

- v. Stockport G.S. (A)
Won by 8 wickets
Stockport 168 all out
W.H.G.S. 170 for 2 (Wood 102 n.o., Warren 34 n.o.)
- v. Parrs Wood High School (H)
Won by 9 wickets
Parrs Wood 94 for 5 (25 overs)
W.H.G.S. 95 for 1 (Wood 40, Daniel 29 n.o.)
- v. Birkenhead School (A)
Won by 54 runs
W.H.G.S. 138 all out (Warren 35)
Birkenhead 84 all out (Wood 8 for 46)
- v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby (H)
Lost by 2 wickets
W.H.G.S. 51 all out
Crosby 52 for 8 (Wood 8 for 30)
- v. Manchester G.S. (H)
Lost by 9 wickets
W.H.G.S. 63 all out
M.G.S. 64 for 1
- v. Bradford G.S. (H)
Lost by 6 wickets
W.H.G.S. 97 for 4 dec. (Baama 52 n.o.)
Bradford 98 for 4

Manchester Schools Under 13 Knockout
2nd Round v. St. Thomas Aquinas (H)
Won by 39 runs
W.H.G.S. 124 for 2 (25 overs) (Wood 66)
St. Thomas Aquinas 85 all out (Wood 4 for 27)

Semi-final v. North Manchester H.S. (H)
Won by 107 runs
W.H.G.S. 136 for 2 (20 overs) (Warren 57 n.o., Baama 41 n.o.)
North Manchester 29 all out (Wood 4 for 8, Rhodes 3 for 3)

Final v. Oakwood H.S. (H)
Won by 130 runs
W.H.G.S. 192 for 2 (30 overs) (Wood 83 n.o., Baama 36 n.o.)
Oakwood 62 all out (Baama 4 for 11)

The merest glance at the summary of matches above indicates that this could only be described as Nathan Wood's season. He played in twelve of the fourteen matches and scored an amazing 688 runs at an average of 86. Before this season there had been five centuries scored by Under 13 players: Wood added two more, including the highest score made by a junior in this School, and this in a match of only 25 overs! When he 'failed', he scored around 20, something only rarely achieved by most other players on this (or any other) Under 13 side. He rarely played an uncontrolled shot, though he hits the ball very hard in certain areas, and his weakness of last year on the Under 12s, missing the pitched-up ball on leg stump, has gone: this in itself points to his success—he is very good at practising, and it will not be surprising if next season, after another winter in the nets, the lofted drive to mid-off and the lofted pull to backward square leg have also disappeared. It has been a joy to anticipate every School innings this year, in the certainty that it will be graced for a time by one of Wood's innings. It should not be forgotten too, that he has often bowled with great penetration, almost winning the game against Crosby with a magnificent spell, the best by any bowler in the season.

With a player such as this in the side, many other players will have felt inadequate or simply been content to watch the game unfold successfully, and certainly the performance of many batsmen has been disappointing compared with their form in the many indoor net practices over the winter. However, flashes of form appeared from Howarth and Arora, Daniel was frequently a cultured and unflappable opener, Whiteley played several sound innings for little reward, and Collins showed signs that he will develop into a sound player as he gets stronger. Baama suffered a dreadful loss of batting form for almost the entire season, but finally 'came good' with a fine fifty against Bradford and aggressive unbeaten innings in the final knockout matches. He was only rarely at his best with the ball, but will benefit greatly from the use of a full size ball from next year onwards, which should control his frequent over-pitching. Asgher's batting was a mystery; ruthlessly aggressive in the nets, he found no form at all in match situations, but he did bowl a great many good overs. Also most promising on the bowling side was Rhodes, often sadly under-used, but with a high action, some pace and real accuracy: he should do very well in future seasons.

The only player who was not overfaced by the presence of Wood in the side was Warren. In a normal season his performance would have been an outstanding one: he attacked opposition sides who often found his in-swingers unplayable,

and his batting drew regular praise from opposition sides. His main problem is having to field in any of the 'mobile' positions, but there can be no doubt that here we have an all-round cricketer with a very successful future: in the same way we should be expecting great things over the next few years from this whole team.

C. P. Langford

UNDER 12 CRICKET

Twelve matches were played this year. Unfortunately only one win was achieved, together with one draw, but ten were lost. However, spirits remained high and there was much potential exhibited—if slightly less application.

There is some strength already in the bowling, with up to eight players capable of bowling tidily. C. Bell (16 wickets), G. Mitchell (13), T. Allen (12), T. Donnai (9) and A. Callander (7) being the main wicket-takers.

The bowling was supported by improved fielding as the season progressed and some good catches were taken. The ground fielding needs tightening up next season.

The batting was weak this year. The highest score achieved by the side was seventy three and seven totals were below fifty. There is potential, but lack of experience and maturity are the problems. In a couple of years time we may see some of the ability come through but a lot of hard work and determination are necessary.

The opening match against Arnold School was lost by 6 wickets. Hulme were bowled out for 47, half of which was scored by Tom Donnai (24 n.o.), Chris Bell took two of the 4 wickets to fall as Arnold cruised to 48 for 4.

King's School, Macclesfield inflicted a fairly crushing defeat on Hulme by all 10 wickets. Hulme were all out for 50.

Q.E.G.S. Wakefield declared at 141 for 6 (G. Mitchell 4-37) but once again Hulme succumbed this time for only 27!

Bury bowled Hulme out for 49 (Ben Wood 13) and won by 6 wickets (Gareth Mitchell 2-12).

King Edward's, Lytham declared at 138 for 5, but Hulme only managed 23 all out in reply.

In the Manchester Cup, Hulme had a bye into the quarter-final and won this match against Newall Green by 10 wickets. Good bowling by Aaron Callander (5-5) and Tim Allen (3-5) saw to the oppositions demise for just 16 runs. Alex Kniveton (11 n.o.) and Gareth Mitchell saw us through to an easy win.

Stockport scored 161 for 6 declared. Tim Allen bowled well (5-53). Hulme battled but fell for 66 all out. Andrew Watkins 24.

Hulme played Parrswood in a 24 overs match beginning at 9.30 in the morning. Parrswood finished on 123 for 6, thanks mainly to a giant of a boy called Minogue. Chris Bell bowled well taking 3 wickets. Hulme were 61 for 7 when the overs ran out but, despite losing, had shown determination in keeping some wickets intact.

Birkenhead scored 174 for 2 declared. Hulme's bowling was fair but it lacked penetration and the bad balls were severely punished. Once again Hulme's batting was not up to the task and only 45 all out was achieved.

Some determination was shown in the draw against M.T.S. Crosby. The opposition, having scored 129 for 6 declared, were frustrated as Hulme hung on for 60 for 9.

The highest scoring game was against Bradford Grammar. They amassed 206 for 7, (C. Bell 3 for 37) and Hulme responded with 73 all out. An improved effort this, thanks mainly to two fine performances by late order batsmen, A. Callander (18) and M. Belwood (10 n.o.).

Hulme lost in the semi-final of the cup to St. Thomas Aquinas in a bizarre game which had to take place in two parts and a week between each, due to the weather. St. Thomas's had scored 60 for 2 off only 10 overs when the heavens opened and water-logged the pitch. We continued from this point the following week and tied them down to 96 for 7 off 25 overs. Unfortunately Hulme only mustered 28 runs in reply.

The squad still consists of nearly 20 players and in fact 23 boys represented the School in at least one game this season. So there is sufficient ability and enthusiasm around to generate a good team in the future and competition for places should motivate and encourage the players to work at their game in preparation for next season.

The players were: G. Mitchell, A. Kniveton, T. Allen, S. Bates, C. Bell, M. Belwood, A. Callander, T. Donnai, N. Goddard, J. Goodall, R. Haroutunian, C. Hodge, R. Jones, J. Metcalfe, K. Misra, H. Newlove, J. Sayyid, M. Sellars, A. Watkins, B. Wood, B. Adey-Davies, M. Forshaw and D. Taylor.

May I thank the members of staff Messrs. Blight, Jones, Bennett and Seddon for umpiring a game each during the season.

C. J. Maudsley



CROSS-COUNTRY 1987-88

When I succeeded Mr Bull as master in charge of Cross-Country, a number of reluctant runners decided to take advantage of my good nature and ignorance of the rules and conventions of the sport at the School. As a result, the squad lost a number of good runners from the second year forms. However, this loss has been more than compensated for by the appearance of some very keen and potentially excellent runners in the first year.

The Senior squad was very small but comprised the talents of S. Green, J. Humm, and A. Campbell. Only the latter could turn up on a regular basis in the Lent term as the talents and time of the other two were devoted to their A.A.A. commitments.

E. Davies was the sole representative of the Under 15s but continues to go from strength to strength.

The stalwarts of the Under 16s were S. Larkin, N. Hall, and M. Hope. The latter was unable to attend training sessions because of other School commitments but was a regular contender at the fixtures and although he did not win any trophies he deserves a prize for his perseverance and enthusiasm. S. Harrington was re-recruited to the squad late in the season but proved to be a valuable acquisition.

The Under 14s consisted of the three musketeers I. Ellis, R. Mody, and G. Bamforth. They all trained regularly and rarely missed a fixture.

Among the Under 12s there are a number of future stars. P. Kidd, A. Sheldon, I. Sherwin, and C. Dixon should all be watched for future success. M. Butterworth could only join the squad in the Lent term but soon showed a lot of potential and if he continues to improve at the same rate he may topple Kidd

as one of our brightest hopes for the future.

The most important fixture of the season was the Northern Schools' Championships at Lyme Park where hundreds of runners took part in a gruelling course in appalling conditions. The Under-12s were our only qualifying team with Peter Kidd coming in 175th—a very respectable position considering the competition, the weather, and his inexperience. Our best result was achieved, as usual, by Elton Davies who came in 27th in a contest which included Under-15s and Under-16s.

Ian Ellis of the Under-14s showed a lot of promise in the Sale League matches and Elton Davies steadily improved his position in these fixtures by coming in 5th, 3rd and 2nd in the three successive races. Davies' best result of the season was to come in 1st in a field of 15 against Bolton School and Bury Grammar.

The fixture at Cheadle Hulme School showed the true mettle of the enthusiasts in our squad. The weather threw everything at us: biting cold winds, rain, sleet and snow. By any civilised standards the contest should have been abandoned, but the organisers of Cross-Country events do not fear the strictures of the RSPCC. Although our best position was 8th (Ellis in a field of 27 runners), credit must be given to all the runners who took part: Sheldon, Kidd, Butterworth, Sherwin, Bowen (that was his last appearance for the squad), Ellis, Mody (who has since recovered from frostbite), Campbell, Hope, and Hall.

Next year will be a better one for the squad if for no other reason than that I now "know the ropes" a bit more, and no runner of promise will so easily be able to get out of the squad.

C. MacL.



SCHOOL TENNIS 1988

Although this report may be shorter than last year's, it does not imply that we have played less tennis, or of an inferior standard. In fact forty-one matches were played and although the School won only twelve of these, the quality of play was of a high standard and the games very closely fought. Due to the reconstruction of the swimming pool, we have been rather short of courts for most of the term, but instead teams have travelled over 1,000 miles to thirty-three away matches, and we have also benefited from the use of three excellent all-weather courts at the Whalley Range Cricket & Tennis Club. There have been two qualified coaches at work this year; Mr Colin Petch who has coached the Under-16 side throughout the winter and Mr Rodney Boswell, who gave a six-week introductory course to first year tennis players. The results of their efforts can be seen by anyone who has watched these teams in action. The Under-16 team won six out of eight matches, and both teams ended the term in fine style by defeating their Manchester Grammar opponents.

The seniors and Under-16s were involved in another mini-tour in Yorkshire and Lancashire. The match at the Royal Grammar School, Lancaster was lost by only one set, but, at Giggleswick, both the 1sts and 2nds were the victors. Mr Fisher and Mrs Hall accompanied the party and, together with all the boys involved, helped to make the Tour most enjoyable. There was a doubles tournament on the Saturday at which Rupert Naylor, the captain, took first prize, and an excellent meal at the Green Dragon Inn during the evening.

Whilst it is true that the 1st VI has not had a "winning-season", it is also true that some good partnerships have

developed. Notably, Rupert Naylor and Stuart White, who replaced as first pair the retiring Captain Nick Hindley and Vice-Captain Phil Shepherd, who hung up their tennis shoes to concentrate on 'A' levels. Darren Taylor and Stephen Arundel have also played well on a number of occasions, and should develop into a winning combination next year.

The Under-16 pool has continued to provide players for the 1st and 2nd VI as well as playing in their own age-group fixtures. Ben Lees has captained the side admirably again this year, and his regular partner, David Berman, has been a staunch ally, both on court and at the dinner table. His scoring and speaking abilities made him a valuable asset on tour. Of course all of the fifth-year tennis players were encouraged by the dynamic enthusiasm of Mrs Hall, and we are all sorry that she is leaving this year, but no doubt expect to see her continuing to support the side in the future. We are all grateful for her contribution during the last two years.

At the Under-15 level, there have been some notable successes. We were entered for the first time this year in the Midland Bank Schools Competition, and four boys, Peter Davies, Robert Buckley, Gregory Boswell, and Jason Meadows, won through to the second round to represent Manchester Schools by defeating both St. Ambrose College and North Manchester High School in the first round. We are to play the Cheshire Schools winners in September. Additionally, Peter Davies reached the top of the Nestlé Ladder Competition in School and so became eligible for the National Competition. He defeated his first opponent by two sets to one, but was eventually

defeated by last year's runner-up. I hope that our good performances this year will encourage others to take part in similar competitions next year.

Our successes at Under-14 and Under-13 levels can only be measured in terms of games rather than matches, but, if the enthusiasm I have seen is anything to go by, we should fare better next year. There just has not been enough time, (or enough of me!) to go round, and I hope that these aspiring tennis players will receive more coaching during the coming winter from both Mr Petch and myself, to bring their individual skills to the level at which they can start to win some matches next year.

Lastly, the Under-12 age-group has produced at least fourteen players of an acceptable standard, and most of these have played in one or more School fixtures. Captain David Davies and partner Jason Tate, have even given creditable performances for the Under-13 side. The coaching done by Mr Boswell has been invaluable here, and I would like to thank him for his contribution. I confidently expect that the standard of School tennis will increase dramatically if we can continue to introduce coaching to our younger players when they most need it.

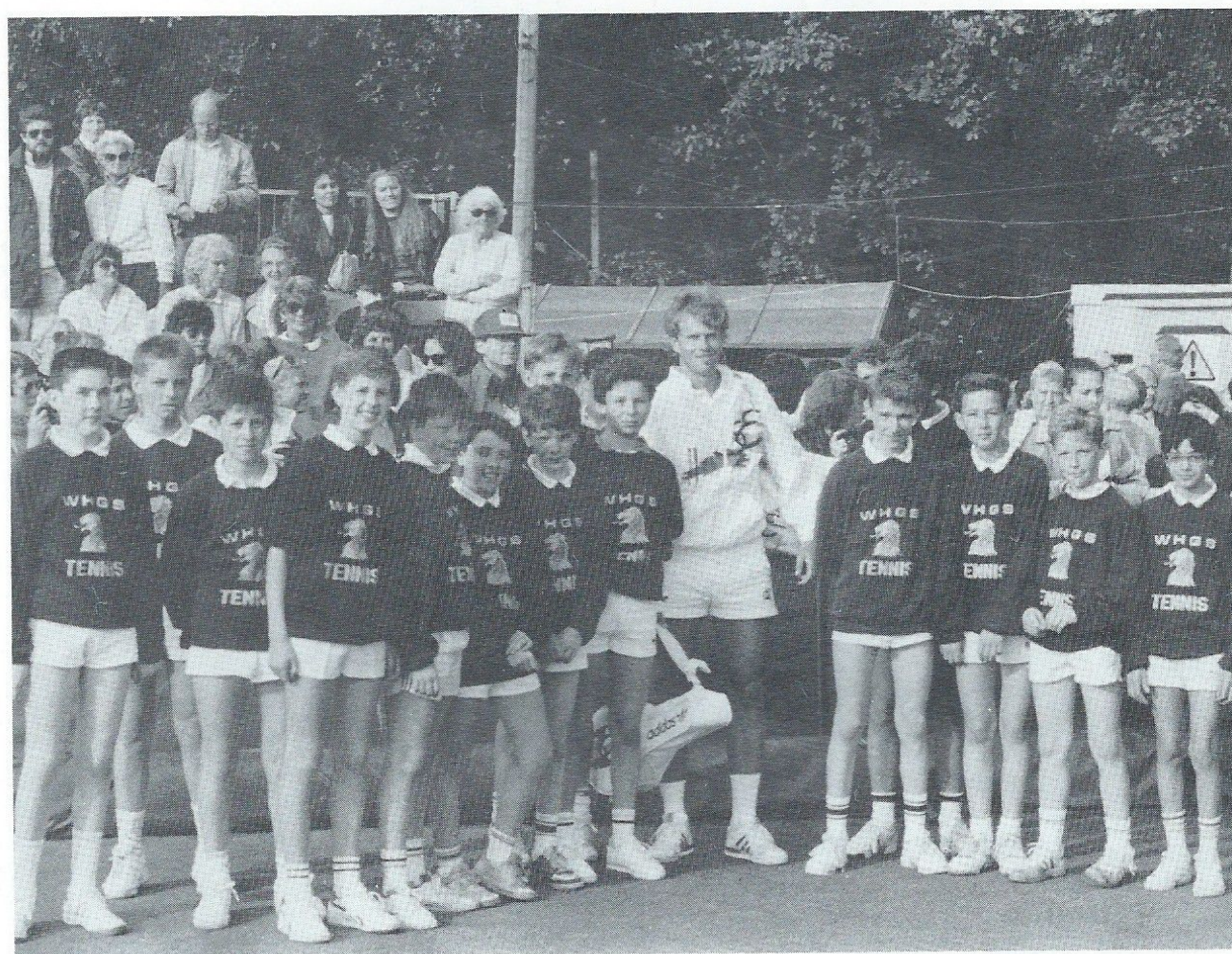
On a different note, the annual parents' matches were not

held this year due to lack of available courts. Instead, a "Lads & Dads" event was organised, (new title for next year please?) but, unfortunately, I once again picked what was surely the wettest night of the year. Only three matches were played, and, with twelve pairs in contention, the competition had barely begun before we were forced to take refuge in the Sixth Form Common Room. Fortunately, however, our parents had provided an excellent array of food and the social aspect of the event was a complete success. Mr Arthur Burden, who for many years has encouraged and supported the parents' involvement with tennis, generously donated a magnificent silver cup as a trophy for the event when it is next played. Arthur is standing down as the parents' tennis representative this year and I would like to pass on my sincere thanks for all his efforts over the years and also for the splendid trophy which he has given to the School.

Despite setbacks this has been yet another good year for School tennis. Next year I expect to see first year and senior girls playing in teams and, from the indications already received, many more parents taking part in "fun-events". Who knows, we may even produce a future Wimbledon champion!

J. H. Thomson

BALL BOYS AT THE NORTHERN



(Photo: J. H. Thomson)

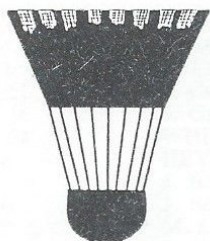
The School's connection with the Northern Law Tennis Club in Didsbury continues to deepen. This year, in addition to providing the now-traditional finals-day ball boys, seen here with this year's winner and Wimbledon Champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden, we also provided a dozen fourth year boys who were employed as temporary groundstaff during the full week of the Tournament. These boys came in for special praise from the Tournament Secretary, not least for the way in which they handled the club's new court covers, halving the previous club

record for clearing and covering the courts in the process. With the British climate continuing to interfere with the playing of all summer sports, it is good to report that the tennis was interrupted for as short a time as possible, despite several heavy showers during the week.

Also shown is a candid shot of young Giles Fisher, attending to the needs of Mr Edberg. As you can see, William Hulme's is "THE CHOICE OF CHAMPIONS!"



(Photo: J. H. Thomson)



BADMINTON

One of the pleasures co-education has brought to William Hulme's is the opportunity to enter inter-school competitions on an equal basis. For the first time the School formed a mixed Badminton squad, but needless to say it had a rather mixed season!

The School took part in three U19s competitions:—
The Greater Manchester Knock-out Tournament
The Greater Manchester Knock-out Cup
The Manchester Schools League

The Greater Manchester Knock-out Tournament.

This competition was played in October 1987 at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Chorlton. All our boys' singles and doubles players were knocked-out in the first round. A rude introduction to competitive playing. The following boys represented the School: A. St. John Dawes, I. Hussain, S. Sack, N. Rash, H. Wilcox and H. Jamal.

The girls' singles, doubles and the mixed doubles competitions were held at Xaverian College in November 1987. K. Jones and K. Barker were both knocked out in the first round, but T. Wakefield managed to get through to the second and the team captain A. Blake successfully made it to the final, only to lose 15-8. Both the girls doubles were knocked-out in the first round, but all was not lost. The mixed pair of A. Blake and S. Marsland fought through three gruelling rounds and actually won the trophy! This more than made up for our other mixed pair of T. Wakefield and I. Hussain getting knocked out in the first round.



Amy Blake

Steve Marsland

(Photo: R. A. Haynes)

The Greater Manchester Knock-out Cup

This competition was keenly contested by 18 teams around Greater Manchester. We were very unlucky to draw last year's finalists in one of the rounds and suffered from a lack of competitive experience. The Girls Doubles team lost heavily to Bolton Girls School 7-0 in December 1987. The team comprised T. Wakefield, J. Doney, K. Barker and K. Jones.

The Boys Doubles team only just lost to Winstanley

College's First Team in a thrilling, last-game match. The score of 5-4, in what amounted to a classic David and Goliath contest, was the talk of the season. The team comprised A. St. John Dawes, S. Marsland, I. Hussain and N. Stevenson.

The Mixed Doubles Team had a gruelling match against the two Bolton Schools and collapsed 13-5 after a very promising start. The team comprised A. Blake and S. Marsland; K. Barker and I. Hussain; K. Jones and A. St. John Dawes.

Manchester Schools League (Zone 'B')

Result	Home	Away
Girls Doubles		
Loreto College	L 7-2	L 6-3
Hyde College	L 7-2	L 7-2
Xaverian College	cancelled	L 9-0

Boys Doubles		
Loreto College	L 7-2	L 6-3
Hyde College	L 9-0	L 9-0
Xaverian College	cancelled	L 9-0
M.G.S.	L 7-2	L 7-2
Hazel Grove High	W 6-3	W 6-3
St. Bede's	L 8-1	L 8-1

Mixed Doubles		
Loreto College	L 6-3	L 5-4
Hyde College	L 9-0	L 9-0
Xaverian College	cancelled	
Winstanley I	L 9-0	L 9-0
Winstanley II	L 8-1	L 8-1
Turton High	L 5-4	L 5-4
Leigh College	W 5-4	W 5-4

The results would imply a disastrous season and yet they do not give credit for the tremendous amount of enthusiasm and hard-work that went into the season. The School was always going to suffer from a lack of experience, and, against those pupils who have readily entered this competition over the years, it was woefully displayed. We did well to win any games against Hyde, Xaverian and Loreto, who can recruit from a much wider intake than our own sixth form. However, against High Schools such as Hazel Grove, Turton and Leigh, we did remarkably well. Against M.G.S. and St. Bede's we were unlucky not to have our full squad, but we learnt a lot from watching their game.

We hope next year to turn these results around and build on our experience. However we are always on the look-out for fresh talent and for new faces to replace the 'old' ones, so if you want to play for the School, please join the practice sessions every Tuesday and Wednesday after School.

The following represented the School: Amy Blake, Judith Doney, Kirsty Barker, Karen Jones, Tamsin Wakefield, Katrina Hazell, Kim Segal, Melanie Wood, Adrienne Mallinson, Alex St. John Dawes, Steve Marsland, Irfan Hussain, Nick Stevenson, Andrew Hall, Paul Rogers, Simon Sack, Sanjay Seth, I. N. Drayton, R. Popuri, Pandeed Mohil, Roger Dunn.

Our thanks to all the boys and girls for taking part and representing the School. We have not forgotten the celebratory drinks!

UNDER 14s BADMINTON

As part of the The Greater Manchester Knock-out Tournament the School entered a dedicated "Magnificent Seven". Unfortunately R. Popuri, G. Knight and D. Greer were all knocked-out in the first round.

I. N. Drayton, R. G. Boswell and S. J. Richardson all managed to beat their opposition in the first round, but were defeated in the second round.

The honours for the School fell to N. Stevenson, who successfully made it through the first third round and only lost an exciting semi-final 15-8.

JUNIOR SCHOOL BADMINTON

For the third successive year, the Junior School competition was keenly contested by all forms. Throughout their dinner hour, on Thursdays, the boys kept on knocking the shuttles across the nets. Eventually by Easter a result could be declared. The final order was as follows:

1A	2A
1B	2B
1D	2C
1C	2D

We were both impressed by the standard of play and, as with all the main School sports, the earlier a pupil can begin learning the skills of the game the better the chance of being selected at a senior level. Well done to all those who took part.

M. P. Jones and R. M. Harrison



SCHOOL ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS—1988

First Form:

100m	13.63	A. Bailey	(1C)	J. Hope	(1A)	M. Sellers	(1B)
200m	30.00	R. Enisuoh	(1C)	A. Bailey	(1C)	M. Butterworth	(1A)
400m	65.91	R. Enisuoh	(1C)	C. Armstrong	(1D)	M. Musgrove	(1A)
800m	2.38.94	M. Musgrove	(1A)	A. Sheldon	(1C)	A. Callender	(1C)
1500m	5.27.19	T. Allen	(1C)	A. Sheldon	(1C)	C. Bell	(1B)
4 × 400m	4.55.22	1C	1A	1D	1B		
4 × 100m	59.94	1C	1A	1B	1D		
Shot	7.80	R. Gandy	(1C)	M. McLean	(1A)	B. Jones	(1A)
Cricket Ball	43.41	J. Rooney	(1B)	M. McMahon	(1C)	M. Butterworth	(1A)
High Jump	1.19	T. Allen	(1C)	R. Swardlow	(1A)	M. Forshaw	(1D)
Long Jump	4.25	C. Armstrong	(1D)	M. Tweed	(1A)	C. Armstrong	(1D)
Triple Jump	7.71	P. Harrison	(1A)	J. Hickman	(1C)	J. Goodall	(1D)
						M. Schilling	(1D)
						A. Sheldon	(1C)
						A. Nash	(1B)

RESULTS:

1st	172½ pts.	1C
2nd	139½ pts.	1A
3rd	84 pts.	1B
4th	81 pts.	1D

Second Form:

100m	13.91	O. Asgher	(2A)	N. Wood	(2B)	S. Arora	(2C)
200m	28.65	O. Asgher	(2A)	N. Wood	(2B)	S. Arora	(2C)
400m	66.89	P. Ireland	(2C)	P. Patel	(2A)	R. Smith	(2B)
800m	2.32.28	J. Walmsley	(2A)	K. Swiderski	(2A)	S. Bookbinder	(2B)
1500m	5.10.93	J. Walmsley	(2A)	S. Bookbinder	(2B)	C. Reichl	(2A)
4 × 400m	4.48	2A	2C	2B	2D		
4 × 100m	58.65	2A	2C	2B	2D		
Shot	8.75	S. Arora	(2C)	S. Sufi	(2A)	P. Foster	(2B)
Javelin	22.91	I. Bradley	(2B)	F. Baama	(2A)	W. Mason	(2D)
High Jump	1.35	A. Sunderland	(2B)	N. Whiteley	(2D)	W. Mason	(2D)
Long Jump	4.66	P. Sum	(2A)	J. Daniel	(2D)	O. Asgher	(2A)
Triple Jump	9.21	F. Baama	(2A)	A. Sharples	(2C)	J. Daniel	(2D)

RESULTS:

1st	169½ pts.	2A
2nd	122½ pts.	2C
3rd	105½ pts.	2B
4th	79½ pts.	2D

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS: First Form R. Enisuoh (2C)
Second Form O. Asgher (2A)

Year 3

100m	13.09	J. Cooney	(B)	J. Beckett	(F)	J. Kim	(W)
200m	27.50	N. Pagan	(B)	J. Kim	(W)	J. Chadwick	(W)
400m	62.56	P. Mulligan	(G)	N. Pagan	(B)	J. Chadwick	(W)
800m	2.27.32	M. Bratt	(H)	J. Frost	(F)	I. Ellis	(B)
1500m	5.05.40	M. Bratt	(H)	P. Mulligan	(G)	I. Ellis	(B)
4 × 400m	4.35.22	FRASER		BYROM		GASKELL	
4 × 100m	56.00	BYRON		DALTON		FRASER	
Shot	9.30	B. Forshaw	(W)	D. Bourmad	(W)	T. Clarke	(F)
Discus	28.78	D. Bourmad	(W)	A. Ladd	(F)	A. Cunningham	(D)
Javelin	25.99	P. Tweed	(F)	J. Frost	(F)	A. Mehta	(W)
Long Jump	4.92	M. Wilson	(B)	P. Mulligan	(G)	J. Cooney	(F)
High Jump	1.44	D. Hayles	(B)	J. Kay	(H)	P. Tweed	(F)
Triple Jump	10.46	J. Beckett	(F)	D. Hayles	(B)	A. Scott-Gall	(F)

INDIVIDUAL WINNER: P. Mulligan (G)

Year 4

100m	12.63	R. Hardman	(B)	B. Trigg	(H)	S. Smith	(H)
200m	26.10	G. Davidson	(H)	D. Smith	(H)	N. Stoker	(H)
400m	58.47	M. Jones	(B)	M. Rogers	(G)	M. Brown	(H)
800m	2.11.75	E. Davies	(F)	P. Cassidy	(W)	G. Jameson	(W)
1500m	4.29.00	E. Davies	(F)	A. Hollingworth	(F)	S. Veitch	(D)
4 × 400m	4.10.75	FRASER		HEYWOOD		BYROM	
4 × 100m	51.88	HEYWOOD		GASKELL		DALTON	
Shot	10.70	A. Khan	(F)	M. Plant	(G)	N. Frost	(B)
Discus	24.52	J. Johnson	(H)	N. Humphrey-Taylor	(F)	R. Segal	(D)
Javelin	35.40	M. Plant	(G)	S. Veitch	(D)	M. Rashid	(W)
Long Jump	5.16	G. Davidson	(H)	D. Smith	(H)	D. Cooper	(W)
High Jump	1.58	M. Brown	(H)	B. Trigg	(H)	G. Jameson	(W)
Triple Jump	10.88	N. Stoker	(H)	N. Williams	(B)	G. Knight	(W)

INDIVIDUAL WINNER: G. Davidson (H) and E. Davies (F)

Senior							
100m	12.25	A. Mallalieu	(H)	C. Willott	(D)	S. Dove	(D)
200m	25.03	A. Mallalieu	(H)	S. Roffey	(D)	J. Garner	(F)
400m	57.37	R. Clark	(W)	P. Herring	(F)	W. Hockenhull	(B)
800m	2.03.21	S. Green	(B)	J. Humm	(G)	A. Jackson	(F)
1500m	4.15.35	S. Green	(B)	J. Humm	(G)	A. Campbell	(W)
4 × 400m	4.01.03	WHITWORTH		BYROM		GASKELL	
4 × 100m	48.88	HEYWOOD		DALTON		FRASER	
Shot	8.70	J. Bellass	(H)	S. Cherry	(W)	P. Dardick	(F)
Discus	25.50	J. Bellass	(H)	M. Beggs	(W)	J. Babicki	(H)
Javelin	34.92	M. Carden	(F)	M. Beggs	(W)	S. Dove	(D)
Long Jump	5.55	C. Willott	(D)	R. Clark	(W)	J. Garner	(F)
High Jump	1.65	S. Roffey	(D)	P. Wilson	(G)	D. Peglion	(H)
Triple Jump	11.46	A. Mallalieu	(H)	A. Fajumi	(G)	J. Garner	(F)
RESULTS:							

1st	217 pts.	H
2nd	194½ pts.	F
3rd	182½ pts.	B
4th	156 pts.	W
5th	118 pts.	D
6th	104 pts.	G

INDIVIDUAL WINNER: A. Mallalieu (H)

TWO MIDDLE SCHOOL STORIES (GCSE Assignments)

VIOLENT SOCIETY

George Socituem was an ordinary male living in the modern town of Leeds. He was married with two children, and had a steady job as violence organiser to the Borough Council of Leeds.

It was a bright, sunny morning when he got out of bed and looked out into the street where the postman and milkman were fighting as usual. The voice from the loud speaker sounded, "The time is nine o'clock and this is your early morning violence call." He went into the violence room across the landing (every house had to have one), and prepared himself. Then, as the siren sounded, he picked up the nearest object he could find and proceeded to strike it against the walls and windows, putting all his strength behind it. By the time the second siren had sounded, the room was a scene of devastation, and he stood wiping his perspiring brow with a handkerchief.

His wife Edna came into the room and placed a steaming cup of tea onto the broken chest in front of him. "Thanks," he said, and punched her in the face and kicked her in the shin. She stumbled back through the doorway and managed to grab hold of the stair rails to prevent herself falling down the stairs. She got up and went back downstairs to continue her chores, while George started to punch a punchbag which hung from the wall.

After ten minutes of constant thumping George stopped, and sat down on the only unbroken chair in the house to organise that afternoon's sport. Meanwhile Edna was busy in the kitchen preparing a meal for her husband's consumption. The main problem with living in the violent town of Leeds was the expense. Furniture and the like weren't cheap and when the family went through a complete set a day, bills were high.

The children came in for lunch at twelve o'clock and sat down expectantly at the table, waiting for their meal to be served. At ten past midday George came down the stairs and paused as he saw the family cat snoozing at the bottom. "Hello Tiddles," said George, as he kicked the cat across the hallway, crashed through the doorway into the kitchen, and sat down on the same bench as his children, who were fighting as usual.

"Who's the match against, George?" asked his wife as she brought over the meal. "We're playing Millwall," said George as he proceeded to eat the food in front of him. "Don't forget the dog," chorused the children, so Edna got up and gave the dog a bowl of meat before hitting it on the head with a bone. "Can we go this afternoon?" asked the children. "No, you might get hurt," said George Socituem sarcastically.

When the meal drew to a close, the family threw their plates out through the window. "Saves washing up," George had once said. He set off for the big game at about one o'clock with an excited feeling deep down inside him. He bumped into some of his friends on the way and they popped into the "Baton and Cudgel" for a quick drink before the match. An hour later with ten pints inside him he wobbled down towards Elland Road, home of Leeds United.

By the time he was outside the ground, the atmosphere was tense and nervous. The vendors outside the ground advertised their wares. "Get yer cudgels 'ere," yelled one. "Air rifles. Chance of a lifetime." He paid his admission fee and soon the match was under way. He punched and kicked, and brandished his weapons along with the rest of his side. After quarter of an hour his side had killed many more people than the opposition. By the time the match had finished Leeds had totally dominated the "match" and they left victorious, while the attendants were left to dispose of the bodies.

George felt he had been a bit rusty that afternoon, so he went down to the human range for a bit of shooting practice. After an hour's good workout, he returned home, and, after thumping the children good-night, he went to bed. After pausing to kick his wife, he turned over and went to sleep, dreaming of the next week's fights.

C. Brown 4Y

DESTRUCTION OF CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

Mrs. Stowe went through much the same routine as my mother does day in and day out; an almost eternally on-going national routine. I watched her from the small sitting room they called the 'snug', as she pulled down the blinds, blackening out the windows, lighting the strategically placed lamps as she did so. I liked Mrs. Stowe. She was a very kind, thoughtful woman. She reminded me, in a rather strange way, of my own mother. I was staying at Charlie's. My friend Charlie was ten, like myself. His family was very similar to my own. He had a younger sister who at six was only one year older than my own little sister, Sophie. He was also a child of a one-parent family, not because either of his parents had died or because they'd split up, but because his father was away fighting the War, just like mine. I was very proud of my father, who was a high-ranking Spitfire Pilot with the 'Tiger' Squadron. Naïvely I used to dream about how great it must be to fly a plane just like my father's. Charlie's house was only ten yards away from mine, on the 'Pheasant Rise' council estate in the centre of Saltash, Plymouth. However my friend's house seemed slightly newer and larger than the one I lived in. For some reason it seemed fresher . . . Suddenly my thoughts, and the game of 'Black-Jack' with Charlie, were disturbed as Mrs. Stowe came into the snug, suggesting that we went to bed. I wasn't too upset by this suggestion; I knew that Charlie and I had no intention of going to sleep quite yet.

Once Mrs. Stowe had tucked us in, we waited in silence for the familiar sound of her footsteps in the kitchen, which was directly below Charlie's bedroom. Once satisfied that indeed it was Mrs. Stowe in the kitchen, we both jumped out of bed and crept excitedly towards the big window at the opposite end of the room. Charlie carefully lifted up the blind ever so slightly and there, to our joy, stood an MP on his nightly patrol of the area, right under the window. Charlie went first, taking a stone from under his bed and dropping it behind the MP. We both stared in delight as he turned round abruptly, obviously quite startled. I loved this game, and looked forward to the nights I stayed at Charlie's house, so that I could participate in it. This time it went on for about half an hour until we grew tired, and, baffled as he was, the MP came to regard the noises as routine. Once we got into bed, I slowly drifted off to sleep, dreaming about my father.

All of a sudden we were woken by the dreaded low whine of air-raid sirens. I hated that noise—it gave me countless nightmares. However we didn't panic, for we knew exactly what we had to do; we had had it drummed in so many times, it was almost second nature. We hurriedly tore the bed-clothes off and ran out of Charlie's room, to find his mother frantically running up the stairs to get Sophie. We were then all hustled off to the air raid shelters by the MPs. Despite playing mischievous tricks on them, both Charlie and I had enormous respect for them in times of trouble. We didn't have our own air raid shelters, as some people did; instead there were two large ones at the end of the crescent which served the whole estate.

Once we reached the shelters we were allocated to the larger of the two. Inside I frantically searched for my mother and sister. They were nowhere to be seen. On several occasions I tried to break free of Mrs. Stowe to go and look for them. The planes were now overhead. The familiar whir of the Luftwaffe brought terror to the faces of many. I was now even more anxious: the thought of my mother and dear little sister being stranded outside filled me with terror. Mrs. Stowe gripped me tightly, sensing my anxiety, and tried to reassure me, by putting the matter in perspective. They must be in the second shelter, since our house is practically opposite it, surely? Eventually I relaxed and snuggled up in my bedclothes, leaning against Mrs. Stowe. I didn't mind the shelter itself. Somehow it seemed quite homely, with my friends and neighbours gathered round me. After all I probably spent as much time in the shelter as in my own house, or at least it seemed like it. Even the coldness of the stone floor and corrugated iron roof made me feel secure and safe. Also the fact that my father was up there somewhere reassured me; I felt as if he was protecting me and my family. The devastating clamour as bombs and machine-gun fire were sprayed all around, near and far, didn't affect me any more; I was used to it. Slowly I drifted off to sleep, listening to the crash of bombs thudding away into the distance, and wondering what my mother and sister were thinking at this moment.

I was woken the next morning by a concentrated shaft of light streaming in through the open door of the shelter. Most people had left. There was only Charlie and his mum, myself and one other family left. Cautiously I released myself from Mrs. Stowe's hold and silently crept out of the shelter, trying not to wake anyone. The cold of a November morning greeted me as I emerged. I warmed my hands and then, after growing accustomed to the bright morning light, strolled down to my house. All around people were weeping and running to and fro. There was mayhem. It was only then that I realised the complete destruction around me. Fear gripped me. The bombs hadn't sounded *this* close when I was in the shelter. Surely my house hadn't suffered the same fate? I hurriedly ran up the street, and, as I reached the end, the full force of the events of the night before gripped me. I saw a vast heap of rubble with two distraught figures standing in front of it. I ran up to my mother, embracing her whilst she uttered her joy at seeing me. Together we stared into the devastating spectacle ahead of us. A solitary tear ran down my face. I loved that house. Now all that remained were the ruins of my childhood. All I had was memories.

Robert Buckley 4X

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HOUSE NOTES

BYROM HOUSE LETTER—1987-88

Christmas Term

The following appointments were made:—

Mark Lovell was appointed Head of School.

Head of House: B. Armstrong.

Deputies: A. Crowther, P. A. Oxley and D. Howells.

House Prefects: T. G. Burden, A. Ruia, S. M. Arundel, A. G. Hann, W. E. Hockenhull, R. M. Malone, C. Chow, D. L. Aaron, R. J. Ketteridge, J. S. Goldsmith.

Yet again the House owes an immense debt to W. E. Hockenhull for his organisation and efficient running of the House Tuck Shop, which has provided funds for House Rugby vests, Running vests, Lacrosse sticks and helmets. Our thanks go to him and the many boys who have assisted in this work.

Our House league team looked well set to win the rugby, but soon the School 2nd XV, realising where the real talent in the School was so often developed, robbed us of our star fly-half B. Armstrong, and whilst the team performed well, this probably cost us the League trophy. One is reluctant to mention the many outstanding players, as no doubt the School 2nd XV "scout" will avidly read this report and make notes! W. E. Hockenhull played an outstanding role linking up the backs, A. Crowther proved yet another gifted player who has developed late and the School squad has probably missed. Quite outstanding was a new boy D. Taylor, who soon took to rugby and became a very competent forward. Mention must be made too of the consistent work of D. Aaron, T. Burden and M. Sowerby.

Thanks to excellent coaching by C. Chow the House team pack learnt to blend in with our School team players and we proved the under-estimated team for the Knock-outs. Whilst the pack's performance was scrappy against Whitworth, we won comfortably thanks to a kick ahead by B. Armstrong which M. Lovell followed up swiftly to outpace the Whitworth players. A further score sealed the victory. In the final, Heywood were without their star back Bailey, but our pack had learnt and so dominated play that their back line was starved of the ball and Mallalieu was forced into uncharacteristic errors. Capitalising on our pack's possession, Armstrong kicked deep, enabling Lovell to link on and allow Hockenhull to finally pick up and go over for a try. Crowther converted a penalty, giving us a 7 point lead. Heywood's counter attack was held by stubborn defending, particularly the tackling of Crowther and the centres. In the second half Lovell broke through (with two devastating hand-offs) to score a brilliant solo try. (This bit was written by Lovell!) Heywood now came back to score twice, but a try by R. T. Jones, following some excellent rucking, made us safe. M. Sowerby, who once was thrown over the scrum like a rag doll, almost produced a sensational try with a very determined terrier-cum-mole run, which brought him over the line. We won 17-10 after a magnificent team effort to which the House Team players contributed well. Finally, no one would begrudge the singling out of R. T. Jones as the man of the match for Byrom. The Juniors, under the sterling leadership of M. T. R. Jones, easily disposed of Gaskell in the Knock-out. N. Frost, K. Blackshaw and R. Hulse were outstanding in a pack which gave us a monopoly of possession. Ekstein (scrum-half) and Jones (fly-half) were thus able to kick deep or move the ball out to Wilson or Goodman, and we scored freely by running out easy winners, 43-4. Once again we met Fraser in the Final with memories of being "robbed" of certain victory the year before. This time Davies our best player was out for the season and that is the bad luck we accept. Fraser beat us fair and square in an excellent game we could have won. Our inept tackling let the strong Fraser backs run through and build a convincing 8-0 lead at the interval. The team had its tail between its legs. Morale had to be raised and Mr Blight emphasised that if we could score in the first five minutes the game could still swing. He didn't really believe what he said, but Jones did. Immediately on the restart Jones kicked on and Blackshore scored. Fraser soon came back to restore their lead. But once again Byrom came back showing first class spirit. Ekstein kicked through for Goodman to score. Then Byrom piled on the pressure and Mr Fisher looked on the verge of a heart-attack. Finally Goodman came through and looked certain to level the scores. Unfortunately, he chose to cut inside instead of continuing round his man and Fraser brought off a brilliant match-saving tackle. We unreservedly congratulate Fraser on this victory in a highly entertaining match played with fervour and excellent spirit. Final score 8-12.

Byrom made little progress in the 7-a-side competition.

Lent Term

D. Taylor was appointed House Prefect.

Atrocious weather wrecked the House Lacrosse competition, so our strong team was unable to capitalise on its good prospects. In the Knock-out first round we went out to the eventual winner Dalton 8-3. This was a most creditable performance as we held Dalton to 3-1 at half time. Armstrong played well in goal. Chow and Arundel were outstanding in defence. Mention must be made of T. J. Burden, a House team

player who worked tirelessly, checked well and got the ground balls which he then had the good sense to give to a School team player to work up to the attack. Arundel very often had to beat as many as three players to bring the ball from defence up to the attack. Quite outstanding in the attack was A. Crowther, who was far from fit. However, he constantly troubled the Dalton defence and, had we had one more attack player of his penetration, we could have really given Dalton a close run.

The Juniors were completely outclassed in their first round tie with Fraser and lost by a large margin. In the Hewlett Cup 6-a-sides one or two teams performed well. Had our organisation of reserves matched that of the Juniors we could have finished third.

We were weak in the House swimming, coming fourth in the relays and fifth overall. M. P. Wilson won the third year Butterfly and the Individual Medley (Junior). R. J. Ketteridge came third in the Senior Freestyle and L. J. McCloy came second in the Senior Individual Medley.

In the Inter-House Cross Country we came fifth, but S. Green (who last year ran at National level) produced the best individual time 17 mins. 16 secs. However, our third year boys came top of their heat.

The House Music Entry was excellently organised by A. S. Hogben. We came second with outstanding contributions from the Ogier brothers, Marc and Simon, in a Cello and Piano Duet and Marc's "preamble" on the Organ. Hogben and N. F. Taylor did well with their Voice and Piano contribution. Other contributions were M. R. Tallis—Trumpet; A. Hogben—Piano; R. J. Ketteridge and J. M. Greenhowe—Clarinet Duet; N. F. Taylor—Piano; M. J. Hulston—Trombone and N. Hall and N. F. Taylor—Piano Duet. Fortunately the external judges kindly ignored the tenth ludicrous, unrehearsed extraneous item, which will not be repeated.

The House Play Competition this year was seriously handicapped by the sudden and unexpected introduction of a Revue. Not only could boys not get on stage, but more seriously three key actors in both Byrom plays were involved and of course rehearsals clashed. It was neither fair, nor possible, for these boys, to insist that the plays took priority. D. Taylor did a magnificent job in face of insuperable obstacles, but in the end the crucial last part of the "Enterprising Burglar" was hopelessly under-rehearsed. M. Grey, M. Sowerby, D. Stogsdill and above all the late stand-in for a sick member of the cast S. A. Shoard all did well in Alan Ayckbourn's "A Talk in the Park". But this proved to be a rather weak play. W. E. Hockenhull, D. Taylor, A. Crowther and M. Grey all performed well in the "Enterprising Burglar" until an explosive aspect of the play backfired on us. Two characters had great difficulty in hearing what anyone else was saying, and a clumsily constructed window, some "circus" quality entrances and a lack of knowledge of lines by those who only had a couple of lines to say, plus bad staging, wrecked the end and undermined all the hard work done by the members of the cast with the largest parts to learn and rehearse. Dr Barker's comment was that we were mistaken in doing "A Talk in the Park" and should have concentrated all our efforts on the one play. We can learn from our mistakes. Above all a large number of boys took part, and whilst boys like Grey and Crowther and Taylor are naturally gifted, it is encouraging to hear a competent critic comment on Hockenhull's excellent performance. Here a rather "wooden" actor of last year has developed into a very competent performer.

Midsummer Term

The following provisional appointments were made:—

Head of House: R. J. Ketteridge.

Deputy Heads of House: W. E. Hockenhull, C. Chow, D. N. Taylor.

House Prefects: D. L. Aaron, S. M. Arundel, R. M. Malone, A. S. Hogben, M. R. Tallis, N. H. Fraser, J. N. Symms and J. Griffiths.

With the promotion of R. J. Ketteridge to Head of School, we extend to him our congratulations. W. E. Hockenhull becomes Head of House and the other appointments are confirmed.

In the Senior Cricket Knock-out, we did not have a strong side. Against Gaskell, R. M. Malone decided to bat first. The Gaskell attack included two first eleven bowlers and we struggled, losing wickets steadily. Only a fine fighting 58 by I. Hussain enabled us to reach a respectable score. The Gaskell openers scored freely, but soon wickets fell and we found ourselves 'in with a chance'. Only Jordan remained as a threat and he was running out of partners. He hit out effectively, but eventually skied one. A "collective" team effort to catch the ball, involving "silly mid-off, the bowler and the wicket-keeper resulted in the inevitable collision and self-righteous assertions from Arundel that HE had called for it. Jordan gratefully survived to knock off the remaining runs.

The Juniors fared better. Gaskell were dismissed for 71, thanks to good bowling by C. A. Ranawickrema who got the valuable wicket of Tilston. He was well supported by R. D. Hill and P. M. Burnand. Excellent batting by the captain M. Ekstein 20 and R. D. Hill 31 n.o. knocked off the runs. In the semi-final, we put Fraser in and, after an early break-through, they put us to the sword. Fraser finished at 143 for 6 and we soon fell behind the required run rate. Their strong bowling dismissed us for 63.

We did well in the Athletics Sports, coming third. J. Cooney won the 100m and N. Pagan the 200m. Pagan came second in the 400m and I. Ellis came third in both the 800m and the 1500m. We won the

100m relay and came second in the 40m relay. So our excellent third year performers make the future look bright. In the field events M. Wilson won the Long Jump and D. Hayles the High Jump. Hayles came second in the Triple Jump and J. Cooney third in the Long Jump. M. Jones who successfully organised our Junior competitors was the only outstanding fourth year. He won the 400m. In the field events N. Williams came second in the Triple Jump and N. Frost third in the shot.

In the Seniors our outstanding runner is S. Green, who has run at national level. He comfortably won both the 800m and 1500m. We came second in the 400m relay. But generally at Senior level we were thin on the ground.

This has been a good year and this is in no small measure due to the excellent leadership and enthusiasm of the Head of House Brian Armstrong. He would be the first to acknowledge that he has generally had excellent support from his fellow seniors who have responded well to his ebullient personality. Byrom also provided a fine Head of School in Mark Lovell. There are a large number of Senior boys this year whom we shall be sorry to lose and as Housemaster I would like to thank them for the contribution they have made to the House and the School and, on behalf of the House, wish them all success and happiness in the future.

Our thanks go once again to W. E. Hockenhull and those who have helped to run the House Tuck Shop so successfully. Their work has enabled us to purchase a deal of useful equipment for other boys in the House.

Finally, it has now been established, beyond any reasonable doubt that the animals on the Byrom shield in the New Hall are incorrect. The vulgar have called them "pigs", the more refined "boars" and the impudent have suggested some connection with the Housemaster and implied they are "bores". The creatures are, I am informed, unique in heraldry—they are Hedgehogs.

A. M. Blight

DALTON HOUSE

Michaelmas Term:

The following appointments were made:—

Deputy Head of School: A. P. Cleary.

Head of House: A. St. J. Dawes.

School Prefects: A. W. Kloss, N. A. Meech, S. J. Marsland.

House Prefects: S. P. Dove, D. D. Langton, N. I. M. Eccles, S. Pilling, P. N. Sheriff, M. J. Copson, A. J. Hilder, S. N. J. Roffey, N. S. Herbert, P. J. Rogers, C. A. Willott, B. J. Bennett.

Rugby Captains: Senior Knockout—A. W. Kloss.

Junior Knockout—R. W. Goodall.

Senior League—S. J. Marsland.

It was very pleasing to have A. P. Cleary appointed Deputy Head of School, after his brother had recently been Head of School. This was worthy reward for the efforts he has put into the life of the School, and the standing he holds in the Sixth Form.

Senior rugby was to be the major event of the Term, with two League teams each week, together with Knockouts and Seven-a-sides. We did not appear to have as many talented players as in the past, but the leadership of S. J. Marsland was vital in the League team. With the captain at half back and N. I. M. Eccles in the three quarters, we had speed and mobility, but often lacked the support. The player of the season, however, was S. J. Galbraith, a very strong forward who was difficult to dispossess, won much line-out ball, and also showed speed over a short distance. The second team was nobly captained (and shouted at!) by N. Sathi, and all played well, working together and producing players who became first team regulars. Both teams won most of their matches, and, most important, enjoyed their rugby.

In the Senior Knockout, a close first half against Gaskell was followed by an easier second half, and a 17-12 Dalton victory ensued, thanks, especially, to the strength of our captain A. W. Kloss. The second round was against a Heywood side with very strong backs, and, although we held our own in the first half, we were easily overcome in the second, and lost 12-30. We had not expected success in the Junior Knockout, as our very small team contained many third years, and lost to Fraser in the first round. In the Raymond Cox Rugby VII's, each of Dalton's three teams had some success, although only one team reached a final. The disappointing result was the first team's loss to Whitworth, when we had the opportunity to beat them. The success of the tournament was the enthusiasm of a large number of boys, and the enjoyment derived, despite very muddy pitches.

The third and fourth years each had a Cross Country competition. Dalton's third years had three in the top twelve, with R. A. Mody 3rd, but our ten runners finished second to Byrom. Very good groupings by the fourth years brought five in the top eleven places, with S. W. Veitch 4th and R. G. Boswell 5th. A Dalton victory ensued, with hopes for the Inter-House Cross Country competition.

The Term closed with the news that N. A. Meech and G. Mullins had been selected for England Under 19's lacrosse tour to Australia in the Summer of 1988, and R. L. Jones was selected as reserve goalkeeper. Congratulations and best wishes to those boys.

Lent Term

The following appointments were made:—

Lacrosse: Senior Knockout Captain—N. A. Meech (School Captain).

Senior League Captain—S. J. Marsland.

Junior Knockout Captain—S. W. Veitch.

Swimming Captain: A. St. J. Dawes.

Cross Country Organiser: B. J. Bennett.

House Play Producer: M. S. Davies.

With many activities during the Term, regular practice sessions were planned, but these were disrupted because of boys being needed for other events, and because of very bad weather.

Much success was expected in the Senior League at lacrosse, as we appeared to have a strong squad, especially as A. W. Kloss, the ex-School goalkeeper, was available. Throughout the Term, rain caused the cancellation of many matches, and Kloss only played once, but his deputy, N. Sathi, played very confidently, and, with a strong midfield and attack, we frequently scored over 15 goals. We eventually won all of our 1st X matches, and all but one 2nd X match, and consequently were awarded the League trophy at the end of the Term.

Our Senior Knockout squad included the School captain, vice-captain and goalkeeper. In a close first round match against Fraser, we took an early lead, but were trailing 3-4 at the beginning of the final quarter. Our strong midfield thrusts then paid off and a 6-4 victory ensued, with N. A. Meech and A. P. Cleary each scoring three goals. A semi-final against Byrom saw Cleary score five goals in an 8-3 victory. The Final, against Gaskell, was played at the end of Term, in mud and water. After a narrow 5-4 lead at half time, we then improved our performance to win 12-8, and to secure the Senior Flags again.

In the Junior Knockout, captain S. W. Veitch worked hard in midfield, but, with little experience elsewhere, and an insecure defence, we were well beaten by Fraser.

In the Hewlett Cup 6-a-side tournament, four Senior and four Junior sides were selected and half of the teams had School goalkeepers. The first three Senior sides and one Junior side each reached the Finals, but only two victories resulted. We finished runners up in the competition. Special mention must be made of the performance of team 3, who scored 23 goals in three matches.

Senior swimming captain A. St. J. Dawes organised a strong Senior team, and six out of the ten swimmers made the Finals. R. Y. Segal and C. J. Hyland organised their teams, and Dalton gained seventeen finalists, together with five of the six relay teams. Six individual first places, including two for captain Dawes and I. A. Brassell, gave us 51 points, and victory by 23 points. In the relays, one team from each year group gained a first place, and we again won the competition—although only by 2 points.

Cross country practices were taken by B. J. Bennett, but, since not all boys who were required did take part, it was not easy to form well-balanced teams. Team strength in the third and fourth years was anticipated, but our second leg positions of 6th, 7th and 8th were a little disappointing. Despite good runs from Dawes and N. I. M. Eccles, we had to be content with second place in this enjoyable relay event.

At the end of Term, a House Music entry of eight items included M. R. Clark playing solo pieces and accompanying others. Lack of numbers, however, prevented us gaining a better position than fifth.

The House Play was a historical production "A Choice of Kings". The only experienced actors were producer M. S. Davies and M. Hargreaves, but others were keen to participate. Individual practices took place over a long period of time and all came together, with stage rehearsals, nearer the performance. The final result was very polished, although the support actors were not quite forceful enough. A background history would have been useful, but, despite these faults, we were narrowly beaten into second place in the competition.

A successful Term for Dalton came from the participation of a large number of boys. Enthusiasm and the willingness to take part are the essential ingredients of a House member.

Midsummer Term

The following appointments were made:—

Cricket: Senior Knockout Captain—A. P. Cleary.

Junior Knockout Captain—I. A. Brassell.

School Prefects: B. J. Bennett, R. J. B. Naylor, C. A. Willott.

Early in the Term, athletics practices were arranged for Third and Fourth Year boys, in order to formulate entries for Sports Day. Not all boys attended, however, and it was difficult to find the best for each event. In the Senior age group, several Upper Sixth boys were unable to return, and hence our team was severely weakened. On Sports Day, only one Third Year, A. C. Cunningham, and two Fourth Years, S. W. Veitch and R. Y. Segal, gained high places. Our Seniors did rather better, with C. A. Willott and S. N. J. Roffey each gaining a 1st and a 2nd place, and S. P. Dove gaining two placings. Each of our 100m relay teams finished in the top three, but our Seniors were disappointed to be beaten into 2nd place,

after one poor change-over. Our final placing of 5th was very disappointing, but not unexpected.

Our Senior K.O. cricket team was weak, and, against a strong Heywood side, were dismissed for 141, with A. P. Cleary and A. W. Kloss contributing 100 between them. Despite four quick wickets at one stage in the Heywood innings, we lost by six wickets.

The Junior Knockout team looked impressive in the first match against Whitworth, scoring 181 for 1 off 35 overs. A. C. Cunningham and R. D. Bone put on 120 for the first wicket, and R. W. Goodall scored 47 in very quick time, including a six off the last ball. Whitworth were dismissed for 49. Against Heywood, we amassed 272 for 3 off 35 overs, including a magnificent 162 not out for Goodall, who then proceeded to take four wickets in Heywood's total of 195. In this innings, the fielding was not as sharp and the bowling not as accurate as it should have been, and, despite an easy win, the team needed to improve to beat Fraser in the Final. The frailty of our batting, when the first three failed to come off, was shown in the Final, and Goodall's 47 was the only double figure score in our total of 104. Fraser won with eight overs to spare.

At the end of Term, Dalton won an "unofficial" Trios cricket tournament, scoring 62 for 1 off 3 eight ball overs—Goodall, naturally, being top scorer.

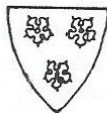
At Speech Day, the Geoffrey Cocker Memorial prize is awarded to the boy in the Middle School who contributes most to the School. P. D. Higginbottom was deservedly joint winner of the award.

Farewell and best wishes to all leavers in their further education or future careers. Some very good Upper Sixth boys will be greatly missed within the School and the House—the rest of Dalton will have much to do to maintain the standards set by some of them.

M. D. Wood



FRASER
HOUSE



Head of House: D. Loveland.

Deputy Head of House: D. M. J. Timm.

School Prefects: N. de B. Baynes, J. P. Garner, A. J. Jackson, D. Loveland, M. A. Nawaz and D. M. J. Timm.

House Prefects: T. E. Alford, D. J. Burke, P. F. Herring, N. J. Hindley, S. I. Jones, M. J. Simpson, K. J. M. Stephenson, A. D. Ryan, T. J. West and S. K. White.

Michaelmas Term

The following boys entered the House from the Junior School in September: J. R. Beckett, R. P. E. Brook, J. D. Butson, T. J. Clarke, M. R. Clyne, G. R. Dalzell, J. C. Frost, D. Guthrie, J. A. Haber, S. M. Hartley, N. J. Jackson, J. D. Kerr, A. R. Ladd, R. A. Malik, R. C. Mattison, S. A. Morris, R. R. Moulton, M. J. Sanderson, A. J. Scott-Gall, P. A. Tweed and P. R. Wynne.

In addition, we were joined in the Lower Sixth by two boys, S. Ahmed and A. Wilkin, and five girls, Kirsten Barker, Amy Blake, Katrina Hazel, Karen Jones and Kim Segal, all from other schools.

The always thorny task of allocating senior pupils to games options was further complicated this year by the fact that none of these seven newcomers had played rugby before, and so places had to be found in the hard-pressed 'minority' activities (although in fairness it has to be recorded that two or three of the girls volunteered to take up rugby—an early indication of the attitude which came to characterise their first year at School!).

While the new third-formers began a term of training and preparation for Inter-House friendly matches before Christmas, the fourth-formers launched themselves into a series of six consecutive victories, scoring 162 points in the process—astonishing in view of the fact that the matches were frequently curtailed. In S-U. Rahman the team had a promising captain and a spirited rugby player, and they responded commendably to his example.

Senior rugby had begun on a high note: D. M. J. Timm was appointed Captain of School rugby. Disappointingly, a nasty injury kept him out of the game for much of the season, and precluded his playing for the House. However with several other boys training with the Senior School squad we were hopeful of repeating last year's success in the Knockout competition. On the day of the first round matches A. J. Jackson was also unable to play through injury, but the team's spirits were nonetheless high as J. P. Garner led them out to meet Heywood. We managed to absorb a great deal of early pressure, but failed to capitalise on a five-yard penalty. Then, after more sterling work from the forwards, we scored a very good try which was converted against a strong cross-wind by N. J. Hindley. Soon afterwards D. Loveland crossed Heywood's line, thought he had scored, but saw the try disallowed. Then two magnificent breakaway

tries by the fast and canny R. W. Bailey gave Heywood the upper hand which they maintained, finally to win by fourteen points to six.

Our League 1st XV was extremely well led by the Head of House whose game has now developed to School team standard, in spite of his avowed dislike of the sport! In fact the team had little success during the term, yet managed to beat Whitworth, and Byrom at the second attempt! Two fifth-formers, S. Arora and M. A. Hope, were among those who received House colours for their courageous performances.

The experienced 2nd XIII, on the other hand, had one of the most successful seasons I can recall. In eight matches they scored a total of 318 points, a stark contrast to last year, when a very similar team found it difficult to register any score at all! In their final match against . . . well, it would be churlish to identify their hapless opposition on this occasion—the 2nd team won 94-0—surely a record in an Inter-House match? My enjoyment in watching these matches (for I invariably moved from the 1st team touchline to the 2nd) was not over with the final whistle: I still had the pleasure of reading A. D. Ryan's detailed and perceptive match reports. Describing their last overwhelming victory he recorded magnanimously that their opponents "never accepted defeat, gained confidence as the match progressed, and were quite unperturbed by the score."! He sympathised with them for having to contend with D. J. Burrows, whose "dedicated, consistent and ferocious tackling prevents many more tries being conceded." Ryan and Burrows, together with M. A. Fossey, A. P. Janeja, M. A. Nawaz and R. H. Offord, had clearly increased both their skills and their confidence since 1986, and in their last season at School displayed some awe-inspiring rugby.

Considerable credit must go to A. K. Hollingworth and A. A. Khan, our Junior Knockout Captain and Vice-Captain, for preparing one of the most well-organised Junior XV's of recent years. Several meetings and practices were arranged, and the competition began with a straightforward defeat (48-7) of a Dalton team lacking weight and experience. Heywood, much stronger, were beaten 16-8, and we were into the Final with Byrom, as last year. Despite tremendous work from almost every player, Byrom pressed us extremely hard and scored twice, so ultimately it was Khan's two tries and substitute E. J. Davies's chasing and flattening of M. R. Jones and J. E. Goodman as they were breaking for our try-line that really turned the match for us. The entire team, including R. W. Buckley, A. Fareed, J. C. Frost, N. R. Humphrey-Taylor, O. F. Islam, D. Jones, A. R. Ladd, J. J. Meadows, G. R. Noble, S-U Rahman, A. J. Scott-Gall, J. R. Tozer and R. Walker, were awarded House Colours for their part in extending our tenure of the



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F. J. Smith Cup to four years. The importance of organisation cannot be stressed too much: even if a House is bristling with School players, they all must know each other, understand their respective rôles within the team (in which they will play a maximum of only three matches), and feel that they constitute a cohesive, well-prepared unit ready to face their opponents as a House team. They should also, of course, have a captain whose maturity and example they can emulate, and in both these respects the Junior Knockout XV was fortunate this year.

House players do not always adapt well to rugby sevens. There is often too much conventional forward play, and the ball is not allowed to flow as freely as it should. Yet there was a great deal of excellent and exciting rugby from all three teams in the Ray Cox Sevens. By the time the competition took place in November we were virtually free from injuries, the Second VII won their final in a super display of open and supporting play, and the only match lost during the afternoon was the 1st VII's Final against Whitworth, whose outcome would not in any case affect our overall victory. In the course of retaining this important trophy for a third year the first team took revenge for their defeat in the Knockout, trouncing Heywood 16-0. This was in itself a highlight of the Cup this year, but there were others: Loveland's weary and unsuccessful attempt to grasp a Heywood player's ankle when he alone stood between that player and our try-line, and then having to pick himself up and chase him again, finally to tackle him properly just in time to avert the imminent try; and Hindley's last-second penalty kick to put the 2nd team through to their final. The Sevens continue to give a genuine measure of ability and effort in the sport throughout the top three years of the Houses.

While many boys had been involved in the various rugby competitions, many more had been working hard towards other achievements. Nobody under-estimates the time and effort required from all those involved in presenting the School Play: M. A. Nawaz (in the title rôle), Katrina Hazel, M. Brandreth and P. A. Tweed all performed commendably in their different ways, and a full review appears elsewhere, of course.

Similarly, the Christmas Concert demands a protracted and serious commitment from all participants, and I was very gratified by Fraser's strong contingent in the form of J. R. Beckett, M. Brandreth, R. P. E. Brook, D. Guthrie, M. A. Hope, R. M. R. Ince, M. D. Langslow and Kim Segal.

In the meantime the Christmas edition of *Doing Time* was rolling off the presses. M. A. Nawaz and A. N. Haffner were on the editorial staff, and S. J. Gaskell, R. H. Offord, Kim Segal and D. H. Wilcox were credited with journalism! In a pretty mixed bag of articles Kim Segal's poem *Too Much Aftershawe* on the tricky nature of Sixth Form relationships and her excellent item on the 1st XV, *In at the Deep End*, showed just how entertaining and provocative, yet how discreet and subtle, a school newspaper can be.

At the end of term two boys left the School: M. A. Beresford moved to North Wales with his family, and T. E. Alford took up a place at Welbeck College in Nottinghamshire as a first step towards an Army career. The absence of Tom Alford was felt immediately: his bluff charm, enthusiasm for five-a-side, and increasing confidence and skill on both the lacrosse and the rugby fields had made him a prominent member of his House. We wish both boys success and happiness in their new ventures.

Lent Term

The House learned with pleasure that N. de B. Baynes and K. J. M. Stephenson had both received unconditional offers from Oxford colleges, the former to read Physics at Keble, and the latter Pure and Applied Biology at Trinity.

The following were appointed House Prefects at the beginning of the Term: Kirsten Barker, Amy Blake, M. E. Carden, P. Dardick, M. F. Ince, A. P. Janeja and D. H. Wilcox. Amy Blake and Stuart White also took over certain of the School Prefects' responsibilities during the period of Trial A level examinations.

Tom Alford wrote to his old House describing some interesting aspects of his new life at Welbeck College, and some weeks later he appeared in person! He was clearly enjoying the challenging new environment, and had changed very little—though Barbour jackets are clearly *de rigueur* at Welbeck!

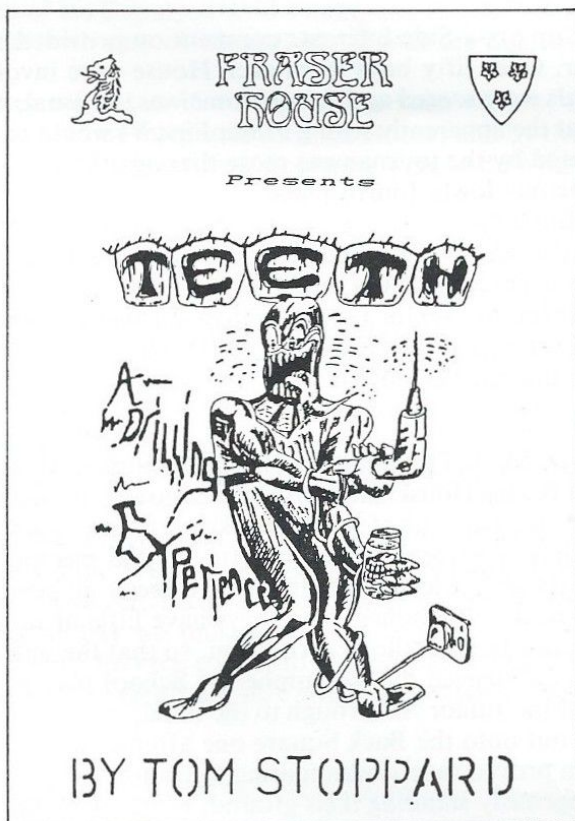
The first round of the Senior Lacrosse Knockout had looked as if it would be the most difficult for us, and so it proved. Dalton built up gradually to lead 3-0 at half-time, our own shots coming to nothing either through inaccuracy or, more often, through excellent saves from Dalton's international goalkeeper, G. Mullins. Then, in a blistering period of two or three minutes, a frustrated A. J. Jackson scored or assisted four Fraser goals, and the game seemed to be on the turn. Jackson's effort was not sufficiently well supported by the remainder of the team, however, and in spite of outstanding defensive play from P. F. Herring, K. J. M. Stephenson and D. M. J. Timm, our moment of glory quickly passed as Dalton took the game by six goals to four, going on ultimately to win the coveted Flags in the Final.

The Junior Knockout side, under its captain, R. W. Buckley, was off to an early start with meetings and practices, often held on the tennis courts. These well-organised sessions enabled an unusually disparate squad of third and fourth-formers to get to know each other and enjoy some valuable practice in their various roles. First Dalton, then Byrom were dismissed in two useful matches, yet it was obvious that the team was going to have its work cut out to overcome Heywood in the Final, especially with two of our three strong midfield players absent on the day itself. We were thrown out of balance, lost confidence,

and Heywood won an excellent Final 7-2. Buckley in attack, A. K. Hollingworth in goal, G. R. Noble and R. Walker in defence, and D. Jones facing all played impressively throughout the competition.

Although some excellent lacrosse was played each week by the four league teams, the highlight of the season was surely the memorable occasion in the latter half of the Term when, tiring of interminable practices every Tuesday, Kim Segal decided that the time had come to try her hand at the real thing, and so made history as the first girl to represent her House at a major School sport! I hope that next season others may follow her lead.

A. D. Ryan and E. J. Davies had selected three sound teams for the Road Relay Race, and we felt we had enough good runners, especially at Senior level, to make an impression. Unfortunately one of our top Third Form runners was ill on the vital day, and a substitute found himself drafted in at the last minute. Partly as a result of this we were lying fifth at the end of the Third year leg. Although we managed to claw back a total of thirteen places over the remaining three legs, it would have required twice that number to eradicate the early deficit, and in the end we had to be content with third place.



C. J. Beswick

A report of the House Drama Competition appears elsewhere, but the hard work of this year's Producer, cast and assorted helpers must be recorded here. *Teeth*, a play written for television by Tom Stoppard, was Fraser's choice, and M. Brandreth, recognising the problems of staging such a play, started his preparations early. Among the difficulties to be confronted was the complex set. Its success depended on our obtaining an authentic reclining dentist's chair, a daunting and potentially expensive task! Eventually one was located with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and the cast was extremely grateful to them and to Mr. Paul of Wright's Dental Sales for the generous loan of such a valuable and unlikely property! So, with carefully placed sets and judicious use of lighting the three separate rooms of the dentist's surgery were skilfully represented, and the final production, the first House Play to feature girls in girls' parts, was extremely effective and enjoyable. (To avoid confusion or misunderstanding I ought to record that, although two girls, Amy Blake and Kim Segal, did indeed take part, the character of Agnes was played in the best traditions of the School by—Daniel Guthrie!). *Teeth* did not win the competition, but Arif Nawaz was considered by the Adjudicators to have given the best individual performance, and so he received the trophy on behalf of his House. The production owed its success as much to Brandreth's dogged insistence on high standards as to his and the cast's dramatic accomplishments. Producing the annual play is arguably the most demanding job a senior pupil can be asked to tackle (although supervising the lunch queue must run a very close second).

Ten Fraser musicians took part in the House Music Competition this year, and presented a lively programme arranged by D. M. J. Timm, who was taking on the mantle from his elder brother. The variety of pieces and instruments was again broad and well-balanced. A little more emphasis on ensembles, piano accompaniment and through rehearsal would perhaps have enabled us to exploit to the full the talent that we have in the House. Nevertheless the audience was well entertained and the excellent printed programme, together with J. P. Garner's announcing, lent the proceedings a certain panache.

It is tempting to draw a veil over our performance in the Swimming Gala. Although we managed to come third both in the individual events and in the relays, there was little comfort to be had from our results (35 points to Dalton's 74, with only one individual winner) or from the attendance of our Third Year swimmers. We had to pull out of both their relay finals as well as three other races because of absences—a situation unprecedented in my experience of Fraser, and one which will not be repeated. In this, as in all other House competitions, each individual depends on each other individual to pull his weight and fulfil his responsibilities. If one shirks his duty, then he lets down everyone in the House. Congratulations, therefore, to all those who participated this year. Let us ensure that the preparation for this major event is exemplary in 1989.

Once again the Hewlett Cup Six-a-Side Lacrosse competition provided one of the best afternoons in the School's sporting calendar. Over fifty boys from each House were involved, fifty-five matches were played, nearly six hundred goals were scored and the outcome was, as usual, largely unpredictable. I could certainly not have predicted that the apparently strong Fraser First VI would not win a single game! However the enthusiastic spirit engendered by the tournament more than justified the afternoon, and proved to be considerable compensation for our lowly fourth place.

Several members of the House took part in mixed hockey sessions in the Sports Hall during the term, and some surprising talent was revealed. It is hoped to continue this activity on the playing fields as soon as a pitch is prepared, leading eventually to the possibility of inter-House or even inter-School matches.

With the intention of relieving our senior House Prefects of their duties as A level loomed, a further group of Lower-Sixth formers was appointed. They were M. D. Langslow, Kim Segal, A. Wilkin, and from the Fifth form, M. Brandreth and R. D. Slowen.

Midsummer Term

At the beginning of term D. M. J. Timm took up his appointment as captain of School Cricket, and also became Captain of Cricket for his House. His sense of pleasure at this latter recognition was shortlived, alas, for he, D. Loveland and our handful of senior cricketers were unable to prevent a Heywood XI with much more collective experience from winning our first round meeting. I should add that, while it lasted, Timm's captaincy was an object lesson to all! Since there is no senior cricket played outside the School squad and a very few knockout matches, most boys have little or no opportunity to develop their skills and their interest in the game beyond the Fourth Form, so that the outcome of the cricket knockout more than any other is largely influenced by the number of School players in each House.

A bye aided the progress of the Junior XI through to the Final, and a team displaying more confidence than its House Master walked out onto the Back Square one afternoon in early July to play Dalton. The opening bowling of A. A. Khan proved rather intimidating to Dalton's two young batsmen, and both were hit, unfortunately, while courageously standing their ground. Khan, A. J. Scott-Gall, A. K. Hollingworth (Captain) and A. R. Ladd all bowled consistently well, and finally their opponents' innings lost momentum and petered out. Hollingworth and Scott-Gall then batted impeccably to take the game effectively beyond Dalton's reach. Suddenly, however, in one of those brief flurries of unpredictable activity which serve to make cricket so maddeningly compulsive, the Captain ran himself out, Khan came in to bat steadily through to the conclusion, and was promptly out for the golden duck! Happily, Scott-Gall and O. F. Islam gritted their teeth and batted prudently on to secure a rare Fraser victory:

Dalton	104 all out	(Goodall 47, Khan 3 for 7)
Fraser	105 for 3	(Scott-Gall 54 n.o., Hollingworth 35)

Sadly there was no inter-House tennis again this year. Although this was always something of a minor competition, involving as it did only a handful of players from each House, it used to be enthusiastically contested, and added a pleasant extra dimension to our summer activities. We should seek to revive, and perhaps revise, it for next season.

In our Centenary Year the Senior and Junior Houses joined forces to create a full School Sports Day, and in almost every respect it was such a success that the experiment was repeated this year. The rare opportunity for all boys and girls to participate equally in a major sporting and social event was one we could really not afford to miss. Two further innovations are worthy of note: firstly the inclusion of an entirely new event, the 4 x 400m Relay; and secondly the replacement of the Junior and Middle age groups by a straightforward third and fourth year split, a sensible, overdue rationalisation of an awkward and untidy system. Fraser had a good Sports Day, running the winners, Heywood, a very close second. The full results appear elsewhere, but particularly strong performances came from M. E. Carden, P. Dardick, J. P. Garner and P. F. Herring at Senior level, E. J. Davies, A. K. Hollingworth, N. R. Humphrey-Taylor

and A. A. Khan in the Fourth Form, and J. R. Beckett, J. C. Frost and P. A. Tweed, all Third-formers. We also had the considerable and unexpected distinction of winning two of the three new 400m Relays. E. J. Davies, having won both the middle distance races, shared the Cardwell Cup, the Fourth Form Victor Ludorum trophy.

During the course of this year T. E. Alford, A. J. Percy and M. J. Simpson left School. All will be missed from the House, and they take with them our best wishes for success in their new ventures. As ever, a few of our Fifth-formers left too. They had all made their contributions in one way or another, and none more so than A. M. Kersh and S. R. Lerman, whose usually cheerful involvement will be missed. The major group of leavers, of course, is the Upper Sixth year of whom I wrote so glowingly in the *Hulmeian* of 1985, after they had succeeded in winning the 'Grand Slam' of Junior Knockouts.

This was a remarkable group of young men in every way. Their contributions to the House, which for five years have led us to expect a Fraser pillar groaning with silver, cannot be exaggerated. I hope and trust that they themselves have benefitted accordingly from their association with the House and the School. David Loveland had a difficult job to do this year as Head of House, but as anticipated he proved utterly dependable, and, with the help of his Deputy, David Timm, and the hard-working Jeff Garner, he fulfilled all his tasks and responsibilities with easy efficiency. My thanks are due to these and all the other House Prefects.

And the girls? Well, it has seemed as if we have never been without them! As much through their own efforts as ours they quickly became integrated into the House, and by their involvement, good humour and very hard work they have proved to us all how wrong we were to do without them for the past hundred years!

D. M. Fisher

GASKELL HOUSE

Michaelmas Term

Head of House: J. R. T. Dobkin

House Prefects: J. E. Rodén, P. Wilson, J. A. Humm, I. R. Jordan, M. C. McNeany, A. Rash, C. L. Ward, S. Oliver, R. W. Slowen

The rugby term this year was exceptional in that we did not lose any games owing to bad weather.

Gaskell, once again, kept up the pressure at Senior level by winning the House league. We were not so fortunate at 4th year level, however, because once Fraser got ahead there was no holding them. We tried hard to compete but on the day we finished a good 2nd.

The 4th year league proved to be very competitive, and the standard of play was very high. This is very encouraging for the future; the rugby I am sure will improve with the enthusiasm that is being shown at this level.

1st Team House Rugby

Played 11, Won 8, Drawn 2, Points 54, Position 1

Once again, because of a splendid effort by everyone the rugby House trophy stays on the Gaskell pillar. This is thanks to very good leadership by John Dobkin who kept the pressure up when, during the mid season, we wavered once or twice.

Lent Term

Major activities Lent Term: Lacrosse K.O., Hewlett Cup, Swimming, House Plays, House Music.

To say the least this has been a disastrous term for Gaskell. However, the weather did little to help our cause, as it was the wettest term that I can remember. This was no excuse, though, for the abysmal results that we put in during the Lacrosse league programme. On many occasions we left the field the losing team when we were very capable of winning. It was pleasing to see the change of attitude in the Lacrosse K.O. Senior competition when we reached the final by beating Fraser and Heywood, only to be beaten by a very good Dalton side. The determination was once again in the team and we looked like the winning team of years past. Had we shown this spirit throughout the term we could well have taken the league trophy.

The Hewlett Cup, which has often been displayed on the Gaskell pillar, has now been moved to the Heywood pillar. Unfortunately we finished in fourth position and that was mainly due to an outstanding performance by our 4th year side who played extremely well to get to the final of that particular year group. It is a consolation that we have such a good team for a few years to come.

House Plays: Although we came last in order of merit I feel that the play was by no means as bad as it was judged. We were under-rehearsed but this was due to a complex mix up with the revue that was going on virtually at the same time, and because of it many rehearsal periods were lost. I am sure that the Gaskell drama section will rectify this next year, and win the competition.

House Music: With the lack of musicians in Gaskell this was a very difficult competition for us to compete in. Lombard, who was a late entry into the House, did very well to get it off the ground, and in a position to take part. Musicians, however, you either have or you haven't, and I am afraid we haven't. Let us hope that with the new intake this year we are able to find a few and so ease our position next year.

Swimming: After almost winning the swimming last year I felt quite confident that we would feature quite highly in this year's event. Luck was not with us, I am afraid. The day of the swimming finals saw us with three of our main swimmers off School because of illness. This, unfortunately, was the story of our term. Nothing seemed to go right for the House. The good news is that this streak cannot continue. With determination and the will to win in the coming months we will see a Gaskell revival, and we will climb back to the top where we rightfully belong.

Summer Term

The House cricket was our biggest success during this term, in as much as we got into the final of the Senior competition, only to lose to Heywood who were much too strong for us, having a number of School players on their team. However, it was a very enjoyable match and played in a very good spirit.

We were not so fortunate in the Junior K.O.'s, being put out in the 1st round. Let us all hope that we show more determination in future. We have the talent. Now let us exploit it.

The School Sports day was an outstanding event and competition fierce throughout the day. Interest was maintained right up to the last race, when Heywood stole the show with an excellent relay team.

J. F. Chudleigh

HEYWOOD HOUSE

Michaelmas Term

The following appointments were made at the beginning of Term:—

Head of House: J. P. Trigg.

Deputy Heads of House: R. W. Bailey, A. J. Sayyid.

House Prefects: J. L. Conroy, N. A. Downie, B. D. Glickman, O. J. Henshall, R. M. Leather, D. A. Leon, A. I. Mallalieu, N. J. Partington, C. F. Smith and A. J. Wray.

Senior Knockout Captain: R. W. Bailey.

Junior Knockout Captain: G. T. Davidson.

1st XV Captain: A. J. Wray.

2nd XIII Captain: D. A. Leon.

4th Form Captain: D. J. Smith.

3rd Form Captain: C. S. Mills.

The start of the academic year saw the beginning of a new era for the School: not only did we have a new Headmaster, but also the School opened its doors to girls for the first time. Heywood House, along with Fraser, were chosen to accommodate the ten girls. With the Term dominated by rugby with respect to Inter-House competitions, it was not going to be easy for the girls to make an immediate impact, but some players did seem to raise their game when girls were on the touchline!

In the Senior House league Heywood's 1st XV had a most successful season, losing just one match and winning all the others. Many of these games were very closely contested, and it was the experience and leadership of A. J. Wray that gave Heywood the edge. The 1st XV relied heavily on Upper Sixth boys, and this left the 2nd team lacking in experience. Just as the 1st team won most of its games the 2nd team lost most of its games, and Heywood had to be content with second place in the league. There was more strength in depth in the Fourth Form House team but, at one stage, so many players were called up into the Squad that only seven players were available for the league team. Fraser took advantage of this problem to beat Heywood and take the league. Heywood's Third Form team were not strong but played some good rugby.

The Junior Knockout team started with a win against Whitworth in the first round, but the margin of victory was not as convincing as we had expected. In the semi-final Fraser provided sterner opposition. Heywood started well with a first minute try for N. P. Stoker but Fraser took control of the match from this point and, although Heywood fought hard, Fraser went on to win 16-8 to qualify for the final where they beat Byrom. It was a case of what might have been for several Houses in the Senior Knockout as key players were unavailable. Heywood met Fraser in the first round and, at full strength, Fraser would have been clear favourites. However, A. J. Jackson and D. M. J. Timm were both unfit and Heywood took full advantage of their absence. Two magnificent individual tries from R. W. Bailey earned Heywood a place in the semi-final with a 14-6 win. Dalton were the opponents in the semi-final and it was the turn of A. I. Mallalieu to show his ability with two fine tries. Bailey also got in on the act with two more tries as Heywood ran out comfortable 30-12 winners. The final was against Byrom and it was Heywood's turn

to be handicapped by the loss of key players with Bailey and C. J. H. Chudleigh injured and N. J. Partington away on interview. Heywood fought hard but were always up against it as Byrom won 17-10.

The other Inter-House rugby competition was the Raymond Cox Trophy for Rugby Sevens. This always produces some interesting rugby and an enjoyable change from the fifteen a side game. Heywood were unable to mount a serious challenge for the trophy because we lacked the strength in depth to field three good teams. Fraser won comfortably with Heywood in fourth place.

The House Tuck Shop operated for most of the Term under the excellent management of N. P. Waldman. Three main activities used up much of the profits. Firstly there was a prefects' trip to Blackpool for a meal, a drive through the lights and then some hair-raising rides on the Pleasure Beach. Then there were several visits to Belle Vue for Ten-Pin Bowling and it was particularly pleasing to see the number of third formers taking part. Finally, there was the Sixth Form Christmas Social at Whalley Range A.F.C. The absence of the pool table and the presence of girls in the House persuaded me that I should change the format from the usual 'lads' night out' to a more mixed gathering. There was good response from the Upper Sixth and from the Lower Sixth girls, but there was a disappointing response from the Lower Sixth boys, and I shall have to think again for next year. A word of thanks here to Mr Sharp for his support in all these events.

Heywood members also made major contributions to School activities. R. W. Bailey was acting Captain of the School 1st XV for much of the season and he must also be congratulated for his selection for Cheshire Under 19's. The School play gave the girls their first real opportunity to shine, and four of the five Heywood girls were involved. Judith Doney, Maria Drumer and Tamsin Wakefield all had major roles. Both Maria and Tamsin were awarded full colours for acting while Judith received half colours. Adrienne Mallinson assisted with the music for the play. The success of the play owed much to the fact that it played to full audiences and this, in turn, was partly due to excellent publicity which R. P. Kay helped to produce.

Lent Term

The following appointments were made at the beginning of Term:—

Senior Knockout Captain: C. J. H. Chudleigh.

Junior Knockout Captain: R. J. Hardman.

1st X Captain: A. J. Sayyid.

4th Form Captain: J. J. Johnson.

3rd Form Captain: D. P. Simons.

House Play Producer: J. W. Babicki.

House Music Directors: Adrienne C. Mallinson, A. J. Sayyid.

Swimming Captain: J. W. Babicki.

Cross Country Captain: C. H. R. Houghton.

The Term started on a high note with the news that A. J. Sayyid and N. J. Partington had won places at Oxford, the former by means of the entrance examination, the latter by interview. Congratulations go to both on their deserved achievements.

In a very congested Term the first event was the Inter-House swimming. Although Heywood won both the Individual and Relay Trophies last year, a number of good swimmers had left and our hopes of retaining both trophies were slim. By concentrating on the relays we hoped to retain this trophy and, having qualified for five finals, Heywood's prospects looked good. Unfortunately, the absence of J. W. Babicki and C. J. H. Chudleigh weakened the Senior teams and Heywood had to settle for second place behind Dalton, a result that was repeated in the Individual competition.

Wet weather disrupted the lacrosse programme: very few matches were played in the Senior League and this meant that some players had to play in the Knockouts with little or no match practice. A bye in the first round did not help our cause in this respect and we met Gaskell in the semi-final. Gaskell had more squad players and their match fitness was evident in the first half in which they established a big lead. Heywood fought back to 'win' the second half 2-1 but this was not enough to prevent Gaskell going through to the final. The Junior Knockout looked all along as if it was going to be Fraser v Heywood for the fifth successive year and these teams duly met in the final. Fraser had key players missing and the final did not quite live up to expectations with Heywood comfortable winners by seven goals to two. The much reduced league programmes saw Heywood finish runners up to Dalton at Senior level while the Fourth Form team remained undefeated for the second year to take the league trophy. The strength in depth at this level was also a major factor in Heywood's success in the Hewlett Cup 6-a-sides. No fewer than 49 boys represented the House in this competition and all 8 teams won at least one match to contribute to the overall success. The Senior A team and the Fourth Form A team deserve a special mention for having 100% records.

Success on the lacrosse field was not matched in the Cross-country relays where Heywood finished a disappointing last. We do not possess the natural runners that some other Houses have but I hate to finish last in anything and I am sure that more training would have helped to avoid this ignominy.

To produce a good House Music entry is a difficult task. Not only do you need some talent in the House, but also the organiser must bully and cajole the individual performers to practise and perform on the day. In order to achieve the desired effect I chose co-directors, combining the organisational ability of A. J. Sayyid with the musical expertise of Adrienne Mallinson. They worked well together and got the best from the talents available in the House, with the result that Heywood won the House Music competition. Being a true gentleman, Sayyid allowed Adrienne to go up on stage to receive the trophy, thus becoming the first girl to do so in the School's history.

This year's House Drama competition was not helped by the conflict of interests with the School Revue. Many actors and actresses were involved in both and there were clashes over who had the right to rehearsal time on the stage. Heywood's producer, J. W. Babicki, wisely chose to concentrate on getting players to learn their lines and left stage rehearsals until after the Revue. For the first time this year staff were allowed to become involved in the House plays, with three members of staff assigned to two Houses each. Mr G. Jones was the member of staff associated with the Heywood production and I would like to thank him for his time and effort. Babicki seemed to have things well organised and he was supported by a strong cast which resulted in the Heywood Play, 'Hiss The Villain', being a polished production. The production took first place, a fitting reward for everyone involved and especially for Babicki who spent some of the Term in hospital with appendicitis. Mention should also be made of the fact that Heywood had real girls on stage for the first time: Judith Doney and Tamsin Wakefield both taking major roles. Also, Babicki's younger brother, A. A. Babicki, made an excellent start to House Drama and would surely have won the 'most promising newcomer award' had there been one!

In order to thank the House members involved in Music, Drama and the Tuck Shop for their considerable efforts I was pleased to arrange a trip to Belle Vue for ten-pin bowling followed by a meal at the Babicki's hotel, 'High Croft', at Rossendale. The result was an enjoyable evening and I am again indebted to Mr Sharp for driving the second minibus. He unselfishly worked out the routes to drop off 22 passengers and, while I arrived home soon after midnight, Mr Sharp, with a route that took in Macclesfield, Lymm and Fallowfield twice, was considerably later.

Following a Michaelmas Term in which Heywood had competed well, but won nothing, we had got through to half-term without any success and I was worried that the Heywood pillar was going to be almost bare by the end of Term. However, in three weeks towards the end of Term the position had changed completely, with successes in the Junior Knockout, the Hewlett Cup, the Fourth Form league, House Music and House Drama.

Midsummer Term

The following appointments were made at the beginning of Term:—

Temporary House Prefects: J. W. Babicki, C. J. H. Chudleigh, Judith C. Doney, .

Maria H. Drumer, N. A. M. Ginger, A. J. Hall, M. C. Johnson, Adrienne C. Mallinson, .

G. L. Owen, D. A. Peglion, A. S. Postill, D. J. Rathbone, Tamsin C. Wakefield, N. J. Whitworth.

Senior Cricket Knockout Captain: C. J. H. Chudleigh.

Junior Cricket Knockout Captain: A. K. Doney.

Fourth Form Cricket Captain: A. N. Kaye.

Senior Athletics Captain: Judith C. Doney.

Fourth Form Athletics Captain: D. J. Smith.

Third Form Athletics Captain: M. A. Bratt.

After the hectic Lent Term, the Midsummer Term is a relatively quiet one as far as Inter-House activities are concerned. Tennis Knockouts seem to have been forgotten in recent years and so the major competitions are the cricket knockouts and athletics.

Heywood's Junior Knockout team was blessed with a bye in the first round and met Dalton in the semi-final. Unfortunately, Heywood's bowling was weak and Dalton took full advantage with R. W. Goodall scoring a fine century. When Heywood replied much depended upon A. K. Doney producing a captain's innings. This he duly did and Heywood were up with the required run rate and Dalton beginning to worry when he was out just short of what would have been an excellent century. His dismissal signalled the end of Heywood's hopes.

The Senior Knockout team met Fraser in the first round. Fraser batted first and the two Davids, Timm and Loveland, gave them a good start. Many teams would have wilted as Fraser went along at six an over but Heywood stuck to their task, got the breakthrough that was needed and Fraser's innings fizzled out at 162-8. The strength in depth of Heywood's batting was evident as the target was reached with six wickets to spare. Nobody scored fifty but there were good contributions from N. J. Partington, J. P. Abrahams and C. J. H. Chudleigh. The semi-final against Dalton also tested the batting strength after Dalton were bowled out for 140 with A. K. Scott taking four wickets. N. J. Partington held the Heywood innings together with a sensible 59 not out and he was ably assisted at the end by his brother, A. S. Partington. In the final against Gaskell, Heywood batted first and found setting a target much harder than chasing one. The early

loss of N. J. Partington with a broken thumb was a severe blow and the only major stand came from Scott (55) and A. J. Sayyid. The total of 165 was lower than had been hoped for and Gaskell, with some strong batting in the form of A. P. Daley, I. J. Jordan and B. C. Savage, were in with a chance. All three batsmen fell to the bowling of Scott to make him man of the match as Gaskell tumbled to 87 all out. A fine and deserved success marred only by the injury to Partington at a time when he was looking forward to plenty of cricket after his 'A' levels.

Bad weather and too many feeble excuses meant that the Heywood athletics team was not as well prepared as it ought to have been for the defence of the Shield. Heywood established an early lead with Whitworth pressing strongly in the morning, but it was Fraser who emerged as a more serious threat in the afternoon. With the introduction of the 4 × 400m relays everything hinged on the six relays at the end of Sports Day. Fraser edged in front at one stage but a convincing win by the fourth form sprint relay team and an exciting win by a makeshift senior sprint relay team gave Heywood a comfortable margin at the end. There were many notable performances. At senior level A. I. Mallalieu with three individual wins, as well as anchoring the successful sprint relay team, thoroughly deserved the Victor Ludorum. J. D. Bellass also won two individual events. Heywood's strength was in the fourth form team and there were individual successes for G. T. Davidson (2), R. J. Hardman, H. M. M. Brown, N. P. Stoker and J. J. Johnson. Mention should also be made of D. J. Smith and B. R. Trigg who were both placed in three events. The third form team were relatively weak but there were two excellent tactical wins in the 800m and 1500m by M. A. Bratt. I would like to thank Judith C. Doney, D. J. Smith and M. A. Bratt for organising the entries at different year groups.

The end of the School year is often a sad time as boys who have served the House well for five years leave. This year's Upper Sixth have been extremely loyal and have been a major factor in making this year one of Heywood's most successful. I offer sincere thanks for the past and best wishes for the future to all of the Heywood leavers, with especial thanks to J. P. Trigg who has been a staunch right hand man as Head of Heywood. I must also mention one Fifth Form leaver—N. D. Waldman. He has managed the House Tuck Shop for over two years and without his efforts many of the social functions enjoyed by Heywood members would have been impossible. On behalf of the House I thank Neil and wish him every success in the future. This year the poignancy of losing such leavers has been increased by the fact that this was my last year as Housemaster. Early in the Term I came to the conclusion that I was trying to do too many things and, as a result, doing none of them well. It was with much reluctance that I decided to give up the House. I have enjoyed six good years with Heywood and have many treasured memories. I am pleased to be leaving Heywood in a healthy state and with every confidence that Mr Sharp will maintain the Heywood spirit that was evident on Sports Day. I wish Mr Sharp and Heywood House good luck in the future years to come.

A. Simkin

WHITWORTH HOUSE

Michaelmas Term

The following prefects were appointed at the beginning of the Term:—

Head of House: R. D. Glyn.

Prefects: A. L. Gross, P. A. Stanley, J. Bradley, L. B. Hope, I. D. Butler, G. V. Gillaspay and D. K. A. Smart.

During the term the House welcomed two new members into the fourth year: M. Rashid (from Burnage) and G. White (from Chase Terrace, Staffordshire). I was pleased to see them both settle in quickly.

At the beginning of the term, P. A. Stanley (first XV) and T. M. J. Shaw (second XIII) were appointed to run the two league rugby teams. In the first match, against Heywood, the first team lost badly, in the sense that a few of the team showed a lack of fitness and a defeatist attitude. We also lacked the vice-captain, G. V. Gillaspay, who had thoughtlessly arranged a dental appointment for this time. The seconds also lost but, in contrast, had made a good effort and their spirits were high. Against Fraser the following week Stanley was much more pleased with his team's efforts but, in a close match, we lost again. What impetus had been built up unfortunately faded away against Gaskell when a very poor effort was made by the team generally and we lost by a considerable margin. On this day, however, we were missing four first team players because they went to a design lecture and exhibition taking place at the same time. Meanwhile the second team lent two of their best players to Gaskell to make up their team and consequently only drew. After both teams lost in friendlies against Byrom a practice was arranged. Mr G. H. Jones generously made time to conduct this and it turned out to be a success, even though some of the senior players were not present. The next league match was against Byrom and was another defeat (38-24), although in the second half we certainly played better than the opposition. A second match against Heywood, a scrappy game played in thick mud, led to yet another defeat although there really was very little between the sides. The seconds lost after giving two players to the opposition. The frustration of not quite being

good enough to force victories increased in the minds of some of our players the defeatist attitude which had been evident from the very first match.

The first match after the half-term holiday was the second round of the Knockout (after a bye in the first round). We lost 10-0. D. K. A. Smart was ill and his absence made the difference between the two sides, although we played less well than we ought (missing passes). The second half, in which the score was 0-0, was better: some very good moves were made (for example by A. L. Gross), but we had left it too late. We had certainly made a mistake by not organising a knockout practice before the half-term holiday. The rugby highlight of the season came with the Sevens: the first team played extremely well, winning all their matches and even beating Fraser (the overall champions) in one of the finals. Apart from the fine play by the School squad players there was remarkably good catching by Gross and tackling by N. J. Vowles. All seven were awarded House colours for their efforts. Only one more match, as it turned out, remained to be played before the end of the season and, almost inevitably, we lost.

A variety of events (such as weather or illness) caused the abandonment of attempts to hold regular practices and it was felt that we had the talent but not the confidence to be successful in the league. Despite the obvious enjoyment experienced by those who took part in Mr Jones's practice sessions (not to mention the improvement in skills), we failed to transfer these new acquisitions to competitive matches. On the bright side, it has to be stated that we were very short on talent in the sixth-form and some of our best players were, being fifth-formers, still too small in stature to compete effectively against larger opposition.

Meanwhile the fourth-years staged a remarkable recovery after losing their first three matches against Heywood, Fraser and Gaskell. The last two, however, were close affairs with defeat coming only in the dying minutes. The tide turned when we played a close and exciting match in the first round of the Knockout against Heywood. We nearly won, but in the end lost 12-9. The match was played in great spirit with very good play from G. C. Jameson and J. P. Collis, who made a particularly fine tackle on Johnson early on when, if he had failed to bring him down, we could have lost heart. Above all it was a superb team effort in which everyone put in one hundred per cent. Back in the league we then had to beat Byrom or probably finish bottom of the league. We won 54-0, with tries coming from M. D. Bailey, P. J. Cassidy, N. Stevenson, S. Williams and G. Knight. Dalton were our next victims, losing 14-4, followed by Heywood. We won every succeeding match and, when there was one left to play, we were in with a chance to finish equal top. The result of that match (against Fraser) will never be known because frost prevented it from taking place.

During the term N. J. Vowles was appointed producer of the House Play. He was, with N. J. Cherry and G. C. Jameson, closely involved with the School play as an actor. P. G. Hope also had an important role in the play as a member of the Stage Staff and S. P. Sack helped with the sound. Vowles was awarded School colours for his efforts in the play. He was also appointed "substitute" prefect for the period of trial 'A' level exams in January 1988.

The following awards of House colours were made at the end of the term:

Colours:

I. D. Butler
D. K. A. Smart
R. J. B. Clark
J. Bradley
G. V. Gillaspay
A. L. Gross
N. J. Vowles

Junior Colours:

S. Williams
G. Knight
M. J. D. M. Taylor
M. D. Bailey
J. P. Collis

Lent Term

D. A. Cooper (from Stockport Grammar School) was welcomed into the House at the beginning of the term.

The highlight of the term came on 11 March when the House won the Cross-Country race. Under the guidance of A. D. Campbell since early in the term, at least three runners per year had been trained every week for this event. Many of those who had joined in the training did not, on the day, manage to be selected to run but their very presence meant that we could be sure of adequate reserve strength. The fact is that Whitworth is fortunate in having many naturally gifted runners—probably the only sport, in fact, in which this situation occurs—but the point is that when it mattered we produced the result we wanted. P. Bookbinder was unlucky to miss participation through illness, but all the runners who took part won House colours: Campbell, D. K. A. Smart, R. J. Clark, S. P. Harrington, T. K. Jones, C. S. Dean, G. C. Jameson, N. Stevenson, P. J. Cassidy, L. Cawley, M. A. Elliott and M. P. Fox.

Those responsible for the House's entry for the Music competition had a difficult burden to carry in that Whitworth for many years had carried off the winner's trophy and, naturally enough, people were expecting them to continue the routine. This year's musicians, however, had to manage without the excellence

of one or two of last year's upper-sixth but, in my opinion, produced a set of performances worthy of winning again—and indeed, came very close to doing so. M. S. Shearer, helped by Campbell, made a very good effort indeed in organising entries by nine boys from all years. Outstanding among our contributions were those by N. Bhattacharjee (flute) and Shearer, who performed one of his own compositions on the synthesiser.

A. L. Gross was appointed captain of lacrosse for the league games and found it difficult to raise the standard and will to win of those he had in his team. As he himself declared, it is not possible to do much when many of the basic lacrosse skills are lacking. The answer to this problem, of course, is practice at lunchtime, but this year's January and February produced constant rain and it was rare indeed that any House was able to obtain practice facilities. This year's fifth-formers, however, seemed to be quite strong and promising for the future. The third- and fourth-years also showed a great deal of potential although, again, the dismal weather prevented any real development of the game in the House. In the Hewlett Cup, the fourth-year A team produced a more than respectable performance and one of the third-year teams managed to win all its games; junior House colours were subsequently awarded to D. L. Keller, J. A. Chadwick, L. Cawley, D. J. Bourmad, M. A. Elliott and C. D. W. Moores. Despite this, the House had a poor overall record in the Cup. Provided that sufficient effort is made by the members of the House, however, I see no reason why we should not have winning teams soon.

R. D. Glyn was put in charge of the senior swimmers, with Jameson looking after the junior entries; as in many of Whitworth's efforts this year, it was from the younger members that we found what success was coming to us: Keller and Bourmad obtained respectable positions in the breaststroke and freestyle events while Jameson won both the butterfly and individual medley. The third-year swimmers also managed to come second in the medley relay race. Once again, though, I felt that we should have done better and am sure that if we had begun our preparations earlier much more would have been achieved.

The same can most certainly be said about the House play, which, suffered on the day of the performance from an obvious lack of rehearsals. N. J. Vowles, as producer, found it far from easy to combine his efforts for the School Revue with his responsibilities towards the House play, with the result that little was done for the latter until the Revue was out of the way. The play, "A Villa on Venus", while not of the highest literary standard, was good enough to enable the cast to spend many enjoyable (if insufficient) hours rehearsing it and it was surely no bad thing that several of our pupils, for the first time in their life, were prepared to devote so much of their spare time to drama.

During the Easter holiday a small group of intrepid cyclists, Cassidy, G. Knight, R. F. Mullen and Campbell—accompanied by their Housemaster and Mr M. H. Gracey—took part in an all-Whitworth tour of the Forest of Bowland and Yorkshire Dales. This was believed to be the first trip made to Hardraw by bicycle, although it has to be admitted that we avoided the worst of the roads by travelling by train to Lancaster. Nevertheless, we journeyed nearly 150 miles on two wheels—mainly along some of the hilliest roads in the north of England. I was particularly pleased to see that this trip was instigated and planned (in the early stages) by the boys themselves. I should like to thank Mrs Mullen and Mr R. S. Moore for their help in making the venture so successful.

Midsummer Term

N. J. Vowles was appointed Head of House, with R. J. B. Clark and M. S. Shearer as his deputies. Those made prefects were G. L. Armshaw, A. D. Campbell, M. E. Beggs, S. J. Cherry and A. J. Wolstencroft.

One of the first jobs they decided to take on was to resurrect the shop: a disappointing start was made, however, as the date chosen coincided with Room 9 being made out of bounds to all except unfortunate linguists, kept in quarantine for hours at a time because of new-styled GCSE oral exams.

The cricket knockout at senior level benefited from good preparation by B. J. Allen and I. D. Butler. Our relative weakness in cricket—only two recognised players in the captain and vice-captain already mentioned, plus the rapidly improving Clark—meant that we had to play keenly and with concentration. Even T. K. Jones and S. P. Harrington, self-admittedly non-cricketers, played useful parts. We batted consistently to make 157 off the Gaskell attack, with a valuable fifty from the captain Butler. Once on the field, we could not believe our eyes when the opposition was reduced to 40 for 4; thanks here to Clark, with four wickets. Some inadequate bowling then ensued, with one batsman being dropped before going on to make a match-winning score. One has to wonder whether if Allen had been brought back a little earlier we should have continued taking wickets at a similarly rapid rate. However, they had so much time to spare that even when Jordan (for he it was) was caught by S. P. Howell and the onus fell on Kapadia to win them the match with his Chinese cuts, Gaskell needed so few runs that they accomplished the win without too much discomfort. The match was thoroughly enjoyable, mainly because it was played in an excellent spirit.

The junior knockout was much less satisfying: S. Williams, the captain, succeeded in establishing good spirits among his team, partly by organising an efficient net practice, but the result of the match was a

round defeat. Our fourth year contains few cricketers of talent (unlike the situation in all the other sports we play) so if progress is to be made in the future, it is most likely to be created by fairly regular practice. The third years are a little stronger and there is cause for hope for the 1989 junior knockout.

At half-term we welcomed into the House a new boy from Manchester Grammar School, one B. Forshaw. He quickly made a strong impact on the School, first in academic matters and then in athletics, for which activity he earned House colours. Colours were also, somewhat belatedly, awarded to R. D. Gee and D. J. Moss for their contributions to the music competition the previous term.

In athletics we raised our position from last in 1987 to fourth, with many outstanding results. Principal among them were R. Clark who won the 400 metres and contributed to our winning the 400 metre relay, D. J. Bourmad (first in the third-year discus) and the aforementioned Forshaw (winner of the third-year shot). Other noteworthy performances came from S. J. Cherry, M. E. Beggs, A. D. Campbell (lower sixth); P. J. Cassidy, G. C. Jameson, M. Rashid, D. Cooper and G. Knight (fourth-year); and J. B. Kim, J. A. Chadwick and A. Mehta (third-year). Cassidy and Kim also performed well in the end of term pentathlon event, finishing second and third respectively. The athletics excited considerable interest among the members of the House; they were assisted in this by the House prefects who, led by Clark, organised efficient and enjoyable practice sessions for the juniors. A positive spirit built up, epitomised on the day of the heats by M. Morrison who worked tirelessly to ensure that all members were equipped with a House shirt in time for their event—this was typical of the attitude shown by many others.

After one year as housemaster I am only now beginning to understand the full scope of what the job entails, what with all the many varied activities and problems that ensue from them. I have already had to say goodbye to a group of upper sixth-formers, some of whom revealed their true talents only when it was too late for me to be able to make the most of them within the house system; I have also had the pleasure of welcoming four newcomers (highly talented in many different ways) to the School in the course of the year and now look forward to the next year with considerable optimism.

P. M. Bull

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

New events played a most significant part in the activities organised by the P.A. in 1987-88. Not only did we have our first Christmas Fair but the novelty of a Fashion Show also proved to be a most popular addition to our programme.

The year started with the July Summer Fete opened by Mr Filleul. This was the last P.A. event he attended as Headmaster and the Association presented him with an engraved drinking glass. In excellent weather the day was most successful and over £2,000 was raised for the School.

At the start of the academic year Mr Briggs gave his first Headmaster's Talk to the Association, where an excellent attendance was rewarded with his interesting insights into the problems most parents face in the present day. In October nearly 200 parents attended the ever popular Cheese and Wine Evening, which was preceded by a talk on Harddraw by Dr Barnes for first year parents.

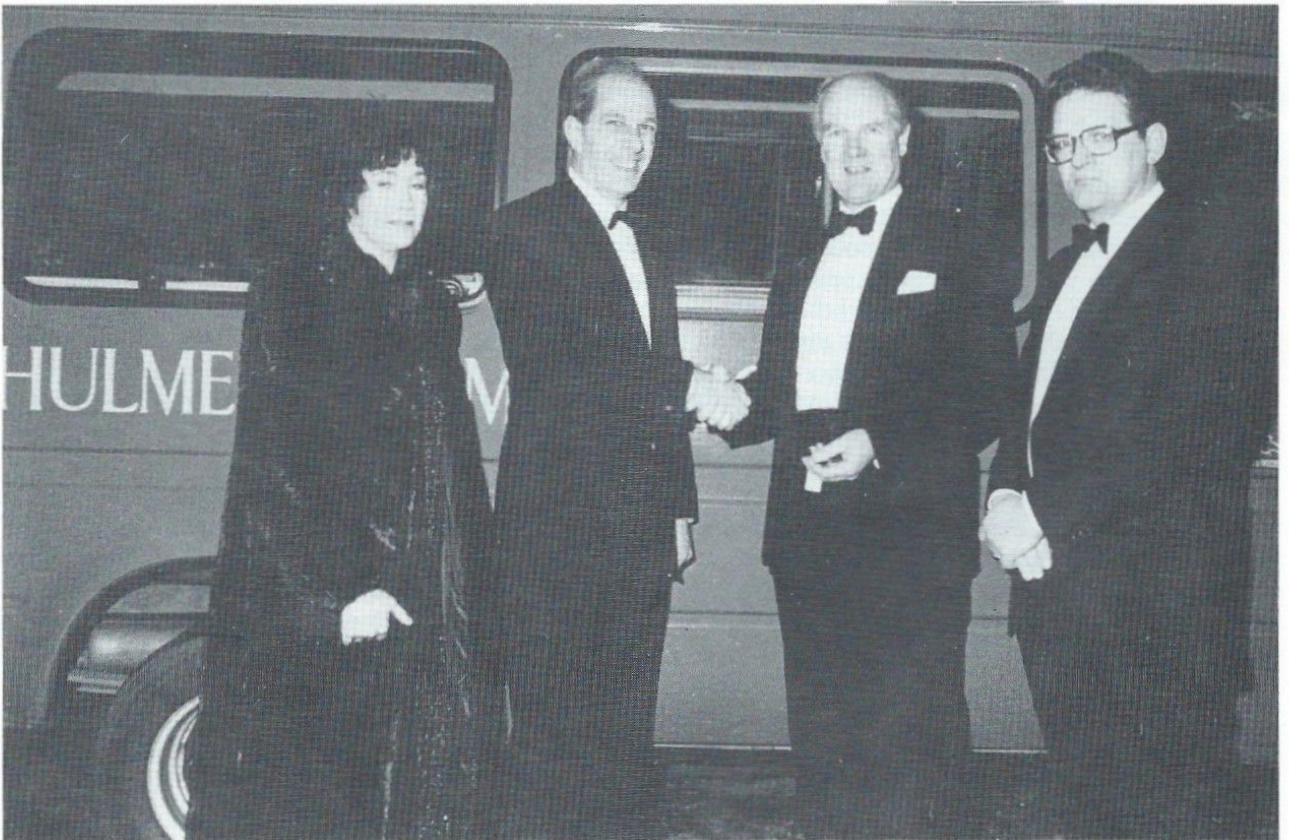
The Christmas Fair held in November was the first of our new events and the occasion proved to be both enjoyable and financially rewarding. The help provided by the staff and pupils in organising novel games and stalls ensured a wide variety of activities on the day. In the future the Association is looking to make this event the main fund-raising function, which on this year's experience would appear to be a possibility.

After the success of the previous year our Annual Dinner Dance in January was again held jointly with the Old Hulmeian's Association. This occasion was particularly significant for the P.A. in that the presentation of the mini-bus to the School preceded the function. Mr Briggs paid handsome tribute to the work of the Association in his after dinner address on an evening enjoyed by the two Associations and the School.

It was necessary to cancel a dance in March because of lack of support by possibly this was caused by being too ambitious, in that it closely followed our other new event, a Fashion Show, in the same month. This latter function was most popular and attended by about 140 parents (mainly ladies of course!).

At the end of the year it is always sad to lose valuable committee members as their sons (or daughters) complete their schooling. This year Gill Matthews retired as President after serving on the committee in many capacities for over six years. Pat Fish has also retired and will be remembered for her sterling work in organising two Summer Fetes. Sue Mattison also retired from the committee after serving for many years, where in particular she organised the refreshments for the sports teams. Finally I take this opportunity of thanking all the committee for their hard work and support on so many occasions.

Norman Sheriff
(Chairman 1987-88)



The presentation of the new mini-bus by the Parents' Association. They keys are presented to Mr Briggs and Mr Loveland by the President, Mrs Matthews, and the Chairman, Mr Sheriff.

THE OLD HULMEIANS' ASSOCIATION

During this past year the O.H.A. has forged a particular link with its past. This year's President G. Eric Barnes followed in the footsteps of his father who was the Association's President in 1955-56. I know Eric took great pleasure in the honour the Association bestowed on him in making him its President and now his year is complete he will continue to serve the Association in the role of Secretary.

The Reunion and Annual Dinner were enjoyable and well supported events. A precedent was set in the Centenary year when the Association joined with the Parents' Association for a combined Dinner Dance. This successful first venture was repeated in 1988 and proved to be a splendid occasion. I am sure I speak for those who attended all Association gatherings in thanking the organisers for providing such congenial celebrations.

The Lacrosse Section has enjoyed the Chairmanship of Chris Bryans and under his guidance this part of the Association has flourished. Chris has successfully directed the Lacrosse Section in many ways but has to be thanked for his work in pulling the varied skilled teams together into a cohesive unit, particularly for his consideration for the Junior sides, composed mainly of W.H.G.S. School boys, for improving the publicity and for supporting and encouraging teams in all weathers. Although he stands down as Chairman the Section is fortunate to still be able to call upon his skill and support. The new Chairman is Eric Broadhurst.

The First Team captained by Andy Booth had notable victories against Stockport and Old WACS but lost to Mellor in the Flags Semi-final. During the season injury caused problems and many players took the field for this team. Lee Pye was elected team player of the year.

The A Team, captained by Simon Marsden, reached the Semi-final of the Lancashire Cup K.O. Competition and in that game played the School first X. This was a most exciting game and proved to be the highlight of the season for the A Team even though they lost to the School 11-12. The School team went on to win the Lancashire Cup Final in beating Urmston.

The Extra A Team enjoyed its Lacrosse and 44 different players appeared—13 only once! Keith Robson revitalised this side with younger players and under his guidance they reached third place in the fourth division.

The B Team owed much to Chris Bryans for encouraging younger players and he has laid down the groundwork for further sides within the Section.

Representative honours went to Andy Booth, Lee Pye and Rick Summers for Lancashire; Nick Meech, Rick Jones for the England Colts and Simon Marsden for Lancashire U19. Rick Summers assisted by Andy Booth coached the England Colts team to Australia in July.

The Golf Section, captained by Ron Heywood, had an enjoyable year. Michael Mather took the trophy on Captain's Day and I am told also won the "Nearest the Pin" competition on the first green, measured at 107 feet—some green!

30 players turned out for the Association Day meeting at Chorlton Golf Club; the Vlies Cup was won by N. P. Hodgson, the Bradbury Cup by R. N. Tattersall, and the Merchant Cup by D. K. Anderson. Frank Martin takes over as captain for the 1988/89 season.

The Rifle Section had a mixed year. This small group of enthusiasts struggled with their sport under leaking roofs and on cold floors but has managed to persuade three new members to join them. Support for this section is to be encouraged.

The Cricket Section, at the time of writing, has played two games, one against the School Staff and the other against the Parents' Association and has won both.

During this year a particular appeal was made to the members of the Association to mark the career and memory of K. P. Thompson whose death occurred earlier and was recorded in last year's Hulmeian. £750 was generously donated to this appeal and the money will be presented to the School for use in the Donner Library. This is a fitting place in which to remember this loyal servant of the School.

The London Association held its Annual Dinner at the East India Club and I must record my pleasure and thanks at being present at that event. The London Association is proud to be sending Alan Maddocks back up North to be the Association President for 1988/89.

A welcome is extended to all past members of W.H.G.S. to join the Association whether to continue the sport enjoyed at School with one of the sections, or for the social companionship of those who can label themselves Hulmeians. The School is presently undergoing a period of change as co-education becomes a reality and in the next few years this change will work its way into the Association. I look forward to there being lady members in the O.H.A. and commend the Association to all past and present members of the School.

M. Loveland

OLD HULMEIANS' ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner of the O.H.A., held on 8 April 1988, was memorable for several reasons. It was the first occasion on which Mr Briggs had replied to the toast of "The School", a task which he performed with humour and eloquence. On an evening when nostalgia predominated, he spoke with confidence about the School's present health and with optimism about its foreseeable future. The speech of the President, Eric Barnes, the son of a former Secretary and President of the Association, was a model of brevity and sincerity. Alan Blight, in proposing the health of "The Association" wandered delightfully down Memory Lane revealing, among other previously closely-guarded secrets, just how he had managed to pass the Entrance Exam all those years ago!

The presentation of the O.H.A. Sportsman of the Year Trophy to a teen-age soccer player may have caused wild gyrations in certain well-established graves, but it was obviously regarded by those present as a fitting tribute to the outstanding achievements of Andy Hinchcliffe in the Manchester City defence. To coin a phrase, we shall watch his future career with interest!

But undoubtedly the highlight of the evening was the speech by Mr J. G. Bird, our one-time Head Master, who proposed the health of "The School" in a witty and elegant speech. After several light-hearted references to the joys of retirement, he turned in more serious vein to his memories of 1947, the year in which he was appointed Head Master. He paid tribute to the support he had always received from the Governing Body who had appointed him, and went on to express his gratitude to senior members of staff such as Mr Gatley, Mr Adams and Mr Williams who had served under Trevor Dennis and had shared the difficulties of the war years and the traumas of the evacuation, but who from 1947 onwards gave him their unstinted loyalty and support. In the same vein he recalled the invaluable assistance he has received from Mr Barber, the School Secretary, and expressed his lasting admiration for the loyalty of such men as Mr Locke, the School Porter, and Fred Bowen, the indispensable "maintenance-man" whose versatility included the (occasional) supervision of a wood-work class!

The applause that greeted the end of Mr Bird's speech was an unmistakable indication of the respect and affection in which he is held, while his own obvious delight in meeting old friends and pupils contributed to a truly memorable evening.

C. J. Lowe

