

Just after Easter, Mr. Thomson heard from Focus TV Rentals that we had got into the second round, and we were lent a video camera, a video recorder, and a portable television. A production team was then set up, and its members were:

W. H. Choi (L6M)	Cameraman
D. Shaw (5A)	Cameraman
D. Woodroffe (5A)	Sound
F. R. Khawar (L6S PCB)	Script-writer
S. Schofield (L6S MPC)	Script-writer
P. Rogal (5A)	Editor
J. E. D. Crews (L6M)	Assistant Director, Narrator
R. Markland (L6S MPC)	Director
Mr. J. H. Thomson	Producer

We went down to Hough End Police Horses and Dogs Centre to do most of our filming. The Centre has thirty-nine horses, which serve the whole of Greater Manchester. Most of a police horse's duty is centred on crowd control before, during and after football matches. Therefore the theme of the film was concentrated on the training of a police horse, and its role in crowd control.

We decided that in order to keep continuity throughout the film, we concentrated on just one police rider , P.C. Holliday. With his co-operation, we managed to film him grooming and training his horse, Marchioness.



Early Morning Equitation (Photo: W. H. Choi)

The final part of the film was a 'live coverage' of the Mounted Branch going to Old Trafford, to keep the football fans under control. Risking life and limb, we went down to Manchester United's home ground without any riot gear on. When the away fans arrived in the coach park, a friendly inspector kept them waiting until we were ready to film them. One particularly harrowing part was when we filmed the visiting fans advancing towards us, chanting their slogans, but fortunately the police had them under control.

During one of our filming sessions, a mill nearby suddenly caught fire. Therefore, instead of filming football fans, we hurried to film the blazing mill. Unfortunately, since it was a weekend, neither the BBC nor Granada TV wanted to broadcast it, because there wasn't a regional news programme on.

Finally, after a lot of editing (the producer accidentally erased the first edited version), the final product was pieced together, and was submitted just before the closing date.

On Friday, 12 July, a presentation ceremony was held in the Piccadilly Hotel. There, along with nine other schools and plenty of reporters, we heard that we had won second prize in the competition, and were proud owners of a video recorder and a television.

Finally, our thanks go to Chief Inspector N. Brown, P.C. E. Holliday, Inspector Teasdale, Inspector D. Jordan and everyone at Hough End Centre, whose co-operation made this film possible.

W. H. Choi (L6M)



## RUNNING THE BRITISH ECONOMY 1985

Despite the game's modest title it requires all the skill and economic knowledge of its competitors. It was designed at the Esmee Fairbairn Research Centre at Heriot-Watt University, and is an economic model run on a BBC micro-computer which aims to give students practical experience of running a modern economy.

Teams of students become government ministers for a period of nine years. The model is designed as a close simulation of reality but it is greatly simplified, not least because of the students' limited brainpower! The game starts in the ninth year: to make our first decisions we had to refer back to the past performance of the economy and the decisions which were made earlier. Our basic controls fell into two categories: fiscal policy, i.e. control of government expenditure and taxes (both VAT and the dreaded Income Tax) and monetary policy, which concerns money supply. The team had to produce the best policies within these controls to win the maximum number of points—not as easy as it sounds.

Arriving at the Aytoun Building of Manchester Polytechnic, we were quickly familiarised with the rules and had a practice run. We initially did badly, being unfamiliar with the system of points and penalties. Heavy penalties resulted from unemployment and inflation as well as from running a budget deficit or surplus. The budget proved to be our bogeyman: whatever percentage we miscalculated by was multiplied by ten, e.g. 5.5% surplus = 55 penalty points. This performance was without exogenous shocks such as European Economic Community policy.

The real run began as soon as the teams were settled in. Policies were formulated to balance consumption, investment and government expenditure in the proportions 60:20:20, but not so as to incur penalty points from having unemployment, inflation and budget problems. The required balance was achieved only with great difficulty. Occasionally policies were rejected due to unacceptably low interest rates; this forced change was often costly in points. To make things more difficult one of our policy instruments, e.g. V.A.T., was occasionally removed, and exogenous shocks were introduced containing cryptic clues or economic indicators on the basis of which we had to adjust our calculations. It was quite nerve-racking watching the computer print out the results of our decisions.

This was an exciting game to play; it taxed one's economic knowledge to the full, and it was very fulfilling to see one's policies work. It was fun too to compete against other schools and a friendly rivalry developed. W.H.G.S. was represented by six teams of four—all the Upper Sixth economists—and in our regional heat we supplied almost half the teams competing. It was therefore inevitable that one of our teams would win the heat, and the people in question were myself, M. A. Cherry, S. Steinberg and S. J. Whitehouse, with 5,143 points. In all it was a highly successful day and much practical Economics was learnt. Look out, Mr Lawson. . . .

Finally, many thanks to Mr Ballantyne and Mr Shaw for organising the trip.

A. C-Y. Cheung (U6A2)

## UNITED NATIONS

4 July 1985, 0900 hours: the 'Argentinian Delegation' arrived at Manchester Town Hall, sweeping reporters and cameramen aside in its dash to the Committee Rooms. In the Committee Chamber, heavy with the sound of urgent debate, the Czechoslovakian representatives were seated, united behind their charismatic spokesman, Mr A. Pollard-Smith. The many other delegates hurriedly took their seats behind their respective flags. The tense conversation subsided as Mr A. McIntyre, 'U.N. Chairman', rose and pronounced the Plenary Session of the Model United Nations Assembly open.

This was to be a day of diplomatic role-playing. Over one hundred Delegates drawn from twenty different schools were working parts in this model Assembly, organised as part of International Youth Year. The object was to give students a greater insight into the working of the real thing, and an understanding of the problems that face the U.N. every day. Centering on three groups—one working on peace and an end to the arms race, one on famine and food production and one on human rights—the Model Assembly was an authentic, atmospheric and chaotic enactment.

The resolutions passed by the Delegates, discussed in a final Plenary Session at the end of the day, were radical and dynamic: a denunciation of imperialism and the escalation of the arms race by the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R., and a call for immediate aid for the struggling Third World countries.

This event was not a token, condescending public relations gesture by the U.N.: it was an exciting and realistic experience which gave us the chance to discuss and reflect on problems which affect us all.

A. D. Gearey (L6A)



# ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

## The Clown

I'm a clown at the circus.  
The one that you all laughed at,  
I go out into the big bright ring;  
Colourful lights flash on and off,  
I see the crowd all looking at me,  
I'm the one who falls and dives.

Another act is finished;  
the crowd have all gone home,  
the lights are out.  
The bright big top with all its lights,  
dies when the show is over.

But the crowds don't come like they used to.  
We are all on low wages,  
the tent is in need of repair.  
My gags are old  
and well used,  
I get no new props.

Behind this disguise of a smile and make-up  
is a sad lonely man.  
Who can't jump and leap like he used to,  
when the circus lights go out;  
the problems of life creep on.

This side the people never see,  
an old shabby caravan,  
an old shabby clown,  
no more stardom;  
life's been hard on this old clown.

A. Goodwin (1B)

## In The Trenches

We were not imagining things; the screams we heard were real enough. The screams of pain came from the medical tent. The men waited around the entrance, silent. The only sound to be heard was the canvas door of the tent dancing in the wind. Then a doctor came out to be greeted by hundreds of questions. He wiped his hands on his white coat, stained with the blood of hundreds. He said quietly, 'He has been shot in the chest and he has some rusty barbed wire embedded around his leg. He's lost a lot of blood and we've run out of supplies, any volunteers?' The men did not hesitate and formed a queue.

Then we all returned to our posts. We were all wanting to get through the night without a raid because the next day the mail came. I was just putting on my balaclava to go to sleep when like fire-works the shells exploded. Quick—mustard gas! I scrambled in my kit bag. I put my gas mask on, sight was impossible. I sat on an old wooden box waiting. We were lucky the wind was strong and soon blew away the gas which the canary confirmed. I took my mask off and wiped the sweat off my head.

It was our turn. 'Over you go, chaps!' the colonel shouted. I climbed out of the trench. We jogged slowly and carefully—the braver went more quickly. A shell. I dived, into a shell crater of water. it landed about 10 metres away. Stones and earth flew into the air and rained on me. I lay in my muddy sanctuary for several minutes. I was getting close to the enemy so I attached my bayonet to my gun. It gleamed in the moonlight. The enemy were firing. Bullets of lead whizzed over my head. The machine guns sang their familiar tune. I saw Jack—he was lying motionless. 'Jack!' No reply. I saw a man dive and take cover behind the corpse. I had to advance. Five men came behind me and lay next to me. They took a rest, panting. Then over they went. I followed.

Men were falling all around me. Nothing seemed to matter. I went onwards. I dodged corpses and shells. men were screaming for blood in pool of blood. I had reached the outer wire fence. Like washing hung out to dry the men were hanging on the wire. One man was trying to pull his friend out of the prison of wire—he slit his arm and tore his clothes to shreds. He screamed and looked up into the heavens but his friend still lay there.

The retreat was called and I got up but my trousers were caught on some stray wire I wrestled with it trying to get out of the trap but I only got more entangled. I looked back to see the last of the English going back to the safety of the trenches. I cursed everything around me. I was now desperate. I got my bayonet and slashed the trouser leg, and my own leg, but that didn't matter, I was free. The Germans were now beginning to crawl out of their trenches: like spiders who have caught a fly, but this fly was free. I discarded my gun and fled. The German pigs had seen me and were using me as target practice. Like an athlete going for home I ran, by God I ran. Then my legs buckled and I felt some cold lead in my



thigh. The blood was oozing out. I lay on the ground next to a crop of lost friends. The Germans were charging, stabbing the dead just to make sure. The pigs stole the boots off Harry—a brand new pair bought by his wife—the pigs were going through the pockets of people looking for money and throwing away the useless things. They threw away the most precious possession to a soldier away from home, a picture of his wife and kids.

A. Goodwin (1B)

### Attack

She was a wretched, mad woman  
Who looked like a ghost.  
Her clothes were black, so black.  
A mad, terrified woman  
With her clothes so black:  
Nobody cares, nobody cares.

In her mind terror and pain  
Came to her again and again.  
She couldn't stop them: all she could do  
Was to put her hands over her ears  
To block out the sound.  
Nobody cares, nobody cares.

Her body was curved  
As though she was only a ghost.  
The passers-by didn't stop;  
They just carried on  
As though she was not there.  
Nobody cares, nobody cares.

A ghostly, terrified woman,  
Sounds and pains in her head.  
Everyone was happy, except her.  
A ghost-like woman  
With sounds in her head.  
Nobody cares, nobody cares.

S. Sandiford-Mitchell (2D)

### Fighting For A Cause?

Pushing and punching, faces fall battered and bruised.  
Batons a-twirling, not for carnival fun—  
Run, run, run.

Hate and spite are at the root of all might.  
Bottles and bones being smashed in this bloody fight:  
Who can win on this cold, mindless night?

Forces are joining; the battle is all square.  
A weapon is needed, one that will scare.  
'Find me destruction—pass me that  
Gun, gun, gun'.

Tempers are boiling, leaders are spoiling  
For a fight.  
Each is scared but has no notion  
Of recoiling.

'Pass me the weapon!' Flamed is the leader's head,  
Fired is the gun;  
The body drops dead.  
The battle is  
Done, done, done.

L. Taylor (3A)



## The Hunter Is Caught

Undisturbances fill the air

Things on the ground do not expect,  
Even those who have felt the claws,

'Will they learn?' thinks the golden shadow,  
'Will they ever realise that I am the lord,

'Will they learn?' thinks the killer on the ground, 'Will they learn that they are killing.'

E. S. Mehlman (3B)

## Friday 6

The bell rings and the quad fills.

Raindrops reflect through the glass  
Like voices echoing along corridors.

H. J. Pimlott (U6A2)

## THE WAY WE WERE

(Extracts from *The Hulmeian* of 25, 50 and 75 years ago)

1960

Mr. C. E. Kelsey died at the age of 90. He was the last surviving member of the original School staff of 1887, having taught Classics and History. He had retired in 1925—owing to ill-health.

Technology began to break in: the Music Society reported the first use of 'stereophonic equipment' at one of its meetings, whilst a 21 inch television set was installed in the Science Department.

To prove House Drama has not changed much, here are two moments from the reports: Fraser gave Act 3 of Shaw's *Caesar and Cleopatra* in which 'The quayside crane worked admirably in lowering Cleopatra to the ground. Unfortunately the release of the body from the ropes proved more difficult. . . ' while in the Whitworth extract from *Henry IV Part 2*, the Lord Chief Justice 'was handicapped by a mystifying monkish garb'.



The C.C.F. celebrated the centenary of the Cadet Corps movement. It had been founded—as the Military Training Corps—at W.H.G.S. in 1915 for obvious reasons, with J. A. Barber as O/C until 1935 when it became one of only seven, out of 194 applicant schools, to be granted the status of an Officers' Training Corps. It had been inspected by King Albert of the Belgians in the 1920's on a trip to Flanders, and had had its own military band since 1926. From 1948 the O.T.C.s were reorganised into the Combined Cadet Force which had supplied men for National Service, and despite the abolition of that, the C.C.F. was as popular as ever.

There were 212 boys in the Sixth Form in this year—one third of the entire School.

### 1935

In a performance of *Toad of Toad Hall*, the part of Badger was played by one R. Mark, who as Sir Robert was later to carry Badger's tactical genius into more dangerous areas. A premonition of Governmental crises in our own day seems contained in the statement that another actor, 'in his quietly obsequious manner, made a good Mole'.

The stage was given a new electrical installation and a switchboard with a dimmer bank. The total current was 100 amps and the total power consumption 23,000 watts.

The C.C.F. went on a tour of Belgium, in the absence of King Albert this time. Owing to one cadet's imperfect French he 'was given a fish after asking for a peach'.

Sir Edward Donner, after whom the Donner Library is named, died and left the School £500.

### 1910

In this year Prefects were appointed for the first time; they could be recognised by the red border on their caps. There were nine Prefects altogether. Additionally, the House system began to operate with the creation of Byrom, Dalton, Gaskell and Heywood (Fraser and Whitworth came later), each overseen by two House Masters and two House Prefects. The main purpose of the Houses was to organise games.

On 9 May School closed at 10.30 a.m. so that the boys could travel to Manchester to listen to the Lord Mayor proclaiming the accession of King George V.

Mr Frank Adams joined the Staff as a Science master. He was not to retire until 1950, having served under four Head Masters during that time.

The School Library was re-housed in the Head Master's waiting-room!

## 'WARTS AND ALL'

*We are delighted to print below some reminiscences sent to us by a senior Old Boy who has been among the most enthusiastic of those who have responded to our request for material. We are most grateful to Mr. News for his hard work.*

### Recollections of H.G.S.

'Henceforth the School and You are One'—Sir Henry Newbolt.

My introduction to Hulme Grammar School (as it was then entitled) was in the summer of 1916 or 1917. It was wartime, and the traditional Sunday School annual outing by train to one of the Derbyshire villages was in temporary eclipse. The Rector of St. Edmund's Whalley Range, who was also Archdeacon of Manchester, was also chairman of the School governors, and no doubt his influence secured for us the privilege of a day out on the school playing field, a long procession of Sunday School members wending their way down Alexandra Road South to the School.

In the spring of 1918 I took the entrance examination in the new assembly hall, and some weeks later attended a *viva voce* interview with the Headmaster in his study. For a small boy of 10½ it was quite an ordeal; but I duly qualified and became a 'Hulmeian' in the September and a form member of Lower IIIA, Mr. Gatley being our form master. He taught Geography, and towards the end of term the stereoscopic sepia photograph cards of Alpine scenes were passed round and slotted into the viewing holders and admired by the form—a special treat.



In this first term the closing weeks of the Great War reached the climax of the Armistice on November 11th. I have a distinct recollection of this, not only because of the special late morning assembly in hall, but of my return to school for the afternoon session—after going home to lunch—only to find a milling assembly of boys gathered outside the school entrance unable to get inside. Rumour (a lying jade?) had it that a half-day holiday had been demanded by certain senior which had not been able to be granted immediately. This event was firmly implanted not only on my mind, but upon that portion of my anatomy which nature had seemingly specially provided, to receive three whacks of the drill-sergeant's slipper, it being the Lower III's duty to be there on time for P.E., and through no fault of our own, we were very late.

My home was in Moss Side, at that time a most pleasant suburb of South Manchester, and it was my good fortune to walk to and from school four times a day through Alexandra Park, generally in company with others who lived in the same area. In those days the Park was at its best with carefully tended flower beds, leafy lime avenues, rose garden and enormous areas of grass. In one of the open spaces near the lake there was (and still is?) a large piece of rock, described on a metal plaque as a piece of meteorite which had been dug up during the construction of the Manchester Ship Canal. As we passed by this stone, we crossed the path of Roman Catholic pupils on their way to St. Bede's College in Alexandra Road, opposite the Church of the English Martyrs. (To give some sort of balance to this there was the Hartley College of the methodists, at that time temporarily taken over as an emergency military hospital for wounded officers). I suppose it was inevitable in those days (over sixty years ago) that there should have been a certain animosity between us and the RCs long before the present ecumenical friendliness, and which led to a sort of mutual antagonism, especially in the winter with snow on the ground; and of course, there was the lake—invitingly nearby . . . the shame of it, at worst the ignorance of it, at best the innocence of boyish fun. Nevertheless, it was safer to travel in convoy.

It is difficult after so many years for one to realise that the School had only been in existence for just over 30 years. The present assembly hall was (I think) built about 1910—it was splendid in architectural proportion. The whole school (about 300?) assembled for morning prayers, with Mr. Hewlett bravely coaxing appropriate noises from a harmonium perched at one side of the platform. My first Headmaster was the Reverend W. A. Parker Mason, unmarried, a product of that one-time breed of schoolmaster-cleric, fashioned in the prep-school, public school and Oxford University tradition of a classical scholar. His M.A. gown was resplendent in stiffened silk which audibly rustled as he proceeded in majestic splendour!

In contrast his successor in 1921, Mr. Trevor Dennis, was a friendly, approachable and jolly Head, full of ardour and new ideas. His enthusiasm was infectious, and in a very short time he had retired the old harmonium (but not the player, Mr. Hewlett) which had for long enough accompanied the hymns we sang at morning assembly. In its place he built up a small orchestra of strings, woodwind and some brass, persuading boys and members of staff to take part. Soon he was to cast his net more widely by introducing the popular Tuesday 'after school' functions at 4.10 p.m. in the assembly hall. These ranged from orchestral and vocal concerts, lectures and short plays. Some of these were performed in the evenings, but most were held each Tuesday afternoon, and relatives could be invited to attend.

I was not much of an actor, preferring to be behind the scenes, but there was always a job for all sorts. Plays needed not a platform but a real stage, and a real stage was built under the direction of the manual work teacher, Mr. Dorrans, complete with sloping stage, proscenium and flies. Other helpers tackled electric wiring and stage lighting. My own part was mainly with the painting of scenery, often on a large scale with buckets and brooms. Mr. Brierley, our new art master, who had during the war experience with (?) the Co-optimists, was himself a first-rate comedy actor—recollections of a number of W. W. Jacobs' short plays come to mind: particularly 'The Dear Departed'. Among the more serious plays was Bernard Shaw's 'Captain Brassbound's Conversion', in which I had a walking-on part as an Arab servant whose entrance was to bring something or other for one of the actors, and of course in my stage-fright I had forgotten to bring in and give to him; a situation which was promptly ad-libbed by the much more experienced senior boy to be told in no uncertain terms to go back and get it!

But I much preferred back-stage preparations. For the production of Mozart's Magic Flute, I spent hours at home stencilling the borders of the Grecian robes worn by those taking part.

On the playing fields too there was much activity; at that time they were reputed to be the finest public school grounds in the north of England. House matches (soccer) were the order of the day, but H.G.S. was first and foremost a lacrosse school and our Old Boys had for many years attained the distinction of being holders of the champion Lacrosse Flags, which hung on the platform wall of the assembly hall. They had been there for so many years that when at last they were lost to us, the shape of them was clearly defined on the brickwork of the wall!

By a strange quirk of nature, or by other means not known, the playing field had a rectangular hollow in one corner, and in the opposite diagonal corner, what appeared to be a similar rectangular mound of grass-covered earth. Somebody in authority (I know not who) must have decided it would be a good plan to move the mound to fill in the depression. Depression I think must have been the right word



which my typewriter chose, but whether or not there was mustered a gang of volunteers or pressed men, and a regular exodus of laden wheelbarrows took place. It is tempting to think that this was a work of merit by non-players on behalf of sportsmen, who eventually enjoyed two additional playing pitches; I cannot remember, as I myself had opted for an allotment, a strip of land being made available for that purpose at the side of the narrow lane beyond the school buildings towards Wilbraham Road.

Looking back into the long-ago, which implies some justification for so doing—lest one should be led into the temptation to live in the past—is an enjoyable experience, tinged with sadness as the memory dims, yet redolent with happiness for the privilege of a sound education and the abiding truth of Newbolt's lines: 'Henceforth the school and you are one'.

I cannot end this exercise in recollection without some reference to the wider sphere of one's inheritance and environment. For the fact cannot be denied, though it may sometimes be forgotten, that my generation, the 'eleven plus' boys at the end of the Great War, were the children of Victorian grandparents and the immediate post-Victorian parents who had themselves been 'eleven plus' in an environment of stability in which the changes in social and economic life of the middle classes seemed to be rock-firm. Their way of life was handed to us (who properly were Edwardians) and the influence of the Victorian matriarch was dominant. In those days too, we had a host of uncles and aunts (who were always good for a half-crown which would buy a boys' adventure book)!

But more than that stability and secure outlook which was centred within the family circle with its accepted *mores* was an accompanying influence—easily forgotten. We were educated by that same generation as our parents, and their function was, in short, that of the ancient universities, to hand on to us that knowledge which is the foretaste of wisdom, the accepted *mores* of society at large.

There only remains to make mention of the third, and equally important thread in the web of life—religion and its observance; and somewhere in Holy Writ I am constrained to remember that it was Ecclesiastes (the Preacher) who said that 'a threefold cord is not quickly broken'.

And so I end this tribute which must be not only to my dearly loved School, but to Home, School and Church.

D. F. Newns, O.H. (1918-1923)

## HOUSE NOTES

### BYROM HOUSE

#### *Michaelmas Term*

A. P. Fox was appointed Head of House.

M. L. Jackson, N. Barber and S. Marks were appointed Deputy Heads of House.

M. Sever, S. F. Whitehouse, R. J. Goodier, D. Butterworth, M. R. Turley, J. L. Weston, J. D. Campbell and D. Arundel were appointed House prefects.

House games were drastically reorganised this year and with Wednesday as the single games afternoon more options of activities were given to a wider range of boys. This meant that a Sixth Form Rugby XV and a Fifth Form Rugby XV played alternate weeks. In effect for each boy House rugby was reduced to once a fortnight and over the term the boys did not play that often. Our Sixth Form team deprived of its fifth formers was a very poor side and its standard was such that only in the knock-outs did the better players enjoy three decent matches. Our Fifth Form XV was strong and played well, but much here was owed to R. Burns who was an outstanding player and captain who demanded and got the same sort of effort from his team as he always gave. Burns also coached our third year League team to good effect. We are sorry he is leaving and not going into the sixth form; his enthusiasm and inspiration will be missed.

In the first round of the Rugby Knock-outs we faced possibly the strongest side in the competition, Dalton—although his year the Houses were evenly matched. Excellent performances from First XV stalwarts M. Jackson, A. P. Fox and N. Barber and the Second XV players, A. Hessayon and J. Garlick, both of whom scored tries, enabled us to win a very hard fought game 10-8. A newcomer to the Staff commented 'Why don't they play with this kind of commitment in school matches?' No member of the team will begrudge a special mention of the performance of A. B. Chaudhry. It is a marvellous feature of the House Knock-outs to see an ordinary boy, hitherto unrated as a rugby player, play like a man possessed (not with a knowledge of the rules or off-side law!) but with the spirit to win—and if the game is to be lost, a determination to give 110% effort.



In the semi-finals we faced Whitworth. We cancelled each other out as Whitworth had the strongest pack and we had the stronger three-quarters. On one of the rare occasions when our backs got the chance, some good interpassing sent over House team winger J. Campbell off on a fast run and from the ensuing scrum a good movement culminated in I. McCartney bursting through to score. But Whitworth's intense pressure and commitment brought a well deserved draw at 7-7 and the happy prospect of a replay.

A bizarre idea of playing fifteen minutes each way in the lunch hour was fortunately abandoned and whilst on the day of the replay, Byrom were without two for our First XV forwards, Fox and Barber as well as J. D. Campbell, we preferred to be annihilated by Whitworth in a proper match. We drafted in Fifth Formers and put D. Arundel on the wing. We were heavily defeated in the pack in the first half, despite valiant efforts from a largely House team pack and we had gone down 10-0. To any experienced House master it was obvious Whitworth would over run us in the second half. To my astonishment the young, inexperienced players raised their game and the reverse happened. D. Butterworth, R. Burns and R. J. Moore perhaps deserve a special mention, whilst M. Jackson, M. R. Turley, J. Garlick, A. Hessayon and I. McCartney, key school players, all excelled. We created far more scoring chances than in the first match, but we failed to capitalize on these. However, a great deal of pride was salvaged from defeat and all the members of the team were awarded House Colours.

The juniors, led by G. J. O'Driscoll, were beaten by Dalton 7-6. Dalton were joint favourites and after O'Driscoll had broken through to score a solo try which he converted, our hopes were high. However, we became too complacent and after giving away a penalty we let in Dalton to score a somewhat fortuitous try. It was disappointing thus to lose to the side which only just lost in the final.

### *Lent Term*

S. R. Hulmes and M. J. Holmes were appointed House Prefects.

Our house Lacrosse League First X, was a very good side with N. Barber, D. Butterworth, J. D. Campbell, I. S. McCartney, M. R. Turley, M. Sever, C. P. Williams and P. Sharman being outstanding. The ever willing A. B. Chaudhry played in goal. Enigmatic as ever, one is puzzled whether Chaudhry makes fine saves with his body or whether he is too slow to get out of the way. Sadly we were only able to field a full league team twice as, whilst we did play every week, the House League was disrupted as never before by being moved to a Wednesday. The House Second X was usually an assortment of players 'press ganged' into making an appearance.

Byrom's Senior Lacrosse K.O. team for this year seemed reasonably strong, and it was felt that we could do well. However, we were drawn against Fraser, the favourites, in the first round. In the first quarter the mid-field trio of D. Arundel, J. Garlick and C. Gardner battled hard, but whenever Fraser gained possession in attack, they scored, as they had several outstanding individual school players. Byrom did trouble the Fraser defence, but Braddock in goal kept us at bay. Fraser's dominance increased as the match progressed and they ended up 'easy winners'. However, Byrom has the nucleus of a good team for next year. The juniors also lost 47-12 to Fraser. In 'one foot of snow' a very weak Byrom side put up a creditable performance against a strong Fraser team who we managed to contain reasonably for half the game. Scorers for Byrom were G. O'Driscoll, 7, Armstrong, 3, and A. G. Crowther, 2.

However Byrom's Fourth year team proved very talented and players such as I. Law and A. Crowther should develop into quality players. They comfortably won their league.

In the Hewlett Cup Byrom's first six beat Gaskell 3-1 with R. J. Moore and J. Garlick being particularly impressive, but lost to Dalton 6-1 largely due to Cleary's powerful shooting. Our Second team reached their final thanks to good performances from M. Sever and M. Turley. The junior sides were good but faced heavy opposition. Their second string team looked set to win its final until W. Hockenhull tried to head the ball and retired injured leaving us one short. But this team had played with real determination.

The House Swimming is now a split event and the organisation of our fourth year entrants fell apart. At Senior level, in contrast to earlier years, we are a House of agoraphobes, N. W. Barber and D. M. White, however did well and we had outstanding younger finalists in R. Scholes and A. Ketteridge. The latter suffered from a close succession of events and was exhausted. Scholes is a talented swimmer and performed magnificently. The House Cross Country was dragooned out by the House Master belatedly for a practice run. On the day M. Sever produced the fastest time and was well supported with good runs by M. R. Turley and S. H. Green, and thanks to another House being disqualified, Byrom finished second.

Even though we were to drop to fourth place in this year's House Music Competition it was encouraging to see our entry dominated by junior boys thus, hopefully, building their confidence in front of a large audience for success in future years. P. Sharman performed well on the piano, as did the



younger A. S. Hogben. There was a good trumpet solo from M. R. Tallis and one on the clarinet from R. J. Ketteridge, C. P. Williams performed well on the trumpet and L. Rose on the piano. Two notable contributions came from O. E. Wilson-Barnes on the piano and then a fitting dramatic finale on the percussion instruments.

Our performance in the House Play Competition was unique. Two years ago the Housemaster saddled the producer with all the problems of a young and large cast. Last year's result brought bitter disappointment to the senior boys after producing one of the most difficult House Plays. Much as one tells the boys afterwards that 'The result doesn't matter,' 'This year's third could have been last year's winner,' they take it to heart. This year S. Marks responded by producing 'Grease'. Dance routines were rehearsed again and again in Room 17—at lunch hour, till late on a Friday evening. The housemaster wondered how on earth it could be judged against plays. Mime to music, all kinds of innuendos, a home produced script—there could be no comparison. The portrait of Mr. Trevor Dennis, his old Head Master, seemed to glare disapprovingly over his glasses and the dress rehearsal left him in fear for his job! Boys were remarkably generous. A Fraser senior said 'Crowds of boys are coming because they think "Grease" will be a farce—they're in for a shock—it's tremendous.'

S. Marks' remarkable organisation and great personal gifts of persuasion added to his own acting ability and the able support of M. Jackson moulded a cast who produced an outstanding performance. A. Crowther, played to perfection a 'confectionery' type of female (a tart) whilst the other 'females' D. J. Morris, A. Ruia and J. R. Marland, as Dr. Barker's delightful summary put it, explained the necessity of the dark glasses for the 'lads' to be deluded as to their real shapes. The trio of M. R. Turley, G. O'Driscoll and J. D. Campbell provided a hilarious back up to the 'stars' M. Jackson 'Danny' and S. Marks 'Sandy'. On the night boys from rival Houses were generous. 'There is no doubt which will be the most popular "Play" but whether it will be judged the best is another matter.' In the end 'Grease' won and it was a well-merited triumph for the tremendous hard work which created perhaps the largest audience for the whole competition and which benefited the excellent plays of our rivals. S. Marks produced a performance which I do not think will ever be repeated.

Mention should be made too of M. Rosenthal who turned a minor role into a major humorous contribution. Our thanks go to the 'behind the scenes' boys R. Burns and S. N. Whitehouse as well as Hopkins of Dalton for his work in lighting.

The delight at winning the House Play Competition was muted by the sudden and shocking news of the death of David Butterworth. Whilst a tribute to him will appear elsewhere in the *Hulmeian* and what we write may be duplicated we want to record our very great sadness at the loss of one of our House Prefects, who will be remembered by all who knew him as a thoroughly likeable, cheerful, good-natured boy. He was one of the most popular boys in the House. A good lacrosse player and a good hooker at rugby one remembers him being ordered off in a rugby knock-out by the referee—not for foul play which was not in his nature—but because he was injured and insisted he could carry on when the referee rightly judged otherwise. Such an incident typifies his spirit. Oh that some of the 'prima donnas' in our fifth year, who won't even turn out, could catch something of his spirit and make as much out of life as he did! A letter of condolence was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Butterworth and Chris, on behalf of the members of the House who contributed to a wreath.

### *Midsummer Term*

Another House trip was organised on Ascension Day to Alton Towers. Some chose not to ascend, but chose the Black Hole and emerged in Whitworth colours. Others not so strong-stomached visited Rupert Bear. Most of the juniors coming into the House joined in a good day.

Byrom did well on Sports Day coming second. Unfortunately the success of the juniors and Middle School was not matched by the Seniors as a whole, although M. A. Sever was outstanding in track and field events and M. Jackson won the shot put. Amongst the juniors C. Chow, S. H. Green, G. R. G. Charlton and M. Lovell all gained high points in their events while R. Burns, T. J. Burden, I. Law and J. Melen, were outstanding in the middle school. A distinct lack of enthusiasm and the necessary drafting of several middle distance runners into sprint events meant that at the close of the relays Byrom had been narrowly beaten. The all important organisation of our entries was the work of M. R. Turley, who himself ran well, and he was assisted by J. L. Weston, D. Arundel and J. Campbell.

In the Cricket Knock-outs the Seniors and the Juniors both reached the Finals only to be completely out classed in each. Thanks to good bowling by O. Wilson-Barnes, G. W. Williams and M. Jackson followed by a good innings from the latter and also N. Barber we defeated Gaskell, but much credit must be given to the support, especially in the field, of our non-specialist cricketers. Astonishingly we got the better of the very strong Heywood side, with a sterling innings from J. Garlick followed by steady bowling from N. Barber, M. Jackson, P. Taylor and the very accurate G. W. Williams. Regrettably the final was a farce and lacked the quality and decorum which are minimal to the game of cricket.



The Juniors were strong with the able G. O'Driscoll captaining the side. We defeated Whitworth thanks to an unorthodox 65 from A. Crowther and a polished 50 from G. O'Driscoll. Good all-round accurate bowling by R. Malone, B. Armstrong, A. Crowther and G. O'Driscoll contained the Whitworth batsmen. However, in the final the very strong and competent Fraser side defeated us heavily. C. Chow hit out competently, but most resistance came from a defiant 55 by D. Schweiger who played a plucky innings.

Finally I have commented repetitively these last few years on how fortunate Byrom has been in its Senior boys and Head of House. Once again in A. P. Fox we had an excellent Head of House, efficient, enthusiastic and able to lead by example and we are indebted to his inspiration. Fox would not begrudge me adding a special mention to S. Marks who has made an outstanding contribution to School and House Drama and who has shown remarkable qualities of personality in visiting the elderly at the Waverley Home and also in organising the Junior School boys on the weekly visits.

A. M. Blight

## DALTON HOUSE

### *Michaelmas Term*

The following appointments were made:

Head of House: A. G. Cleary

Deputy Head of House: E. P. Tullock

School Prefects: A. G. Cleary, E. P. Tullock, W. P. Hopwood, R. J. Stead

House Prefects: A. A. Akka, B. P. Cussons, M. P. Kelly, M. T. Clarke, W. G. Shone, S. D. Kay, G. P. Benson, M. P. Loenholdt, F. Sheldon.

Senior Knockout Captain: M. T. Clarke

Junior Knockout Captain: S. P. Hinds

A change in Senior House games brought boys the opportunity to participate in an alternative sport every other week. Separate leagues at Fifth and Sixth Form level were also played, giving boys House League rugby once every two weeks. At Sixth Form, we had insufficient players and lack of strength to gain much success. Hard work from W. P. Hopwood, R. J. Stead and A. G. Cleary brought two victories, but heavy defeats were also experienced. The Fifth Form team was superbly led by A. N. Jameson and J. Charlesworth. The same team played in every game, and, with only each other to play, Dalton and Gaskell had won every match. As in every other game, Dalton were well motivated, played as a team, and had yet another convincing win. Dalton won the inter-House trophy with a 100% record. This was one of the most consistent team performances in recent times, and all team members gained House colours.

The Fourth Year team was led by S. Pilling and many strong individuals produced comfortable victories. The only criticism of a very good team was that there was too much individual play, with backs preferring to run alone instead of working together. Many easy wins were achieved, and the only blemish on a 100% record was a draw in the final match. Dalton thus gained their second inter-House trophy. A small and inexperienced Third Year team had little success at their level, and much coaching will be necessary if they are to be a strength in the future.

In the Senior Knockout competition, Dalton was drawn against Byrom in the first round. After an even first half, Dalton lost a strong forward, and the subsequent positional changes were not enough to bring victory, the House going down 8-10. In the Junior Knockout competition, hard work and determination were to be our strengths, as we had few experienced School team players. A very strong pack managed to win most of the ball, and good running from our backs, especially from S. P. Dove and N. I. M. Eccles on the wings, brought a comfortable 24-12 victory over Heywood. Team changes were forced upon us for the second round match against Byrom, because of the absence of one forward, and we were behind for most of the game. Little skill was shown, until our captain S. P. Hinds changed the game late on, and we were able to relax, eventually winning 13-6. In the final against Fraser, further changes because of injury prevented our playing as a team, and two early breaks helped to seal a comfortable Fraser victory by 18-4. Our only consolation was yet another splendid performance from our player of the season, M. J. Copson, who helped us push forward, defended well, and set up our only score.

A good Term ended with Dalton being presented with two League trophies, after no losses at Fourth or Fifth Year level. Congratulations, finally, to M. T. Clarke on his gaining an exhibition to study medicine at Keble College, Oxford. Thanks also go to Mr. A. C. Crane, who returned to the School for a Term, and helped in the organisation of House affairs, especially games coaching.



## *Lent Term*

The following appointments were made:

Head of School: A. G. Cleary

Head of House: E. P. Tullock

Deputy Head of House: W. P. Hopwood

Senior Knockout Captain: A. G. Cleary

Junior Knockout Captain: N. A. Meech

Cross Country Captain: W. G. Shone

Two House lacrosse leagues were played at Senior level, but low numbers in the House and a large representation in the School squad prevented our forming a full second team. The first team was generally led by S. D. Kay, and we had several useful players. However, most of these players were young, and lacked physical stature, and frequent injuries and absences prevented our ever fielding the strongest team. Our individuals seldom played together well, although good performances were produced by fifth years R. H. Buxton, R. J. Walsh and J. Charlesworth, together with S. D. Kay. The first two matches were won well, against good sides, the third was lost narrowly, and the final two matches were lost convincingly. The fifth year boys will become stronger if they continue to play together.

In the Junior leagues, A. R. Ball captained the fourth year team, which contained several competent players, although we were also well represented in the School squad. Most matches were close, but, as in the rugby term, much of the play was from individuals instead of from the team. This term, the individuals were not good enough, and we did not do well enough to challenge for the trophy. The third year team, led by J. D. Thomas, played surprisingly well. They had regular lunchtime practices, and worked hard on the field. We had a good goalkeeper, and the midfield linked well with the attack. The first four games were all won, leaving the final match to be played against Whitworth, who were also unbeaten. The game was narrowly lost, and together with it, our chances of the trophy.

The Junior Knockout team, led by N. A. Meech, played good teamwork to beat Gaskell 18-3 in the first round. There were good performances from our School players, and S. G. Thomas was sharp in front of goals, with B. M. Paul useful in midfield. The second round opposition was the strong Fraser, and an excellent game ensued. We took an early lead thanks to good work between N. A. Meech, A. P. Cleary and M. J. Copson, but Fraser came back before half time. The third quarter was all ours, and goals were scored regularly, to give us a good lead. We fell away severely during the final quarter, with too many mistakes being made in defence. After a misunderstanding about the score, we let goals in that should not have gone in, and the game was given away, with a loss of 11-12.

In the Senior Knockout, our first match, against Heywood, was spoilt by players playing out of position, and the final score of 9-6 was not as convincing a win as it should have been. In the Final, we faced an experienced Fraser side, and found that our defence was not good enough. We looked dangerous on the break, but Fraser scored too regularly, and we lost 6-9.

The Hewlett Cup 6-a-side competition produced several unexpected results from our eight teams, with just the first two winning all their games. The last shot of the last Final prevented our winning the competition outright, and a three-way tie resulted.

Groups of boys from each year group went on weekly runs in preparation for the Road Relay Competition. We had not expected any success, although we had good runners in N. I. M. Eccles and W. G. Shone. After our third years, we were a long way behind, but the fourth years improved greatly, with Eccles leading. The fifth years improved us again slightly, and excellent runs from our final sixth year group produced a convincing seven-point win. All runners were awarded House Colours.

The Swimming Competition was closely fought, with Dalton gaining twelve finalists, including most of our fourth years. The winner of the fourth year individual trophy, A. J. Hilder, could not quite help us to gain overall victory, and we finished second by one point.

The House Play, chosen by producer H. J. Minty, was *Bird In Hand*. The choice was not a good one, as the script was poor, and there was very little story. Minty, as an eccentric professor, failed to gain much of the necessary character. A. J. Bramhall, as the hallucination, had very good makeup (green hair, face, shirt, shorts and tights!), and was very lively in his performance. The small part played by P. I. Aldridge also came over well, but there were few opportunities for the cast to work together. In a year when other Houses produced some very good plays, Dalton's position was sixth.

## *Midsummer Term*

The following appointments were made:

Temporary School Prefects: G. P. Benson, S. D. Kay, F. Sheldon

Cricket Captains: Senior Knockout: A. C. Cleary

Junior Knockout: A. P. Cleary

Athletics Captain: E. P. Tullock

The Term commenced with daily athletics practices for all Junior members of the House. Each boy



practiced all events at lunchtime, supervised by a House Prefect and House Master, and consideration was given to entries for Sports Day. Enthusiasm was high at Junior level, and several were expected to do well in the Middle and Senior age groups. On the day of the Sports Heats, Dalton achieved successes and had many participants through to the Finals. Bad weather caused several postponements of Sports Day, and we were at a major disadvantage on the eventual day. House Captain, E. P. Tullock, was in three Finals and a Relay, in all of which he could have done well. G.C.E. commitment prevented his participating. N. I. M. Eccles, the best distance runner in the Middle School, was also unavailable on that day. Consequently, our squad, also weakened by injuries, could achieve little success, and finished 20 points behind the winning House.

In Cricket, Dalton had a useful Junior Knockout squad, with players having had some School team experience. In the first round against Gaskell, S. P. Hinds (78) and A. W. Kloss (68) had a partnership of 158. Very good stroke-play from both players, and confident running between the wickets, gave us an excellent start. Our total of 194 for 3 off 35 overs was too much for Gaskell, who were all out for 102. Our only disappointment was the many dropped catches. Our next match was against the very strong Fraser team—a match that would have produced a very good final. Despite a reasonable team performance, our bowling was not good enough, and we suffered a defeat.

We were fortunate, in the Seniors, to have the School Captain in A. G. Cleary. Our first match was against Fraser (again!) and we were greatly depleted by G.C.E. commitments. Reserves turned out willingly, and all appeared to enjoy themselves in a comfortable victory. In the Final, against Byrom, we made a useful start, before G. P. Benson let loose, hitting the ball hard to all parts of the ground. The score advanced quickly, and a large score was in sight. When Benson was out, just before the end of the innings, he had scored 119, his first-ever century. This was an excellent performance, helping our total to reach 236. The Byrom innings collapsed dramatically, and they were all out for 14. Benson again did the damage, taking 7 wickets for 4 runs. Dalton retained the trophy.

Little progress was made in the tennis or basketball tournaments, and, although some victories were achieved in the Fourth Year Cricket League, the leadership of S. W. Dutton was not enough to bring us the trophy.

A tuck shop flourished all term, with F. Sheldon, S. D. Kay and N. J. Ridings serving regularly. A good profit was made, and equipment was bought for the House. Three parties of boys also went to evening sessions at Belle Vue Bowling Alley, and much fun was had. The top scorer was N. A. Meech, and he received a trophy for his efforts. At the end of the term, a few boys went to the Liverpool Garden Festival, although this day was spoilt by heavy rain.

Individual success was achieved during the Term by A. St. J. Dawes. He participated in the National Triathlon Championships, and won the North West qualifying group at Lancaster University, before finishing second in the National Finals at Copley Leisure Centre.

The House said farewell at the end of the term to a large group of Sixth Formers who had contributed much to the success of Dalton over the years. Many worked hard to become good all-rounders and much leadership potential was shown. Thanks go to all these boys, and much success is wished for them in the future. A number of Fifth Years also left, splitting up a group of boys who combined well together. I hope that they all succeed in their future education.

M. D. Wood

## FRASER HOUSE

### *Michaelmas Term*

The House year begins with efforts to assimilate the new third-formers into their House, and one of the chief means of achieving this is by running rugby practices at which senior House players seek to instil a sense of unity into a very disparate group of twenty boys. During these sessions one is also keeping an eye open for players strong enough to give support to the fourth-formers in the Junior Knockout competition, and this year there was ample talent in such players as G. J. Bentley, A. S. Ward, S. K. White, T. E. Alford, H. P. V. Scott-Gall and P. Dardick. Despite their lack of sustained success in the inter-House League, the Third Form team produced dogged performances which will be improved upon next year. In fact the precedent for this was set by the Fourth Form XV who, in their first match of the



season against Gaskell, scored more points than their total for the entire previous season. Players like D. Loveland, A. D. Ryan, S. I. Jones and M. A. Fossey were much more confident and, having little to lose, went out each week to enjoy their rugby. They ended the season third, having scored an average of thirteen points per game.

By the third and final match in the Junior Knockout the Third Form players had fully justified their inclusion in the team, despite the formidable array of skills and experience amongst the older members. The only area in which we fell short to any extent was the kicking, although N. J. Hindley and A. J. Jackson converted nearly half the tries scored in the competition. These three matches exemplified the team effort: hard work—and points—came from backs and forwards alike, and although the performances of J. P. Garner, K. J. M. Stephenson, D. M. J. Timm and the captain, A. J. Jackson were outstanding, they in no sense eclipsed the service given by all their fellow players. The final against Dalton was played in fairly grim conditions, but proved to be a good spectacle nonetheless, Fraser finally ensuring victory by eighteen points to four.

Senior Games this year saw an experiment with separate Fifth and Sixth Form rugby teams and a wide range of options which each boy pursued on alternate weeks. The rationale of this new system was excellent, but unfortunately its result was that boys played too little rugby to shake off summer cobwebs and make the rapid development necessary for a successful season. Consequently both senior League teams performed erratically, in spite of the robust captaincy of J. Williams, and the fifth-formers who had so dramatically won their league in 1983 barely recorded a point this time. The desertion of the House Master from the touchline to the hills and dales of Cheshire and Derbyshire every Wednesday afternoon may or may not have been a factor!

It had looked as if the Senior Knockout XV possessed the ability and strength to go quite far in their competition, and they certainly had the will: in the very first round, however, the classic kicking of Heywood's A. G. Hinchcliffe made sure that Fraser would make no further progress. He scored all Heywood's points in a fierce but finally disappointing match.

The Rugby Sevens, introduced in 1983, is a stimulating and demanding tournament where special skills and extra-special fitness are demanded. This year was an important one for the competition since the parents of Ray Cox, who was Head of Fraser House in 1979 and who died in 1983, presented the School with a splendid trophy in his memory. It is to be known simply as the Ray Cox Cup, and is to be awarded to the winning House in the annual Sevens. The cup bears the Fraser device, and it would have seemed appropriate if we had won it in its first year, but we could not summon the forces needed to hold Gaskell in the second team or to catch Dalton in the first. However, our largely Fifth Form third team, captained by R. O. Evans, played with awesome power and speed to win their final, and this helped us into a respectable third position overall.

In October A. J. Jackson, N. E. J. Thompson and D. M. J. Timm were selected to play rugby for Manchester Schools.

It had been felt for some time that we would have to find a way of generating funds to provide the House with essential games equipment and so, largely at the prompting of the Head of House and of R. O. Evans, a small shop was established. Thanks are due to the several senior boys who assisted in its smooth, regular and successful conduct, including A. H. Davenport and M. J. Braddock who took things over after the 'retirement' of Wadsworth and Evans.

### *Lent Term*

In those inter-House competitions where the preparation is left almost entirely to the boys elected to run them, it is not uncommon to detect a glimmer of panic in these boys' eyes as they tell their House Master that 'things aren't quite ready yet'. This year, however, C. W. Timm was off to a very prompt start with the organisation of the House Music programme, and on the day of the competition the performances of P. J. Langslow, D. Loveland, D. M. J. Timm and D. L. Williams particularly impressed the Adjudicators and the audience. Yet both Adjudicators commented on the fact that Fraser fell two short of the required number of entries, and the programme was awarded third position in the end. The quality of our entry was high, but more variety and depth will be called for if we are to show an improvement next year.

The preparations for the Drama competition followed the more usual pattern, the producer V. Pohoomull being unable to fix upon a suitable play, and the initial audition being so poorly attended that the House Master had to thank publicly all those who had turned up for it and inform them sadly that they were both selected. When eventually copies of the evergreen *'I'll Ring for More Toast'* appeared, and the first reading took place in room 14, only two weeks remained before the performance itself! However this seemed to generate an unprecedented sense of urgency, and that, combined with the wry and defeatist remarks of outsiders, succeeded in concentrating our Thespians' minds. When the fateful night arrived the finished product was so polished that it was only beaten into second place by a piece of a completely different nature. The cast was delighted to learn that S. Tucker had deservedly won the trophy for the best individual actor as a result of his nicely judged portrayal of a thwarted tennis-player



and suitor, a rôle which Tucker created with such a sure hand that one could not avoid reaching the conclusion that he must have been drawing on first-hand experience. A review of the House Plays appears elsewhere, but it is worth adding that one of the principal factors contributing to the authentic and entertaining production of the Fraser play was the skilful casting of a group of boys several of whom had had little or no acting experience.

C. L. Porritt captained a swimming team which again looked strong. We narrowly won the day, and shared the Brewood Cup for the relays with Heywood. D. A. Khan won both the Senior Breast-stroke and Butterfly finals, and his extra point for breaking the School Record in the latter enabled us to keep Dalton in second place. Khan was, perhaps inevitably, awarded the Lady Mather Cup as the most successful individual swimmer, A. M. and N. J. Hindley and C. L. Porritt also won their finals, and N. de B. Baynes, G. P. Wadsworth and M. J. Simpson were all placed.

Fraser's runners have acquitted themselves well in recent years, consistently being winners or runners-up in the gruelling Road Relay Race. This year our third-year runners did what they could but were lying last when it was the fourth-formers' turn to run. During the course of this next stage the House shot from last to first, a feat hard to achieve in such a contest and one unmatched in recent years: A. J. Jackson and A. D. Ryan came up eleven and twelve paces respectively, and even the inexperienced J. P. Garner managed to come up one, leaving us in an extremely strong position as the Fifth-Form contingent sprinted away. Here again the running was superb, D. L. Williams overtaking the only runner ahead of him to take the lead, J. D. Jacobs overtaking four, and Khan doggedly holding on to his place. Thus we still hung on to first position, and the sixth-formers merely had to ensure that very few people overtook them to secure our victory. R. V. Pandya and Wadsworth did just what was required, maintaining their first and eleventh places, but the third runner of the team dropped fifteen places (out of eighteen) by virtue of being placed last in his year, because he had taken a substantial short-cut. This penalty reduced the team's formerly unassailable position to a humble fourth, and was taken as something of an insult to the indomitable running of the other eleven members of the team. The frustration and shame felt by everyone involved was perhaps only qualified by the certain knowledge that such poor judgement, lack of fortitude, and disloyalty is extremely rare in House affairs.

On two consecutive days in January the two knockout teams put nearly forty goals past Byrom. The Juniors, playing on a pitch thick with snow, gave their opponents no respite for a moment. An exemplary team effort, with seven players scoring goals to record a 21-2 win, took the Junior X through to the next round with Dalton. This was a much fiercer and closer match, with Fraser leading through to half-time, having a poor third period, and finally showing much resolve to pull back and win 13-12 with excellent goals from A. J. Jackson, N. J. Hindley and D. Loveland. This match could have been easier for us, but several scoring chances were wasted and some predictable long shots from Dalton were allowed through by J. P. Garner in his first game in goal; he rallied in the last quarter, however, and made a batch of crucial saves just when they most counted. After such a confrontation as this, the final with Heywood was something of a damp squib: Jackson won virtually every face, and most of our offensives were rewarded with a goal. In fact the defence was troubled so little that they were able to turn their backs on the play to pose for a photo. As well as the recognised lacrosse players, D. M. J. Timm was always in the fray and by dint of sheer hard work scored three good goals to contribute towards the grand total of twenty-three. This second Knockout triumph for our sportsmen encouraged local speculation that the grand slam of Knockout wins in all three major sports was in prospect.

In the meantime the lacrosse leagues had been pursuing a pretty erratic course, with only a slight measure of success for Fraser. More than the usual combination of trying circumstances ensured that too few matches were played for any real continuity or momentum to be established, and one must hope that next year less time will be lost, and sub-squad lacrosse will not suffer again as it did this season. It is after all the game for which the School is best known, and School Lacrosse demands a firm and healthy base in the House Leagues to give it the strength to survive so successfully.

The scores in the Senior Knockout matches followed a logical and appropriate pattern, going from 16-3 to 9-3, and then to 8-6 in the rather disappointingly tame final versus Dalton. These two squads of players had been rivals for five years and had taken part in some memorable matches in that time. In this last contest Fraser managed what Dalton's stalwarts, Stead, Cleary and the rest had long prevented, and brought the Lacrosse Flags to Fraser's pillar for the first time for some years. The expert facing and tireless skills of Wadsworth, J. R. McManus's strong running and shooting, and the excellent support from N. P. Lord, C. L. Porritt, P. F. Jacobs and M. J. Braddock ultimately discouraged their opponents and enabled us to record a worthy victory. My only regret was that M. M. E. Cowburn and S. D. Heelham, who had both left School two years earlier, were unable to take part in this game after the contributions they had made to our previous meetings with Dalton.

Having carried off both the Senior Flags and the Junior Knockout Cup Fraser rather hoped that the Hewlett Cup six-a-side competition would go our way too, but the seniors disappointed, and despite qualifying for more play-offs than any other House we had to settle for joint first place with Gaskell and Dalton! Forty-eight boys from each House took part in this excellent but hectic competition.



As an adjunct to Charities Week a very professional group of musicians collectively (and enigmatically) known as *Epsilon* played some original and some not so original rock music in the New Hall. The lead singer, betraying a musical inclination never even hinted at on the rugby field, was N. E. J. Thompson, and the short set was extremely impressive and enjoyable.

### *Midsummer Term*

At the termly House Meeting the usual encouragements were given to attend House Lunch and clear trays from tables, to wear regulation School uniform, and to obtain and wear House Colours when awarded them. Then at an early meeting with the Upper Sixth House Prefects, J. W. Blease, M. J. Braddock, A. H. Davenport, A. M. Hindley and B. W. N. Light were elected to join the existing Lower Sixth Prefects, thereby relieving the older boys of some of their duties now that 'A' Levels were imminent.

For the annual House Trip, Alton Towers has become a bit of a fixture in recent years, and yet it does provide the perfect venue for such trips in many ways; accordingly, a full coach of Middle School Fraser boys, some Seniors, and nearly all the Second Formers destined for the House in September spent a sunny Ascension Day in the beautiful grounds in the company of only a handful of other visitors. On our arrival we were flattered to note the discreet security that had been laid on, but gathered in due course that it had not been for our benefit, rather for that of Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, who had dropped in by helicopter for the day.

With Whitworth, Fraser seems to have dominated the Inter-House Basketball since its inception. This year the passage through to the play-offs was smooth and straightforward, although Whitworth had given our experienced team a very close match in an earlier round. The play-off against Dalton was won by a comfortable margin, and once again Whitworth and Fraser faced each other in the Final. Although the score was 32-12 in our favour, the match proved a worthwhile spectacle, and Whitworth could have come closer than they did with more accurate shooting. Jackson (the Captain), Timm, Hindley, Stephenson and Ward were our mainstays throughout the games, and all deserve credit for their mature teamwork and their regular attendance at lunchtime matches.

There were two or three probable contenders for the Athletics Sports, and although Fraser went into Sports Day with more points than any rival, we had fewer entries in the Finals, so predictions were harder than usual. A string of tremendous performances and a crucial win in the Middle Relay at the end of the afternoon clinched it for us by just five points, however. B. J. Carden, P. A. Bahfir and N. de B. Baynes virtually swept the board in the Discus and Javelin, R. J. Worthington, Jackson and Thompson ran outstandingly in the sprints, and J. D. Jacobs and D. L. Williams took first and second in the Middle 1500 metres. Jackson also won the Triple Jump to become the Victor Ludorum in the Middle level, thus fittingly winning the Cardwell Cup for his House. Athletics Captain J. W. Blease organised the team well, and also ran a courageous race in the 800 metres.

The difficulty experienced by boys in getting the tennis competitions organised and played at the end of term came to a head this year, with the Junior rounds scarcely begun by the time the year drew to a close, despite the much longer period allotted to the tournament. One hopes that recalcitrant captains will be persuaded to meet their opponents early in the Michaelmas Term and avoid the unfortunate situation of a trophy not being awarded for a year. I should add that I was pleased by the efforts of the two Fraser captains, E. Viner and D. Loveland.

The Senior Cricket XI was again granted the doubtful privilege of a bye into the second round of the Knockout, and could not muster enough cricketers, runs or good fortune to proceed any further. Their younger counterparts, on the other hand, found that with three or four boys able to score runs, two or three able to take wickets, and the remainder willing to concentrate and work hard, nothing that the other Houses could do would deter them from their aim of adding the Cricket Knockout to their name and becoming Junior House Champions. D. M. J. Timm and H. P. V. Scott-Gall both bowled and batted well, Loveland bowled well and batted, A. S. Ward batted well and bowled, and Heywood, Dalton and Byrom were soon nudged aside, Special credit should go to Timm who captained the side expertly and was always there to dictate the pace and course of the matches. He delighted—and sometimes alarmed—spectators with his attempts to confuse the players on the opposite square by landing a second ball in their midst!

It is perfectly possible, and indeed quite common, for a strong year group of games players in one House to dominate the Knockout Competitions for a year or two. This particular set of Fraser Fourth Formers, it seemed to me, was distinguished by their strong senses of unity and humour, their apparent nonchalance, even over-confidence, and yet their complete commitment to whatever they undertook. In short, everything they achieved was fought for and earned.

Mr. Harrison ran weekly football sessions in the Sports Hall once again, as well as providing invaluable lunchtime supervision and overseeing the House Music entry. Although he takes on the responsibilities of a First Form Master next year, his association with Fraser will continue, I hope. The House thanks him for all he has done in recent years.



My own thanks go to Wadsworth, McManus, the House Prefects, and all those who captained and organised the activities of the House so effectively this year.

July saw the departure of many senior boys, and they take with them the very good wishes of their House and House Master. Among them, unfortunately, went five Fifth Form boys whose talents and personalities will be genuinely missed: J. Bloom, J. D. Jacobs, S. Jones, A. Weston-Jones and D. L. Williams. Also among the leavers, of course, was Head of House G. P. Wadsworth with whose departure comes the end of an era in the life of Fraser and the School. Geoff is the fourth and last of the Wadsworths who, individually and collectively have made a prominent contribution to the sporting and social life of the School, and I would like to record my appreciation for the example he in particular has set during his five years in the House.

It is always hard in concluding these annual Notes to sum up the year without resorting to time-honoured cliché, but one has to try! All years have memorable moments of extreme satisfaction; this year's were so numerous that, in retrospect at least, Fraser seemed to enjoy a tide of success from September to July with scarcely a moment to pause. One always hopes that the successes of individuals and teams in a House can be shared and savoured equally by all the boys, whether directly involved or not. It was certainly the case this year that there was no one in Fraser who was unaware of the supremacy of our Junior section, and the interest and pleasure provoked by their performances was felt at every level.

D. M. Fisher.

## GASKELL HOUSE

### *Michaelmas Term*

This of course was dominated by the rugby, and the formation of four separate leagues, one for each age-group. The Sixth Form had their league programme won before the end of November, without losing a match. The last game, however, was very tight, Heywood holding us to a creditable draw. We lost A. L. Pope in the early stages of the game with a badly cut chin, and consequently struggled. A well-disciplined defence held on and gave us the title.



Mrs Cox presenting the Raymond Cox Memorial Trophy to M. A. Roland of Gaskell, watched by the Head Master

Earlier in the season a combined effort by our junior, middle and senior sides carried off the Raymond Cox seven-a-side rugby trophy, the second year in which we have won the 'sevens' but the first year that the trophy has been awarded, and we are proud to be the first to win it. All the matches for this competition were played at a furious pace, to the credit of teams from all Houses. Having lost four key players to another commitment I thought we had little chance, but after six matches we had won five and went into two of the three finals. Heartening though this was we did not achieve the two wins which would have given us the competition outright: our juniors were beaten by Fraser, and this caused panic



in the ranks, because Heywood were breathing down our necks with two teams in the final also. Our seconds beat the Heywood seconds in a very exciting final, and Dalton beat Heywood's first team, giving us the trophy by one point. Thanks are due to all referees and organisers for a most enjoyable afternoon.

The senior knock-out trophy was the next to find its way onto the Gaskell pillar. Having laid Fraser to rest in the semi-final we were once again confronted by Whitworth in the final. They beat us 7-4 last year, so determination was strong in our camp. In the early stages our backs had a superb break and P. Fearnley went over for a great try right between the posts. This was converted with ease. Whitworth then woke up and came at us with all guns blazing. Midway through the second half Fearnley was involved in a clash of heads and unfortunately had to leave the field, D. A. Rodda coming on as substitute. Just after this Whitworth scored an unconverted try, and there the score remained. Right up to the final whistle the game could have gone either way. We won 6-4 so the trophy was ours, but Whitworth are one point up over the two years. We will have to put that right next year!

Our third year team gave us yet another trophy in the league. They played superbly to hold on to the lead in the league table, so preventing Heywood who were making a strong run in. The standard of rugby played here stands us in good stead for future years.

### *Lent Term*

The Lacrosse season was disrupted considerably as far as the House League was concerned by having our matches on a Wednesday, a day on which external lectures at Manchester University several times sadly depleted our teams. Consequently we did not win the league, but we put up a good performance. Our crowning glory came once again in the Hewlett Cup. We had been outright holders of the trophy, but this year have shared it with two other Houses. With a little more effort next year we should win it outright again.

My thanks to all players from Gaskell who competed so well in all matches.

J. F. Chudleigh

## **HEYWOOD HOUSE**

### *Michaelmas Term*

The following appointments were made at the beginning of Term:

School Prefects: H. A. Gardiner, P. A. Iredale, T. A. W. Jones, C. A. Nelson and G. W. Wright

Head of House: H. A. Gardiner

Deputy Heads of House: P. A. Iredale, G. W. Wright

House Prefects: T. Ahmed, A. J. Cox, S. J. Hopwood, T. A. W. Jones, J. L. Lighthill, D. Madeley,

C. A. Nelson, D. K. Shah, I. A. K. Watt and J. Whittle

Senior Knockout Captain: D. Madeley

Junior Knockout Captain: R. W. Bailey

6th Form League Captain: G. W. Wright

5th Form League Captain: S. Jeffries

4th Form League Captain: J. P. Trigg

3rd Form League Captain: D. J. Rathbone

The Term started well for the House with success in the Senior Tennis Knockout Final: a competition that was left unfinished from last Term. The final was something of an anticlimax with our opponents. Whitworth, only raising one pair which left Heywood's first pair the task of taking just one game to ensure success. I am sure that this competition is devalued by being pushed into the last two weeks of the School year when there are too many other distractions. The successful team for the final was H. A. Gardiner, C. A. Nelson, D. B. Lancaster and J. Leung, although M. J. Cross and D. Madeley had played in earlier matches.

The rest of the Term's inter-House activities all involved rugby. The Senior Knockout started with an impressive 27-4 victory over Fraser. In this match Hinchcliffe gave a faultless display of kicking, with one penalty and four conversions to add to a try that he also scored. In the semi-final Heywood met Gaskell, the eventual winners, but were deprived of the services of both Hinchcliffe and S. J. Hopwood through injury. This proved too much of a handicap and Gaskell were comfortable winners. Heywood met Dalton in the first round of the Junior Knockout and, although R. W. Bailey and A. J. Sayyid worked hard to keep Heywood in touch, the strength in depth of the Dalton team told in the end with Dalton winning 24-14. One encouraging sign in this match was the number of third form players who more than held their own against older boys.

The second year of rugby VII's again produced some interesting matches but left me with the distinct impression that we have a lot to learn about this type of rugby. Heywood's 1st and 2nd teams



both won their two league games to qualify for the finals but the 3rd team made too many mistakes in the opening match and, despite beating Byrom in the second game, failed to qualify. When the finals started Gaskell and Heywood were sharing the lead with ten points each but Heywood lost both finals whereas Gaskell won one and so Heywood had to be content with second place. The 1st team final also saw Hinchcliffe suffer a nasty looking injury when he collided with a post and this prevented him from playing in the Knockout semi-final.

There was a major change to the format of Senior games with the usual Tuesday and Thursday games being replaced by periods six and seven on Wednesday. The introduction of several new options including Golf, Squash, Rock Climbing, Sub Aqua and Orienteering was intended to broaden the scope of games. Although the new format did not please everyone, the general feeling seems to be that it is a step in the right direction. Another minor change to Senior games was the introduction of separate leagues for 6th and 5th form teams. The 6th form league saw some very one-sided matches with there being three strong Houses and three weak Houses. Heywood comfortably beat the three weak Houses but then lost a close match against Whitworth. This left Heywood needing to beat Gaskell in the final match to force a three way tie. The match was hard fought and the result a 6-6 draw giving Gaskell the title and leaving Heywood in third place.

Heywood's 5th form team also finished in third place, being good at times but not consistent enough to challenge Dalton for the title. It was a very disappointing Term for the 4th form team who finished bottom of their league. Rugby is a team game and, in some matches, far too many players failed to make any significant contribution. There were far more encouraging signs from the 3rd form team who developed into a strong side with excellent team spirit. The match that decided this particular championship was the one against Gaskell who were also unbeaten when the two sides met. In a hard fought contest Heywood lost to a late try and so finished second behind Gaskell.

The Tuck Shop continued to flourish and this enabled me to hold several Ten Pin Bowling sessions at Belle Vue, including a competition for each year group with a trophy going to the best individual in each group. The individual winners were as follows :

3rd Year: C. J. H. Chudleigh,  
5th Year: P. A. Cowan,

4th Year: A. J. Sayyid  
6th Year: T. A. W. Jones

There is considerable interest in this sport and I look forward to holding other competitions, including challenging other Houses. A five-a-side soccer competition was held at lunch-time with medals being awarded to the best team. I am indebted to T. Ahmed for his organisation of this competition. An end of Term 6th form social was held at Whalley Range A.F.C. with a splendid buffet prepared by Mr. Gregson and knockout competitions for pool and darts. The pool trophy was presented by D. B. Lancaster while the darts trophy was presented to D. Madeley, although he was beaten in the final by Mr. Ballantyne! An inscribed tankard was also presented to Ahmed for the outstanding work that he has done for the House in the Tuck Shop. With A-levels getting closer he passed that responsibility on to J. Leung.

### *Lent Term*

The following appointments were made at the beginning of Term:

Senior Knockout Captain: H. A. Gardiner  
Junior Knockout Captain: R. W. Bailey  
Senior League Captains: J. A. K. Watt, K. G. Rushton  
4th Form League Captain: N. J. Donald  
3rd Form League Captain: N. A. M. Ginger  
Swimming Captains: W. S. Dixon, N. J. Donald, J. W. Babicki  
Cross Country Captain: J. P. Curran  
House Play Producer: P. A. Iredale  
House Music Producer: W. S. Dixon

The Term was as congested as ever with too many events crowded into a short period of time. The first of these events was the swimming competition and the performances by Heywood's 3rd form swimmers were very pleasing. J. Miller won the individual 3rd form trophy while J. W. Babicki, C. J. H. Chudleigh, R. A. Cowan, E. H. Marks and A. S. Postill also swam well to give Heywood convincing wins in both 3rd form relays. This should have ensured that Heywood won the Relay Trophy but disqualification for a faulty changeover in the Senior Squadron Relay meant that the Trophy was shared between Fraser and Heywood. Fraser also won the Individual Trophy with Heywood third.

Lacrosse produced a mixture of good and bad results. The Senior Knockout team lost narrowly to Dalton in the first round while the Junior Knockout team reached the final by virtue of a very favourable draw. However Heywood were no match for the very strong Fraser team in the final. In the Hewlett Cup 6-a-side competition three of Heywood's four senior teams qualified for the finals but the junior team



could manage only one win and the one draw between them and, as a result, Heywood finished fifth overall. This strength at senior level and weakness at junior level was also reflected in the lacrosse leagues where the 3rd and 4th form teams were disappointing but the senior teams swept all opposition aside to win the Senior league. One factor that helped in this success was the purchase of lacrosse equipment for general House use. Over £100 was spent (from Tuck Shop profits) to improve the Kit available to players in the House.

The Cross Country Relay competition was another fascinating event with the overall lead changing several times. Heywood's 3rd form runners, E. H. Marks, G. L. Owen and P. Goldstone ran well to put Heywood in second place after the first leg but this was to be our highest position. By the time the 4th form leg was complete Heywood had slipped to last place and it required good runs by A. G. Hinchcliffe, R. A. Walker, J. P. Curran and C. A. L. Ishemo to spare Heywood the ignominy of finishing last.

The Term ended as usual with a little bit of culture in the form of House Drama and Music competitions. Heywood's drama entry, *Careful Rapture*, was produced by P. A. Iredale and marked the end of an era in school Drama. This was the last performance by Heywood's stalwarts of the stage, Iredale and J. L. Lighthill. They will be badly missed although it was encouraging to see good performances by 3rd formers J. W. Babicki, S. R. Watters and J. E. L. Whitcher and 4th former A. J. Wray. It was generally agreed that the standard in House Drama was higher than usual and it was no disgrace to finish joint third. The House also maintained its high standard in the Music Competition, coming a close second behind Whitworth. Our entry was well organised by W. S. Dixon and there were notable performances from J. W. Babicki, P. A. Iredale, J. P. Curran, L. M. Isaacs and Dixon himself.

These inter-House competitions left little time for other activities but there were a number of ten-pin bowling sessions including a challenge match against Gaskell that Heywood won. The Tuck Shop was open most lunchtimes except for a short break during Charities Week. My thanks go to J. Leung, the manager, and his assistants.

### *Midsummer Term*

The following appointments were made at the beginning of Term:

Senior Cricket Knockout Captain: K. C. Rushton

Junior Cricket Knockout Captain: A. J. Sayyid

Senior Tennis Knockout Captain: D. B. Lancaster

Junior Tennis Knockout Captain: A. J. Sayyid

Captain of Athletics: L. M. Isaacs

Captain of Basketball: O. J. Henshall

House Prefects: W. H. Choi, J. P. Curran, W. S. Dixon, L. M. Isaacs, C. A. L. Ishemo, D. B. Lancaster, J. Leung, R. D. Markland, N. Platt, K. G. Rushton.

The first of the inter-House sports events to be held was Sports Day, with Heywood attempting to retain the athletics shield. It was a very closely fought contest with five Houses in contention for most of the time but Heywood had to be content with third place. There were fine individual wins from G. W. Wright, J. P. Curran, A. G. Hinchcliffe and R. W. Bailey (two wins) and the three relays gave Heywood two more wins and a second place. The two wins by Bailey were good enough to enable him to retain the China Cup for the best Junior athlete. Heywood made little progress in the cricket knockouts. The senior team had a bye in the first round and then met Byrom in the semi-final. Byrom batted first and ran up a big total and when Heywood batted conditions deteriorated so much that the match could not continue. However, this was not before Heywood had lost several key wickets. Under the rules of this competition the match had to be completed—several weeks later in fact. Conditions were much better when the match was restarted and a splendid innings by D. Madeley had Byrom worried but the task proved just too much. In the Junior knockout Heywood were drawn against the powerful Fraser team. O. J. Henshall's first ball to D. M. J. Timm was played onto the stumps but did not dislodge the bails. The whole game may have been determined by this one incident as Timm went on to help Fraser set a high target. In spite of a good half century from A. J. Sayyid, Heywood were unable to reach the target.

In previous years Heywood have failed to make any impact in the Basketball competition and so it was very pleasing to reach the semi-final stage this year. O. J. Henshall had organised the team well and J. Miller also looks a good prospect. In the semi-final Heywood played Whitworth in a tremendous match, during which the lead changed hands several times. The scores were level with seconds to go but Whitworth got the decisive basket. The result may have been a blessing in disguise since Whitworth were outplayed in the final by Fraser. Fraser have dominated the inter-house events at Junior level this year, winning all of the knockout competitions except for the tennis which was not played this year. The Senior Tennis Knockout allowed Heywood to end the year on a high note as the team of H. A. Gardiner, C. A. Nelson, D. B. Lancaster and J. Leung beat Fraser convincingly in the final. It was a fitting way for Gardiner to end his year as Head of Heywood: he has given excellent service to the House over the years and he will be one of many leavers that will be hard to replace. Another leaver who will be sorely missed



is A. G. Hinchcliffe who has left to seek fame and fortune with Manchester City. He has been the outstanding sportsman from his year, giving outstanding service to both House and School. My best wishes for the future go to him and all other leavers.

Heywood's tuck shop did not function very much in the Term because of examinations. Profits from the shop were used to subsidise the annual pilgrimage to Alton Towers which was again blessed by fine weather. A Leavers' Social was also financed from tuck shop profits. This event was held once again at Whalley Range A.F.C. and Mr. Gregson produced another splendid buffet. K. G. Rushton won the Pool Trophy while the Darts Trophy went to D. B. Lancaster after some controversy!

I would like to finish this report by thanking Mr. Greenall and Dr. Dean for the interest that they continue to show in the House.

A. Simkin

## WHITWORTH HOUSE

### *Michaelmas Term*

The positions on the rugby league board indicated a very mixed season for the House. The sixth form were placed second, the fifth form lost all the games they played, the fourth form came second and the third form fourth. In the inter house 7's competition Whitworth was placed fifth. It appeared luck was on our side in the knock-out competition as we received a bye in the first round at both Senior and Junior level. The Seniors went onto draw 7-7 with Byrom and to beat them 10-0 in the replay. The final was lost to Gaskell 6-4. The Juniors were less fortunate; they lost to Fraser 48-3 in the second round.

For many reasons the lunch time 5-a-side football did not become established this term. The same was true of the 10-pin bowling which, despite being free, attracted only a handful of people on the six or so sessions held. We have a long way to go to match the enthusiasm of Heywood House in this venture. It was unfortunate that one of the 'Midnight Bowl' sessions, organised by Granada Bowl, was cancelled at fairly short notice.

Several of the new House Prefects visited Hardraw in a joint trip with 2D. Some relatively easy walks and sunny weather made this a very pleasant break.

We were pleased to hear of Oxbridge success from A. R. Houghton and R. J. Arnfield.

### *Lent Term*

February's frost and snow heralds the House Swimming Sports. Much effort was noted in J. Olpinski's determination to fill all the spaces with the best we had to offer and the form certainly looked good. After the heats the House held nine entries for individual events and five out of six for relays. However, the competition presented by other Houses was also of high calibre. J. Moores, A. Dickinson and S. Mitchell provided splendid performances which backed by L. Taylor, S. and M. Beggs and P. Jones provided us with a fourth position in the individual events. A third placing in relay events was nothing less than we deserved, the leaders, Fraser and Heywood, being a clear five points ahead.

Charities Week saw an innovation by way of two musical groups offering lunchtime concerts the proceeds of which went to this year's chosen charity (Leukaemia Research Fund). They were 'Epsilon' with M. Anderton and 'Spiral Dream' including Whitworth Members, M. Osborn, M. and P. Thomas and S. Barnham. The second group went on to compete in a T.S.B. Schools Music Competition.

Despite byes at both Junior and Senior levels of the lacrosse knock-outs we managed to get no further than the second round. The juniors lost to Heywood 6-3. Very strong opposition seemed to be the main problem here despite scoring by N. Stevenson and A. Gross. The Seniors lost to Fraser 9-3. Here S. Beggs presented himself as an excellent goal keeper saving many more than the 9 that got through. D. Kirby and S. Bailey provided their useful legs for the breaks that sometimes paid off. Our usual position in the Hewlett Cup was again reserved and accepted cheerfully.

League success was more evident. The fourth year won about half their matches whilst the third took the League Trophy for their year. At Senior level it seemed to be an uphill struggle just to get a full team fully motivated. There was always the willing few providing a strong backbone of a team but the subtleties of the game were often missed by a small faction who provided less than maximum support. This came to a head when in the last game a win would have meant we gained the trophy. The self-imposed absence of the Captain and two other Whitworth members contributed heavily to our losing this game and the trophy. It is perhaps a pity, but none the less true, that the strength of a team depends on the talents and dedication of *all* the component elements of that team.

The cross country competition saw the talents of J. Olpinski helped by A. Cheung forging a team from quite a useful collection of runners. The House was placed third in this competition.

Two short plays were chosen this year for the House Drama Competition as it was felt the originally selected favourite was too short. This appears to have been our downfall and we were criticised heavily



for use of the shorter. It also appears that little credit was given for the young age of the cast. Producer M. Donnelly worked very hard on his own demanding parts and those of the other third to fifth formers. New to the boards and bright lights were D. Hinnells who took an uncharacteristically submissive role and N. Vowles, a third former, whose talents as a city gent were well portrayed. T. Barnett and M. Mankelow are now age-hardened Thespians and provided a strong lead for the others. Whitworth were placed third equal with Heywood.

The musical talents within this House have always been high. This year was no exception. It was also improved by the variety of instruments used. New additions were M. Beggs playing violin in a very polished style and A. Campbell who impressed all by stepping in at very short notice. I am still wondering how he was overlooked earlier. The old favourites were here: S. Beggs on organ, D. Hinnells (trumpet), R. McHale (organ) and S. Barnham (piano) all playing to their, now expected, best. Guitar solos from J. Lewis and M. Anderton were received well; the former with his usual delicate, subtle and deliberate style, the latter with his crashing chords, staccato hand work and disturbing feedback, provided an interesting contrast. Highly exciting also was M. Thomas; his entry started as a competently performed piano piece to which lyrics appeared at a stage when one assumed it was a purely instrumental piece—an exhilarating experience for the audience. With such an excess of talent time ran out before all the entries were complete so S. Espiga-Ventura had to draw a conclusion to the programme excluding S. Beggs's final organ piece. What a pity but what a high note to end the term on—Whitworth was judged the winner.

### *Midsummer Term*

Preparation for the Athletics Sports was well organised by J. F. Olpinski and after the heats Whitworth looked set for at least a fair position. This was not to be. The House finished last, a full fifty points behind the fifth position. Just what we can do to improve this situation is a bit of a mystery; we are at present assuming we can only do better next year. There were some note-worthy exhibits: A. J. Tidman won the High Jump (1.63 m) and S. J. Beggs won the Long Jump (5.25 m) whilst K. M. McDonnell came second in both Long and Triple Jump.

In both Cricket and Tennis knock-out competitions the House was eliminated at a very early stage of the proceedings and rather more cheerful notes as to just how will be found in the pages of the other House Reports.

Whitworth Basketball is a much more successful story. This year the House team consisted to many School players and under the captaincy of G. V. Gillaspay had little problem in winning the early games. The semi-final against Heywood was more difficult. It was no surprise to have to face Fraser (as last year) in the final and it was painful to see how easily they notched up points in the early stages. K. K. Asamoah never weakened despite the numerous times he brought the ball from the Whitworth to the Fraser basket or received sneaky passes from G. V. Gillaspay or R. M. Jones. B. J. Allen placed several spectacular baskets without the ball touching back-board or sides. R. D. Glyn, L. B. Hope and M. Rubens provided very strong support and contributed heavily to the baskets that were made by them or other team members. The final score was 32-10 to Fraser who have now taken the trophy from this House two years running. I look forward to next year's developments and have awarded House Colours to the whole team for their tremendous effort this season.

B. J. Allen also featured heavily in School Chess and scooped a newly awarded trophy for his successes, this is the Middle School Chess Trophy which we have managed to find a little space for on our trophy rack in the New Hall. There was no truth in the rumour that we had to remove plastic drinking cups to accommodate it (!)

The House Trip was again allocated to Ascension Day and after a very slow start bookings for Alton Towers came in. A freak turn in the weather meant we had a very sunny day so it looks as though House Trips may persist a few more years but it seems a pity we visit the same venue, ideal as it is. A fifth form trip to Hardraw was organised to celebrate the end of the exams. It was interesting to note how age and presumably the pressure of those recent exams had on the group's walking abilities. The 'sprint up Shunner' had become reduced to a very slow amble with many stops for refreshment. As luck would have it the summit was shrouded in a rainy mist so the proposal of an early tea back at Hardraw House was greeted with unanimous approval. Boating on Lake Windermere the following day seemed to be fairly well appreciated but if we hired three boats for seven people how is it I was allocated two non-rowers?

At the end of the year Whitworth's success as shown by the trophy shelf did not seem to amount to much but the enthusiasm to win still seems strong. This is due greatly to the encouragement and leadership shown by the House Prefects and especially the Head of House this year, N. P. Evans and his Deputy A. C. Cheung. I wish those who have left this Summer every success and thanks for their spirit. I look forward to another competitive year in the 85-86 season.

R. S. Moore



# SPORT

## RUGBY

### FIRST XV

#### Results

Played 18, Won 7, Lost 11.  
Points for 162, Against 325.

v. Sale G.S. ....	A	L	6-20
v. Watkins XV .....	H	L	3-48
v. Marple Hall .....	H	W	11-4
v. Bramhall H.S. ....	H	L	6-14
v. Birkenhead School .....	H	L	0-36
v. Wilmslow High School ....	H	L	12-28
v. Whitcliffe Mount School ..	A	W	12-0
v. Cheadle Hulme .....	H	L	4-16
v. St. Bede's College .....	A	L	6-10
v. Merchant Taylor's Crosby	H	L	6-25
v. Woodhouse Grove School	A	L	6-36
v. Poynton High School .....	H	W	3-0
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham .....	H	L	6-30
v. Manchester G.S. ....	H	W	16-8
v. St. Anselm Hall, Manchester University ....	H	W	30-0
v. Bolton School .....	A	W	15-10
v. Bury G.S. ....	H	W	16-0
v. Stockport G.S. ....	A	L	4-34

Although only moderately successful in terms of results, the season produced some good rugby, particularly towards the end of term in the matches against Manchester Grammar and the visiting University side from St. Anselm Hall. In the latter, we were fortunate to have the talented 'Paddy' Torkington making a guest appearance to scrum-half and he was largely responsible for the number of creative tries scored. It was indeed unfortunate that G.P. Wadsworth received such a serious injury in the pre-season match against Ashton-on-Mersey Colts that he was unable to play again for most of the season. His place was taken by M. Cross, who laboured against more experienced opponents but who represented the School in all but three of the matches.

The side was captained by M. L. Jackson, whose commitment to the game, despite his own regularly occurring injuries, was a source of inspiration to the team. The front row, D. Madeley, A. P. Fox, and S. P. Mitchell, played extremely well in every match, winning more scrums than their opponents despite giving away more height than most. It was also a considerable advantage to have the aggressive talent of M. A. Roland, playing for his fourth year in the Firsts. He was especially felt in the loose ruck, by team and opponents alike! Credit also belongs to the hard-working back row players J. R. G. McManus, H. J. Pimlott, G. P. Benson, N. Barber, and of course, B. P. Cussons who leaves the School with a much fuller understanding of the rules, and a beautiful cauliflower-ear to remember them by. A newcomer to School rugby this season was S. Hopwood, whose aggressive style of play was like a breath of wind, some would say of hurricane proportions.

In the backs, H. A. Gardiner played well at fly-half, as did M. T. Clarke and P. P. F. Edmonds in the centre.

Wingers were R. J. Worthington and E. P. Tullock who was Vice-Captain of the side and to whom we owe thanks for the scrum-machine! P. T. Fearnley gave good service at full back, showing that he could occasionally handle the ball by coming into the line and of course K. McDonnell, who played with nonchalant style in a variety of positions, but never according to the team sheet.

The following also represented the School in one or more matches; R. J. Stead, M. Palmer, D. Leigh, P. Gaskell, and A. A. Akka, who joined the side after the start of the season and played well in a couple of matches before being snatched by the Second XV. Full colours were awarded to: M. A. Roland, M. L. Jackson, E. P. Tullock, and H. A. Gardiner. Half colours to: D. Madeley, A. P. Fox, S. P. Mitchell, P. T. Fearnley, R. J. Worthington, P. Edmonds, J. R. McManus, B. P. Cussons, and M. J. Cross. Half colours were re-awarded to K. M. McDonnell, G. P. Benson, and N. W. Barber.

In addition, M. L. Jackson and M. T. Clarke were selected for the Manchester Schools U19 XV.

Finally, I would like to thank all who helped to make my job easier this season, especially those parents who made regular appearances on the touchline. I have followed, some would say dogged, most of the players through their School rugby careers since Under-15 level and it is with some regret that I watch them go on to greater things. In this I wish them well, and I would like to thank the team for their generous gift of a coaching manual—for this, both I, and next year's Second XV, will be eternally grateful.

J. H. Thomson

### SECOND XV

#### Results

Played 16, Won 10, Drawn 2, Lost 4.

v. Sale G. S. ....	W	6-10
v. Marple Hall .....	W	44-0
v. Bramhall H. S. ....	W	45-3
v. Birkenhead .....	L	6-24
v. Wilmslow .....	W	36-21
v. Whitcliffe Mount .....	W	3-56
v. Cheadle Hulme .....	L	8-28
v. St. Bede's .....	W	6-8
v. Merchant Taylors .....	D	12-12
v. Woodhouse Grove .....	L	8-38
v. Poynton .....	L	8-28
v. K. E. Lytham .....	D	13-13
v. Manchester .....	W	28-6
v. Audenshaw .....	W	16-6
v. Bolton G. S. ....	W	6-36
v. Stockport G. S. ....	W	14-6

A young and largely inexperienced Second XV has had a highly successful season in recording 10 victories



and 2 draws from their 16 matches. Whilst many matches produced spells of highly entertaining rugby two remain in the mind as outstanding.

The opening game of the season was against Sale G. S. and a fine 10-6 victory was recorded. Although many technical deficiencies were evident the determination and enthusiasm of the side were exemplary.

Our finest performance was reserved for the Manchester Grammar School encounter where a 28-6 victory was recorded. Whilst both sides gave one hundred percent in terms of effort our greater technical ability and willingness to try the unexpected saw us through convincingly.

A team's strength can only be that of its individuals and the following all contributed to the team's success:

A. Dickin (Prop). He knows nothing other than 100% effort and has been an invaluable member of the side.

M. Loenholdt (Hooker). An aggressive player on the field, but he must work on the technical skills required for his position.

R. Swain (Prop). A strong prop who has worked hard on the field, if not always in training!

C. Timm (Lock). A hardworking second row whose front of the line jumping has improved considerably.

A. Tidman (Lock). After converting from a hooker he has adapted to second row very well showing great strength and tenacity.

P. Arnfield (Lock). An excellent ball player whose talents will be missed next season.

A. Hessayon (Flanker). An aggressive flanker whose destructive work has been essential to the team.

S. J. Beggs (No. 8). A versatile player who is very quick about the field. His scrummaging technique has improved throughout the season.

M. Braddock (Flanker). An excellent ball-handler whose support play has been superb.

M. Turley (Scrum-half). A courageous and aggressive scrum-half; he must try to increase the length of his pass however.

K. Rushton (Fly-half). An invaluable member of the back-line who has fed the 3/4's well.

J. Garlick (Centre). A talented ball player and well-balanced runner, with greater consistency in effort he should do well next year.

P. Gaskell (Centre). A strong running and hard working centre whose confidence grew throughout the season.

N. Thompson (Wing). A hard-running and aggressive winger whose speed and strength have been invaluable.

A. Akka (Wing). A powerful and quick winger whose strength led to many tries.

I. McCartney (Wing/Centre). A skilful and elusive player in attack; his defensive play can let him down at times, however.

A. Hinchcliffe (Fullback/Fly-half). An exceptionally gifted player; fast and elusive with the ball and a fine kicker.

D. King (Full-back). After a hesitant start his performances improved as his confidence grew.

With numerous injuries throughout the season the team relied heavily on its reserve strength and the following fully contributed to the side's success:— A. D. Smith, S. D. Thornton, S. Richards, P. M. Thompson, A. D. Qureshi, G. W. Wright and R. J. Stead.

R. E. Lytollis

## UNDER 15 XV

### Results

Played 15, Won 8, Lost 7.  
Points for 313, Against 149.

v. Marple Hall School .....	L	12-17
v. Bramhall H. S. ....	W	17-4
v. Birkenhead School .....	L	10-22
v. Wilmslow Harefield H.S. .	W	34-8
v. Whitcliffe Mount School ..	W	12-10
v. Cheadle Hulme School ....	W	54-0
v. St. Bede's School .....	W	60-0
v. Merchant Taylor's Crosby	L	3-9
v. Woodhouse Grove School	L	3-22
v. Poynton School .....	L	9-10
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham .....	W	25-4
v. Manchester G.S. ....	L	3-7
v. Audenshaw H.S. ....	W	32-4
v. Bury G.S. ....	W	31-4
v. Stockport G.S. ....	L	8-28

The following boys represented the School during the season: R. W. Bailey, N. de B. Baynes, O. S. Bawany, R. P. Bell, J. Bradley, J. R. T. Dobkin, N. J. Donald, S. P. Dove, J. P. Garner, S. P. Hinds, A. J. Jackson, R. H. Jones, A. W. Kloss, I. D. Law, M. Lovell, G. J. O'Driscoll, A. Ruia, A. J. Sayyid, D. P. Sproson, K. J. M. Stephenson, D. M. J. Timm, J. P. Trigg.

Following on from the three previous, very successful, seasons the above results do not appear to be too impressive. Whilst it is true to say that, in the time available, too few players were able to raise their playing standards sufficiently to enable them to cope properly with the demands of rugby at this level, most of the players worked hard at their game and contributed much to the team effort and spirit throughout the season.

Stephenson, Garner and Timm were our most effective forwards and did sterling work all season. Bell is a good prospect but did not play enough during the season. Sproson never really played to his full potential and will need to become more committed if he is to contribute fully to back row play in the future. Kloss (in the lines out), Bawany, Donald, Sayyid and Dobkin all played their part and contributed to the efficiency of a very powerful scrum.

The majority of the team's attacking ideas revolved around the captain, Bailey. He is an accomplished and sensible player who really needed two or three other players (with enough flair and skill) to take the pressure off him during the game. O'Driscoll, at scrum-half, is a consistent and tenacious player who could have fitted the bill if he had attacked the opposition a little more himself or, in combination with the back row, had introduced variation into the attacking options. The team's centre pairing should have been very formidable, with Law and Hinds complementing each other's skills. Unfortunately neither player gave enough real effort to the game or to training to improve the level of his own individual skill. Very often it was left to Jackson, Baynes or Lovell to conjure something out of thin air. This they (and in particular Jackson) did on several occasions. Bradley played reasonably regularly in the centre and



with a little more speed on weight could develop into a sound player.

Throughout the season the spirit and attitude of the majority of the team was excellent. Individual skills and team play did improve as the season progressed. However many of the finer points of the game of rugby take time to develop and are only really mastered with experience. To compete more than favourably with many schools on the fixture list (all playing for two terms) speaks well of the Under-15 rugby squad and reflects the high standards of Rugby reached throughout the rest of the School teams.

During the season the following boys were selected to represent the Manchester Schools Under 15 Rugby XV. Bailey (fly half and captain), O'Driscoll (scrum half), Timm (No. 8), Jackson (Wing) and Lovell (full back).

C. H. Seddon

played very well, especially K. K. Asamoah, P. W. Jones and C. A. Willott. Lastly, strong supportive play was always guaranteed from the pack, especially T. E. Alford, N. Barnes, M. E. Beggs, R. J. Clark, P. Dardick, R. J. Ketteridge, M. C. McNeany, N. J. Ridings and S. N. J. Roffey.

Highlights of the season were the magnificent win against Birkenhead, the 'No. 8' at Woodhouse Grove and a pair of hairy legs during training!

Finally we would like to thank all those parents, relations and friends who came to support us in all kinds of weather and wish the team all the best for the next season.

The following represented the School:

D. L. Aaron, T. E. Alford, K. K. Asamoah, N. Barnes, M. E. Beggs, G. J. Bentley, A. J. Bramhall, G. R. G. Charlton, C. Chow, C. J. H. Chudleigh (Capt.), R. J. Clark, P. Dardick, R. A. Dunn, N. S. Herbert, W. E. Hockenhuill, J. Hughes, P. W. Jones, R. J. Ketteridge, J. E. Mackereth, M. C. McNeany, S. Oliver, N. J. Ridings, J. E. Roden, S. N. J. Roffey, H. P. V. Scott-Gall, D. E. R. Schweiger, A. S. Ward (V-Capt.), M. W. Wetherill, J. E. L. Whitcher, S. K. White, C. A. Willott, W. Yates.

G. B. Moss and M. P. Jones

## UNDER-14 XV

### Results

Played 14, Won 6, Lost 8.  
Points for 220, Against 306.

v. Marple Hall .....	A W	48-8
v. Bramhall H.S. ....	A L	9-29
v. Birkenhead School .....	A W	16-10
v. Wilmslow Harefield .....	A W	28-4
v. Whitcliffe Mount .....	A W	36-12
v. Cheadle Hulme .....	A L	0-54
v. St. Bede's .....	H W	19-8
v. Merchant Taylor's .....	A L	0-32
v. Woodhouse Grove .....	A L	3-24
v. Loughborough G.S. ....	H L	0-50
v. Poynton H.S. ....	Cancelled	
v. King Edward XII, Lytham	A L	7-36
v. Manchester G.S. ....	A L	14-19
v. Bury G.S. ....	H W	36-4
v. Stockport G.S. ....	H L	4-16

The 1984 season proved to be a mixed one. It took a long time for the squad to settle down due to a high rate of absenteeism and severe injuries. There were, though, a number of excellent performances against some tough opposition, but the team virtually collapsed half-way through the season. It was not until the end of the year that they were at last pulling together.

There were a number of embarrassing scores which did not do justice to all the hard work and time which had gone into the training sessions. The team, however, showed a lot of enthusiasm and commitment and they often resembled a pack of young tiger cubs eager for the kill—especially when they were winning!

The team was held together by C. J. H. Chudleigh, who was always supported by his pack leader S. K. White and the vice-captain A. S. Ward. A number of the boys excelled themselves throughout the season. G. J. Bentley impressed many with his neat footwork and sense of humour; C. Chow spearheaded many assaults with his natural aggression and D. L. Aaron always tackled low and hard. The speed-kings of the backs

## UNDER-13 XV

### Results

Played 11, Won 2, Lost 9.  
Points for 138, Against 324.

v. Marple Hall .....	A L	8-38
v. Bramhall H.S. ....	A W	28-16
v. Wilmslow Harefield H.S. .	A L	10-12
v. Cheadle Hulme .....	A L	6-50
v. St. Bede's .....	H L	16-28
v. Woodhouse Grove School	H L	8-36
v. Poynton H.S. ....	A L	8-40
v. King Edward VII, Lytham	A L	16-24
v. Manchester G.S. ....	H L	14-20
v. Audenshaw H.S. ....	H W	18-14
v. Stockport G.S. ....	A L	6-46

As can be seen from the quite unimpressive results this was to be a disappointing and somewhat frustrating season for the second year team.

On most occasions we held our ground staunchly in the first half but the front five, even though few teams had no one to match the sizes of R. D. Slown and J. D. Bellass, were not strong enough to hold the opposition at the scrums, lineouts, rucks or mauls. It would not be unfair to say that the forwards never really achieved a strict discipline and conceded all too often. The sad thing is that the backs were rarely given enough opportunities.



Nevertheless, all of the games were keenly contested and even amidst the gloom of being behind there were some good performances from various individuals.

The following represented the school: S. J. Barry, J. D. Bellass, D. R. Bryan, A. P. Daley, C. D. Eastwood, A. J. Edwards, D. R. Ffoulkes-Jones, J. Griffiths (Capt.), S. D. Hayes, P. D. Higgenbottom, S. P. Howell, B. C. Issitt, T. K. Jones, B. G. Lee, A. S. Partington, A. Pilling, M. Russell, B. C. Savage, P. M. Sheriff, R. D. Slown, J. N. Symms, T. D. Wright.

S. C. Grigg

## UNDER-12 XV

### Results

1st XV Played 7, Won 3, Lost 4.

2nd XV Played 3, Won 2, Lost 1.

v. Cheadle Hulme School 'A'	Won	1st	12-4
	Won	2nd	22-0
v. Woodhouse Grove School 'H'	Lost		14-22
v. Poynton High School 'H'	Won		18-0
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham 'H'	Won		22-0
v. Manchester G.S. 'A'	Lost	1st	8-12
	Won	2nd	24-0
v. Audenshaw G.S. 'A'	Lost		0-20
v. Stockport G.S. 'A'	Lost	1st	0-36
	Lost	2nd	4-12

Though the season started well enough for the Under-12 team, it became obvious in later weeks that there was a lack both of physical strength and of real bravery and commitment in the side. This led to even our most talented players being completely starved of possession in the final games, both of which, however, were lost to excellent sides: a defence cannot hold out for ever given the continued pressure it received from the strong Audenshaw forwards and the exciting running of the Stockport backs. Many of our own players had their moments though, in first and second team games, the latter particularly good this season, and we must hope for improved performances next year against the strong sides as well.

The team was selected from: D. Bradley, I. A. Brassell, R. W. Buckley, P. J. Cassidy, G. T. Davidson, P. J. Davies, D. J. Donachie, A. R. Duff, R. W. Goodall, D. L. Grant, R. J. Hardman, A. K. Hollingworth, R. N. Hulse, R. G. Hurst, J. J. Johnson, A. A. Khan, M. A. Malik, L. J. Mather, J. J. Meadows, D. K. Nash, G. R. Noble, M. B. Rogers, D. J. Smith, C. P. Tesseymann, L. E. Tilston, S. W. Veitch.

In addition the following boys played on the 2nd XV: H. M. M. Brown, J. R. Haynes, N. R. Humphrey-Taylor, J. D. Lee, R. J. Merrell, N. P. Stoker, P. J. Thornhill, N. D. Williams, S. D. Williams.

C. P. Langford.

## LACROSSE

### FIRST X

#### Results

Played 14, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 4.

Goals for 183, Against 98.

v. Rochdale	A	L	9-15
v. Urmston 'B'	H	W	16-7
v. Urmston 'B' (Lancashire Cup)	H	L	6-9
v. Poynton 'A'	A	W	22-1
v. Old Waconians 'A'	H	W	14-30
v. Stockport G. S.	H	W	14-7
v. Stockport 'A'	A	W	15-4
v. Sheffield University	A	L	3-16
v. Nottingham University	A	D	10-10
v. Wilmslow	H	W	19-5
v. Mellor 'B'	H	W	18-5
v. Heaton Mersey 'A'	A	W	9-3
v. Sale 'A'	H	W	23-0
v. Old Hulmeians	H	L	5-13
Arden and Bull Floodlit Trophy at Timperley L.C.			
v. Ashton	W		9-8
v. Stockport G.S.	W		6-5
v. S.G.S. (Third place play-off)	L		5-6

The first team comprised; J. D. McManus (Captain), A. G. Cleary (Vice-captain) G. P. Benson, H. A. Gardiner, R. J. Stead, N. P. Lord, G. P. Wadsworth, C. A. Nelson, W. P. Hopwood, C. A. Porritt, A. G. Hinchcliffe, F. Sheldon. Also played; D. B. Lancaster, M. L. Jackson, D. J. Arundel and J. J. Garlick.

Lancashire honours were won by Cleary and Gardiner at Under 21 level, and at Under 18, by Nelson, McManus, Stead, Jackson, Lord, Porritt, and I. Bailey.

The overall record of the achievements of this year's 1st X stands up well against any other from over the last twenty years. Their performance against an Old Hulmeians team which is second only to Cheadle in the hierarchy of English Lacrosse was the best for many years. They reached the semi-finals of the Stockport 8-a-side Tournament, only losing 4-3 to a Sheffield side studded with English internationals, and having qualified in front of several First Division sides. It seems a shame that they feel that they somehow fell short of some elusive standard because they were unsuccessful in defending the Lancashire Cup, because in the end the quality of teamwork and lacrosse skills which they developed should be the criteria by which they judge themselves. In these they did not fall short in any way.

It is always difficult for a team to get together early in the season, but in the third match, against Urmston, in the Cup the team play was an excellent feature of a bruising game. Only in front of goal did the School team fail to stamp their superiority on their opposition. The battering tactics of the Urmston team produced all the man-up chances we needed to win, but it was not to be our day and somehow the Urmston goal survived attack after attack, shot after shot, and we allowed our unworthy opponents to progress in the competition.

It is to the Team's credit that this exit from the Cup was followed by three performances of high quality lacrosse. McManus led the midfield by example, tireless



running and dodging, covering and ground ball work, and Wadsworth, Hopwood and Nelson excelled in their teamwork, especially in the riding. Indeed poor Poynton were hardly allowed to get the ball into attack at all, as the whole team developed this aspect of the game to fine art.

Goal sprees against Poynton and Old Waconians were followed by another resounding win, over Stockport Grammar, who succumbed to an exhibition of controlled lacrosse which more than avenged our two narrow defeats at their hands last year. The growth of the team in stature was confirmed at Cale Green when the Stockport 'A' team, a good Second Division side, were outplayed in every area of the field. A special feature of the attack play was the quality of the goals being scored. The feeding of Cleary and McManus and the shooting of these two and Porritt, who matured over the season into a very fine prospect indeed, were a delight to all except opposing defences.

Our mid-term Tour was to be fast, furious, freezing and foreshortened. A match at Sheffield played at breakneck pace was dominated by one Hallows D. who turned on the class despite the fact that there were no England selectors apparent, and we were soundly beaten. Driving into the snowdrifts in Nottingham was fairly ominous for further fixtures and although Sealy and Co. counted themselves unlucky to be held to a draw in the dying seconds, at least the match was played. Our two matches farther south were called off and we never got to Cambridge and Hampstead. Our thanks go to Dave Jaquiss and Steve Heywood at the two Universities we did get to, for all their efforts in putting us up and generally looking after us....

The next half-term brought a string of fine wins over some good opposition, which included a strong Heaton Mersey side from the upper reaches of the Second Division, and the School's class and authority was well and truly stamped on the Sale side who were victims of a 'Shut-out' (Benson's second as 1st Team 'Keeper, is this a record?) In front of him the straight defence proved throughout the season to be a most dependable, unbendingly severe test of any straight attack. They developed their own individual skills to a high degree, and played with a robust, controlled aggression. Their greatest achievement was, however, in the development of their teamwork and understanding in which each contributed to the team defence without losing his individuality. Stead seemed unbeatable on the ball, both he and Gardiner never allowed attack men to settle, and frequently won possession from surprised opponents, but Gardiner's flair took him up into the other half of the field on frequent excursions and indeed he scored against Mellor and the Old Hulmeians. Lord did not remain a junior partner for very long in this unit, and grew in authority throughout the season; he will make an excellent captain next season.

The Floodlit Trophy at Timperley was a new venture and was most efficiently run by Timperley L.C. Two highly competitive and keenly contested games did not bring out our best lacrosse, but certainly brought out our most competitive instincts, and Wadsworth surely deserves particular praise here. Our two victories were too narrow to ensure us a place in the final, however, and we can only blame ourselves for a lack of sharpnesses in the play-off which was again very close, but which we lost.

The final match against Old Hulmeians brought out all the good things about lacrosse, and showed what a high quality team the side had become. McManus and

Wadsworth scored two spectacular goals on the lightning fast break, which may be equalled but surely never bettered in the future. Half time saw us only 3-4 down and at three quarter time there were only two goals in it. Hulmeians pulled away in the end but there was a sense of disappointment at the final whistle and the team were justifiably satisfied with their performance.

My thanks must go to the ground staff who managed to give us marvellous pitches when most other fixtures in the North seemed to be cancelled, to Mr. Gregson and the parents for their help with refreshments, and the hot-pot at the end of season, and to the wonderful band of parents whose support has been unfailing, fair weather or foul, and whose help and friendship I have been delighted to experience.

I. J. Shaw

## SECOND X

### Results

Played 11, Won 3, Lost 8.  
Goals for 84 Against 147.

v. Poynton 'A' .....	H	W	11-10
v. Heaton Mersey Guild .....	A	L	4-14
v. Cheadle 'C' .....	A	L	4-16
(David Beesley Cup)			
v. Heaton Mersey Guild .....	H	L	9-11
v. Sheffield University 'A' ...	H	L	7-15
v. Mellor 'C' .....	H	W	16-9
v. Stockport G.S. ....	H	L	10-11
v. Ashton 'B' .....	A	L	5-17
v. Old Hulmeians .....	H	L	2-26
v. Stockport G.S. ....	H	L	7-10
v. Leeds University .....	H	W	9-8

The second X was usually selected from D. J. Arundel, I. D. Bailey, M. T. Clarke, A. P. Fox (Capt.), J. J. Garlick, A. G. Hinchcliffe, A. M. Hindley, W. P. Hopwood, M. L. Jackson, A. N. Jameson, D. B. Lancaster, H. N. Lightfoot, R. J. Moore, S. J. F. Schofield, F. Sheldon, J. C. E. Wilkinson.

The squad consisted mainly of boys from the lower sixth and fifth forms and so it is perhaps not surprising that there were very few victories against much older opposition.

Most games seemed to follow the same pattern with the opposition opening up a substantial lead in the first quarter before the School woke up. This resulted in heads dropping and tempers rising at the half-time inquest. It is a great pity that one or two players forgot that they were representing the School and let their tempers run away with them on the pitch. There is no excuse for arguing with the referee.

The School was knocked out of the David Beesley Cup by Cheadle 'C' by a score which flattered the opposition, but having said that, the School did not play well at all. Jackson, the goalkeeper, became so frustrated with the poor standard of play that he ran the length of the field to score and show everybody how it should be done!

As a rule the handling was good but passing and working the ball around were very poor with possession given away with alarming regularity. Hopefully this will



improve next year with more experience. The poor total of goals scored by the team accurately reflects their lack of willingness to have a shot at goal, and even when they did shoot the ball invariably flew well wide of the target. This is an area which needs to be looked at in training.

On the plus side there were excellent performances from Sheldon in attack, Lancaster in midfield, Lightfoot and Moore in defence, and in particular Jackson in goal. It has been suggested that Jackson receive School Colours for acting following a convincing performance writhing in agony after conceding a goal against Heaton Mersey!

My thanks to A. Fox for his cheerful captaincy and to the small band of parents who regularly turned out to support the team.

R. M. Harrison.

## UNDER 15 X

### Results

Played 9, Won 8, Drawn 1, Lost 0.

Goals for 172, Against 41.

v. Sale Juniors U16 .....	H	W	14-11
v. Stamford G.S. ....	A	W	22-0
v. Stockport G.S. ....	A	W	28-0
v. Cheadle Hulme Club .....			
(Juniors and Schools Cup)	A	W	23-0
v. Timperley Juniors .....	A	W	29-5
v. Mellor Juniors .....	H	W	14-6
v. Kingsway School .....			
(Juniors and Schools Cup)	A	D	9-9
v. Kingsway School .....			
(Cup replay .....	H	W	18-7
v. W.H.G.S. U14 .....			
(Juniors and Schools Cup)			
Final) .....	H	W	15-3

Scorers: N. A. Meech (32), D. Loveland (27), A. P. Cleary (24), D. P. Sproson (24), N. J. Hindley (22), A. J. Jackson (19), M. J. Copson (12), G. J. O'Driscoll (8), R. W. Bailey (3), J. R. C. King (2), K. J. M. Stephenson (1).

The following represented Lancashire U15s: A. P. Cleary, N. J. Hindley, A. J. Jackson, A. W. Kloss, D. Loveland, N. A. Meech, G. J. O'Driscoll and D. P. Sproson.

The U15s were a powerful squad which went through the season unbeaten. Despite a disorganised performance they won the first game against a powerful Sale U16 team. The next four games brought a total of 97 goals for and only 5 against. Though these victories showed some impressive play, the weakness of the opposition meant that the overall standard of teamwork did not improve. The team was at its peak when pushed by better opposition, as in the second half of the game against Mellor Juniors.

In the north of England Juniors and Schools Cup semi-final, against Kingsway, the complacency that had become evident meant that Kingsway quickly built up a 4-1 lead. The third quarter saw some much improved lacrosse with W.H.G.S. gaining an 8-6 lead. The game remained open and the loss of the ball in attack allowed Kingsway to creep back, so much so that they led 9-8

with two minutes to go. Hindley produced an excellent ground shot to equalise and the game was nearly won with the last shot, when the referee blew his whistle before the ball left Copson's stick on its way to the net! An excellent game that neither team deserved to lose—but agony for the spectators!

The replay saw our team playing to full potential, with stout defence, good ground ball possession, low shots and a well-oiled fast break, all contributing to an 18-7 victory.

The next game was an historic occasion, since the W.H.G.S. U14 team had battled its way to the final and so had the U15s—the first time this has ever happened. Physical size and superior handling allowed us to beat our plucky opponents 15-3.

Goalkeeper A. W. Kloss improved steadily throughout the season and formed a sound defence with O'Driscoll, Stephenson and Bailey, the last-named being an enthusiastic captain. The midfield of Jackson, Sproson, King and Meech was a strong mobile unit which won most possessions but would also defend patiently. The attack of Cleary, Hindley, Copson and Loveland worked some superb fast breaks and the two-handed play of Hindley and Cleary suggests a bright future for them.

My thanks to an enthusiastic squad whose members worked hard throughout the season. The best of luck in the future.

H. N. Veevers.

## UNDER 14 X

The highlight of our season was obviously when we made Lacrosse history and became the first W.H.G.S. under-14 side to reach the final of the Lancashire Cup, which of course is dominated by under-15 sides. We were unfortunate in that we had to play our own under-15 side in the final. On paper it looked very good to have two W.H.G.S. sides competing, but, apart from being beaten physically, we were also beaten psychologically before we ever took the field. Although we put up a most creditable performance, the result of 15-3 in favour of the under-15s was a result that was always on the cards.

Apart from that defeat, we were only beaten in one other match, against Kingsway. I feel that, having beaten them the previous year in the Centurion Trophy by sixteen goals, we took them rather too casually and paid the price. They settled very quickly and came at us with all guns blazing. Before we realised what had happened we were three goals down. This became a very physical match, but fair on both sides. The competitiveness was a credit to the game.

We started the season in our new strip of blue shirts, yellow collars and cuffs with red numbers, and white shorts. The boys then added their names to the back of their shirts; no doubt an Americanism, but I must say it looked very effective.

Our regular team was:

Forwards: G. J. Bentley, J. E. Roden, R. W. Slowen, Midfield: I. R. Jordan, C. J. H. Chudleigh, M. E. Beggs Defence: H. P. V. Scott-Gall, C. Chow S. M. Arundel

Other players during the season were: M. E. Carden, N. A. M. Ginger, A. R. Rash and C. L. Ward.

My thanks to all for giving me maximum effort in matches and practice sessions.

J. F. Chudleigh



## UNDER 13 X

### Results

1st X Played 9, Won 7, Drawn 1, Lost 1.  
Goals for 115, Against 41.  
2nd X Played 4, Won 1, Drawn 0, Lost 3.  
Goals for 16 Against 36.

#### 1st X Fixtures:

v. Urmston Juniors .....	H	L	7-12
v. West End School .....	A	W	27-1
v. Stockport G.S. Under 12 .	A	W	21-1
(Centurion Trophy 2nd round.) .....			
v. Rochdale Juniors .....	H	D	6-6
v. Mellor Juniors .....	H	W	21-0
v. Kingsway School .....	H	W	10-2
(Centurion Trophy Semi-final.) .....			
v. Rochdale Juniors .....	H	W	6-5
v. Stockport Juniors .....	A	W	8-7
v. Stockport G. S. ....	W		9-7
(Centurion Trophy: Final, at Disbury C.C.) .....			
(Centurion Trophy: Final at Didsbury C.C.) .....			(after extra time)

#### 2nd X Fixtures

v. Stockport G.S. ....	H	L	3-14
(Centurion Trophy 2nd round) .....			
v. Stockport Juniors .....	A	L	4-10
v. Rochdale Juniors .....	A	L	2-7
v. Kingsway School .....	A	W	7-5

Under 13 Lacrosse goes from strength to strength: at last a 2nd team, playing the same teams as the 1st team plays, is turning out regularly. I have been hoping for this for the last few years, and thanks to the willingness of my colleagues to take turns in supervising the new side and also of course to the keenness of large numbers of boys, the side can now be said to be in regular existence. It will often happen, of course, that fixtures will be lost to the weather and the ground conditions—much more often for the 2nd X than for the 'star' team—and often the opposition will appear dauntingly strong, but the value of the experience gained, at an early age, in really strong competition cannot be overemphasised. Eastwood and his team worked hard this season, and their victory against Kingsway was a splendid achievement.

The first team proved to be a most interesting side to build and produced performances which would surprise those who knew the players only as individuals. We were always aware that we had, in Savage, a very good attack player, but a lot of experimenting was required before the rest of the team looked right.

The first section of the team to inspire confidence, and the part which drew admiration throughout the season, was the defence, where three quite different players combined into an outstanding unit. Griffiths and Bellass opted early to try to learn a long stick game, and their handling improved quickly in response to their hard work. Their differing stature made their threat when carrying the ball forward pose two quite different problems for opposition sides, Griffiths darting and side-stepping, Bellas adopting the bulldozer approach. In defence both proved equally skilful at worrying the man on the end of the stick, never violent, always probing and unsettling. Their fellow defender, Partington, kept his short stick and demonstrated in every game an enviable ability to 'read the game', always covering, always marking his own man as well. Behind

them Mullins in goal was always confident and ready to face anything from any opposition, however large—and some were very large! In practice sessions he spent more time in goal, seriously wanting to be shot at, than any goal keeper I have met. He took some severe knocks in practice too, but was always back on his line before long and was a popular choice for our 1985 Player of the Year award.

In midfield Issitt was a most reliable player, with probably the greatest work rate in the side: he had a few problems with his technique over the season, but has the sort of attitude that makes him win through. At the start of extra time in the Centurion Final he could easily be said to have won the trophy with his clean win at the pace and perfectly timed lay-off to give us the lead which we kept. Abrahams came into the midfield part way through the season and quickly showed his worth with sharp control of the ground ball and willingness to pass early and keep running. The third midfield place could have gone to any of several good players, but the final choice of players was not made on anything but sheer physical effort: in the build-up to the Centurion Final there was nobody who hurled himself around more or simply tried harder even when annoyed and frustrated.

The attack scored freely against weak opposition, and most exciting and creative it looked, but again the combination to win a hard trophy final against a known powerful side was not easy to find. Daley just found his best form at the right time to claim a place which he should always have made his own from the beginning, but he lacks confidence when he is on the right line for goal and sees the pass—and the check—coming. Savage had a reputation to keep up—difficult when your fellow attacks are four scorers but not noted as providers—but he always played with poise and made all the defence watch him, and he also found some air shots later in the season which did not score at the time but sowed the seeds of doubt in the goalkeeper's mind. Bryan completed the attack, just the player to take on a defence in bad conditions: he followed his four goals in the Centurion semi-final with five in the final, which was played in just the very conditions for which he is best suited; though he sometimes struggled to find his best form, he contributed a lot. Overall the front six could not be said to be a good goal scoring unit, but you could not fault anyone's effort during the whole season.

The team had some useful reserves to pick from: Barry and Symms in midfield, and Edwards and Ffoulkes-Jones in attack all tried hard but often found themselves as yet too slow or indecisive to cope with a pressure situation: Higginbottom a hard running midfield player, came into the side too late to develop his full potential but proved a valuable substitute in the trophy final; and Howell, a brave and efficient goalkeeper, gave us all confidence in the knowledge that we had a real reserve for this position, not just a fill-in. Brown, Dean, Jones, Russell and Sheriff also deserve a grateful mention for their regular support of the second team.

The 1985 squad may not have been the best lacrosse team in memory, but it had as much success as any before it and, like its distinguished predecessors, was a pleasure to be with and to coach.

The Centurion Trophy winning side was: G. Mullins; J. D. Bellass, J. Griffiths, A. S. Partington; J. P. Abrahams, S. D. Hayes, B. C. Issitt; D. R. Bryan, A. P. Daley, B. C. Savage (Capt.). Substitutes: C. D. Eastwood, D. R. Ffoulkes-Jones, P. D. Higginbottom, S. P. Howell.

C. P. Langford.



## UNDER-12 X

### Results

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

Goals for 110, Against 52.

v. Cheadle Hulme School U-13	A	L	5-6
v. Stockport G.S. U-12 .....	H	W	11-4
v. Stockport Juniors U-13 ....	A	L	2-12
v. Cheadle Hulme Juniors U-13	A	W	17-2
v. Cheadle Hulme School U-13	H	W	10-6
v. West End School U-13 ....	H	W	19-3
v. Timperley Juniors U-12 ...	H	W	15-5
v. West End School U-13 ....	H	W	16-0
v. Cheadle Hulme School U-13	A	D	6-6
v. Stockport G.S. U-12 .....	H	W	9-8
W.H.G.S. U-12 B Team			
v. Stockport G.S. U-12 B ....	H	W	12-3

Fewer boys than usual turned up for the Christmas coaching sessions, but those who did attend showed enthusiasm, and soon developed the basic skills of the sport. Several boys advanced quickly, and showed promise in these early stages. Early season Saturday morning and lunchtime sessions gave more boys an insight into the game, and, after rules sessions and practice matches, a team was produced for the first match of the season.

Cheadle Hulme School were the first opposition, with a well-balanced Under 13 side. We dropped too many passes in the game, and, had it not been for an excellent goalkeeping performance from G. C. Jameson, we would have lost heavily. Instead, it was always a very close contest, and we levelled the scores with five minutes to play, only to concede the winning goal shortly afterwards. Stockport Grammar School fielded a slightly weakened side for our next match, and, although we did not play well, the midfield play of G. T. Davidson, who scored four goals, won the match for us. We then went on to play a very experienced team from Stockport Lacrosse Club on a very cold day. The opposition were much too strong, and, although we scored two early goals, thanks to neat play from P. J. Davies, we were being beaten easily when the game stopped early because of injuries.

After half term, positional changes brought N. Stevenson into midfield and R. J. Hardman into attack. This brought us more drive in midfield and more openings in attack. In the next game, a weak Cheadle Hulme side were easily beaten by our best team performance so far, with Davidson and R. W. Buckley contributing four goals each. Good inter-passing, feeds from behind and sharp shooting produced a 17-2 win. The second match against Cheadle Hulme School brought us a win against a well-coached side. The defence played well, and our aggression in midfield, winning the ground balls, together with the subtlety of Davies in attack, produced a very enjoyable game.

The two matches against an older but weak West End School brought us many goals, especially thanks to the aggressive Hardman in attack, who scored a total of 13 goals. New faces had the opportunity of a match against Timperley before our final two matches. Very close matches were produced against strong School sides.

At the end of the season, one game for a second team gave new players the opportunity of a match, and a very good win was produced. I hope that all these players try to improve their game, and aim to gain a first team place.

As the season progressed, the team rapidly grew in stature. After rather disjointed and complacent early-season performances, we appeared to have rather a weak Under 12 side. More determination then developed into the defence, with G. R. Noble showing speed, and A. R. Duff distributing well. Behind the defence, Jameson proved to be yet another one of the excellent goalkeepers our School has produced. He was brave, anticipated well, and showed good distribution. If he continues to show the determination to play in goals, he has a very bright future in front of him. In midfield, Davidson normally took the centres, and although he had strength with the ball, he did not score many goals, and lacked stamina to return quickly into defence. On occasions, Buckley, working on the left post, scored goals with strong shots. If he looks for this position, even more goals will come. Davies showed many good touches and has much promise. Finally, our most aggressive player, and the one who scored the most goals in the season, was Hardman. He worked hard to gain ground balls, moved quickly with the ball and always went straight for goals, shooting with power. He, together with Jameson, were our outstanding players of the season.

The regular players were: G. C. Jameson, A. R. Duff, I. A. Brassell, L. E. Tilston, G. R. Noble, N. P. Stoker, G. I. Davidson, N. Stevenson, R. W. Buckley, R. J. Hardman, P. J. Davies,

Also played: S. W. Veitch, J. F. M. Sherratt, L. J. Mather, R. W. Goodall.

M. D. Wood.

## SCHOOL CRICKET

The outstanding memory of the 1985 season will probably be D. M. J. Timm's 186 and his double-century opening partnership with G. J. O'Driscoll in the Cup match against Bradford Grammar School's Under-15's. The outstanding characteristic of the whole season, though, was the cold and the wind. The weather was endured, not enjoyed. Anoraks and woolly hats, thermal underwear and Multiple socks were the standard issue underneath the umpires' coats, and the days of fine cricket weather could be counted on one hand. It must say something about the British mentality when I can report that almost no matches were left unplayed or incomplete. I am sure that the groundsmen, who yet again earned our unstinting praise, would and did say something about the mentality of the British, after we had played on some occasions.

But play we did, and in the main very well and to good effect at all levels. Centuries abounded. Players in the Under 15's, Under 14's, 2nd XI and Old Boys' teams all passed the three figure mark. D. J. Arundel completed a hat-trick for the 2nd XI and on the Under 13's A. S. Partington took all ten wickets at Lytham. Representative honours abounded. G. P. Benson and S. M. Kennedy were selected for Lancashire at U.18 level and G. J. O'Driscoll and D. M. J. Timm for the county U. 15's. Manchester Boys teams again benefited from the abilities of many of our boys. In the U.15 age group,



besides the full county players, S. P. Hinds, A. W. Kloss, A. J. Sayyid, H. P. V. Scott-Gall, A. R. Tomlinson, and A. S. Ward all played. At U.14 level K. K. Asamoah, I. Ali, B. J. Allen, C. J. H. Chudleigh, J. Hughes, I. R. Jordan and N. J. Ridings all played, and A. S. Partington and A. K. Hollingworth were both in the Under 13 squad.

No doubt the indoor net facilities helped to produce our excellent season, and the boys and the Master i/c cricket are extremely grateful for the invaluable time

and expertise which so many masters give to make School cricket as strong as it is. Finally, I know that everyone who has been involved with cricket will want me to pass on our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gregson and the staff in the dining hall for their work and to Mrs. Mattinson and the parents she organises to provide us with cricket teas throughout the season.

If next season is like this one, perhaps hot soup will be the order of the day, and not ham sandwiches!

I. J. Shaw.



(Photo: W. H. Choi)

Paul Allott and Neil Fairbrother presenting trophies to D. M. J. Timm and A. P. Cleary at the Cricket Presentation Evening

## FIRST XI

Played 24, Won 8, Drawn 11, Lost 5.

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A)  
Arnold 192 for 8 dec. (D. Timm 4 for 31)  
School 149 for 9 (Jackson 35)  
Match Drawn
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H)  
School 166 for 4 (Benson 62, Fearnley 70)  
Woodhouse Grove 120 for 3  
Match Drawn
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A)  
School 158 for 9 dec. (Cleary 43, Fearnley 46)  
King's 121 for 9  
Match Drawn

- v. Bolton School (A)  
School 134 for 6 dec. (Cleary 39, Kennedy 36)  
Bolton 137 for 7  
Lost by 3 wks.
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (A)  
QEGS 127 for 9 dec.  
School 129 for 6  
Won by 4 wks.
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham (A)  
School 97 all out  
Lytham 39  
Won by 58 runs
- v. Lancashire C.C. Club & Ground XI (H)  
Lancashire 208 for 3 (Hayes 84 n.o.)  
School 101 for 2 (Fearnley 37 n.o.)  
Match Drawn



- v. Parents XI (H)  
Parents 61 for 8 (Hinchcliffe 4 for 19)  
School 62 for 2  
Won by 8 wkts. (Limited overs match)
- v. Alderley Edge C.C. (A)  
Alderley Edge 133 for 6 (Hinchcliffe 4 for 40)  
School 107 for 7 (Cleary 33)  
Lost by 26 runs (Limited overs match)
- v. Birkenhead School (A)  
School 114 all out (Kennedy 37 n.o.)  
Birkenhead 97 (Hinchcliffe 5 for 12)  
Won by 17 runs
- v. Sedbergh School (A)  
School 108 all out  
Sedbergh 109 for 5 (Hinchcliffe 3 for 19)  
Lost by 5 wkts.
- v. Shrewsbury School (A)  
School 135 all out  
Shrewsbury 88 for 6  
Match Drawn
- v. Manchester Grammar School (H)  
School 141 all out (Cross 43 n.o.)  
M.G.S. 144 for 1 (Atherton 110 n.o.)  
Lost by 9 wkts.
- v. Hulme G.S., Oldham (H)  
School 220 for 7 (D. Timm 55, Kennedy 49, Rushton 36)  
Oldham 178 for 9 (D. Timm 3 for 24)  
Match Drawn

- v. XL Club (H)  
School 189 for 7 dec. (Rushton 53, Fearnley 40, Benson 35)  
XL Club 167 for 9 (Hinchcliffe 3 for 35)  
Match Drawn
- v. Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby (A)  
School 166 all out  
M.T.S. 167 for 4  
Lost by 6 wkts.
- v. Stockport Grammar School (H)  
S.G.S. 176 all out (74 overs) (Benson 3 for 17, D. Timm 3 for 32)  
School 180 for 5 (29 overs) (Hinchcliffe 55, Rushton 37)  
Won by 5 wkts.
- v. Ellesmere College (Tour Match)  
Ellesmere 177 for 5 dec.  
School 178 for 4 (Fearnley 57)  
Won by 6 wkts.
- v. Denstone College (Tour Match)  
Denstone 183 for 8 dec. (Davis 3 for 19)  
School 187 for 4 (Cleary 77 n.o., Benson 54)  
Won by 6 wkts.
- v. Nottingham High School (Tour Match)  
Nottingham 263 for 8 dec. (Jameson 3 for 72)  
School 184 for 9 (C. Timm 63)  
Match Drawn



(Photo: Mr I. J. Shaw)

Four of our outstanding cricketers: l. to r., S. M. Kennedy and G. P. Benson (Lancashire U18 team), G. J. O'Driscoll and D. M. J. Timm (Lancashire U15 team)



- v. Loughborough G.S. (Tour Match)  
School 237 for 7 dec. (Rushton 75, Cross 74 n.o.)  
Loughborough 237 for 8 (Rushton 4 for 67)  
Match Drawn
  - v. Masters XI (H)  
School 170 for 3 dec. (O'Driscoll 65, Cleary 37, Fearnley 33)  
Masters 115 for 9 (Mr. Maudsley 33, Jameson 3 for 18)  
Match Drawn
  - v. Old Hulmeians (H)  
Old Boys 189 for 5 dec. (Swann 104, Cross 4 for 71)  
School 140 for 6 (Cleary 59 n.o. O'Driscoll 31 n.o.)  
Match Drawn
  - v. Ashley C.C. (A)  
Ashley 127  
School 128 for 8 (C. Timm 70)  
Won by 2 wkts.
- The School 1st XI comprised; A. G. Cleary (Captain), P. T. Fearnley (Vice-Captain) G. P. Benson, M. J. Cross, I. R. Davis, A. G. Hinchcliffe, M. L. Jackson, A. N. Jameson, S. M. Kennedy, K. G. Rushton, C. W. Timm, and D. M. J. Timm.
- A. P. Cleary, A. Davenport, S. P. Hinds, G. J. O'Driscoll, D. Lancaster and A. K. Zaidi, also played.

The 1985 season was one which promised much and despite the fact that some of that promise remained unfulfilled it was still a season of many successes. However, it seems strange to feel compelled to quote the old maximum 'catches win matches' to a 1st XI of such talent and experience, but there is no doubt that this facet of the game was the main reason for their having a good season rather than an outstanding one.

For much of the season pitches and runs were slow and the sun was rarely on our backs. Nowhere was this more true than in the arctic conditions in which the season began where a spirited innings by Jackson rescued our batsmen, deep-frozen after fielding and numbed to a desperate 0 for 3. In the first half-term we rarely seemed to have enough runs on the board to dominate matches but it was the dropped catches that stopped us winning at Macclesfield and Bolton, and then later in the season against Sedbergh, Oldham Hulme and the XL Club.

There were, however, many victories and individual performances of great merit throughout the term, and a splendid Tour which culminated in the thrilling last-ball finish which actually seems to be a habit now, in matches at Loughborough.

At Lytham, after a dismal batting performance, Cross and Benson tore through the King Edward's batting to gain our second win, following a fine performance by Cross who took five wickets to ensure victory against Wakefield. As the Parents' XI succumbed to the third part of our pace attack, Hinchcliffe, Mr. Merrell showed the 1st Team how to catch with one of the best-taken dismissals we saw all season. After half-term Hinchcliffe and Jameson reduced Birkenhead to 98 for 9 as they chased our modest total, and with the last ball of the match Hinchcliffe removed their tail-ender's off stump to give us one of our rare victories over the Wirral School. In the following match against the might of the Lancashire 2nd XI in our Club and Ground fixture, once again we saw at first hand the difference between professionals and good amateurs but the experience of facing Watkinson,

Chadwick and Hayes (who all went on to make maiden first class hundreds this season) and Varey, Ormrod, Folley and co. continues to be a valuable one.

At Shrewsbury, last year, 135 all out was only good enough to see us beaten by ten wickets, but the same score this year, followed by a tremendous team performance in the field and excellent pace bowling by Cross, Hinchcliffe and Benson, had Shrewsbury settling for, and being glad of, a draw at the close.

Fine innings by D. Timm and Kennedy saw us to an excellent total but failed to ensure a win as Hulme Oldham clung on with nine wickets down, and we regretted more dropped catches. The XL Club survived by the same margin, and for the same reason!

The last week of term saw a moderation in the miserable weather, a change in tactics and some fine results. Stockport Grammar set a trend by batting for over four hours in the sunshine and then leaving us thirty overs to get 176. Rushton and D. Timm took 50 runs off the first five overs and the chase was on. Fearnley and Hinchcliffe maintained the momentum and the hundred came up off ten overs and the result was never in doubt as Hinchcliffe steered the side home with an over to spare.

The opening Tour Match of Ellesmere followed a similar pattern, this time the target was 179 in an hour and forty minutes. Fearnley was the lynch-pin of the innings, as we raced to victory. A third run-chase in succession followed at Denstone. Here our opponents left themselves enough time to bowl us out if we faltered and so a more structured innings was required. Benson and Cleary batted soundly and continued the excellent running between the wickets which had become a feature of our batting, and then forced the score along to put on 124 for the first wicket. Jameson sealed the victory with some fine blows. At Nottingham only C. Timm made the best of the pitch and ensured a draw after Nottingham had perhaps, set too daunting a target to produce a result.

This left our final Tour Match to be played at Loughborough Grammar School, scene of five last-over finishes in the last six-years. This year was to be no exception. Cross batted beautifully to make an unbeaten 74 after Rushton's untroubled 75, and we declared setting a large total. Then the game ebbed and flowed dramatically. Loughborough put on a rapid 70 without loss. The School took 3 wickets—100 for 3. Loughborough's fourth wicket pair put on a century—205 for 3, and they needed only 33 off the last six overs. Then Rushton took the wicket that we so desperately needed. A. P. Cleary, playing in only his third senior match, took another in the next turn over, and the game was transformed. The elder Cleary galvanised his team and began to demonstrate how much he had learned during the season, and the value of his contribution to the team as a firm, thoughtful and enthusiastic captain. The pressure was applied to the batsmen. Runs came, but the pressure caused wickets to fall. With one over left—six runs needed to win. One ball left—two to win. The ball is played wide of Rushton at mid-wicket. A diving stop, the batsmen have taken one and are turning for the winning run. Rushton throws in, Timm takes off the bails, the L.G.S. players are jubilant, but the Loughborough umpire stands resolutely, finger aloft—batsmen run out, scores level, match drawn. A fitting end to the match and the Tour and climax to the season.

The success of the team was obviously made by some fine individual performances with bat and ball, but final mention must be made of I. R. Davis who, in most



years, might have expected to be a middle order batsman and stock bowler. He had only limited opportunities, however, in this year's team with seven batsmen scoring over 250 runs. His endeavour, enthusiasm and one hundred per cent effort for the team

were never once in question despite what must have been many disappointments, and his example was one from which some of the senior players might learn if they are to make the most of their ability in the future.

I. J. Shaw.



Old Hulmeians 1st XI vs W.H.G.S., 16 July 1985. L. to r., Back row: A. M. Blight (Manager), C. P. Langford, A. D. Marsden, N. J. Lord, A. Barnes, R. K. Shotton, I. J. Shaw. Front row: W. P. Swann, T. N. Picken, P. S. Lindsay, N. J. R. Warner, S. C. McLoughlin. In a drawn match Paul Swann (1st XI 1970-2) scored 104 for the Old Boys and A. G. Cleary an unbeaten 59 for the School

## SECOND XI

Played 12, Won 8, Drawn 2, Lost 2.

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (H)  
Won by 4 wkts.  
Arnold 112 for 8 dec. (Zaidi 4 for 30)  
School 113 for 6 (Lancaster 36)
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (A)  
Won by 27 runs  
School 184 for 6 dec. (Lancaster 63, Mullins 45)  
Woodhouse Grove 157 all out (Zaidi 5 for 65)
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (H)  
Won by 9 wkts.  
King's School 139 for 4 dec.  
School 143 for 1 (Hopwood 97 n.o. Braddock 44 n.o.)

- v. Bolton School (H)  
Match Drawn  
School 113 all out  
Bolton 68 for 8 (Hopwood 4 for 7)
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S. (A)  
Lost by 55 runs  
Q.E.G.S. 137 for 9 (Zaidi 6 for 41)  
School 82 all out
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham (H)  
Won by 130 runs  
School 156 for 6 dec. (Clarke 55, Lancaster 36)  
K.E.S. 26 all out (Hopwood 7 for 2)
- v. Birkenhead School (H)  
Won by 42 runs  
School 130 all out (Lancaster 31, Schofield 49)  
Birkenhead 88 all out



- v. Sedbergh School (A)  
Lost by 7 wickets  
School 51 all out  
Sedbergh 53 for 3
- v. Manchester G.S. (A)  
Won by 3 wickets  
M.G.S. 142 for 7 (Jameson 5 for 52)  
School 143 for 7 (Lancaster 86 n.o.)
- v. Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby (H)  
Match Drawn  
Merchant Taylors 144 for 6 dec.  
School 64 for 6
- v. Stockport G.S. (A)  
Won by 6 wickets  
Stockport 94 all out  
School 95 for 4
- v. Ellesmere College (H)  
Won by 136 runs  
School 217 for 3 dec. (Lancaster 100, Abrahams 59)  
Ellesmere 81 all out (Abrahams 4 for 10)
- v. Masters XI (H)  
Won by 170 runs  
School 230 all out (Tidman 58)  
Masters 60 all out

#### Leading Averages:

Name	Innings	Not Out	Total	Highest Score	Avg.
Hopwood	6	4	226	97 n.o.	56.5
Lancaster	10	1	384	100	42.7
Abrahams	6	2	98	59	24.5
Schofield	10	2	145	49	18.1

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
Hopwood	44.2	12	114	19	6.0
Zaidi	132	41	335	31	10.8

The following boys represented the School: W. P. Hopwood (Captain), N. R. Abrahams, D. J. Arundel, N. Barber, M. J. Braddock, J. H. Carroll, J. Charlesworth, M. Clarke, I. Davies, D. Hinnells, A. Jameson, S. Jeffries, D. Lancaster, R. D. Lawson, D. Madeley, I. Mullins, J. D. Pollard, S. J. Schofield, F. Sheldon, P. H. Taylor, A. J. Tidman, A. K. Zaidi.

The team enjoyed an outstanding season due mainly to the all round team effort displayed on many occasions, and also to the individual efforts displayed on a few.

Hopwood, the Captain, led by example (until he left us after the exams) topping both the batting and bowling averages. Lancaster took the reins and whilst not having the same confidence as his predecessor, again led by example.

The first game of the season saw Arnold School win the toss and elect to bat. Clarke and Zaidi opened our bowling attack and it took over one hour for the first wicket to fall at 46. From then on wickets came regularly with Arnold eventually declaring at 112 for 8. This gave our batsmen a good opportunity to play their shots and we ran out comfortable winners. The game set the standard for the season as a whole. Zaidi, Hopwood, Arundel and Clarke could usually be relied on to take wickets or to contain the opposing batsmen giving our batsmen a reasonable target to aim at with confidence.

Whilst not all our upper middle order batsmen made runs consistently, we could usually rely on someone realising what was needed and getting down to the job in hand.

Memorable moments during a very enjoyable season were: the snowstorm just before tea during the opening game of the season, Hopwood's four wickets in four balls against Kind Edward's, Lytham, Lancaster's tremendous concentration in scoring 86 n.o. against Manchester G.S., Hopwood's cavalier batting against King's, Macclesfield, to win the game when a draw seemed certain, but above all each game cemented the team spirit and enthusiasm showed by all the players who seemed very much to enjoy their cricket and who made umpiring such a pleasure.

C. H. Seddon

## UNDER 15 XI

Played 18, Won 12, Drawn 3, Lost 3.

- v. Arnold School (A)  
Won by 4 wickets  
Arnold 126 (Hinds 4-17)  
School 127-6 (Hinds 53 n.o.)
- v. Woodhouse Grove (H)  
Won by 113 runs  
School 169-5 (Hinds 41 n.o.)  
Woodhouse Grove 56 (Timm 4-14)
- v. King's, Macclesfield (A)  
Match Drawn  
School 138-2 (O'Driscoll 72 n.o.)  
Macclesfield 64-6
- v. Bolton School (A)  
Won by 90 runs  
School 166-2 (O'Driscoll 84 n.o., Hinds 46)  
Bolton 76 (Sayyid 4-22)
- v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (H)  
Lost by 2 wickets  
School 27  
Wakefield
- v. King Edward's, Lytham (A)  
Won by 84 runs  
School 175-2 (O'Driscoll 105 n.o.)  
Lytham 91 (Kapadia 6-24)
- v. Wirral G.S. (A) (Cricketer Cup)  
Won by 63 runs  
School 130  
Wirral 67
- v. Bradford G.S. (H) (Cricketer Cup)  
Match abandoned as a draw  
School 34-1  
Bradford did not bat
- v. Bradford G.S. (H) (Cricketer Cup)  
Won by 67 runs  
School 278-2 (Timm 180, O'Driscoll 77)  
Bradford 211-7
- v. Pocklington School (H) (Cricketer Cup)  
Lost by 8 wickets  
School 101 (Timm 43)  
Pocklington 102-2
- v. Birkenhead School (A)  
Won by 68 runs  
School 148-8  
Birkenhead 80 (O'Driscoll 4-15)
- v. Shrewsbury School (A)  
Won by 10 runs  
School 111 (Kloss 45)  
Shrewsbury 101 (Loveland 6-19, Hinds 4-27)



- v. Rydal School (A)  
Won by 16 runs  
School 104  
Rydal 88 (Loveland 4-20)
- v. Manchester G.S. (A)  
Won by 78 runs  
School 156-4 (Hinds 45 n.o., O'Driscoll 41)  
Manchester 78
- v. Hulme G.S. Oldham  
Match Drawn  
School 176-7 (Tomlinson 76, O'Driscoll 43)  
Oldham 136-9 (Hinds 5-30)
- v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby (A)  
Won by 14 runs  
School 80  
Crosby 66 (O'Driscoll 4-22)
- v. Stockport G.S. (H)  
Won by 10 wickets  
Stockport 60 (Cleary 4-8, O'Driscoll 4-11)  
School 64-0
- v. Ellesmere College (A)  
Lost by 3 wickets  
School 149-5 (Tomlinson 64)  
Ellesmere 150-7 (O'Driscoll 4-44)

The following boys represented the School during the season:

G. J. O'Driscoll (Capt.), J. Bradley, C. Chow, A. P. Cleary, S. W. Dutton, O. J. Henshall, S. P. Hinds, A. J. Jackson, S. V. Kapadia, A. W. Kloss, D. Loveland, S. J. Marsland, A. J. Sayyid, D. M. J. Timm, A. R. Tomlinson.

#### Batting Averages

Name	Innings	Not Out	Total	Highest Ave. Score
Timm	5	0	180	309 61.8
O'Driscoll	17	4	105 n.o.	601 46.2
Hinds	15	5	53 n.o.	327 32.7
Tomlinson	13	2	76	265 24.1
Kloss	14	2	45	206 17.1

#### Bowling Averages

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Ave.
Hinds	128.3	34	234	35	6.7
Kapadia	94	38	147	18	8.2
O'Driscoll	82.1	27	182	22	8.3
Loveland	98	27	227	23	9.9

#### Fielding

Wicketkeeper : Kloss 6 catches, 6 stumpings  
Other fieldsmen : O'Driscoll, Sayyid 7 catches each, Hinds, Jackson, Loveland and Marsland 6 catches each.



Under 15's



## UNDER 14 XI

Having won the Harold Bailey Trophy as Under 14's last season, the Under 15's this year went forward into the National Knockout stage of the Cricketer Cup. A bye in the first round gave the School a second round tie against Wirral G.S. In this match the School batted first and struggled to 130 all out on a difficult wicket, with Hinds, Timm and O'Driscoll the main contributors. Wirral found the wicket equally troublesome and were dismissed for 67 runs. In the third round the School entertained Bradford G.S. on one of the few sunny days of the summer. Bradford won the toss and asked the School to bat, a decision they must have regretted as Timm and O'Driscoll put on 200 for the first wicket in a magnificent display of batting. When O'Driscoll was out for 77, Timm continued the onslaught with sensible support from Hinds. From the very last ball of the 40 overs Timm was out for 180, including twenty-nine fours and three sixes. Facing a target of 279 Bradford batted well but found the task beyond them, finishing at 211-7. In the fourth round Pocklington School were the visitors. The School opted to bat first, hoping for a repeat of the previous match, but conditions were very different, the wicket being very damp after much rain. Timm lost partners regularly and when he was out for 43 all hopes of a high total were gone. Pocklington had little difficulty in reaching the 102 needed for victory. It was a disappointing end to an excellent run and there is no disgrace in going out of the competition at this stage.

The overall record shows that the Under 15's had a very good season, losing just three of the eighteen matches played and only in the one defeat already mentioned was the margin a large one. A decision was made at the start of the season that Timm would play for the 1st XI in most matches but would be available for the Under 15's cup matches. This would not only allow Timm to develop by playing in a higher standard, but also it would give more opportunities for more Under 15's players. Even without Timm the batting usually looked quite strong with O'Driscoll and Hinds getting runs regularly. Kloss also scored some useful runs, while Tomlinson blossomed towards the end of the season. There were more problems in the bowling department. Kapadia, Sayyid and Tomlinson all bowled well on occasions but lacked consistency. Cleary missed the early part of the season through illness and when he came back it took him most of the season to get back to his usual hostile and accurate self. Hinds proved to be the most consistent of the bowlers taking many wickets with his gentle away swing and Loveland also bowled well with a remarkable match winning performance at Shrewsbury. In the second half of the season O'Driscoll bowled and found that he could also trouble batsmen with swing rather than pace. The fielding was good at times but never reached the standard that I would have liked.

O'Driscoll not only had a good season as a player, but also developed considerably as a captain. He was always willing to experiment and was adventurous in his declarations, often giving the opposition far more time to score the runs than the School had taken. His captaincy was made easier by having a very good squad of players that gave him every support and created fine team spirit. I would like to thank the whole squad for making it such an enjoyable season. My thanks also go to S. W. Dutton and J. P. Trigg, who acted as scorers in several matches, and to my colleagues, Messrs. Moss, Shaw and Timm, who all umpired games for me.

A. Simkin.

Played 17, Won 14, Drawn 2, Lost 1.

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (H)  
Won by 76 runs  
School 165 for 5 dec. (Scott-Gall 66 n.o., Hughes 57)  
Arnold 89 (Asamoah 4-23, Ali 3-22)
- v. Parrswood High School (H)  
1st round, Harold Bailey Trophy  
Won by 92 runs  
School 154 for 3 innings closed (Scott-Gall 78, Asamoah 67 n.o.)  
Parrswood 62 (Bentley 4-4)
- v. Woodhouse Grove (A)  
Match Drawn  
School 131 for 5 dec. (Bentley 40, Chudleigh 41 n.o.)  
Woodhouse Grove 48 for 5 (Asamoah 4-11)
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (H)  
Match Drawn  
School 142 for 7 dec.  
Macclesfield 100 for 5
- v. Bolton School (H)  
Won by 23 runs  
School 110 for 5 dec. (Scott-Gall 45)  
Bolton 87 (Scott-Gall 6-31)
- v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (A)  
Won by 91 runs  
School 160 for 8 dec. (Scott-Gall 81)  
Wakefield 69 (Bentley 5-16)
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham (H)  
Won by 175 runs  
School 188 for 5 dec. (Jordan 58 n.o., Hughes 41, Ward 38)  
Lytham 13 (Asamoah 6-3)
- v. West End (H)  
3rd round, Harold Bailey Trophy  
Won by 7 wks  
West End 51  
School 53 for 3
- v. Manchester Grammar School (A)  
4th round, Harold Bailey Trophy  
Lost by 98 runs  
MGS 191 for 6 innings closed  
School 93 for 9
- v. Birkenhead School (H)  
Won by 95 runs  
School 132 for 7 dec. (Asamoah 42 n.o.)  
Birkenhead 37
- v. Shrewsbury School (A)  
Won by 71 runs  
School 150 for 7 dec. (Scott-Gall 65 n.o.)  
Shrewsbury 79
- v. Rydal School (A)  
Won by 86 runs  
School 131  
Rydal 45 (Asamoah 7-12)
- v. Manchester Grammar School (H)  
Won by 7 wks  
MGS 118  
School 120 for 3 (Asamoah 70 n.o., Scott-Gall 51 n.o.)
- v. Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby (H)  
Won by 91 runs  
School 163 for 4 dec. (Ridings 65 n.o., Scott-Gall 40)  
Crosby 72 (Ali 6-26)



- v. Stockport Grammar School (A)  
Won by 161 runs  
School 184 for 4 dec. (Ridings 119)  
Stockport 23 (Asamoah 7-11)
- v. Ellesmere College (H)  
Won by 102 runs  
School 159 for 7 dec. (Ridings 47)  
Ellesmere 57 (Malone 5-5)
- v. North Manchester High School (H)  
Won by 69 runs  
School 153 for 3 dec. (Scott-Gall 60 n.o.)  
North Manchester 84 (Malone 5-25)

This was a highly successful season in terms of results and the improvement of several players. The only disappointment was to lose against Manchester Grammar School in the fourth round of the Harold Bailey Trophy (the only defeat of the season), made more acute because in the next match we beat the eventual winners of the Trophy and indeed achieved a comfortable victory over M.G.S. a fortnight later. Most wins were by a large margin and were due to the efforts of the whole team in most cases.

There were, of course, certain individuals who could be relied upon to perform well almost every match (H. P. V. Scott-Gall and K. K. Asamoah in particular) but one felt that if neither of these two succeeded then there was still enough strength in the team to beat the opposition.

The bowling attack usually consisted of Asamoah and Scott-Gall as openers. Asamoah took forty-three wickets and was by far the leading wicket-taker but although Scott-Gall had an inferior striking-rate he frequently bowled as well as, if not better than, anyone else in the match. Asamoah's success was usually due to accuracy allied with speed but on certain occasions (as against Lytham) the opposing batsmen seemed afraid of his reputation and simply gave their wickets away. When this happened the game became farcical and Asamoah was tempted to bowl as fast as he could, thus abandoning attempts at intelligent bowling. On the whole though he made good progress this season. A. S. Ward or R. M. Malone generally came on at first-change and kept the pressure on. Malone was the second most successful bowler with twenty-five wickets—a deceptive, slow-medium bowler who obtained some fine figures at the end of the season. The two leg-spinners, G. J. Bentley and I. Ali, completed the varied attack. Bentley was the more accurate and penetrating of the two but missed the second half of the season because of injury. Ali has much to learn, not least the need to practise more, but achieved a remarkable performance against Crosby when, bowling in a near gale, he missed a hat-trick only by delivering a wide in the middle of the three wickets. The bowling, then, was strong and varied enough to be able to dismiss most of our opponents; the only style missing was an off-spinner.

J. Hughes and I. Jordan began the season as our opening batsmen. Hughes made a fine start but fell away later—he tended to lose concentration after making a reasonable, but slow start. Later on Scott-Gall and N. J. Ridings had their chances as openers and, in their different styles, made a success of it. Scott-Gall was the outstanding batsman of the season, scoring 543 runs from ten completed innings: he bats in the classical manner, playing fluently off his legs and yet capable of powerful drives. Ridings, who ended the season with an average of forty-seven, first attracted attention with a well-struck twenty-seven in the infamous defeat by M.G.S. and then followed a good score against Crosby

with a century against Stockport—thus proving how well he can take apart poor bowling. Asamoah, too, scored many runs but had a tendency to be dismissed early on, usually l.b.w. Ward often looked as if he was going to make a big score but then suffered the consequence of sheer carelessness. B. J. Allen, C. J. H. Chudleigh and Bentley frequently lacked opportunity but all made occasional good scores.

In the field the U.14 team was impressive: one could sense that all the fielders were aware of what was expected of them and that there was a mature approach to the game. Naturally enough there were some dropped catches and it was a dropped catch and a narrowly-missed run out that led to the MGS defeat (Crawley scored ninety-five), but were also capable of taking remarkable catches which helped to demoralize the opposition. J. Miller, who had little good fortune with the bat, was always worth his place in the team just for his fielding. Chudleigh kept wicket for all but two matches and did so quite competently, at his most successful when diving to leg to prevent byes off Asamoah.

Ward was captain except when he was injured, at which time Scott-Gall or Asamoah took charge. Unfortunately there is not, apparently, one person in the U.14 squad who is just right for this demanding job. All three have different strengths and weaknesses and yet none of them was outstanding in this role; it hardly seemed to matter much, of course, because the whole team performed so effectively.

The following boys made occasional appearances for the U.14 team: D. E. R. Schweiger, C. Chow, J. A. Humm and M. E. Burrows.

I should like to thank Mr J. F. Chudleigh for his assistance and advice during the course of the season.

P. M. Bull.

## UNDER 13 XI

Played 11, Won 4, Drawn 3, Lost 4.

- v. Arnold School  
Lost by 64 runs  
Arnold 168 Partington 5-25 Scott 3-45  
School 104 Partington 42
- v. Woodhouse Grove  
Lost by 8 wkts.  
School 29 Streets 10  
Woodhouse Grove 30-2
- v. Kings Macclesfield  
Drawn  
School 117 Slown 46  
Kings Macclesfield 113-7
- v. Q.E.G.S.  
Lost by 70 runs  
Q.E.G.S. 135 Partington 5-25  
School 61 Scott 28  
(Q.E.G.S. boy Ledger 7-9)
- v. King Edward VII School  
Won by 30 runs  
School 69 Slown 29  
King Edward 39 Partington 10-6  
(Partington's analysis 13.1-10-10-6)
- v. North Manchester H.S.  
Won on Faster Scoring Rate  
School 140-3 off 25 overs  
Partington 50 n.o. Scott 44  
North Manchester 75-6 off 19 overs



## UNDER 12 XI

- v. Birkenhead  
Won by 6 Wickets  
Birkenhead 96 Partington 3-16  
School 97-4 Partington 42 Scott 33
- v. M.G.S.  
Drawn  
M.G.S. 190-3  
School 124-9 Slown 66 n.o.
- v. Oldham  
Drawn  
Oldham 153-7 Partington 4-30  
School 139-9 Slown 46, Issitt 26
- v. Merchant Taylor's  
Lost by 9 runs  
School 184 Partington 36 Scott 38  
Merchant Taylors 193-6 Partington 4-39
- v. Stockport Grammar  
Won by 65 runs  
School 178-4 Partington 86 Daley 26, Scott 34  
Stockport 113-10 Issitt 4.26, Scott 2.13

This year's Under 13 team had an enjoyable if not over-successful season. They won four and lost four of their eleven games, with three drawn. However they did improve in confidence as the season progressed and after losing three of their first four games they won the next three and lost only once more.

Partington, the captain, did very well with both the bat and ball and led his side with increasing confidence and knowledge. He still has much to learn in the field of captaincy but he has the right character for it and his performances demand the constant respect of his side.

Three other boys deserve particular mention for their batting. Scott is developing well as an opening batsman and drives the ball very nicely. He needs however to concentrate on keeping a straight and open bat. Slown plays as only Slown can. Every shot is on the back foot no matter where the ball pitches, but beware any bowler who pitches it too short to him. He shows no mercy! Thirdly, Daley showed increasing determination and style which augurs well for the future.

Unhappily the remainder of the side either did not get much opportunity to bat when the earlier batsmen did well, or failed to take their chance when given it. However there remains some potential amongst them and they must not lose heart.

Of the bowlers only Partington performed with consistency and he took 38 wickets. The remaining bowlers only took 36 wickets between them. Partington bowls at fast-medium pace and is normally extremely accurate. Issitt is fast but can be wayward. He was unlucky only to finish up with 7 wickets. Scott, Edwards and Symms each had their day but could not reproduce form at will. It was pleasing to see that Taylor and Brown both took wickets with their style of gentle medium pace.

Daley kept wicket with enthusiasm but he has a competent rival in Savage waiting in the wings and next season should see an interesting tussle between them for the right to be wicket-keeper.

I thoroughly enjoyed taking this team; they were friendly and good humoured. Their cricket matches make entertaining watching too and I would encourage any parent to go out of their way perhaps to support them next year.

C. J. Maudsley

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

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (H)  
Lost by 6 runs  
Arnold School 119 all out  
School 113 all out
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (A)  
Lost by 101 runs  
Woodhouse Grove 145 for 4 dec.  
School 44 all out
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A)  
Match Drawn  
School 89 for 7 dec.  
King's 78 for 8
- v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S. Wakefield (A)  
Match Drawn  
Q.E.G.S. 119 all out (Tesseyman 5 for 4)  
School 101 for 6 (Tilston 38)
- v. Manchester Boys (H)  
Match Drawn  
Manchester Boys 120 for 8 dec.  
School 81 for 5 (Hollingworth 43 not out)
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham (A)  
Won by 6 wickets  
Lytham 64 all out  
School 65 for 4
- v. North Manchester H.S. (H)  
Won by 107 runs  
School 165 for 6 (25 overs) (Hollingworth 70)  
North Manchester 58 all out (Duff 4 for 0)
- v. Birkenhead School (A)  
Lost by 9 wickets  
School 111 all out (Tilston 34)  
Birkenhead 112 for 1
- v. Manchester Grammar School (H)  
Won by 17 runs  
School 61 all out  
M.G.S. 44 all out (Tesseyman 6 for 20, Hollingworth 4 for 20)
- v. Hulme Grammar School, Oldham (A)  
Match Drawn  
School 129 for 9 dec. (Hollingworth 37)  
Oldham 126 for 7. (Tesseyman 5 for 29)
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H)  
Won by 116 runs  
School 180 for 3 dec. (Tesseyman 40 not out, Hollingworth 36)  
Merchant Taylors' 64 all out (Hollingworth 5 for 29, Tesseyman 5 for 29)
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A)  
Lost by 20 runs  
Stockport 120 all out  
School 100 all out (Duff 39)

The pattern of results shows clearly how the Under 12 XI, having few players with any experience of the game, took quite a time to learn to play this most complicated of games. Eventually, however, quite a competent side developed, particularly when Tesseyman joined Hollingworth to make a commanding pair of opening bowlers. The batting too depended heavily on Hollingworth, but the emergence of Meredith was a very encouraging factor in the middle of the season—though he never made a big score he always looked sound. Davies too was out several times in the twenties and should have a good future in the game when he learns to cover his stumps with his legs when



playing the ball. There was a good variety of bowling, but the fielding often left much to be desired: Duff's two catches at Woodhouse Grove—our only contribution to the match in effect—and also Bradley's neat wicket keeping over the whole season, are the things we must build on here.

Being played out of the game by Woodhouse Grove and beaten badly without trying at Birkenhead were the season's only blackspots. Plenty of good results compensated, notably the marvellous draw—not a contradiction in terms, this!—at Oldham where we held on to a match which seemed lost by tight bowling and fielding. A rare sort of game for a junior side, this match reflected great credit on both teams.

The team was usually selected from: D. Bradley, I. A. Brassell, P. J. Davies, A. K. Doney, A. R. Duff, R. W. Goodall, A. K. Hollingworth, M. Kapoor, J. J. Meadows, S. W. Meredith, C. P. Tesseyman, L. E. Tilston.

C. P. Langford.

## TENNIS

*Captain of Tennis:* H. A. Gardiner

First six: Played 8, Won 3, Lost 5  
Second Six: Played 3, Won 1, Lost 2  
Under 15 Six: Captain D. Loveland  
Played 6, Won 4, Lost 2  
Under 14 Six: Captain M. Rubens  
Played 6, Won 2, Lost 4  
Under 13 Six: Captain B. G. Lee  
Played 7, Lost 7

Although the results do not reflect it, there has been a good deal of enthusiastic tennis played this year and I am particularly pleased with the way the junior teams have performed. Unfortunately our senior teams have suffered from a shortage of players who play together regularly and this has inevitably led to uncomfortable pairings and a lack of continuity. There seems to be a tendency for those involved in A-levels to shy away from the tennis scene and I very much regret this, but it does not apply solely to this school. Too many matches were cancelled this summer by opponents with apparently similar problems. It is to be hoped that this trend will not continue.

Nevertheless, the side were ably captained by H. A. Gardiner, who has given many years of tennis service (excuse the pun) to the school, and he was partnered by C. A. Nelson who has also played school tennis for many years. From the lower sixth, E. Viner, S. D. Barnham, C. L. Porritt, J. Leung, M. Taylor, D. Lancaster, C. Shepherd and R. B. Harris also gave creditable performances and I am looking forward to a strong side next year.

The Under 15 Six had the best record, winning four of their six matches, some by a very considerable margin. D. Loveland was a reliable captain and was partnered by N. J. Hindley, who plays a good game but needs to work on his service. Much credit goes to H. Bor and A. L. Gross who played such a steady, confident game that they often took all three sets from their opposition. They also represented the school as

members of the Second Six, a very commendable achievement and they have been awarded half colours. S. Ashman, P. W. Shepherd and G. J. O'Driscoll also represented the school at Under 15 level.

The Under 14 Six were not quite so successful, but still managed a respectable set of results. M. Rubens was an effective captain, despite his injury earlier in the term which prevented him from playing in the first couple of matches. D. Schweiger, R. Naylor, A. Jacobs, T. Alford and B. Walsh were regular players and deserve credit for their performance. The Under 13 Six, captained by the enthusiastic B. Lee, were the least successful on paper but I am sure that the determination and spirit shown by everyone who played will carry on next year and lead to some better results. In particular the combination of S. Richardson and B. Savage should prove to be an effective one. S. Larkin, R. Levene, A. Reece, A. Daley and S. Howell also played for the side on a number of occasions. S. Enston began the term with very little tennis experience but has progressed well and G. Jameson (1D) deserves a special mention for his contribution to an older team. Finally, an informal fixture against North Cestrian Grammar resulted in a win for the newly-formed Under 12 side. Eight players gave a good performance which bodes well for next year's Under 13s.

I should like to thank my colleagues for the support and assistance which they have freely given this term, particularly Mr. Fisher who has handed over control of School Tennis after many years of dedication, but who remains very much in an active role of support and advice to those who need it usually me. Mr. Harrison has also been willing to give time to watching matches and giving players the support they need. Dr. Dean and Mr. Turner have also helped out on a number of occasions and I hope that they and other members of staff will continue to do so and help me to increase the number of fixtures next year. There is a great deal of enthusiasm for tennis in the School and we very much need to develop this.

Finally, thanks to Mr. Burden and the parents who turned out for the traditional fixtures against both the boys and staff. These really are held in great regard by us and although played in all kinds of weather (and fitness) conditions, they are very much enjoyed by all concerned. Long may they continue.

J. H. Thomson

## CROSS COUNTRY 1984-85

*School Captain:* W. G. Shone

### *Michaelmas Term*

The season began with a social evening on 22 September at which some fifty boys and parents were able to enjoy remembering some of the events of the previous season and meeting again Mr. Hugh Symonds, who was the guest of honour. Mr. Symonds, an Old Hulmeian, left the School as a master only a few years previously (1981) and so had been a forming influence on the older members of our current squad. He gave a most interesting speech which was fully appreciated by all those present, who were all aware that as current



champion of the Three Peaks Race he had plenty of useful advice to give. On this occasion awards were given for the 1983-4 season. The Parents' Association Senior Cup was awarded by P. J. Goodier and the Junior Shield went to S. H. Green. Other awards went to J. D. Jacobs, A. M. Woodhouse, A. St J. Dawes, A. D. Ryan, J. A. Humm, A. D. Campbell, J. N. Symms and S. R. Minty. Mention was made at the time that an equally important contribution to the sport is made by all those runners who do not have the good fortune to win a trophy.

One week later we took seven teams to the Marple Hall Relays. There was keen anticipation as to the performance of N. I. M. Eccles, who had recently joined the School having acquired a fine reputation at Bradford Grammar School: he did not let us down. Strong individual times were also achieved by Green, Campbell, J. D. Pollard and E. J. Davies. There were also highly promising performances from J. P. Curran, Woodhouse, P. Bookbinder, G. C. Jameson, C. P. Tesseyman and P. J. Cassidy. The last three together with Davies made up a fine U12 team who, if they can remain fit and enthusiastic, are potentially a team capable of winning a major competition. Soon, however, health problems and clashes of interest occurred and never again did all four run in the same fixture.

The rest of the term was devoted to a series of six fixtures against local school teams. Before half-term we visited Thornleigh Salesian College (for a triangular fixture also involving Bolton School) and Manchester Grammar School. At Thornleigh the U14s beat Bolton School and the U18s beat Thornleigh, the outstanding runs being by Green and Campbell for the U14s and M. A. Sever, J. E. D. Crews and R. V. Pandya for the U18s. At M.G.S. we suffered team defeats in all age-groups but this was in no way demoralising because of a highly impressive performance from the U12s and the confirmation of the outstanding talent of Eccles. In the U12 race Davies, Jameson and Tesseyman came first, second and fourth respectively; unfortunately M.G.S. blocked the next fourteen places and thereby won the race. Eccles, although only fourteen years old, beat all the strong M.G.S. U16 runners, coming first by thirty-seven seconds.

After half-term, on 17 November we travelled to Bolton School for another triangular fixture, this time involving Cheadle Hulme School. Here, the U12s beat Cheadle Hulme and the U14s defeated both Cheadle Hulme and Bolton. One week later we went to Bury Grammar School but suffered four defeats. On 1 December Wright Robinson High School visited us and we had two races; U13 and U15. Our weakness at U13 level let us down, although Davies (this time running one year under age) achieved the distinction of winning his race by sixteen seconds. Wright Robinson have for a long time been one of the top two or three schools in Manchester so it was most pleasing that the U15s beat them comprehensively with Eccles, Green, Campbell, Humm and A. S. Postill all finishing in the first seven places. The 8 December saw our return fixture against M.G.S. The results, unfortunately, were similar: four defeats.

#### *Lent Term*

The Manchester Schools Championships were held at Moston Brook on 12 January: our U12s came 6th; the U14s 9th; the U16s 5th; and the U18s 3rd. The surprise was that St. Bede's had suddenly produced an U12 team to come first—in recent memory, they have not entered

teams at all. However, Davies established himself in the eyes of the Manchester selectors by coming fifth in the U12s; Green by coming tenth in the U14s; Eccles by finishing fourth in the U16s; and Crews ending ninth in the U18s. Other outstanding runs were achieved by Shone (11th in the U18s), A. J. Jackson (23rd in the U16s) and Humm (22nd in the U14s). Humm continued to show a return to form on 19 January at John Leigh Park where we made a brief appearance in the Altrincham League. The following Saturday at Cheadle Hulme School we took part in a quadrangular match in which Newcastle-Under-Lyne and Bolton School also competed. The U18s came third; U16s were second; U14s were second; and the U12s came fourth. Shone led the U18s with a fine run; Eccles won his race (U16s) with Jacobs fourth; Green and Humm came second and third respectively; Cassidy led our U12s, with P. N. Jackson beginning to show signs of promise. On 2 February we were host to Thornleigh Salesian College but this time the results were quite different; the U12s and the U14s both won and the U16s and the U18s lost. For the U12s Davies and Cassidy took the first two places, with T. E. Smith making a strong showing in fifth place, while Humm showed a brilliant return to form in the absence of Green (who was participating in the Greater Manchester Championships). Another home fixture on 9 February, against Bury Grammar School, led to defeats in all four age-groups despite individual victories by Davies, Green, and Jacobs and promising runs by L. V. Barlow (U16s) and Smith (U12s).

After half-term came the Northern Schools Championships on 16 March at Lyme Park, Disley. Overall we came 29th out of the 37 schools who entered at least four teams (or, if you like, the 148 schools who entered at least one team). The final team results were:

Seniors 33rd  
Juniors 35th  
Colts 20th  
Cubs 58th  
Curlews 64th

These results show that we are weakest at first- and second-form level but fairly strong in the middle school. Quite apart from team results, the 1985 Northern Schools produced some of the best individual performances the School has seen in many years: Eccles (U16s) finished ninth whilst competing against boys one year older than himself and therefore must surely be looking for a position in the top three in 1986; Davies (U12s) surpassed even his best races of earlier in the season by coming thirteenth; Green and Humm produced their best form by finishing 17th and 66th respectively. Other notable successes at Lyme Park were Shone (U18), Jackson (16), Campbell (U14) and S. R. Minty (U13).

The final home fixture of the season was against Bolton School on 23 March. This time there was no U14 team from Bolton so our U14s joined the U16s and gained yet another victory over them, our four top runners being Green, Humm, Jacobs and Campbell. The U18s lost, despite Shone and Pandya gaining third and fourth places. The first and second-formers combined again (as against Wright Robinson) but also lost, due to our fourth counter coming in so far behind Cassidy, S. N. Enston and P. Bookbinder. Cassidy had a magnificent race, showing great promise.

#### *Conclusion*

A brief and somewhat modest ceremony took place after the Bolton fixture at which various awards for the



1984-5 season were made: the Parents' Association Senior Cup went to Shone and the Junior Shield went for the second time to Green. Other trophies were earned by Eccles, Humm, Campbell, Enston, Bookbinder, Davies and Smith. Apart from these nine runners who were lucky enough to win something for their efforts, forty-six other boys represented the School during the year; this is a considerable contribution of time and effort given voluntarily to the School, not just on Saturday mornings but also over many hours of training.

An excellent example of the sheer commitment needed for this most arduous of sports has been given by W. G. Shone. There is no doubt that the quality of his running has improved but he won this year's Senior Cup because of the dedicated way he has supported the sport in this School in recent years. The School, and many of the younger runners I am sure, wish him well in his future career. In the U18 team Shone was ably assisted by Pandya (a new member of the School) and Crews but the team lacked the services of Sever and Pollard for far too much of the season. J. P. Wheale made a useful contribution and there were also single appearances by P. D. R. Faskell, G. W. Wright and J. P. Curran.

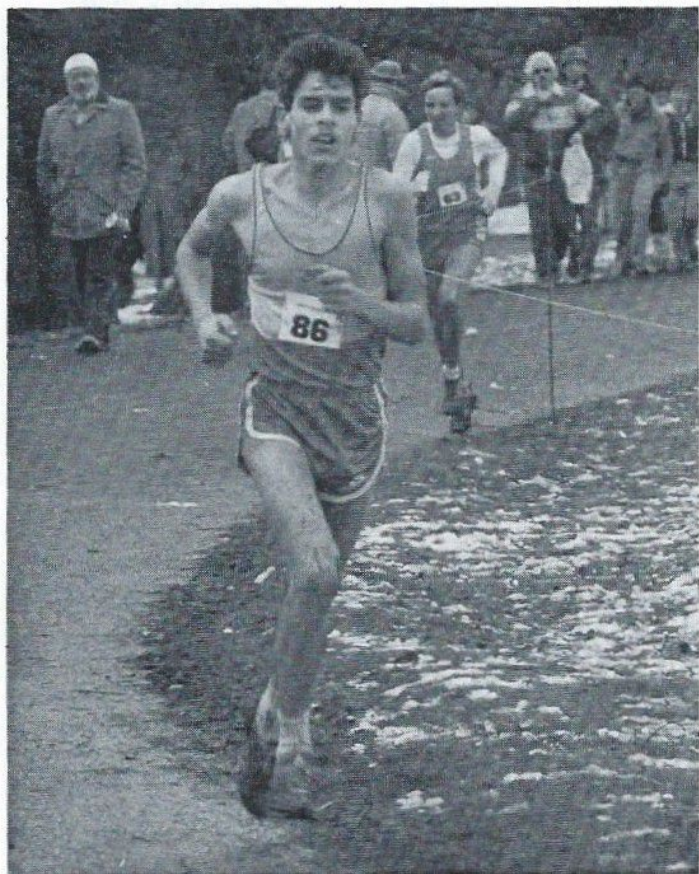
The U16s were immeasurably boosted by the acquisition of Eccles in September. Even though he was a fourth-former he was by far our fastest U16 runner. His presence encouraged better performances from Woodhouse, Jacobs, Barlow and D. L. Williams but we lacked not just strength but numbers in the fourth-year. No fewer than five boys from the fourth-year gave up running this year. Such dramatic depletion was slightly

alleviated by two wholly encouraging performances by Jackson at the Manchester School Championship and the Northern Schools. One hopes that Jackson may be persuaded to run more often for the School.

The third-year is our strongest single year-group: Green continued to improve at the same time as Humm regained the form of his first year at this School. They were well supported by Campbell, Postill and G. L. Owen. The contribution made by these three can hardly be exaggerated: if the School is to win a major trophy in the next few years it will depend on their continued efforts. Campbell had an excellent season, showing great progress; Postill joined the squad during the Michaelmas Term and gave immediate impetus to the team; Owen, after a tentative start, increasingly showed what a fine runner he could become if he could fully commit himself to the sport.

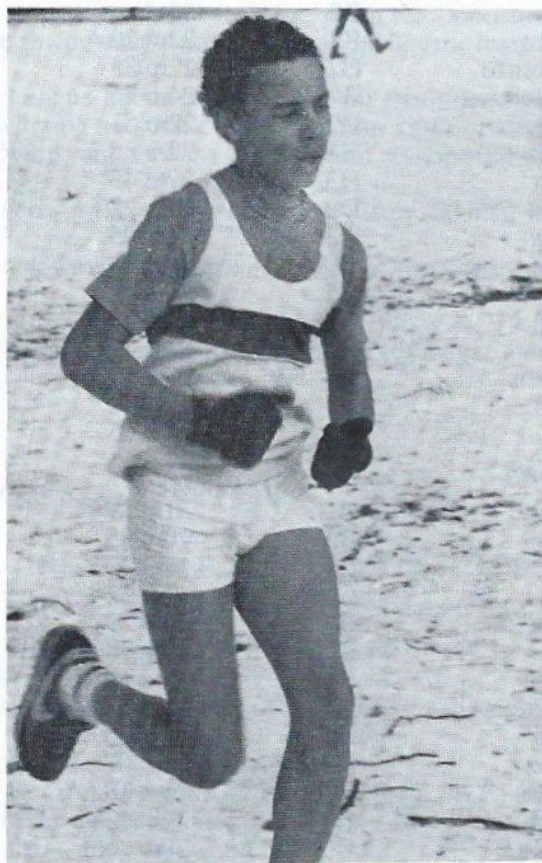
The second-years lacked two good runners from the previous season and had to rely on the erratic form of Minty and on the persevering efforts of Enston, Bookbinder and M. P. Grey. All four have definite talent but the future would be much more promising if we could find more boys who could run regularly in this age-group. P. D. Higginbottom again showed signs of potential but ran only five times; others who could develop well are A. Pilling, C. S. Dean and S. P. H. Larkin. Occasional appearances were made by C. H. R. Houghton while J. D. Austin, R. J. Osler and Z. L. Stenhouse ran only once.

The U12s *could* be even better than the U14s: Davies, Cassidy, Jameson and Tesseyman all showed



(Photo: Mr P. M. Bull)

N. I. M. Eccles finishing strongly at Lyme Park



(Photo: Mr P. M. Bull)

S. H. Green, winner of the Parents' Association Junior shield for the second time



that they were genuinely talented runners. To support them we have the dedicated Smith and the promising Jackson. Other first-formers to represent the School were D. Chow (six races), I. A. Brassell (five), M. B. Rogers (four), T. M. Lawson (three), N. P. Stoker (three), A. Fareed (two), N. Stevenson (two), J. R. Tozer (two) and M. J. D. M. Taylor (two).

Standard certificates, based on performances in races at home, were awarded as follows:

<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>
Eccles	Jameson	Enston
Davies	Tesseyman	Minty
Green	Cassidy	Shone
Humm	Campbell	Pandya
		Jacobs

During the season School colours were awarded to Crews and half-colours to Woodhouse, Jacobs, Barlow and Eccles.

I should like to thank Mr. C. J. Maudsley and Mr. R. E. Lytollis for sharing with me the organization of cross country during the season and Mr. C. MacLachlan for producing the standards certificates.

P. M. Bull

## INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 1985

### *Timings 5th and 6th Forms Cross Country*

#### *5th Form*

Gardner	B1	21m 53s
	B2	23m
Lawman	B3	22m 20
Hinchcliffe	H2	22m 35
McHale	W1	24m 26
Robinson	W2	22m 51
Walker	H1	22m 38
Cowan	H3	27m 43
Deakin	D2	22m 22
Barlow	D3	19m 25
Taylor	W3	20m 18
Grange	G1	26m 15
Broome	G2	26m 26
Shaw	G3	21m 35
Williams	F1	20m 17
Jacobs	F2	19m 37
Khan	F3	22m 05

#### *6th Form*

Weston	B1	21m 39
Turley	B2	20m 25
Sever	B3	18m 32
Crews	G1	19m 52
Gaskell	G2	20m 29
Lee	G3	23m 18
Pandya	F1	19m 18
Herbert	F2	Disqualified
Waddy	F3	21m 20
Curran	H1	20m 07
Ishemo	H2	20m 18
Wright	H3	22m 13
Wheale	D1	20m
Cleary	D2	20m 47
Shone	D3	18m 40
Bailey	W1	20m 49
Pollard	W2	18 55
Thomas	W3	21m 12

## *Best Times*

Sever	(B)	18m 32s
Shone	(D1)	18m 40s
Pollard	(W)	18m 55s
Pandya	(F)	19m 18s
Barlow	(D)	19m 25s
Jacobs	(F)	19m 37s
Crews	(G)	19m 52s

## Cross Country Representative Honours 1984/85 Season

### N. I. M. Eccles

- (1) 9 January 1985: Took first place in a race in which he represented Manchester Schools against Oldham Schools and a team from Australia.
- (2) 19 January: Represented Cheshire in an inter-counties competition in Shrewsbury, finishing 14th in a national field.
- (3) 2 February: Represented Manchester Schools in the Greater Manchester Championships where he came fifth in the Under 16 race.
- (4) 16 March: finished 9th in the Northern Schools Championships, running in the Under 16 race.\*
- (5) 23 March: Represented Greater Manchester in the All England Schools Championships at Norwich.

### S. H. Green

- (1) 2 February: Represented Manchester Schools in the Greater Manchester Championships, finishing 16th (3rd in the Manchester team).
- (2) 16 March: came 17th in the Northern Schools championships.\*

### E. J. Davies

- (1) 12 January: 5th place in the Manchester Schools Championship.\*
- (2) 16 March: 13th in the Northern Schools Championship.\*

Achievements marked (\*) are not representative honours but are nevertheless highly praiseworthy efforts.

## INTER HOUSE BASKETBALL

The annual (it seems!) final between Fraser and Whitworth again resulted in a victory for Fraser House by 32 points to 12.

Again the competition was marred by the inability of some houses to field a team on a regular basis.

### *Results*

Fraser, Dalton, Whitworth and Heywood reached the K.O. play offs after a league competition.

Fraser 18 pts	v Dalton 0
Whitworth 20 pts	v Heywood 18

### *Final*

Fraser 32 pts	v Whitworth 12
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C. H. Seddon.



## VOLLEYBALL

This was another new sport introduced in the Junior School which rapidly spread throughout the School. Despite the intrusion of the cricket 'nets' practice, regular coaching sessions were held in the first and third terms. Two new squads will be chosen this autumn to represent the school at the U-13 and U-15 levels, contact either Mr. Lytollis or Mr. Jones.

## SQUASH RACKETS

Despite its popular image, surprisingly very few schools play this invigorating sport. The game was introduced at the Junior level in October 1984 and quickly spread throughout the rest of the School.

Mr Veveers took responsibility for the senior years and his team had a number of very good matches—especially against the 'auld enemy' (M.G.S.). Outstanding players in this age group were: D. Williams, N. Hindley and A. Hindley.

Mr. Noel-Smith was in charge of the middle-school team which played several hard matches. C. Chow and A. S. Wolstencroft were the most steady and regular players. Strong support was always guaranteed from K. C. Kwan and C. J. H. Chudleigh, both of whom were new to the sport and played very well indeed. A number of other boys represented the School, in particular G. J. O'Driscoll, A. J. Sayyid, P. E. Dean, I. R. Jordan and C. A. Willott. Lastly B. G. Lee played brilliantly in this team, despite being two years younger than most of his opponents.

Mr Jones and Mr Harrison ran the Junior school team and organised regular coaching sessions. After a few months a squad of 12 was selected to play against M.G.S. and King's, Macclesfield. Considering none of the boys had played competitively before they beat M.G.S. but sadly lost all 3 times to King's! Still it was all valuable experience. There were a number of outstanding performances by S. J. Edwards, B. G. Lee, A. S. Partington, R. D. Slown and A. J. M. Warwick. A. Reece also played very well and won the Christmas prize for beating Mr. Harrison! A number of other boys represented the School:- R. G. Boswell, D. Greer, N. J. Hall, R. A. Jones, G. Mullins, W. F. Pitcher, C. A. Sanderson and D. P. Stogsill.

All the staff would like to thank the parents who attended the matches and the Y.M.C.A. for lending their facilities.

M. P. Jones.

## ATHLETICS

With eight matches completed and two lost to the weather more boys than ever were given the opportunity to represent the school in athletics. Over eighty did so in years one to four with the first form and fourth form teams being particularly strong.

Our first venture in the King's School, Macclesfield Track League had mixed fortunes for the individual year groups. The fourth year team was the School's most successful, winning two of the three meetings and finishing joint first. Bailey (100m), Jackson (400m), Burden (800m), Dawes (1500m) and Eccles (1500m) were all important points scorers for the team.

The first year team can be well pleased with their second place in the competition. Davidson (200m), Davies (400m) and Davies (1,500m) all recorded notable performances.

The second and third year teams faired less well with few noteworthy performances except for Green's 800m meeting record of 2 minutes, 14.5 seconds.

Four boys were chosen to represent Manchester Schools in the County Championships, Bailey (U.17 200m) Green (U.15 800m) Eccles (U.17 3,000m) and Crews (U.20 High Jump) with the latter winning his event, although just failing to reach the qualifying height for All England Schools.

R. E. Lytollis

### JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS DAY RESULTS

#### First Year:

100 m.	Davidson, G. T. (1D), 13.78 secs. Noble, G. R. (1B), Trigg, B. R. (1D), Davies, P. J. (1C).
200 m.	Davidson, G. T. (1D), 30.16 secs. Rogers, M. B. (1A), Goodman, J. E. (B). Noble, G. R. (1B).
400 m.	Rogers, M. B. (1A), 69.72 secs. Stevenson, N. (1B), Davies, P. J. (1C), Halter, R. J. (1C).
800 m.	Davies, E. J. (1D), 2.30.32. * Cassidy, P. J. (1B), Duff, A. R. (1C), Veitch, S. W. (1B).
1500 m.	Davies, E. J. (1D), 5.10.18. * Cassidy, P. J. (1B), Smith, T. E. (1C), Tesseyman, C. P. (1C).
4 x 100 m.	1D, 1.00.28. 1B. 1A. 1C.
Shot Putt	Frost, N. H. G. (1D) 9.88. Khan A. A. (1D), Johnson, J. J. (1C), Noble, G. R. (1B).
Cricketball	Hollingworth, A. K. (1D), 49.92 m. Dignan, M. B. (1A), Goodall, R. W. (1D), Trigg, B. R. (1D).
High Jump	Brown, H. M. M. (1D), 1.38 m. * Trigg, B. R. (1D), Jameson, G. C. (1D), Cassidy, P. J. (1B).
Long Jump	Davidson, G. T. (1D), 4.05 m. Williams, N. D. (1B), Jones, D. (1A), Goodman, J. E. (1B).
Triple Jump	Williams, N. D. (1B), 8.80 m. Davies, P. J. (1C), Wall, J. D. (1B), Plant, M. J. (1B).
Points:	1A.....39 pts. 1C.....37 pts. 1B.....79 pts. 1D.....112 pts.

\* = New School Record.



## Second Year:

100 m.	Keith, L. J. (2C), 13.03 secs.	Larkin, S. P. (2C).	Hargreaves, M. (2D).	Chaudhry, B. A. (2C).
200 m.	Edwards, A. J. (2A), 28.69 secs.	Symms, J. N. (2A).	Fajumi, O. O. (2A).	Larkin, S. P. (2C).
400 m.	Jones, T. K. (2B), 67.97 secs.	Symms, J. N. (2A).	Hope, P. E. (2C).	Mullins, G. (2C).
800 m.	Grey, M. P. (2D), 2.37.09.	Enston, S. N. (2C).	Austin, J. D. (2B).	Ffoulkes-Jones, D. R.
1500 m.	Higginbottom, P. D. (2B), 5.25.03.	Enston, S. N. (2C).	Ffoulkes-Jones, D. R. (2D).	
4 x 100 m.	2C.56.69 secs	2A.	2D.	2B.
Shot Putt	Fajumi, O. O. (2A), 9.88.	Slown, R. D. (2C).	Pitcher, W. F. (2C).	Bellas, J. D. (2D).
Javelin	Slown, R. D. (2C), 25.07 m.	Savage, B. C. (2A).	Bellas, J. D. (2D).	Richardson, S. J. (2C).
High Jump	Bryan, D. R. (2D), 1.45 m.	Leigh, G. C. (2C).	Richardson, S. J. (2C).	Abrahams, J. P. (2C).
Long Jump	Keith, L. J. (2C), 4.28 m.	Edwards S. J. (2A).	McCloy, L. J. (2D).	Dean, C. S. (2C).
Triple Jump	Fajumi, O. O. (2A), 9.13 m.	Streets, A. C. (2A).	McCloy L. J. (2D).	Larkin, S. P. H. (2C).
Points:	2A.....73 pts.	2C.....99 pts.		
	2B.....	2D.....52 pts.		

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The opening event for the 1984-85 year is the Summer Fête. This was held on 7 July 1984 and was opened by the Rt. Hon. John Lee, M.P. for Pendle and an old boy of the school. We clearly just over £2100 and this bought computer equipment and a small furnace for the Design and Technology Dept.

We held a number of social functions through-out the year. These comprised:

Headmaster's Talk	18 September
Cheese and Wine Evening	9 October
Ashton-on-Mersey Showband	9 November
Concert in conjunction with the CCF	
Xmas Dance	21 December
Hoe Down	2 February
Annual Dinner Dance	23 March
AGM & Cheese & Wine	9 May

Some events were exceptionally well attended, others not quite so well. The response from those who did attend the various functions was very pleasing and many parents and friends enjoyed themselves.

A superb Annual Dinner Dance was held at a new venue for the Parent's Association, namely the Britannia Ringway at Didsbury. Just over eighty lucky people attended. Those whose social diary couldn't accommodate this event should take note.

At this point I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the outgoing committee for their supporting throughout the year, especially Sheila Ball, our Secretary, Hilda Dixon, our Treasurer and Roy Barnes for his great efforts as Chairman of the Fete Committee.

I would also like to mention Ros Pimlott and Pauline Meadowcroft who are retiring after many years of very valuable service to the Parents' Association. We are all indebted to them.

Hugh Downie (Chairman 1984/85)



# The Old Hulmeians Association

Links between a School and its Old Boys' Association are always present and often taken for granted but this year the School and the Old Hulmeians Association have enjoyed the particularly happy link of having, as the President of the Association, Robert Williams, the son of D. M. Williams who was a Member of the Teaching Staff from 1920 to 1965. As the School begins to look forward to its Centenary in 1987 such connections across the years are most gratifying.

The regular events such as the Dinner Dance, the Reunion in September and the Annual Dinner were much enjoyed by the many people who attended them. It has been most pleasing to see many younger Members of the Association at these occasions and I hope the support they give to the Association and the friendships they foster between themselves will be strengthened as the years pass.

The Lacrosse Section started the year with high hopes of the First Team winning both the League and the Senior Flags. David Barnes led a team which reached the final of the Senior Flags but Cheadle proved to be the stronger side winning 12-5. The First Team also had to settle for fourth place in the League. Mention must be made of David Kettlewell who had an outstanding season in goal. The Old Hulmeians were well represented in the Lancashire Squad by Peter Collins, Andy Booth, Terry Underwood, Rick Summers, Nick Hewitt and David Barnes. The Association must record its thanks to Eric Broadhurst who retires after fourteen years of lacrosse. The A Team, captained by Keith Robson reached the Semi-Final of the Junior Flags but lost in an exciting game; many younger members of the Association are gaining useful experience playing in the Division. The Extra A Team, led by John Fitzgerald, had a varied season, but the B and C Teams found their sport difficult. Thanks must be given to Paul Marlton, who captained the B Team and who retires this year. With the introduction of 13-man squads this coming year the Association will experience considerable reorganisation of the game.

The Golf Section, captained by Neil Tattersall, entered two teams for the Lancashire Old Boys' Association meeting, played on Captain's Day at Sale and enjoyed the usual Ascension Day meeting. Golf provided the means of forging an important link between the Manchester and London Branches of the Association. Teams from the North and the South met at Luffenham for a game; the President successfully managed to remain neutral by playing for both teams!

The School range was not in use for the whole year and consequently the Shooting Section met infrequently. Despite the poor weather this past Summer the Cricket Section managed to extend the number of games played; particularly enjoyable were the games against the School, the Staff and the Parents' Association.

A sporting achievement of note this year was registered by H. J. Symonds in winning the Three Peaks Race for the second year in succession. He was presented with the Sportsman of the Year Award at the Annual Dinner.

C. E. Bryans, who was the President of the Association last year, ran in the London Marathon and the money he raised in sponsorship was donated to the Centenary Appeal.

The School aims to provide the best facilities its resources allow and contributions from the Association towards the Centenary Appeal have been most generous. Money from the Appeal has been spent in updating and refurbishing parts of the Science Block and further finance will be used to extend and enhance other parts of the Buildings. The School is most grateful to the Association for the part it is playing in the Centenary Appeal.

M. Loveland



