

and C. Wilkins. T.S. Ryman and D.A. Campbell were appointed House Prefects before the end of term.

During this term, standard points were accumulated by many boys, so that Whitworth went into Sports Day in second place. The House produced some notable performances in this competition, including those by N.A. Jackson and K.P. McDonnell, but the outstanding successes were undoubtedly those of P.E. Stanley and T.S. Ryman, who won the individual trophies for the Junior and Middle age-groups respectively. These fine performances enabled the House to finish third overall, behind Byrom and Fraser.

The House Tennis team did well to reach the final of their competition, losing to Fraser only after the first pairs played a tie-break.

In view of the comparatively small size of our own entry and the talent obviously present in other Houses, Whitworth were not thought to stand much chance of success in the House Music Competition. However, many boys gave of their best, and the House won the competition by one point over Fraser. Although it is perhaps unfair to single out individual contributions, the performances of A. Jones and J.C. Bonser were particularly outstanding. The very popular House Choir, and the innovation of a Master of Ceremonies were also decisive factors, as the judges praised the good organisation and general enthusiasm of the entry.

Finally, we would like to thank all the boys who left the House this year for their efforts, and wish them every success in their chosen careers.

Thus the House ended the year with a flurry of trophies, but what really made this year an *annus mirabilis* was rather the enthusiasm and spirit with which a great number of House members went about their business. Although the boys themselves are partly responsible for this willingness to compete (a perfect example of which is the full attendances at voluntary rugby practices), we feel that our House Master, Mr. P.J. Callaghan, must take most of the credit. His own interest in individual House members as well as the House as a whole engendered this co-operation and participation, and it is sadly that we say farewell to him this year. We wish him every success as Head of History Department.
D.A.C., N.W.H., D.M.P.

As I leave the House I should like to express my warm thanks to all those House members, past and present, who have made my three years as Whitworth's House Master so memorable and so enjoyable.

It was obvious to me from the outset that it would be difficult to follow the long and distinguished Housemastership of the late Mr. L.H. Watkins; all I can say is that I have tried to follow his lead in making Whitworth firstly a House which boys enjoy being members of, and secondly one where the initiative for success lies with its senior members. The victories of the House, during the past year in particular, owe little to my efforts, but rather to the enthusiasm of all boys at all levels. If I pick out D.A. Campbell and D.M. Platts for special mention, it is only because their great keenness and efficiency, as well as their loyal support of every House activity, has been well known to all the House as it has been invaluable to me.

Finally, my best wishes go to Mr. P.J. Wilde as House Master of Whitworth, and to the entire House, both collectively and individually.
P.J.C.

GAMES

FIRST XV RUGBY

Played 18, Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 8.
Points for 142, Against 207.

v. Stockport G.S.	A W	4-0
v. Major Watkins' XV.	H W	16-3
v. Sale Grammar School.	A L	4-17
v. Marple Hall School	A L	3-29
v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield	H L	0-12
v. North Manchester H.S.	A W	19-23
v. Birkenhead School	A L	4-6
v. Cheadle Moseley School	H W	11-3
v. King's School, Macclesfield	H L	3-23
v. De La Salle College	A L	6-48
v. Kendal Colts.	A W	4-3
v. Kirby Lonsdale G.S. } Tour	A D	0-0
v. Appleby G.S.	A W	11-7
v. Arnold School, Blackpool	H W	20-0
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham	A L	6-21
v. Old Boys XV	H L	11-19
v. Manchester G.S.	A W	14-0

A few years ago, in this magazine, I wrote "It will be an exceptional School 1st XV that manages to win even half its games". The 1977 School 1st XV were exceptional only in their tremendous team spirit and the physical strength of their forwards. Against many teams, we simply won through sheer pressure, winning so much ball that the opposition was unable to run the ball at our far from exceptional backs.

Against teams with equal forward power, we struggled, because we could never match them in attacking potential.

The XV began the term reasonably well, with good wins over Stockport G.S. and a relatively weak Major Watkins' XV, but already signs were showing. In both these games, despite abundant possession, the backs, and in particular the half-backs could make few gains in territory, unless it was by kicking. For the next few weeks we met teams of higher quality, especially amongst the threequarters and defeats began to amass, the only respite coming against rather feeble North Manchester H.S. and Cheadle Moseley teams.

The XV left for its annual half-term tour the day after a crushing defeat from De La Salle, but once out of Manchester, the team changed. A tremendous team spirit developed and all the players began to grow in confidence. In four tiring days the XV played three matches, winning two and drawing the other, giving the XV the greatest possible boost in self-confidence.

After half-term it was as if another team were playing. The forward pressure was still there, but now it was coupled with downright aggression and a willingness to run. This was the highlight of the term for the XV, three wins and two defeats, but all played against very strong opposition. All this led Mr. Peat to say that he had never seen a School team play the game so hard, yet so fairly.

At the end of term School Colours were awarded to the following:

P. Maddocks, J.C. Dale, J.S. Bradley, A.M. Krawiecki, R.K. Cox, D.C. Loynes.

The following also played:

N.W. Hewitt, T.G. Jones, I.D. Endlar, D.A. Campbell, M. Kohn, A.M. Mills, J. Beesley, J. Aldred, M.A. Hallworth, B.M. Wilkinson, P.R.H. Wilson, R.K. Wadsworth, K.M. Wadsworth, H. Davies, D.M. Watmough, D.G. Richards, D.S. Dodd, A. Dowdall and T. Ryman. M.M.

SECOND XV RUGBY

Played 12, Won 5, Lost 7.
Points For 144, Against 225.

v. Stockport G.S.	A W	9-0
v. Sale Grammar School.	H L	8-24
v. Marple Hall School	A W	18-3
v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield	H L	0-41
v. Birkenhead School	H L	14-28
v. Cheadle Moseley School	H W	27-0
v. King's School, Macclesfield	H L	0-44
v. De La Salle College	A L	13-28
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby	H W	14-11
v. Arnold School, Blackpool	H L	6-22
v. King Edward's, Lytham	H L	4-14
v. Manchester Grammar School	H W	31-10

There were many enjoyable games despite the often bad conditions. The forwards were usually more than a match for the opposition, but unfortunately our backs were not good enough to profit from the possession they enjoyed. They were also weak in defence and this resulted in a lot of "soft" tries being scored against us. The following boys represented the school: P.D. Barker, A. Wibberley, M.A. Hallworth, D.S. Dodd, A.J.C. Sidebotham, N.L. Jones, D.G. Richards, A. Keddy, S. Manger, P.A. Stockton, D. Fraser, P.R.H. Wilson, S. Mann, G.H. Mills, T.G. Jones, M.R. Hawkins, G.R. Hepburn, N.W. Hewitt, D.A. Campbell, T.A. Jones, N.A. Jackson, M.K. Kohn, A.M. Krawiecki and T.S. Ryman. M.R.B.

UNDER-16 XV RUGBY

Played 5, Won 1, Lost 4.
Points For 24, Against 87.

v. Denstone College	A W	11-4
v. Birkenhead School	A L	4-11
v. King's School, Macclesfield	H L	3-12
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby	H L	0-24
v. Arnold School, Blackpool	A L	6-36

A strong team on paper, the Under-16 XV suffered like many of its predecessors in being in that state of

limbo between Senior School rugby and House rugby. They were too busy to find time to train together, had their best players removed to the more senior teams and played rarely, so losing any cohesion they may have gained through playing together. The solitary benefit gained was an insight into the abilities and faults of several notable players viz: D.M. Watmough, R.K. and K.M. Wadsworth, H. Davies, A. Dowdall and T. Ryman. M.M.

UNDER-15 XV RUGBY

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 9, Drawn 0.
Points For 123, Against 266.

v. Stockport G.S.	A L	10-30
v. Sale Grammar School	A L	14-30
v. Marple Hall School	H L	0-24
v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield	A L	0-70
v. Denstone College	A W	6-4
v. Birkenhead School	H L	0-24
v. Cheadle Moseley School . . .	H L	3-24
v. North Manchester H.S. . . .	A L	4-8
v. King's School, Macclesfield .	A L	0-18
v. De La Salle College	H W	19-0
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	H W	18-4
v. Arnold School, Blackpool . .	A L	3-24
v. King Edward's, Lytham . . .	A W	28-6
v. Manchester Grammar School	A W	18-0

The following played for the School:

A.W. Smith (Capt.), A.J. Padkin, B.J. Rosenberg, G.W. Keating, I.W. Keating, A.J. Steeples, B. Cooper, K.D. Murray, P. Keddie, J.N. Hemy, J.M. Parry, C.G. Pass, R.P. Flamank, S. Brown, N.S. Tucker, M.I. Emmott, A. Stainsby, P. Cotterill, J.M. Adams, J.S. Prideaux and M.P. Brown.

By the end of the Christmas term, this year's U-15 XV had developed into a strong, mobile and skilful team. The first half of the season is always difficult for William Hulme's G.S. XV's, and results for the U-15 XV were poor. After a great deal of experimentation with the majority of players in order to establish their correct positions, a balanced U-15 team began to produce effective fifteen-man rugby.

The team was well led by A.W. Smith, with the help of A.J. Padkin and J.M. Adams, and enthusiasm and determination were never lacking from all the players. The most dominant players in the pack were P. Keddie and A.J. Padkin, while R.P. Flamank proved to be a strong tackling centre.

The style of play developed within this team consisted of good first and second-phase possession being translated into tries by the wingers and full-back, but it was not until the match against Manchester G.S. that all the players fulfilled their own role to score eighteen points within twenty minutes in the first-half.

The forward unit was without doubt the strength of the U-15 XV. The boys produced a strong, mobile and thoughtful pack, and the three-quarters found difficulty in using the well-won possession due to a lack of the basic skills. This situation gradually im-

proved during the term and the U-15 XV won four out of five matches at the end of the season.

I would like to thank the members of Staff that refereed the team in my absence, and Mr. Parry for his constant support and encouragement of the whole U-15 XV. A.J.P.

UNDER-14 XV RUGBY

Played 14, Won 1, Lost 13.
Points For 120, Against 486.

v. Stockport Grammar School .	H L	20-24
v. Sale Grammar School	A L	0-22
v. Marple Hall School	H L	4-36
v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield	A L	0-30
v. Denstone College	A L	4-48
v. Birkenhead School	H L	16-36
v. Cheadle Moseley School . . .	A L	8-63
v. North Manchester H.S. . . .	H L	10-15
v. King's School, Macclesfield .	A L	0-64
v. De La Salle College	H L	18-36
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	A L	6-40
v. Arnold School, Blackpool . .	A L	6-40
v. King Edward's, Lytham . . .	A L	4-20
v. Manchester Grammar School	A W	24-12
v. Cheadle Hulme School	Cancelled	

The following boys usually represented the school:

A.P. Booth, A.D. Brown, D.M. Bretnall, N.S. Crossley, J.P. Hill, P.R. Hunt, I.G. McMillan, C.P. Robinson, S.J. Smith, D.K. Smythe, P.E. Stanley, A.D. Tatham, R.P. Thornton, M.L. Wilson, L.J. Upcott.

The following boys played occasionally:

W.D. Edwards, N.J. Firth, N.A. Hoskinson, S.A. Leadbeater, E. Livingstone, J.B. McFarland, W.N. Roberts, T.C. Smith, C.A. Stubbs, R.A. Taylor, D.G. Wood.

Sadly the performance and progress of the Under-14 rugby team was very disappointing this year. Though it is easy to find some excuses for the poor results — in particular injuries to Hunt, one of the stronger players, and to McFarland, a potentially fine captain, who broke his collar-bone after the first game — the side basically lacked talented players, had several problem positions and suffered from an inability or unwillingness to tackle. These weaknesses were unfortunately common to both forwards and backs.

In many respects the result followed the pattern of previous seasons. A close opening game against Stockport Grammar School, which hinged on whether Wilson could score more tries than the fast strong Stockport lock-forward (the latter won by four tries to three) was followed by the customary tough set of fixtures and heavy defeats, culminating in the side's worst crash, just before half-term, away at King's School, Macclesfield.

After half-term the main difficulty was predictably motivation and how to restore the team's eroded confidence. The diffidence and lack of competitive spirit which too many of the team had shown in the

early minutes of most games, as they waited to see how good their opponents were, had become widespread. The team clearly had their eyes on Manchester Grammar School as a likely first win. Encouraged by the return of McFarland, who provided the leadership on the field the side so badly needed, the team played with great determination and won. Unfortunately the first win had come at the wrong end of the season and, though interest in the game had been rekindled, the much fancied second victory against Cheadle Hulme School never materialised as the game was cancelled.

Whilst, at this age, one individual's physical strength and size will inevitably have a telling effect on a game, a team must learn to live with this and at least seek to combat this advantage with a little thought to tactics. Far too often one opponent was allowed to destroy the team's overall effort and performance. In more than half the games one player scored three tries or more against us. Against De La Salle, although the team played well, scoring 18 points, one opponent scored seven times and so we lost 36-18.

All is not despair, however. Some comfort and satisfaction can be had from several pleasing individual performances. Wilson, at centre, accepted the responsibility of team-star and in addition to scoring nine tries, he covered and tackled well throughout the season. Thornton, at fly-half, displayed his running ability in fits and starts: I'm sure that he will mature into a fine player. For the present he must work hard to make his kicking more consistent. McMillan filled the problem scrum-half position quite well, continually setting an example to the rest of the side with his fighting spirit.

Finally, I would like to thank Messrs. Daniels and Peek for accompanying the team in my absence, Mr. Langford for refereeing and Messrs. Murray and Percival for their help and advice. D.R.C.

UNDER-13 XV RUGBY

Played 11, Won 4, Lost 7.
Points for 112, Against 198.

v. Stockport Grammar School .	H	W	26- 0
v. Sale G.S.	A	L	0-36
v. Marple Hall School	H	L	12-24
v. Cheadle Moseley School . .	A	W	4- 0
v. North Manchester H.S. . . .	H	L	0-48
v. King's School, Macclesfield .	A	L	0-12
v. De La Salle College	H	L	8-48
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	H	W	29- 4
v. Arnold School, Blackpool . .	A	W	26- 4
v. King Edward's, Lytham . . .	A	L	0- 4
v. Manchester Grammar School	A	L	7-18

This was rather a mediocre season but the team played better than the results suggest. The matches against King's School, Macclesfield, King Edward's, Lytham and Manchester Grammar School would all have been won if there had been a little more attacking flair in the backs. The heavy defeats by three good teams in mid-season taught us a lesson and we became much more solid in defence in the later

matches. Promising performances were produced by I.D. Thorpe, R.D. Hardern, S.M. Heywood, E.I. Jacquiss, I.C. Thompson, J.D. Sealy and E.C. Whipp.

UNDER-12 XV RUGBY

Played 3, Won 3, Lost 0.
Points For 102, Against 16.

v. Merchant Taylors' School .	W	18-12
v. King Edward's, Lytham . . .	W	78- 0
v. Manchester Grammar School	W	6- 4

This year's intake proved, without doubt, one of the best for many years. The squad very quickly got the feel of the game and a team soon emerged, competent both in forward play and back play.

Continued enthusiasm and practice will produce a very able squad indeed. J.P.

HOUSE RUGBY

Without a doubt, this was one of the best seasons for House Rugby for several years. The good weather, the enthusiasm and the close competition all contributed to a very enjoyable season. The standard was high and Houses are to be congratulated on a fine effort.

House League:

Dalton	112 points
Fraser	91 points
Gaskell	89 points
Heywood	79 points
Byrom	44 points
Whitworth	23 points

KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

Senior First Round: Heywood beat Byrom 9- 3
Fraser beat Dalton 15- 6

Second Round: Fraser beat Whitworth 10- 6
Heywood beat Gaskell 18- 0

Final: Fraser beat Heywood.

Junior First Round: Whitworth beat Dalton 18-10
Fraser beat Gaskell 12- 4

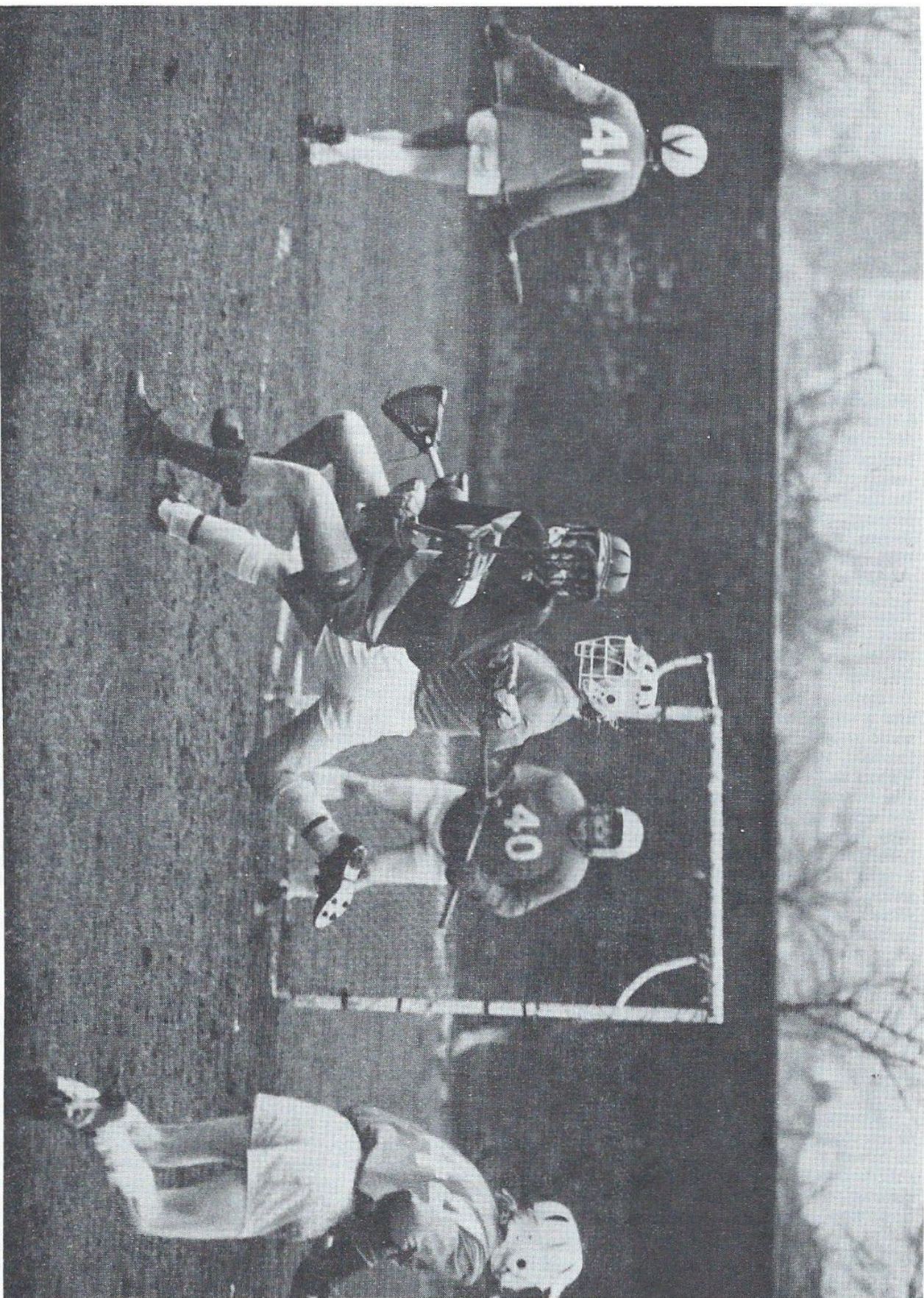
Second Round: Heywood beat Whitworth
Fraser beat Byrom.

Final: Heywood beat Fraser.

FIRST X LACROSSE

Played 13, Won 10, Lost 3.
Goals For 196, Against 122.

v. Old Stopfordians 'A'	H	W	11- 8
v. Heaton Mersey Guild	A	W	14- 6
v. Ashton 'A' (Jnr. Flags) . . .	A	W	14-11
v. Heaton Mersey Guild	W	18- 3	
(Semi-Final)			



Lancashire Junior Cup Final Rochdale v. School 1st X

M.R. Hawkins beats his man before scoring the Schools first goal in the final which was narrowly lost 11-13.

v. London University	A W 18-11
v. Oxford University	A L 11-15
v. Cambridge University	A W 20- 9
v. Sheffield University 'A'	H W 20- 5
v. Rochdale (Jnr. Flags Final)	L 11-13
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H W 13- 7
v. Old Stopfordians 'A'	H W 21- 9
v. Old Hulmeians	H L 12-17

This was the best season that the School 1st X have had for some years, and this was in no small part owing to the willingness of the whole of the Senior Squad to practise, train, and most important of all, learn, in order to improve their lacrosse. A measure of the ability and performance of the side was that M.J. Sandy, perhaps one of the most improved players, could not win back a regular first team place after an early season injury.

The attack averaged fifteen goals per game, and T.J. Jones, O.C.D. Cooper and H.S. Davies all scored memorable goals, particularly in the Cup Final of the Lancashire Junior Cup, when Rochdale narrowly defeated the School despite the fact that the team played some of its best lacrosse of the season. In many of the games it was the midfield who were to be the key factors in our success. At the highest level playing mid-field demands superior fitness, sound technique, and a quick tactical eye, to enable a side to maximise its own possession and deny the opposition. As the season progressed, M.R. Hawkins, J.C. Dale and P. Collins showed an increasing ability to fulfil all these requirements. Dale's dominance at centre was never matched throughout the season, and with so many outstanding performances he fully deserved his Lacrosse Colours.

Defence was perhaps the weakest aspect of play, and a record of nine goals per game conceded reveals some room for improvement. Faults were really only twofold. All three defence-men, N.W. Hewitt, P.R.H. Wilson and G.H. Mills sometimes lacked the aggression and positive attitude necessary to dominate and press the opposing attacks, and, along with the midfield, they sometimes allowed themselves to be drawn away from the critical area of defence, instead of remaining a tight, supporting unit, never more than twelve yards away from the front of goal. However, as the season wore on they began to learn from mistakes and even in adversity remained a real team, taking a pride in their work on the field, and even through some periods of errors and adversity, never being critical of each other (until after the game). They also showed how and why handling skills should form a vital part of a defence player's armoury. Indeed, if a team is only as strong as its weakest link, then our 'weak' link was to ensure a strong team and a successful season.

Meanwhile, R.K. Cox, in goal, was playing his part in the team's success. Despite some suicidal attempts to score at least one goal himself, at some stage in the season, his certainty, dependability, saves and clearing, all gave the team a confidence which was to be an important factor in their performance.

The season's results are a fair reflection of the team's performances and their development. Against experienced opposition, fitness and organisation usually saw them through, and only against Rochdale, Old Hulmeians and Oxford University was there a

strong combination of experience, fitness and ability to defeat them. And in defeat, much as it was difficult after fighting so hard to lose so narrowly with dignity (especially in the Cup Final), the team showed its character. In this respect, particularly Hewitt led his team by example, and they played hard to win attractively and fairly. Hewitt, Jones and Dale were awarded School Colours and Collins, Cox and Wilson, Half-Colours.

In a term when other demands are made on boys' time, the following, after exhaustive trials and practices, were rewarded with a place in the County Under-18 side, representing Lancashire against Cheshire: Hewitt (Capt.), Cox, Mills, Hawkins,, Jones and Cooper; and Wilson and Watmough, reserves.

School Lacrosse at first team level seems to be in the ascendant and has the potential to remain so for some years. My only worry is that there is a tendency in lower and upper School alike to forsake the gentle art of the lunch-time throw about, where all sorts of handling skills are learnt, practised and reinforced, for soccer. I would, in all seriousness, advise any lacrosse enthusiast to spend his recreation time with his lacrosse stick in his hand. There is no substitute for stick-handling practice and I should be loth to see the degree of skill shown by our players, at all levels, deteriorate through lack of it.

I.J.S.

SECOND X LACROSSE

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

v. Poynton L.C.	A W 10- 7
v. Leeds Grovians	H W 1- 0
(David Beesley Cup 1st Round)	(Conceded)
v. Rochdale L.C.	H D 9- 9
(D. Beesley Cup 2nd Round)	
v. Stockport G.S.	A D 12-12
v. Rochdale L.C.	A W 26- 7
(D. Beesley Cup 2nd Round Replay)	
v. An Invitation X	H L 12-13
v. Manchester University	H W 1- 0
	(Conceded)
v. Mellor "C"	L 6-10
(D. Beesley Cup Final)	
v. Cheadle Hulme "A"	A W 15-10
v. Old Hulmeians "A"	H D 11-11

Despite one Saturday lost through rain, and two cup matches conceded, this was a successful and promising season, the most pleasing facet, along with the high standard of lacrosse, being the great team spirit shown throughout.

The opening game against Poynton provided a good warm-up for the rest of the season and helped the team to settle down as a unit; fitness also played an important part in this win. The two Rochdale games were as different as one can imagine. The first game, played at school, was a hard-fought, uphill struggle for the school, who scored five goals in the last quarter to gain a replay. The second, played on a very hard pitch at Rochdale, proved a very comfortable win, though somewhat marred by the brutality of the opposition as the score increased.

Between these two games an extra 2nd X played Stockport G.S 2nd X away and did extremely well to

draw 12-12, in view of the fact that they had never played together before.

The untimely withdrawal of Manchester University a week before the David Beesley Cup Final left the School in need of a practice game. Mr. Shaw kindly organised an Invitation X to play the School and against a very strong side of club and county players, the School did well to lose narrowly 12-13.

The David Beesley Cup Final was played at the South Manchester and Wythenshawe Ground against Mellor "C". The opposition, including a very experienced goalkeeper, took the lead with three early goals, but strong, concerted play from the School cut back the deficit to leave the score 4-4 at half-time.

Both sides had plenty of chances in the second half, but whereas Mellor netted most of theirs, the School put their own chances wide. With the score 8-5 in their favour Mellor were in command at the end of the third quarter, and despite a last effort from the School, the opposition held on comfortably till the final whistle. The School received deserved praise at the end of the game. Of the two remaining games, the School won comfortably at Cheadle Hulme L.C. and were the only School team not to lose against Old Hulmeians on the last Saturday of term.

And so, all in all, a good season, despite the disappointment in the Cup Final. R.D. Leak proved an outstanding captain who was always involved in the game and studied situations thoughtfully. R.M. Wadsworth and K.J. Wadsworth became a dynamic combination in the midfield and attack areas, and their tireless efforts were an inspiration to the rest of the team. P. Maddocks held the defence together well, while A. Dowdall steadily improved in goal.

The following all contributed to the success of the season and my thanks go to them. R.D. Leak (Capt.), P. Maddocks, D.J. Barnes, P.G.M. Jessup, A. Dowdall, K.J. Wadsworth, R.M. Wadsworth, M.J. Sandy, S.C. Bickerton, D. Watmough, P.J. Latham, A. Keddy, A.J.P. Morton-Smith, M.A. Etchells, D.S. Dodd, C. Waldon, B.M. Wilkinson, T.S. Ryman, A.J. McLaren, T.A. Jones, S.J. Jary and A. Johnson. A.C.C.

UNDER-15 XII LACROSSE

Played 8, Won 3, Lost 5.
Goals For 55, Against 76.

v. Ashton-U-Lyne L.C. Juniors	A W	8-1
v. Stockport Grammar School	H W	10-4
v. W.H.G.S. Under 14	H W	12-7
(Juniors & Schools Cup Semi-Final)		
v. Stockport L.C. Juniors	H L	5-12
v. Wilmslow Grammar School	H L	5-8
v. Cheadle Hulme School		
2nd XII	A L	4-11
v. Wilmslow Grammar School	A L	7-11
v. Wilmslow Grammar School	L	4-22
(Juniors & Schools Cup Final at Stockport G.S.)		

The team was usually selected as follows:

I.W. Keating, J.M. Parry, R.P. Flamank, P. Keddie,

J.M. Adams, A.J. Padkin (Captain), A.W. Smith, K.D. Murray, B. Cooper, R.J. Mitson, P.H. Newton and G.W. Keating.

Though the playing record of this team turned out to be less good than we usually expect of an Under-15 side, it must be admitted that the results were only what could be expected from a team of limited ability faced with a very strong fixture list in a term of very bad weather. The main collective weaknesses were a lack of stick-handling fluency in defence, a lack of positional sense and, in some cases, of running in the midfield and a lack of confidence and sheer size in the attack. Even so there was some improvement seen in general knowledge of the game and in individual skills. The defence had some interesting experiments with a simple zone in practice, but seemed reluctant to use it in match play even with such a destructive front centre man as Keddie. There were some good combination moves in attack where G. Keating usually looked the best finisher, Smith continued to win many good faces, Padkin and Adams provided many exciting moments carrying the ball out of defence, and Murray ran many a mile in every game. The last three named gained selection for the Lancashire Under-15 team, for which I. Keating was a reserve. Though there was ultimately no glory in the season, there might have been some, as the team was within inches of overhauling the excellent and unbeaten Wilmslow side in both home and away matches. C.P.L.

UNDER-14 XII LACROSSE

Played 7, Won 5, Lost 2.
Goals For 94, Against 41

v. Sale Juniors	A W	12-1
(Juniors and Schools Cup Round 1)		
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A W	16-10
(Juniors and Schools Cup Round 2)		
v. William Hulme's Grammar		
School U-15	A L	7-12
(Juniors and Schools Cup Semi-Final)		
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A W	13-4
v. Blackpool Juniors	H W	25-1
v. Wilmslow Grammar School	H W	16-4
v. Stockport Grammar School		
U-15	A L	5-9

The following boys represented the School:

I.G. MacMillan, R.G. McLaren, N.J. Firth, A.D. Brown, E. Livingstone, W.J.H. Murray, R.P. Thornton, J.C. Smith, W.A. Sandy, N.S. Crossley, W.N. Roberts, R.M. Phillips, C.P. Robinson, P.D. Winterbottom, A.P. Booth, D.A. Thorpe, I.M. Powell, R.M. Bent.

The team had a most successful season although the number of matches played was shortened because of bad weather. The only matches lost were against the Schools' Under-15 side and an Under-15 side from Stockport Grammar School, and in each match we produced good lacrosse but lacked strength and height.

The outstanding feature of the season was the excellent midfield work prompted by I.G. MacMillan

who proved to be a very capable captain. W.N. Roberts was consistently good in goal and A.P. Booth did a lot of sound work in defence. C.P. Robinson had to play in several different positions and his aggressive attitude proved too much for the opponents in many fifty-fifty situations.

The attack was rather disappointing and on many occasions were static and lacked the penetration which good lacrosse sides need. Fortunately goals came regularly from the midfield, thanks to fine work by R.P. Thornton, R.M. Phillips and I.G. MacMillan. If the attack can be sharpened up I feel sure the team will bring back the Juniors and Schools Cup to its rightful place at the School.

Finally I would like to thank those parents who braved the dreadful weather to give such good support to the team.
M.E.P.

UNDER-13 XII LACROSSE

Played 9, Won 3, Drawn 3, Lost 3.
Goals For 55, Against 49.

v. Stamford School	A L	4- 8
v. Stockport G.S.	D H	7- 7
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H W	8- 3
v. Wilmslow G.S.	H W	6- 1
v. Mellor Juniors	A D	3- 3
v. Wilmslow G.S.	H L	3- 4
v. Broadway School	H W	10- 5
v. Stamford School	H D	6- 6
v. Stockport G.S.	A L	8-12

The following boys represented the School:

J.M.D. Sealy (Capt.), J. Ellis, A.D. Emsley, R.D. Hardern, S.N. Heywood, C. Holmes, D.I. Jaquiss, J.E. Perry, I.C. Thompson, D.C. Hurst, A.H. Morgan, S.R. Morgan, A.B. Rowley, D.J. Harries, N.R. Hatton, S.P. Rutter, E.C. Whipp, M.J. Bowyer, M.I. Shaw, I.W. Pattinson, I.D. Thorpe.

The first part of a very short lacrosse season was spoiled by poor weather and pitches. The games against Stamford, Stockport and Wilmslow all took place in farcical conditions and consequently it took a long time to settle on the best side.

The captain was the best player and it was Sealy's determined running from centre which brought many goals. In defence Thorpe was the most confident, perhaps because he was largest, and he found good allies in the midfield work of Holmes, Emsley and the promising left-hander Heywood.

Rutter had a disappointing undisciplined season and it was left to Bowyer and Shaw to provide openings in front of goal. The defeat in the Centurion Trophy Semi-Final against Wilmslow came after a splendid game in which we let slip a 3-1 lead. This team has a good fund of players to call upon and should, with practice, become a very respectable Under-15 team.
P.J.W.

UNDER-12 XII LACROSSE

Played 7, Won 4, Lost 3.
Goals For 56, Against 63.

v. Stamford School	A L	2-18
v. Stockport L.C. Juniors	H L	7-12
v. Stockport L.C. Juniors	H L	4-17
v. Wilmslow G.S.	A W	11- 3
v. Moorthorpe Mohawks	A W	8- 6
v. Broadway School	H W	16- 1
v. Stockport G.S.	H W	8- 6

The following boys represented the school:

D. Hallows, D. Lloyd, S. Odum, S. Looker, R. Healey, J. Braddock, N. Fairfax, C. Tatham, A. Marris, A. Marsden, S. Winterbottom, P. Price, P. Torkington, L. Pye, R. Shotton, A. Khan, D. Thorley, D. Ingham, P. Cantley, J. Nolan, I. Ladd, S. Brown, P. Goodier, A. Campbell, N. Hussey, J. Reynolds.

Bad weather prevented the early-season practices and the competitive games that are vital in the formation of a good Under-12 team. The only two games that were possible before half term were both against experienced sides, when the Under-12's were rather overwhelmed. We were never able to field the strongest team, because of absences and injuries, and so the true potential of the team was seldom seen.

The team was generally chosen from fifteen regular players, all of whom worked hard and played with great enthusiasm. There were frequently some very good individual performances, but it was seldom that the players worked as a team. S. Winterbottom developed into a competent goalkeeper, and the defence was always well organised by J. Braddock, an outstanding central defender. The real strength of the side was in the midfield and attack play of S. Looker and D. Lloyd. Looker collected the ball from deep, moved very quickly through the midfield, distributed well and also shot very hard. Lloyd proved to be a strong, skilful and very commanding player whose handling was very good and who twice scored five goals in a match. The strength of D. Hallows and the scoring ability of P. Torkington and S. Odum became more evident in the later games.

On three occasions, near the end of the season, opposition failed to provide teams, and consequently the Under-12's had fewer games than usual, and were unable to build upon the skills and teamwork that were beginning to develop. They played well together in one game, against Broadway, and provided good performances against Wilmslow and Stockport Grammar Schools, although too many good chances were missed near the goals. The team failed to find strong front runners who could score goals consistently.

Several players have failed to perfect the necessary basic handling skills, and all must learn to play for each other as a team. There are sufficient very competent players to provide the nucleus of a good team, if all show the determination to improve upon the aspects of the game where there are still faults.
M.D.W.

THE CARIBBEAN CRICKET TOUR

Played 10, Won 3, Drawn 3, Lost 3, Abandoned 1.

Thursday, 23rd March v. Castries Comprehensive School, at Victoria Park, St. Lucia.

William Hulme's 109 for 9 (30 overs), Warner 22, Beesley 28.

Castries 109 for 9, Rainford 15-4-45-6. Match won on faster scoring rate.

Saturday-Sunday, 25-26th March v. St. Lucia Under-19, at Victoria Park, St. Lucia.

William Hulme's 60 all out, Beesley 27. St. Lucia 250 all out.

Morton 24-5-72-5, Hewitt 15-1-52-3.

William Hulme's 134 for 4, Boyle 16 in 4 hours, Bailey 34, Beesley 27, Hewitt 27. Match drawn.

Tuesday, 28th March v. Vieux Fort Secondary at Vieux Fort, St. Lucia.

William Hulme's 51 all out, Morton 17. Lost by 5 wickets.

Vieux Fort 52 for 5, Morton 3-0-14-2, Mills 7-1-19-2.

Wednesday, 29th March v. Morne Fortune Colleges at Victoria Park, St. Lucia.

Morne Fortune 162 all out, Mills 15-3-45-4, Hewitt 10-3-27-3.

William Hulme's 163 for 3, Boyle 19, Thorpe 67 not out, Hewitt 26 not out. Won by 7 wickets.

Thursday, 30th March v. Micoud Under-19 XI at Micoud, St. Lucia.

Micoud 164 all out, Hope 9-1-37-4, Lord 8-0-30-2, Mills 16-2-59-4, Wharton 5 catches.

Match abandoned owing to heavy rain at tea.

Saturday-Sunday, 1-2nd April v. Grenada Under-19 at Queen's Park, St. George's Grenada.

Grenada 154 all out, Mills 17-7-35-5, Richards 6-0-29-1, Hewitt 14-3-32-3.

William Hulme's 58 all out. Grenada 89 for 7 dec.

William Hulme's 95 for 4, Boyle 19, Beesley 31 not out. Match drawn.

Monday-Tuesday, 3-4th April v. Combined Schools at Tanteen, St. George's, Grenada.

William Hulme's 131 for 8 dec. Beesley 57. Grenada 93 all out, Mills 13-2-34-7.

William Hulme's 150 for 5 dec. Beesley 56, Wilde 17.

Grenada 154 for 8, Mills 17-2-67-3, Morton 10-1-36-3.

Match drawn—bad light with three overs remaining.

Wednesday, 5th April v. St. Andrews Under-19 at Victoria Park, Grenville, Grenada.

St. Andrews 125 all out, Rainford 11-1-40-5, Lord 6-0-21-3.

William Hulme's 91 all out, Barron 21. Lost by 34 runs.

Thursday, 6th April v. Grenada Teachers' College at Tanteen, St. George's, Grenada.

William Hulme's 99 all out, Barron 28, Wilde 13 not out.

Teachers' College 87 all out, Mills 11-4-2-21-7. Won by 12 runs.

Monday, 10th April v. Ministry of Sport at Tanteen, St. George's, Grenada.

William Hulme's 177 for 8 dec. (35 overs), Bailey 44, Beesley 31, Hewitt 30, Wilde 34.

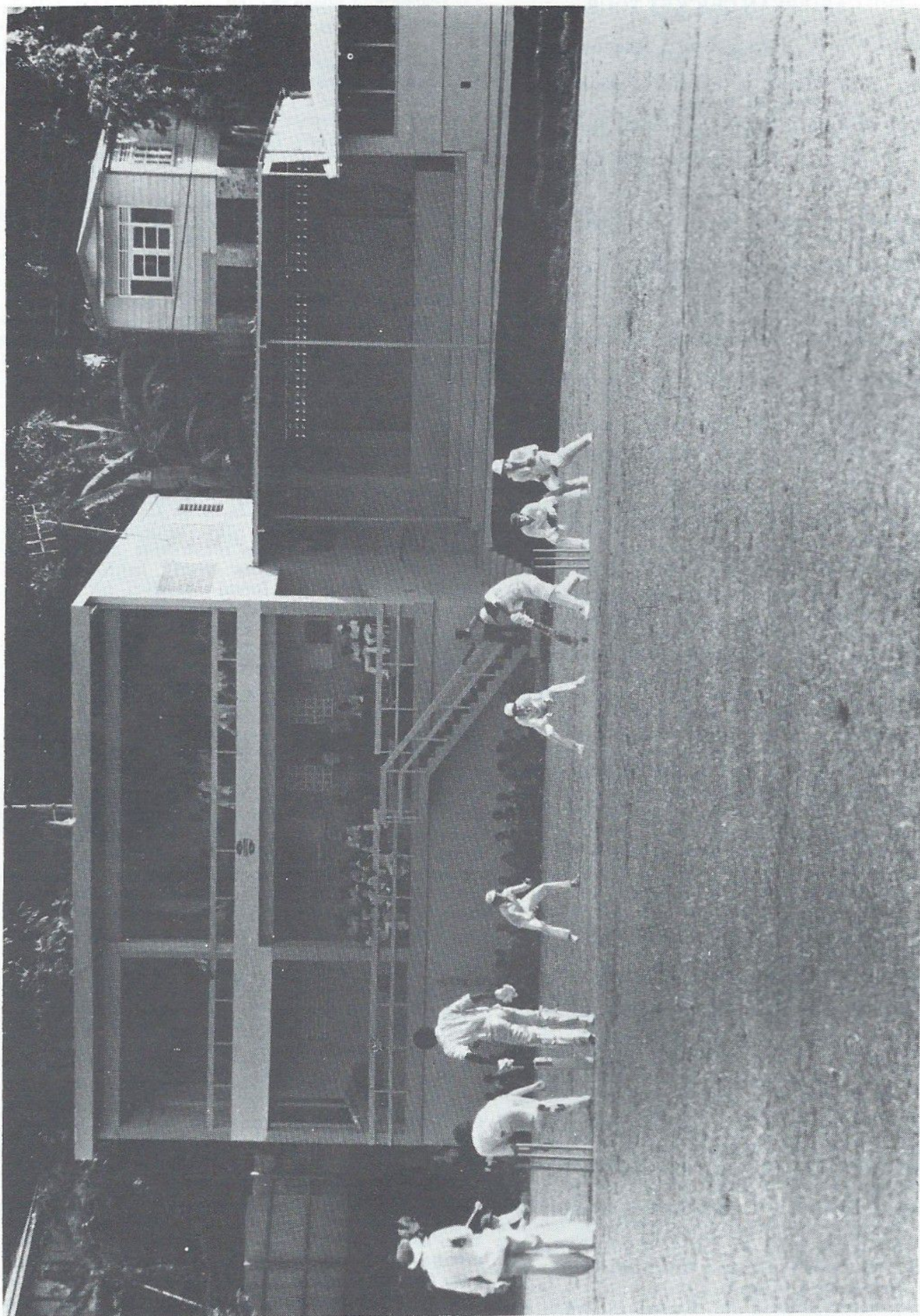
Ministry 180 for 3. Lost by 7 wickets.

Three wins, three draws and three defeats and one game abandoned owing to tropical downpour was the result of three weeks in the islands of St. Lucia and Grenada. The schedule was busy—fourteen days of cricket and only six rest days—but as each player wanted to play in every game it was good that we had so much cricket. The main benefit to each player came not through the opportunity to improve his technique on hard and fast wickets but in his confidence. In the months since our return the tour players have looked much more mature as cricketers.

We journeyed out to the Caribbean somewhat apprehensive about the standard of play we would encounter. Many of the players we met had tremendous natural ability—Heywood and Francis in St. Lucia and Andrew and Clarke in Grenada were all excellent cricketers—and the athleticism of the fielding and throwing was remarkable. But the lack of coaching and facilities clearly handicaps their development and we found ourselves far superior in match play and in our knowledge of the game. In eleven innings, for example, we took fifteen wickets with run outs, and twice in two day games escaped from what should have been certain defeat as a direct result of lack of strategy on their part.

Our cricket was marked by the extraordinary performances of fast bowler A.M. Mills who took 35 wickets at less than ten apiece. Twice he took seven wickets on the good pitch at Tanteen, St. George's and his stamina was exemplary. J. Beesley, our captain, scored nearly three hundred runs at an average of thirty, including two half centuries, but by his own high standards he was disappointed that he never quite hit top form. The honour of highest score when to C.M. Thorpe with 67 not out against Morne Colleges at Victoria Park, an innings which we had been waiting for for some time and which brought all the more pleasure. Other players such as P. Barron and A. Wilde came on noticeably as batsman whilst J.F. Morton and N.J. Lord showed their value as all-rounders. Each player had his moment and all contributed greatly to a team spirit which is a vital ingredient of a wearing tour in a strange land.

The idea of acclimatisation is a false one. After eighteen days away we fielded in scorching sunshine at midday at Grenville and felt the skin practically burning off our faces and hands. Sun cream, salt tablets, floppy hats, drinks, neckerchiefs, were constantly needed and those players not selected on any particular day were kept busy behind the scenes giving support to those on the field. Wicket-keepers P.G. Turner and C.S. Manning had a bad time diving around on bruising ground, particularly at Micoud and Grenville where everything except the wicket was dusty and stony. Goats on the field were commonplace, frenzied appeals, "Umpire, Umpire",



P.A. Rainford bowling to A. Khodra in the match between William Hulme's and St. Lucia Under-19 XI at Victoria Park, Castries.

were largely ignored and encouraging shouts of "Hit him in de ribcage" from the spectators stoically accepted, particularly by imperturbable opener J.M. Boyle. The memory of all these events is indelible, none more so than the very first game at Victoria Park when we played an incredible finish amidst a bedlam of noise, a far cry from a damp May day in Manchester playing against unenterprising opposition. Both experiences go to make better cricketers.

P.J.W.

SCHOOL CRICKET 1978

A total of 105 games involving boys and staff were played during a season of 93 days. Of those 41 were won, 31 lost, 28 drawn, 3 tied and only 2 abandoned. This last statistic is remarkable since the weather was consistently cloudy and cool and, during the post-A level period, wet. Only in the last three days of term did the sun shine warmly. The ground-staff worked wonders, particularly since half the front square had been damaged by wormkiller. The co-operation of Mr. Gregson and the ladies in the dining hall enabled us to entertain visitors well.

Our reputation preceded us in many fixtures and the form of the 1st XI and Dickinson in particular gained consistent coverage from the *Daily Telegraph*. It quickly emerged too that we had an excellent Under-12 team with Fairfax, Marsden and Shelston to the fore and they defeated Manchester Boys Under-12 XI and tied with Manchester Grammar School as well as gaining 6 other victories. The Under-13 side played without much application, a direct contrast to the Under-15 where, Cotterill, all arms and legs, bowled and captained well, and Ashfield and Robinson improved greatly.

One of the best moments of the season was the century by the 2nd XI captain Ogden, who has contributed enormously to School cricket: his team did well but none of the three leading players, Wrigley, Chantler and Odum, quite reproduced their form for the 1st XI when the chance came. From the Under-14 team Thornton and Smythe toured with Manchester Boys U-15 team, but the best player was the strongly built Brown who played competently for the 1st XI at Didsbury and Woodhouse Grove. Thompson and Thorpe played for Manchester Boys Under-13 and the Under-13 captain Sealy must soon be in contention for representative sides as a determined batsman.

Thus a strong vein of talent runs through the School in alternate years at present. We worked hard on the pavilion, dressing rooms and equipment to justify the reputation we are building. The presence of photographs, posters, flowers, carpets and names on the score board is cosmetic rather than central, but pleasant nevertheless. The promise of new netting, matting and three improved squares will help or advance still further. My thanks to all colleagues and parents who helped with transport and umpiring and to the boys who played hard, often in unpleasant conditions, and mostly very successfully.

P.J.W.

FIRST XI CRICKET

Played 21, Won 7, Drawn 10, Lost 3, Abandoned 1.

v. Sandbach School (H).

Match drawn.

School 116 for 5 dec. (Boyle 44, Richards 30).

Sandbach 83 for 6.

v. Rydal School (A).

Won by 84 runs.

School 169 for 7 dec. (Barron 45, Davies 35, Richards 40).

Rydal 85 all out. (Rainford 15-7-20-5).

v. Bolton School (A).

Match drawn.

School 147 for 4 dec. (Dickinson 55, Barron 31 n.o.).

Bolton 135 for 6. (Richards 8-0-45-4).

v. Arnold School (H).

Match abandoned owing to rain.

School 124 all out. (Morton 30).

Arnold 30 for 7.

v. King Edward VII School, Lytham (A).

Match drawn.

Lytham 207 for 6.

School 83 for 7.

v. Batley Grammar School (A).

Match drawn.

Batley 184 for 6.

School 111 for 8.

v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (A).

Won by 12 runs.

School 104 all out. (Dickinson 49 n.o.).

Wakefield 92 all out. (Richards 20-7-38-4, Lord 18-9-15-4).

v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H).

Match drawn.

Crosby 180 for 6 dec.

School 147 for 2. (Dickinson 60 n.o., Thorpe 42, Richards 35 n.o.).

v. Sir John Deane's School, Northwich (A).

Match drawn.

School 130 for 5 dec. (Thorpe 31).

Northwich 111 for 9. (Rainford 11-4-14-4, Richards 17-4-66-4).

- v. Woodhouse Grove School (A).
Match drawn.
Woodhouse Grove 154 for 5 dec.
School 107 for 6. (Barron 38).
- v. Newcastle Royal Grammar School (A).
Match drawn.
Newcastle 111 for 9 dec.
School 65 for 9.
- v. Durham School (A).
Won by 61 runs.
School 160 for 8 dec. (Dickinson 48, Barron 30).
Durham 99 all out. (Hewitt 6.3-3-9-4).
- v. Austin Friars' School, Carlisle (A).
Won by 5 wickets.
Austin Friars' 169 for 7 dec.
School 170 for 5. (Dickinson 56, Richards 38 n.o.).
- v. Appleby Grammar School (A).
Won by 9 wickets.
Appleby 85 all out. (Richards 11-4-18-5, Rainford 13-4-15-4).
School 86 for 1. (Ogden 41 n.o.).
- v. Birkenhead School (A).
Won by 3 wickets.
Birkenhead 98 all out. (Lord 14-7-17-5).
School 102 for 7.
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A).
Match drawn.
School 146 for 5 dec. (Hewitt 59).
Stockport 78 for 4.
- v. Bury Grammar School (A).
Won by 8 wickets.
Bury 62 all out. (Rainford 13-5-20-7).
School 63 for 2.
- v. Lancashire C.C. Club and Ground (H).
Lost by 149 runs.
Lancashire 213 for 3 dec. (Wood 78, Trim 60).
School 64 all out. (Hughes 9.4-6-5-7).
- v. The Staff (H).
Lost by 8 wickets.
School 87 all out. (Dickinson 33, Mr. Wilde 13-8-13-6).
Staff 88 for 2. (Mr. Crane 39, Mr. Langford 30 n.o.).

- v. King's School, Macclesfield (H).
Lost by 3 wickets.
School 204 for 6 dec. (Dickinson 33, Thorpe 36, Hewitt 84).
Macclesfield 206 for 7.
- v. Ellesmere College (H).
Match drawn.
Ellesmere 170 for 6 dec. (Rainford 22-4-63-5).
School 123 for 7. (Thorpe 52 n.o.).

The following boys represented the School:

N.W. Hewitt (Capt.), D.G. Richards (Vice-Capt.), J.M. Boyle, P.A. Barron, S.P. Dickinson, C.M. Thorpe, H.S. Davies, N.J. Lord, J.F. Morton, P.A. Rainford, P.G. Turner (Wk): also played, D.B. Wright, S.B. Ogden, J. Odum, J.H. Allen, P.A. Tittle, S. Chantler, A.P. Laker, J.L. Patton, A.D. Brown, C.J. Wrigley.

	Innings	n.o.	Total	H.S.	Av.
S. Dickinson	18	2	508	60 n.o.	31.75
C. Thorpe	13	2	258	52 n.o.	23.45
N. Hewitt	16	1	311	84	20.73
D. Richards	17	5	231	40 n.o.	19.25
P. Barron	16	2	260	45	18.57

Catches: P. Turner 19, H. Davies 18, J. Boyle 11, D. Richards 10.

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Av.
P. Rainford	226	77	535	46	11.6
N. Lord	164	50	389	27	14.4
D. Richards	197	54	602	35	17.2
J. Morton	102	29	309	12	25.7

Colours were awarded to: N.J. Lord, J.F. Morton, P.A. Rainford, P.G. Turner, D.G. Richards.

Half-colours to: C.M. Thorpe, J.M. Boyle.

The 1978 season can be divided into three sections. In the first five weeks we gained victories over Rydal and Wakefield, but generally played below our best. In June we had a productive run, especially on tour in the North, crushed Bury G.S., and were disappointed to be robbed by the weather of an attack on Manchester G.S. Finally we suffered three defeats, two rather unexpected, in a final fortnight dogged by lamentably damp weather. Some players had been on the field for over 40 days out of 126 since the Caribbean Tour began – more than Boycott, someone said – and weariness was understandable.

During the season we moved from worry about the quality of the opposition to a realisation that others were worrying about us. This was one positive result of the television and press coverage of the Caribbean Tour. Hewitt's captaincy improved steadily and his sober assessments of strengths and weaknesses of his own side and opposition were nearly always accurate. He defended our score of 104 at Wakefield most astutely to lead us to a remarkable win and at Bury he cared nought for the reputation of Farrar (who was alleged to be similar to Mike Proctor and probably in "Charlie's Angels" as well). We rarely had a fine leg or third man which horrified the pundits but not me. Richards, the vice-captain, did well on the

occasions he captained the side, but sometimes less well when he might have proffered useful advice to Hewitt but allowed his personal feelings to rule his normally shrewd cricketing brain. Generally, however, the team spirit and good humour was always near the surface, though I was pleased to see that Hewitt always placed excellence and winning the game before other considerations, yet within the spirit of the game. At Wakefield he recalled a batsman wrongly given out by me and he was not afraid to savage bad bowling and fielding by his own side, or poor conduct ("You can go off if you're going to swear").

Initial team selection was difficult. Wilde, sadly, was ill, Hope working on Saturdays, Thorpe, Patton and Richards all suffering from strains. It is probably easier to get on to the first team than to get off it and the only real change of the season was the omission of Wright. He will be a good batsman and several times seemed to be set for an innings when dismissed, sometimes through indecisive footwork.

Amongst the batsmen only Dickinson was consistent. In his first season he amassed over 500 runs by a careful concentration and studied technique. Boyle against Lancashire, Thorpe against Ellesmere, Barron against Woodhouse Grove and Hewitt against Macclesfield all played beautiful innings but rarely did we really dominate the opposition bowling. Davies began the season promisingly, but then fell away badly as his introspective nature compounded his difficulties. His magnificent close catching, mostly at short-leg, prevented any serious thought of his being omitted. If it moved Davies caught it. Richards won the game for us at Carlisle with his powerful hitting and his approach, though inevitably, unsuccessful at times, is often invaluable. He learned to keep his head still when heaving at the ball, thus combining science with art. All the other batsmen played well at least once, with Rainford recovering confidence, Turner suggesting with bat and voice that he should be further up the order and Lord opening in some games.

The bowling was usually steady, rarely venomous. When any bowler struck form we won the game. Rainford's best performance was 7 for 20 (including 13 no-balls) against Bury and he rarely bowled off line. His tally of 46 wickets can be increased by attention to his run-up and delivery stride and a slightly fuller length. Richards picked up wickets off what appeared to be loose bowling but nevertheless finished the season with more victims than many an opening bowler of previous years. Above all he needs more rhythm in his arm action to prevent a distinct tendency to bowl down the leg-side. Lord was almost impossible at Birkenhead on a difficult pitch and at Wakefield against nervous batsmen: his left arm angle of delivery, especially on the "edge of the crease" ball, was too much for many good players and he deserved more than 31 wickets. Morton, a fine team man, had a poor second half to the season with his left arm spin and his confidence, line and length suffered accordingly. These four regular bowlers were supported by Hewitt who took four wickets at Durham and Thorpe who spins and flights but does not practise a good offbreak.

I was particularly pleased with the out cricket.

Lightning quick changes between overs, careful polishing and preservation of the new ball, efficient and speedy field placing, watchful allowing and preventing of the single became second nature to us yet entirely alien to many opposition sides. The wicket keeper is the focus of polish and here Turner recovered from a low patch in mid May to provide some highly competent displays. He worked very hard on his technique, particularly to the slower bowlers, and never suffered shoddy play by himself or the fielders gladly. He was rightly commended by the opposition in June and July.

When injury, work or holiday depleted the team others had a chance. Wrigley from the 2nd XI and Brown from the Under-14 XI had the confidence to play well, Chantler and Patton did not. Odum and Ogden came on the northern tour where again confidence helped Ogden to look more the part. The stolid Laker batted soundly against Stockport, Tittle bowled neatly at Woodhouse Grove and Allen is not far short of the tight control a first team spinner must possess. Thus next year we shall have at least 15 players with first team experience available. The fielding of the newcomers sometimes let them down, as did that of Dickinson and Barron. Thorpe at gully, Boyle at mid-off and Davies anywhere set the standards to which all must aspire.

We benefited from a variety of evening fixtures against Didsbury, Ashley, Whalley Range, The Parents, Alderley Edge which provided excellent hospitality, often very strong opposition and a chance for such as Brown, Smythe and Thornton to gain experience with first and second team players. We benefited too from the interest of our two contrasting scorers, the irrepressible Whittell and the silent and fasting Emmott, both of whom could accurately say whether we should have won or not. The photography of Bedford was again excellent and many of his best shots are now framed in the pavilion. His photographs captured some fine moments but many are stored in the memory. Some are comic, some tragic, the best worth a brief mention to conclude a report on a happy and enjoyable season: Barry Wood, who had played in the first test against Pakistan, wearing a helmet to face Morton; Turner's fury at being run out by Dickinson after an unlikely partnership of 35 at Wakefield; a stunning caught and bowled by Rainford at Bury; a wonderful display of hitting by Orwin of Macclesfield to win a match of 400 runs; barracking from the School for our fielders against Wood and Pilling and an unpleasant afternoon at Lytham; a quiet triumph for the coach in the Staff Match; a match winning slow full toss from Richards at Wakefield; a cover field of John Travoltas led by the coolest captain we have seen for many a year.

P.J.W.

SECOND XI CRICKET

Played 13, Won 5, Drawn 7, Lost 1.

v. Sandbach School (A).

Won by 100 runs.

School 145 for 2 dec. (Wright 75 n.o., Dickinson 40).

Sandbach 45. (Chantler 3 for 3, Wrigley 3 for 24).

- v. Rydal School (A).
Match drawn.
School 131 for 6 dec. (Odum 62 n.o.).
Rydal 70 for 9. (Chantler 3 for 18).
- v. Bolton School (H).
Match drawn.
School 95 for 4 dec. (Laker 38).
Bolton 84 for 8. (Patton 3 for 27, Allen 3 for 18).
- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A).
Match drawn.
School 174 for 5 dec. (Odum 52 n.o., Ogden 44, Wood 37).
Arnold 96 for 8.
- v. King Edward's G.S., Lytham (H).
Lost by 7 wickets.
School 125 for 2 dec. (Ogden 62 n.o.).
Lytham 127 for 3 (Pluws 49).
- v. Batley G.S. (H).
Won by 111 runs.
School 187. (Laker 95 n.o.).
Batley 76. (Tittle 3 for 23, Chantler 3 for 9).
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (H).
Match drawn.
School 147 for 3 dec. (Barron 66, Odum 51 n.o.).
Wakefield 90 for 9. (Wrigley 4 for 22, Chantler 3 for 25).
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (A).
Match drawn.
Crosby 113. (Abraham 34, Ogden 3 for 2).
School 113 for 8. (Morrison 26, Malcolm 24).
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H).
Match drawn.
School 101 for 4 dec. (Boyle 52).
Woodhouse Grove 85 for 6. (Ogden 3 for 20, Smith 3 for 36).
- v. Birkenhead School (H).
Won by 62 runs.
School 107 for 7 dec. (Laker 47, Wright 37).
Birkenhead 45. (Wrigley 6 for 27, Tittle 2 for 5).
- v. Stockport G.S. (H).
Won by 9 wickets.
Stockport 52. (Wrigley 5 for 18, Patton 4 for 23).
School 53 for 1.

- v. Bury G.S. (A).
Won by 5 wickets.
Bury 89. (Chantler 5 for 25, Tittle 3 for 0).
School 90 for 5. (Odum 38 n.o.).
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A).
Match drawn.
School 172 for 2 dec. (Ogden 101 n.o., Odum 61 n.o.).
Macclesfield 80 for 8. (Patton 3 for 8, Chantler 3 for 18).

Second eleven games, this season seem to have conformed to a set pattern in many ways. Invariably the match days were wet, though not wet enough to cause cancellations, invariably Ogden won the toss, elected to bat and saw his side make well over a hundred runs for the loss of few wickets, and invariably the opposition made no attempt to make the runs set by the School's sporting and often generous declarations. The bowling often presented the variety in this pattern. On some days our opening attack was irresistible and, as at Stockport, ensured victory; on other days it was to be the change bowlers who turned the match in our favour, for example against Batley and Bury; while other occasions saw our spin bowlers claiming the successes. However, as the results show, the more usual occurrence was for initial bowling successes to tail off, and the opposition escape with a draw.

Of the seven drawn games, five of them have seen the School take eight or nine wickets and then narrowly fail to press home their advantage. In the game against Merchant Taylors' School, when the School batted second, the scores were levelled with two balls left and two wickets in hand, and the batsmen could not get the one vital run off the last two balls!

All in all the team batted extremely well, so much so that numbers five to eleven in the batting order could never be certain to get a bat. The number eleven was only called upon twice to go to the wicket, but perhaps that was just as well. J. Odum proved virtually impossible to get out. He was dismissed only three times in the season, scored four half centuries, and finished with the remarkable average for the season of 103. Other batsmen achieved more mortal results, which in most years would have seemed outstanding. On the second team, A. Laker, S. Ogden and I. Wood were the mainstays of the batting and they, with Odum, rarely failed the team, each making excellent scores at some stage. I think that only the lack of match practice, due to the success of those above them in the order, inhibited the development of the others into a very strong "tail". J. Patton, P. Tittle, C. Wrigley, J. Allen and S. Chantler all showed that they can bat, with varying degrees of success, given adequate opportunity.

The School having batted first on ten occasions, it was up to the bowlers, ultimately, to win most matches by bowling the opposition out. On only three of these occasions did they succeed. (The other two victories were when they batted second). Despite

the fact that negative and defeatist attitudes in the face of the School's high scores often meant that the bowlers had to try to get out batsmen whose sole ambitions were to stay at the crease, right from the beginning of the innings, and that they were usually on top in every game, they were all guilty of a cardinal error, at some stage of the season, especially when bowling at tail-enders. Too often they did not make the batsmen play the ball, nor bowl to hit the wickets.

Only on one occasion did the team bowl badly as a whole, and then they were deservedly beaten by King Edward's, Lytham. That match apart, there always seemed to be one, more often two, bowlers who made match-winning or near match-winning contributions. Wrigley bowled consistently well and averaged over three wickets per game, while Patton, his usual opening partner, bowled erratically until the last few games. He has a very fine action, bowls within himself, and swings the ball prodigiously. Early in the season many of his deliveries were unplayable – some were too good for the batsmen, but some too wide! However, when he controlled direction and length, particularly against Macclesfield, it was only a lack of luck which stopped him from getting a larger haul of wickets.

To have Tittle and Chantler as change bowlers was a luxury indeed. Both could have successfully opened the bowling, and both produced their own match-winning performances, (notably against Bury). Chantler topped the averages and took 24 wickets at 6 runs each, a fair reflection of his consistency of line and length and his ability to move the ball either way, off the seam. Allen promised much early in the season, and bowled extremely well against Bolton, giving a classic display of off-spin bowling. He varied his pace, flight, and angle of delivery, bowled some excellent leg-cutters and never let himself be bothered by the 'treatment' given to the occasional bad ball. It was disappointing that he never fully recaptured this form.

The faults in the bowling of any individual or team can only be eradicated by practice, and it is on this score that I would offer my only major criticism of the Second Team. Net practices are always a little false, more so for bowlers than batsmen, but bowlers who have room for improvement must bowl extremely seriously in the nets if they are to improve. Too often there was a tendency this season to see bowling in the nets as a necessary chore to provide batsmen with some practice. Also regular practice is necessary, and bowlers on the senior teams ought to have been able to organise a half-hour or twenty-minute session for themselves two or three times a week, in order to correct the lack of consistency which particular players displayed.

Behind the stumps this year P. Sargent performed more than capably. His abilities were perhaps highlighted when he did not play and the team realised how much they took for granted his idiosyncratic "double-take", tidy keeping generally, and athletic leg-side stops against errant bowlers.

The Second XI report would not be complete without mention of the captain S.G. Ogden. Known to all the team as "Stan", (I imagine that some of them will be surprised to find out that his name is Simon) he led the side in a manner better than any Master-

in-charge could expect. Apart from his cheerful manner and enthusiasm for every game, sometimes not easy to summon after a long coach journey or on a damp and dismal Saturday but nevertheless a great spur to all the team, he has shown a willingness to take on real responsibility in the running of the side. It is easy for a School team captain, at any level, simply to carry out instructions both during the game and off the field, but rarely does any individual apply himself to the job of captaincy in such a way as to earn the real respect of team and Staff alike, to foresee problems and solve them without assistance, to listen and learn from others without losing his independence of thought, to develop a perceptive tactical awareness, and to make the job of Master-in-charge that of umpire only. The success of the team this year has been due, in no small part to the players' attitude. They have played the game to win, keenly, and seriously, but have always played to enjoy themselves. Their cricket knowledge, interest in each game, sportsmanship and good manners (so evident in cricket) have been apparent at all times. Their out-cricket has been of the very high standard now expected of School teams. All of these things reflect directly on the skipper, and on behalf of myself and the whole squad I should like to thank him for his endeavours which were so justly rewarded at Macclesfield in his last game when he scored a superb century in two hours.

My final thanks go to all members of the squad who made my task a most rewarding one, to those already mentioned in the report and also to D. Bishop, J. Holden, S. McDermott, D. Lee and S. Smith who like all the others, always gave of their best whenever they played.

I.J.S.

UNDER-15 XI CRICKET

Played 15, Won 2, Drawn 4, Lost 9.

- v. Sandbach School (H).
Won by 3 wickets.
Sandbach 62 all out. (Cooper 4 for 16).
School 64 for 7.
- v. Bolton School (A).
Match drawn.
Bolton 128 all out. (Walker 5 for 44).
School 61 for 4.
- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (H).
Lost by 1 run.
Arnold 58 all out. (Cotterill 4 for 10).
School 57 all out.
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham (A).
Match drawn.
Lytham 205 all out. (Cotterill 6 for 49).
School 86 for 5. (Fish 30).

- v. Batley Grammar School (H).
Match drawn.
School 164 for 6 dec. Robinson 38, Cotterill 33).
Batley 120 for 5.
- v. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield (A)
Lost by 55 runs.
Wakefield 134 all out.
School 79 all out.
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H).
Won by 22 runs.
School 146 for 8 dec. (Ashfield 65).
Crosby 124 all out. (Cotterill 5 for 26).
- v. Sir John Deane's G.S., Northwich (A).
Lost by 3 wickets.
School 100 for 8 dec. (Ashfield 33).
Sir John Deane's 101 for 7. (Cotterill 5 for 30).
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (A).
Match drawn.
Woodhouse Grove 115 all out. (Cotterill 5 for 29).
School 52 for 7.
- v. Birkenhead School (A).
Lost by 80 runs.
Birkenhead 161 for 4 dec.
School 81 all out.
- v. Manchester Grammar School (A).
Lost by 9 wickets.
School 58 all out.
Manchester Grammar School 59 for 1.
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A).
Lost by 8 wickets.
School 99 for 6 dec.
Stockport 101 for 2.
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A).
Lost by 110 runs.
Macclesfield 200 for 6 dec.
School 90 all out.
- v. An Invitation XI (H).
Lost by 8 wickets.
School 174 for 5 dec. (Robinson 46 n.o., Wade 39).
Invitation XI 176 for 2.

- v. Ellesmere College (H).
Lost by 5 wickets.
School 88 all out.
Ellesmere 91 for 5.

The team was selected from the following players:

P. Cotterill (Capt.), M.S. Ashfield, P.G. Barker, B. Cooper, G. Fish, P.G. Hall, R.J. Mitson, K.D. Murray, K.R. Patterson, G.L. Robinson, A.W. Smith, A.J.L. Tullock, J. Wade and A. Walker.

In spite of a lot of defeats, some a lot narrower than they appear in the summary above, the season was full of enjoyment. Most of the side had to accept almost from the outset that they were not going to burst suddenly into the 'superstar' category. They had to accept their own limitations along with those of their team-mates, and make the best of things; the game's the thing, after all, and cricket above all games, as I remarked publicly late in the season, is a game which provides great enjoyment at all levels of attainment.

There were individual performances of real class, of course, though not as many as in some seasons. Cotterill largely carried the team with his sensible captaincy and consistent left-arm medium-pace bowling. The presentation of a bat to him at the end of the term, as the team's outstanding cricketer, was quite appropriate, as he can certainly use a bat with great determination. He received splendid support from Robinson, who batted and fielded very well throughout the season. He was also pressed into service as an opening bowler and performed with a maximum of effort, but simply had too much to do to succeed in everything. Equally promising as a batsman and fielder was Ashfield, who has made a great deal of progress in a short time and provides a good example to those who find batting difficult but are prepared to work at it. Wade also showed determination with the bat and played well within his limitations.

Other players enjoyed brief moments of glory and deserve credit for their cheerful acceptance of the inevitable defeats, their continued interest in the game and their pleasure in representing the School.
C.P.L.

UNDER-14 XI CRICKET

Played 17, Won 8, Drawn 5, Lost 4.

- v. Sir John Deane's School (H).
Won by 77 runs.
School 149 for 9 dec. (Brown 45, Thornton, 37, Ingham 24 n.o.).
Sir John Deane's 63. (Smythe 6-22, McLaren 4-10).
- v. Sandbach School (A).
Won by 9 wickets.
Sandbach 10. (Brown 4-5, Edwards 3-1).
School 11-1.

- v. North Manchester High School (A).
(Harold Bailey Trophy).
Lost by 28 runs.
North Manchester 113-8. (McLaren 4-22).
School 85-9. (Smythe 40).
- v. Bolton School (H).
Won by 35 runs.
School 119-7. (Roberts 47, Brown 34).
Bolton 84.
- v. Arnold School (A).
Lost by 21 runs.
Arnold 136. (Brown 7-8).
School 105. (Thornton 24, Roberts 23).
- v. King Edward's, Lytham (H).
Match drawn.
School 155-4. (Smythe 54, Brown 71 n.o.).
Lytham 94-3.
- v. Batley G.S. (A).
Won by 111 runs.
School 178. (Brown 56, Crossley, Ingham 27, McLaren 5-13).
Batley 67.
- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (H).
Lost by 5 wickets.
School 100. (Thornton 33).
Queen Elizabeth G.S. 103-5.
- v. Bury G.S. (25 overs) (A).
Lost by 7 runs.
Bury 94-8. (Powell 4-33).
School 87-6. (Thornton 47).
- v. North Manchester High School (H) (30 overs).
Won by 8 wickets.
North Manchester 113-6. (Smythe 3-16).
School 116-2. (Smythe 57 n.o.).
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (H).
Won by 79 runs.
School 182-8 dec. (Thornton 49, Roberts 50).
King's, Macclesfield 103.
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H).
Match drawn.
School 140. (Thornton 52, Crossley 20).
Woodhouse Grove School 124-6. (McLaren 3-24).

- v. Birkenhead School (H).
Match drawn.
School 134-5 dec. (Thornton 41, Brown 55 n.o.).
Birkenhead 126-8. (McLaren 5-58).
- v. Stockport Grammar School (H).
Won by 43 runs.
School 131-9 dec. (Smythe 25, Roberts 25).
Stockport 88. (Brown 3-20, Thornton 4-14.).
- v. Manchester Grammar School (A).
Match drawn.
School 107. (Thornton 24).
M.G.S. 83-6.
- v. Ellesmere College (H).
Won by 6 wickets.
Ellesmere 95. (Thornton 4-22).
School 96-4. (Thornton 36).

The side was fortunate in having only one match lost to bad weather, and the remaining fixtures were both varied and exciting. There was a good blend of ability and enthusiasm in the team and, as the fielding improved, they developed into a very strong unit the members of which, despite differing team selections, always played for each other and produced determined and entertaining cricket.

The policy of batting first proved successful on the whole, and only one match was lost when we did so. It is also worth mentioning that the School always scored 100 or more when batting first, which augurs well for the future, and were nearly always in a position to declare at tea. The standard of games ranged from a 9 wicket win at Sandbach when the School bowled the opposition out for 10, to a win against Stockport on the last ball of the game.

On the negative side, the School suffered an ignominious defeat at the hands of Arnold School's Under-13 side, but were unlucky to lose by 7 runs in a limited over match at Bury G.S.

The most satisfactory result for the boys was perhaps the second game against North Manchester High School. The latter had narrowly defeated us in the Harold Bailey Competition at the beginning of the season, but in the second game at School we won with 7 wickets to spare.

Smythe and Thornton proved reliable openers and took it in turns to make good scores. Similarly Brown and Roberts were both capable of runs, if a little more erratically, whilst Crossley and Ingham ran well together and provided a useful blend of style and power respectively. In the second half of the season, Stubbs added strength to the middle-order.

The rest of the side could all put bat to ball when required as shown at M.G.S. when 58 runs were put on for the last 3 wickets, which essentially saved the match for us.

Of the bowlers Brown bowled consistently well, though did not always receive just reward. McLaren was more erratic, but when he concentrated on length and line instead of speed, he looked very useful. Thornton's medium pace proved a valuable addition in the latter part of the season, whilst Powell will be a very good seam bowler in years to come. We also had variety in spin with Smythe, Roberts and McMillan all turning the ball, though Smythe occasionally bowled too flat.

I have already briefly remarked on the fielding, which improved noticeably as the season went on, with Powell and Thornton outstanding in the outfield.

They were well served by Crossley, our wicket-keeper, who gained in skill and experience as the season progressed.

Finally, a word of praise for D.K. Smythe who shouldered the task of captaincy sensibly, pleasantly and, above all, thoughtfully. It is a mark of his ability that the team showed great respect for him and responded to his requests and decisions with effort and enthusiasm.

Both D.K. Smythe and R.P. Thornton represented Manchester Schools at cricket and I wish them every success in the future.

The following all represented the School and I should like to thank them, along with our inveterate scorer, M.J. Wallwork, for their efforts.

D.K. Smythe, R.P. Thornton, A.D. Brown, J.F.R. Ingham, W.N. Roberts, N.I. Crossley, R.G. McLaren, I.M. Powell, I.C. McMillan, H. Fryman, W.D. Edwards, D.M. Bretnall, D.I. Howarth, S.J. Smith, C.A. Stubbs, W.R.B. Simpson, J.E. Hytner, M.J. Wallwork and M.J. Bowyer. A.C.C.

UNDER-13 XI CRICKET

Played 13, Won 4, Drawn 1, Lost 8.

- v. Sandbach School (H).
Won by 8 wickets.
Sandbach 17. (Frost 8-3).
School 21-2. (Thorpe 20 n.o.).
- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (H).
Lost by 7 wickets.
School 28.
Arnold School 31-3.
- v. Cheadle Hulme School (A).
Lost by 18 runs.
Cheadle Hulme 57-5.
School 39.

- v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield (H).
Lost by 90 runs.
Wakefield 137. (Thorpe 5-20, Ball 4-41).
School 47.
- v. Burnage High School (H).
Won by 4 wickets.
Burnage 80-5.
School 84-6. (Bowyer 30 n.o.).
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (A).
Match drawn.
School 145-7 dec. (Sealy 51, Thompson 33).
Crosby 117-4.
- v. Bury Grammar School (H).
Lost by 7 runs.
Bury 130-4.
School 123-4. (Thorpe 35, Thompson 30).
- v. North Manchester High School (A).
Lost by 27 runs.
North Manchester 92-5.
School 65.
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A).
Won by 2 wickets.
Macclesfield 84. (Barratt 6-18).
School 86-8. (Sealy 41 n.o.).
- v. North Cestrian Grammar School (A).
Lost by 2 wickets.
School 67-8. (Shaw 20).
North Cestrian 68-8.
- v. Sale Grammar School (H).
Lost by 25 runs.
Sale 96.
School 71-5.
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A).
Won by 3 runs.
School 51.
Stockport 48. (Sealy 7-11).
- v. Altrincham Grammar School (A).
Lost by 6 wickets.
School 46-9.
Altrincham 50-4.

This year's Under-13 cricket was disappointing. We were rather short of good players and those with

ability did not make as much progress as one would have expected. At no time did the team play with any great confidence and there was often a lack of enthusiasm and determination when things were going badly. This was a pity, particularly as the captain, J.M.D. Sealy, did his utmost to encourage the others by his own example. He was the one batsman to have a successful season, showing patience and concentration at all times. Both I.D. Thorpe and I.C. Thompson have a good eye and an ability to hit the ball cleanly but seldom showed the necessary application. There were occasional good contributions from M.J. Bowyer, M.I. Shaw and M.E. Leon.

Of the bowlers, D.G. Frost took 8 for 3 in the opening game but thereafter neither he nor Thorpe was able to find much length or direction. The best bowling was that of S.J. Barratt whose slow off-breaks earned him several wickets. A.D. Emsley showed promise as a leg-spinner and with practice may develop into a good bowler. S. Ball also posed some problems with his leg-breaks.

Though the fielding was often untidy some good catches were taken.

Others not yet mentioned who also played were P.A. Knight, N.S. MacDonald, A.H. Morgan, D.R. Pegler, J.E. Perry and S.P. Rutter. H.W.T.

UNDER-12 XI CRICKET

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

- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A).
Won by 148 runs.
School 168 for 8 dec. (Hallows 43, Ladd 27, Odum 26).
King's School 20. (Fairfax 4 for 4, Marsden 3 for 10).
- v. Manchester Boys (H).
Won by 3 runs.
School 113 for 8. (McLoughlin 15).
Manchester Boys 110 for 5. (Fairfax 3 for 22).
- v. Sale Grammar School (A).
Won by 69 runs.
School 100 for 7. (Hallows 61 n.o.).
Sale 31. (Shotton 3 for 10, Murphy 3 for 2).
- v. Manchester Grammar School (A).
Match tied.
School 84. (Thorley 21).
Manchester Grammar School 84.
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A).
Lost by 1 wicket.
School 65 for 7. (Marsden 17).
Stockport 66 for 9. (Marsden 4 for 10, Timperley 3 for 6).
- v. North Cestrian Grammar School (H).
Won by 12 runs.
School 87 for 7. (Pollitt 23).
N. Cestrian 75 for 6. (Fairfax 3 for 17).
- v. Altrincham Grammar School.
Lost by 6 wickets.
School 31. (Marsden 16 n.o.).
Altrincham 33 for 4.
- The following boys represented the School:
D.G. Shelston, R.A. Shotton, N.R. Fairfax, A.P. Marsden, S.D. Looker, S. Odum, L.E. Pye, I.R. Ladd, D.W. Lloyd, J.C.W. Palmer, R.J. Pollitt, J.R. Nolan, S.C. McLoughlin, D.J. Andrews, S.L. Edwards, D.A. Thorley, D. Timperley, D.L. Hallows, I.R. Murphy and N.E. Hussey.
- In a very full season the team provided some entertaining cricket and several good individual and team performances. The majority of the matches were 20 or 25 over games, and we adapted to these very well.
- The Captain, D.G. Shelston, is a good all-round cricketer, and he provided encouragement and enthusiasm both on and off the field.
- R.A. Shotton and A.P. Marsden usually opened the
- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A).
Lost by 19 runs.
Arnold School 113 all out. (Fairfax 4 for 26, Marsden 2 for 4).
School 94 all out. (Shelston 20 n.o., Pollitt 23).
- v. Cheadle Hulme School (H).
Won by 5 runs.
School 47 for 7.
Cheadle Hulme 42 for 8. (Shotton 3 for 6).
- v. Burnage High School (H).
Won by 60 runs.
School 106 for 4. (Fairfax 33, Hallows 20 n.o.), Pye 18).
Burnage 46. (Shelston 2 for 2, Shotton 4 for 12).
- v. Bury Grammar School (H).
Won by 33 runs.
School 109 for 3. (Shelston 39, Fairfax 25).
Bury 76 for 9. (Shelston 2 for 3, Andrews 2 for 4).
- v. North Manchester High School (A).
Lost by 11 runs.
North Manchester 46. (Marsden 4 for 5).
School 35.

bowling and on many occasions they were able to break through the opponents, batting for only a few runs. N.R. Fairfax was the most consistent bowler, and he has the economy of style to bowl accurately in prolonged spells. At present the team lacks good spin bowlers owing mainly to a lack of confidence coupled with the idea that only speed takes wickets.

The batting was of high quality and scored a hundred on five occasions. The most consistent batsmen were A.P. Marsden, D.G. Shelston, L.E. Pye, I.R. Ladd and N.R. Fairfax. Special mention should go to D.L. Hallows, who came into the team as a replacement wicket-keeper for L.E. Pye, and made useful runs very quickly. His best innings was an unbeaten 61 against Sale in a limited overs game.

The team fielded with enthusiasm and J.C.W. Palmer took some good catches close to the wicket and D.W. Lloyd held several sharp chances at slip.

Competition for places on the team was always strong and the boys who represented the School should provide a good squad in future years. A tribute to their ability came from the coach of Manchester Boys' who invited six boys to winter nets.

I would like to express my thanks to Mr. M.D. Wood for his help and enthusiasm throughout the year and to those parents who helped when we had transport problems. M.E.P.

HOUSE CRICKET KNOCKOUTS

Seniors First Round: Byrom beat Gaskell.
Dalton beat Whitworth.

Second Round: Byrom beat Fraser.
Dalton beat Heywood.

Final: Dalton beat Byrom.

Juniors First Round: Dalton beat Fraser.
Byrom beat Heywood.

Second Round: Gaskell beat Dalton.
Whitworth beat Byrom.

Final: Whitworth beat Gaskell.

ATHLETICS

Although not considered a wet summer by the weather men, the rain in 1978 seemed always to fall on the day of an athletics match: seven of the nine inter-school fixtures were cancelled. The two that were completed were on cold, wet days, and few high-class performances were observed.

Results:

U.16			
v. Denstone College	A L	59-75	
U.15			
v. Denstone College	A L	62-64	
U.15			
v. Cheadle Hulme School . . .	H W	65-61	
U.14			
v. Cheadle Hulme School . . .	H L	63-64	
U.13			
v. Cheadle Hulme School . . .	H W	69-58	

At the Manchester Schools Championships in June, A.D. Mellor won the intermediate boys long jump. R.K. Hunt was second in the intermediate boys discus. M.M.

ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS, 1978

SENIOR

		1st	2nd	3rd
100 metres	12.1 sec.	S. Holden (H)	D.C. Loynes (D)	A.J.C. Sidebotham (B)
200 metres	26.0 sec.	R. Leake (F)	A.J.C. Sidebotham (B)	M.C. Weston (H)
400 metres	57.0 sec.	J.M. Sandy (F)	S.A. Keeling (G)	A.D. Leake (F)
800 metres	2:06.5 sec.	N.P. Heron (B)	S.A. Keeling (G)	A.K. Cox (F)
1500 metres	4:20.6 sec.	N.P. Heron (B)	J.D. Tricker (F)	D. Fox (F)
Relay	52.9 sec.	Fraser	Byrom	Heywood
High Jump	1.42 metres	G.L. Lowe (D)	J. Odum (F)	J. Reed (D)
Long Jump	5.01 metres	S.A. Keeling (G)	D.C. Loynes (D)	D.A. Campbell (W)
Triple Jump	10.98 metres	D.C. Loynes (D)	J.D. Tricker (F)	M.J. Lord (B)
Shot	10.8 metres	N. Jackson (W)	J. Holden (H)	J. Reed (D)
Discus	26.6 metres	J.M. Sandy (F)	G.H. Mills (H)	M.R. Hawkins (B)
Javelin	33.24 metres	J.M. Sandy (F)	A.D. Leake (F)	O.C.D. Cooper (G)

MIDDLE

100 metres	12.3 sec.	S. Holloway (H)	S. Carter (G)	C.S. Rogerson (G)
200 metres	25.6 sec.	C.S. Rogerson (B)	S. Carter (G)	J.A. Adams (W)
400 metres	60.2 sec.	S. Holloway (H)	D.P. Johnson (F)	D.A. Parry (G)
800 metres	2:12.2 sec.	K. Wadsworth (F)	G.M. McDonough (D)	J.P. Burden (B)
1500 metres	4:33.2 sec.	K. Wadsworth (F)	J.P. Burden (B)	S.R. Cooper (B)
Relay	51.4 sec.	Whitworth	Byrom	Fraser
High Jump	1.60 metres	R.I. McDermott (B)	J.A. Adams (W)	D.A. Campbell (W)
Long Jump	5.52 metres	T.S. Ryman (W)	D.A. Campbell (W)	R.P. Flamank (H)
Triple Jump	*12.40 metres	T.S. Ryman (W)	J.P.H. Jessup (W)	A.J. Padkin (F)
Shot	12.09 metres	D. Watmough (B)	S.J. Logan (G)	J.P. Kettlewell (F)
Discus	29.00 metres	D. Watmough (B)	S.J. Logan (G)	J. Patton (D)
Javelin	30.42 metres	A.J. Padkin (F)	S.C. Bickerton (F)	P.D. Sargeant (W)

JUNIOR

100 metres	13.4 sec.	N.L. Wilson (D)	R.P. Thornton (F)	A.J.L. Tullock (D)
200 metres	26.6 sec.	S. Brown (B)	M.S. Ashfield (H)	P.R. Hunt (B)
400 metres	60.8 sec.	N.L. Wilson (D)	M.P. Brown (F)	A.J. Steeples (F)
800 metres	2:22.6 sec.	P.E. Stanley (W)	D.I. Howarth (D)	T.C. Smith (B)
1500 metres	4:46.4 sec.	P.E. Stanley (W)	R.J. Furniss (F)	D.J. Hartshorne (G)
Relay	56.5 sec.	Byrom	Dalton	Heywood
High Jump	1.4 metres	S. Brown (B)	M.P. Brown (F)	D.M. Bretnall (D)
Long Jump	4.62 metres	K.P. McDonnell (W)	S. Brown (B)	M.P. Brown (F)
Triple Jump	10.33 metres	A.J. Steeples (F)	M.P. McDonnell (W)	J.P.P. Hill (B)
Shot	10.82 metres	P. Keddie (B)	B.J. Rosenberg (G)	A.P. Denham (D)
Discus	26.13 metres	P.R. Hunt (B)	D.A. Eachus (H)	D.J. McNeillie (G)
Javelin	30.52 metres	P. Keddie (B)	A.P. Denham (D)	C.D. Farrell (B)

HOUSE POSITIONS

1. Fraser	273
2. Byrom	225
3. Whitworth	205
4. Gaskell	153
5. Heywood	148
6. Dalton	135

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

<i>Senior</i>	J.M. Sandy	(F)
<i>Middle</i>	T.S. Ryman	(W)
<i>Junior</i>	P.E. Stanley	(W)

* Record.

JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS RESULTS, 1978

FIRST FORM

		1st	2nd	3rd
100 metres	—	D.L. Hallows (1C)	M. Goodman (1C)	C.P. Tatham (1B)
200 metres	30.9 sec.	M. Goodman (1C)	D.W. Lloyd (1C)	D.J.C. Ingram (1A)
400 metres	69.4 sec.	D.L. Hallows (1C)	J.N. Reynolds (1C)	S.A. Brown (1C)
800 metres	2:39.3 sec.	A.B.N. May (1D)	P.J. Goodier (1A)	J.N. Reynolds (1C)
1500 metres	5:18.5 sec.	A.B.N. May (1D)	P.J. Goodier (1A)	J.C.W. Palmer (1B)
Relay	61.8 sec.	1C	1A	1B
High Jump	3.84 metres	D.A. Thorley (1A)	S. Odum (1B)	M. Goodman (1C)
Long Jump	3.84 metres	S.N. Tate (1B)	B.J. Blackledge (1C)	S.D. Howe (1D)
Triple Jump	*8.70 metres	C.P. Tatham (1B)	N.R. Fairfax (1B)	S.J. Cherry (1D)
Shot	8.85 metres	D.J.C. Ingram (1A)	D. Timperley (1C)	C.P. Tatham (1B)
Discus	*21.5 metres	R.G. Dagleish (1D)	S.N. Tate (1C)	S.A. Brown (1C)
Javelin	*20.85 metres	R.N.R. Fairfax (1B)	D.L. Hallows (1C)	A.J.S. Pollitt (1B)

FORM POSITIONS

1st	1C.
2nd	1B.
3rd	1D.
4th	1A.

SECOND FORM

100 metres	13.3 sec.	P.A. Knight (2C)	R.D. Hardern (2A)	R.D. Meadowcroft (2D)
200 metres	26.8 sec.	R.D. Meadowcroft (2D)	A.H. Morgan (2B)	I.C. Thompson (2A)
400 metres	62.2 sec.	P.A. Knight (2C)	T.G. Lee (2B)	S. Morgan (2B)
800 metres	2:20.4 sec.	S.R. Morgan (2B)	H.N. George (2D)	D.R. Jeanes (2C)
1500 metres	5:27.0 sec.	H.N. George (2D)	D.R. Jeanes (2C)	D.R. Pegler (2B)
Relay	59.8 sec.	2A	2D	2B
High Jump	*1.4 metres	S.J. Barratt (2A)	I.C. Thompson (2A)	N.S. MacDonald (2C)
Long Jump	4.49 metres	P.A. Knight (2C)	I.C. Thompson (2A)	A.H. Morgan (2B)
Triple Jump	8.90 metres	C. Holmes (2A)	S.J. Barratt (2A)	R.D. Meadowcroft (2D)
Shot	10.36 metres	N.S. MacDonald (2C)	R.D. Hardern (2A)	G.J. Nash (2D)
Discus	*24.40 metres	R.D. Hardern (2A)	I.D. Thorpe (2D)	L.J.T. White (2D)
Javelin	(23.89) metres	D.C. Hurst (2B)	I.D. Thorpe (2D)	E.C. Whipp (2C)

FORM POSITIONS

1st	2A.
2nd	2C.
3rd	2D.
4th	2B.

*Record.

SWIMMING

Match Results:

U12, 13, 15, 19	v. Cheadle Hulme School	Won 170-134
U12, 13, 15, 19	v. North Cestrian G.S.	Lost 146-162
U13, 15, 19	v. Wright Robinson H.S.	Lost 116-136
U12, 13, 14, 15, 19	v. Bury G.S.	Lost 181-199
U13, 14, 15	v. Xaverian College	Won 133-95
U12, 13, 15	v. Deane G.S., Bolton	Won 96-84
U12, 13, 14	v. Royal School for Deaf	Draw 90-90
U13, 15, 19	v. Xaverian College	Won 135-115
U13, 15, 19	v. Bolton School	Lost 128-133
U12, 13, 14, 15	v. Cheadle Hulme School	Lost 150-154
U12, 13, 15, 19	v. North Cestrian G.S.	Lost 147-168

Won 4, Lost 6, Drawn 1.

This was a disappointing year for the Swimming Club in terms of results against other Schools compared to the previous year, 1977. The major reason why these performances were below the School's normal standards was the structure of the Year Teams. The majority of the stronger swimmers were representing the Year Team above their age group and consequently, next year should produce better Team results.

Having stated that the 1977-78 season was disappointing for School swimming matches, it must be said that the School had its most successful year at the Manchester Schools Swimming Association Championships. The School was represented in seven out of twelve possible individual finals, and competed in every relay final.

On Finals Day of these Championships, 6th July 1978, the School captured three shields - two for relays and one individual. The relay teams were from the U.15 age group, and they defeated Wright Robinson on both occasions winning the U.15 Medley Relay, 3 x 50 yds. (S. Brown, P. Stanley and S. Leadbeater) and the U.15 Squadron Relay, 4 x 50 yds.

(S. Brown, G. McDonough, M. Harris, P. Stanley, with K.P. McDonnell competing in the heats).

The individual winner was P. Stanley, who is a year young for the U.15 age group, swimming magnificently to win the U.15 Freestyle event. This is the second year running that P. Stanley has won an individual race - an achievement not matched in the history of School swimming.

School swimming has developed significantly throughout the last four years, but I feel that the majority of club swimmers are no longer attending training sessions with the consistency required to produce a capable and well-organised School team. The boys must realise that swimming standards among the Schools that we compete against every year are greatly improved, and each member of the team must make every effort to attend Club Training evenings on a regular basis. Failure to do so will lead to poor performances!

I would like to thank all the members of Staff who attended the swimming matches and gave up their valuable time to help organise and officiate at inter-school matches. My special thanks go to Mr. Bonnick, Mr. Chudleigh, Mr. Murray and Mr. Simpson.

The following boys represented the School:

D.J.E. Marris, C.P. Tatham, S.A. Meech, J.D. Marsden, P.E. Cantley, R.J.T. Healy, D.G. Shelston, D.W. Lloyd, G.J. Nash, N.R. Hatton, D.J. Harries, D.R. Jeanes, I. Bell, I.R. Cumming, A. Lawrence, J. Hogg, R.P. Botkai, J. Hogg, L.T.J. White, N.A. Hoskinson, I.M. Jackson, M.J. Scoltock, K.P. McDonnell, R.P. Thornton, N.J. Firth, G.P. McDonough, P. Keddie, M.P. Brown, M. Harris, J.C. Bowser, J. Whalley, N.A. Jackson, G. Jeffries, J.W. Reed, J.S. Bradley (Captain), P. Stanley, S. Brown, R. Wadsworth, K. Wadsworth, S. Leadbetter, C.P. Robinson, A.P. Booth and C. Marshall.

SWIMMING RESULTS, 1978

SENIOR

Breaststroke	34.9
Backstroke	35.0
Butterfly	13.9
Medley	77.2
Freestyle	28.7

J.W. Reed (D)
P.R. Fairclough (B)
D.S. Dodd (H)
J.S. Bradley (F)
J.S. Bradley (F)

G. Jeffries (D)
C. Hoy (G)
P.R. Fairclough (B)
A.R. Baines (H)
C. Hoy (G)

M.K. Kohn (B)
P.R.H. Wilson (D)
J. Reed (D)
A.K. Cox (F)
D.S. Dodd (H)

Individual Trophy: J.S. Bradley (F)

MIDDLE

Breaststroke	38.9
Backstroke	33.9
Butterfly	13.2
Medley	69.2
Freestyle	27.8

R.P. Flamank (H)
J.C. Bonser (W)
S.R. Cooper (B)
S.R. Cooper (B)
J. Whalley (D)

S.P. Dickinson (B)
G.P. McDonough (D)
G.P. McDonough (D)
J. Whalley (D)
M.N. Davidson (B)

S.R. Brown (G)
M.N. Davidson (B)
R.I. Davison (H)
R.I. Davison (H)
S.P. Holloway (H)

JUNIOR

Breaststroke	35.0
Backstroke	34.0
Butterfly	13.1
Medley	73.4
Freestyle	30.8

R.P. Flamank (H)
S. Brown (B)
S. Brown (B)
P.E. Stanley (W)
C.P. Robinson (B)

S.P. Dickinson (B)
C.P. Robinson (B)
P.E. Stanley (W)
R.P. Thornton (F)
A.N. Simpson (G)

S.R. Brown (G)
N.W. Mellor (F)
J.P.P. Hill (B)
S.A. Leadbeater (B)
N.J.A.V. Falk (W)

HOUSE

1. Byrom	54 points	4. Fraser	23 points
2. Dalton	29 points	5. Whitworth	17 points
3. Heywood	24 points	6. Gaskell	11 points

SWIMMING RELAYS

MEDLEY

Senior	65.8	Dalton	Heywood	Gaskell
Middle	63.2	Byrom	Dalton	Heywood
Junior	69.8	Byrom	Gaskell	Heywood

SQUADRON

Senior	62.7	Gaskell		
Middle	61.0	Gaskell	Heywood	Byrom
Junior	60.0	Gaskell	Byrom	Fraser.

HOUSE POSITIONS

1. Gaskell	42 points	4. Dalton	18 points
2. Byrom	30 points	5. Fraser	6 points
3. Heywood	20 points	6. Whitworth	0 points

JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS, 1978

FIRST FORM

FIRST FORM		1st	2nd	3rd
Breaststroke	45.3	A.J.E. Marris (1B)	S.A. Meech (1D)	D.J. Ingram (1A)
Backstroke	40.9	A.J.E. Marris (1B)	R.J.T. Healey (1D)	D.W. Lloyd (1C)
Butterfly	16.7	C.P. Tatham (1B)	A.P. Marsden (1A)	D. Timperley (1C)
Freestyle	33.6	C.P. Tatham (1B)	P.E.D. Cantley (1A)	R.J.T. Healey (1D)
Medley	1-20.0	1A	1C	1D
Squadron		1B	1D	1A

SECOND FORM

Breaststroke	40.0	G.T. Nash (2D)	D.R. Jeanes (2C)	G.A. Smith (2D)
Backstroke	37.8	C.F. Marshall (2D)	G.T. Nash (2D)	L.J.T. White (2B)
Butterfly	18.7	N.R. Hatton (2C)	L.J.T. White (2B)	J. Hogg (2A)
Freestyle	30.9	N.R. Hatton (2C)	C.F. Marshall (2D)	A.G. Kanellis (2D)
Medley		1A	2B	2D
Squadron		2D	2C	2A

RESULT

FIRST FORM

1st 1D	32 points
2nd 1A	23 points
3rd 1D	18 points
4th 1C	14 points

SECOND FORM

1st 2D	36 points
2nd 2C	22 points
3rd 2A	16 points
4th 2B	12 points

WATER POLO

Senior Team Results

W.H.G.S. Water Polo Tournament

Final Positions:

W.H.G.S.	1st7 points
Moston Brook H.S.	2nd7 "
Xaverian College	3rd4 "
Deane G.S.	4th2 "
Burnage H.S.	5th0 "

It was a well deserved victory for the School team. Despite the points total being equal to that of Moston Brook, the School scored far more goals in their League matches and consequently, the School had a much better goal difference. In the final League match against Moston Brook, the School team only equalised in the last minute to draw 1-1.

English Schools' Water Polo Tournament: W.H.G.S. 2nd.

The outstanding team of this Tournament was Plant Hill School, but both W.H.G.S. and Moston

Brook H.S. played with enthusiasm and ability throughout. W.H.G.S. finished 2nd, again by obtaining a better goal difference than Moston Brook H.S. but this position was well justified by the consistency of play by the School team.

During the four matches played all the players from W.H.G.S. had their moments, with J. Odum and G. Jefferies scoring skilful goals, while J. Bradley and J. Reed prevented many of the opposition's attacks from developing into goals. In mid-pool J. Whalley and R. Wadsworth created several goal-scoring opportunities. In goal D. Barnes performed to his usually high standard.

Manchester Schools Water Polo League

Final Positions:

Plant Hill	1st
William Hulme's G.S.	2nd
Moston Brook H.S.	3rd
Deane G.S.	4th
Xaverian College	5th

Once again William Hulme's G.S. has had to take

second place to Plant Hill School, but it must be remembered that Plant Hill are one of the most successful Schools in England.

The School Team improved steadily as the Polo season developed, and the improvement of team and individual skills was particularly noticeable when the School won their own Tournament.

Perhaps the most valuable part of the Water Polo Club, however, was the development of an U-16 League Team, and an U-12, and U-13 team that played two fixtures against Moston Brook School and Stretford Water Polo Club. Credit must be given to all the Senior Team for their encouragement and enthusiasm with the younger pupils, and G. Jefferies – the Club Captain – and J. Bradley deserve a special mention for their organisation and co-operation to produce these other teams.

The following boys played for the Water Polo Teams:

U19 – G. Jefferies, J. Bradley, J. Rees, J. Whalley, R. Wadsworth, D. Barnes, J. Odum, S. Cooper and W. Shepherd

U16 – D. Hainsworth, I. Keating, G. Keating, R. Jefferies, G. Fish, S. Leadbeater, I. Jackson, R. Bent, P. Stanley, N. Parker and A. Hill. A.J.P.

TENNIS

First Six:

Played 11, Won 8, Lost 2.

v. Cheadle Moseley G.S.	A	W	9	–0
v. Manchester G.S.	A	W	6	–3
v. Sir John Deane's School. . .	A	W	9	–0
v. Bury G.S.	A	W	6½–2½	
v. Bolton School	H	L	3½–5½	
v. Arnold School	H	L	3	–6
v. King Edward's, Lytham . . .	A	W	6	–3
v. North Cestrian G.S.	A	W	9	–0
v. Stockport G.S.	H	W	7½–1½	
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	H	W	5½–3½	
v. Birkenhead School	A	W	7½–1½	

For a second year, an established and experienced team and a very full fixture card have contributed towards an exciting and successful season. In spite of being unable to meet the ever-elusive King's, Macclesfield, we played some thirteen matches, including those against the Masters' and the Parents' Teams, and we won all but two of them.

The first four fixtures presented the team with very few moments of anxiety, but then we faced the excellent Bolton Six in our first match at home. Their first pair took all their sets, despite a dogged recovery to 5–7 by O.C.D. Cooper and N.J. Grunfeld after going down 2–6 in the first set. We were beaten ultimately (and narrowly) by the sheer strength of Bolton's first pair who were quite merciless in their forcing and disposing of weak returns.

This hard-fought match provided invaluable experience for our next fixture, a new one against Arnold School, Blackpool, for which we were anxious to be at our very best. Unfortunately, however, Grunfeld could not take part and the consequence of the disrupted and weakened pairings was a defeat

which we did not deserve to suffer.

The remaining five matches were all well won, but perhaps the most enjoyable was the last of the season, played away at Birkenhead. The team was without its Captain, O.C.D. Cooper, and so I.W. Keating was drafted in to produce an encouragingly reliable and controlled partnership with T.S. Ryman. Meanwhile M.J. Sandy and Grunfeld, as first pair, were busy achieving the most inexplicable result of the season when, having raced through to a 6–0 victory in their first set against Birkenhead's first pair, they proceeded to hand the second set to their bemused, yet grateful opponents, taking only one token game in the process; and during the course of this unusual and entertaining match Grunfeld almost succeeded in exhausting the First Team's apparently endless supply of rackets. A. Keddy and A.H.G. Dannatt, having beaten Birkenhead's two lower pairs, immediately went five games down in the first set against their determined first pair. Yet, in a display of the most dramatic and resourceful tennis of the entire season, they fought back to take that set 7–5, and the second 6–4, thus emerging as the only pair to win all three of their events.

This, then, was a truly rousing end to a fine season, during which there was a significant contribution from each and every member of the Six, but especially from O.C.D. Cooper. He proved to be an extremely competent Captain, both on and off court, and on occasion he and Grunfeld were able to produce tennis of the highest order.

Second Six:

Played 7, Won 1, Lost 6.

v. Cheadle Moseley G.S.	H	L	3	–6
v. Manchester G.S.	H	L	3	–6
v. Bolton School	A	L	1½–7½	
v. King Edward's, Lytham . . .	A	L	2	–7
v. Stockport G.S.	A	L	2½–6½	
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	A	W	6½–2½	
v. Birkenhead School	H	L	1½–7½	

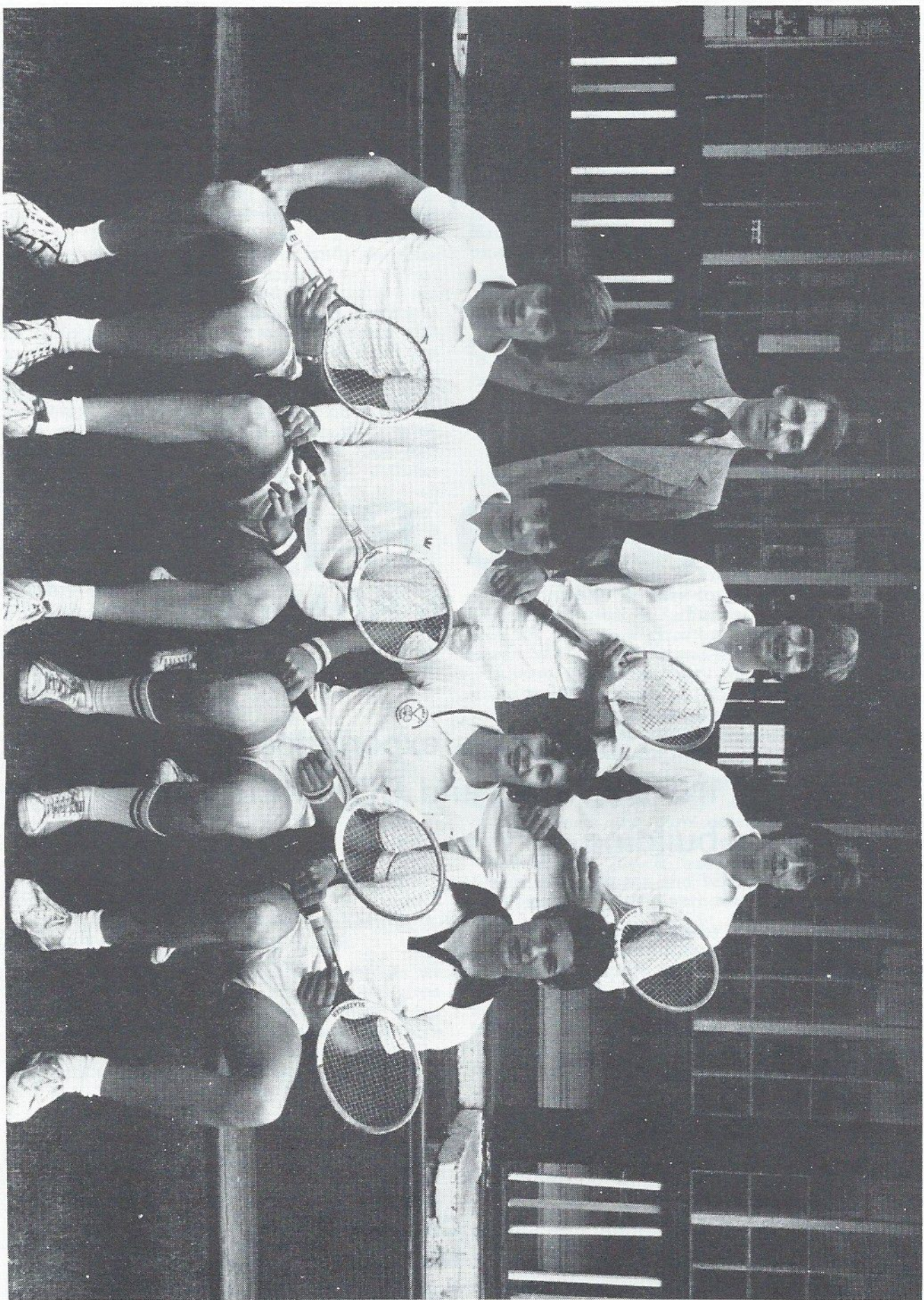
This was a disastrous season for the Second Six by any standards, in spite of the inclusion of two new players of some promise, A.B. Cretney and I. W. Keating. One constant difficulty is the lack of match experience, and the addition of more local fixtures to the card might help to improve matters. The principal problem facing the team, however, is the shortage of good strong players in the Middle School, and one hopes that this situation will be alleviated by the enthusiasm and ability of the numerous players who are now coming up from the Junior School.

My thanks are due to K. Woodcock, Captain of the Second Six, and to Mrs. Johnson, whose attendance at matches and support of the team over the past two seasons has been assiduous, and will be greatly missed by all.

Under Fifteen Six:

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

v. Manchester G.S.	A	L	0	–9
v. Sir John Deane's School. . .	A	W	5	–4
v. Bury G.S.	A	W	6½–2½	
v. Bolton School	A	D	4½–4½	
v. North Cestrian G.S. (U.13) .	H	L	1½–7½	
v. Wilmslow G.S. (U.14)	A	L	3	–6



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The composition of the U.15 Six has varied enormously as boys have moved up to represent the senior teams, and as attempts have been made to observe other aspiring players performing under match pressures. This instability has been a considerable factor in the team's modest results this year, as has been the paucity of first-rate tennis players in the age group.

For the first time for some years an Under Thirteen side was selected this year after a lengthy and well-attended trial. A series of interesting fixtures was arranged for the latter part of the Summer Term largely in response to the enthusiasm and talent displayed by Junior School tennis players over the past two years. A totally inexperienced yet equally keen Six played its first match under indifferent conditions against a North Cestrian Grammar School team with five matches already played this season. The result was a defeat which was in no sense a true reflection of the competitiveness and closeness of the games. Because of last-minute cancellations, only one other match could be played, and this at Under Fourteen level. Nevertheless four Under Thirteen players took part and acquitted themselves well. Both these matches were lost simply by lack of experience, but in such players as C.P. Robinson, N.J. Firth, A.B. Rowley, R.P. Botkai and R.D. Meadowcroft we have the nucleus of some very promising teams. Furthermore, the Junior School Inter-Form Tournament provides more than twenty boys with an excellent opportunity to develop their skills and tactics in a series of strongly contested matches. With preparations for a full fixture list already under way, therefore, next season should see some exciting Junior tennis. D.M.F.

SQUASH

Played 6, Won 2, Lost 4.

v. Alderley Edge.	A	W	3	-2
v. Manchester G.S.	A	L	2	-3
v. W.H.G.S. Staff	H	W	3	-2
v. King's School, Macclesfield .	H	L	1	-4
v. Hymer's College, Hull	A	L	1	-4
v. Ellesmere College.	A	L	0	-5

The following represented the team:

O.C.D. Cooper (Capt.), I. Keating, G. Keating, A. Keddy, P. G. Turner, P. Barron, H. S. Davies.

In our second season of competitive matches we met stronger sides than last year. While this has given an unwelcome appearance to the results chart, it has also helped our players to improve. A lack of experience on our part was often evident, and this cannot be put right until we get our own courts. We value the use of the Y.M.C.A. facilities, but one hour a week is not

sufficient practice.

Naturally the victories provide sweeter memories than the defeats. Here, as in all else, O.C.D. Cooper showed the way. He is far above the rest in ability, with ample intelligence, flair and courage. He is an excellent Captain, and has done much to establish Squash at the School. He thoroughly deserves his Full Colours. I. Keating and G. Keating were as solid (especially the former) and reliable as ever. Both have reached a very competent standard, and both won Half Colours. Of the remainder P.G. Turner looks most promising, with his spirited retrieving.

I have been grateful for the opportunity to introduce Squash, and have very much enjoyed the fixtures, the practices, the company of the players, and seeing standards rise. I hope the School will very soon build its own courts so that more can enjoy this excellent game. P. McN.

UNDER-13 AND UNDER-15 CROSS COUNTRY

It was hoped that the third year team would have a good season and in many ways they fulfilled their early promise but were unfortunate to be matched so many times against an unbeatable Moston Brook H.S. team. However, the team retained the Stretford A.C. Schools' League trophy, were second in the Manchester A.C. Schools' Trophy Meeting and finished a good third in the very tough Sale Harriers Schools' League. As usual R.J. Furniss and D.J. Hartshorne vied for first team place but were always closely followed by D.I. Howarth and W.A. Sandy. Cross country is a team sport and a very reliable contribution was made by N.A. Smith and C.J. Greaves. This team is still physically rather small and it is hoped that in the coming year greater physical maturity will lead to the success that their hard work deserves.

In many fixtures the second year team has to run with third years but they had a season in which a much stronger and more determined team emerged. R.H. Turner was his usual reliable self and had many excellent runs but it was encouraging to see D.R. Jeanes, S.R. Morgan and N.G. Dampier improving to the extent where they were very close behind.

The first years were led by the talented P.J. Goodier who made a fine contribution though he does need to find a little more determination and stamina in the later stages of a race. Initially he had little competition but it was good to see A.B.N. May, S.A. Brown, N.E. Hussey and J.C.W. Palmer in particular breathing down his neck by the end of the season. With greater determination and a real team spirit this could be the basis of a fine team. J.H.F.



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OLD HULMEIANS ASSOCIATION

Under the energetic presidency of Dr. Alan Wilson the Association has had a successful year. Although the attendance at the Annual Dinner in April was disappointing, other social functions have been well supported. The Lacrosse Section has had a most successful season, with the 1st X having a winning sequence of thirteen games to finish third in the League, the "B" team finished second in the Sixth Division, while the newly-formed "C" team finished comfortably in the top half of the Seventh Division. Morale in the Section is obviously high, and, as always, new recruits will receive a warm welcome and every possible encouragement.

The Golf Section has continued to flourish in spite of monsoon conditions at the Ascension Day meeting, while the Rifle Club hopes to improve on a moderate season, especially with the influx of associate members from the Parents' Association. As a return gesture, the Parents have invited the Old Hulmeians to join them for badminton on Friday evenings in the Sports Hall.

A full record of the achievements and activities of Old Hulmeians appears in the "News Letter", which goes out annually to all members of the O.H.A. From its pages we select a few items of interest to the general reader. Since his retirement from his post as Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Sir Robert Mark has been awarded honorary degrees at the Universities of Manchester and Liverpool, as well as being presented with the Freedom of the City of Westminster. W.A. Mallinson, the managing director of Smiths Industries, was awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List. D.W. Bowett, the President of Queens' College, Cambridge, has been appointed a Q.C. The Gordon Davies Trophy for the Old Hulmeian Sportsman of the Year was awarded to Phil Brown for his outstanding achievements in national and international sailing; during 1977 he finished first in the '505' National and World Championships, and was first in the qualifying series to represent Great Britain in the 1978 World Championship.

Jeff Norman represented England in the Marathon at the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. He finished twelfth in a time of 2h.22m. 22.73s.

An obituary of Sir Herbert Seddon, President of the Association in 1961-2, appears elsewhere in this magazine. It is with deep regret that we also record the death of Maurice Robert Crawford who was Lord Mayor of Manchester last year and was serving as Deputy Lord Mayor at the time of his death. He was a very welcome visitor to the School at the Parents' Fete during his year of office.

The President for 1978-9 is Frank Pickup, the Association's Honorary Secretary; his Deputy President will be David Flunder. Any information about Old Hulmeians' achievements and activities will always be welcomed by C.J. Lowe at School or by Jack Rickards, the Editor of the "News Letter".

OLD HULMEIANS' UNIVERSITY RESULTS

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H. Clayden	Class 1, B.Sc., Bangor.
G.M. Davies	Exhibition in Philosophy, Psychology and Physiology, Jesus College, Oxford.
Q.E. Deakin	2i, History part II, Cambridge.
M. Dennis	2i, Engineering part I, Cambridge.
P. Emsley	2i, Computer Science, London.
C.C. Foulkes	2ii, Physics, U.M.I.S.T.
R.V. Gater	Class 2, Chemistry, Oxford.
B. Gosschalk	Class 2, French, Oxford.
C.G. Harris	2ii, Mathematics, Leeds.
A.T. Kearsley	Post Graduate Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Downing Coll., Cambridge.
N. Maxfield	1st, Mathematics, Sheffield.
R.D. McCulloch	2ii, Engineering, Cambridge.
P.W. Needs	2ii, Natural Sciences, Cambridge.
J. Stead	Class 2, Chemistry, Oxford.
A.J.I. Turjansky	Class 2, English, Oxford.
N.R. Withington	Class 2, Jurisprudence, Oxford.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Garden Fête held on 2nd July, 1977, was our first event. We were blessed with good weather and again were well supported by parents and friends. The Lord Mayor of Manchester opened the Fête, and we were delighted to welcome, along with the present Headmaster and his wife, his predecessor, Mr. J.G. Bird together with Mrs. Bird. We are indebted to the enthusiastic band of workers who helped to make the day a success. A lot of hard work and planning is necessary to ensure the success of a Garden Fête and this year it was decided to establish a Garden Fête Committee to co-ordinate all the activities.

In September Mr. Filleul, the Headmaster, addressed our first meeting of the new School year. He spoke on "Some Current Problems in Secondary Education" and we were very interested to hear his views on this most topical subject.

The Junior School Cheese and Wine Evening held in October was again very well attended by both parents and staff and the usual happy informal gaiety prevailed. This was an opportunity for parents of new boys to meet members of staff socially. Mr. Callaghan, the master in charge of the Junior School Library, was

present on both these occasions and an appeal was made to parents to buy books of their own choice to replace some of the books which had become rather dilapidated. Mr. Callaghan was delighted with the generous response, as books to the value of £75 were purchased and he expressed to the Association his appreciation and thanks.

In November the Hallowe'en Hoedown was held at the School and although a very energetic and entertaining evening for those present, it was very poorly attended. Later in the month, Mr. Haynes once again provided us with a most enjoyable evening. His subject was a little different this year — "A Camera at William Hulme's". The slides were, as usual, excellent and we were able to see the clever way in which Mr. Haynes can present the different aspects of school life on the screen. He did, of course, include some candid shots of our sons!

The Annual Christmas Party and Dance was as usual a very successful evening attended by both parents and staff.

Our first meeting of 1978 was in February when we were given an illustrated lecture entitled "Torridon, Skye and Assynt" and introduced to the magnificence of Scotland by Dr. Clark, Mr. Booker and Dr. Barnes. The scenery was breathtaking and the slides illustrated how our boys are introduced to mountaineering and surviving in the wilds of Scotland under the expert guidance of the masters.

"Pacific North West" was the title of Mr. Bamforth's illustrated lecture in March. Over the years he has done much to promote the recorder as a serious musical instrument in America and the talk covered both the journeys to and from and his stay in Seattle. Here again the slides were of excellent quality and depicted the way of life in another part of the world.

The final date on our social calendar was Friday, 17th March, when the Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Lancashire County Cricket Club, Old Trafford. We managed to maintain the price of the previous two years and were pleased that our numbers were considerably increased. It was a very pleasant evening, added to by an extremely successful tombola which increased our funds quite considerably.

During the year the usual sporting activities have taken place. The Shooting Section meets once every three weeks and the Badminton and Table Tennis Section meets weekly on Friday evening. Although the parents were unable to win the cricket or tennis matches against either boys or staff, the weather was good and the friendly rivalry enjoyed. However, success was attained in the shooting and badminton matches against the boys.

The money raised by our Association is used to make gifts to the School. This year in addition to the annual prize and payment of the Hardraw rates we donated £100 towards the Caribbean Cricket Tour, provided books for the Drama Club, a Chess Set for the Junior School and Mountaineering Equipment (including a tent, stove and climbing ropes). More money has been paid into the Trust Fund and from investments previously made, a £200 Scholarship was awarded to a boy last September. The name of the Recipient is known only to the School and not to the Association.

The Annual General Meeting in May was, as usual, followed by a Cheese and Wine Evening. At the Meeting were elected to the Committee for 1978-79:—

<i>President</i>	Mr. A. J. Burden
<i>Chairman</i>	Mrs. V. M. Cox
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Dr. K. S. Daber
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	Mrs. J. Campbell
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	Mr. C. F. Jeanes

Committee: Mrs. J. R. Roffey, Mrs. S. Artley, Mrs. A. Wrigley, Mr. F. S. Leon, Dr. D. N. Barber, Mr. P. MacDermott, Mr. A. Hibbert, and Mr. R. Holmes.

Members of the Committee retiring or not standing for re-election at the end of the year were:—

Mr. A. Frost, our President
 Mr. A. Wadsworth — Treasurer
 Mrs. M. Kettlewell — Ticket Secretary
 Mrs. S. Arron
 Mrs. J. Murphy
 Mr. D. E. Nicholson
 Mr. C. P. Howarth
 Mr. R. B. Buxton

and we lost two co-opted members:—

Mrs. A. Hargreaves, and
 Mrs. J. Keddie

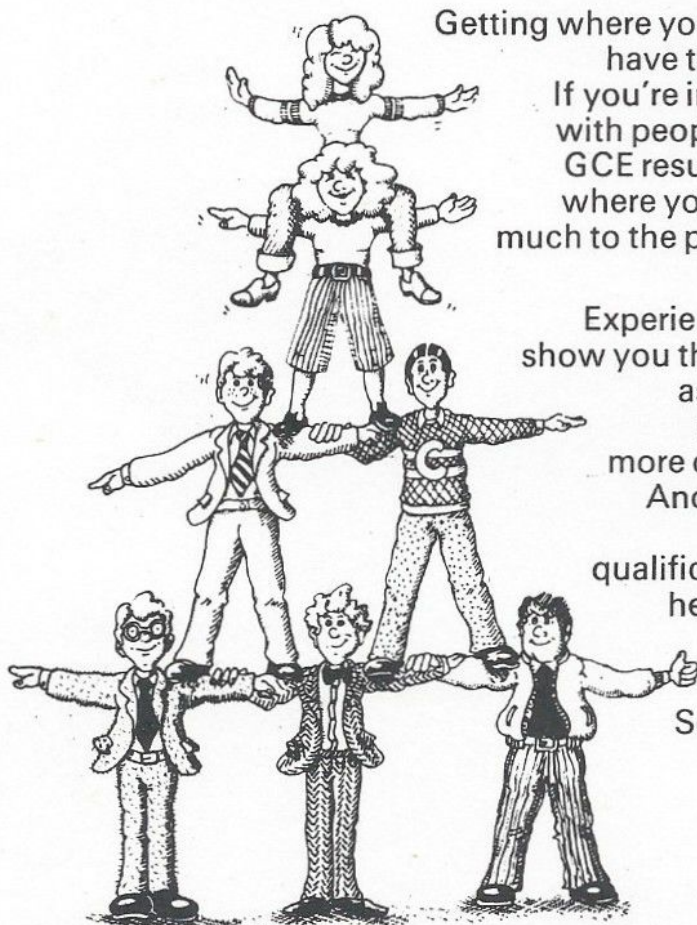
We would like to thank them for the hard work and support they have given to the Association over the years.

Mrs. J. R. Roffey has resigned as Secretary of the Association but has remained on the Committee giving her valuable support. Mrs. Roffey has been Secretary since May, 1974, and has worked extremely hard during that time to ensure the efficient running of the Association.

A full programme has been arranged for the coming year and we hope we shall have the pleasure of meeting all our members at one or all of the events.

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