

trophy for the best acting performance; we won the Swimming Relays trophy and came second overall in the Swimming Sports; and K. L. Price and his musicians won the House Music Competition. During the course of the Swimming Sports J. R. Tate added a little distinction to Fraser's superb concerted performance by breaking the School backstroke record (middle).

Until the last leg of the Road Relay we were lying in third position without much apparent hope of improving this. Then the Senior team, consisting of Sandy, D. R. Braddock and N. J. Grunfeld went off, knowing that there was still a glimmer of hope if they could each overtake at least two other runners. Braddock duly overtook two, the second after a terrific sustained sprint up Spring Bridge Road and across the quad; Grunfeld, very strong and fit from all his tennis training, no doubt, managed incredibly to overtake four; and Sandy, producing the fastest time of the day in the process, overtook one of the two runners who had started out in front of him to make quite sure of this double victory for the House.

The chess team did well to take a board from the impressive Whitworth, and to draw on two others.

On the eve of the end of term the Fraser Music programme, our play, 'The Eccentric', and the Heywood play were shown to Middle School and Lower Sixth Forms in a worthy experiment to give rather more boys the opportunity of seeing them.

The majority of the House Prefects went to Hardraw with Messrs. Fisher, Grigg and Lewis one weekend in January, and had an enjoyable time walking, eating well, playing late-night table-tennis and discovering things about each other that they did not know beforehand.

Twelve Fraser boys were involved in Miss Green's production of her musical, 'Charlie', and A. S. Olive played the central role of Willie Wonka with assurance and vitality.

It has been difficult, and after an excellent term such as this one, it could even be invidious, to cite individuals in an account of the activities of the House. The considerable number of boys who were awarded their House Colours in March, however, is a measure of the unstinting support the House has enjoyed this year from virtually all its members.

Midsummer Term

There must surely come a summer when Fraser is able to field an invincible senior cricket XI. The only comfort one could draw from watching one's House be bowled all out for very few was that it was over so quickly. Thornton, as Captain of School Cricket, must have felt our astonishing collapse in the second round match with Whitworth rather more than most. However, we soon redeemed ourselves by reaching the Final of the Junior Knock-out, against Gaskell, who made 107 for 9. After a disastrous start to our innings (9 for 3) we managed to pull our batting together. J. R. Braddock had a sound, steady innings which put victory within reach, then R. C. Hogg and J. R. G. McManus, in a blistering spell of boundaries, clinched the match with six overs and four wickets in hand. The team's performance showed tremendous character and fully justified the optimistic predictions of the previous year.

The changes in the system of Athletics Standards were generally welcome, but the only way to ensure a really high total proved to be, as before, to go out onto the field in every spare moment and put each boy through as many events as possible - and then to try to improve on his results. This was done with much goodwill and we ended the allotted period with nearly twice as many points as our nearest rival. The fact that this is now an entirely separate competition from the Athletics Sports themselves makes it all the more worth competing for, especially since by its very nature it is much more of a concerted House effort than many of the more illustrious competitions. Nevertheless this win in no way detracted from the fine performances of the Fraser athletes, notably the Juniors, on Sports Day. We finished a creditable second

behind Dalton, whose widely spread talents kept them well ahead from the outset.

The Middle School basketball competition was full of a promise which was never quite fulfilled. Partly as a result of some sloppy play and partly because of simple lack of experience we ended up a modest fourth. The sport is an excellent one, though, and the lessons every House learned in 1981 should ensure a more skilful and keenly contested competition in subsequent years. The two teams were very grateful to Mr. Seddon for organising and running the matches.

It was unfortunate that N. J. Grunfeld was again unable to contribute his strength and skill to the House Tennis Team. Nevertheless Sandy and M. W. Kennedy made a very reliable and stylish First Pair, and Fraser went through to the final against Gaskell. Chakrabarty and I. R. Ladd, however, were overwhelmed both by their own erratic play and by the composed consistency of the Gaskell pair's game, and we were again runners-up, and dampened by drizzle into the bargain.

Partly as an experimental exercise in integrating next year's crop of third-formers into the House, and partly as a means simply of getting off somewhere as a House together at the end of the School year, a group of fifty boys set off to Alton Towers in Staffordshire early one morning in late June. The place provides a fascinating variety of entertainment, rather like a Disney World complex, but with the advantages that it is all extremely well blended into beautiful Victorian parkland, and that one is not constantly being accosted by twelve feet tall Mickey Mice! The day was a happy and memorable one, and the entire experience well worthwhile.

At half term I. G. Macmillan, K. L. Price, R. P. Thornton and P. D. Winterbottom were appointed temporary School Prefects.

In addition to the Middle and Upper Sixth leavers this summer we had to say farewell to A. L. Pritchard, A. N. Dawson, D. G. Frost, D. A. Nolan and J. Hogg, all from the Fifth Form. The House wishes them much success and happiness in their new pursuits. They will all be missed, and none more so than Hogg, whose contribution to House Drama in particular was second to none. The best wishes of his House go with him and his brother as they embark on a new life with their family in America.

In concluding the House Notes in 1980 I expressed apprehension at the coming year in view of the unusually few Middle Sixth boys in the House. My fears were not borne out. Steeples led Fraser admirably through a period that was as successful and rewarding as any we have known in recent years. Even in those events in which we did not excel we were almost always able to enjoy a sense of satisfaction for having done just a little better than expected.

D. M. Fisher

GASKELL HOUSE

Michaelmas Term

The Rugby Season was once again a good one for the House and for the third successive year we won the House League, this time by 30 points. This was the result of an all-round effort from 3rd Form to Senior level. Heywood provided the only real opposition and were once again the only stumbling block for the first team, which was led by M. D. Greaves and had at its disposal many fine players, including our 'Try Machine' A. M. Bailey, who scored in every game.

We had hoped to carry off both the Junior and Senior Knockout trophies but, as is often the case, lost in both finals. The Juniors met a very strong Fraser side in a hard-fought game and drew 4-all. Although Fraser were firm favourites, Gaskell's players excelled themselves and deserved to win. The replay was a delight to watch but Fraser ran out eventual winners by a small margin.

The Senior games were both excellent; B. Cooper kicking superbly in the Semi-Final to take us into the Final against Byrom. In a classic match in which Gaskell were supposed to have been trounced, we fought our way to a 6-3 lead at half-time, with a shock try by B. J. Rosenberg, the Captain. In the second half, the inevitable happened and a momentary lack of concentration led to their scoring and our surrendering the match. In general the standard of Rugby was very high at all levels and I can only hope the same amount of effort continues to be put into House Games in future seasons.

Lent Term

The Lacrosse fixtures were again a victim of the weather and very few matches were played. The House League was abandoned but the Knockouts survived; Gaskell again featuring in the finals. The Senior side was well beaten by Dalton and, squad players apart, the team looked out of practice and the result was hardly surprising. But for W. N. Roberts, our School Team Goalkeeper, the defeat would have been a massacre. The Juniors were defeated early in the Competition despite the services of D. L. Hallows and A. J. Treweek, who promise to be outstanding players in the future and should help to ensure Gaskell's inevitable supremacy in years to come.

The House Play, produced by J. Q. Killip and starring the veterans M. Crowther and C. J. Greaves, was perhaps not the best entry in the Competition but a lowly fifth position did not give credit to a very strong cast.

The House Music Competition was also a disappointment but our best musicians, B. J. Rosenberg, S. G. O'Brien and M. C. Drackley all played excellently but failed to amass the necessary points to win what should have been our competition.

Midsummer Term

The summer saw Gaskell Cricket teams in both Knockout finals. In the best Gaskell style, the Senior team, lead by J. S. Wade, clawed its way from the jaws of defeat at the hands of Heywood, to a thrilling victory in the Semi-Final (B. Cooper taking 8 for 38). In the final against Whitworth, we ended up worthy winners and maintained Gaskell's hold on the Senior Trophy. The Juniors just failed in their effort against Fraser but with several extremely talented young players such as P. T. Fearnley, a County player, the future looks promising.

The House Tennis Competition was also won by Gaskell under the Captaincy of R. D. Meadowcroft and provided a fitting climax to what was quite a successful year for the House.

I am sure that all the House members would like to thank Mr. Chudleigh for his support and enthusiasm where House activities at all levels are concerned and also the other Masters involved with Gaskell House activities.

Our intakes over the last few years have provided us with some very good all-round House members and their effort has helped to make Gaskell undoubtedly the best House to be in: it is now up to everybody to continue to make it so in the future.

J. Q. Killip

HEYWOOD HOUSE

Head of House: M. S. Ashfield.

Deputy Head of House: A. T. Bowyer.

School Prefects: M. S. Ashfield, A. T. Bowyer, I. Alam, K. P. Holdridge, J. N. Hemy.

House Prefects: R. J. Wakefield, D. A. Eachus, J. M. Parry, J. E. Marland, L. J. Upcott, D. K. Smythe, N. J. Firth, R. Flamank.

Michaelmas Term

In the rugby House League Heywood had quite a successful term, finishing second behind Gaskell, and had the Juniors fared better we could well have won the league. The 1st XV under the inspiring captaincy of R. Flamank were the strongest House first team and were well supported by the 2nd XV captained by G. S. Williams. In the Knockouts the Senior team were unfortunate to be drawn against the eventual winners, Byrom, and were duly defeated quite easily. The Juniors, with a weak team, were defeated 24-6 by Gaskell in the first round.

During the term, I. Alam organised a badminton competition which was won by A. C. Woods and S. P. Robinson and a table-tennis competition won by D. Scheinmann.

Our congratulations go to J. N. Hemy who gained a place at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

Lent Term

Once again, Heywood had the strongest 1st team, which was captained by R. J. Wakefield and remained undefeated all season. All the other House teams fared quite well to produce a very creditable second place in the league. In the Knockouts Heywood's Senior X could not cope with the Fraser attack, though we rallied well in the last quarter only to be narrowly defeated 13-12. The Juniors with only one squad player, N. Fryman, were easily beaten in the first round. Due to the poor weather conditions the Hewlett Cup was not played, which was a blow to Heywood who had high hopes of retaining the trophy.

L. J. Upcott organised the House cross-country team and there were several promising performances, notably from W. H. Johnson, I. R. Jones and Upcott himself.

The House Music entry was organised extremely efficiently by N. C. Langley and A. M. Buckley. The House seems a little short of talented musicians although those who took part are to be commended on a varied and enjoyable performance, which gave the House third position.

In the House swimming competition we finished fourth in both relays and individual events with outstanding performances coming from G. J. Nash, A. G. Kanellis, P. E. D. Cantley, I. R. Cumming and T. A. W. Jones, and we hope for an improved position next year.

The House was left with a somewhat bitter feeling when it was announced that our entry for the House Play competition was to be disqualified due to too much help from a member of staff. This was a tremendous disappointment for M. Collins and I. R. Cumming who put so much time and effort into the production. However, the House was asked to perform before the School, which gave the cast the opportunity to show just how good the play was, and they deserved a great deal of credit for their performances, and so were justifiably awarded House colours.

Throughout the term a four-a-side football competition had been taking place which was eventually won by N. J. Firth's team of himself, D. K. Smythe, C. Ardskin and I. B. Beckett. My thanks to Mr. Booker for giving up his lunch-times to referee the competition.

Summer Term

Heywood had high hopes in the cricket Knockouts this year as we had four first team players and five

second eleven players. An untidy performance saw us through against Byrom, but a batting collapse against Gaskell saw us knocked out in the semi-finals. The Juniors had a weak team but played with great spirit and were unlucky to lose to Byrom in the second round.

This year saw a new system for the House Athletics competition with standard points and the individual events both separate competitions. Heywood performed enthusiastically in the standards and finished second; whilst on Sports Day itself there were good performances from A. Prestwich (200m and High Jump), M. S. Ashfield (400m) and G. W. Wright (1500m and 800m) but we only managed fourth position.

At the beginning of term the following lower sixth boys were made House Prefects: G. S. Williams, I. R. Jones, M. Collins, H. Fryman, A. Prestwich and N. C. Langley. At half-term D. K. Smythe, H. Fryman, M. Collins and A. Prestwich were appointed temporary School Prefects and towards the end of term N. J. Firth and L. J. Upcott were also appointed.

Finally I would like to thank various people for their assistance this year, notably all the house prefects and particularly Mr. Booker for his touch-line coaching and encouragement and Mrs. Hempstock for her assistance with standards. As I leave, I would like to wish the House itself and all the individuals who make up the House every success in the future.

M. S. Ashfield

I would like to add my thanks to M. S. Ashfield for writing this report and for his enthusiasm throughout the year.

M. R. Booker

WHITWORTH HOUSE

Michaelmas Term

I have tried hard this year to maintain and develop the House social facilities, which were initiated by Mr. Wilde, in the belief that a House must offer something more than a name in return for the endeavour and enthusiasm of its members.

Decorating work carried out by Brown and McFarland on the annexe to room nine in the summer vacation meant that the House Prefects returned to a very pleasant room where they can brew coffee and chat in the breaks and lunch-hour or obtain a hot drink after games or after School activities.

The appointment of Stanley as Head of House is possibly the shortest on record. He left the School within a month to pursue a career in banking. We wish him every success. McLaren accepted the invitation to succeed him.

Some success in rugby was noted this term - it should have been with Brown, Campbell, McFarland and Short as squad representatives. I. Keating captained the Senior League 1st XV and Knockout quite ably. Paterson's determination made the 2nd XV rather more successful and made some of the members realise potential that had previously been latent. Here a 40-3 win against Fraser seems now the most memorable match with points contributions from Colley, Fishwick, Hargreaves, McDonnell, Paterson and Shaw. At Junior level Thorley, Timperley and notably Hinnells performed well but we were defeated by Fraser in the second round of the Knockout.

Lunchtime coaching by House Prefects, particularly Brown, McFarland and Murray, provided a valuable opportunity for the Juniors to pick up useful strategies. Other lunchtime activities included five-a-

side football, badminton and table tennis competitions. For such competitions to be successful in the short time a lunch sitting allows three conditions need to prevail: support, enthusiasm and organisation. I felt all three were well supplied this term.

At half-term the Prefects' Trip visited Hardraw with a view to fell-walking, House Play selection, reading, practice and preparation. After 'doing' Pen-y-Ghent on our first day several inches of rain fell overnight and throughout the next day or two to considerably reduce enthusiasm for further walks. Work on the play, a day trip to Kendal and exotic culinary delights kept most of the party occupied for most of the time.

A buffet supper for the parents of Whitworth lads in the 3rd and 4th forms gave them some insight into House activities and an opportunity to meet the House Prefects and assistant House Masters. Mr. Gregson provided an excellent spread, as usual, for which all were appreciative.

Short and Murray made memorable appearances in Mr. Hallworth's production of this year's School Play *A Man for all Seasons*.

Lent Term

We heard early in the term of the success of Fishwick and Maula in obtaining places at Cambridge. Goodman was not successful in his application. We offer our best wishes for the future to all three.

The death of Tim Schofield was a sad loss to the House and most particularly to his close friends in the fourth form.

This was a very busy term for competitive House events. Our lowest positions of 5th came in swimming and cross country despite some hard work on the part of the organisers (I. Keating and McLaren respectively). Poor results in swimming were unfortunate and not due to lack of effort. We were placed 3rd in the relays which gives some indication of the quality of our swimmers and consequently many competitors received House colours.

The House Chess Competition was very competently managed by Donald who led the House to an easy victory over all other Houses. This year's House Drama entry, chosen, directed, produced and managed by Murray, was of two plays: *Make Your Play* and *The Adventures of Chastity Pewke*. These pleased both audience and judges who placed the entry second. This event involved eleven lads on stage several of whom were making their first appearances before a fairly packed audience - a pleasant change from those entries where senior lads predominated. A strong 3rd form contingent was supplied in the form of Cheung, Evans, Kersner and Mitchell (the latter providing an excellent portrayal of a dead man!)

We felt a little frustrated in the House Music Competition by the fact that we scored 150 points (3rd) to Byrom's 151. Performances were crisp, clear, well practised and a credit to Redford who both on and off stage made our entry very polished indeed.

The lacrosse season saw more games played than the average. At league level captains Hull, Short and Fairfax of the 1st, 2nd and Junior X had moderate success. In the Knockout at Junior level we lost to Fraser in the 2nd round and at Senior level to Dalton in the 1st round.

Midsummer Term

The cricket season should have seen us rather better placed in the Knockouts than was recorded. Gaskell provided a team at both levels which was superior to ours. We lost to them in the 2nd round at Junior level and in a very exciting final at Senior level.

Mr. Seddon's House Basketball Competition for 3rd and 4th formers which ran throughout the term saw us placed 3rd after a nailbiting final game against Byrom which unfortunately we lost. Work by captains McDonnell and Hussain maintained the teams in vigorous condition.

A hurriedly arranged House Tennis Competition caught us on the hop and here we certainly did not practice and apply ourselves as we had in other events.

The House Trip was to Alton Towers - an end-of-year educational trip - we studied the effects of G force on the corkscrew roller coaster (and on the stomach contents); image projection on the cine-2000 and the aesthetic pleasures of scenic gardens whilst some of the party enjoyed themselves.

On reflection I have found this year very busy and full of activities involving lots of lads for much of their non-academic time. I have had much support from willing Prefects and other enthusiastic members of the House. I hope we can build on this next year and look forward to even more success.

R. S. Moore

GAMES

RUGBY 1st XV

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 8.
Points for 155, Against 263.

v. Ashton on Mersey Colts ...	A W	8-0
v. Stockport G.S.	H W	8-3
v. Bramhall H.S.	H W	12-4
v. Sale G.S.	A L	7-10
v. Marple Hall School	H L	7-31
v. Birkenhead School	H L	4-32
v. Cheadle Moseley School...	A W	13-12
v. Sir John Deane's School...	A L	6-26
v. St. Bede's School	A W	22-8
v. Merchant Taylors' School...	H L	7-27
v. Arnold School	A L	3-75
v. Manchester G.S.	A L	6-7
v. Cardinal Allen School	H L	12-20
v. Audenshaw H.S.	H W	40-8

This year the XV had the benefit of fielding nine players with 1st team experience. The front row of J. N. Hemy, J. B. MacFarland, P. R. Hunt and later C. F. Marshall possibly lacked experience when under pressure but ended the season with credit. MacFarland showed outstanding hooking technique all season and Marshall improved with each game without ever really being as aggressive as one might expect a tight head prop to be. The locks in all games were J. Parry and R. S. Munro. The strength of both players was in the line out, their weakness a lack of fitness that would have enabled them to have made an even greater contribution to the game as a whole. The back row players were selected from P. E. Stanley (who left school early in the season), A. Brown, B. J. Rosenberg, S. P. Rutter, and N. D. Short. All worked ceaselessly but lacked the necessary experience to dictate or alter the course of play at 1st XV level. B. Cooper played scrum half for most of the season and formed an effective link with R. P. Thornton. Both are competent footballers and both are capable of taking or creating chances. S. Brown captained the side from centre. A determined, strong runner he led by example and was well supported by M. L. Wilson who developed in confidence as the season progressed and eventually played in his preferred position of wing threequarter. Without outstanding runners the position of wing was a difficult one to fill and resulted in several changes throughout the season. Potentially the most successful pairing was Wilson and D. A. Campbell.

P. A. Knight began the season on the wing but moved into the centre later in the season. In this position he showed the confidence to look for the break and should mature as a fine player. The full back, A. J. Steeples, was called upon to make many courageous tackles which he generally did to great effect. His faults were inconsistency in his touch kicking and a lack of speed to join in the attack

line. Whichever permutations were tried, the three-quarters never seemed to move the ball quickly or create enough gaps in the opposing defence. It was therefore rare for the ball to cross the gain line unless it was kicked, and then all too often the kick was in haste and resulted in the opposition regaining the initiative.

With so many experienced players returning the School looked forward to a fine season and so it began. Two tries by S. Brown gave us victory against Stockport, and a sound team performance was evident against Bramhall. In this game, however, we were guilty of complacency. We should have scored twenty points but relaxed our efforts. The match against Sale will be remembered by all who saw it. Uncompromising play from both teams resulted in a splendid fixture which the School narrowly lost. All things considered this was a fair result that, it was felt, heralded a new era for School Rugby. If the determination, aggression and dedication evident in this game could be maintained it would indeed have been a fine season. This was not the case, and the next two fixtures resulted in heavy defeats. In comparison to the Sale game our performances were listless with the necessary commitment coming in fits and starts. Even the seemingly convincing score line against St. Bede's hides a mediocre performance. Individually players were trying but at the expense of the co-ordinated effort and understanding so vital at 1st XV level. Arnold School showed us a disciplined approach and without more than three tries being scored by their forwards beat us by 75 points. Post match discussion regarding their enthusiasm and dedication to training came as no surprise. To play at that level a team has to be prepared to make the effort during training, something the School XV never achieved with any consistency.

Morale hit rock bottom with the defeat at the hands of Manchester G. S. and even the resounding victory against Audenshaw could do little to sweeten the blow. For this final fixture the XV were determined to end the season on a high note and once again played with authority. One can only reflect on what might have been had the right sort of attitude prevailed in every match.

During March the School received an invitation to send a team to the Rosslyn Park National Seven-a-Side Competition held in London. This was a three day event, the School entering the Festival Competition for schools playing rugby for one term only. The standard of play was far in excess of anything we imagined and we were privileged to be a part of the event.

RESULTS

v. Barnard Castle	L	8-16
v. Wellington College	L	12-20
v. Taunton School	L	8-24
v. Ipswich School	W	30-6



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At the end of the season colours were awarded to S. Brown, J. M. Parry (V. Capt) and J. B. MacFarland. Half colours were awarded to A. J. Steeples, M. L. Wilson, R. P. Thornton, B. J. Rosenberg, R. S. Munro, J. N. Hemy and D. A. Campbell. S. Brown, J. M. Parry and J. B. MacFarland represented Manchester Schools Under 19 XV with MacFarland gaining County honours for Lancashire in the game against Warwickshire.

The following boys also represented the School:
T. C. Smith, P. A. Knight, S. P. Rutter, P. E. Stanley, P. R. Hunt, B. Cooper, N. D. Short, I. G. Macmillan, I. D. Thorpe, C. F. Marshall, M. J. Harrison, S. J. Smith, D. Eachus, D. C. Hurst.

C. H. Seddon

SECOND XV RUGBY

Played 11, Won 4, Drawn 0, Lost 7.
Points for 153, Points against 276.

v. Stockport G.S.	H L	9-38
v. Bramhall H.S.	H W	38-0
v. Sale G.S.	A L	0-71
v. Marple Hall School	H L	3-32
v. Birkenhead School	H W	22-20
v. Sir John Deane's School...	A L	0-26
v. St. Bede's School	A W	52-3
v. Merchant Taylors'	H L	0-16
v. Arnold School	A L	0-46
v. Manchester G.S.	A L	3-12
v. Cardinal Allen School	H W	26-12

The following boys represented the second team during the term:

M. S. Ashfield, D. R. Braddock, D. A. Campbell, D. A. Eachus, M. I. Emmott, C. D. Farrell, R. D. Hardern, A. C. Harrison, M. W. Harrison, N. R. Hatton, I. D. Helsby, J. P. Hill, N. A. Hoskinson, P. R. Hunt, D. C. Hurst, N. S. MacDonald, I. G. Macmillan, C. F. Marshall, W. N. Roberts, A. B. Rowley, S. P. Rutter, J. M. D. Sealy, N. D. Short, S. J. Smith, T. C. Smith, A. D. Tatham, R. A. Taylor, I. D. Thorpe, L. J. Upcott, R. J. Wakefield, E. C. Whipp, L. White, and G. F. Williams.

As is to be expected when fielding a young side and a total of thirty four players plus many positional changes, the results make erratic reading. The side came unstuck against the more experienced settled sides, notably Sale and Arnold, Blackpool but also had some impressive victories particularly over Birkenhead and Cardinal Allen, Liverpool. As I expect to see many of these players again next season I can expect to see a more consistent performance.

My particular thanks to the two captains, J. P. Hill and particularly M. I. Emmott, who put in a lot of work towards the end of term and led the side both vocally and by example from the full-back position.

I would also like to thank those players who stepped in at the last minute to play and showed the determination and spirit which was always exhibited by the 'Veterans' of the side.

I. D. Lewis

UNDER-15 XV RUGBY

Played 12, Won 6, Lost 6.
Points for 219, Against 181.

v. Stockport G.S.	H W	10-4
v. Bramhall H.S.	H W	54-0
v. Sale G.S.	H W	24-6
v. Marple Hall School	A L	16-22
v. Birkenhead School	A L	6-36
v. Cheadle Moseley School...	H L	12-20
v. Sir John Deane's School...	H L	4-28
v. St. Bede's School	H W	38-6
v. Merchant Taylors'	H W	16-10
v. Arnold School	A L	0-24
v. Cardinal Allen School	A L	12-25
v. Audenshaw H.S.	H W	27-0

My overall impression of the season is one of many fine individual performances and tries, but a general lack of collective support play, together with a reluctance to seize upon the loose ball at the earliest opportunity. The term started extremely well with three home victories, but in our first away game we played tentatively and without conviction until the last few minutes when, indeed, we might have snatched victory. The game at Birkenhead revealed much. We began in fine style but then abject tackling allowed the opposition in for several tries and it wasn't until late in the game that D. L. Hallows flattened the Birkenhead danger man who then lost interest in the game. If this had been done much earlier I feel that we could well have won. One of the best team performances came against Sir John Deane's, an extremely strong side who had defeated us by fifty-six points the previous year. This margin was halved by some fine all-round defence which was a pleasure to watch after some of the poor tackling in earlier matches. Merchant Taylors' School provided us with one of our hardest and most exciting matches. Playing in pouring rain on a very heavy pitch, we held on to win narrowly. Three matches had to be cancelled towards the end of term because of the weather, but the season was well rounded off with a convincing win over Audenshaw High School.

The side was captained at centre three-quarter by C. P. Tatham, a strong runner who scored several individual tries. The other centre was usually D. A. Thorley, a sound handler who provided D. L. Hallows, D. A. Kelly and B. J. Blackledge with plenty of ball on the wings which they ran with much determination. Fly-half was D. W. Lloyd, a slight but skilful player. N. R. Fairfax was a reliable full-back and P. J. Torkington a gritty scrum-half who executed a cheeky drop-goal against Audenshaw. M. A. Krumpa and D. G. Shelston also represented the School in the backs. The forwards were ably led from the back row by R. J. T. Healey along with the talented D. J. C.

Ingram and well-supported by J. C. W. Palmer and S. J. Winterbottom. The second row was usually the stalwart M. A. Roland and G. G. Manrot. G. A. Humphreys also played in that position. R. G. Dalglish was hooker and his props were usually J. R. Braddock and A. P. Marsden, J. M. Grisman, I. Lieberman and W. M. Wallwork also played in the front row, the latter scoring a fine try in the last game of the season.

I would like to thank Mr. J. H. Thomson for his help in running the team and for refereeing several matches.

M. R. Booker

UNDER-14 XV RUGBY

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 8, Drawn 0.
Points for 198, Against 270.

v. Stockport G.S.	A L	3-38
v. Bramhall G. S.	A W	44-0
v. Sale G. S.	H L	11-30
v. Marple Hall School	A L	4-10
v. Birkenhead School	H L	16-30
v. Cheadle Moseley School...	H W	34-4
v. Sir John Deane's School...	H L	4-16
v. St. Bede's School	H W	18-14
v. Merchant Taylors'	A L	0-36
v. Arnold School.....	H W	16-4
v. Manchester G. S.	H W	16-14
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A L	4-40
v. Cardinal Allen School.....	H L	12-30
v. Audenshaw G. S.	A W	16-4

The Under 14 rugby team found difficulty in challenging teams which had the advantage of a prolonged rugby season at their schools; nevertheless there were certain basic weaknesses, especially with regard to tackling, which many members of the team failed to overcome during the season. The team benefited from consistently excellent form by M. Jackson (Capt) in the forwards and M. Clarke in the backs. Team spirit was always high and the players' refusal to accept defeat until the final whistle reflects well on their character.

R. Ballantyne

UNDER-13 XV RUGBY

Played 13, Won 5, Lost 7, Drawn 1.
Points for 132, Against 169.

v. Stockport G.S.	A L	6-30
v. Bramhall G.S.....	A L	8-10
v. Sale G.S.....	H L	0-12
v. Marple Hall School	A W	7-4
v. Birkenhead School	H	Cancelled
v. Cheadle Moseley School...	H W	29-0
v. Sir John Deane's School...	H L	0-24
v. St. Bede's School	H W	16-4
v. Merchant Taylors'	A W	24-8
v. Arnold School.....	H L	0-30
v. King Edward's, Lytham ...	A	Cancelled
v. Manchester G.S.....	H W	10-7
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A D	4-4
v. Cardinal Allen School.....	H L	4-32
v. Audenshaw H.S.....	A L	24-28

The season started off badly with the School losing the first game heavily to Stockport. The team was literally put together the day before the match. This showed how important it is to have some form of pre-season training.

The next two games saw the School lose by narrow margins.

The first win came against Marple Hall. There were various positional changes such as Schofield playing as stand off and Rushton becoming scrum half. The results were clear to see as the backs saw more of the ball.

The backs now began to make more of the improved quality of possession and the chances of scoring improved greatly.

The team seemed to be on the up and up with the School winning the next game by a large margin. The forward play seemed to be improving as they played as a pack. The backs also were now taking advantage of their chances. The defensive play was also greatly improved. Turley, in particular, showed the rest of the team how to tackle.

Sir John Deane's soon put an end to the small winning streak. Everything that the School had gained in the past soon seemed to have been forgotten. The panic bells seemed to be ringing as the opposition scored early on in the game. All the basic principles of rugby were forgotten. If the team had been able just to settle down and played with some kind of purpose, then the result might well have been a little different.

St. Bede's allowed the School to recover from the previous week's nightmare. The forwards seemed again to be in good form. They produced some very good ball for the backs.

The backs were unlucky at times and for the opposition this was let off. The School should have run up a large score.

Merchant Taylors' also provided the School with the chance of improving the points averages. The School had an impressive win, even though the conditions were not at all that favourable.

Arnold School was one of the most impressive and well organised schools to visit us. They played with a great deal of confidence and soon ran away to a comfortable win.

The School showed a lot of character in the next two games. Manchester Grammar School were the next opponents. Even though the School was not yet fully recovered from the shock of the previous week, they still managed to win.

Cheadle Hulme was the scene for a close and hard played game. Both sides were very evenly matched and this resulted in both schools sharing the honours.

The last game of the season should have seen the School finish on a winning note. But there were various problems with players' health. Even with the two reserves the School still only managed to field fourteen men.

The main problem was tackling or the lack of it. One man from the opposition continually ran through our defence. The result of this was that the School was well down at half time.

The second half saw something of a change. The opposition was at last being tackled. There was a greater sense of urgency about the players' game. With this renewed confidence the School began to claw its way back into the game. The School just ran out of time and lost by a mere four points.

Overall, the season was a little disappointing as regards results. The School did have the chances to win more than it lost. However, it was an enjoyable season, with the boys gaining a lot of experience. There is hope for the future, with Benson playing well throughout the season. Gaskell was something of a late find and provided the backs with a little more bite with attacking runs.

I would also like to thank all those parents, who supported the School every week in all kinds of weather.

The following boys represented the School:

B. M. Adderley, D. S. Beevor, G. P. Benson, P. J. Crosby, P. D. R. Gaskell, M. P. J. Hancock, R. Harvey, J. M. Hooker, S. J. Hughes, G. R. Jackson, S. M. Kennedy, M. P. Loenholdt, J. Leung, S. A. P. Leyden, I. K. Lomas, R. D. Markland, J. R. Marland, M. J. Palmer, J. D. Pollard, K. E. Rushton, S. J. F. Schofield, P. M. Thompson, S. Tucker, M. R. Turley.

G. B. Moss

UNDER-12 XV RUGBY

Played 6, Won 6.
Points for 162, Against 21.

v. Merchant Taylors' School...	A W	10-7
v. Arnold School.....	H W	24-0
v. Manchester G.S.....	H W	24-0
v. Cheadle Hulme School....	A W	40-0
v. Cardinal Allen School.....	H W	34-10
v. Audenshaw G.S.....	A W	30-4

As is clear from the results the Under 12 XV's season was one of the best ever for a first form team. The success came from the ideal balance of a strong if not particularly heavy pack and fast hard-running backs: the team could have won most of its matches by simply relying on the excellent running of Hinchcliffe at centre, but in fact tries came regularly from many other players too, both forwards and backs. Several of the matches were much more even than the scores suggest, but finished with an opposition crumbling in the face of concerted pressure. Apart from the many spectacular tries from Hinchcliffe, one remembers particularly three tries in twenty minutes by Thompson against Cardinal Allen, regular knee-high bursts through opposition packs by Hessayon, aggressive rampaging runs by Swain, constantly excellent support play from Beggs, and, more consistent than anything else, a regular and reliable service from the base of the scrum by Thornton, who was good enough to keep out an excellent reserve, Wilkinson, for a whole season.

The team was usually selected from:

A. G. Hinchcliffe (Capt), M. C. Anderton, P. P. Arnfield, S. J. Beggs, D. P. Clarke, A. M. Dickin, J. J. Garlick, A. Y. Hessayon, S. A. Hooker, A. N. Jameson, S. Jones, D. R. P. Kirby, N. J. Pitcher, A. D. Smith, R. D. Swain, N. E. J. Thompson, S. D. Thornton, C. W. Timm, D. M. Wilkinson.

C. P. Langford

1st X LACROSSE

Matches Played 15, Won 10, Lost 5.
Goals for 159, Against 127.

v. Old Waconians 'A'	H W	11-9
v. Stockport G. S.	H W	16-9
v. Old Waconians 'B' (Lancs. Jnr. Cup)	H W	22-7
v. Poynton	A L	7-14
v. Heaton Mersey 'B' (Lancs. Jnr. Cup)	A L	9-11
v. Manchester Students X....	H L	8-13
v. Stockport G. S.	A W	13-6
v. Birmingham University	A W	16-9
v. Oxford University.....	A L	8-13
v. Cambridge University	A W	11-10
v. Heaton Mersey 'A'.....	A W	9-4
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A W	13-5
v. Manchester University.....	A W	10-6
v. Old Hulmeians	H L	6-11

The following boys represented the School regularly at 1st team level last year:

R. G. McLaren (Captain), A. D. Brown (Vice-Captain), A. P. Booth, B. Cooper, G. W. Keating, J. A. Lord, L. G. Macmillan, R. M. Phillips, W. N. Roberts, R. P. Thornton, P. D. Winterbottom. Also played: D. R. Braddock, D. I. Jacquiss, C. P. Robinson, S. G. Rutter.

The 1981 Season will not be remembered as one of the School's best in terms of results or trophies, but if success is to be measured by the amount of work and effort players put in improving their game, by the amount they have learned and progressed at the sport and by the amount of satisfaction, enjoyment and sheer fun they have derived from participating, then the lacrosse team was as successful last year as any side can hope to be.

The fact that the team was a youthful one had its advantages and disadvantages. Their endless enthusiasm and seemingly limitless capacity to run gave the team a marked advantage in the games against much more experienced opponents, and even gave them a decisive edge in their victories over Stockport Grammar School. Lack of experience, however, led them to waste too much possession in attack and to feel the need to rush too quickly into poor attacking situations. This in turn meant that the defence and midfield were given no rest when they had been under pressure. The most crucial faults, which brought about an early exit from the Lancashire Junior Cup, stemmed from wasteful shooting and not turning a high enough proportion of chances into goals. Against Heaton Mersey 'B' and at Poynton, excellent riding and ball-winning by the whole team, gave us a tremendous number of chances, and yet only a small number of goals

resulted on each occasion, and despite building reasonable leads we found ourselves beaten in the end.

It should be a lesson to the side that these teams did not regard our early superiority, nor our four or five goal leads in the first quarter, as decisive. From the touchline it looked very clear, however, that the School did, and relaxed their grip on the game, allowing their opponents to get back. Time alone will make the School players realise that one purple patch of attacking play will not, on its own, win a match (especially if more chances are not put into the net) and that constant pressure and much less sympathetic shooting, are the only means by which to press home advantages they have in skill and fitness.

Throughout the term, the first X played very much as a team whose ability was greater than the sum of the individuals' not inconsiderable skills. Their handling was of the highest quality, only a few players not developing some proficiency with both hands. Groundball technique, and certainty in picking up, was the biggest single factor in the team's success, and stemmed from the confidence which good, unselfish support gives. Despite the fact that Cooper scored over sixty goals there was no individual brilliance bright enough to outshine team performances. This was despite some marvellous individual moments, several of which are worth recalling.

Brown had an outstanding game, covering and controlling the defence, against Old Waconians and Lord produced an unforgettable check to win possession when he was outnumbered three to one in the first Stockport Grammar match. Booth and Winterbottom were outstandingly good in their clearing of the ball in their own ways, Booth taking the ball on the burst to produce fast breaks and the final decisive goal against Old Wacs. and Winterbottom running strongly with the ball, never more so than against Stockport.

The powerhouse of any team must be its midfield and so to have skill, finesse and the ability to think, in the 'workhorses' of the team is a real bonus. Phillips, despite a lack of success in front of goal, was consistently excellent in these areas. His season was perhaps summed up in his performance at Oxford University when his display earned him the roughest of treatment from a South of England defender who simply could not cope with his skill and speed and resorted to hacking him unmercifully, and yet despite his fine performance Phillips only managed to put one of his many chances in the net.

Thornton and Keating were quietly efficient with Keating a tower of strength and constant stream of possession at centre. Thornton showed his importance to the team in a fine performance at Heaton Mersey where his four goals, the results of excellent man-up play, and power and placement in his shooting, enabled us to avenge our cup defeat by soundly beating the Mersey 'A' team.

In the straight attack Macmillan and Cooper produced dodging and shooting of the quality that one always hopes for in this position. Cooper's cutting and running on goal ensured quality goals in all our games, even against sound defences, and Macmillan's confidence on the ball throughout the term and he scored one particularly memorable individual goal at Cambridge University.

As most of the team are returning next term the side

can hope to build on their progress of last year and will be aiming to regain the Lancashire Junior Cup. They must, however, not lose sight of the fact that there are important areas where they must improve. Against the stronger teams on next year's fixture list, they must take heed of the comments here on their shooting. They must learn to fashion structured chances at goal against sides who do not make mistakes in defence, and they must learn to make the best of the talents of their excellent captain McLaren. He had a rather unfulfilled season in many respects, despite leading the side extremely well. His quiet, thoughtful advice and instructions to individual players and general encouragement when things were not going too well combined well with the example of his own industry and unselfish attitude. He has been the latest in what is now a considerable line of exemplary lacrosse captains who can go right to the highest level of the game. His season might have been brighter from a personal point of view, had other players been able to recognise his ability to create space and chances off the ball, and this is the area of play where the team should look to progress next year. If by recognising McLaren's ability to create such chances, the team can pick up some of his ability, they will be able to compete the best next year, and perhaps do even better than they did in the Senior Competition at Stockport Lacrosse club on Easter Sunday, when Hampstead was amongst the scalps.

The following boys also received the honour of being selected for Lancashire U-18's, and played against Cheshire in the annual county match:

A. P. Booth, A. D. Brown, B. Cooper, G. W. Keating, R. M. Phillips, R. G. McLaren, W. N. Roberts, P. D. Winterbottom.

School Colours were awarded to A. P. Booth, B. Cooper and R. G. McLaren, and half colours to G. W. Keating.

I. J. Shaw

2nd X LACROSSE

Played 10, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 3.
Goals for 143, Against 90.

v. Old Hulmeians 'B'	A L	10-11
v. Stockport G.S. 2nd X	A W	16-12
v. Cheadle Hulme 'B'	H W	21-1
v. Cheadle 'C'	H W	20-6
v. Boardman & Eccles 'B'	A L	6-8
v. Stockport G.S. 2nd X	H W	11-6
v. Wilmslow 'A'	H D	12-12
v. Heaton Mersey Guild	A W	21-5
v. Leeds University	A W	17-13
v. Old Hulmeians 'A'	H L	9-16

The School 2nd Team had a successful season with several excellent and excitingly close games, some notable victories and only one of the goal riots which occasionally

take place when they are pitted against inevitably weak opposition in the early rounds of the David Beesley Cup. The only real cloud over an otherwise enjoyable season was an exit from the Cup at Boardman and Eccles where the tone and spirit of the opposition left far too much to be desired, and the manner in which they played in order to win, was far more distressing than the fact that we were beaten.

The team, however, full of character and enthusiasm, put the defeat behind them quickly, and went on to have some splendid matches during the rest of the season. Cheadle 'C', a team full of experience and skill, fought doggedly for half the game before Rutter set off on one of his almost unstoppable scoring sprees and put the game beyond doubt. The two games against Stockport Grammar were also hard fought affairs with the result in doubt right into the last quarter, and against a Wilmslow 'A' team who were virtually unbeaten in the Fifth Division the team took a 7-1 lead with some excellent attack play but Wilmslow came back very strongly and in the end it was resolute defence-play that earned a draw. The final three games brought the best lacrosse from the team as Heaton Mersey Guild and then a Leeds University team including Huw Davies, were routed by some devastating attacking play. In the latter game a travel-weary School side went behind 8-2 before pulling the game around in excellent style. The Old Hulmeians 'A' team were stretched fully in the final game and it was a fine end to the season to make such a good game against a Second Division team.

During the season Bowyer, in goal, progressed from a shaky start to become a sound stopper and his confidence in clearing gradually helped to make the defensive unit a very sound and dependable base on which to build. The defensive record was very good indeed and Thorpe and Jacquiss grew in stature throughout the term. It was in the middle of the field, however, that the outstanding contributions were made, by Robinson, Rutter and the captain Braddock. Without doubt Robinson's ball-winning ability, and sheer determination and will to win, were the crucial elements in many of the close games. Combined with Rutter's pace and individual dodging and shooting, they were the main reasons for the team's success. The presence of Braddock in midfield to control and utilise these players' skills, and his own speed, ground-ball work and shooting ability, meant that the midfield was an area where few sides could match us.

In the front half of the field the talents of Murray, Firth, Williams and Sandy ensured a fluid and safe transfer of ball, at speed around the opposition goal which at times must have been the envy of the first team. As the season progressed they became more incisive and started to match the midfield in goal-scoring terms. All four of them, if they maintain their progress, should be aiming for first team places next year.

The team's development and success owed much to the captaincy of Braddock who always produced helpful and interesting match reports, and to the presence of Mr. Fisher who gave up his free time whenever he could to maintain some sort of continuity in the management and organisation of the side. The team's thanks are also due to several other members of staff who drove mini-buses, travelled with the side, off-side umpired and helped in the coaching of a very enjoyable season.

The following boys played regularly in the team:
D. R. Braddock (Captain), M. J. Bowyer, D. I. Jacquiss, C. P. Robinson, S. G. Rutter, W. J. H. Murray, N. J. Firth, W. A. Sandy and G. S. Williams.
J. D. Sealy and R. D. Hardern also played. D. R. Braddock and C. P. Robinson were awarded half-colours.
I. J. Shaw

UNDER-15 X LACROSSE

Played 8, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 3.
Goals for 90, Against 56.

v. Harefield H.S.....	A L	6-9
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H W	16-2
v. Stockport Juniors	H W	19-7
v. Mellor Juniors.....	H L	8-9
v. Harefield H.S.....	H W	12-10
v. Broadway H.S.....	A D	8-8
v. Mellor Juniors.....	H W	16-1
v. Broadway H.S.....	H L	5-10

It was unfortunate that the team had to play a cup match as the first fixture and that bad weather prevented much practice beforehand. As a result, despite much effort, we lost the game 6-9 to Harefield H. S. having led 5-3 at half-time. In this, as in most games during the season, the defence was very sound and the fault really lay with the midfield, who were poor at getting back into defence; and the attack, whose poor handling lost us all the ball too often.

One of the best games of the season was against an over-age Mellor side. We lost the game 8-9, but began for the first time to play as a team, rather than as a disorganised set of individuals. After this the team gained revenge over Harefield winning 12-10 with A. P. Marsden having a particularly good game at centre, then had two very good games against the cup winners, Broadway H. S.

Although the bad weather made it difficult to work on faults, certain individuals certainly progressed and are good prospects for the future. S. J. Winterbottom had a good season in goal. He is a good 'stopper' but must improve his handling if he is to compete for 1st and 2nd X places. The defence of R. J. T. Healey, C. P. Tatham, J. R. Braddock and A. D. Poole has great potential, and of the midfielders A. P. Marsden and N. Fryman seem the strongest. In attack D. L. Hallows is strong but needs to improve his handling skills and I. R. Ladd has promise but needs to get involved more. Of the many who played in attack L-E. Pye was the most consistent and was unlucky not to be selected for Lancashire. Others who played for the team during the season are D. J. C. Ingram, P. J. Torkington, D. Lloyd, S. D. Looker, N. R. Fairfax and S. Odum.

Congratulations to Winterbottom, Campbell, Healey, Tatham, Poole, Marsden, Fryman, Hallows and Ladd on their selection for Lancashire Under-15's; and to Winterbottom, Healey and Hallows for their selection for the North of England side.

P. C. Hallworth

UNDER-14 X LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 2.
Goals for 144, Against 61.

v. Harefield H.S.	H W	32-2
v. Stockport G.S. U-15 X (Juniors & Schools Cup)	H L	8-16
v. Ashton Juniors	H W	12-7
v. Sale Juniors	A W	19-8
v. Audenshaw Juniors	H W	22-4
v. Harefield H.S.	A W	22-1
v. Stamford School	A D	8-8
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H W	12-5
v. Stockport G.S.	H L	9-10

The following players represented the School during the season:

M. L. Jackson, R. J. Stead, S. J. Heelham, H. A. Gardiner, G. P. Wadsworth (Captain), J. R. G. McManus, A. J. Treweek, R. C. Hogg, A. G. Cleary, S. H. Marsh, D. A. Butterworth, A. P. Fox, R. D. N. Hunt, C. M. Jaquiss, I. Mullins, M. R. Osborn, D. R. Watters.

The season was a very satisfactory one for one of the strongest lacrosse years in School at present. Matches against opposition of the same age brought easy wins while matches against older opposition produced some good close games. The only defeats were at the hands of two different Stockport G. S. teams. The first of these was a Juniors and School Cup game against Stockport G. S. U-15 and the School played well to give Stockport a fairly difficult passage into the next round. The second defeat was against a Stockport G. S. U-14 team that was reinforced by the inclusion of three U-15 players. This produced an exciting encounter with the School leading for most of the game before losing by one goal as the midfield began to tire. The drawn game came against Stamford School when the School was weakened by the absence of Heelham and an injury to McManus.

Although the team is strong in all departments, the secret of the team's success lies in the well balanced and highly talented midfield. McManus provides the strength needed in the centre, Treweek provides flair while Wadsworth has great determination combined with no little skill. The three have a good understanding of each other providing a formidable midfield unit. There is, however, still room for improvement. McManus is guilty of 'hiding' at times, particularly when the defence is trying to clear the ball and needs support. Treweek must learn to balance his individual play with a little more teamwork. The better the opposition is, the harder it is for solo runs to succeed and the greater the need for rapid interpassing movements.

Indeed Treweek could well learn a lesson from Cleary in attack. Cleary continues to improve, not least because he is able either to take on defenders himself or to link up fluently with other attackers. A fine understanding was developed between Cleary and Hogg with the latter feeding well from behind goal.

The defence was built around Gardiner whose ability and temperament were reflected by the infrequency with

which he was penalised; an important factor under the new rules. Stead has developed into a tenacious defender while Heelham generally earned the third defence position. The defence was well supported by Jackson on goal. It is not easy to maintain concentration in games when there is little to do. Jackson managed to achieve this, satisfying himself with the odd forage downfield. Mullins proved a capable deputy when Jackson was injured.

Wadsworth captained the side well, leading by example in typical Wadsworth fashion. With his determination and will to win it is easy to underestimate his skill. His greatest attribute is his ability to support the man with the ball, always making himself available and giving the man in possession an extra option.

It was a pleasure to observe the development of the team through the season and was frustrating to see this development interrupted by a spate of cancelled matches. The main weakness of the team is the lack of strength in depth. When substitutes were introduced into the team it often had a drastic effect on the performance and the long term aim must be to build up a squad of fifteen players who can all be used without weakening the side unduly. This point was emphasised in the last match of the season when the School was overhauled in the final quarter when the midfield tired as Stockport were able to introduce fresh players. However, this weakness may turn to the School's advantage next year in the Juniors and Schools Cup where no substitutes are permitted.

I would like to thank all the players for their support, Mr. Hallworth for his help with the coaching and Mr. Wadsworth and Mr. McManus for their sterling support.
A. Simkin

UNDER-13 X LACROSSE

Played 8, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 1.
Goals for 94, Against 45.

v. Mellor Juniors	A W	11-7
v. Mellor Juniors	H L	6-7
(Centurions Trophy: Round 2)		
v. Stockport G.S.	H W	13-11
v. Oldham Juniors	H W	22-0
v. Stockport Juniors	H D	7-7
v. Blackpool Saints	A W	15-2
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A W	7-5
v. Broadway H.S.	H W	13-6

The season had many frustrations, mainly of course the narrow defeat by the eventual winners in the Centurions Trophy. There was also some dreadful weather to contend with, resulting in cancellations, and we had other games cancelled by other, formerly reliable opposition sides on some reasonably fine days. The season was so disjointed, in fact, that the team was often without constructive match

practice at a vital stage, and this played a part in producing long spells of fairly poor play in matches which we managed to win.

The players all worked well to master zone and ride tactics, and learned to move from defence into attack with great fluency, but there was an overall lack of confidence about the catching and throwing, with the constant feeling that people had to think about these automatic processes and thus waste precious seconds: there is no substitute for perfect handling in lacrosse. However if the attack play can be brought up to the standard of the defence and positional play, then this should turn into a good School side.

The very smart numbered squad consisted of the following players:

Goal: G. C. Pryor, Defence: J. S. Barnes, P. J. Crosby, R. Harvey, H. N. Lightfoot. Midfield: D. Arundel, J. M. Hooker, S. M. Kennedy, S. A. P. Leyden, C. L. Porritt, S. J. F. Schofield. Attack: S. J. Hinchcliffe, K. G. Rushton, M. R. Turley. Reserves: G. P. Benson, J. M. Berlyne, M. P. J. Hancock, A. M. Hindley, G. R. Jackson, M. R. Sale, F. Sheldon.

C. P. Langford

UNDER-12 X LACROSSE

Played 12, Won 11, Lost 1.
Goals for 191, Against 65.

v. Harefield H. S.	H W	23-4
v. St. Gregory's School	H W	19-0
v. Cheadle Hulme Jun. U14 ...	H W	12-9
v. Heaton Mersey Guild	A W	14-5
v. Poynton Juniors	A L	6-10
v. Harefield H. S.	A W	18-5
v. West End School	A W	18-3
v. Stockport Juniors	A W	18-11
v. Stamford School	A W	11-6
v. Broadway School	A W	15-4
v. Stockport G. S.	H W	14-7
v. Broadway School	A W	23-1

Regular players (with goals scored) were as follows: A. G. Hinchcliffe (67), S. J. Dean (32), J. J. Garlick (26), C. L. Gardner (18), D. R. P. Kirby (12), P. R. J. McManus (10), A. D. Smith, S. A. Hooker, R. J. Moore, M. C. Anderton, S. Jones, N. R. Abrahams, N. J. Pitcher, M. A. Thorley, N. B. Keeping, J. S. Williams, P. Sharman, I. G. Wakefield, S. D. Thornton.

This group of boys developed into an extremely talented team, dedicating themselves to the game, and showing a great deal of skill. Speed through the midfield and strength in attack were the features of the team, and some outstanding players showed much enthusiasm for the sport. Hard work during the practice sessions in the Christmas holiday helped boys develop skills quickly.

The first match, against Harefield H. S., was played

during the first week of term, when our players experienced a match for the first time. It was suspected that our defence may not have been strong, but they were seldom tested, as C. Gardner won most of the centres and scored eight goals by running through the middle. Once his space was blocked, A. Hinchcliffe used the ball well, and scored six times in the total of 23 goals. The excellent start was continued against a weak St. Gregory's team, when ten players contributed goals in the 19-0 win. A tall, robust Cheadle Hulme U-14 team then provided stiff opposition, and a 12-9 win was brought about by an excellent midfield display and five goals from A. Smith. The only loss of the season was against Poynton, where the opposition played above themselves. Passes were dropped, and icy ground conditions prevented easy picking up of the loose ball. Short easy passes to players moving for the ball are essential in such conditions.

The conversion of J. Garlick from defence to midfield was a major factor in the further success of the team. He alternated at centre with C. Gardner, and put his strength to good effect against Stockport Juniors. In this game, the smaller skilful opposition were beaten by our superior teamwork, and a defence that held firm. The final games were won quite comfortably, strong shots inevitably producing goals in poor evening light.

The team played many games in a short period of time, and enjoyed much success. N. Pitcher was the usual goalkeeper; although he played some useful games, much hard work is necessary if he is to survive against better opposition. N. Abrahams was at the centre of the defence, and began to use his weight and strength later in the season. The captain, C. Gardner, made good use of the advantage of playing left handed, and has the potential to be a top class player. J. Garlick used his strength to give hard passes and to score goals. A. Hinchcliffe's scoring record of 67 goals included nine goals in one game and seven goals on three other occasions. He developed a good dodge, looked for a pass, and place his shots well. The average of over five goals a game was excellent. S. Dean, with 32 goals, was second top scorer. He usually played on the crease, and skilfully put away most chances.

There are six or seven very skilful players on this team, and I hope that others will work hard to fill in the gaps. If all continue to practice their individual skills, and to develop the teamwork, this could be a very successful team in the future. The support of the parents was greatly appreciated, as this always provided encouragement to the team.

M. D. Wood

HULMEIANS JUNIORS LACROSSE

Under-13 X: Played 15, Won 8, Lost 7.
Goals for 102, Against 103.
Under-15 X: Played 13, Won 8, Lost 5.
Goals for 159, Against 95.

Full fixture lists were again available for all boys who

wished to play lacrosse at any time during the first two terms, whenever they were not taking part in any school team. First and second year boys played as Under-13's, and third and fourth years as Under-15's. Senior players from Old Hulmeians came to matches to assist with coaching, and first years were again given the opportunity to be coached and to play before the start of the School seasons

Each team had some successes, with the Under-15's reaching the final of the J. A. Barber 6-a-side tournament, but losing in the first round of the Juniors and Schools Cup to Broadway, the eventual winners. Regular players included A. S. Campbell, R. A. Shotton, A. D. Poole, A. Khan, P. I. Price, and I. R. Ladd, all of whom have played for the past three seasons and are now available for senior lacrosse.

The Under-13's beat Ashton in the Centurions' Trophy, but then lost to Broadway. Team selection was much less consistent, as fewer boys asked to play regularly. At the beginning of the season, D. B. Lancaster scored many goals, but failed to continue to do so. In the second half of the season, the size and weight of G. P. Benson in defence and G. R. Jackson in midfield helped the team. Both of these will improve by playing regularly. C. Butterworth and S. Kay also played regularly, the latter taking over in goals towards the end of the season.

I hope that first to fourth years will continue to want to play regular lacrosse, for matches will always be available for them. Everyone can gain much satisfaction and enjoyment from the sport. The assistance of parents with transport and Old Hulmeians with coaching and refereeing will continue to be vital.

M. D. Wood

1st XI CRICKET

Played 22, Won 4, Drawn 6, Lost 12.

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A)
Lost by 111 runs.
Arnold 188 for 6 dec.
School 77.
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H)
Match Drawn
School 73
Woodhouse Grove 71 for 9 (R. G. McLaren 6 for 26)
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A)
Lost by 9 wkts.
School 94
Macclesfield 95 for 1.
- v. Lancashire Club and Ground (H)
Match Drawn
Lancashire 224 for 3 dec.
(Cockbain 82, O'Shaughnessy 53)
School 115 for 8
- v. Q. E. G. S. Wakefield (H)
Lost by 8 wkts
School 84
Wakefield 85 for 2

- v. Parents (H)
Won by 5 wkts.
Parents 42 (D. Frost 5 for 13)
School 46 for 5
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (A)
Lost by 8 wkts.
School 105 (N. W. Roberts 31)
Crosby 106 for 2.
- v. Sir John Deane's College, Northwich (H)
Lost by 2 wkts.
School 94 for 9 dec.
Northwich 95 for 7
- v. Sedbergh School (A)
Lost by 93 runs
Sedbergh 186 for 9 dec. (G. L. Robinson 4 for 49)
School 93 (G. L. Robinson 34 n.o.)
- v. Birkenhead School (A)
Lost by 4 wkts
School 132 (R. P. Thornton 52)
Birkenhead 134 for 6
- v. Manchester Grammar School (H)
Match Drawn
School 112 (N. W. Roberts 38)
M. G. S. 95 for 9 (G. L. Robinson 6 for 10)
- v. Stockport Grammar School (H)
Lost by 5 wkts
School 148 for 7 dec.
S. G. S. 150 for 5 (A. D. Brown 3 for 28)
- v. Shrewsbury School (A)
Lost by 51 runs
Shrewsbury 217 for 5 dec.
School 166 (M. S. Ashfield 64, J. D. Sealy 41)
- v. XL Club (H)
Match Drawn
XL Club 187 for 4 dec.
School 121 for 9
- v. Masters (H)
Won by 6 wkts.
Masters 62 (G. L. Robinson 5 for 29)
School 63 for 4
- v. Ellesmere College (A)
Match Drawn
Ellesmere 201 for 7 dec. (D. K. Smythe 4 for 66)
School 145 for 8 (J. S. Wade 27 n.o.)

TOUR MATCHES

- v. Nottingham High School
Lost by 1 wkt.
School 222 for 4 dec. (R. P. Thornton 112 n.o.)
Nottingham 223 for 9 (N. M. Shaw 4 for 43)
- v. Loughborough Grammar School
Won by 1 wkt.
Loughborough 237 for 7 dec.
School 241 for 9 (J. D. Sealy 77, D. K. Smythe 45, R. P. Thornton 35, M. S. Ashfield 33)

- v. Sutton Valence School
Lost by 22 runs
Sutton Valence 112 (N. M. Shaw 7 for 21)
School 90 (J. D. Sealy 33)
- v. King's School, Rochester
Match Drawn
School 218 for 6 dec. (R. P. Thornton 93, D. K. Smythe 37, G. L. Robinson 30 n.o.)
Rochester 126 for 5
- v. Trinity School, Croydon
Won by 100 runs
School 218 (R. P. Thornton 101, H. Fryman 35)
Croydon 118 (A. D. Brown 5 for 25)
- v. St. Peter's York
Lost by 113 runs
York 220 for 4 dec.
School 107 (D. K. Smythe 36)

The School 1st XI comprised the following boys:
R. P. Thornton (Captain), D. K. Smythe (Vice-Captain),
M. S. Ashfield, A. D. Brown, N. Fairfax, H. Fryman, R.
G. McLaren, N. W. Roberts, G. L. Robinson, J. D.
Sealy, N. M. Shaw, J. S. Wade.

A. Buckley, D. Frost, D. Shelston and I. Thorpe also represented the School.

The England v. Australia Test Match Series of 1981, and its remarkable turnabouts, had all of the experts in the radio and television commentary boxes reminding us that 'it's a funny game' and that 'you can never be sure of anything in this game'. The series also saw the pundits of the daily press writing off Botham, Willis et alii only to have to eat (or more usually ignore!) their words of previous articles and replace the stars on their pinnacles.

The School 1st XI, I am sure, will have observed all of this about-facing and the twists of fate that the games provided with the phlegmatic and contemplative assurance of those who have experienced it all themselves. For them, the peaks of their triumphs may not have been as high as those of Brearley & Co., but then England were never, quite, in the depths of despair at 16 for 5 against Woodhouse Grove! However, the School's season did provide some quite remarkably contrasting performances and some stunning victories against first class opposition, after a series of almost demoralising defeats.

In a season's cricket, even at first eleven level, one expects perhaps two or three disappointing batting performances out of twenty, or so, matches. It could not have been foreseen, however, that in the opening ten matches against school sides, the team would be bowled out in nine of them, and for less than a hundred in six. On occasions, bowling and out-cricket were so tight and controlled that the opposition were glad to draw, but more often our paltry scores gave their batsmen the confidence to play their shots and so our fielding and bowling failed to sustain any real authority as an acceptance of inevitable defeat crept into the team's collective consciousness.

All the players struggled during this period and it is to their credit that they maintained a positive attitude to the game, approached each game with enthusiasm, and worked hard despite the foul weather, to improve themselves.

There were some moments to brighten the gloom, brief and occasional though they were. Smythe scored an excellent 29 against Lancashire and Fryman a delightful 26 against Sir John Deane's. Roberts, playing with only half of the face of his bat, much of the time, kept our scores just respectable with consistent twenties and thirties when everyone else seemed to be in single figures, and Robinson almost saved the game at Sedbergh with 34 not out, after his fine bowling performance. McLaren's six wickets against Woodhouse Grove had them very glad of a draw, although only two runs behind and Robinson took 6 for 10 to reduce, single-handed, Manchester Grammar from 71 for 3 to 82 for 9. Perhaps our first glimpse of real light at the end of our long, and very dark, batting tunnel, was at Birkenhead when Thornton played a chanceless innings and recorded the team's first half century. The impression of low scoring, poor batting, being bowled out, and losing by six, seven or eight wickets, however, was the most lasting one of May and June.

July was to be a very different month. We arrived at Shrewsbury, leaving our dismal record behind us, and unfortunately leaving out Thornton, injured, and despite conceding 220 runs, (our bowlers being unused to such an unhelpful wicket) and losing a wicket, first ball of our own innings, our batting was confident, purposeful and determined. Ashfield played his best innings of the season, full of sweetly timed drives, and we were on target, within a hundred of the Shrewsbury score, with seven wickets left, as we approached the last twenty overs. The five runs and over came, but at the expense of too many wickets, and with fifty runs needed we had ten overs but only two wickets remaining.

The game was a turning point, for despite losing, the team had been in with a good chance of victory over one of the best School XI's in the country. The spirit and confidence engendered by this performance spurred the School to an emphatic victory over the Masters and a confident draw against Ellesmere College, chasing Ellesmere's 201 and despite losing the first two wickets for only six runs and having only two hours and twenty minutes to get the runs.

The last six matches were those on the Tour and with almost miraculous consistency, we had our usual exciting, any-result-possible games, being decided in the final overs, against both Nottingham High School and Loughborough Grammar School. Thornton scored his first century at Nottingham in our best batting performance of the year, and then after looking secure at 163 for 2 Nottingham were happy to get home by one wicket in the penultimate over. At Loughborough (where our last two games had been lost, and tied, off the last ball) it was our turn to win, with no wickets to spare, and, this time, the luxury of four balls in hand. Sealy's splendid 77 and Smythe's excellent running between the wickets laid the foundations (132 for 4) of the win. Ashfield continued where Smythe had left off to put us in sight of victory (198 for 6). Two quick wickets put us in trouble (208 for 8). But sixteen runs in one over from Shaw's unusually broad bat, left Fairfax to calmly support McLaren who hit the winning runs with an emphatic four.

The ups and downs of the season were by no means over however, and the next day, confident of our ability to score 200 per innings, simply by occupying the crease, and with Shaw's devastatingly aggressive bowling having

put Sutton Valence to rout, we meekly succumbed to their accurate bowling and were all out for 90.

The following day, after Thornton had given King's Rochester more time to chase our 218 than we had taken in getting them, they gave up their chance of winning at 60 for 4 despite still having thirty overs left. We were not good enough to bowl them out despite efforts, unusually, from Ashfield, Shelston and Fryman.

Trinity, Croydon, whom we feared most, prompted another determined batting performance. Fryman and Thornton broke the opening bowler's spirit and then Roberts joined his captain to put on 112 for the third wicket, and Thornton went on to score his second, excellent century and completed 340 runs in four days. Then came lunch, followed by what should have been a run chase for the declaration, but became a procession of batsmen, and the last seven wickets fell for only 19 runs.

Excellent bowling by Shaw, Robinson and McLaren paved the way for Brown's best spell of the season and he wrecked the Trinity middle order with a spell of 4 for 6.

Tiredness, after five matches in five days, may have been a reason for our meek performance against a powerful St. Peter's side, but it is an inadequate excuse and we were outplayed in every department. Thus the season ended as it had begun with a hundred run defeat. But despite only two victories against School teams the side felt that they had been a successful one, having improved over the term by a considerable degree, and having come a long way from losing by 9 wickets to Macclesfield in May, to topple Trinity in the last week.

All the batsmen had their memorable innings, all the 'front-line' bowlers had their five or six-wicket days. Catching, a crucial factor in so many matches, none less than at Sedbergh, let us down a little too often, and ground fielding, though good, did not maintain the previous excellence achieved under Mr. Wilde. Thornton proved a most excellent captain and was all the more effective for Smythe's constant, thoughtful assistance. Their teamwork was one of the team's greatest successes.

There are many weaknesses to work on before next season, but with so much positive progress to build on, the team should be looking to have a most successful season next year.

R. P. Thornton and N. M. Shaw were awarded School Colours. M. S. Ashfield and G. L. Robinson were awarded half colours.

I. J. Shaw

SECOND XI CRICKET

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

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (H)
Match Drawn.
Blackpool 129 (Frost 4 for 33, Thorpe 4 for 22)
School 79 for 9.
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (A)
Won by 60 runs.
School 115 for 9 dec. (Frost 34)

Woodhouse Grove 55 (Frost 4 for 8, Walker 4 for 5)

- v. King's School, Macclesfield (H)
Match Drawn.
Macclesfield 127 for 6 dec.
School 73 for 6.
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (A)
Match Drawn.
Wakefield 139 for 9 dec.
School 43 for 4.
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H)
Lost by 23 runs.
Crosby 92 (Upcott 6 for 19)
School 69.
- v. Birkenhead School (H)
Lost by 83 runs.
Birkenhead 119 for 6 dec.
School 36 (Bent 29)
- v. Manchester G.S. (A)
Lost by 7 wickets.
School 136 for 9 dec. (Thorpe 60, MacFarland 29)
Manchester 140 for 3.
- v. Stockport G.S. (A)
Lost by 3 wickets.
School 158 (Frost 41 n.o.)
Stockport 159 for 7 (Thorpe 4 for 54)
- v. Staff 2nd XI (H)
Won by 84 runs.
School 177 for 6 dec. (Thorpe 83, Frost 50)
Staff 93 (Mr. Wood 20)
- v. Ellesmere College (H)
Lost by 90 runs.
Ellesmere 154 for 7 dec.
School 64.

The following players represented the School during the season:

S. Ball, S. J. Barratt, R. M. Bent, D. R. Braddock, A. M. Buckley, M. I. Emmott, D. G. Frost, I. D. Helsby, N. A. Hoskinson, J. F. R. Ingham, J. B. McFarland, K. R. Paterson, M. I. Shaw, C. A. Stubbs, I. C. Thompson, I. D. Thorpe, L. J. Upcott, A. J. Walker, M. J. Wallwork, G. S. Williams.

The Second Eleven had a rather disappointing season. It was clear from the start that with limited resources of cricketing ability a great deal of determination would be needed to make the team successful. This determination was never quite forthcoming. In terms of results, the first half of the season was better than the second half but this was due to a change in approach and, in many respects, the standard of the cricket was higher in the second half of the season.

In the first half of the season, the tactics were to ask the opposition to bat and then to bowl and field as tightly as possible. This usually left the opposition with a declaration problem. In several games the declaration was made with extreme caution leaving the School with insufficient time to score the runs needed to win, but also leaving the opposition little chance of bowling the School out.

Ironically, the only success against school opposition came when the School was asked to bat first. A gritty batting performance by Frost followed by good bowling by Frost and Walker resulted in their last wicket falling in the final over.

Apart from this success, these tactics resulted in several boring drawn games. A slightly more adventurous approach in the latter half of the season resulted in much brighter cricket but four successive defeats.

Although batting was thought to have been the team's major weakness, there were occasions when runs came quite freely. Buckley and Thompson generally gave the innings a steady start without ever making a large stand. The impetus needed to produce a reasonable score was generally provided by Frost, Thorpe or Bent, who was undoubtedly the find of the season. Other useful contributions came from Ingham, Williams, Barratt, Stubbs and MacFarland.

Wickets also came from a variety of sources. Frost was quite successful in the early part of the season, while Upcott, with his swing, and Walker, with his accuracy also picked up useful wickets. Thorpe and Williams bowled with varying degrees of success, while Barratt bowled well when given the opportunity. His figures could have been greatly improved by better support in the field.

There were few good features about the fielding. Thompson continues to improve as a wicketkeeper and Ingham produced several outstanding catches in a variety of field positions. However, the general standard of both the ground fielding and catching was either moderate or poor. This is one area that requires more concentration and effort than most players seemed willing to apply.

There was no ideal choice for captain and two players were used during the season. Thorpe has had considerable experience of captaincy but was one of the more junior players while Williams was one of the more senior players but lacked experience of this difficult job. Both players will have benefited from their experiences of captaincy. The captain's task is never easy, particularly when the team is a weak one.

I would like to thank Mr. Blight for umpiring matches when I was unavailable.

A. Simkin

UNDER 15 CRICKET

Played 12, Won 3, Drawn 4, Lost 5.

v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A)
Won by 30 runs.
School 63.
Arnold 33 (Braddock 6 for 7)

v. Woodhouse Grove (H)
Match Drawn.
School 93 (Shelston 24, Marsden 24)
Woodhouse Grove 59 for 2.

v. King's School, Macclesfield (H)
Match Drawn.

School 115 for 2 dec. (Marsden 42 n.o., Shelston 34, Lloyd 21)

Macclesfield 87 for 7.

v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (A)
Lost by 4 wickets.
School 36.
Queen Elizabeth 37 for 6.

v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby (A)
Match Drawn.
School 103 (Marsden 30)
Merchant Taylors' 63 for 0.

v. Sir John Deane's, Northwich (H)
Lost by 7 wickets.
School 112 for 8 dec. (Marsden 25)
Sir John Deane's 113 for 3.

v. Birkenhead School (H)
Lost by 1 wicket.
School 80.
Birkenhead 84 for 9 (Braddock 6 for 36)

v. Manchester G.S. (A)
Lost by 9 wickets.
School 122 for 8 dec. (Fairfax 39, Shelston 31)
M.G.S. 124 for 1.

v. Stockport G.S. (H)
Won by 90 runs.
School 168 (McLoughlin 40.n.o., Marsden 36, Odum 28)
Stockport 78 (Fairfax 5 for 14 including a hat-trick)

v. Shrewsbury School (A)
Lost by 5 wickets.
School 156 (Jackson 41 n.o., Marsden 24, Odum 21)
Shrewsbury 159 for 5.

v. Rydal School (A)
Won by 6 wickets.
School 143 for 4 (Braddock 40, Fairfax 35 n.o.)
Rydal 141 (Fairfax 4 for 53)

v. Ellesmere College (A)
Match Drawn.
School 103 for 7 (Braddock 67)
Ellesmere 154 (Shotton 5 for 61)

On paper the results indicate only a moderate performance but that is not really the case. We were well beaten by only two schools, Sir John Deane's and Manchester G.S., both of which had very powerful batting line-ups. The other defeats were close-run affairs in two of which we had good opportunities to win, whilst we almost held a powerful Shrewsbury side to a draw.

The season started with a good win at Blackpool where, despite our not batting very well, Arnold School could find no answer to our bowling, particularly that of J. R. Braddock. Wet wickets did not help our policy of batting first; generally we batted too slowly without leaving our bowlers enough time to bowl out the opposition - hence the number of draws. The Wakefield match was curious; we were bowled out very cheaply but the captain's idea of opening with his spinners almost paid off, since at one stage Wakefield were 15 for 5.

Powerful hitting by Northwich and M.G.S. made a mockery of the totals that we set them, but the most disappointing game was against Birkenhead, where we allowed their last wicket to put on 24, winning a match which we had controlled from the start.

The end of the season was most enjoyable. As pitches became drier and firmer we finally started amassing the total of which our batsmen were capable. We crushed a weak Stockport side with powerful batting right down the order, and then bowled them out with the help of a hat-trick from N. R. Fairfax.

Our bowling at times this season lacked penetration and control, and the absence of the leg-spin of Fairfax when he was on first team duty did not help our attack, which was sometimes very weak.

The most enjoyable game was at Shrewsbury where, thanks to a last-wicket partnership by R. A. Shotton and M. J. Jackson (one of three under 14's in the side) we set the opposition a difficult total to beat. We bowled and fielded well and the shrewd captain, D. G. Shelston, made Shrewsbury struggle to win in the last over. At the close of the season J. R. Braddock at last got some of the runs he had threatened to get all season, and D. A. Thorley at last was able to close up a game.

Our major strength was fielding and catching, which was consistently good. D. G. Shelston did not always show the form with his bat but his captaincy was always astute and he was usually in command of the situation. The side relied on its 'big guns', and whilst they did not always fire smoothly the rest still made their contributions. I still feel that we did not always play to our full capacity and that some players still have more to give to the game. As a result the prospects of school cricket at senior level must be rosy.

The following represented the School:

D. G. Shelston (Capt.) J. R. Braddock, N. R. Fairfax, I. R. Ladd, S. D. Looker, D. W. Lloyd, S. C. McLoughlin, A. P. Marsden, S. Odum, J. C. W. Palmer, L-E. Pye, R. A. Shotton and D. A. Thorley.

The following played in one match:

G. A. Cleary, P. T. Fearnley, N. Fryman, M. J. Jackson and P. J. Torkington.

I. D. Lewis

UNDER 14 CRICKET

Played 11, Won 6, Lost 3, Drawn 2.

- v. Arnold School (H)
Won by 45 runs.
School 101 (Barber 50, Jackson 24)
Arnold 56 (Cross 5 for 15)
- v. North Manchester High School (H)
Lost by 7 wickets.
School 78 (Barber 22)
North Manchester 80 for 3.
- v. Woodhouse Grove School.
Match Drawn.
Woodhouse Grove 84 (Hunt 5 for 34)
School 54 for 4.

- v. King's School, Macclesfield.(A)
Won by 53 runs.
School 115 for 8 dec. (Cleary 32)
Macclesfield 62 (Coathup 6 for 20, Hunt 4 for 15)
- v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (H)
Won by 6 wickets.
Q.E.G.S. 70 (Fearnley 6 for 9)
School 74 for 4.(Jackson 26 n.o.)
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H)
Match Drawn.
Crosby 89 (Taylor 3 for 9, Cross 3 for 15)
School 55 for 6 (Dwek 26)
- v. Birkenhead School (A)
Lost by 14 runs.
Birkenhead 119 (Hunt 5 for 27)
School 105 (Cleary 33, Jackson 25)
- v. Manchester Grammar School (H)
Won by 8 wickets.
Manchester 42 (Fearnley 4 for 5, Hunt 4 for 9)
School 43 for 2 (Cleary 25 n.o.)
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A)
Won by 39 runs.
School 134 for 6 dec. (Cleary 35, Fearnley 35)
Stockport 95 (Fearnley 3 for 20, Cross 3 for 28)
- v. Rydal School (A)
Lost by 100 runs.
Rydal 212 for 5 dec.
School 112 (Benson 21)
- v. Ellesmere College (H)
Won by 5 runs.
School 113 (Dwek 20, Barber 20)
Ellesmere 108 (Fearnley 5 for 20)

The Under 14 team had a very good season, winning the majority of their games and playing some enterprising cricket. Success was achieved by good batting, bowling of skill and variety, some excellent catching, particularly close to the wicket, and by the increasingly astute captaincy of A. G. Cleary.

Highlights of the term were the victory against Wakefield when P. T. Fearnley hit the stumps six times, the defeat by eight wickets of Manchester Grammar School who struggled for 44 overs and were bowled out for 42, and an exciting win by five runs against Ellesmere College on the last day of term when Cleary's three fine slip-catches made all the difference to the result. The most successful batsmen were Cleary, M. L. Jackson and N. W. Barber. After a hesitant start Cleary became much more effective and showed that he is a stroke player of considerable power. Jackson displayed a sound defence, particularly on the front foot, and played some attacking shots of great power, and Barber showed the benefit of strength and a good eye while still lacking a little discretion. Fearnley remained enigmatic, though he batted very well at Stockport. He will eventually make a lot of runs. The four of them should form the basis of a very good batting side next year. J. V. Dwek batted quite soundly with a limited range of shots and little luck and I. Mullins made some useful runs but suffers from a strange back-lift which causes him to play across the line of the ball. W. P.

Hopwood, who came into the side for the last few matches, also showed promise.

There were usually at least six bowlers in the side. Of the quicker ones, Fearnley, R. H. Coathup and M. J. Cross all had some good games. Fearnley is effective when he bowls straight at the stumps. Coathup is erratic but at his best is difficult to play, producing an awkward angle with his left-arm over the wicket bowling. Cross was at times the fastest of all but lost his rhythm and effectiveness when he experimented with slow bowling and then seemed to lack confidence in his ability. Taylor bowled well at times but with less success than last year. D. N. Hunt took 25 wickets with his off-breaks and proved that, with a properly set field, a slow bowler will always get wickets in this age group. The fact that Cleary bowled very little and A. D. Brooks not at all indicates the strength of the team in this department.

In the field the team was efficient. Cleary and Dwek took some very good catches close to the wicket while Barber and Jackson excelled in the out-field. Mullins kept wicket for the first time this season and performed quite well. S. J. Calderbank, J. M. Hodson and G. P. Wadsworth also played a few games and at Rydal School G. P. Benson, S. M. Kennedy and K. G. Rushton from the Under 13 team performed creditably.

H. W. Timm

UNDER 13 XI CRICKET

Played 12, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 4, Tied 1.

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A)
Lost by 11 runs.
Blackpool 64 (Kay 5 for 9)
School 53 (Kennedy 31)
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H)
Won by 29 runs.
School 74 (Harvey 25)
Woodhouse Grove 45 (Benson 6 for 5, Rushton 4 for 25)
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (H)
Match Drawn.
Macclesfield 84 (Benson 8 for 16)
School 50 for 8.
- v. North Manchester High School (A)
Won by 5 wickets.
North Manchester 12 (Rushton 7 for 5)
School 13 for 5.
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (A)
Lost by 7 wickets.
School 23.
Wakefield 26 for 3.
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H)
Won by 5 wickets.
Crosby 75 (Rushton 5 for 39, Benson 4 for 12)
School 79 for 5 (Harvey 24 n.o.)
- v. Burnage High School (A)
Won by 39 runs.
School 56 for 6.
Burnage 17 (Rushton 4 for 5)

- v. Stockport Grammar School (H)
Won by 36 runs.
School 109 for 2 (Rushton 40, Harvey 37)
Stockport 73 for 8.
- v. Altrincham G.S. (A)
Won by 6 runs.
School 76 for 4 (Schofield 35 n.o.)
Altrincham 70 for 3.
- v. Manchester Grammar School (A)
Lost by 7 wickets.
School 101 (Benson 47)
Manchester 102 for 3.
- v. Birkenhead School (A)
Lost by 76 runs.
Birkenhead 144 for 8 (Harvey 4 for 19)
School 68 (Schofield 40)
- v. North Cestrian G.S. (A)
Match Tied.
School 123 for 6 (Harvey 31, Rushton 30)
North Cestrian 123 for 7.

The following boys represented the School:

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

The School enjoyed a season of mixed successes in which heavy defeats by Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, Manchester G.S. and Birkenhead School revealed the weaknesses of the team. They were well led, however, by Rushton who was decisive and imaginative in an attacking style of captaincy.

Highlights of the season were Kay's devastating spell of 5 for 9 against Arnold which should have won the match for us; the solid defiance by Kay (for over an hour) and Taylor (for four balls) which saved the match against Macclesfield; Benson's 47 against M.G.S.; and the thrilling tie which concluded the season at North Cestrian.

Harvey had a very successful season with the bat, scoring more consistently than any of the other players. He showed qualities which were an example to the others: concentration and application. All too often the team failed to score sufficient runs because they were out to careless shots. Several batsmen produced good innings occasionally (among them were Rushton, Benson and Kennedy) but only against Stockport and North Cestrian was an impressive score reached. The batsman who progressed most was Schofield, who made such a poor start to the season.

The bowling relied too much on Rushton and Benson. Benson was perhaps flattered early in the season by bowling on wet pitches and later on lost confidence and form. Rushton, although impressive at times, did not always bowl at his best and towards the end of the season his wickets were becoming expensive. Harvey developed pleasingly as a spinner but there is a need for more bowlers at medium pace (or faster) who are able to bowl a consistent line and length.

The groundfielding, catching and throwing was generally good, encouraged, as all the fielders were, by excellent work behind the stumps by Kennedy. Lancaster's catching and Benson's throwing, in particular, are worthy of mention.

P. M. Bull

UNDER 12 XI CRICKET

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

- v. Arnold School (A)
Won by 30 runs.
School 71 (Timm 24)
Arnold 41 (Jameson 7 for 10, Hinchcliffe 3 for 16)
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (A)
Lost by 2 runs.
Woodhouse Grove 48 (Hinchcliffe 6 for 17, Jameson 3 for 22)
School 46
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A)
Won by 5 wickets.
King's School 83 for 8 dec. (Jameson 6 for 19)
School 87 for 5 (Kirby 30, Abrahams 21 n.o.)
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (H)
Won by 6 wickets.
Wakefield 40 (Jameson 5 for 22, Hinchcliffe 3 for 8)
School 41 for 4.
- v. Merchant Tyalors' School, Crosby (A)
Lost by 7 runs.
Crosby 65 (Hinchcliffe 6 for 21, Jameson 4 for 16)
School 58.
- v. Manchester Boys (H)
Lost by 92 runs.
Manchester 162 for 7 dec. (Jameson 4 for 57)
School 70 (Hinchcliffe 36 n.o.)
- v. Burnage H.S. (H)
Won by 1 wicket.
Burnage 80 (Hinchcliffe 8 for 31)
School 81 for 9 (Kirby 25)
- v. Stockport G.S. (A)
Lost by 4 runs.
Stockport 78 for 8 (25 overs) (Hinchcliffe 5 for 34)
School 74 for 7 (Hooker-31, Kirby 26 n.o.)
- v. Altrincham G.S. (H)
Won by 2 wickets.
Altrincham 97 for 5 (25 overs) (Hinchcliffe 3 for 35)
School 99 for 8 (Jameson 21)
- v. Manchester G.S. (H)
Lost by 88 runs.
Manchester 161 for 8 dec. (Garlick 7 for 45)
School 73 (Abrahams 22)
- v. Birkenhead School (A)
Match Drawn.
School 155 for 6 dec. (Hinchcliffe 55 n.o., Timm 33, Kirby 25, Jameson 21)
Birkenhead 44 for 9 (Hinchcliffe 7 for 8)

- v. North Cestrian School (H)
Won by 5 wickets.
North Cestrian 76 (Hinchcliffe 3 for 26, Timm 3 for 13)
School 79 for 5 (Abrahams 28)

The following boys played regularly:

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

A large number of boys came to the early practice sessions in the nets, but the lack of primary school coaching was much in evidence, as little talent showed forth. In the first game, C. Timm, who had experience of playing cricket, opened the batting and was the only person to stay for any length of time. Most players tried to hit every ball hard instead of hitting the bad ball and playing straight to the good balls. The total of 71 runs was too much for the opposition, as A. Jameson's left arm swing bowling proved difficult to play. In the second game, at Bradford, A. Hinchcliffe and A. Jameson took wickets at regular intervals, leaving our batsmen only 49 runs to win. With tea taken at 31 for 2, the match should have been ours, but we collapsed, with batsmen playing poor shots, and the openers the only ones to make double figures.

The match at Macclesfield saw the emergence of D. Kirby and N. Abrahams as genuine batsmen, when the opposition score was overtaken in half the number of overs. Very close games were played against Crosby (early batting collapse), Burnage (the last pair scored 20 runs to win), and Stockport (a partnership of 62 was not quite enough). Magnificent batting at Birkenhead produced a very large score, but the extra time given to A. Hinchcliffe to score his half century prevented us taking all the opposition wickets. In such circumstances, constant changes of bowling are necessary.

Seldom more than two batsmen managed to apply themselves in each match. Most started well, keeping the head down and playing straight, but too quickly lifted the head and were bowled. Net practice was replaced by practice on grass. Batsmen did develop as the season advanced, and, although few played consistently, many did apply themselves better. The left-handed C. Timm opened the innings and tried to apply a steady influence on the rest of the team. He should have scored more runs, however, as he only exceeded 15 twice. His wicket keeping was inconsistent, partly because he stood back on slow wickets and failed to collect the ball cleanly. When a change was made near the end of the season, he showed promise as a slow bowler. A. Hinchcliffe, batting at number four, threatened to score many runs every game, and hit the ball hard. His successes, however, were limited to the matches against Manchester Boys and Birkenhead, where he hit the ball all round the field. He scored the largest number of runs in the season, and usually captained the side. N. Abrahams and D. Kirby both played several good innings and worked very hard at their game. The former enjoyed the hook shot, and the latter used his strength to hit the ball straight.

Few boys managed to bowl straight and on a length, and, again, practice on grass was substituted for net practice. Many bowlers were tried but the two or three

bad balls each over were punished. No good spin bowler was found. A. Hinchcliffe took 46 wickets at less than six runs each. He used an economical run-up and developed pace and bounce. He ought also to be able to produce movement off the pitch, and will improve further with coaching. The opening bowling was shared by A. Jameson's left arm medium pace. He produced swing, both in the air and off the pitch, but was seldom able to bowl accurately for more than a few overs. He ought to be able to use a shorter run-up. Both of these would have been more

effective in shorter spells, but the only other consistent bowler to be found was J. Garlick. He was always dangerous for a few overs, and produced very good figures of 7 for 45 against Manchester G.S.

Over all, the team relied on too few players, who had little support when they were not successful. Hard work and practice on true grass wickets will help others to improve.

M. D. Wood

ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS 1981.

		1st	2nd	3rd
SENIOR				
100 m.	12.0	M. L. Wilson (B)	B. J. Lee (F)	F. N. W. Mellor (F)
200 m.	23.7	S. Brown (B)	M. L. Wilson (D)	A. Prestwich (H)
400 m.	58.3	M. S. Ashfield (H)	P. M. Bowers (D)	I. G. Macmillan (F)
800 m.	2-15.7	D. Howarth (D)	C. Greaves (G)	S. J. MacNicholls (B)
1500 m.	4-34.1	D. Howarth (D)	A. Bowyer (H)	W. J. Sandy (F)
Relay	50.3	Fraser	Dalton	Byrom
High Jump	1.64	S. Leadbeater (B)	S. Brown (B)	A. Prestwich (H)
Long Jump	5.49	K. McDonnell (W)	I. Smith (D)	S. Brown (B)
Triple Jump	11.60	K. McDonnell (W)	I. Smith (D)	J. Hill (B)
Shot	9.19	S. Leadbeater (B)	R. Munro (B)	R. P. Thornton (F)
Discus	25.30	D. McNeillie (G)	N. J. Grunfeld (F)	N. J. V. Falk (W)
Javelin	31.24	A. Brown (W)	I. Macmillan (F)	C. Farrell (B)
MIDDLE				
100 m.	11.8	P. Knight (D)	D. Hallows (D)	J. R. Tate (F)
200 m.	25.8	P. Knight (D)	J. R. Tate (F)	T. Lee (G)
400 m.	60.7	S. R. Morgan (D)	A. Buckley (H)	D. Ingram (B)
800 m.	2-19.2	D. Jeanes (G)	S. R. Morgan (D)	J. Hammond (D)
1500 m.	4-46.1	R. H. Turner (B)	D. Jeanes (G)	P. Goodier (G)
Relay	51.4	Gaskell	Heywood	Fraser
High Jump	1.63**	S. Barratt (B)	D. Frost (F)	E. Whipp (B)
Long Jump	5.23	P. Knight (D)	J. Sealy (H)	M. Goodman (H)
Triple Jump	11.2	S. D. Looker (W)	I. Thompson (G)	S. Heywood (H)
Shot	10.06	R. Hardern (D)	D. Hallows (G)	N. MacDonald (H)
Discus	27.39	R. Hardern (D)	W. Harrison (B)	I. Thorpe (H)
Javelin	36.28	E. C. Whipp (B)	I. Thorpe (H)	N. Fairfax (W)
JUNIOR				
100 m.	12.6	M. C. Clarke (D)	R. J. Worthington (F)	C. Tatham (F)
200 m.	26.6	R. J. Worthington (F)	M. C. Clarke (D)	C. Tatham (F)
400 m.	62.3	I. Martin (B)	P. Tullock (D)	K. Herbert (F)
800 m.	2-26.6	G. Wright (H)	S. H. Marsh (G)	P. Tullock (D)
1500 m.	5-10.2	S. Heelham (F)	G. W. Wright (H)	S. H. Marsh (G)
Relay	53.7	Dalton	Fraser	Byrom
High Jump		M. J. Lloyd (G)	S. Crosby (D)	P. P. F. Edmonds (G)
Long Jump	4.50	G. Humphries (F)	A. Cleary (D)	K. McDonnell
Triple Jump	9.55	G. Wright (H)	G. Humphries (F)	K. McDonnell (W)
Shot	10.64	M. Cowburn (F)	C. P. Tatham (F)	M. Jackson (B)
Discus	27.80	M. C. Clarke (D)	A. Poole (D)	M. Jackson (B)
Javelin	32.54	N. Barber (B)	S. Richardson (W)	M. Cowburn (F)

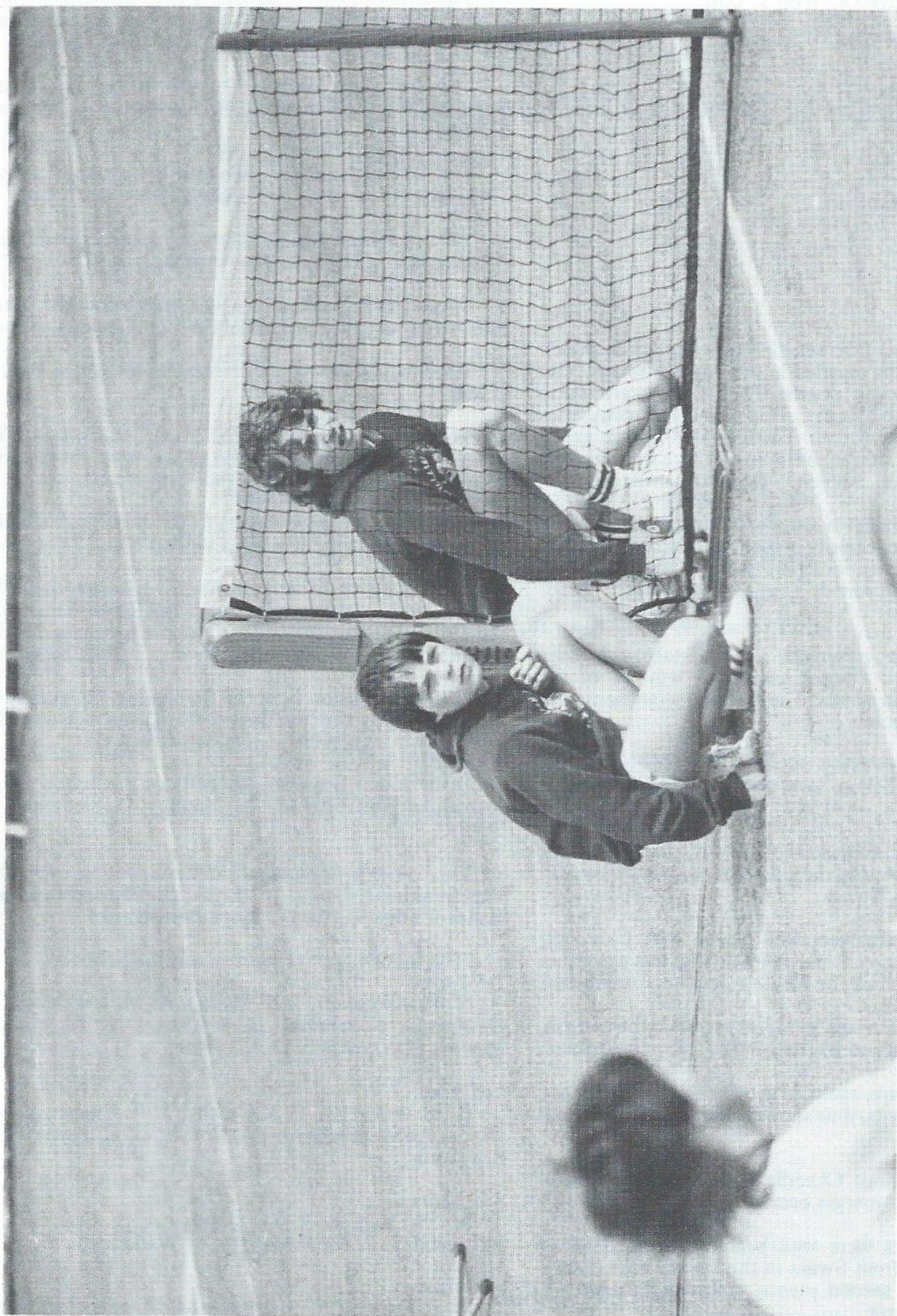
FINAL POSITIONS

Dalton	194½ points
Fraser	170½
Byrom	169
Heywood	124½
Gaskell	98½
Whitworth	92

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

Senior:	D. Howarth (D)
Middle:	P. Knight (D)
Junior:	M. C. Clarke (D)
	G. Wright (H)

**Indicates new School Record



Boys from the School acting as ball-boys for the Northern Lawn Tennis Championships in the Summer.

SWIMMING 1981

PLayed 8. Won 3. Lost 5.

v. Wright Robinson H.S.....	L	107-114
v. Xaverian College	W	56-31
v. Bury G.S.....	L	130-176
v. Cheadle Hulme.....	L	170-237
v. North Cestrian G.S.....	L	186-198
v. Xaverian College	W	54-33
v. Bury G.S.....	L	70-116
v. Royal School.....	W	

The first match of the season was a very close match with the result being decided in the last two relays. The School lost by seven points. Then there were some notable performances from C. Porritt and P. Crosby, who won their individual events. The intermediate age group did not perform as well as the juniors. There was only one individual winner, S. Meech in the breaststroke.

The Seniors put in a very good performance. They managed to win the majority of their individual events and shared the honours in the team relays. The outstanding performances were from J. Tate, G. Nash and S. Leadbeater.

The senior age group had a comfortable win over Xaverian College. They managed to win all of the individual and team events. The eventual winning margin was by some 25 points.

The next match was against some very good opposition in Bury G.S. The School went down by some forty-three points.

The first years managed to win two out of the four individual events. Again, the individual winners were J. S. Moores and R. D. Swain.

The second form were well beaten with C. Porritt being the only winner. It must be said that this age group was competing against the English Schools Champions.

The intermediate age group came off rather worse, they did not manage to win any of the individual events.

The Seniors were, again, in good form. They managed to win all their events, thus showing the rest of the School what can be done.

The match against Cheadle Hulme saw the School lose by the biggest margin ever.

The first years were well beaten, the only ray of sunshine coming from Swain in the breaststroke. There were some close second places from A. Jameson, D. Khan and J. Moores.

The intermediate age group performances were again poor.

The Senior age group also had to fight hard to obtain

the wins that they achieved.

The School came back after the Christmas holidays with renewed vigour. North Cestrian were the opponents on this occasion.

The first years managed to win all but one of the individual races, the individual winners being A. Jameson, D. Khan and R. Swain.

The second form also managed to come out on top. They won three out of four individual events.

The intermediates also put in some good performances, winning half of the individual events.

The senior performance was a little below par. They only managed to win two out of the four individual events.

The final result was close; the School lost by twelve points.

The Seniors, again, took on Xaverian College. The result was very much the same as last time, the Seniors winning all of the individual and team events.

The return match with Bury G.S. was very much like the first. The School lost for a second time.

The last match of the season was a pleasant one. The School renewed connections with the Royal School for the Deaf. The match provided good experience for the boys to compete against children with a slight handicap.

The Manchester Schools Swimming Association Championships saw the School do reasonably well. D. Khan came fifth in the Junior Boys freestyle.

In the Junior Boys Squadron Relay the School came second, with B. Adderley, A. Hindley, D. Khan and C. Porritt.

There were two champions in the individual events, S. Brown winning the Senior Boys Butterfly and S. Leadbeater winning the Senior Boys Breaststroke.

The following boys represented the School:
1st Year:

N. R. Abrahams, I. D. Bailey, A. M. Dickin, C. L. Gardner, A. N. Jameson, D. A. Khan, D. R. Kirby, J. S. Moores, R. D. Swain, D. M. White.

2nd Year:

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

3rd Year:

N. W. Barber, A. G. Cleary, A. J. Cox, W. P. Hopwood, J. R. McManus, G. P. Wadsworth.

4th Year:

P. E. Cantley, R. J. Healey, A. P. Marsden, S. A. Meech, C. P. Tatham.

Senior:

A. Booth, S. Brown, S. Leadbeater, C. McDonough, C. Marshall, G. Nash, J. Tate.

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INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING RESULTS 1981

<i>Junior Back Stroke:</i> Cantley, P. (H) 38.0	Barber, N. (B)	Marsden, A. (B)	McManus, J. (F)
<i>Middle Back Stroke:</i> Tate, J. (F) 30.9*	Healey, R. (F)	White, L. (B)	Cumming, I. (H)
<i>Senior Back Stroke:</i> Robinson, C. (B) 33.5	Sargent, R. A. (B)	Smith, N. (W)	
<i>Junior Breast Stroke:</i> Cleary, G. (D) 40.7	Barber, N. (B)	Mitchell, S. (W)	Ainsworth, T. (D)
<i>Middle Breast Stroke:</i> Hatton, N. (B) 34.0*	Meech, S. (D)	Ingram (B)	Cherry, S. (W)
<i>Senior Breast Stroke:</i> Leadbetter, S. (B) 32.9	Thornton, R. (F)	Winterbottom, P. (F)	Hill, J. (B)
<i>Junior Butterfly:</i> Tatham, C. (F) 13.5	Hopwood, W. (D)	Marsden, A. (B)	Lord, V. (F)
<i>Middle Butterfly:</i> Kanellis, A. (H) 14.8	Timperley, D. (W)	Hogg, J. (F)	White, L. (B)
<i>Senior Butterfly:</i> Brown, S. (B) 12.2*	Thornton, R. (F)	Keating, I. (W)	Hill, J. (B)
<i>Junior Freestyle:</i> Akka, A. (D) 32.4	Wadsworth, G. (F)	Cantley, P. (H)	Kersner, D. (W)
<i>Middle Freestyle:</i> Nash, G. (H) 26.3*	Tate, J. (F)	Marshall, C. (B)	Healey, R. (F)
<i>Senior Freestyle:</i> McDonnell, K. (W) 28.6	Leadbeater, S. (B)	Lee, J. (F)	Tatham, A. (F)
<i>Junior Individual Medley:</i> Tatham, C. (F) 79.3	Jones, T. (H)	Hopwood, W. (D)	Wadsworth, G. (F)
<i>Middle Individual Medley:</i> Hatton, N. (B) 70.4	Nash, G. (H)	Marshall, C. (B)	Meech, S. (D)
<i>Senior Individual Medley:</i> Brown, S. (B) 64.2	Robinson, C. (B)	Winterbottom, P. (F)	

* New School Record.

Individual House Results:

Byrom: 63 points. 1st.
Dalton: 23 points. 4th.
Fraser: 44 points. 2nd.
Gaskell: 0 points. 6th.
Heywood: 25 points. 3rd.
Whitworth: 13 points. 5th.

HOUSE RELAY RESULTS

<i>Junior Medley Relay:</i> Dalton. 1.13.6.	Fraser. 1.17.1.	Heywood. 1.17.6.	Whitworth. 1.20.2.
<i>Middle Medley Relay:</i> Fraser. 1.03.2.	Byrom. 1.05.2.	Whitworth. 1.11.1.	
<i>Senior Medley Relay:</i> Byrom. 1.01.9.	Fraser. 1.02.3.	Whitworth. 1.02.5.	
<i>Junior Squadron Relay:</i> Fraser. 1.01.9.	Heywood. 1.03.7.	Whitworth. 1.07.5.	Dalton. 1.19.2.
<i>Middle Squadron Relay:</i> Byrom. 54.0	Heywood. 59.8	Fraser. 1.07.1.	Whitworth. 1.07.3.
<i>Squadron Relay:</i> Byrom. 51.8	Whitworth. 52.1	Fraser. 55.4	

Relay Results:

1st. Fraser. 40.
2nd. Byrom. 36.
3rd. Whitworth. 22.
4th. Heywood. 16.
5th. Dalton. 12.
6th. Gaskell. 0.

Individual Winner: S. Brown (B)

JUNIOR SWIMMING CUPS RESULTS 1981.

First Forms:

Back Stroke:	D. A. Khan (38.8) 1D	J. S. Moores 1A.	C. P. Williams 1C.
Breast Stroke:	R. D. Swain (44.6) 1A.	A. M. Dickin 1D.	S. J. Beggs 1B.
Butterfly:	R. D. Swain (20.9) 1A.	D. R. Kirby 1C.	J. S. Moores 1A.
Freestyle:	D. A. Khan (30.3)*1D.	A. G. Hinchcliffe 1C.	N. R. Abrahams 1C.
Medley Relay:	1D 1.18.4 secs. 1C	1B 1A Disq.	
Squadron Relay:	1C 1.19.7 secs. 1B	1D 1A Disq.	

Result:

1D. 30 points.
1C. 27 points.
1A. 16 points.
1B. 14 points.

Second Forms:

Back Stroke:	C. L. Porritt (38.1) 2C.	B. M. Adderley 2D.	C. J. Shepherd 2B.
Breast Stroke:	J. P. Curran (39.7) 2D.	W. S. Dixon 2C.	P. J. Crosby 2C.
Butterfly:	W. S. Dixon (16.8) 2C.	G. C. Pryor 2C.	A. M. Hindley 2B.
Freestyle:	C. L. Porritt (31.6) 2C.	A. M. Hindley 2B.	G. C. Pryor 2C.
Medley Relay:	2C. (1.08.6.secs)	2B	2A
Squadron Relay:	2C (1.11.7 secs)	2D	2A 2B

Result:

2C.	46 pts.	*Record No. of Points.
2D.	16 pts.	
2B.	15 pts.	
2A.	9 pts.	

WATER POLO 1981.

Played 12, Won 6, Drawn 1, Lost 5.
Goals for 85, Against 61.

v. Xaverian College	W	7-3
v. Sir John Deane's H.S.....	D	7-7
v. Wright Robinson H.S.....	W	15-2
v. Plant Hill.....	L	3-10
v. Wright Robinson H.S.....	W	11-4
v. Newcastle H.S.....	L	4-8
v. Sir John Deane's H.S.....	L	4-7
v. Xaverian College	W	8-4
v. Plant Hill H.S.....	L	9-2
v. North Chadderton H.S.....	L	4-8
v. Newcastle H.S.....	L	2-5
v. Xaverian College	W	9-1

This was a good year with the reformation of the Manchester Schools Water Polo League at U-16 level. The School managed to come a healthy third in this league.

The School had two new fixtures to add to the fixture list, these being Newcastle H.S. and North Chadderton H.S. It is hoped that these two new additions will carry on in the future.

In the English Schools' Water Polo competition at both U-19 and U-16 levels, the School were knocked out in the divisional competitions. Both these competitions were held at the School pool.

The School played an attacking game of water polo. G. Nash and J. Tate being the two top scorers. They managed to score over half the total amount of goals between them. E. Whipp played particularly well in goal and will be greatly missed next year. Although these individuals have been singled out, it must be said that those boys who represented the School all played well.

Then there was an inter-form competition for the third year, each form providing two teams of nine players. The competition was held over a number of weeks during the summer term. The eventual winners were 3 team, with A. G. Cleary receiving the trophy from the Head Master. The runners-up were 3 team.

The following boys represented the School:
P. E. Cantley, A. G. Cleary, A. J. Cox, R. C. Hogg, G. Jefferies, A. G. Kanellis, S. Leadbeater, G. McDonough, J. R. McManus, R. D. Meadowcroft, S. Meech, I. Keating, G. Keating, G. Nash, J. Tate, E. Whipp, L. J. White.

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CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

The four cross-country teams raced on most Saturdays in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, achieving some very creditable results.

From September until November most of our races were in the Sale Harriers League. Thanks to some excellent individual performances from J. D. Addy, J. W. Blease, J. E. D. Crews and J. D. Pollard the second years, our most successful team this year, won their age group. The first and third years did not fulfil their potential despite fine individual runs from C. L. Gardner (first year) and G. W. Wright (third year).

The fourth and fifth year team suffered from the absence of D. R. Jeanes and R. H. Turner, our best runners, for the early part of the season, but notable performances came from S. A. Brown, P. J. Goodier, W. H. Johnson and A. B. N. May.

The hardest race of the season was at Lyme Park where we competed against one hundred other schools in the Northern Schools Championship. In atrocious weather conditions C. L. Gardner (first year) came in twelfth out of five hundred runners, the School's best result in this event for many years.

A. M. Woodhouse (first form) won the more casual handicap race at Hardraw, enjoying the benefit of a good handicap.

In smaller fixtures we defeated Wright Robinson High School, Cheadle Hulme School and Bolton School in all years, but suffered a bad defeat against Manchester Grammar School. Notable performances against Bolton School came from J. E. D. Crews and J. D. Pollard of the second year, who came second and first respectively, and from R. H. Turner and D. R. Jeanes (fifth form) who came second and third respectively.

Finally, on behalf of all the team, we would like to thank Mr. H. M. Symonds, who has coached us all for the past three seasons.

P. J. Goodier (5Y)
A. B. N. May (5A)

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our first event of the year was the Garden Fete when the weather was kind to us again. Many parents and friends supported us and we raised over £2,000. This was spent on 'Harddraw' and we hope made it more comfortable for both boys and parents.

The first meeting of the new School year was addressed by Mr. Filleul. We appreciate the Head Master speaking to us and giving us all a chance to talk to him.

The Cheese and Wine evening held in October was, as usual, a pleasant evening. Many members of staff joined us and we are most grateful to them for sparing their time. It is an ideal opportunity for new parents to meet them in a relaxed atmosphere.

Later that month we held a Fashion Show at School. We transformed the new Hall with flowers, lights and beautiful girls and had a most exciting evening.

In November Mr. Booker and Mr. Symonds showed us slides on a School holiday in Iceland. These were excellent and the commentary most amusing.

This was followed in December by the Christmas Dance. Once more the Dining Hall proved to be a warmer occasion.

A famous name Seconds Evening took place in January and in February, a new venture for us, a Whist Drive. Those who attended enjoyed the evening and the buffet supper which followed was excellent.

The final date of our programme was the Annual Dinner Dance. This was held at Lancashire County Cricket Club and we were pleased to welcome, as our guests, the Chairman of the Governors and the Headmaster, Mr. P. A. Filleul, and their wives. A special welcome was given to Mr. C. J. Lowe, this year's President of the Old Hulmeians Association, and Mrs. Lowe. They always give us their full support and we were pleased to have them as our guests.

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

The 300 Club is a valuable source of income. New members are always welcome.

Our thanks are due to members of Staff who help in many ways. Thanks also to other members of the School Staff who willingly give their time and energy to us.

The Committee for 1981/2 is:

President: Mr. C. F. Jeanes *Chairman:* Mrs. S. Artley *Vice Chairman:* Mrs. J. Campbell

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. A. Marsden *Hon. Treasurer:* Mrs. R. Pimlott

Members: Ms. M. Goldie, Mrs. P. Meadowcroft, Mrs. H. Dixon, Mr. M. Yarwood, Mr. J. J. Lancaster, Mr. A. Artley.

Co-opted member: Mr. A. J. Burden.

Three of our members retired this year: Dr. K. Daber, Dr. D. Barber and Mr. R. Holmes. We thank them for the time and help given during the years they have been with us.



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