

therefore failed to play to his true potential. Weeden is an outstanding tackler who loves the physical side of the game. He has good hands but needs to improve his speed if he is to make a big impression next season.

Daniel and Sum were the wingers in the early games, but Sherwin earned a regular place towards the end of the season through some impressive strong running. Wilson has been a very useful utility player playing at wing, centre, scrum half and flanker. He has also proved to be a very willing, enthusiastic and helpful vice-captain.

Allen was the most improved player this season. At fullback he was solid under the high ball, tackled bravely and was the most penetrative runner in the back division. He is a talented player who can look forward to two more successful years in the first team.

Although the team have lost a lot more games than they have won this season, they have played with tremendous spirit and enthusiasm in every game and Greenhowe, the captain, must take great credit for this. Next year, the foundations of this year's side remain, with many players, including the regular halfbacks, having already played for the 1st XV. Potentially, next year's side should be more successful than this year's. Winning games is never easy however, as this year's side have experienced and much hard work and application will be required in order to make the season a successful one.

Finally, my thanks to colleagues who have covered for my absence on a Saturday morning, parents for their support and to the players, for their hard work throughout the season.

The following boys played regularly for the School 1st XV: T.P. Allen, C.J. Armstrong, F.J. Baama, M.D. Barnes, A.V. Bulwich, N.J. Burton, C. Bury, I. Cope, J.A. Daniel, O.J. Garside, J.M. Greenhowe, A.R. Ladd, W. Mason, D.J. Moss, I.M. Sherwin, H.A.F. Slack, P. Sum, M.A.L. Weeden, C.R. Williamson and M.P. Wilson.

D.J. Mallinder

2ND XV RUGBY

Played 12, Won 4, Lost 8, Points for 114, Points Against 152

v Sandbach School	Lost 4-14
v Poynton High School	Won 44-22
v Lymm High School	Lost 0-16
v Cheadle Hulme School	Won 7-0
v St. Bede's College	Lost 4-10
v Bury Grammar School	Won 16-0
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	Lost 0-29
v Manchester Grammar School	Lost 0-26
v Bolton School	Lost 0-15
v St. Mary's College, Crosby	Lost 0-10
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 0-40
v Bramhall High School	Won 39-0

I had never really expected the 1991 Rugby Season to be an easy one, with many of the comparatively successful 1990 team having moved into the First Team or left the School. This year's team, therefore, was largely composed of young players who spent much of the season learning how to play rugby against older, physically stronger boys. Consequently, the team's results look a little disappointing on paper, but the benefits of the season should be reaped in the future.

The season began reasonably well, with a narrow defeat by an experienced and well-organised Sandbach team and a comfortable win against Poynton. However, in this game we revealed a weakness in defence, against a poor side, which would prove critical in games later in the season. By half-term we had won and lost an equal number of games, and the season was progressing rather better than I had expected.

It was the second half of the season which was the most disappointing. Our failure to score in five consecutive games led to a lack of confidence throughout the team. By this stage many of the most successful second team players, notably Henry Slack, Perry Warren and Ian Sherwin, were regularly playing in the first team. However, an easy victory against Bramhall High School in our last game ended the season on an optimistic note.

As usual, as a result of changing first team selection and injuries throughout the senior squad, many boys represented the School second team during the rugby season. Of the regular performers, Matthew Butterworth and Mark Shelmardine could always be relied upon to give their all. Of the backs, Damian Taylor proved himself to be a talented scrum-half, whilst Mark Sellers played well consistently and became a much more versatile member of the team.

Finally I must offer my thanks to Jim Mallinder, without whom I would have had great difficulty coaching any team, David Barnes and all parents whose regular support was greatly appreciated.

P.R. Hewston

U15 RUGBY

Played 15, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 5 Points for 261, Points against 166

v Sandbach School	Won 22-0
v Poynton High School	Won 38-10
v Lymm High School	Lost 0-10
v Cheadle Hulme School	Lost 10-28
v St. Bede's College	Won 7-0
v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby	Won 34-4
Daily Mail U15 National Cup	
v Audenshaw High School	Won 44-4
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	Won 10-4
v Manchester Grammar School	Lost 0-24
v Royal Grammar School, Lancaster	Lost 24-40
Daily Mail U15 National Cup	
v Bolton School	Won 8-6
v St. Mary's College, Crosby	Lost 12-14
v Stockport Grammar School	Won 26-10
v Sale Grammar School	Won 14-0
v Bramhall High School	Drew 12-12

I looked forward to this season with keen anticipation. This age group in rugby is the cross-over point where teams no longer depend on an individual to win games. They use strategy and tactics; it becomes a true team game where every player needs to be aware of his job on the field. Looking at the squad pre-season I believed that we had players to build an excellent team.

We opened the season at Sandbach School on a very hot day. On arriving at the pitch we found it had quite a small and hard surface, not a day for forwards. Indeed we did not play well up front, the lineout work being particularly poor. In general the forwards were not cohesive or sufficiently aggressive. Having said this, they did produce enough ball which our backs used very well. There was some good running from the outside backs, particularly Avinash Rao at full back but the support play and linking up to keep everything going was missing. We ended the game comfortable winners and I was pleased that I had some things to both work on and with.

We moved on to the mid-week game at Poynton where we played considerably better, the running with the ball in hand was very good and the forwards improved in all areas. However, everybody in the team carried the ball a little too far before thinking about linking up with other players. I felt this was a case of individuals trying a bit too hard. Lymm were a more difficult proposition. On the day we were outplayed and contributed to our downfall with tactical naivety by running from our own 22 metre line and giving the ball away at kick-off and drop outs. As a result we went down by ten points. Things

were no better at Cheadle Hulme. It seemed that when faced with difficult opposition we played as individuals with some team members expecting or hoping that others would do something special or spectacular to pull the team out of trouble. Quite simply, we were not playing as a team. The game at St. Bede's stopped the rot result-wise but it was still by no means a good team performance. We worked hard in training before the cup game against Merchant Taylor's School. Before the game started I could tell that the team were keen to win. Right from the kick-off they took the game by the scruff of the neck. It was in complete contrast to the performances of the previous weeks, the forwards rucking as a unit with real power. They did this throughout the game and laid the base from which the backs ran in some very good tries, one from a spectacular run by Neville Clemetson.

We took this changed attitude to Audenshaw and produced a very good all round performance with José Witter stepping in at fullback and playing very well. The next game was away at King Edward VII School, Lytham, always a difficult place to play. However, our run of good performances continued, James Brocklehurst kicked well and coped well with the windy conditions and the back row made some powerful runs. This took us into the meeting with Manchester Grammar School, always a keen contest. We worked very hard in the first half and did well to keep Manchester Grammar to 0-4 at half time. This was proving to be a good game. In the second half the M.G.S. forwards driving play was excellent, their good body position made it very difficult for us to produce good ball. Their backs ran hard and the M.G.S. fly half supported very well and in the end we lost but played with great spirit. The second round of the Cup brought a first meeting with the Royal Grammar School, Lancaster. This was a high scoring game, with the Royal Grammar School unfortunately being the highest scorers. In the forwards we gave away far too much ball and only played as individuals. In the backs we tackled too high and bought too many dummies - so ended our cup run.

On the next Saturday we travelled to Bolton School and again tended to give the ball away by not getting it out of the maul quick enough. However, we did try to pass and run the ball but were severely hampered by a very small pitch. On a bigger pitch our speed on the wings would have brought tries but we just ran out of room. We struggled to find the answer to this problem. It came in the shape of two tries from No. 8, David Grove, with powerful runs, one from a lineout and one off a scrum. The next fixture was a first visit to St. Mary's School, Crosby and it was an unhappy start. We lost a game that we should have won quite convincingly. Some of the players questioned a number of refereeing decisions which affected them notably, losing concentration and with it the game. It was a perfect example for the need for mental discipline.

Back to another local rival for the next game as we played host to Stockport. It had been a wet week and the ground was soft under foot. We started very well, the contest up front was hard and keenly fought. In the second half we took more control and played some excellent rugby with forwards supporting our running backs to score a number of good tries. We next went to Sale on a very cold and frosty morning. Sale are struggling to keep rugby going since they have merged with the girls school. We played the game at the Old Boys Club Ground as there was no pitches at the new School's site (the former girls school). We also lent them three players as they only had 12. Despite these circumstances it proved to be a good game. We controlled the ball for long periods but at times over-complicated our play. When we kept things simple, tries came for Iain Cooke, Nick Reading and Martin Wan. The players we lent to Sale had good games and were highly praised for their sportsmanship. Well done to Damian Brown, Mark Warnes and Ben Myddelton. The last game of the season was away at Bramhall and was a game of two contrasting halves due mainly to the slope of the pitch. In the first half we were against it and defended well. In the second half we dominated and scored three excellent tries due to sustained pressure and good backing up.

Ian Graham scored one of the tries to cap a good season for a fast improving player. Unfortunately Bramhall rallied at the end and equalised in the last minute. That ended the regular performance of fixtures and a very enjoyable and successful season it was. My thanks go to all the players for their commitment and effort, also to parents and friends for support at the games.

There were a number of other events that took place over the year, beginning with a World Schools tournament organised by Cheshire. This was very successful and particular thanks are due to the families that hosted the boys from Sweden who all said how much they had enjoyed their stay with us.

After Christmas the East Cheshire Under 15 trials were held at Marple Hall School, several players expressed an interest and went along on a damp Saturday morning. Five were successful in being selected for the squad, namely Mark Knowles, James White, David Grove, Nick Reading and Neville Clemetson. All did well in the games they played and in the final game James White was given the captaincy - well done to all of them. Late in the season we were invited by Broughton Park to the Christies Hospital Charity Sevens. We did very well in this, played some splendid sevens but unfortunately were beaten in the final game so came runners up. This was the last encounter of the year, a year I enjoyed enormously, due to the players interest and enthusiasm for the game. I would like to give credit to all the players who represented the School over the year starting with those who won Junior Colours: N. Clemetson, C. Gleave, D. Grove, M. Knowles, N. Reading and J. White. The full U15 squad: R. Ahmad, N. Byrom, T. Berkeley, J. Brocklehurst, D. Brown, J. Crawshaw, I. Cooke, I. Graham, B. Myddelton, K. Nolan, A. Rao, D. Slack, M. Wan, M. Warnes, J. Witter,

N.P. Dunn

U14 RUGBY

Played 14, Won 6, Drawn 0, Lost 8, Points for 328,
Points against 197

v Sandbach School	Won 46-0
v Poynton High School	Lost 0-14
v Lymm High School	Lost 10-28
v Cheadle Hulme School	Lost 3-13
v St. Bede's College	Lost 4-10
v Bury Grammar School	Won 20-4
v Audenshaw High School	Won 64-4
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	Lost 16-26
v Manchester Grammar School	Lost 3-42
v Bolton School	Won 36-6
v St. Mary's College, Crosby	Won 37-12
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 8-16
v Sale Grammar School	Won 62-0
v Bramhall High School	Lost 16-18

Having been gently coaxed out of retirement in terms of school team management (which lasted one game when, with Dr. Barnes at the helm, the School overwhelmed Sandbach School with some swash buckling rugby) I returned to the fold running the U14 team for the game versus Poynton High School. Being familiar with the squad, I knew it to be one of proven ability, the year group being unbeaten as U12s though it had shed its entire back row of Russell, Wilsher and Elly over the summer break and a number of players had undergone positional metamorphosis as U13s with Mr. Seddon.

My return heralded an unprecedented run of defeats for the team during which our honest limitations were sorely exposed. The law changes were painfully felt against Poynton where we failed to produce the ball from the maul and had the fangs of our scrummaging pack reduced to gums though our overall performance didn't really merit anything other than a defeat.

The Lymm game was a somewhat better performance, sadly notable for us conceding tries in the first thirty seconds of each half but otherwise a lot more cohesion was shown and the defeat can largely be attributed to circumstances beyond any of the players control rather than to a lack of effort or skill. The forwards were far more productive in the loose yet the backs were comprehensively denied any space in which to operate from start to finish to an infuriating degree.

The match against Cheadle Hulme was a game we could and should have won. We secured enough clean possession during the game and despite being over the line on three occasions failed to ground the ball on any of them. We also conceded two breakout tries when we basically stood and watched which did not promise much for the St. Bede's game where we virtually surrendered to the opposition, missing tackles out wide and comfortably losing to a team who had been beaten by fifty points last year. St. Bede's matched us physically, took their chances and knocked us down when in possession. It was as simple as that.

Having become increasingly worried by our results and manner of performance during this run of four defeats, the game versus Bury Grammar School one which we would normally have anticipated with the hope of a comfortable victory assumed almost crisis-like status! Two things were altered for this game. The pre-match preparations returned to the format of the first year and a positional change saw Johnson and Day switching their roles, Johnson returning to his cherished outside half position and Day moving to inside centre from outside half where he had played his second year rugby. Our all round performance was infinitely better than anything we had produced all season. Though we were more than matched in the tight upfront, where Bury's lineup play was outstanding, we dominated the loose play and scored some sparkling tries in the backs from rehearsed moves with Johnson releasing the 'twin spearhead' of Day and Gent in the midfield to devastating effect.

The Audenshaw game saw spectacular rugby from the team where we overwhelmed the opposition with our power and pace. Audenshaw competed gamely throughout but simply could not match us in any facet of play and it was with some confidence that we approached the contest with King Edward VII School, Lytham, one of only three teams to defeat this year group as Under 13s. Sadly, this result was repeated largely as a result of our inability to close the opposition three quarters down quickly enough though the result was in doubt until the last ten minutes of the game.

Our toughest game of the season is usually versus The Manchester Grammar School and, without key personnel we were humiliated in a game which Dr. Barnes, who accompanied the team in my absence said was a 'gutless performance'.

With this justified criticism ringing in their ears, the squad prepared for the Bolton match with real determination. We had now lost twice as many games as we had won and the team left the prematch warm up in the Pavilion with a purposeful attitude. Bolton simply disintegrated in the first quarter of the game under our fearsome onslaught. It is to their huge credit that they regrouped in the second half, made their tackles count and scored a fine try to finish the game. We gave a fine repeat performance against St. Mary's College, Crosby, the week after and looked set to avenge a defeat by Stockport Grammar. Once again though it was not to be. Mr. M. P. Jones accompanying the team reported "the unit performed efficiently and our back manoeuvres caused confusion in the opposition ranks. We were denied 'aerial supremacy' in the line out but the tactic of playing in camouflage webbing appeared to succeed. Over and out." More seriously, the team were unlucky to lose and with two games to play still had a chance of balancing the season 'seven and seven'. They took a huge step towards this target by demolishing Sale Grammar School in a game expertly refereed by Mr. Hewston and fifteen players took to the field against Bramhall High full of confidence. Within a minute we were reduced to fourteen after David

Johnson took a bad knock and with our reserve being 'detained at the School's pleasure' and therefore not being in attendance, faced a real fight against a team who had only lost one game all season. Our response to such adversity was magnificent. The team played its collective heart out and to lose this game entirely due to circumstances beyond their control was the cruelest of all blows. Undoubtedly this was our best performance of the season.

Playerwise, there were more personnel changes than positional changes this year. The regular front row combination of Goodwin, Pearson and Tilston can all be pleased with their season. Ian Goodwin is a thoroughly solid prop who has worked very hard at his allround game this year. Jeff Pearson, the hooker, could be depended upon to win his strike even though he was often against physically bigger and stronger opposition. Phil Tilston took over the tighthead berth this year, learning the 'ancient arts' very quickly indeed. He took knocks without moaning and is acquiring the size and strength to make him a real force in the near future. The most regular locks were Stephen Hadfield and Andrew Haslam. Stephen is a good ball player and grafter. He worked hard at his mobility all year and was always in the thick of things. Andrew Haslam was the most improved player of the season. Dedicated, wholly committed and powerful in the tackle, he rapidly improved his playing ability and with greater experience in the game, will develop accordingly.

Finding a balanced back row was a problem, bearing in mind the pre-season departures. Adnan Malik, Richard England and new squad members Thomas James and Andrew Nunnery were the most regular members. Adnan has retained the vigour of his younger days and was always to the fore in the loose. His effectiveness to some extent has been diminished by the fact that he is no longer bigger than his opponents and so concentration on the basics must be his aim now. Richard was a success as a converted prop turned No. 8 using his power and strength to great effect though he does not always present the ball early enough in the loose. To become the genuine and finished article he must also work hard at his fitness levels. Thomas James emerged as a very powerful individual, hugely strong in the maul and brave in the tackle. His lack of experience will be overcome with time and a serious competitor is bound to emerge. Fitness fanatic Andrew was ideal for the back row and if he continues his development he will push very hard for a regular position next year.

The early season battle for the scrum half position between Ben Smith and Jon Flatman saw Jon become the regular inside half, largely as a result of his improved service. Ben retains the capacity to link with his forwards, hustling around his back row but Jon's superior passing won the day and was essential to set the back line moving. The return from 'centre-exile' of Simon Johnson to outside half was of huge importance. This is where he is at his most effective and is most damaging to the opposition. He is a natural to the position and has got all the prerequisites a successful flyhalf needs to go a very long way in the game; a genuinely exhilarating player. The centre combination of Peter Day and Daniel Gent, when in harness, impressed me with their creative ability but more so with their blockbusting tackling. Peter is now a player of awesome talent - very fast, direct and as tough as old boots - he played with a fierce sense of pride and hugely competitive spirit. He was frequently an inspiration to the team (against Bramhall he was quite simply outstanding and set an example as player and captain which everyone responded to positively). His unfortunate enforced absence from the M.G.S. game coincided with our nemesis. If he fully concentrates his efforts on the game and continues his development he will be an exceptional player in the future. Danny is of similar stock - utterly fearless in the tackle (he almost burst his opponent in one game), quick and determined, he has made huge progress this season.

Andrew Kelly, Nick Ghazi and David Johnson filled the wing positions in a variety of combinations each with their own strength. Andy is quite quick and elusive, Nick is a dependable player and David has express pace - all however suffered at the

hands of more robust opponents. Joshua Robinson had a very steady season at full back. He tackles solidly, fields the ball well and possesses genuine pace though we possibly underused his attacking potential over the course of the season and should look to him as a major strike weapon in the future.

Other members of the U14 squad who represented the School included Ibrahim Anwar, Shivaji De, Richard Strudwick and Daniel Taylor.

All in all, quite a pleasing season. It was disappointing not to even up the wins and losses but there was a lot more good than bad about the team and they should certainly look forward to the challenges of next year with confidence. There are a number of players who could and should gain representative honours with the East Cheshire U15 squad next season and who are potentially amongst the best player I have seen whilst being involved in School Rugby. Again it is heartening to see that seven of the team play junior rugby on Sundays for local clubs, furthering their development as players. Three of the squad were part of the Lancashire Clubs U14 cup winning team and deserve warm commendation for their achievements.

Many thanks to all the players concerned, to parents who have been there through thick and thin and to Dr. Barnes, Messrs. Dunn and Hewston and Lieutenant Jones for accompanying the team in my enforced absence with the intrepid Altrincham Kersal this season.

G.H. Jones

U13 RUGBY

Played 12, Won 7, Lost 5, Points for 212,
Points Against 186

v Sandbach School	Lost 18-24
v Poynton High School	Won 22-18
v Lymm High School	Won 26-0
v Cheadle Hulme School	Lost 8-14
v St. Bede's College	Won 16-4
v Bury Grammar School	Won 44-4
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	Lost 0-42
v Manchester Grammar School	Won 14-10
v Bolton School	Won 24-6
v St. Mary's College, Crosby	Lost 10-18
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 4-30
v Sale Grammar School	Won 26-16

The season began with a new fixture against Sandbach School. After a few minutes a forward surge resulted in a scrum about ten metres from the Sandbach line and Robert Seddon skilfully used the blindside to put Matthew Healey over in the corner. The team proceeded to dominate play but couldn't add to the opening score. Sandbach then began to realise that they could cause problems if they ran hard and straight, and some weak tackling let them establish a comfortable lead. However, the team stuck at it and the introduction of Marios Baama for his first ever game, resulted in a fine try. Eventually, Sandbach held on but it was a highly satisfactory opening.

Against Poynton, the team were in a generous mood and kept giving away tries, but gradually they asserted control and gained their first victory. Baama and Jobling were always dangerous but essentially it was a determined team effort that saw them home.

A weakened Lymm High School team put up strong resistance but in the first half some excellent rugby was played. The forwards made the ball available and it was quickly moved along the three-quarter line to the wings. In the second half the forwards didn't release the ball and although there were plenty of exciting forward rushes, very little came of these. However, there was plenty to build upon and the three-quarter line was beginning to establish itself.

Cheadle Hulme were rocked back on their heels in the first ten minutes with the end result, two excellent tries by Baama. Both were set up by superb forward play with the ball quickly

released at the maul and moved rapidly along the backs to give Baama the space he needed. Then Cheadle rallied and their powerful centre finally got the ball and caused havoc with his hard straight running. He was only stopped with difficulty and it soon became a question of whether or not he could be prevented from scoring. The tackling improved and with ten minutes to go, the score was still eight-nil, but then the resistance finally cracked and he scored three times to edge Cheadle to a close victory.

St. Bede's were comfortably beaten with James Jobling scoring all four tries, but he had excellent support from the rest of the forwards. A weak Bury Grammar School were then overwhelmed to finish off a promising first half of the season.

The team were only comprehensively defeated on one occasion and that was by King Edward VII School, Lytham. They were a strong all round team who monopolised possession, and their support play was first-rate. This was followed by an excellent performance against Manchester Grammar School. The team were in a very determined mood, controlled the game throughout, and were worthy winners. For once the tackling was excellent and prevented some elusive opponents from making headway. The forwards were always to the fore and Dodd, Silver and Robinson gave strong support to Jobling.

A comfortable victory against Bolton was followed by another tight affair at St. Mary's College, Crosby. Once again a fine start resulted in well worked tries for Baama and Jobling. Then the bigger Crosby pack began to assert themselves and monopolise possession. In the second half continual pressure finally cracked the defence and they scored three tries to confirm their superiority.

Against Stockport Grammar School the team lacked spirit and determination and gave a very poor performance. Stockport played adequate rugby but we made them look a lot better. If the team had played as well as they did against M.G.S. then the result would have been reversed.

The final game at Sale Grammar School was again marked by some weak tackling, and the team had to work hard for what should have been a comfortable victory. This was the only game that Richard Beenstock was able to play in and he was rewarded with a good try.

In terms of results the season was very satisfactory and there is plenty of potential for the future. However, this obscures two key problem areas. The first is the tackling and the second is the attitude and application during training.

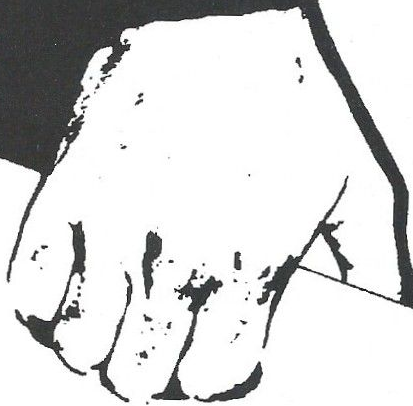
Too many players try to tackle high and are simply brushed off by bigger opponents. The tackler must go low and take the legs, and then even the biggest opponent comes down very easily.

The attitude to training was poor and it was constantly disrupted in one way or another. The concentration span of too many is very short and consequently they don't work hard enough to improve both team and individual skills. They must take note of these comments and work to improve in these areas in the future. James Jobling led the forwards with his strong, aggressive approach and scored a lot of tries. However, others are catching up physically and he needs to develop his all round skills in the future. He was well supported by Silver, Dodd, Lambert and the other forwards. If there was an award for one hundred per cent effort at all times this would surely go to Matthew Robinson at No.8, who greatly impressed me with his no-nonsense attitude and considerable determination whatever the situation.

Marios Baama greatly improved the scope of the three-quarters with his speed and elusive running, and he learnt very quickly. Reading, Humphries, Kellett and Healey all made positive contributions in the backs.

Robert Seddon did not have it easy as Captain, but he stuck at his task and led by example. His skills at scrum and line out helped the team considerably, and he continually got the team out of trouble or kept them going forward. He will continue to develop as he moves up the School and his efforts as Captain were greatly appreciated.

D.A. Myers



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U12 RUGBY

Played 9, Won 6, Lost 3, Points for 126, Points against 50

v Cheadle Hulme School	Won 8-6
v St. Bede's College	Won 28-0
v King Edward VII School, Lytham	Lost 6-12
v Manchester Grammar School	Lost 4-16
v Bolton School	Won 16-0
v St. Mary's College, Crosby	Lost 0-22
v Stockport Grammar School	Won 8-0
v Altrincham Grammar School	Lost 8-12
v Bramhall High School	Won 30-0

25 boys represented the School at Under 12 level and all showed great determination to master the basics of the game in the practice sessions and to utilise these skills in the heat of a game.

The forward unit performed very well indeed coming "unstuck" on only two occasions. Once against a very well drilled St. Mary's pack and the other against a determined Altrincham Grammar School eight. Obviously the lessons need to be learnt for next year. All forwards need to develop good ball retention skills and they must be aggressive in the various aspects of play. However, in the pack, individuals are weak and players must blend together to form a tight unit of eight forwards. Several forwards played well enough to deserve special mention. Tim Edwards, at No. 8, played with drive and experience. Nicky Arthur was perpetual motion at wing forward and was a ferocious tackler - not all below the shoulder! Jamie Stockberger won useful ball in the line out and Brett Smith was a competitive prop.

The real strength of the team however lay in the three quarters notably David Hancock (a mini Dewi Morris) who relished running with the ball. As his game progresses, however, he must learn when to pass and when to run and also he must develop his tactical kicking. He is a fine prospect. Matthew Naylor captained the team from fly half. Again Matthew has some rugby experience but must work hard at his ball distribution. He was inclined to take on too much himself when outside him he had some strong and elusive runners.

Generally, however, the team began to take shape. They understood the basics of the game and played with flair and enthusiasm. With continued application they should develop into a reasonable XV for future years. My thanks go to all the players and parents for their efforts and support throughout the term.

The following boys represented the U12 XV: M. Naylor (Capt.), H. Anwar, N. Arthur, S. Arshad, A. Bagga, T. Barraclough, R. Bell, R. Bowie, O. Briggs, P. Crystal, J. Daniels, T. Edwards, O. Farrell, R. Glass, A. Goldsmith, D. Hancock, R. Hanley, J. Higgins, C. Johnstone, R. Mensah, P. Murphy, K. Ogunjobi, A. Prophet, G. Roberts, B. Smith, J. Stockberger.

C.H. Seddon

MICHAELMAS TERM: INTERHOUSE SPORTS RESULTS

SENIOR KNOCKOUT RUGBY

Heywood 10		
v	Heywood 6	
Dalton 4	v	Byrom 4
	Byrom 12	Winners: Whitworth
		v
	Fraser 13	
Gaskell 3	v	Whitworth 14
v	Whitworth 32	
Whitworth 17		

JUNIOR KNOCKOUT RUGBY

Byrom 0		
v	Fraser 16	
Fraser 56	v	Fraser 20
	Dalton 12	Winners: Fraser
		v
	Heywood 20	
Whitworth 4	v	Heywood 10
v	Gaskell 10	
Gaskell 36		

SENIOR LEAGUE RUGBY

Position	Played	Won	Lost	Pts
1 = Byrom	8	7	1	14
1 = Whitworth	8	6	0	14
3 Dalton	8	4	3	10
4 Fraser	8	3	5	6
5 Heywood	8	2	6	4
6 Gaskell	8	0	8	0

RUGBY 7'S COMPETITION

Ray Cox (Seniors)	Middle School Competition
1 Whitworth 10 pts	1 Fraser 9 pts
2 Byrom 10 pts	Gaskell 9 pts
3 Gaskell 8 pts	3 Heywood 8.5 pts
4 Dalton 6 pts	4 Whitworth 4 pts
5 Heywood 6 pts	5 Byrom 3.5 pts
6 Whitworth 2 pts	6 Dalton 2.5 pts

INTER-HOUSE ROAD RELAY

1 Whitworth 25 pts
2 Fraser 33 pts
3 Byrom 34 pts
4 Heywood 35 pts
5 Gaskell 37 pts
6 Dalton 49 pts

Fastest Senior Runner: Bookbinder (Whitworth) 20 mins 16 secs.

M.D. Wood



U15 'A' NETBALL

Played 13, Won 10, Drew 1, Lost 2

v St. Bede's College	Drew 11-11
v Marple Hall School	Won 26-6
v Withington Girls' School	Won 13-8
v Cheadle Hulme High School	Won 14-5
v Kingsway School	Won 12-6
v St. Mary's College, Crosby	Won 22-4
v Manchester High School	Won 29-3
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 9-23
v Knutsford High School	Won 10-8
v Manchester High School	Won 16-7
v Marple Hall School	Won 22-2
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 9-16
v Withington Girls' School	Won 4-3

After last year's rather unsuccessful season as U14's, losing all but three matches, this year proved to be a good one!

It is to all the players credit that we only lost two matches this season - both of whom were against the same school. This was almost certainly due to the huge collective spirit, attitude and determination within the team.

As U15's our first game of the season against St. Bede's College was a closely fought match right to the final whistle. What became immediately obvious was that we were going to do well this season considering our defeat of 16 goals by the same Bede's team from last season.

The next six games were convincingly won and by now the team had already won more matches than they had ever done in four years!

The visit of Stockport Grammar School always guarantees a tough game - as we found out soon enough. After half-time we were losing by a considerable amount of goals but the willpower of the team kept us going right until the final whistle. It was a disappointing result but the effort put into the game compensated for the loss.

The following match against Knutsford High School was probably the most testing of all the matches played. They matched us in every department and therefore were an extremely formidable opposition to play. They led in the first few minutes but we pulled back levelling the scores all of the time. Towards the end of the match we had a few lucky breaks and sealed the game with a well earned victory.

The Withington game proved to be the last of the season as bad weather caused the cancellations at Kingsway and Knutsford.

Although Netball is a team game and we all accept victories or losses as a team, a few individuals deserve special mention. In the attack Alison Soper and Nicola Miller were the outstanding shooters of the team, as you can tell by the scores, proving that their partnership was irreplaceable in the team.

Nadia Hanley and Karen Law showed themselves to be the backbone of the defence. They were both exceptionally strong and their pace throughout the games was something to be desired. Overall though, the sheer ability and skill of the team was displayed throughout the season and I hope that next year will be as memorable as this one.

Many thanks to Mrs. Pollard for the great amount of time she has given us to help with the team and we hope that it was as rewarding a season for her as it was for us. Also thanks must go to Miss Smith who helped to referee practices during the week.

The U15 team were as follows: Defence - Philippa Whittle, Nadia Hanley, Karen Law; Attack - Claire Reichl, Caron Abramson, Alison Soper and Nicola Miller.

Claire Reichl 4Y

U15 'B' NETBALL

Played 4, Won 2, Drew 0, Lost 2

v St. Mary's College, Crosby	Won 24- 9
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 4- 13
v Marple Hall School	Won 13-10
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 6-13

This was a very disappointing season in regards to the number of matches we played. Other schools would not or could not provide a 'B' team at this age group.

The games we did play were played with ambition and determination, and we tried to play as a team. This succeeded against St. Mary's where we had a mammoth victory, scoring 24 goals to their 9. Unfortunately, we met our match when we played Stockport Grammar School and lost on both occasions, being unable to score as frequently as they did.

Another victory against Marple Hall School left us confident, and hopefully with a fuller fixture list we can improve further.

Thanks to Mrs. Pollard and Miss Smith for coaching and umpiring us throughout the season.

The U15 'B' team were as follows: Defence - Sara Atkins, Mandy Wheeler, Louise Borg; Attack - Amanda Jones, Michelle Cowan, Jenny Ellis and Dalia Daud.

Jenny Ellis 4A

U14 'A' NETBALL

Played 13, Won 9, Drew 0, Lost 4

v St. Bede's College	Won 12- 9
v Marple Hall School	Won 17-10
v Withington Girls's School	Won 8-4
v Cheadle Hulme High School	Lost 10-15

v Kingsway School	Won 8- 5
v St. Mary's College, Crosby	Lost 12-14
v Manchester High School	Won 16-14
v Stockport Grammar School	Won 17-16
v Knutsford High School	Lost 7- 15
v Manchester High School	Won 18-10
v Marple Hall School	Won 15- 7
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 8- 9
v Withington Girls' School	Won 5- 4

The Under 14's 'A' Netball team had a very successful year winning a total of 9 games out of 13. Practice and hard work have been the key factors of this success by the following people: Karen Hawcroft (C), Caroline Ip (W.D.), Christina Barnes (G.K.), Sophie Stephenson (W.A.), Ellen Nicholson (G.A.), Claire Babington (G.S.) and Philippa Walters (G.D.).

The season started well, we produced three good wins against St. Bede's, Withington Girls and Marple Hall, but unfortunately defeat wasn't too far away. The game was against Cheadle Hulme High School and we went to pieces, unable to match their scoring record.

Our biggest rival is undoubtedly Stockport Grammar School and we were expecting a defeat of perhaps 3-22, 9-18 or 6-24 as had happened in previous years. However, much to our surprise at half-time the score was 8-8, Claire and Ellen had produced some outstanding goals from the edge of the circle. We went into the second half with more confidence and miraculously won 17 goals to 16.

The next match we played was against Knutsford County High School on a cold, blustery winter's night. We put in a miserable performance, losing 7 goals to their 15.

We changed the team round when we played Manchester High, letting Caroline change places with myself from W.D. to W.A. This wasn't overly successful so at half-time we swopped back, this resulted in a 18 goals to 10 victory.

Our next meeting against Stockport Grammar School was met with the usual trepidation. Again a very close match was fought, this time however we lost with a very dignified score of 8 goals to their 9. Mrs. Pollard wasn't too pleased with our performance against Withington Girls' School and quite rightly so. We did manage to win 5 goals to 4, but it was a very scrappy performance in extremely bad weather, the wind, hail and rain didn't help much!

I would like to thank Mrs. Pollard for arranging the matches and coaching us throughout the season, the parents who supported us in all sorts of weather and the parents who helped to make the team teas after the matches.

We must also thank Philippa Walters for her part in the team. We'll miss her next season, but wish her luck in her new school.

Sophie Stephenson 3L

U14 'B' NETBALL

Played 6, Won 1, Drew 0, Lost 5

v St. Bede's College	Won 9- 2
v Marple Hall School	Lost 5- 9
v Cheadle Hulme High School	Lost 7- 21
v St. Mary's College, Crosby	Lost 17-18
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 8- 21
v Marple Hall School	Lost 2- 12

With Olivia Dunbar leaving, the team was in a bit of a mess! Fortunately we heralded the arrival of Martyne Jones, who'd never played netball before. We were all amazed at how quickly she picked the skills up, proving to be a great asset to the team.

Louise Illingworth moved readily from Goal Defence to Goal Attack (no mean feat), Alice Caine played Goal Shooter, Debbie Mosley Wing Attack, Myself Centre, Vivienne Priestner

Goal Defence, Philippa Matthews Goal Keeper and both Helen Ralston and Martyne Jones played Wing Defence.

Our first match of the season was against St. Bede's College and at half-time we were leading 5-2. Martyne came on at half-time and quickly came to terms with the game pushing and barging her partner out of the way!! Once we told her it was a non-contact game, things improved and we finally won the match 9-2.

The game against Marple Hall was disappointing as we made a lot of stupid mistakes and generally lacked communication, consequently we lost 5-9.

Our venture to Cheadle Hulme High was somewhat of an embarrassment, we played absolutely terribly and deserved to lose 7-21!

We did redeem ourselves somewhat when we played St. Mary's. With some excellent shooting from Louise and Alice, great defending by Helen, Martyne, Philippa and Viv and fast and accurate attacking play by Debbie and myself, we matched their goals, the play going from end to end. Unfortunately we were beaten by the final whistle and lost 17 goals to their 18.

Many thanks to all girls who played throughout the season and to parents who supported us in all weather.

Bernadette McCurrie 3X

U13 'A' NETBALL

Played 15, Won 2, Drew 1, Lost 12

v St. Bede's College	Lost 7- 17
v Marple Hall School	Lost 9- 10
v Withington Girls' School	Lost 7- 15
v Cheadle Hulme High School	Won 14- 5

v Kingsway School	Lost 6-10
v St. Mary's College, Crosby	Lost 8-17
v St. Bede's College	Lost 8-9
v Manchester High School	Lost 8-16
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 4-20
v Knutsford High School	Drew 5- 5
v Manchester High School	Lost 6-12
v Marple Hall School	Won 11- 4
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 2- 22
v Withington Girls' School	Lost 4-10
v Kingsway School	Lost 6-9

September's Netball season brought with it a new coach, Miss Smith, with the season getting off to a bad start losing the first three games. We finally got our act together when playing Cheadle Hulme High School. After a lot of rearranging of the team we managed a win of 14-5. Our next match was against Kingsway. We immediately took the lead but by the end of the first half we were a couple of goals down, leaving the final score at the end of the second half 6-10, an unfortunate loss. The next game was against St. Mary's and we were heavily defeated 8-17. Our next game came as quite a surprise as having been heavily defeated by St. Bede's the first time, we ended up with a score of 8-9 this time. Our next venue was Manchester High. This was tough and however hard we fought for the ball the opposition just snatched it away, a rather disappointing loss of 8-10.

Stockport Grammar was our next game. This was by far the toughest team we had played, the score was a heavy loss of 4-20. Next came Knutsford County High. This game was rather unusual as we played on astro turf, a surface we had never played on before. This was by far one of our best games yet

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with the final score at 5-5. Once again we played Manchester High, this was yet another defeat 6-12. Marple Hall was our next venue - a very well played game and the final whistle left the winning score 11-4 to us. Stockport Grammar, a team which beat us 20-4 last time, came next. However hard we fought, the opposing team was just stronger. Our next game was against Withington, trust our luck we were against the wind and this ended in another loss 4-10. Kingsway was our last match of the season and by far one of our better games but unfortunately we lost 6-9.

Thanks to Mrs Pollard and Miss Smith for all their hard work in supporting and coaching the team. The following girls have represented W.H.G.S. during the past year: Hannah James, Sarah Cochrane, Geraldine Brook, Lucy Mattison, Rachel Nightingale, Heidi McKinnell, Jane Lawson, Emma Weeden, Vicky Williams and Asha de Silva.

Geraldine Brook 2A

U13 'B' NETBALL

Played 12, Won 0, Lost 11, Drew 1

v St. Bede's College	Lost 2-10
v Marple Hall School	Lost 1-12
v Withington Girls' School	Lost 1-3
v Kingsway School	Drew 7-7
v St. Bede's College	Lost 3-17
v Manchester High School	Lost 5-8
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 3-20
v Manchester High School	Lost 5-8
v Marple Hall School	Lost 5-9
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 3-12
v Withington Girls' School	Lost 1-5
v Kingsway School	Lost 3-4

The U13B Netball team didn't have a very good season this year although we did play well in most of our matches. St. Bede's and Marple Hall won both of their matches quite convincingly probably due to our poor passing. The third game against Withington was a better result. We only lost by 3 goals to one and our midfield passing was much more accurate.

A slight change to the team for the match against Kingsway was made which proved to be a good decision. Kelly Bagley and Rachel Nightingale were brought into defence and the final score was seven all.

Seven defeats later (four of which were marginal) and it was the final game of the season versus Kingsway School. We never gave up at any one time during the match but unfortunately we were beaten 3 goals to 4.

Thanks to the parents who followed us and mostly the team including those who play for the 'A' team now. The squad consisted of: Rachel Nightingale, Vicky Williams, Kelly Bagley, Victoria Fleming, Caroline Ashley, Emma Weeden, Rachel Goodwin, Asha de Silva, Rachel Westbrook, Sam Johnson, Sarah Cochrane, Katrina Mackay, Sahara Dixon and Frances Edwards.

Vicky Williams 2D

U12 'A' NETBALL

Played 13, Won 1, Drew 2, Lost 10

v Withington Girls' School	Lost 0-5
v Cheadle Hulme High School	Lost 1-15
v Kingsway School	Lost 1-9

v St. Mary's College, Crosby	Won 12-9
v St. Bede's College	Lost 0-11
v Manchester High School	Drew 10-10
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 4-22
v Knutsford High School	Lost 3-10
v Manchester High School	Lost 5-16
v Marple Hall School	Lost 3-7
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 2-16
v Withington Girls' School	Lost 0-8
v Kingsway School	Drew 5-5

The U12A Netball team had a very mixed season, as our results show. We only managed to win one game, which was a great victory for us against St. Mary's.

One of our most memorable games was against Stockport Grammar, as they managed to score 22 goals as opposed to our 4. Once they got hold of the ball they scored - it's a shame we couldn't match them.

Our very last game of the season was played against Kingsway, where we drew 5-5. It was a very exciting game, our team passing with great accuracy and strength, much to our amazement. The return match wasn't as exciting as we unfortunately lost 1-9.

Many thanks to Mrs. Hesp and Mrs. Pollard, and to all members of the U12 squad who worked hard throughout the year.

Amanda Payne 1C

U12 'B' NETBALL

Played 11, Won 1, Drew 0, Lost 10

v Withington Girls' School	Lost 2-6
v Cheadle Hulme High School	Lost 0-16
v Kingsway School	Lost 2-3
v St. Bede's College	Lost 1-23
v Manchester High School	Lost 4-10
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 4-29
v Manchester High School	Lost 1-21
v Marple Hall School	Lost 1-5
v Stockport Grammar School	Lost 1-14
v Withington Girls' School	Lost 3-8
v Kingsway School	Won 4-3

As a team we played enthusiastically throughout the season, never giving up hope, although our results weren't very good.

The most memorable game we played was against Kingsway as it was a very close game. We moved the ball accurately and quickly into the shooting circle. Fortunately the final whistle blew on time and we managed to put an extra goal through their posts, at last a victory, 4 goals to 3.

The match that as a team we most want to forget was played against Stockport Grammar. When they got the ball they scored quickly leaving us behind easily. Although we managed to score 4 goals, we couldn't match their 29.

Many thanks to Mrs. Hesp and Mrs. Pollard for helping us with practices, and to the parents who continually supported us.

Debra Nussbaum 1C

The U12 Netball teams were chosen from the following squad: Hannah Colman, Rachel Lee, Rachel Aldersley, Sally Burton, Cemile Egeli, Claire Lelonek, Sarah Moore, Alexandra Preston, Duygu Uflaz, Helen Collins, Jennie Green, Halima Kasseum, Yasmin Khan, Debra Nussbaum, Amanda Payne, Maame Ankrah, Lauren Crane, Aimee Crilly, Deborah Patchick, Priti Shah, Dawn Sing, Laura Smith.



U15 HOCKEY

Played 9, Won 4, Drew 1, Lost 4

v Kingsway School	Lost	1-2
v St. Bede's College	Won	4-0
v Kingsway School	Lost	1-3
v Sale Grammar School	Won	1-0
v Culcheth Hall School	Won	3-0
v Manchester High School	Lost	0-1
v Marple Hall School	Won	3-0
v Weaverham High School	Drew	0-0
v Knutsford High School	Lost	1-2

The season started off fairly uneasily as the team took some time to gather themselves together and work as a team again. Although the win against St. Bede's was a big boost to the team, the result being 4-0, our next game against Manchester High was very disappointing. As Manchester High are one of our main rivals we didn't succeed in fulfilling our task to beat them - unfortunately!

During the middle of the season we had rather a big team shuffle which left a few people rather confused in their new positions but it did pay off as our next three games were won convincingly. After a very close encounter with Weaverham High we finally managed to keep it at a 0-0 draw, although at one stage we were constantly defending our goal area.

The last game of the season was played in the most terrible conditions with sleet and rain pouring onto us but we managed to just about keep the game going and finally ended up losing although it was a very close game.

Throughout the season the attitude of all the players was outstanding and each and every one worked hard in training and gave their best in each fixture. The skill displayed by the whole team was especially shown in the county tournament at the end of the season when our team actually reached the quarter finals but eventually lost to Altrincham Grammar. A good effort by the whole team.

The following girls regularly represented the School: Caron Abramson, Kathyne Arran, Louise Borg (Captain), Jenny Ellis, Amanda Jones, Claire Reichl, Alison Soper, Yvonne Schofield, Sally Ward, Mandy Wheeler and Philippa Whittle. Louise Borg 4B

U14 HOCKEY

Played 10, Won 6, Drew 1, Lost 3

v Stockport Grammar School	Won	7-0
v Kingsway School	Drew	1-1
v St. Bede's College	Won	1-0
v Manchester High School	Lost	0-1
v Kingsway School	Lost	0-2
v Sale Grammar School	Won	5-0
v St. Bede's College	Won	8-0
v Marple Hall School	Won	3-1
v Weaverham High School	Won	2-0
v Knutsford High School	Lost	0-5

The season started with what we thought was going to be one of our hardest matches, Stockport Grammar. We went out expecting any kind of win as a bonus and we came back with

a 7-0 victory, our biggest winning margin so far. Kingsway were next, we were always promised an even match. The score stayed level at 1-1. Manchester High however was a different matter altogether, after letting in an unfortunate early goal, we went up a gear, but no matter how hard we tried the ball just would not go between the posts. If it hit them once it hit them a million times it seemed. An unfortunate 1-0 loss. In the second match against Kingsway we did not do quite as well, we lost 2-0.

Against Sale Grammar we managed to get back into our usual style of playing and gained a convincing 5-0 win. St. Bede's in previous years is usually quite an even game, this time not quite so. We managed to better our best score with an 8-0 win. Marple Hall next, one of the hardest games of the season, we did well with a 3-1 victory. Weaverham High, a new opposition and a 2-0 win. Knutsford High, the last match of the season on a very cold spring (felt like the middle of an Arctic winter!) morning did not end the season with a bang, we suffered a terrible loss 5-0 loss. This was a disappointing end to what had otherwise been an excellent season. Everybody made noticeable improvements during the season and on occasions the team even discovered this strange thing called team work! Thanks to all the parents who came out on some very cold mornings to support, and of course to Miss Barlow for all the effort that she has put in.

The team consisted of: Claire Babington, Christina Barnes (Captain), Alice Caine, Karen Hawcroft, Louise Illingworth, Caroline Ip, Martyne Jones, Debbie Mosley, Bernie McCurrie, Ellen Nicholson, Viv Priestner, Sophie Stephenson and Philippa Walters.

Christina Barnes 3X

U13 HOCKEY

Played 9, Won 4, Drew 1, Lost 4

v Stockport Grammar School	Lost	0-1
v Kingsway School	Lost	1-3
v St. Bede's College	Won	2-0
v Kingsway School	Lost	0-3
v Sale Grammar School	Won	1-0
v St. Bede's College	Won	1-0
v Manchester High School	Won	2-0
v Marple Hall School	Drew	0-0
v Weaverham High School	Lost	0-2

As our team won only one game last season, we were determined that this year should be an improvement, however, the first two matches were against our toughest opposition and they ended in defeat. After extra practices to sort out one or two tactical moves we were more prepared for our next game, and with two late goals managed to win the game. In our next match against Manchester High our confidence grew and we actually managed to work as a team instead of eleven individuals which resulted in a good win for us.

The most enjoyed game of the season was against Sale Grammar - our first ever match on astro turf. It took us a while to get used to this 'strange' surface, however, one or two girls took to it straight away and played outstandingly, particularly Rachel Nightingale and Sarah Cochrane. This victory gave us great confidence for the mini-hockey tournament which was held on astro turf in Blackpool. However, the day started badly with a couple of defeats but the team kept high spirits and finished the day with a couple of victories - finishing fourth out of seven overall. It was a long tiring day which was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to all who played for the team this year giving their all both in practices and in matches and thank you to Miss Barlow who helped and coached us throughout the season. Finally I would like to thank all the parents and friends who turned out religiously to support us week in, week out.

The U13 team was chosen from the following: Vicky Fleming, Frances Edwards, Caroline Shaw, Emma Weeden, Sarah Cochrane, Jane Lawson, Rachel Nightingale, Heidi McKinnell, Louise Ives, Lucy Mattison (Captain), Geraldine Brook, Rachel Goodwin, Rachel Westbrook and Vicky Williams.

Lucy Mattison 2C

U12 HOCKEY

Played 7, Won 4, Drew 2, Lost 1

v Stockport Grammar School	Won 1-0
v St. Bede's College	Drew 0-0
v Kingsway School	Drew 2-2
v Sale Grammar School	Won 1-0
v St. Bede's College	Won 1-0
v Marple Hall School	Won 2-0
v Weaverham High School	Lost 0-2

This year's Hockey squad was very committed. We all played with a large amount of team spirit which helped to gain our good results. I think only losing one game out of seven was a great boost to our confidence. We were exceedingly lucky to have a large number of capable players who wanted to play in the team and I would like to thank them for their time and effort both in practice and in matches.

The following girls regularly represented the School: Dawn Sing, Sarah Moore, Claire Mattison, Lauren Crane, Maame Ankrach, Rachael Lee, Rachel Aldersley, Cemile Egeli, Halima Kasseum, Duygu Uflaz, Laura Smith, Jennie Green and Sally Burton.

Rachael Lee 1A



1ST X LACROSSE

Played 14, Won 7, Drawn 1, Lost 6

Goals for 123, Against 107

v Timperley U19	(H)	Lost 9-12
v Heaton Mersey Guild	(A)	Lost 5-11
(Lancs Cup)		
v Cheadle U19	(H)	Won 15-3
v Hulmeians Extra A	(H)	Lost 6-7
v Cheadle Hulme L.C.	(H)	Lost 8-11
v Oxford University	(A)	Won 10-3
v Cambridge University	(A)	Won 8-4
v Stockport U19	(H)	Won 13-11
v Timperley U19 'A'	(Floodlit)	Won 15-4
v Waconians U19	(Floodlit)	Won 10-9
v Stockport U19	(H)	Won 8-6
v Timperley U19	(A)	Drew 5-5
v Hulmeians	(H)	Lost 5-10
v Timperley U19	(Floodlit)	Lost 6-11
(Final)		

This season the 1st X took some time to get into its stride, but when it did there was a very satisfying sequence of results, and though the season ended in disappointment, it cannot have been said by any means to have been the failure which threatened at one stage. It was always clear that we would not let in a lot of goals. Bone, now the England goalkeeper, had as good a final season for us as he has had for the previous six years, and in front of him was the immense experience of a good captain, Stansfield, and another international, Foster, whose all-round play was excellent. To play with this trio would be a challenge for any young defender, and Mehta did a wonderful job, fitting in his energetic style with the others and never overshadowed by them. When Simkin joined the side for the tour, he too played with tremendous energy and promise, and it was a pity that injury to Mehta made it impossible to play all four defenders as a regular unit.

Over the season, though, while the defence made few mistakes, and the transfer of the ball into the attacking half was usually good, it was up front where the side found real problems. There are three ways of attacking basically, all involving a six-man unit: cutting and feeding, committing a defender and laying off, and isolation plays. Ideally, of course, a team should employ all three, but a period of success with one of the three can mean that the skills, and indeed the extra work required by the other two can lapse, and this essentially was where we trapped ourselves, looking too often for isolation with too few players able to carry it off, whilst cutting and feeding was often nearly right, and laying off usually lacked the necessary confidence. There was also a lower level of general running power than in some years, and too often attack players would be merely watching the player on the ball rather than working for him. Quite immune from all this criticism was the power of Ladd who had a splendid season, scoring all the goals in the Hulmeians match and rightly recognised as player of the season by his team mates. Sellers also moved with terrific speed and stamina, and we saw the very best of Williams at times; Mattison's inclusion in the team brought some variety for a while, and Holder was perfectly suited to the cut and feed game which others were unable to play.

The season could not have started with a harder game and we did very well to come back strongly in the third quarter, with Williams rampant. The cup game at Guild was a disappointment; many seemed to expect to lose, and one opposition player outplayed us. A good victory against Cheadle gave the team a lot of heart, but ex-coach Shaw's personality and tactics ruled the following friendly. Real light dawned in the superb match against the strong Cheadle Hulme Club and we went on to win the two tour games in style.

The first of two well-contested league games with Stockport seemed especially long as we struggled to hold on to a seven goal lead with ever decreasing playing strength in a surprisingly long last quarter! The Timperley floodlit fixtures which followed brought the team to its peak in the victory against a very strong Wacs side: late substitute Owen showed massive determination here. We never quite reached these heights again. The second Stockport game saw the beginnings of a real goal famine; the second league game against Timperley was a real war of attrition in which we led 3-1, trailed 3-5 and, amazingly, found two goals from nowhere to draw. All but Ladd were very subdued against a weak Hulmeians 1st team, and the season ended in crushing disappointment with the floodlit final in which we held the opposition for three quarters but finally gave way under the strain of some unspeakable decisions and a string of injuries. (A similar disappointment followed when Stockport Grammar School were unable to fulfil a last day fixture at short notice.)

My thanks go to the many loyal members of this team, especially all who worked hard to turn the season round when things were most difficult; also to Mike McCaffrey, a genial and helpful coach and another great ambassador for the U.S. of A.; to Hulmeians and Cheadle Hulme L.C. who made sure we had no blank Saturdays in our short season; to many lacrosse

playing friends for their interest and support; and finally to the many parents and supporters who have watched us, especially those mothers who have helped with the after-match tea! The team was usually selected from: R.D. Bone, D. Stansfield (Capt.), P.D. Foster, A.S. Mehta, C. Simkin, A.R. Ladd, M.A. Bratt, T.B. Veitch, P. Sum, E.F. Buckley, M.D. Sellers, N.J. Williams, F.J. Baama, R.C. Mattison and N.J. Holder.

C.P. Langford

2ND X LACROSSE

Played 6, Won 4, Lost 2, For 73, Against 48

v Ashton U19	(H)	Lost 10-12
v Stockport Grammar School 2nd	(A)	Won 15-6
v Cheadle Hulme School	(H)	Won 7-5
v Timperley U19 'A'	(A)	Won 16-10
v Stockport Grammar School 2nd	(H)	Won 18-6
v Cheadle Hulme School	(A)	Lost 7-9

It was hoped that the 2nd X this season, with Fifth Formers having their own Under 16 team for the first time, would be entirely a Sixth Form team. It soon became apparent, however, that there were insufficient Sixth Formers prepared to make themselves available. It was therefore necessary to complete the squad with players who had already played a morning game, and I decided to invite not only 5th year but also younger players whose future would certainly be on the School first team. What a pleasure it was to get the answer "Yes, please" to a request to play, instead of entering on a protracted discussion on the possibilities. Many players played for the 2nd team this year when they were injured or tired or both as a result of morning exertions; to them I am most grateful, as I am also to the few sixth formers who always made themselves available; loyalty is a quality a team manager appreciates above any other. My opinion of those who failed to attend, without notice, the final match of the season and thus compromised not only their own but also others' reputation, is so strong as to be inexpressible in these pages.

The team reached great heights at some stages of the season recovering from 3-10 to 10-10 before narrowly losing to Ashton and achieving a wonderful win at home against Cheadle Hulme School 1st team in the most stirring game I saw all season. With kinder treatment from the weather later on in the season there would have been a very real chance of the team winning the second division of the Under 19 league.

I am especially grateful to Mr. Loveland for his willingly accepted responsibility for the 2nd team this season, and also to Rick Summers who acted as coach for many of the games played and showed a real interest in the players whilst also getting very good results out of them.

The team was usually selected from: W. Mason (with thanks also to A. Bulwich for his guest appearance in goal), M.P. Wilson, A.S. Mehta, C. Simkin, N.M.G. Owen, M.J. Musgrove, D.A. Ormerod, J.E. Crawshaw, D.J. Lambert, C. Bury, C. Reichl, O. Asgher, M.D. Sellers, S.D. Bates, M.A. Shelmerdine, C. Gleave, P.H. Day, R.C. Mattison, A.M. Sunderland, N.A. Whiteley, D. West, B.R. Howells, B.S. Jones, D.P. Stansfield.

C.P. Langford

U16 LACROSSE

The 1992 Lacrosse season was the first for an Under 16's team. In some cases this restricted the opportunities of the better players to play School first team lacrosse in the Under 19's league. The season overall was disappointing with games lost to the weather and a lack of enthusiasm in others. For the first time in nine years the School team failed to reach the

Juniors and Schools Cup Final, courtesy of a semi-final defeat at the hands of Cheadle.

The season started on a frosty morning against a Cheadle Hulme side who had recently defeated the Cup holders - Stockport Grammar School. Sadly the defence failed to realise the game had started and John Hall's first three movements were to pick the ball out of the back of his net. However, a real team effort brought about an excellent 10-8 victory. Simon Bates made a comeback after his injury last year and his tenacity won a lot of possession though he did have difficulty passing the ball once he had it! The following week was a Cup game against a strong Timperley side. Dominic Stansfield and Chris Gleave made their debuts and proved to be very effective with Chris scoring an excellent over the shoulder crease goal. Bradley Jones controlled the attack well and the defence was superb with John Hall man of the match. A strong midfield performance resulted in a fine 9-5 victory. The next two matches were called off, followed by another cup game against Stockport. This game saw Ben Howells add vision to his undoubted skill. A 9-3 victory was also due to excellent defensive work and well controlled attack; in retrospect this was probably the highlight of the season. The next game was a 4-4 draw with Cheadle Hulme followed by a poor performance at Timperley resulting in a 12-4 loss. Poor defence and a lethargic attack allowed Timperley to control the game and set the scene for a 12-9 defeat at Cheadle the following week. Despite a strong midfield the attack failed to capitalise on all the chances they had and a defence lacking Ormerod could not cope with the Cheadle attack. The following game was cancelled and the last game took place without the Lancashire players who were involved in the County game. The team consisted of enthusiastic fourth and fifth years with a makeshift defence in which Lawton did an excellent marking job. Captain for the day, Mark Shelmerdine, set a fine example as he had done throughout the season and hard work on a muddy pitch resulted in a 6-3 victory with Alex Kniveton pulling off many fine saves. Perhaps some of these keen players should have been used earlier in the season.

Mark Sellers and Craig Simkin were excellent co-captains, set a fine example and developed into confident first team players. Hall is a good goalkeeper and Howells and Bates strong middies who have the hardest task in organising team play. Jones can be outstanding and appalling! He has the ability to control a game but must make a more consistent team effort. Skills have improved all round but team play must be developed. Jones, Simkin, Hall, Sellers, Howells, Stansfield, Bates were all selected for Lancashire and Howells represented Wales in a full international. Stansfield and Gleave should use their experience to create the correct attitude in next year's Under 16s.

The Under 16's squad consisted of: B. Howells, D. Ormerod, N. Owen, J. Hall, C. Simkin, M. Musgrove, S. Bates, I. Sherwin, M. Sellers, M. Shelmerdine, C. Gleave, D. Stansfield, R. Jones, J. Phillips, Y. Sayyid, J. Lawton.

H.N. Veevers

U15 LACROSSE

Played 10, Won 7, Lost 3, For 113, Against 66

v Boardman & Eccles	(H)	Won 14-4
v Stockport Grammar School	(H)	Lost 0-17
Juniors and Schools Cup		
v Timperley	(A)	Won 19-0
v Boardman & Eccles	(A)	Won 11-6
v Sale	(A)	Won 7-6
v Cheadle Hulme	(A)	Lost 7-12
v Cheadle Hulme School	(A)	Lost 8-9
v Wilmslow	(A)	Won 14-7
v Boardman & Eccles	(A)	Won 20-3
v Stockport Grammar School	(A)	Won 13-2
(Under 15's)		

For the second year in a row, the Under 15's had the difficult task of playing teams mainly consisting of boys a year older than themselves. Bearing this in mind the season was very successful. Only three games were lost, two by a close margin.

Our first game was a very good start to the season. For a club side, half way through their season Boardman & Eccles were surprisingly not very strong. Gleave and Brocklehurst had particularly good games, School winning all but four faces, again mainly due to Gleave.

The Juniors and Schools Cup game, as expected, turned out to be a complete mismatch. The team was missing Gleave and Stansfield and the attack simply could not keep hold of the ball against such a strong opposition, making only two shots on goal in the whole game. However, the defence played extremely well and we were very pleased to hold Stockport to seventeen goals!

Timperley proved to be no opposition at all, and at this stage it was realised that we would need to change some of our fixtures if the boys were to learn anything from this season. However, it did provide an easy first game for Knowles, our new and not very experienced goal keeper. Reading had been unhappy in goals for some time and Knowles stepped in to take his place. This meant that Reading could now play in defence, giving Warnes the opportunity to play in attack, giving the side added flexibility.

For our second game against Boardman, they fielded a much stronger side, giving School a harder task to win. The boys rose to the occasion well, Rowlands standing out as performing well in attack.

Sale provided one of the most exciting games of the season. Again we were weakened due to the absence of Gleave and Stansfield. The first quarter School played poorly on a difficult ground, the score ending 4-0 to Sale. The next quarter School started to play better Lacrosse but still conceded two more goals leaving the score at 6-0. As hoped for, Sale were now tired, having only ten men, letting School score four goals. At 6-4 School found renewed strength and enthusiasm and scored minutes into the last quarter. The boys, now extremely fired up with the prospect of a great comeback, played some brilliant lacrosse, hitting the post on more than one occasion. Eventually School scored the much needed equaliser. Sale now turned up the pressure and Knowles, in only his third game, made some superb saves. On a fast break, School scored and then held them for the remaining two minutes to win 7-6. A marvellous comeback which the boys deservedly enjoyed.

Cheadle Hulme proved a difficult and experienced opposition, had it not been for Gleave who had a superb game in midfield and attack, the loss would have been greater. Cheadle Hulme School provided a much more even game, which we should have won, having led for the greater part of the game.

The game against Wilmslow was not as tight as expected. On difficult ground we immediately went 2-0 up and managed to keep the lead for the rest of the game, again mainly due to Gleave winning the majority of the faces. Gleave and Stansfield were tightly marked for most of the game but Brocklehurst managed to move into space and had a very good game. Knowles now looked very good in goal and Reading looked promising in defence/midfield.

Our third game against Boardman and our game with Stockport Grammar School U15's both proved quite easy wins, Slack joining the team for the Stockport match and Rao taking a mud bath, after what was his very last game before leaving us for America.

On reflection we had a very enjoyable season but rarely fielded the same squad. This was partly due to injury and due to Gleave and Stansfield playing for the U16's. There are many players not mentioned who also played consistently well. Crawshaw and White provided a strong defence which steadily improved throughout the season. Gleave, our great strength in midfield was well supported by Berkeley, Brocklehurst, Rao and Xydeas, whilst Cooke, Rowlands, Stansfield and latterly Warnes all played well in attack.

The team, as a whole, improved throughout the season due mainly to the positive influence and enthusiasm of Mike McCaffrey, the School's American coach, to whom I owe many thanks. With commitment, next year this team should do very well and stand a good chance of winning the Juniors and Schools Cup. The players on the American Tour should provide the extra experience and strength sometimes lacking this season.

Finally, I would like to thank all the players for making the season an enjoyable one, with particular thanks to Gleave for his captaincy. Thanks also go to the parents, not only for their tremendous support throughout the season, but for their help with transport so that not one mini-bus was needed. Last but not least, many thanks are due to Dr. Warnes for his unstinting help throughout the season.

The following boys represented the School: C. Gleave (Capt.), C. Bell, T.M. Berkeley, J.A. Brocklehurst, I.J. Cooke, J.E. Crawshaw, M. Knowles, W.M. Parry, A.S. Rao, N. Reading, D.J. Rowlands, P. Sidebottom, D. Slack, D.P. Stansfield, M.T. Warnes, A. Watkins, J.K. White, M. Whiteley, S. Xydeas.

T.J. Pattison

U14 LACROSSE

Played 7, Won 3, Lost 4, For 75, Against 42

Although this was, in many ways, a quite enjoyable season, it soon became obvious that the team would struggle against better opposition who had already played a half season before Christmas. Mellor and Cheadle were a little too well organised in defence, and had too many attack options for the U14 team this season. Too few players had the basic skills required to exert pressure at this level i.e. the ability to pass consistently well when under pressure and the skill to pressurise defenders without being dispossessed.

That said, the team did improve and notably so did one or two individuals. Jeff Pearson was dependable in goals but should aim to dominate his defence players when under pressure giving the position of the ball and highlighting any free opposition players. The regular defensive trio consisted of Richard England, Konrad Keller and Matthew Royds. All three performed creditably and improved as the season progressed. However, as they get older they will need to perfect their defensive skills both as individuals and as a unit, to cope with the better individual players who will attack on a one-to-one basis, or the teams with set play attack moves.

The midfield permutations were many but realistically, without Peter Day, we never looked threatening. Peter has obviously worked at his game and is as good a player as I have seen at this level. He is an example to others that the skills of the game, throwing, catching, picking up the ball and running with it, can be practised and improved upon outside practice sessions and, indeed, outside the lacrosse season. Joshua Robinson, Jonathan Flatman, John Sochovsky, Simon Johnson and Carl Gerezdi were all tried in midfield and all are capable players who will improve with time.

The attack was a problem area with no really outstanding goal scorer. Nick Ghazi, Carl Hope and Kamran Khan were the regular players with Nick Ghazi possibly just shading "best attack player" because of his ability to play two-handed. Even so we never really scored enough goals against the better defences and were guilty, too often, of poor shot selection or losing the ball too easily through poor passing or catching. In many ways lacrosse is like basketball in that once a team gains possession it should score. This is good theory but needs determination, ability, practice and patience to achieve it.

To sum up the team I would say that there is a lot of potential with three or four players who could become quite outstanding. Regular individual practice plus more advanced team skills in attack and defence will make a big difference next year.

Finally my thanks to all who have contributed to the team this year, the players for their enthusiasm, Mike McCaffrey our "All-American" Lacrosse coach and to the parents who have supported from the touch line regularly throughout the season.

The following boys also represented the Under 14 team: M. Birtwistle, D. Ramsey, J. Sochovsky, C. Gerezdi, D. Lowry and S. Jaiswal.

C.H. Seddon

U13 LACROSSE

Played 8, Won 4, Lost 4, For 68, Against 75

v Poynton U14	(A)	Lost 5-8
v Poynton U14	(A)	Lost 2-10
(Centurions' Trophy)		
v Stockport U14	(H)	Won 9-8
v Oldham & Werneth U14	(A)	Won 10-7
v Mellor 'A' U14	(H)	Won 17-9
v Poynton U14	(H)	Lost 4-14
v Poynton U14	(A)	Lost 6-14
v Cheadle U14	(H)	Won 15-5

The following players represented the School: S.J.C. Kellett (Co-capt.), R.M. Seddon (Co-capt.), M. Baama, P.A. Beales, N. Bell, G.R. Brocklehurst, J.T. Calderbank, M.J. Dodd, M. Healey, G.P. Humphries, J.S. Jobling, J.R.M. Lambert, M.W. Newton, M.T. Olden, J.A.D. Partington, C.C. Reading and A. Xydeas.

The results show an indifferent season with half the matches lost but, on closer inspection, it can be seen that all four defeats came at the hands of the same opponents, Poynton. With the change of year groups for Juniors Lacrosse to Under 16's, Under 14's and Under 12's, the School Under 13's team is always going to find it difficult because most, if not all opposition, will be Under 14's. This problem was exacerbated this season by the fact that the Under 13's team is a relatively small team, particularly in midfield. Hence the School often found itself being overrun by bigger, stronger opponents. It is very difficult, at this level, to make skill outweigh size and strength.

The season was not helped by long periods when the pitches were unfit and hence practice was not possible. Some individuals did not help the team by persistent absence from practices when the pitches were fit. As a result the team did not make the sort of progress that is normal.

Lambert was a reluctant but very effective keeper. If he insists on playing out of goals next season we will need to find a capable replacement. In defence, Reading was the most consistent performer, showing good potential sense and a willingness to help clear the ball. The pick of the players in midfield were Baama and Xydeas, who both received Players of the Season awards.

Baama is a naturally gifted athlete who must be prepared to listen and to work in order to improve. Xydeas does not have the same natural talent but has worked hard on his skills and is a good prospect for the future. In attack Jobling was the main scorer but he will find it harder and harder to score goals as he becomes up against better organised defences unless he learns to pass rather than go for a solo goal each time.

Looking to the future the team should compete well at U14's level next season. Several players are going on the New England Tour and should benefit enormously. Any players not involved in rugby should ensure that they play lacrosse for a club during the Michaelmas Term. Only then will improvement be sufficient to enable the School to challenge seriously for the Centurions' Trophy.

A. Simkin

U12 LACROSSE

1st X	v Timperley (Cup)	(A)	Lost 3-10
	v Stockport Grammar School	(H)	Won 18-3
	v Waconians	(A)	Lost 3-8
	v Heaton Mersey	(H)	Won 19-1
	v Poynton	(H)	Won 23-0
	v Ashton	(A)	Lost 4-9
	v Stockport	(H)	Lost 0-10
	v Cheadle Hulme	(H)	Won 9-3
2nd X	v Poynton	(H)	Won 18-2
	v Heaton Mersey	(H)	Won 4-0
	v Poynton	(A)	Lost 1-10
	v Cheadle	(A)	Lost 1-14

1st X: Played 8, Won 4, Lost 4, Goals for 79, Against 44
2nd X: Played 4, Won 2, Lost 2, Goals for 24, Against 26

Regular players were: Robert Poll, Alex Malouf, Anthony Prophet, James Higgins, David Hancock, Nick Gilmore, Paul Murphy, Matthew Naylor, Russell Jones, Ben Veitch, Richard Bell, Richard Bowie. 14 others also played.

This group was full of enthusiasm and the pre-season training sessions saw over 20 attend regularly. A few had a little lacrosse experience at local clubs, but most were new. Handling skills quickly developed, although match play, teamwork and the laws of the game were harder to negotiate.

Our first match, a cup game, had to be played on Timperley's astro turf, and we had no opportunity to show our potential on a difficult surface. Stockport Grammar School were easily dismissed, before the team played badly at Waconians. As Mr. Wood had to referee, we had no coach, and it was difficult to co-ordinate the team. Two convincing wins at Home showed our possible goal-scoring potential, with many showing skills in midfield. The away visit to Ashton brought us against one of the best U12 teams we had seen and, although we played well, their superior handling and experience won them the game. Rain, wind, mud, a small pitch and a physically strong Stockport side brought our heaviest defeat of the season. We managed our fourth win against Cheadle Hulme in the last game.

As many as thirty boys trained regularly and wanted to be a part of the squad. Hence games were arranged for a second team and they won two of their four matches. I hope all of these continue to work at the game, and the School could have a bright future.

Our team was ably led and organised by Nick Gilmore in defence, although he needs to be a little more robust. Our other strength in defence was Russell Jones, who also showed good positional sense. The midfield was chosen from very skilful players Richard Bowie, Matthew Naylor, David Hancock and James Higgins, although each must be more aware of other players around, and must pass early.

This group was a pleasure to coach. Thanks go to Mike McCaffrey, the School's U.S. coach, for organising many of the training sessions, and to the many parents who came as spectators and helped with transport.

M.D. Wood

INTER-HOUSE LACROSSE

SENIOR K.O.

Fraser 8		
v	Fraser 3	
Dalton 3	v	Gaskell 11
	Gaskell 12	
		v
	Byrom 3	Winners: Gaskell
Whitworth 7	v	Whitworth 1
v	Whitworth 8	
Heywood 2		

JUNIOR K.O.

Byrom 7

v

Whitworth 0

Whitworth 9

v

Heywood 6

Heywood 12

v

Winners: Dalton

Dalton 6

Fraser 3

v

Dalton 13

v

Gaskell 5

Gaskell 4

HEWLETT CUP

1 = Gaskell	24 pts
= Fraser	24 pts
3 Dalton	17 pts
4 = Whitworth	13 pts
= Byrom	13 pts
6 Heywood	4 pts

M.D. Wood



CROSS-COUNTRY

For our first fixture of the season we had a good turnout at Crossford Bridge for the Sale League by the first and second years who performed creditably. Although no one came in near the front there were clear signs of potential. Unfortunately this was the last race run by Sam Burney (3X) who had been one of our stalwarts for the past few years; he decided not to push his asthma too far. We were all sorry to see him go and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his past efforts. Sam's place in the squad was taken over by Michael Scholes (3A) who started running this year. In the subsequent races in this league we did not manage to improve upon our original achievements largely because of the quality of the opposition.

Our annual head-to-head match against M.G.S. took place on the 12th October. Again we had a good turnout by the first and second years who ran their best races of the season. Ajay Bagga (1B) turned up for his race at the last minute but managed to finish very well. Edward Choularton (2A) ran his best race of the year by coming in first ahead of all the M.G.S. runners - a finish which surprised but greatly delighted us.

In our first race in the Altrincham League we suffered two casualties. Ajay Bagga fell near the start of the race and lost his head and Jake Royle (1A) was tripped on the downhill part of the course. Both had to be patched up in the First Aid tent. It was in these races that Chris Dixon (5L) managed to finish ahead of his old sparring rival Anthony Sheldon (5Y); Chris managed to do this on a number of occasions but in the last race of the season Anthony recovered some of his old form and finished before Chris. This has been Chris' best season so far and is an outstanding improvement over his efforts in previous seasons. At another fixture in this league we had two further casualties when Paul Edmundson (2A) and William Laird (1C) both had to retire from their races as a result of illness. In one of the few races run by Roger Mody (U6L) and Ian Ellis (U6S5) this year they both managed to gain certificates, a fitting end to their Cross-country careers at the School.

We only managed to run at one of the Stockport League fixtures this season because of clashes with other league races. At Marple Hall School the only noteworthy event was the late arrival of Jake Royle who missed the start of his own race but ran in the U13 race instead and managed to avoid coming in last, an outcome which greatly pleased young Jake.

C. MacLachlan



SCHOOL CRICKET

Once again School Cricket was dominated by the weather which almost ruined the first half of the term but made the second half so enjoyable. Individual reports and detailed comment follow these remarks but it is appropriate to make one or two general comments. The first of these concerns levels of commitment. Players at all levels throughout the School need to realise that the quality of our present fixture list is the direct result of the way in which previous generations of School cricketers have performed. We need to maintain our standards and preserve or even improve our fixture list. I think our new co-educational status, with a reduction in the number of boys, can work in favour of School cricket, once every boy realises that more rather than less is expected of him in terms of willingness to represent the School and fully to benefit from the various activities it has to offer. Unfortunately in one sense, cricket takes up a great deal of time at a period dominated by internal or external examinations. I believe very firmly in the therapeutic value of sport, Cricket must never take the place of study or squeeze out adequate revision but there is certainly a place for it, and at a very busy time of the year, provided players sort out their work schedules in good time and plan their life. Then we shall avoid the frustrating problem of players asking to be excused matches at the very last moment because of pressure of work.

It seems that we are trying to fit more and more cricket into a shorter period of time. In addition to the usual fixtures we have the Harold Bailey Competition for Under 14's. The Under 13's and Under 12's compete for the Manchester Schools Trophies in their respective years and, of course, this year we hosted a week long festival for the first time. Thanks to the weather and to the efforts of our ground staff and catering personnel it was a great success. All the sides taking part were delighted with the playing conditions and the hospitality provided and thanks are due to Mr. Hewston for all his efforts in organising this important event.

The continued willingness of masters to give of their time must not pass unrecorded. In the end everything depends on it. They are so much more than match umpires. They set the tone of School cricket, inculcate attitudes towards the game and pass on their enthusiasm to new generations of players. In short they keep the game alive in schools.

H.W. Timm

1ST XI CRICKET

Played 18, Won 2, Drawn 10, Lost 6

- v Arnold School
Match Abandoned
W.H.G.S. 60 all out
Arnold 29-0
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham
Won by 24 runs
W.H.G.S. 161-8 dec (N. Wood 57)
Lytham 137 all out
- v Bury Grammar School
Match drawn
Bury 182-6 dec
W.H.G.S. 56-4
- v St. Bede's College
Lost by 5 wickets
W.H.G.S. 174 all out (N. Wood 77)
St. Bede's 175-5
- v Stockport Grammar School
Lost by 8 wickets
W.H.G.S. 100 all out
Stockport 101-2
- v Birkenhead School
Match drawn
Birkenhead 241-2 dec
W.H.G.S. 222-7 (N. Wood 105, P. Warren 54)
- v Sedbergh School
Match drawn Sedbergh 235-6 dec
W.H.G.S. 179-6
- v Manchester Grammar School
Match drawn
M.G.S. 241-3 dec
W.H.G.S. 127-7 (P. Warren 50)
- v Rydal School
Won by 7 wickets
Rydal 103 all out (A. Ladd 4-31)
W.H.G.S. 104-3
- v King's School, Chester
Lost by 9 wickets
W.H.G.S. 183-5 (50 overs) (J. Hall 59 n.o.)
Chester 184-1 (41.4 overs)
- v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby
Match drawn
W.H.G.S. 160-8 dec (P. Warren 69)
Crosby 90-6
- v Staff
Match drawn
W.H.G.S. 162-8 dec (R. Bone 50)
Staff 110-9 (A. Ladd 3-16)
- v XL Club
Match Abandoned
XL Club 239-3 dec
W.H.G.S. 90-2
- v Old Hulmeians
Match drawn
Old Hulmeians 213-4 dec (I. Cooke 3-41)
W.H.G.S. 136-4 (P. Warren 69 n.o.)

- v Chigwell School
Match drawn
Chigwell 172 all out (P. Warren 4-30, T. Allen 3-34)
W.H.G.S. 130-8
- v Wellingborough School
Lost by 7 wickets
W.H.G.S. 156 all out
Wellingborough 158-3
- v Pocklington School
Lost by 6 wickets
W.H.G.S. 168-5 dec (P. Warren 80)
Pocklington 171-4
- v Magdalen College School, Oxford
Lost by 8 wickets
W.H.G.S. 46 all out
M.C.S. 47-2

The 1992 cricket season, like that of the year before, was dogged by poor weather and only during the later stages did the 1st XI manage to forge the sort of team spirit it needed. This year's first XI was a very young, very inexperienced team, although I am convinced that all of the players used will, in time, be very useful cricketers.

Many of the results early in the season were disappointing, notably a very poor defeat at the hands of St. Bede's and being 'saved by the rain' against Arnold. During the early part of the season it was also very obvious to anyone watching that many members of the team were struggling to adapt their game to enable them to play at first team level. However, although results did not improve to any great extent, the performances of most individuals and of the team as a whole, became more and more impressive and confident, and by the end of the season most batsmen had built at least one substantial innings and most bowlers were bowling a reasonable 'line and length'.

Of the individuals who made up the team, Perry Warren had a fine season and was the most effective batsman and bowler for most of the season. His 80 against Pocklington and a match saving 50 at M.G.S. were his best performances. John Hall improved beyond recognition as a batsman, and his attitude to the game was exceptional, as he demonstrated at King's, Chester. Andrew Ladd strengthened the bowling attack when he started playing after his 'A' levels, and Iain Cooke improved consistently, and will be a great asset to School cricket for another three years.

Other consistent performers were Joe Sayyid, Alex Kniveton and Tim Allen, all of whom learned much during the season. Nathan Wood also performed exceptionally on his rare appearances for the School.

There is little doubt that many of the above would benefit greatly from playing club cricket. The School season is such a short one, and so interrupted by exams and other factors, that boys are just beginning to improve as players when the end of the season arrives. For many it is another nine months before they pick up a bat!

It remains for me to thank Mr. Bill Timm for his continuing support, Mr. Blight and the Head Master for help with umpiring and, finally, Henry Slack and Perry Warren for their assistance with administrative duties.

The following boys represented the 1st XI during the 1992 season: T. Allen, F. Baama, C. Bell, R. Bone, N. Burton, I. Cooke, P. Day, S. Dearden, T. Donnai, J. Hall, A. Howarth, A. Kniveton, M. Knowles, A. Ladd, A. Mehta, J. Sayyid, M. Sellers, H. Slack, P. Sidebottom, M. Verma, P. Warren and N. Wood.

P.R. Hewston

2ND XI CRICKET

Played 10, Won 3, Drawn 3, Lost 4

- v Arnold School (A)
Match Drawn
Arnold 155-4 dec.
W.H.G.S. 102-1 (Bone 48; Arora 39 n.o.)
- v Bury Grammar School (A)
Lost by 3 wickets
W.H.G.S. 78
Bury 79-7 (Sobhani 3-29, Hall 3-30)
- v King Edward School, Lytham (A)
Lost by 16 runs
Lytham 93 (Sellers 5-31, Sobhani 3-15)
W.H.G.S. 77
- v St. Bede's College (A)
Won by 130 runs
W.H.G.S. 193-6 dec (Misra 93)
St. Bede's 63 (Sellers 4-11, Hall 3-24)
- v Stockport Grammar School (H)
Won by 124 runs
W.H.G.S. 177-5 dec (Donnai 56, Shelmerdine 39 n.o.,
Dearden 37 n.o.)
Stockport 53 (Sobhani 4-18, Tiwari 3-8, Misra 3-17)
- v Birkenhead (H)
Match drawn
Birkenhead 156-6 dec (Vu 3-17, Haroutunian 3-61)
W.H.G.S. 84-9
- v Sedbergh (A)
Lost by 139 runs
Sedbergh 199-2 dec
W.H.G.S. 60
- v Manchester Grammar School (H)
Lost by 129 runs
M.G.S. 208-5 dec (Sellers 3-71)
W.H.G.S. 79
- v Rydal (A)
Won by 108 runs
W.H.G.S. 218-6 dec (Bone 104, Mehta 47)
Rydal 110 (Howarth 3-19, Haroutunian 3-28)
- v Merchant Taylors', Crosby (A)
Match drawn Crosby 198 (Sobhani 7-66)
W.H.G.S. 102-3 (Daniel 46 n.o., Shelmerdine 33)

BOWLING (Qualification 5 wickets)

NAME	OVERS	MAIDENS	BEST	RUNS	WICKETS	AVE
Misra	22.1	7	3-17	42	5	8.4
Sobhani	61	12	7-66	175	18	9.7
Sellers	43	10	5-31	136	14	9.7
Hall	35.3	7	3-24	102	9	11.3
Vu	22	7	3-17	63	5	12.6
Haroutunian	47	6	3-28	236	9	26.3

The results show that the season was one of fluctuating fortunes. When one counts the number of players used in just ten matches (27), it is possible to understand such variations. On paper, at the start of the season, the Second XI had a large, strong squad to choose from. In practice, during the season, I seldom had anywhere near a full strength side and the last match of the season was played with 10 men. There are numerous reasons for this, but the major ones centred around the 5th and Upper 6th forms. Before the examinations many were reluctant to play. I see no justification for this in the case of Fifth Formers while I can understand Upper Sixth wanting to step down just before and during the examinations. After the examinations when things might be expected to become better, many Fifth and Upper Sixth Formers failed to fulfil their commitments.

A 'good' draw at Arnold was followed by two narrow defeats in low scoring games. Then came a purple patch in which two games were won by over 100 runs. Not only did the batsmen get enough runs quickly to facilitate the declaration, but also the bowlers were good enough to bowl out the opposition. Then followed three matches against strong opposition at a time when we were weak. Although we managed to hang on for a draw against Birkenhead, both Sedbergh and M.G.S. beat us by over 100 runs. The season ended on a better note with another 100 run victory over Rydal and a creditable draw at Crosby.

An enjoyable season in which the 'highs' compensated for the 'lows'. A number of thanks are due to people who make School cricket possible. The Head Groundsman, John Taylor and his team has again produced excellent wickets and Mr. Gregson together with parents organised by Mrs. Buckley have provided welcome refreshments. My thanks also go to Mr. Veevers, who took the team to Rydal and to Mr. Bull, who did a similar job at Sedbergh. Finally, thanks to all the players who took part and particularly to Simon Dearden, the captain, who put up with the frustrations of weakened teams and led them well by example.

The following boys represented the School: S.J. Dearden (Capt.), A. Ahmed, S. Arora, S.D. Bates, N. Bell, R.D. Bone, N.J. Burton, D.B. Connor, J.A. Daniel, T.W. Donnai, O.J. Garside, J.M. Hall, R. Haroutunian, A.J. Howarth, A.S. Mehta, A.K. Misra, C.A. Ranawickrema, M.D. Sellers, M.A. Shelmerdine, S. Sobhani, D.A. Taylor, P. Tiwari, M. Verma, J.A. Vickers, T.H. Vu, A.M. Watkins and N.A. Whiteley.

A. Simkin

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BATTING (Qualification 2 completed innings > 10)

NAME	INNINGS	NOT OUTS	H.S.	RUNS	AVE
Misra	2	0	93	95	47.5
Donnai	2	0	56	59	29.5
Bone	8	0	104	208	26.0
Arora	3	1	39*	51	25.5
Shelmerdine	4	1	39*	75	25.0
Hall	3	1	29*	35	17.5
Dearden	9	1	37*	123	15.4
Daniel	9	2	46*	90	12.9

U15 CRICKET

Played 9, Won 2, Lost 4, Drawn 2, Abandoned 1

- v Arnold School (H)
Match Abandoned
School 18 for no wicket

- v King Edward VII School, Lytham (H)
Lost by 8 wickets
School 163 (Sidebottom 44, Warnes 41)
Lytham 164 for 2
- v St. Bede's College (H)
Match Drawn
St. Bede's 187 for 7 declared (Y. Aslam 5 for 31)
School 82 for 2 (Warnes 39, Woolrych 32 not out)
- v Stockport Grammar School (A)
Lost by 22 runs
Stockport 80 (Sidebottom 5 for 19, Y. Aslam 3 for 25)
School 58
- v Birkenhead School (A)
Won by 10 wickets
Birkenhead 59 (Warnes 5 for 8, Sidebottom 3 for 8)
School 60 for no wicket (Sidebottom 34 not out)
- v Cheadle Hulme School (25 overs) (A)
Won by 52 runs
School 167 for 5 (Warnes 66, Woolrych 26 not out)
Cheadle Hulme 115 for 7
- v Rydal School (A)
Match drawn
School 102 for 8 declared (Sidebottom 35)
Rydal 64 for 4
- v Manchester Grammar School (H)
Lost by 6 wickets
School 136 (Sidebottom 36) M.G.S. 138 for 4
- v Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H)
Lost by 5 wickets
School 192 for 8 declared (Sidebottom 58, Gresty 31)
Crosby 193 for 5

At first glance the Under 15 record does not look particularly impressive with only two victories in the eight matches that were finished yet there were ample indications that we have players of promise. The indoor nets in the Lent Term kindled real enthusiasm but the disappointing weather in the first half of term, which caused the abandonment of the Arnold game and the cancellation of the matches against King's School, Macclesfield and Q.E.G.S. Wakefield, meant that effectively only two matches were played before Whitsun and somehow individual keenness was never translated into a collective awareness of what constitutes genuine team spirit.

Sidebottom captained the side for most of the matches and showed a good understanding of the basic tactics of the game. However, his natural reticence did not allow him sufficiently to impose his personality on proceedings and occasionally the situation got a little out of hand, particularly when some members of the team appeared to show little interest or awareness of what was going on. Sidebottom led above all by personal example. He opened the batting and in his eight visits to the wicket scored 228 runs. He was also the most successful bowler. Warnes showed great flair with the bat and is indeed very promising. Whether or not he eventually does very well will depend on his attitude. At present he is far too careless and does not really set about building an innings but he is a natural timer of the ball and is capable of doing so much as a batsman. Gresty almost did well as an opener. He has a few problems of technique to sort out but he has promise. Too often he tends to get out to casual shots when he looks set. Of the other batsmen only Woolrych made a substantial contribution. He bats correctly and well but so far lacks stature and strength. Useful scores were made by Graham, A. Aslam, Whiteley and Knowles, who has a great deal of ability but who was strangely subdued and out of touch in all the matches.

In the field the side was at its best when the off-spin of Sidebottom and the slow left-arm bowling of Warnes were operating together. If they persevere they will be a potent force in School cricket for several years to come. Y. Aslam with his medium-paced seamers bowled accurately and well.

Kureishy's eye injury in only the second match left the side with a wicket-keeping problem. Both Woolrych and Whiteley were tried and, while each realised what a difficult job it is, they did quite well.

Not a vintage term but an enjoyable one. It was just a pity that it started so late and finished so early.

The full list of those who played is as follows: P. Sidebottom (Capt.), M.T. Warnes, A. Aslam, M.Y. Aslam, D. Bhakta, I.M. Graham, N.J. Gresty, M.A. Knowles, F. Kureishy, J. Mehta, A.S. Rao, M.A. Whiteley, B.T. Woolrych, J.A. Brocklehurst, C.M. Brown, S.R. Johnson.

H.W. Timm

U14 CRICKET

Played 10, Won 4, Lost 5, Drawn 1

- v Parrswood High School (A)
1st Round, Harold Bailey Competition (30 overs)
Won by 41 runs W.H.G.S. 71
Parrswood 30 (Jaiswal 5 for 7)
- v St. Bede's College (H)
2nd Round, Harold Bailey Competition (35 overs)
Won by 4 wickets
St. Bede's 102
W.H.G.S. 103 for 6
- v King Edward School, Lytham (A)
Won by 100 runs
W.H.G.S. 153 for 7 dec (Day 24; Johnson 57 not out)
Lytham 53 (Johnson 7 for 34)
- v Stockport Grammar School (H)
Won by 1 wicket
Stockport 47 all out (Johnson 5 for 10)
W.H.G.S. 51 for 9
- v Birkenhead School (H)
Lost by 2 runs
Birkenhead 127 (Jaiswal 5 for 18)
W.H.G.S. 125 (Hope 60; De 29)
- v Cheadle Hulme School (H)
Lost by 9 wickets (24 overs match)
W.H.G.S. 94 for 3
Cheadle Hulme 97 for 1
- v Manchester Grammar School (A)
2nd Round Harold Bailey Competition (35 overs)
Lost by 36 runs
M.G.S. 176 for 5
W.H.G.S. 140 for 9 (Johnson 71)
- v Rydal School (A)
Lost by 7 wickets
W.H.G.S. 84
Rydal 87 for 3
- v Manchester Grammar School (A)
Lost by 3 wickets
W.H.G.S. 117
M.G.S. 118 for 7

- v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby (A)
Match drawn
Crosby 153 for 5 dec (Flatman 3 for 37)
W.H.G.S. 123 for 6 (England 38)

The season for the Under 14 squad began as usual early in the Lent Term at winter nets under the expert guidance of Roy Collins. Most Wednesday evenings a core group of nine or ten players turned up, with two or three additional fringe players welcome each time. By the end of these coaching sessions it was clear that we possessed two very good, but contrasting, opening bowlers in Simon Johnson and Sujoy Jaiswal. Simon bowled at a faster speed than most bowlers of his age and was mainly accurate, with only the occasional ball disappearing down the leg side. Sujoy was much slower, but allied accuracy to a wicket-taking away-swing. Several other bowlers seemed capable of steady medium or medium-fast pace and Jonathan Flatman and Stephen Hadfield could bowl a consistent off-spin. There was no left arm bowler of any kind and the couple of leg-spinners did not seem to have the ability to keep any reasonable line or length, however, so we were far from having an ideal bowling attack. Nevertheless, the talent present in the squad seemed capable of bowling sides out. The batting on the other hand showed fewer signs of genuine talent: Stephen Hadfield and Peter Day revealed great potential in the nets, despite certain weaknesses, while Johnson left no one in any doubt about his ability to hit the ball hard.

After all this hard work everyone was keen to see the start of the season. Would the pressure of playing in the middle reduce the effectiveness of our bowlers? How would our relatively weak batting stand up to playing on grass? What about the running between the wickets and fielding? The start was delayed by a week as our first opponents, Arnold, informed us that they would not be able to field a worthwhile side due to a clash of school commitments. We did play two Harold Bailey matches against fairly weak opposition and beat them soundly, mainly due to our bowling performances. We had a little difficulty in reaching the modest St. Bede's total in the second round but the following match against Lytham showed that we could attain a high score batting first and was a marvellous morale booster. Two further matches were cancelled because of poor weather and an additional one was lost (against St. Bede's) for a similar reason to the one against Arnold. Momentum was thus lost and possibly led to a feeling of complacency. Weaknesses were beginning to become apparent: when batting there was a noticeable poor judgement and calling of runs, a general lack of movement of feet when playing strokes and poor concentration. What seemed to be lacking was hunger to acquire runs and the self-discipline needed to avoid dismissal and to build an innings - too many of our batsmen did not show sufficient maturity or perhaps confidence in this respect.

Following the half-term holiday we had one match against Stockport before the school examinations began. Here, we struggled to reach their total of only 47. There were more silly run-outs, but at least we managed to win - our final win of the season, as it turned out. The writing was on the wall, then, as we began a period of nine days when we played five matches. The fact that we lost all of them was hard to bear, especially as we had had such an excellent run of results to begin the season. Some of the teams we played were probably better teams, of course, but problems mentioned earlier were to blame too. In addition, it should be stated that on occasions at least five of our players were noticeably over-weight. It was quite distressing to see batsmen literally unable to run three, or to see fielders give up chasing the ball apparently because they were too tired. However, as the season drew to an early close (yet another match had to be cancelled due to poor weather), it was a pleasure to see the developing talent of Richard England and the emergence of Shivaji Dé. Both scored useful runs in a convincing manner, the latter showing an admirable desire to keep looking for runs no matter how dominant the opposing

bowlers were at the time. Peter Day may feel disappointed by slow progress in his batting, but he is improving and will with experience become a fine batsman for the School. Neither Nicholas Ghazi nor Philip Tilston really made a success of keeping wicket, and further work will have to be done to find someone to take up this vital position in any cricket team. One of the most pleasing aspects of the season for me was the development of captaincy skills by Jonathan Flatman - he showed maturity in handling his team and imagination and decisiveness in his field-placing.

The following fifteen boys represented the School on at least one occasion during the season: Ibrahim Anwar, Michael Birtwistle, Peter Day, Shivaji Dé, Richard England, Jonathan Flatman, Daniel Gent, Nicholas Ghazi, Stephen Hadfield, Carl Hope, Sujoy Jaiswal, Simon Johnson, Kamron Khan, Shaun McCarthy and Philip Tilston. In addition, in the Harold Bailey match against Manchester Grammar School, we "borrowed" a few Under 13 players: Nicholas Bell, James Calderbank, Asif Majid and Miles Newton. My thanks, too, to Andrew Haslam who scored on one occasion but did not play, and to Dr. Barnes who umpired and took charge for the match against Cheadle Hulme School. As in previous years I should like to express special thanks to Mr. J. Taylor for expert work on preparing the best school pitches to be found in the region.

P.M. Bull

U13 XI CRICKET

Played 13, Won 9, Drawn 2, Lost 2

- v Arnold School
Match drawn
W.H.G.S. 111 for 4 dec (Majid 27 n.o.)
Arnold 37 for 7 (Majid 4 for 8)
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham
Won by 38 runs
W.H.G.S. 76 all out (Newton 21)
Lytham 38 all out (Xydeas 3 for 2)
- v St. Gregory's High School
(Manchester Schools' Knockout, Round 1)
Won by 56 runs
W.H.G.S. 120 all out (Newton 40, Kellett 40)
St. Gregory's 64 all out
- v St. Bede's College
Won by 7 wickets
St. Bede's 127 all out (Majid 4 for 29)
W.H.G.S. 128 for 3 (Calderbank 65 n.o.)
- v Stockport Grammar School
Lost by 1 wicket
W.H.G.S. 153 for 8 (Jobling 32, Kellett 28 n.o.)
Stockport 154 for 9 (Xydeas 4 for 18)
- v St. Bede's College
(Manchester Schools' Knockout, Round 2)
Won by 34 runs
W.H.G.S. 97 for 5 (25 overs: innings closed) (Calderbank 27)
St. Bede's 63 for 9 (25 overs) (Xydeas 3 for 7)
- v Parrswood High School
Won by 39 runs
W.H.G.S. 114 for 5 (25 overs) (Calderbank 39)
Parrswood 75 for 9 (25 overs) (Newton 4 for 24)
- v Cheadle Hulme School
Won by 30 runs
W.H.G.S. 114 for 4 (24 overs) (Bell 43)
Cheadle Hulme 84 for 8 (24 overs)

- v Manchester Grammar School
Match drawn M.G.S. 200 for 3 dec
W.H.G.S. 120 for 7
- v St. Thomas Aquinas High School
(Manchester Schools' Knockout, Semi-final)
Won by 66 runs
W.H.G.S. 136 for 1 (25 overs) (Newton 61 n.o., Calderbank 38)
St. Thomas Aquinas 74 all out (Kellett 4 for 7)
- v Birkenhead School
Lost by 17 runs
Birkenhead 111 all out (Bell 6 for 25)
W.H.G.S. 94 all out (Kellett 27)
- v Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby
Won by 9 runs
W.H.G.S. 152 for 7 dec (Bell 40, Newton 36)
Crosby 143 all out (Majid 4 for 26)
- v Barlow High School
(Manchester Schools' Knockout, Final)
Won by 47 runs
W.H.G.S. 129 for 7 (30 overs) (Newton 44)
Barlow High 82 all out

The Under 13 XI had its expected successful season, the most successful in fact since second year sides were included in School cricket. Their success was well deserved as the whole team practised together every week throughout the winter, and many players reached a high standard of batting and bowling skills. The final batting averages were topped by Miles Newton, with Stephen Kellett and James Calderbank just behind him, but a total of six players averaged over 16. Leading wicket takers were Asif Majid and Nick Bell with Newton also very successful, though the occasional leg-spin of Guy Brocklehurst, and with Andrew Xydeas also amongst the wickets, we had six bowlers averaging under 11. Overall the team scored 20 runs per wicket lost and took an opponent's wicket every 10 runs, a clear indication of superiority over most opposition.

The rainy start to the season lost us two excellent fixtures, those against Macclesfield and Wakefield, and it also seriously affected the game against Arnold which would surely have been won given a few more overs. However, we did see a well built innings by the batsmen, an excellently judged declaration by Bell and tight, accurate bowling by the attack. Lytham caused serious alarm by removing four of our best batsmen for 17, but Newton found support from the middle order batsmen and Charles Ellis and Guy Brocklehurst then produced a very important partnership to take us to an almost respectable score. It was certainly too many for Lytham who collapsed to our spinners and fielders, losing their last 8 wickets for 12 runs. The first round cup match proved good practice at establishing and maintaining a 6 runs per over rate for an innings and also gave Bell his first chance to give everyone on the team a bowl, a policy which brought him the richest of rewards later in the season - now read on!

The first of the games against St. Bede's had us, unusually, in the field first: a tidy bowling and fielding performance gave us a 3 runs per over target, and our innings was superbly controlled by Calderbank's best performance of the season with excellent support from Jobling and Bell who each featured in a 50 partnership. The cup match, some three weeks later, found us batting first again and rather restricted until the last 5 overs of our innings: the game was won by the bowlers who reduced St. Bede's to 23 for 7. At this stage the spin of Andrew Xydeas had taken 14 wickets at 4 runs each, a remarkable effort, and though he was to take no more in the season, he had already made it clear what an asset he will be in future years. He had almost bowled us to victory from a hopeless position

against Stockport, a recovery from the most serious embarrassment of the season when heads were down and no-one was trying, and we must take great care to see that this mood never strikes the side again: a game is never lost irretrievably.

Limited overs matches against Parrswood and Cheadle Hulme in the glorious weather of mid June emphasised the ease with which this side can dispose of most opposition, but Manchester Grammar School's superior batting exposed the bowling and fielding rather. The draw in this game was more comfortably achieved than the score might suggest. Newton's first ever fifty was well supported by Calderbank and Bell, then excellent opening bowling from Bell and Majid and a fine spell by Kellett combined with excellent fielding saw us through to the Manchester Schools' Knockout final.

There were shocks to come before this final, however. After bowling out Birkenhead, including taking their last 6 wickets for 12 runs largely due to Bell's best spell in two seasons, we collapsed to lose the game from a strong winning position. Similarly, next day, an even better winning position achieved by consistently good batting against Crosby, was nearly sacrificed by the only spell of dreadful catching in the season: this produced a wonderful match with a nail-biting finish, but there are better ways of preparing for a trophy final appearance! As the contest tightened there was some marvellous ground fielding by Matson and Partington who got little bowling success in the season but took a major part in winning this game in particular.

The knockout final, which proved also to be the last match of the season with the weather robbing us of the Bradford fixture, produced another well constructed 30 over innings, with Newton getting good support from Calderbank and Majid and a fine little innings from Charles Ellis adding the vital extra runs at the end. Barlow's innings was all but wrecked by the opening bowlers and some fine fielding; but an enterprising partnership brought them back into the game as our change bowlers struggled to find form. Bell risked everything, bringing himself and Majid back to stop the scoring: this worked well, but there were still wickets to take, and this was where his earlier generosity in using a lot of bowlers rather than aiming for a quick massacre paid off so deservedly. He had also held back Kellett for just this emergency and 2 wickets from him and 2 from Ellis, his first ever for School, brought us the trophy. Cricket's great charm is the marvellous combination of individuality and teamwork it demands, and so it was particularly satisfying and also hugely popular with the players of this talented side, that a player such as Charles Ellis should have had such a decisive say in the season's final success.

The team was usually selected from: N. Bell (Capt.), M.W. Newton (Vice-capt.), J.T. Calderbank (Wicket-keeper), G.R. Brocklehurst, C.W. Ellis, G.P. Humphries, J.S. Jobling, S.J.C. Kellett, A. Majid, A.J.D. Matson, J.A.D. Partington and A. Xydeas.

C.P. Langford

U12 CRICKET

Played 12, Won 6, Drawn 3, Lost 3

- v Arnold School (A)
Won by 36 runs
W.H.G.S. 88 for 9 dec
Arnold 52 all out (Bowie 3 for 16, Haider 2 for 0)
- v King Edward VII School, Lytham (A)
Won by 24 runs
W.H.G.S. 135 for 6 (Stoddart 38, Haider 32)
Lytham 110 all out (Haider 5 for 28)

- v Manchester Boys (A)
Won by 7 wickets
Manchester Boys 65 all out (Haider 5 for 18)
W.H.G.S. 68 for 3 (Stoddart 42 not out)
- v St. Bede's College (A)
Match drawn
St. Bede's 126 for 9 dec
W.H.G.S. 75 for 6
- v Stockport Grammar School (H)
Match drawn
Stockport 113 all out
W.H.G.S. 73 for 8
- v Parrswood (H)
Won by 51 runs
W.H.G.S. 83 for 9 (25 overs) (Stoddart 22)
Parrswood 32 all out (Stoddart 4 for 10, Prasad 4 for 5)
- v Cheadle Hulme School (H)
Won by 9 wickets
Cheadle Hulme 72 for 9 (20 overs) (Bowie 3 for 9)
W.H.G.S. 73 for 1 (16.1 overs) (Stoddart 45 not out, Naylor 23 not out)
- v Manchester Grammar School (A)
Lost by 111 runs
M.G.S. 169 for 7 dec
W.H.G.S. 58 all out
- v Barlow R.C. High School (H)
Manchester Schools Knockout Semi-Final Won by 37 runs
W.H.G.S. 106 for all out (29.2 overs) (Stoddart 26)
Barlow 69 all out (16.4 overs) (Bowie 4 for 11)
- v Birkenhead School (A)
Lost by 66 runs
Birkenhead 161 for 8 dec
W.H.G.S. 95 all out (Stoddart 50)
- v Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (A)
Match drawn
Crosby 166 for 4 dec
W.H.G.S. 95 for 4 (Haider 26 not out, Bell 20 not out)
- v Abraham Moss (H)
Knockout Final Lost by 3 wickets
W.H.G.S. 86 for 7 (Naylor 37) (20 overs)
Abraham Moss 87 for 7 (19 overs)

In the first week of the Lent Term, all First Year boys were invited to come along and demonstrate their cricket skills in the Sports Hall. Out of about 60 enthusiasts, numbers had to be reduced to a workable squad of 18 who continued to practise in the indoor nets for the remainder of term. Although there were only a few boys who had any previous cricket experience, rapid progress was made in both batting and bowling.

As a result of these pre-season practices, we had a squad of players who had a good idea of the basics of the game. It also put us into a very strong position when compared to many of the others schools who had not done any winter work. The result was three excellent wins in the first three games of the season.

Throughout the season, the team had relied heavily upon two players - William Stoddart and Nokhaz Haider. Both players are all rounders, but Stoddart has been the only consistent batsman on the side, scoring just under 300 runs in 12 innings. Although he has only a modest repertoire of shots at the moment, he is a very mature cricketer for his age. He thinks about what he is doing, playing straight to the good ball whilst having the ability to spot and punish the bad ball, particularly down the legside. He is an excellent example to his fellow cricketers.

Haider has been the main strike bowler. He is quick, but more importantly, accurate, taking two for nought off eight overs in the first game of the season at Arnold. He is also a good batsman but needed a little more self confidence on occasions.

The other opener alongside Stoddart was Murphy. Although he plays defensive shots very well, he needs to increase his attacking options. He was also one of the best fielders in the team.

The captain, Ashwin Dhir, has great potential as a batsman and bowler. He usually batted at four or five, getting the occasional high score, but more often than not, getting himself out very cheaply. He has all the shots, but not yet the concentration and attitude to score runs regularly. Like all young players Ashwin likes to bowl fast. He has not quite got the physical attributes required for pace bowling however, and would be better advised to work on his slow spin bowling of which he is quite capable. Apart from the odd lapse in concentration when he has been more concerned with chatting with the umpire or opposing batsmen then setting his field, he has captained the side very well.

Naylor, the vice-captain, and Bowie have been the main middle order batsmen playing some good innings throughout the season. Both players have a good eye for the ball and the ability to strike it very hard. Naylor has been the outstanding fielder of the side, whilst Bowie has been successful opening the bowling with Haider, taking wickets in nearly every game.

The wicket keeping job has been shared between Bell and Arshad. Both boys are competent keepers as well as being capable with the bat, having the ability to score runs quickly at the end of an innings or to block out if required. Manish Prasad has bowled very straight and was successful in bowling out the lower order batsmen in a lot of the games. Other players who represented the School did so with credit. These included N. Agarwal, H. Anwar, A. Bagga, O. Haq and J. Merron.

Overall it has been another successful season for the Under 12's, despite being unable to retain the Manchester Schools Knockout Trophy. The team has come a long way since the first practice in the Sports Hall and with continued hard work and application have the potential to become a good side.

Finally, my thanks go to all parents for their loyal support during the term, to Mr. Hewston and Roy Collins for their help in coaching, to the Head Master and Mr. Dunn for umpiring, to John the Groundsman, and finally to the players for making it such an enjoyable season for myself.

D.J. Mallinder



BOYS' TENNIS

1ST TEAM TENNIS

Played 6, Won 1, Lost 5

Captain of Tennis: D.L. Keller
Vice-Captain: J.S. Mason

A disappointing season for the senior team this year was due mainly to a lack of experience and therefore confidence. Although we were fortunate to have the very able Danny Keller and Jamie Mason as our number one pair, and the equally talented Tom Veitch and Sandy Bhogal as our second pair, the opposition inevitably managed to score more points at the crucial stages and so deny us the opportunity to win the vital games. Dominic West and Edward Buckley made a notable contribution to the side, being reliable in holding their own against stronger opponents. Matthew Maunder and Nick Retter also made a number of appearances and gave good value whenever they played.

The fixture list at senior level is a tough one, against top-flight tennis schools such as Bolton, Birkenhead and King's Macclesfield, and our boys gave creditable performances against players amongst whom some are ranked at National level.

J.H. Thomson

U15 TENNIS

Played 9, Drawn 1, Lost 8

A definite lack of consistency in the selection of players for this side led very clearly to poor results this season. There were a few regular stalwarts who gave their best on all occasions and who obtained some good scores against their opponents. Others were either too casual in their play or just badly out of practice. Tennis is a game in which the mental toughness of the player is at least fifty percent of the game, and when the mental preparation is inadequate, the physical side is weakened, usually with disastrous results. Those who played on a number of occasions were: Mark Warnes, Mark Zeegers, James White, Jonathan Shneck, Ian Cooke, Simon Johnson, David Slack, Damian Brown, Daniel Rowlands, Steven Greenberg, Stephen Neary and Andrew Chance. I have not singled out any one player as being either exceptionally good or bad because I am sure that they all did their best for themselves and the School and I would like to thank them all for their efforts. I hope that all will continue to try to improve their standard of play and continue to derive pleasure from this most excellent sport.

J.H. Thomson

U14 TENNIS

Played 6, Won 2, Lost 3, Abandoned 1

This is the side which has received the most attention in terms of coaching during the year and therefore, not surprisingly, from which the best results were expected. In fact the side did achieve a high degree of success and certainly I have seen some excellent tennis whenever they have played. In defeat they are positive and constructive, never looking for easy excuses but rather, prepared to analyse and criticize their own mistakes in the attempt to improve. Against King's Macclesfield early in the season, the team was not yet confident of its ability to play itself out of a bad situation, but against Hulme Hall, and later King's, Chester, confidence had improved to a resounding degree and the results were much better.

The side regularly consisted of David Gilbert, Carl Hope, Sam Burney, Jonathan Flatman, Daniel Harris, Andrew Holden, Stewart Maclean and Robert Clyne.

J.H. Thomson

U13 TENNIS

Played 7, Won 1, Drawn 1, Lost 5

An inexperienced side consisting of Stephen Kellett, Robert Seddon, Raphael Joseph, Joshua Bloom, Christopher Hewison, Edward Choularton, Tanuj Sobti and Guy Brocklehurst managed to produce one creditable win and one draw out of seven matches. The others were more in the way of valuable learning experiences. The enthusiasm of the side was high, despite a shortage of success and all the players appeared to enjoy themselves during protracted struggles on court. Many of the games in fact went to deuce and although we eventually lost the match, it could so easily have turned the other way on the strength of a net cord or a double fault at a critical stage. More practice and steady nerves are needed if we are to see an improvement next year, but the side has a good spirit and I expect to see better results in a year's time.

J.H. Thomson

U12 TENNIS

Played 3, Won 2, Lost 1

The side with the highest percentage of wins (66.7%) is undoubtedly this one. Captained and organised brilliantly by Richard C.K. Ip (1A). James Merron, Robert Glass, Richard Johnston and Saqib Arshad played for the team. The best success was in their first match in which they defeated Marple Hall by 4 sets to nil. Subsequently, in an Under 12's tournament, they defeated Marple Hall a second time but were then beaten by King's School, Macclesfield. Nevertheless, a very impressive start to School tennis, and I am sure that there will be many more good results to follow in the years to come.

J.H. Thomson

TENNIS RESULTS (BOYS) 1992

DATE	FIXTURE	VENUE	RESULT	F	A
Sat. 25 Apr	1st v Stonyhurst	(A)	Lost	1	8
	U15 v Stonyhurst	(A)	Lost	0	9
Wed. 29 Apr	1st v King's Macclesfield	(A)	Lost	0	9
	U15 v King's Macclesfield	(A)	Lost	3	6
	U14 v King's Macclesfield	(A)	Lost	1	8
	U13 v King's Macclesfield	(A)	Lost	1	8
Thurs. 7 May	U14 v Hulme Hall	(H)	Won	3	2
	U13 v Hulme Hall	(H)	Draw	3	3
Tues. 12 May	U15 v Manchester Grammar	(A)	Lost	1	8
	U14 v Manchester Grammar	(A)	Lost	0	9
	U13 v Manchester Grammar	(A)	Lost	2	7
Wed. 13 May	U15 v Hulme Hall	(H)	Lost	0	9
Sat. 16 May	1st v Saddleworth School	(H)	Lost	0	4
Tues. 19 May (2 pairs only)	U15 v Marple Hall	(A)	Draw	2	2
	U14 v Marple Hall	(A)	Lost	0	4
	U13 v Marple Hall	(A)	Lost	1	3
	U12 v Marple Hall	(A)	Won	4	0
Wed. 20 May	1st v Altrincham G.S.	(H)	Won	6	3
Thurs. 21 May	Parents & Pupils Competition	(H)	See Report		
Tues. 2 June	U15 v North Cestrian	(A)	Lost	3	6
	U13 v North Cestrian	(H)	Won	7	2
Wed. 3 June	1st v Birkenhead School	(A)	Lost	0	9
Wed. 24 June	U15 v King's Chester	(A)	Lost	3	6
	U14 v King's Chester	(A)	Won	8	1
	U13 v M.G.S. (Midland Bank)	(A)	Lost	0	4
Sat. 27 June	U12 v Marple Hall	(A)	Won	27	24
	U12 v King's Macclesfield	(A)	Lost	0	4
	1st v Bolton School	(A)	Lost	0	9
	U15 v Bolton School	(A)	Lost	1	8
Tues. 30 June	U15 v M.G.S. (Midland Bank)	(A)	Lost	0	4
	U14 v Altrincham G.S.	(H)	Abandoned		
	U13 v Altrincham G.S.	(A)	Lost		

U15 TENNIS

Caron Abramson

U12 AND U13 TENNIS

Geraldine Brook

SECOND ROUND	QUARTER FINALS	SEMI-FINAL	FINAL
MASON V SHELMERDINE	} SHELMERDINE (6-0) V	} SHELMERDINE (6-4)	} SHELMERDINE (6-4)
FISHER V LAWTON			
HEWISON V ABRAMSON	} ABRAMSON (6-0) V	} ABRAMSON (6-4)	
HOPE V CLYNE			
GILBERT V WHITTLE	} WHITTLE (6-1) V	} WHITTLE (6-4)	} V
HOLDEN V BROOK			
KELLER V BURNEY/BROOKS	} KELLER (6-3) V	} KELLER (6-1)	
BUCKLEY V R.IP/J.THOMSON			

WINNERS: I.D. & D.L. Keller won by 6 games to love.

J.H. Thomson



ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS 1992

FIRST FORM:

100m (Boys)	13.86	A. Bagga 1B	Z. Anjum 1B	C. Baker 1D	
100m (Girls)	15.54	L. Smith 1D	R. Lee 1A	S. Burton 1B	
200m (Boys)	30.68	A. Bagga 1B	D. Ellis 1C	C. Baker 1D	
200m (Girls)	37.25	A. Payne 1C	R. Aldersley 1B	T. Safdar 1A	
400m (Boys)	72.08	D. Ellis 1C	C. Johnstone 1B	C. Chamberlain 1D	
400m (Girls)	85.13	S. Whitefoot 1A	G. Alderson 1A	A. Crilly 1D	
800m (Girls)	2.53.38	D. Hancock 1B	N. Arthur 1A	W. Laird 1C	
1500m	5.33.90	D. Hancock 1B	R. Bell 1D	T. Barraclough 1B	
4 x 400m	5.10.26	1B	1C	1D	1A
4 x 100m (Boys)	63.69	1B	1D	1A	1C
4 x 100m (Girls)	67.11	1A	1D	1C	1B
Shot	7.72	H. Anwar 1A	L. Hassett 1C	H. Cooke 1B	
Cricket Ball (Boys)	47.20	L. Hassett 1C	A. Hussain 1C	H. Anwar 1A	
Rounders Ball (Girls)	30.90	H. Kasseum 1C	R. Lee 1A	M. Friemann 1B	
Long Jump (Boys)	4.09	A. Bagga 1B	Z. Anjum 1B	G. Roberts 1C	
Long Jump (Girls)	3.20	M. Ankrah 1D	S. Whitefoot 1A	H. Collins 1C	
Triple Jump	8.05	W. Laird 1C	A. Prophet 1A	D. Hancock 1B	
High Jump	1.30	R. Bowie 1D	2nd: O. Farrel 1B, S. Arshad 1A, D. Ellis 1C, C. Baker 1D.		

RESULTS:	1st	1B	205 pts
	2nd	1A	173 pts
	3rd	1D	171 pts
	4th	1C	161 pts

INDIVIDUAL WINNER: A. Bagga (1B)

SECOND FORM:

100m (Boys)	12.55 *	M. Baama 2B	M. Healey 2D	J. Lambert 2C	
100m (Girls)	13.85 *	R. Nightingale 2D	G. Brook 2A	H. James 2B	
200m (Boys)	27.42	M. Baama 2B	M. Healey 2D	J. Leinhardt 2C	
200m (Girls)	31.26	R. Westbrook 2A	C. Plowright 2D	J. Lawson 2D	
400m (Boys)	70.65	E. Choularton 2A	J. Partington 2A	N. Davenport 2A	
400m (Girls)	69.80 *	R. Westbrook 2A	S. Cochrane 2A	C. Ashley 2C	
800m	2.46.18	E. Choularton 2A	O. Ofoche 2B	C. Longsdon 2D	
1500m	5.56.90	R. Beenstock 2C	M. Buckley 2B	A. Xidacis 2A	
4 x 400m	5.04.25	2A	2C	2D	2B
4 x 100m (Boys)	57.20	2B	2C	2D	2A
4 x 100m (Girls)	61.47	2A	2D	2B	2C
Shot	8.62	J. Guy 2B	J. Silver 2B	J. Jobling 2D	
Javelin	20.60	J. Guy 2B	G. Brocklehurst 2D	E. Choularton 2A	
Rounders Ball (Girls)	32.00	H. McKinnel 2D	S. Johnson 2A	E. Weeden 2A	
High Jump	1.40	A. Xydeas 2B	R. Seddon 2B	G. Humphries 2D	
Long Jump (Boys)	4.24	M. Healey 2D	W. Tsang 2A	J. Calderbank 2B	
Long Jump (Girls)	3.91	R. Nightingale 2D	G. Brook 2A	C. Ashley 2C	
Triple Jump	10.63 *	M. Baama 2B	A. Xydeas 2B	P. Amadi 2D	

*New School Record

RESULTS:	1st	2A	203½ pts
	2nd	2D	191 pts
	3rd	2B	189 pts
	4th	2C	139½ pts

INDIVIDUAL WINNER: M. Baama (2B)

THIRD FORM:

100m (Boys)	12.13 *	A. Malik (F)	D. Johnson (B)	J. Robinson (F)
100m (Girls)	13.37	V. Priestner (H)	E-L Onyemen (D)	M. Jones (B)
200m (Boys)	26.48	P. Day (W)	A. Malik (F)	D. Johnson (B)
200m (Girls)	32.65	E-L Onyemen (D)	D. Mosley (W)	G. Rampal (B)
400m (Boys)	61.80	S. Johnson (F)	A. Farrell (W)	S. Dé (W)
400m (Girls)	71.09 *	B. McCurrie (G)	S. Stephenson (B)	N. Mason (G)
800m	2.25.07 *	P. Day (W)	A. Kelly (W)	A. Nunney (B)
1500m	5.10.85	S. Johnson (F)	A. Nunney (B)	A. Kelly (W)
4 x 400m	4.25.5	W	G	B
4 x 100m	54.20 *	F	B	H
Shot	11.23	R. England (F)	D. Hufton (B)	A. Malik (F)
Discus	23.20	R. England (F)	A. Haslam (H)	M. Bartlett (H)
Javelin (Boys)	29.10	S. Johnson (F)	P. Day (W)	K. Khan (F)
Rounders Ball (Girls)	39.20	K. Hawcroft (F)	S. Stephenson (B)	A. Choudry (D)
Long Jump (Boys)	4.73	A. Kelly (W)	I. Khan (D)	D. Johnson (B)
Long Jump (Girls)	4.00 *	K. Hawcroft (F)	D. Mosley (W)	B. McCurrie (G)
High Jump	1.49	D. Taylor (B)	I. Khan (D)	S. Jaiswal (H)
Triple Jump	9.63	J. Robinson (F)	N. Kapur (D)	R. Mattison (W)

*New School Record

INDIVIDUAL WINNER: S. Johnson (F)

FOURTH FORM:

100m (Boys)	11.83 *	M. Wan (G)	M. Knowles (F)	T. Berkeley (G)
100m (Girls)	14.91 *	C. Reichl (G)	K. Arran (D)	E. Keable (F)
200m (Boys)	26.31	M. Wan (G)	D. Grove (H)	J. Crawshaw (W)
200m (Girls)	32.37 *	C. Reichl (G)	K. Law (G)	L. Borg (H)
400m (Boys)	58.43	D. Grove (H)	N. Byrom (B)	T. Djeddour (D)
400m (Girls)	79.60 *	J. Ellis (B)	S. Ward (F)	P. Whittle (G)
800m	2.31.27	N. Clemetson (H)	S. Xydeas (D)	M. England (F)
1500m	5.11.5	T. Djeddour (D)	M. England (F)	N. Clemetson (H)
4 x 400m	4.22.50	D	H	B
4 x 100m (Boys)	53.25	G	F	H
4 x 100m (Girls) (Yr 3/4)	61.96	D	G	B
Shot (Boys)	8.50	I. Graham (B)	D. Slack (F)	R. Singh (W)
Shot (Girls)	6.42	D. Daud (H)	S. Ward (F)	A. Wheeler (W)
Discus	25.81	I. Graham (B)	J. White (F)	K. Nolan (H)
Javelin	29.00	K. Nolan (H)	J. Brocklehurst (G)	A. Mawson (B)
Long Jump	4.63	J. Witter (H)	N. Byrom (B)	J. Foggon (F)
High Jump (Boys)	1.50	J. White (F)	T. Berkeley (G)	D. Mehta (W)

High Jump (Girls)	1.20	S. Atkins (G)	G. Miller (W)	J. Colclough (D)
Triple Jump	11.20*	N. Byrom (B)	D. Grove (H)	A. Martin-Razm (D)

*New School Record

INDIVIDUAL WINNER: C. Reichl (G)

SENIORS:

100m	11.56	J. Daniel (H)	C. Armstrong (G)	G. Scolah (B)
200m	25.65	J. Daniel (H)	G. Scolah (B)	C. Hyland (D)
400m	57.52	F. Baama (G)	E. Buckley (F)	R. Smith (W)
800m	2.20.0	M. Bratt (H)	T. Allen (W)	A. Sheldon (D)
1500m	4.52.78	M. Bratt (H)	M. Kershaw (B)	A. Bulwich (F)
4 x 400m	4.05.03	W	F	G
4 x 100m	50.87	B	D	G
Shot	9.06	C. Armstrong (G)	O. Garside (D)	J. Kay (H)
Discus	22.34	T. Veitch (D)	M. Shroot (F)	S. Arora (F)
Javelin	34.20	S. Bookbinder (W)	S. Jameson (B)	J. Kay (H)
High Jump	1.67	A. Sunderland (B)	N. Retter (D)	N. Whiteley (G)
Long Jump	5.37	J. Daniel (H)	M. Weeden (B)	O. Garside (D)
Triple Jump	10.47	J. Hickman (B)	M. Weeden (B)	T. Veitch (D)

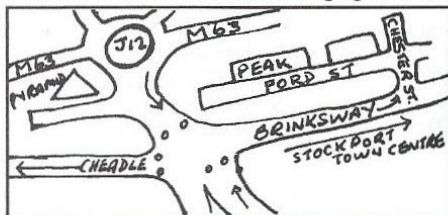
INDIVIDUAL WINNER: J. Daniel (H)

RESULTS:	1st	Fraser	252½ pts
	2nd	Byrom	235 pts
	3rd	Heywood	207 pts
	4th	Gaskell	201 pts
	5th	Dalton	186½ pts
	6th	Whitworth	176 pts

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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After several years of growth in income, it is disappointing to report that in 1991/1992 net receipts fell back marginally to just below £9,000. You may recall that the Committee had set itself a target of £10,000. It was especially disappointing that this milestone was missed, with the School requiring more and more support as activities are developed, alongside the physical expansion which can be clearly seen as the Language and Information Technology Centre takes shape.

The Autumn Fair and Grand Draw once again proved to be the key fund raising events, but it is pleasing to report that Sue Wilson managed to turn the fortunes of the 300 Club by recruiting a high number of new members, and almost doubled the net income. The Head Master's talk, Cheese and Wine, Quiz Night and the Annual Dinner Dance (held jointly with the Old Hulmeians) once again provided the opportunity for parents and staff to meet in a social environment, but again experienced mixed levels of support. The Fashion Show, the last event promoted, was well supported, after a poor initial response. Caroline McNally organised this event, and her perseverance and hard work certainly paid off, on a night which produced a highly entertaining and professional show. As you might expect, the audience was predominantly female, but at the risk of being branded a sexist my message to all the men is "you missed a really glamorous show!"

At the A.G.M. the Committee elected Sue Wilson as President for 1992/1993 and nobody is more deserving of this honour. Sue has worked for the Parents' Association for seven years including six years as Secretary, and currently runs the 300 Club. Her commitment has, and continues to be, unquestioned. The Committee also created a number of Vice Presidents to recognise the efforts of parents who have provided regular support for a number of functions. Joan Greenhalgh, Pat Highland, Brenda Beckett and Ray Wilson all thoroughly deserved their nominations.

The A.G.M. saw an influx of new members onto the Committee, with Robin Brocklehurst resigning due to pressure of work. The new Committee is enthusiastic and has targeted four major fund raising events for the coming year. There is a determination to succeed to enable the funding of a major programme. This will include the purchase of a Grand Piano, and a contribution to the new Centre, in addition to stage equipment, and a number of smaller requests. We do have a healthy cash balance but will have to break the £10,000 mark this year to meet the short-term programme - and we must also plan for future projects, with a replacement bus now looming high on the agenda. I am sure we can depend on all parents to help by supporting as many events as possible, by helping or just by attending. We cannot raise cash without this support and the cash raised is used exclusively to buy gifts for our School, to benefit our children.

In closing this report, I would like to thank the Committee for its work over the last 12 months, with special thanks to Mrs. Statham, Mr. Simkin and Mr. Wood who have played full roles at Committee Meetings, whilst providing a vital link with the School. Mike Peters and his office staff, together with Brian Gregson and his team also deserve special mention, as do the many parents and students who have helped at various events throughout the year. In the depths of a recession achieving next year's targets will not be easy. This should, however, only strengthen our resolve and determination and I look forward to the challenge ahead.

R.T. Dixon

THE OLD HULMEIANS' ASSOCIATION

The President of the Old Hulmeians' Association for 1991/92 was Ken Pettener and during this year the Association, with the President's guidance, has been looking in detail at its organisation. In the next few years lady Hulmeians will change the composition of the Association and to that end the President was host at the Annual Dinner Dance held at School where members were, for the first time, able to invite their spouses. This proved to be a successful venture where diners were able to enjoy mixed company and to listen to Judge Blackburn and Michael Lord, M.P. Earlier in the year a Sportman's Dinner was held at School to raise funds for the Lacrosse Section of the Association. These dinners were both held in the New Hall which has proved to be a most suitable venue; the beams, the panelling and the trophies certainly add to the atmosphere of these events.

Ken Pettener has also spent a lot of time co-ordinating the Old Hulmeians' Association's effort to generate funds to be put to the building appeal which will provide new language teaching facilities in School. The School relies on its old pupils for support in many ways and from time to time these appeals are for financial help. The School is grateful for all contributions made by the Old Hulmeians' Association.

For the first time in its history the Association's first Lacrosse team was relegated to the second division. I am sure, however, this will give the team an opportunity to regroup under the captaincy of Andy Booth and to work its way back to the first division in due course. In contrast the A team had a strikingly successful season. Captained by Steve Heywood they narrowly lost the Lancashire Cup Final to the Timperley A team. The extra A and the recently revived B teams had some enjoyable and reasonably successful games during the winter. Iain Shaw captained the A team and was instrumental in reviving the B team.

During the summer the cricketers widened their horizons by entering the National Competition organised by the Cricket World Magazine. Games were played against Sedbergh and Oakham and, although the Old Hulmeians lost both games, valuable experience was gained. An entry for next year's competition is planned and it is hoped stronger teams will have greater success.

The Rifle Club has met regularly in the School Range and is looking for new members to strengthen the team.

The Golf Society has managed to attract players from areas of the country which are far from Manchester. Captains Day was held at Withington Golf Club and the Ascension Day meeting took place at Chorlton Golf Club. The Annual meeting between London and Manchester was held in Birmingham with Manchester running out comfortable winners. Golf is a strong sport within the Association and gives many members an opportunity not only to play a game they enjoy but gives them a chance to meet each other again.

It's on this thought of friendship that I will conclude this report. The Old Hulmeians' Association is an organisation which enables ex-members of William Hulme's Grammar School to meet and renew those friendships which have been made at School and to make friendships with members of earlier or later years. All have the common background of having been educated in these buildings on Spring Bridge Road. I hope many ex-pupils will wish at some time to return to School and I can assure them of a warm welcome from Members of Staff. I also hope many will join the Old Hulmeians' Association to further friendships within that organisation. I commend the Association to you.

M. Loveland.

THE "HULMEIAN" COMMITTEE 1992

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L6A4	Jonathan Lazarus

We should like to thank the students listed above for all their genuine, useful and intelligent hard work. Others not listed expressed a keen interest in serving on the Committee but were never seen again after the first meeting.

Special thanks too are due to Jonathan Lazarus, who, with help from his two colleagues on the Sub-Committee, has secured and organised all the advertising in this year's edition. His drive and initiative will be sorely missed here after 1993. Jonathan has also designed our new magazine cover.

Above all, however, we want to thank Miss Bernadette McNicholas for her countless hours of toil in typing out, for the third year running, the entire magazine.

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