport Grammar, although we only drew with them, they had beaten us convincingly at the start of the season. We were quite pleased with this result - we must have improved during the season after all.

Thanks to Miss Barlow who coached us throughout the season, introducing new skills and making us more tactically aware. We now look forward to another successful season next year

The following girls represented the team: Levinia Clemetson, Anya Dearden, Katie Chesworth, Alison Featherstone, Alison Hawcroft, Elizabeth Hyde, Kim Hayden, Sophie Hope, Stephanie Jackson, Carla Narnor, Joanna Shaw and Lauren Standing.

Lauren Standing (3J)

U13 HOCKEY

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

Southport 7's tournament: Played 5, Won 2, Drawn 2, Lost 1.

This year, a new hockey coach joined the School. It was our coach, Miss Matthews. She began to know us and our strong and weak points at hockey. At first, everything seemed to be nervy, but then we all got on well and were able to communicate with each other extremely well. Our first couple of matches were slightly disappointing, losing to Stockport and Newcastle Under Lyme. We were determined to improve, so worked hard. This paid off, as we won the following three matches and drew the fourth. This boosted our confidence in time for the Southport 7's tournament. We weren't used to playing 7-a-side and did not win a trophy. However, we played to the best of our ability and pleased the people who were involved. We were

very pleased with the results of our remaining four matches and with our efforts throughout the season.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Miss Matthews for her efforts this year. The following people represented the team: Sarah Baker, Emma Cruikshank, Georgina Laird, Laurie Edwards, Natalie Phillips, Elli Metcalfe, Caroline Bell, Danielle Baker, Rebekah Lawson, Peju Pearce, Sophie Nelson, Louise Goodwin, Georgina White and Kati Greenall (captain).

Kati Greenall (2J)

U12 HOCKEY

Played 6, Won 4, Drawn 2, Lost 0.

v St Bede's College	D	0 - 0
v Brookway	W	2 - 0
v Kingsway	W	1 - 0
v Kings School, Macclesfield	W	5 - 0
v Stockport Grammar	D	2 - 2
v Brookway	W	4 - 0

The U12 team had an extremely successful season - coming out unbeaten at the end of it. Our first match was slightly disappointing as, although we had much of the play, we just couldn't score, the game ending in a frustrating draw. Hence, the next few hockey practices were spent drumming the ball into the back of the net. This definitely paid off as we went on to score 14 goals and only conceded 2 before the season was out. (Well done Natalie and Sunita - who both had a go in goal!) After another draw towards the end of the season, we finished our last game with a convincing victory, as players had learnt to play as a team and were more confident in their position.

Thanks must go to Miss Barlow who gave up so many lunchtimes to coach us and also to the parents who supported us every match. The following girls represented the team: Hannah Naylor, Leanne Davidson, Emily Cochrane, Gemma Bookbinder, Beth Coffey, Laura Hopkinson, Sara Wolfson, Samantha John, Roxanne Scott, Gemma Litherland, Helia Asadi, Sunita Boodhoo and Natalie Pagano.

Leanne Davidson (1J)

Emily Cochrane (1J)

NETBALL



U18 NETBALL

The Senior Netball team have had a mixed season this year, winning two, losing two and drawing one. The weather caused a problem with the games being called off. This was the first year the team played together and everybody worked hard to achieve the results we did get. With many schools not having an U18 squad, we practised

week in and week out without any matches to which everybody should be given credit.

Many thanks should be given to Mrs Pollard who tried her best to get us matches and not let our season come to an anti-climax. Also thanks to parents who came to watch the matches who were very supportive, and to Nadia Hanley who has been an excellent captain and kept us going when, at times, we've not wanted to practise.

The team was: Nadia Hanley (captain), Caroline Ip (vice-captain), Claire Babington, Dalia Daud, Ellen Nicholson, Sophie Stephenson, Debbi Mosley, Bernadette McCurrie, Christina Barnes, Libby Gilmore, Nicola Miller, Alison Soper and Claire Reichl.

Sophie Stephenson (LGJT)
Caroline Ip (LGJT)

U16 NETBALL

The under sixteen netball team began this season excellently by winning their first match against Kingsway at home. Winning this match was an achievement for our team as last season every match we played was lost. To celebrate this, Mrs Pollard bought the whole team Mars Bars.

The next match played was against Marple Hall and was also won, however, when we played them again later in the season away, we lost. This was due to the team becoming a little too confident and mixing around the positions, due to some players not being available. The best match we played was against Manchester High School. The two teams were equally matched in ability and for this reason the goal scoring was low. At half time the result was three all and our school eventually won by six goals to five. Everyone watching commented on what an exciting game it was to watch and how much our team had improved since we last played them. This successful season of netball games is due to the determination and motivation of all the team players and I am pleased to say after five years it has eventually paid off.

The team would like to thank Mrs Pollard for coaching us every Tuesday and for the Mars Bars.

The team was as follows: Eleanor Heynes, Sahara Dixon, Jane Lawson, Asha DeSilva, Rachel Westbrook, Sarah Cochrane, Rachel Goodwin and Vicky Fleming.

Rachel Westbrook (5X)

U15 NETBALL

The U15's netball team were, to put it politely, 'unsuccessful' this year (and the last three!) Nevertheless, we still managed to come out and play on Saturday mornings (half dead, after getting up at 7 o'clock) to enjoy losing by at least 10. It seems now as though it is a necessity to lose and we felt disappointed if we won a match.

Thanks to Sarah Moore, Sally Burton, Lauren Crane, Laura Smith, Dawn Sing, Maame Ankrah, Rachel Aldersley, Duygu Uflaz, Cemile Egeli, Aimee Crilly, Debra Nussbaum and Alex Preston for attending practices and playing and also thanks to Miss Smith for coaching our hopeless but spirited team.

Lauren Crane (4S)

U14 'A' NETBALL

It was an encouraging start to the season with a 10-2 victory over Barlow High R.C. This boosted our confidence somewhat for the rest of the season. However, the remaining results showed us to be erratic with only two further wins and one draw to our credit. Although this inconsistency was regular, each game was closely fought and the result being doubtful until the last couple of minutes of the game.

Later in the season the squad entered an U14 netball tournament at Sale Grammar. Despite our only victory against Bolton 'B' we played to the best of our ability. This just didn't pay off against the likes of Saddleworth and Altrincham, however everyone enjoyed the experience of playing such first rate teams. A special thanks to Mrs Pollard for her hardwork and coaching throughout the season.

The following girls have represented the School: Levinia Clemetson, Anya Dearden, Carla Narmor, Alison Hawcroft, Elizabeth Hyde, Stacey Khafagy, Lindsey Thornton, Joanna Shaw, Kim Hayden and Joanna Gregory.

Anya Dearden (3K)

U14 'B' NETBALL

The U14 'B' Team were fortunate enough to play several matches this year against very challenging opposition.

We began the season at Marple Hall managing to beat them very convincingly, the final score being 15-2. This gave us a great confidence boost and we were ready to go on as we had begun. St Bede's also suffered defeat when they visited us at home for our second match of the season, but the margin of victory was not quite as big. In our next match against Stockport Grammar we managed to do everything except score goals, so we had to settle for a very disappointing second place. Despite our previous loss, spirits were high at Barlow High R.C. and after an extremely close match they managed to pull away in the second half to win 5-7. Our fifth and final match of the season was St Bede's again, away, and they had improved a lot since the last time we met. We were leading 2-1 at half-time, but St Bede's managed to pull back into the match, restricting us to a 3-3 draw.

I am very pleased with the team's performance and these results reflect the success of the team. The whole squad have trained and played with dedication and commitment this season improving their skill and team work. Some of the 'B' team have even been fortunate enough to represent the 'A' Team at some stage in the season. I would like to thank Mrs Pollard for giving up her lunch times and Saturday mornings to train us and referee our matches.

The following girls have represented the team: Katie Chesworth, Joanna Gregory, Alison Hawcroft, Kimberley Hayden, Sophie Hope, Stephanie Jackson, Joanna Shaw, Victoria Shaw, Lauren Standring and Preen Trivedi.

Joanna Shaw (3K)

U13 NETBALL

Another year, another coach, and I'm not talking about changing from Ralph Bullock to Finglands! Miss Smith had taken us under her wing, to mould us into a decent netball team. Oh well, she tried her best! As you can see from the results table, victory wasn't really something that occurred too often. At first, the losing seemed disheartening and to cause the team some grief, but we got used to it after a while. Although our results weren't that impressive, no-one can disagree that our team wasn't completely devoted and was willing to work accordingly. Every single player gave 100% effort and tried, as much as possible, to play as cleanly and fairly as possible. By this, we can only be pleased and wait for next season, upon which we will have learnt from our mistakes and so strive to do even better. On behalf of the team, I would like to give thanks to Miss Smith for giving up her spare, valuable time to teach us, and to these following members of the team: Sophie Nelson, Natalie Phillips, Laura Berrisford, Caroline Bell, Julia Atherton, Laurie Edwards and myself. Both Elli Metcalfe and Peju Pearce played regularly and were valuable reserves to the team. Also thank you to Louise Goodwin, Marsha Freeman and Karina Cordner for their loyal support at practices.

Kati Greenall (2J)

U12 'A' NETBALL

The start of a new School brought lots of new experiences, one of which was the choosing of the netball team. This entailed turning up for all the practices and learning not only the rules of the game but how to play as a team. About 17 of us turned up for the first practice, all hoping to be picked and eventually had enough prospective players for an A and B team so nobody was too disappointed.

Our first match was against Marple Hall School. The score was 6-12, we lost. Out of the 7 games we played we won 4 and lost 3. This first year was a year to get to know each other and begin to be a team. Beth Coffey and Emily Cochrane were the two shooters, they improved with each game as they gained confidence. They knew how to handle the ball within the circle and how to throw accurately. Gemma Bookbinder as W.D. knew how to take

my centre passes and always found a space to be ready to take a pass. Gemma Carolan as W.A. improved throughout the year and became more confident and not too scared of catching the ball.

Adana Opara and Gemma Litherland worked hard as they defended the attacking team. Adana's height helped considerably and Gemma's hard throwing was a bonus, I as centre found my task easier throughout the season as we gelled more as a team and once everybody could catch my hard throws. I can't wait for next year and the challenge to win ALL our matches.

Thanks to Mrs Pollard and Mrs Hesp for the time they have devoted to us.

Hannah Naylor (Captain)
Gemma Bookbinder

U12 'B' NETBALL

September 1994 began and the new first year girls knew that they had to try their very best in playing their first games of netball. I remember my very first time when I went to netball with the coaching of Mrs Hesp who both the 'B' and 'A' netball team give their greatest thanks to for giving up her breaks at lunchtimes. At first, we would learn the very basics such as footwork skills, passing the ball, marking your friends in their positions and, of course, getting free from them.

The following people who played in the 'B' team were Sara Wolfson, Sarah Ogden, Helia Asadi, Laura Hopkinson, Natalie Pagano, Victoria Bramwell, Katy Samuels, Andrea Reah, Helen Fisher and last, but not least, Sunita Boodhoo.

I think all the people who were in the 'B' team deserve a big thank you for taking part. All the people in the 'B' team stuck together and not only do I think but a lot of other people think that the team spirit is the most important thing in a team! Even though we didn't succeed in winning our netball matches, we tried our best, which is all that counts.

I personally think that in the future we'll get our own back on Stockport Grammar and Barlow High School and show them that William Hulme's Netball Team is the one and only best team you could possibly ever have!!!

Sara Wolfson (1R)

NETBALL RESULTS 1994-1995

	12A	12B	13A	13B	14A	14B	15A	16A	18A	18B
Barlow High R.C. (H)			L 6-11		W 10-2		L 3-13	L 8-15		
Marple Hall (H)	L 6-12		W 7-2		L 6-8	W 15-2	L 5-27	W 10-9		
Kingsway (H)			L 9-14	L 8-12	L 11-14		L 3-21	W 7-6		
St Bede's (H)			L 8-16		W 15-7	W 9-7	L 0-16		W 10-9	L 8-21
Kingsway (A)	W 6-4		L 2-15							
Manchester High (H)	W 4-2		L 3-6		L 1-7		L 3-22	W 6-5	W 14-3	
Stockport Grammar (H)	W 12-11	L 1-12	L 5-21		L 5-19	L 0-24	L 5-19	L 10-25	L 9-19	L 9-28
Stockport Grammar (A)	L 6-20	L 0-18	L 2-12	L 5-17			L 2-22		L 11-20	W 21-11
Marple Hall (A)	L 9-11		L 4-7		7-7		L 5-20	L 9-21		
Barlow High R.C. (A)	W 5-1	L 3-4	D 7-7	W 14-2	W 7-6	L 5-7	L 3-13			
St Bede's College (A)					L 3-7	D 3-3				

CRICKET



1ST XI CRICKET

Played 18, Won 9, Drawn 7, Lost 2.

- v Bury Grammar School
Bury 210-8 dec
WHGS 202-4 (Flatman 82*)
Match Drawn
- v King's School, Macclesfield
King's Macclesfield 122 all out (Knowles 4-16)
WHGS 123-3 (Flatman 54*, Cooke 53)
Won by 7 wickets
- v QEGS, Wakefield
QEGS, Wakefield 200-9 dec
WHGS 167-6 (Jaiswal 53)
Match Drawn
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham
Lytham 123 all out (Johnson 5-23)
WHGS 126-4
Won by 6 wickets
- v St Bede's College
St Bede's 182-7 dec
WHGS 158-6
Match Drawn
- v Birkenhead School
Birkenhead 193-6 dec
WHGS 194-6 (Hope 86)
Won by 4 wickets
- v King's School, Chester (50 over match)
WHGS 260-8 (Hope 95)
King's, Chester 140 all out
Won by 120 runs
- v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby
MTS 148 all out (Knowles 5-42)
WHGS 151-3 (Newton 62)
Won by 7 wickets
- v Royal Belfast Academical Institute
WHGS 164 all out
RBAI 142-8
Match Drawn
- v XL Club
WHGS 201-9 dec (Cooke 58)
XL Club 169-7
Match Drawn

- v Manchester Grammar School
MGS 113 all out (Johnson 4-17)
WHGS 114-8
Won by 2 wickets
- v Bradford Grammar School
BGS 160 all out
WHGS 162-7
Won by 3 wickets
- v MCC
MCC 175-5 dec (Warnes 4-56)
WHGS 135-9
Match Drawn
- v Old Hulmeians (45 over match)
WHGS 173-7 (Flatman 65)
Old Hulmeians 177-3
Lost by 7 wickets
- v Wellingborough School
WHGS 215-3 dec (Newton 59, Flatman 80*, Cooke 51)
Wellingborough 90 all out (Warnes 6-28)
Won by 125 runs
- v Chigwell School
Chigwell 229-5 dec
WHGS 116-9
Match Drawn
- v Pocklington School
WHGS 141 all out
Pocklington 142-5
Lost by 5 wickets
- v Magdalen College School, Oxford
MCS 149 all out (Johnson 5-17)
WHGS 150-5 (Flatman 67)
Won by 5 wickets

The 1st XI had its best season for many years, winning half of its games and losing only twice. The team was well motivated and appeared to enjoy playing the game, and on occasions showed great spirit and fight.

Cricket teams tend to reflect the philosophy and attitude of their captain, and William Hulme's were very fortunate to be led by Iain Cooke. Iain is one of the best School captains I have seen, and his positive attitude and willingness to experiment rubbed off on the rest of the team. He played several important innings, notably a fine fifty under pressure at Macclesfield, but it was his leadership which made the team a positive and exciting one to watch. The entire 1st XI squad is greatly indebted to him.

One of the critical differences between this and other school teams was the ability to bowl teams out. Simon Johnson and Asif Majid proved an extremely potent pair of opening bowlers, each taking well over 30 wickets in the season. Particular highlights included Simon's 4-17 in 19 overs against Manchester Grammar and Asif's opening burst against King's, Macclesfield. Both these players can also bat, and if Simon can develop a little patience and Asif a little self-confidence, both will be formidable all-rounders for the next two years.

The batting was frequently held together by Jonathan Flatman, who played several crucial innings. Most important and impressive were his fifties against King's, Macclesfield and MCS, Oxford, when he held our innings together on each occasion. Jonathan also captained

capably on those occasions when Iain Cooke was absent. Several other players also contributed greatly to this enormously successful season. Carl Hope successfully graduated from the 2nd XI and his 86 against Birkenhead was one of the enduring memories of the season. Nick Bell bowled very tidily for the whole season without ever taking very many wickets. His tight line and length were an integral part of our bowling attack and will continue to be so for another two years. Miles Newton also played some useful innings, and Sujoy Jaiswal contributed significantly with bat, ball and in the field, where his speed and agility were, at times, staggering. Mark Warnes contributed greatly to our efforts when he was available, and would have taken many wickets had he been available for the whole season.

In a team with so many all-rounders, there will always be a few people who do not so much, but are essential to the team's efforts. Daniel Gent, Nick Ghazi, Steve Kellett and James Jobling all performed well and with enthusiasm, and all were great company and often produced a little sanity when the rest of us became a little too obsessed with winning cricket matches.

The 1995 cricket season was a marvellous experience for me. I am proud of our achievements, and cannot emphasise enough how much effort and time these cricketers gave to ensure that the season was a success. All that remains is to thank all those involved and to look forward to the 1996 season when we aim to win ten matches.

The following represented the 1st XI this season: I. Cooke (captain), V. Flatman (vice-captain), N. Bell, S. Dé, D. Gent, A. Dhir, N. Ghazi, R. Hanley, C. Hope, S. Jaiswal, J. Jobling, S. Johnson, S. Kellett, M. Knowles, A. Majid, M. Naylor, M. Newton, P. Sidebottom, M. Warnes.

P R Hewston

2ND XI CRICKET

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

- v Bury Grammar School (H)
Won 9 wickets
Bury 48
WHGS 52-1 (Hope 29)
- v King's School, Macclesfield (H)
Match Drawn
Macclesfield 141-8 (Chaudhri 5-64)
WHGS 99-8 (Jobling 33, Dé 31 n.o.)
- v QEGS, Wakefield (A)
Lost by 40 runs
QEGS 157 (Khan 5-33)
WHGS 117 (Dé 37, Jobling 32)
- v St Bede's College (A)
Won by 8 runs
WHGS 79 (Ghazi 28)
St Bede's 71 (Khan 4-14)

- v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby (H)
Lost by 74 runs
Crosby 174-4
WHGS 100
- v Manchester Grammar School (A)
Match Drawn
WHGS 168 (Warnes 70, Mehta 40)
Manchester Grammar School 146-6
- v Bradford Grammar School (A)
Match Drawn
WHGS 159 (Warnes 75)
Bradford 156-5

The results show a fairly modest playing record but do not tell the full story. It is always difficult to raise a regular Second XI and this year was no exception. In fact, it has got harder: the advent of modular A'levels now means that all three year groups, from which the First and Second XI's are selected, have public examinations. Hence, as the examinations get closer, more and more students are saying they cannot play. Anyone who cries off for the First XI weakens the Second XI as well. Although only seven matches were played, no fewer than twenty-eight players were needed.

The season started with an easy win against a Bury team that could only raise nine men and was followed by a draw against one of the strongest Second teams, Macclesfield. Good bowling meant that Macclesfield had to bat on longer than they would have liked and this helped the School to hold out for a draw. QEGS, Wakefield inflicted our first defeat. They are always strong, but the School gave them a good game and a win looked possible until a late collapse emphasised the frailty of our tail. A narrow win against St Bede's, when both teams were under strength, completed the fixtures before half-term. Only three games were possible after the break. Our second defeat came against Crosby, when we were outplayed but almost hung on for the draw with Rahman getting out in the last over. The last two matches produced draws in very similar circumstances: the School batted first, set a stiff target (thanks to Warnes), and then the opposition were unable to get the runs.

The team changed so drastically through the course of the season that no one person dominated either batting or bowling. The early runs came from Hope, Dé, Ghazi and Jobling, but three of these were elevated to First team status and, towards the end of the season, Warnes made significant contributions. Chaudhri got the first five wicket haul, but was unavailable for the second half of the season, while Khan and Dé also bowled well. My thanks go to all the players for their efforts and particularly to Raffi Haroutunian, the captain. He has had plenty of experience in the Second XI and he needed it to cope with the changing faces in the team, invariably trying to let everyone contribute.

The following boys represented the School: R. Haroutunian (captain), I.S. Anwar, M.Y. Aslam, M.J. Birtwistle, J.T. Calderbank, F. Chaudhri, S. Dé, R. England, D.J. Gent, N.B. Ghazi, D.R. Goldstein, S.D. Greenberg, S.A. Hadfield, C.J. Hope, J.S. Jobling, N. Kapur, M.I. Khan, S.J.C. Kellett, S.P. McCarthy, A. Matin-Razm, J.D. Mehta, B.A. Myddelton, T. Rahman, M.T. Warnes, A.M. Watkins, M.A. Whiteley and A. Xydeas.

A Simkin

U15 CRICKET

Played 8, Won 1, Lost 4, Drawn 3.

- v King's School, Macclesfield (A)
Lost by 6 wkts
WHGS 128
Macclesfield 133 for 4
- v QEGS, Wakefield (H)
Lost by 4 wkts
WHGS 143 for 7 dec (Dhir 36)
QEGS 144 for 6
- v King Edward's, Lytham (A)
Lost by 8 wkts
WHGS 144 (Dhir 73)
Lytham 146 for 2
- v St. Bede's College (A)
Won by 9 wkts (30 overs)
St. Bede's 154 for 2 (Prasad 2 - 16)
WHGS 157 for 1 (Naylor 64 not out, Stoddart 60 not out)
- v Birkenhead School (H)
Match drawn
Birkenhead 199 for 8 dec (Hassett 4 for 62; Hanley 2 for 27)
WHGS 119 for 9 (Naylor 49)
- v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby (A)
Match drawn
Crosby 153 for 5 dec (Bell 2 for 43, Anwar 2 for 20)
WHGS 74 for 7 (Bell 20)
- v Manchester Grammar School (A)
Lost by 9 wkts
WHGS 162 for 8 dec (Stoddart 50, Hanley 40 not out, Haider 31)
MGS 164 for 1
- v Bradford Grammar School (H)
Match drawn.
Bradford 209 for 7 dec (Hanley 4 for 60; Mensah 3 for 85)
WHGS 142 for 4 (Bell 46 not out)

I took over the U15's at half - term and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I found it a team full of keenness but without direction and there was a singular lack of self-belief amongst some of the players. It is to their credit that they had maintained their enthusiasm during the first half of the season even though they had not been successful. Clearly there were four or five batsmen with real talent but rarely had each one of them progressed past 20 or 30. Also I noticed that they had little idea of how to build partnerships. The bowling was potentially quite good. There was some initial pace with the variety of leg-spin later but too often, it seemed, accuracy was lacking, so that the opposition batsmen were never put under sustained pressure.

The first three games were lost against King's School, Macclesfield, QEGS, Wakefield and King Edward's, Lytham. None of them was disastrous but we did not score enough runs although Ashwin Dhir, back from the nether regions of Altrincham, was the most prolific scorer. The turning point in the season came against St. Bede's. In a 30-out match, played in the morning, owing to the F A

Cup Final, we chased what seemed a big total of 154. In fact, Matthew Naylor and William Stoddart batted so well that the total was passed with a couple of overs to spare. Birkenhead were probably the best team we played, their having reached the National U15 Final at Trent Bridge. We restricted them to 199 for 8 with Luke Hassett bowling a mammoth spell, ably backed up by Robert Hanley. We never looked like mastering their bowling although Matthew Naylor scored a patient and polished 49. Merchant Taylor's, Crosby batted too long and but for the performance by Richard Bell fresh from his games with the 1st XI, we could have been beaten. Manchester Grammar School smashed their way to a convincing win; they were not that much better but thought they were, and there was the crux. William Stoddart and Robert Hanley batted well, ably backed up by Nokhaz Haider and a reasonable total was set. However, their two main batsmen kept depositing the ball into the road and we succumbed meekly but not without some credit. The lack of self-belief raised its head again in this game so the difference between the sides was more marked. The final game against Bradford Grammar School proved we have some good players and Robert Hanley's performance was outstanding with the ball. Ruddy Mensah bowled well in spells but a fast outfield and a short boundary were difficult to cope with. A draw was a fair result with Richard Bell again showing his growing maturity by scoring 46 not out.

There are some good cricketers in the age group and I am sure five or six should play 1st XI cricket. Ashwin Dhir and Matthew Naylor have class but need to move their feet more and concentrate. William Stoddart is the most natural striker of the ball and Robert Hanley should be an all-rounder of some merit at the top level. Nokhaz Haider is tidy and competitive and Richard Bell will get more opportunities hopefully over the next few years. Ruddy Mensah could make it if he can arrange for his body and mind to move in unison and Luke Hassett could generate some pace as he becomes stronger. Paul Murphy was his usual phlegmatic self and a wonderful team man and there were keen supporting roles supplied by the others. I shall monitor their progress with interest; patience and concentration are essential.

Team: MR Naylor (Capt), N Agarwal, H Anwar, S Arshad, RM Bell, RJ Bowie, A Dhir, N Haider, DT Hancock, LJ Hassett, R Mensah, PR Murphy, M Prasad and WRH Stoddart.

P.D. Briggs.

U14 CRICKET

Played 8, Won 0, Drawn 3, Lost 5.

- v King's School, Macclesfield
Lost by 10 wickets
School 90
Macclesfield 93 for 0
- v QEGS, Wakefield
Match Drawn
Wakefield 260 for 7 declared
School 66 for 8
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham
Lost by 8 wickets
WHGS 111 (Wynter 58)
Lytham 112 for 2

- v St Bede's College
Match Drawn
St Bede's 260 for 3 declared
WHGS 126 for 9 (Barker 26)
- v Birkenhead School
Lost by 8 wickets
WHGS 77
Birkenhead 78 for 2
- v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby
Lost by 3 wickets
WHGS 133 (Daniel 30; Arshad 20 not out)
Crosby 135 for 7
- v Manchester Grammar School
Match Drawn
WHGS 134 (Wynter 32; Arshad 26)
MGS 91 for 7 (Akhlaq 3 for 16; Haq 3 for 32)
- v Bradford Grammar School
Lost by 7 wickets
WHGS 93 (Wynter 33)
Bradford 94 for 3

The records show that the season was without a victory for this year group, a fact which will have been disappointing to the players and to all the members of staff who have followed their progress with interest since coaching began in January. Whoever looks closely at the results will see however, that the match played against Manchester Grammar School was very closely fought.

Those who were present on that occasion saw that William Hulme's controlled the match from start to finish and, when Manchester Grammar became 56 for 5, seemed likely to win the match with some comfort. The team came up against several very good sides this year and Manchester Grammar may have been best of all. This hard-won, winning draw was not unexpected: from the beginning of the season all the players had taken many strides forward in their cricketing progress, and the elusive victory had been moving closer and closer to becoming a reality.

There seemed to be no shortage of willing volunteers to play for the team at the beginning of the Lent Term, but the number of people prepared to commit themselves fully to the squad was much less once the coaching began and, again, when the match days arrived. Consequently, a few boys were removed from the squad in order that all efforts would be concentrated on those who really wanted to play. It was this full commitment that led to such improvements that were made in batting, bowling and fielding.

Some of the most pleasing progress came from Tayyab Akhlaq, who showed many signs of developing into an all-rounder who thinks about the game, adjusting his tactics to suit the state of the match, but it would not be fair to single out anyone when all members of the squad produced improved performances at one point or another. David Wynter's batting gave the team a real impetus and allowed our batsman to obtain their highest score on more than one occasion. Marvin Daniel produced a memorable spell of bowling with a reasonable line and length; in the same match he also batted with authority at number three. Awais Arshad came back after an absence to find his best form both bowling and batting. Edward Barker not only batted well in most matches but showed promise as a captain in the final matches. Zahoorul Haq's bowling caused collapses on more than one occasion and his batting

came on well, even though it lacked consistency. It was pleasing to observe Ben Green coming to grips with the demands of being the regular wicket-keeper; by the end of the season he had taken several good catches and made many excellent stops against the often wayward bowling.

The following boys represented the School: S. Ahmad, T Akhlaq, M.A. Arshad, E.H. Barker, M.N. Daniel, C.P. Edwards, B.M. Green, Z. Haq, M.A. Jamil, R.I.D. MacKay, N.A. McLeod, R.G. Watson, D.A. Wynter. M.S.A. Riaz was our scorer in one match and F. Ahmed was selected as twelfth man for one match which was rained off.

I should like to express my thanks to Mr de Silva who coached the squad and to Mr Taylor for continuing to prepare excellent cricket pitches.

P M Bull

U13 CRICKET

Played 7, Won 0, Drawn 1, Lost 6.

- v King's School, Macclesfield
Lost by 7 wickets
WHGS 63 all out
Macclesfield 64 for 4
- v QEGS, Wakefield
Lost by 121 runs
QEGS 153 all out (Suhail 4 for 52)
WHGS 32 all out
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham
Lost by 5 wickets
WHGS 124 all out (Murphy 21, Gent 22)
Lytham 126 for 5
- v St Bede's College
Lost by 44 runs
St Bede's 67 all out (Suhail 5 for 11)
WHGS 23 all out
- v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby
Lost by 9 wickets
WHGS 51 all out
Crosby 55 for 1
- v Manchester Grammar School
Match drawn
MGS 171 for 5 dec
WHGS 133 for 9 (Naylor 29)
- v Bradford Grammar School
Lost by 115 runs
Bradford 210 for 3 dec
WHGS 95 all out (Murphy 41)

It could appear from the results that this is a poor team who have not made any improvements throughout this short season. This would be an injustice as there are potentially some good players in a team which definitely progressed with every game played. The side were well beaten against Macclesfield, Wakefield and Crosby but should have been good enough to get a result against Lytham, St Bede's and Bradford.

At the start of the season, batting was a problem as we did not possess enough players who were prepared to slowly build an innings and stay at the crease for any length

of time. This did improve, however, and in the MGS game the team had to survive nearly 2 hours of quick, hostile bowling to gain a thoroughly deserved draw. The discipline and concentration of Naylor, Hopkinson and Khan deserve a special mention in that game, as does the debut of Illingworth, who will never forget to wear a box whilst batting again! The bowling was a little bit like the batting - very inconsistent. Suhail was probably the quickest and most accurate, but was unavailable for a lot of the games. Kent has the athleticism for fast bowling and made rapid improvements, as did Khan who should become a decent leg spinner if he continues to work hard.

The team has got players of potential. Murphy, Gent and Veitch are all capable of scoring runs but need more self-confidence. Naylor, the captain, is a fine technical batsman and a useful medium pace bowler. Hopkinson's temperament has improved and he has the ability to become a very good cricketer if he continues to listen to advice.

I would like to thank, not only the above, but all players for their efforts during the season, to Mr Austen, Mr Dunn and the Head Master for their help with umpiring and to parents for their patient and loyal support. The following boys also represented the school: H. Imtiaz, A.P. Machin, S. Miller, N. Nagarkar, P.J. Robinson, M.E.C. Robson, K.A. Ullah.

D J Mallinder

U12 CRICKET

Played 8, Won 1, Lost 5, Drawn 2.

- v King's School, Macclesfield (A)
Lost by 129 runs
King's 168-8
WHGS 39 all out
- v QEGS, Wakefield (A)
Lost by 59 runs
QEGS 83 all out
WHGS 24 all out
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham (H)
Lost by 80 runs
Lytham 122 all out
WHGS 42 all out
- v St Bede's College (H)
Won by 30 runs
WHGS 86 all out
St Bede's 56 all out
- v Manchester Boys (H)
Match Abandoned
Manchester Boys 72-9
- v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby (H)
Lost by 6 wickets
WHGS 55 all out
Crosby 57-4
- v Manchester Grammar School (H)
Lost by 7 wickets
WHGS 68 all out
MGS 70-3

- v Bradford Grammar School
Match Drawn
Bradford 138-4
WHGS 111-4

Although on paper the results are rather disappointing, the U12 Cricket team should look forward to the future with optimism. As the season progressed, so the performances improved and the team grew in stature and confidence. The team's major weakness, which persisted right until the last game of the season, was an inability to put together a formidable batting total. The performances of the team as a bowling and fielding side were, at times, excellent.

The team's first three games against King's School, Macclesfield, QEGS, Wakefield and King Edward, Lytham ended in decisive defeats. It was immediately obvious that the team's Achilles' heel would be its frailty with the bat. Against St Bede's the team recorded its first and only victory. After scoring 86 runs, we managed to bowl out the opposition for 56. Amar Gill, Sam McClements and Daniel Mather all produced excellent performances with the ball. The team produced arguably its best performance of the season against a representative Manchester Boys team. The game was unfortunately halted due to rain, but not before we had restricted the opposition to 72-9. On the strength of this performance Daniel Mather, Sam McClements and Scott Griffiths (wicket-keeper) were all chosen to represent Manchester Boys. Mather's ability to bowl a good line and length and swing the ball proved to be highly successful all season.

Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby and MGS both exposed the team's batting weaknesses. In both games, however, I was delighted by the way the team performed in the field. They made both teams work extremely hard to attain the runs needed for victory. In the last game against Bradford, the team finally managed to score over a hundred runs and force a well deserved draw. All the batsmen need to work on their technique next year. Higgins and Booker were the regular opening pair. Both worked hard on their games throughout the season and will hopefully blossom in the future. McClements captained the side very astutely. He is an exciting prospect for the future with both bat and ball. McLeod, Khan, Ramsumair and Howarth formed the middle order. All produced very competent performances throughout the season. Howarth has the ability to become an extremely competent batsman. He must, however, temper his natural aggression and work on the defensive side of his game if he is to develop any kind of consistency.

On the bowling side, Zahid Ahmed proved himself to be a skilful spinner of the ball, while Amar Gill displayed genuine pace. The latter produced a number of devastating deliveries. If he improves his accuracy and consistency he will take even more wickets next year. Imran Ali and Imran Khan bowled reliably and accurately all season. The boys should be congratulated on their enthusiasm and commitment. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with this squad and I look forward to watching their progress through the School. Many thanks to Mr Langford, Mr de Silva and Mr Ramsumair and all the parents whose help, support and encouragement were valued and appreciated.

The following boys represented the School: Z. Ahmed, I. Ali, R.J. Booker, S. Bowe, W.N. Dawkins, F. Farooq, A.A. Gill, A.P. Green, S.J. Griffiths, R. Haider, S.J. Higgins, C.J. Howarth, O.F. Hussain, I. Khan, D.T. Mather, S.A. McClements (captain), A.G. McLeod, B.M. Ramsumair, A.N.A. Syed, D.T. Wood.

M C Gorman

TENNIS



GIRLS TENNIS U14

Played 4, Won 2, Drew 0, Lost 2.

v Withington	L 1 - 3
v Marple Hall	W 4 - 0
v Marple Hall	L 1 - 3
v Kingsway	W 4 - 0

Our first match of the season, who better to play than Withington. We knew it would be tough as they all seem to have their own coaches, but not as hard as it was. We played some excellent shots (or so we thought) but their serves were more like those of the professionals. Sadly, we lost 1 - 3. Our next game, against Marple Hall, ended on a more successful note with a 4 - 0 victory. This time it was us who outplayed them, which made us enjoy the victory even more. However, on our return game we were struggling for players, hence our team was weakened and we came away with a defeat.

We ended the season with another outright victory, this time against Kingsway. Our hockey matches against them are always hard fought but when it came to tennis, it was a different story. We dictated the games and came away on top. Our main disappointment of the season was the few matches which were cancelled. The opposition dropped out twice at the last minute which meant we didn't have as many games this year.

A special thanks goes to Miss Barlow (our own private coach!) for coaching us and making us have another successful season. The following girls represented the School team: Katie Chesworth, Levinia Clemetson, Anya Dearden, Alison Hawcroft, Kim Hayden, Sophie Hope and Preen Trivedi.

Anya Dearden (3K)

U13

Played 6, Won 6, Drawn 0, Lost 0.

v Withington	W 4 - 0
v Cheadle Hulme	W 3 - 1
v Marple Hall	W 4 - 0
v Marple Hall	W 6 - 0
v Kingsway	W 4 - 0
v St Bede's College	W 3 - 1

U12

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

v Cheadle Hulme	L 1 - 3
v Marple Hall	D 2 - 2
v Marple Hall	L 1 - 3
v Kingsway	W 4 - 0
v St Bede's College	W 4 - 0

Junior School tennis has been very successful this year, with the Under 13's maintaining an unbeaten record against some of the top schools in the county, such as Withington Girls School and Cheadle Hulme. The tennis team consisted of U12's Beth Coffey, Helia Asadi, Laura Hopkinson, Hannah Naylor and Gemma Bookbinder, who, although not as successful as the U13's, have kept up the scores very well, being beaten only twice by Withington.

The U13's consisted of Laura Beresford, Julia Atherton, Caroline Bell, Louise Goodwin, Georgina Laird, Elli Metcalfe and Danielle Baker. Laura and Julia remain unbeaten this season, although they came close to losing in a tie break in the final set against Withington Girls. Caroline and Louise have been beaten only twice, and next year they too hope to have an unbeaten season.

Overall, the Junior School have lost none of its matches and have drawn only once. All of the members of the tennis team have improved greatly during this season and next year the First Years hope to continue with what is now a tradition and remain unbeaten overall.

Julia Atherton (2J)

BOYS TENNIS U12

v King's, Macclesfield (A)	L 0 - 9
v Marple Hall School (A)	L 0 - 4
v King's School, Chester (A)	L 0 - 6

U13

v North Cestrian Grammar School (H)	L 1 - 8
v Manchester Grammar School (A)	L 0 - 9
v King's, Macclesfield (A)	L 0 - 9
v Marple Hall School (A)	L 0 - 4
v King's School, Chester (A)	L 2 - 7

U14

v Manchester Grammar School (A)	L 0 - 7
v King's, Macclesfield (A)	L 0 - 4
v Marple Hall School (A)	L 1 - 3
v King's School, Chester (H)	D 3 - 3
v North Cestrian Grammar School (H)	L 0 - 9

U15

v Manchester Grammar School (A)	L 2 - 7
v King's, Macclesfield (A)	L 0 - 9
v Marple Hall School (A)	W 4 - 0
v North Cestrian Grammar School (H)	L 4 - 5
v King's School, Chester (H)	D 4 - 4
v Stonyhurst College (H)	W 6 - 2

1ST TEAM

v King's, Macclesfield (A)	L 0 - 9
v Stonyhurst College (H)	L 1 - 7

The summer term seems to get shorter and shorter and the number of tennis matches played this year is much smaller than in previous years. The senior squad managed to play only two matches, which were both lost. The match against MGS was postponed and eventually cancelled due to an inability to find a replacement date. On the senior squad this year were M. Zeegers (captain), S. Burney, A. Vine, R. Clyne, A. Farrell and M. Bartlett.

The U15's had the best of the season, winning two of their six matches and drawing one. The squad was ably captained by R. Longworth and also benefited from the talents of R. Ip, K. Anjum, J. Higgins, C. Baker, D. Melmoth, A. Lee and W. Laird. The match against Altrincham Grammar was, unfortunately, cancelled on a day which looked very stormy but, in fact, turned out fine; isn't it always the way? My thanks to Mr Seddon for running the squad and organising practices, which obviously paid off.

The U14's had less success, but they did play some good tennis in the course of their five matches, managing a tactical draw against King's, Chester. The side featured, B. Green and B. Green (yes, both of them!) as well as M. Ludlum, A. Wall, M. Tong, S. Johnson, C. Smith, C. Grimshaw and R Kumar.

An inexperienced U13 squad also played five matches but failed to win any of them. Nevertheless, there was much enthusiasm and perhaps next year we will see some better results. The squad consisted of the following: H. Imtiaz (captain), P. Robinson, N. Reece, J. Holland, G. Meakin, R. Schofield, A. Harris, J. Veitch, P. Birdi and B Starr.

The U12's made appearances on three occasions, again without success. The squad comprised, B. Radnor, R Lustgarten, D. Loofe, D. Wright, A. Johnstone, D. Robinson, D. Daly, A. Kizir and P. Niroomand.

The Parents/Pupils Tournament was also a smaller affair this year. Despite advance publicity, only four pairs registered for the competition, which was held on Sunday, 2nd July. To be fair, at least two of our "Top Guns" were injured, namely last year's winners, C. Hope and A. de Silva as well as runners-up, S. Burney and P. Brooks. Nevertheless, those who took part had good weather and an opportunity to play a lot of tennis.

After a close-fought series of matches, the overall winners were the Longworths, Richard and his father and the runner-up were the Lairds, represented by Georgina and her father. In fact, there were two pairs from the Laird family. William and Mrs Laird started well but were eventually overtaken by their familial rivals. D. Melmoth and his elder brother also took part and at one point looked quite a serious challenge to Laird supremacy, but they were fairly beaten in the final round.

The barbecue, which has now become traditional, was held in the Head Master's garden and Mr & Mrs Briggs delivered a sizzling succession of sausages and beef-burgers to satisfy the competitors' appetites. My thanks to them, and all who took part in this year's tennis matches.

I would like to encourage anyone with an interest in the game to make themselves known to me or to any member of the P.E. staff and certainly to come along to this and other tennis events during the year.

J H Thomson



CROSS COUNTRY 1994-1995

A small, dedicated core of runners represented the School in cross country league meetings at U12, U16 and Senior levels.

In the Stockport League at fixtures at Cheadle Hulme School and Marple Hall School, there were never

complete teams so some creditable performances by Robert Booker, Alex Rennie and Rupinder Sagar were never recognised. At U16 level, Tim Barraclough was well supported by Jake Royle, Paul Edmundson and Craig Smith and their position of third at Cheadle Hulme was the best of the year. John Cunningham and Martin England showed admirable devotion in representing the School but failed to continue a meaningful training schedule.

In the Sale & Altrincham Leagues the competition seemed to cause our runners to run well below their best. Robert Booker maintained a good standard for the U12's but only Mark Olden really showed any real talent. Mark Olden went on to represent Manchester in the Greater Manchester Championships.

U12

Robert Booker, Rupinder Sagar, Alex Rennie, Aamar Gill, Imran Ali, Daniel Wright, Daniel Mather, Zahid Ahmed, Alex Muir and Robert Thompson.

U16

William Laird, Jake Royle, Craig Smith, Tim Barraclough, Mark Olden, Paul Edmundson and Obe Ofoche.

SENIORS

John Cunningham and Martin England*.

* = Club Colours.

In addition to fixtures, there were also two orienteering training events which unfortunately both took place on very wet Saturday mornings. A training weekend at Hardraw was attended by the U16 team members.

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ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS 1995

FIRST FORM:

100m (Boys)	14.94	J. Chapman (1S)	R. Ahmed (1R)	D. Wood (1S)
100m (Girls)	16.28	A. Opara (1K)	L. Hopkinson (1K)	G. Bookbinder (1S)
200m (Boys)	30.37	S. Hughes (1K)	J. Chapman (1S)	L. Adams (1J)
200m (Girls)	31.39	H. Naylor (1R)	A. Reah (1K)	G. Bookbinder (1S)
400m (Boys)	67.69	S. Griffiths (1R)	M. Dewsnap (1S)	A. Johnstone (1K)
800m (Boys)	2-30.32	R. Sagar (1J)	C. Howarth (1S)	A. Hyde (1S)
800m (Girls)	3-04.72	B. Coffey (1R)	J. Street (1R)	E. Bailey (1S)
1500m (Boys)	5-44.00	R. Sagar (1J)	Z. Ahmed (1J)	A. Hyde (1S)
4x400m (Boys)	5-10.81	1S	1K	1R
4x100m (Boys)	61.59	1S	1K	1R
4x100m (Girls)	65.21	1K	1R	1S
High Jump (Boys)	1.10	J. Wimbleton (1J)	S. Hughes (1K)	J. Sharp-Little (1R)
Long Jump (Boys)	4.30	S. Griffiths (1R)	J. Amadi (1S)	R. Ahmed (1R)
Long Jump (Girls)	3.07	K. Samuels (1K)	S. John (1S)	N. Pagano (1K)
Triple Jump (Boys)	8.55	S. Griffiths (1R)	A. Johnstone (1K)	A. Gill (1K)
Shot (Boys)	6.96	B. Alafiatayo (1K)	M. Dewsnap (1S)	A. Green (1S)
Shot (Girls)	6.90	A. Opara (1K)	N. Pagano (1K)	H. Naylor (1R)
Cricket Ball (Boys)	54.00	A. Gill (1K)	C. Howarth (1S)	I. Khan (1K)
Rounders Ball (Girls)	36.10	L. Davidson (1J)	L. Hopkinson (1K)	I. Choudary (1S)
Results:	1st	1K	221.5pts	
	2nd	1S	203 pts	
	3rd	1R	168.5 pts	
	4th	1J	149 pts	

*Indicates a new School record

Individual Winner: S Griffiths (1R)
A. Opara (1K)

SECOND FORM:

100m (Boys)	13.75	R. Hopkinson (2S)	C. Harwood (2K)	J. Holland (2J)
100m (Girls)	14.44	L. Edwards (2K)	D. Baker (2J)	N. Phillips (2K)
200m (Boys)	27.65	W. Kent (2J)	A. Ramzan (2S)	C. Harwood (2K)
200m (Girls)	30.97	D. Baker (2J)	V. Raynes (2S)	S. Nelson (2K)
400m (Boys)	68.03	A. Ramzan (2S)	D. Rogers (2S)	P. Robinson (2J)
800m (Boys)	2-20.40	I. Allison (2K)	M. Brown (2R)	R. Greenhalgh (2J)
800m (Girls)	3-13.47	V. Raynes (2S)	P. Pearce (2R)	L. Duckworth (2K)
1500m (Boys)	5-43.00	D. Naylor (2S)	S. Khan (2R)	R. Greenhalgh (2J)
4x400m (Boys)	5-10.81	2S	2J	2R
4x100 (Boys)	59.69	2K	2R	2S
4x100m (Girls)	61.69	2K	2J	2S
High Jump (Boys)	1.35	W. Kent (2J)	C. White (2S)	N. Sharwin (2R)
Long Jump (Boys)	4.86*	W. Kent (2J)	R. Hopkinson (2S)	L. Coffey (2K)
Long Jump (Girls)	3.91	E. Metcalfe (2K)	R. Lawson (2S)	C. Bell (2R)
Triple Jump (Boys)	9.10	A. Edwards (2S)	T. Chung (2R)	D. Freeman (2R)
Shot (Boys)	9.47	J. Holland (2J)	A. Harris (2R)	S. Hamid (2J)
Shot (Girls)	6.47	K. Greenall (2J)	L. Edwards (2K)	E. Cruickshank (2J)
Javelin (Boys)	24.70	J. Holland (2J)	R. Hopkinson (2S)	C. Harwood (2K)
Rounders Ball (Girls)	36.05	C. Bell (2R)	V. Cohen (2S)	R. Lawson (2S)

*indicates a new School record

Results:	1st	2S	194.5pts
	2nd	2K	193.5pts
	3rd	2J	189 pts
	4th	2R	162 pts

Individual Winner: W Kent 2J

THIRD FORM

100m (Boys)	13.53	M. Daniel (B)	R. Nixon (B)	A. Ahmed (F)
100m (Girls)	14.69	C. Narnor (H)	K. Hayden (F)	S. Nathan (G)
200m (Boys)	27.94	M. Daniel (B)	R. Nixon (B)	K. Mehta (W)
200m (Girls)	33.97	A. Sagar (B)	E. Hyde (W)	J. Shaw (W)
400m (Boys)	66.62	D. Wynter (H)	B. Green (D)	R. Fisher (W)
800m (Boys)	2-52.63	A. Malik (F)	R. McKay (B)	M. Tong (D)
800m (Girls)	2-58.65	L. Thornton (F)	S. Jackson (B)	J. Gregory (B)
1500m (Boys)	5-21.94	A. Dignan (F)	P. Edisbury (W)	A. Jamil (H)
4x400m (Boys)	4-39.58	Heywood	Fraser	Whitworth
4x100m (Boys)	57.25	Byrom	Dalton	Fraser
4x100m (Girls)	63.94	Fraser	Heywood	Byrom
High Jump (Boys)	1.62*	M. Daniel (B)	B. A. Green (D)	R. Richardson (H)
High Jump (Girls)	1.33	C. Narnor (H)	K. Hayden (F)	S. Khafagy (G)
Long Jump (Boys)	4.62	D. Wynter (H)	K. Rahman (D)	R. McKay (B)
Long Jump (Girls)	4.27*	C. Narnor (H)	K. Hayden (F)	J. Shaw (W)
Triple Jump (Boys)	9.98	A. Dignan (F)	B. Green (D)	R. Richardson (H)
Shot (Boys)	9.19	N. Matthews (W)	O. Ayaz (B)	C. Lindley (D)
Shot (Girls)	6.13	L. Clemetson (H)	A. Hawcroft (F)	J. Gregory (B)
Discus (Boys)	18.37	O. Ayaz (B)	A. Wall (W)	R. Watson (B)
Javelin (Boys)	20.00	C. Lindley (D)	M. Ghazi (H)	R. Nixon (B)

*indicates a new School record

Results:	1st	Fraser	243pts
	2nd	Heywood	188pts
	3rd	Whitworth	180.5pts
	4th	Byrom	160.5pts
	5th	Gaskell	122.5pts
	6th	Dalton	115.5pts

Individual Winner: M. Daniel (Byrom) and C. Narnor (Heywood)

FOURTH FORM

100m (Boys)	13.13	D. Ellis (H)	T. Edwards (W)	C. Baker (F)
100m (Girls)	15.85	L. Smith (F)	S. Moore (F)	A. Bower (B)
200m (Boys)	26.81	T. Edwards (W)	C. Johnston (F)	C. Baker (F)
200m (Girls)	34.31	L. Smith (F)	A. Preston (W)	S. Burton (G)
400m (Boys)	60.29	D. Ellis (H)	C. Johnstone (F)	E. Mason (G)
800m (Boys)	2-34.37	D. Hancock (D)	R. Jones (W)	A. Yates (F)
800m (Girls)	3-07.85*	A. Bower (B)	C. Edwards (G)	D. Uflaz (H)
1500m (Boys)	5-11.41	D. Hancock (D)	R. Hanley (G)	R. Jones (W)
4x400m (Boys)	4-27.00	Heywood	Fraser	Whitworth
4x100m (Boys)	55.09	Whitworth	Gaskell	Fraser
4x100m (Girls)	64.72	Fraser	Heywood	Gaskell
High Jump (Boys)	1.37	A. Cooke (H)	B. Kent (W)	S. Connor (D)
High Jump (Girls)	1.20	R. Lee (F)	D. Trivedi (W)	S. Burton (G)
Long Jump (Boys)	4.79	G. Roberts (H)	C. Baker (F)	R. Mensah (G)
Long Jump (Girls)	3.58	R. Lee (F)	T. Safdar (H)	D. Trivedi (W)
Triple Jump (Boys)	10.72	D. Hancock (D)	O. Ayaz (B)	C. Lindley (D)
Shot (Boys)	9.86	H. Anwar (G)	M. Gale (F)	J. Haboubi (W)
Discus (Girls)	14.60	M. Ankrah (F)	N. Whiterod (D)	R. Aldersley (H)
Discus (Boys)	21.84	J. Haboubi (W)	J. Higgins (H)	M. Gale (F)
Javelin (Boys)	26.45	L. Hassett (F)	T. Edwards (W)	R. Bowie (B)

*indicates new School record

Individual Winner: D. Hancock (Dalton)

SENIOR

100m (Boys)	11.84	D Johnson (B)	C. Gleave (D)	J. Witter (H)
100m (Girls)	14.58	N. Hanley (D)	E-L. Onyemem (D)	R. Nightingale (W)
200m (Boys)	26.53	D. Johnson (B)	W. Tsang (H)	J. Flatman (D)
200m (Girls)	34.25	S. Stephenson (B)	C. Ashley (D)	R. Goodwin (F)
400m (Boys)	60.01	S. Johnson (F)	J. Leinhardt (H)	A. Mawson (B)
800m (Boys)	2.21.0	C Hope (B)	E. Choularton (F)	R. Beenstock (D)
800m (Girls)	2.56.0*	R. Westbrook (H)	S. Sheldon (G)	S. Cochrane (F)
1500m (Boys)	5.11.0	C. Hope (B)	J. Cunningham (G)	D. Massel (D)
4x400m (Boys)	4.15.0	Dalton	Fraser	Heywood
4x100m (Boys)	50.25	Byrom	Dalton	Heywood
4x100m (Girls)	62.37	Dalton	Heywood	Gaskell
High Jump (Boys)	1.70m	C. Gleave (D)	J. White (F)	T. Berkeley (G)
High Jump (Girls)	1.27	G. Brook (D)	E. Nicholson (B)	R. Westbrook (H)
			V. Williams (G)	
Long Jump (Boys)	5.19m	J. Witter (H)	N. Byrom (B)	S. Johnson (F)
Long Jump (Girls)	3.65	E. Gilmore (B)	R. Nightingale (W)	S. Cochrane (F)
Triple Jump	11.00m.	N. Byrom (B)	J. Robinson (F)	A. Xydeas (D)
Shot (Boys)	9.27m.	R. England (F)	I. Graham (B)	A. Patel (D)
Shot (Girls)	6.56m.	D. Daud (H)	M. Wheeler (W)	S. Ward (F)
Discus	25.47	R. England (F)	A. Kan (G)	I. Graham (B)
Javelin	35.70m.	S. Johnson (F)	J. Brocklehurst (G)	R. Nolan (H)

*Indicates new School record

OVERALL RESULT (INCLUDING 5TH AND 6TH YEAR TOTALS)

Results:	1st	Byrom	113pts	1st	Fraser	337pts
	2nd	Dalton	109pts	2nd	Heywood	280.5pts
	3rd	Fraser	94pts	3rd	Byrom	273.5pts
	4th	Heywood	92.5pts	4th	Dalton & Whitworth	224.5pts
	5th	Gaskell	56.5pts	6th	Gaskell	179 pts
	6th	Whitworth	44pts			

Individual Winner: S Johnson (F)

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SWIMMING

SWIMMING FINALS

FIRST FORM

Breastroke	40.45	D. Mather (1K)	M. Royle (1S)	D. Robinson (1R)	L. Hopkinson (1K)
Backstroke	35.95	G. Litherland (1J)	S. Hughes (1K)	J. Fletcher (1K)	A. Hyde (1S)
Butterfly	15.33	D. Mather (1K)	J. Street (1R)	D. Wood (1S)	S. Griffiths (1R)
Freestyle	32.42	D. Wood (1S)	S. Hughes (1K)	D. Scolah (1J)	N. Pagano (1K)
Medley Relay	1:14.2	1R	1J	1S	1K
Freestyle Relay	1:16.4	1K	1J	1S	1R

Results:	1st	1K	29 pts
	2nd	1S	20 pts
	3rd	1J	19 pts
	4th	1R	18 pts

Individual Winner - D. Mather 1K

SECOND FORM

Breastroke	44.44	T. Hickman (2S)	A. Wardle (2J)	W. Shah (2R)	D. Naylor (2S)
Backstroke	40.54	W. Kent (2J)	C. Bell (2R)	T. Hickman (2S)	A. Edwards (2S)
Butterfly	16.83	R. Hopkinson (2S)	P. Robinson (2J)	D. Naylor (2S)	J. Veitch (2K)
Freestyle	32.79	P. Robinson (2J)	I. Allison (2K)	R. Hopkinson (2S)	W. Kent (2J)
Medley Relay	1:51.1	2K	2J	2S	2R
Freestyle Relay	1:12.6	2K	2S	2R	2J

Results:	1st	2S	28pts
	2nd	2J	25pts
	3rd	2K	24pts
	4th	2R	20pts

Individual Winner - P. Robinson 2J

THIRD FORM

Medley Relay	1:14.7	Whitworth	Byrom	Heywood
Squadron Relay	1:12.6	Dalton	Heywood	Whitworth
Backstroke	44.3	M. Fearnley (D)	N. Shaw (W)	J. Arnold (W)
Breastroke	39.3	A. Wall (W)	R. Fisher (W)	K. Chesworth (F)
Butterfly	15.8	A. Hawcroft (F)	A. Dearden (B)	D. Wynter (H)
Freestyle	31.5	A. Wall (W)	B. A. Green (D)	S. Khafagy (G)
Individual Medley	1:23.0	A. Hawcroft (F)	A. Hart (H)	A. Dearden (B)

Individual Winner: A Hawcroft (F)
A. Wall (W)

FOURTH FORM

Medley Relay	1:07.0	Dalton	Byrom	Whitworth
Squadron Relay	57.9	Byrom	Whitworth	Dalton
Backstroke	36.9	J. Daniels (G)	N. Gilmore (B)	R. Eckersall (B)
Breastroke	37.6	D. Hancock (D)	M. Whyatt (H)	W. Laird (D)
Butterfly	16.0	J. Daniels (G)	O. Briggs (D)	J. Byrom (F)
Freestyle	33.4	S. Arshad (B)	H. Anwar (G)	S. Flood (W)
Individual Medley	1:15.9	O. Briggs (D)	J. Byrom (F)	G. Roberts (H)

Individual Winner: J. Daniels (G)

SENIOR

Medley Relay	1:02.2	Byrom	Dalton	Fraser
Squadron Relay	55.5	Dalton	Byrom	Fraser
Backstroke	37.1	C. Gleave (D)	C. Alderson (B)	R. Porter (F)
Breastroke	37.8	H. Hutchinson (D)	J. Robinson (F)	J. Taylor (B)
Butterfly	136.5	R. Garner (G)	R. Moodie (B)	J. White (F)
Freestyle	29.9	P. Beales (B)	J. Brocklehurst (G)	A. Matin-Razm (D)
Individual Medley	1:10.9	R. Garner (G)	R. Moodie (B)	L. Ahern (D)

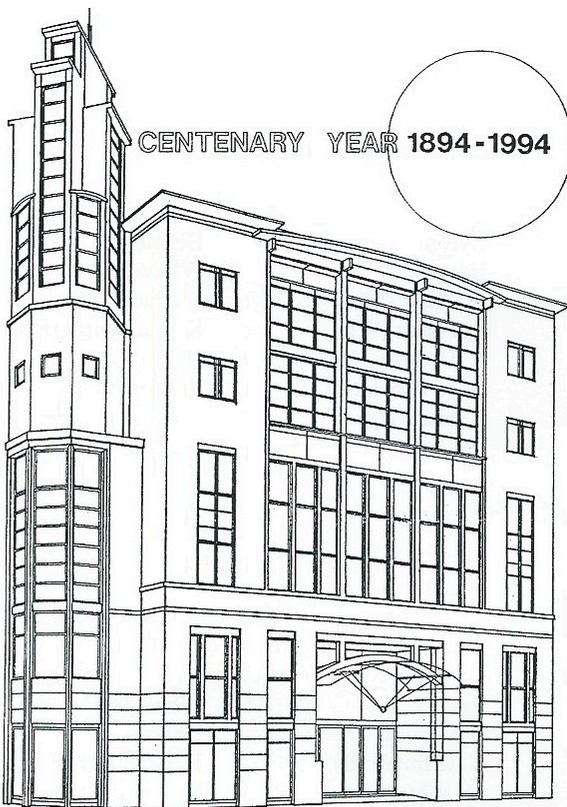
Individual Winner: R Garner (G)

OVERALL RELAY RESULTS

1st	Byrom	24pts
2nd	Dalton	24pts
3rd	Whitworth	14pts
4th	Heywood	9pts
5th	Fraser	4pts
6th	Gaskell	0pts

OVERALL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1st	Dalton	39pts
2nd	Byrom	33pts
3rd	Gaskell	28pts
4th	Fraser	24pts
5th	Whitworth	22pts
6th	Heywood	13pts



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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our Committee this year, though short on numbers, has nevertheless worked extremely hard to provide, not only events that gave parents the opportunity to meet and socialise, but also to raise funds for the pupils within the School. The recession seems still to be having an effect, but we would also welcome new parents coming forward to be Committee members or general helpers and supporters. Sport was the area of support this year, with Lacrosse shirts for each House and a wicket cover being provided.

Once again we joined the Old Hulmeians for the Annual Dinner Dance. This was not so well attended as usual but was still enjoyed by all. We certainly look forward to next year's. We hope that we shall be able to attract some of the younger members, and more parents in each Association, to join us, and I look forward to welcoming them.

Lastly, may I take this opportunity to thank members of the Parents' Association for their hard work.

Christine Fleming (Chairman)

OLD HULMEIANS' ASSOCIATION

During the past two years the Old Hulmeians Association, in particular the Lacrosse Section, have been engaged in lengthy discussions to arrange the transfer of the Association's sporting activities from the Whalley Range Memorial ground to Brooklands Sports Club. Many hours of negotiations have taken place, led by Dr. Tom Warnes (President 1993/94), Mr.

Colin Langford (President 1994/95) and Mr. David Marsden (Governor) to affect the change of the sports ground. The Hulmeians Lacrosse Club is now an active part of Brooklands Sports Club and it is hoped that definite sporting activities will be started and then flourish at the Brooklands ground. Brooklands is, however, more than just a sports ground and part of the process of negotiation was to find ways in which members of the Old Hulmeians Association can be involved in a social way with the club. To this end a number of events have already taken place, whilst the OHA has used Brooklands as a base for its activities. Its position in Sale will mean many Old Hulmeians living South of the City will be closer to the Association's sports and social centre.

I am pleased once again to be able to comment on the way in which the Old Hulmeians Association Presidents are particularly linked with the School. Both Tom Warnes and Colin Langford are, of course, Old Hulmeians but each has an added tie to William Hulme's; Tom is a parent of Mark (1988-1995) and Colin is a Member of the Teaching Staff as well as Head of the Junior School. Both have given generously of their time during their year as President and continue to do so in connection with Brooklands Sports Club.

During the past year the Association has been a vehicle for contact between past members of the School. The reunion in September attracted many to the sports fixtures and, most pleasingly, a large crowd of recent leavers took this as their first opportunity since leaving School in July to meet each other. The Association joined the Parents' Association for the Dinner Dance in April. Colin Langford organised the Association's Annual Dinner which was held in the New Hall in the School and I am sure it gave him much pleasure and satisfaction to meet his own

contemporaries and members from older and younger generations. I know Colin has enjoyed his year as President and is to be thanked by the membership for undertaking his duties with commitment and enthusiasm.

Once again I encourage those pupils who are nearing the end of their time at William Hulme's to join the Association; I hope I shall meet many Old Hulmeians during the coming year and I can assure any who visit School of a warm welcome. I look forward to meeting you again.

M. Loveland



Mr. Longford, at the end of his year's Presidency of the Old Hulmeians (1994-5), shakes hands with his successor, Mr. David Barnes (no relation of our Head of Science!).
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