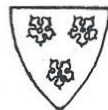




# FRASER HOUSE



Head of House: M. J. Braddock

Deputy Head of House: C. W. Timm

School Prefects: M. J. Braddock (Deputy Head Boy), C. W. Timm, D. A. Khan and S. R. Platt

House Prefects: P. A. Bahfir, D. P. Clarke, P. R. J. McManus, H. L. Snyder, S. D. Thornton, J. P. Garner, A. J. Jackson, D. Loveland and D. M. J. Timm

## *Michaelmas Term*

The following boys entered the House from the Junior School in September: M. Z. Ahmad, M. A. Beresford, R. W. Blairs, R. W. Buckley, E. J. Davies, M. B. R. Dignan, S. L. Dwek, A. Fareed, A. K. Hollingworth, N. R. Humphrey-Taylor, O. F. Islam, D. Jones, A. A. Khan, J. J. Meadows, G. R. Noble, S. Rahman, M. J. Starr, J. R. Tozer and R. Walker.

In addition, S. J. Gaskell and M. A. Nawaz joined us in the Lower Sixth, and A. R. Lodge came to us in the Fourth Form, all three from other schools.

While sub-aqua, squash, badminton, running, and the ever-popular weight-training got off to a good start in September, rugby seemed to be rather slow getting off the ground for Fraser. The Third Form plays little inter-House rugby anyway, but showed great interest in the practices which J. P. Garner organised on their behalf. With a little more humility, and a little less discussion with those conducting these sessions, however, they might well find their game improving more rapidly. I trust they will take this into account next season!

The fourth-formers, losing fewer boys to the School squad, played some good rugby again, but there seem to be one or two players who are reluctant to contribute to the full, and our performances suffered somewhat as a result.

Both senior teams, the XV and the XIII, had some potential, but victories became increasingly rare as the season progressed. With the 2nd XIII lack of weight, talent and experience sadly outweighed their early enthusiasm; the 1st XV's mediocre record is not so easily accounted for. The younger players had less confidence in their ability than I did, and I hope to watch some more self-assured rugby in the future from such players as R. S. Haber, P. F. Herring, F. Ince, P. Dardick, B. A. Walsh and S. P. Norris. Apart from the 1st XV Captain, S. R. Platt, who also wrote some good, factual match reports, notable individuals were R. C. Addy, D. P. Clarke, D. A. Khan, D. Loveland and J. P. Wilson. N. J. Hindley converted our tries nonchalantly but effectively on many occasions.

The delayed Knockout competition began in November. The Junior XV, with their awe-inspiring pack, were quietly confident of retaining the F. J. Smith Cup for a third consecutive year, and the Seniors, though less confident perhaps, were very determined indeed to reach the Final. The Juniors ploughed through Dalton 30-0 in the first round, and the Seniors put Heywood out of the competition by six points. Success in the next round took both team through to the Finals. In the meantime, however, the Ray Cox Sevens had been played, and our confidence given a boost with a narrow victory (on points conceded) over Byrom, thanks chiefly to our free-running Second VII. Once again the tournament style of competition (the Rugby Sevens and the Six-a-side Lacrosse) produced exciting highlights in the House calendar.

Whitworth's Senior Knockout XV took the upper hand in the opening stages of the Final, but little by little the Fraser players applied their intelligence and experience to the match, and by half-time, despite there being no score, we were taking control of things. Excellent team play brought our first try from A. J. Jackson out of a five yard scrum. Braddock then dashed half the length of the pitch to score our second and Ward's conversion, followed by a protracted period of frustrating Whitworth's efforts, secured a very worthy victory. One may not witness the most elegant rugby in a House Final, but one certainly sees the most fiery and determined.

The stalwart example of captain R. D. Slown led the Junior Knockout XV to success in a tough Final against Byrom, the outcome of which was uncertain until the last stages. The predominantly Fourth Form team was well supported by six Third-Formers: A. K. Hollingworth and A. A. Khan made useful contributions, and J. J. Meadows kicked some important goals. All those who took part in the two Knockout competitions were awarded colours, and none was more gratified by our success than M. J. Braddock, the Senior Captain, especially in view of his own setback in the Final last year.

In the immensely enjoyable School Play, *'Forty Years On'*, M. Brandreth made a very good job of his rôle as a former nanny, occasionally almost convincing his audience that he knew what he was doing with the knitting needles!

A nucleus of football diehards, almost all from the Fifth Form, continued to assemble in the Sports Hall each Tuesday in order to play five-a-side, which they did with commendable and uncharacteristic restraint. Their thanks are due to T. E. Alford for constantly jogging the memory of their House Master,



who has an unfortunate blind-spot where football is concerned, and whose attendance might not otherwise have been quite so scrupulous.

The usual Christmas House Lunch was greatly enjoyed at the end of Term, despite the fact that there never seem to be enough of the little 'extras' to go round. Perhaps more careful rationing is called for next year!

Three Fifth Form boys, T. E. Alford, A. S. Ward and S. K. White, were appointed House Prefects.

### *Lent Term*

After such an excellent rugby season, success in Lacrosse proved elusive. The Senior League teams had fundamental difficulties which they found impossible to overcome. Other Houses, however, reminded us of how much fun League lacrosse, particularly at second team level, can be, and I have to record my disappointment at the reluctance displayed by all too many of our players this year. It is extremely easy to show strength of character when you are in the winning team: a little more effort is required when your side is weak. Fortunately enough players could be relied upon each week so as to keep ignominy at bay.

Our Senior Knockout X looked invincible on paper, but uncertain on the pitch, and they fell to a more energetic and cohesive Gaskell team in the first round (albeit by a single goal). The Captain, A. J. Jackson, gained some compensation for this painful defeat when he put the result of the Group One Final in the Hewlett Cup Six-a-side Tournament beyond doubt by scoring past the Dalton goalkeeper from the half-way mark a moment before the final whistle. The second and third teams won their group too, and with points contributions from four of the remaining five teams, Fraser just managed to save face by securing the Hewlett Cup by a safe margin, the one highlight in a poor lacrosse year.

The selection procedure for the Road Relay Race was a little less haphazard than usual, and as a result of two quite well-attended trial runs through Alexandra Park at lunchtime three competent teams were formed. A good Third Form group led by E. J. Davies, together with some new faces such as A. R. Lodge, S. P. Norris and S. Sandiford-Mitchell, and the old hands A. J. Jackson, J. P. Garner, A. D. Ryan and A. S. Ward, seemed to give us every chance of a reasonable result. Indeed, Team 1 came in first, but unhappily 2 and 3 could do no better than fourteenth and seventeenth, and so the House finished fourth overall.

Further trials had been held earlier in the term to try to ensure that no good swimmers in the Third and Fourth Forms were overlooked in our entry in the Gala, and that the right boys filled the right events so as to make the most of the swimming talent in the House. D. A. Khan, as Captain of Swimming, supervised two sessions at the Pool, and his experience enabled us to select our best possible Junior squad. In fact we were spoilt for choice in some events, with very little to choose between three and sometimes four boys' times. Holding the Medley and Squadron Relays before all the Individual events has much to commend it, but it does reduce the likelihood of records being broken, and none fell this year. The Sports were as exciting—and close—as always, however. One first place, two seconds and two thirds in the six Relays took us into second place in that competition, just two points behind Heywood. The four members of the winning Third Year Medley Relay Team deserve special congratulations, since not one of them gained a place in any of the individual finals. They were N. R. Humphrey-Taylor, G. R. Noble, R. W. Buckley and R. Walker. Good individual performances by Khan, N. J. Hindley, B. G. Lee, S. R. Lerman, C. D. Eastwood, A. K. Hollingworth and J. R. Tozer kept us ahead of most of our opponents throughout, but we could not quite match Dalton, having to content ourselves with joint second place for the second year running. It was a great pleasure to see Khan swim so well again in his last Gala, and to watch him receive the Lady Mather Cup for the third consecutive year.

The absence of two of our better musicians reduced the length and breadth of our Music Programme this year, and we were placed third. C. W. Timm deserves great credit for producing the best possible array of musicians and pieces once again. D. M. J. Timm played a lively and demanding rondo on the clarinet, and a skilful duet with M. A. Hope. Hope also played a difficult Charlie Parker saxophone number. This was an accomplished performance and a courageous choice, suffering slightly from lack of any rhythm accompaniment. One felt that modern jazz of such complexity was largely lost on its young audience. O. F. Islam chose a short lyrical piece by Walton which he rendered with great sensitivity. C. W. Timm contributed two items, one a trio with his brother and Hope, and played with his customary competence and feeling. The highlight of the programme was for many a duet which featured the voices of N. de B. Baynes and M. Brandreth. It was quite beautifully sung, with very moving harmonies, and succeeded for a few minutes in silencing the more restless and uncultivated elements in the New Hall!

The appointment of a Third Former in his first year in Fraser to produce the House Play caused many a raised eyebrow. M. Z. Ahmad was given much support and guidance, however, by M. A. Nawaz, who had selected the play. Despite the inevitable disagreements rehearsals were kept pretty much to schedule, and the predominantly Third Form cast seemed to enjoy themselves. A sensible innovation in the House Drama Competition this year was the introduction of an external Adjudicator, who startled A. K. Hollingworth by persuading him to return to the stage and repeat a scene after the play had ended in order to demonstrate some basic points about movement and voice projection! Although the play could not quite



match those of the other Houses, it was a worthwhile production, and producer and cast earned House Colours for their hard work.

At the end of March, the following were appointed House Prefects: R. C. Addy and E. T. Mellor in the Upper Sixth, and N. de B. Baynes, N. J. Hindley, M. A. Nawaz and K. J. M. Stephenson in the Lower Sixth. The House was able to congratulate D. Gagan and C. W. Timm on their places at Oxford, the latter's for 1988 after a year with Rolls-Royce at Derby.

### *Midsummer Term*

Rather more was made of Sports Day this year, the Junior School combining with the Seniors to produce a full day's programme. This special occasion enabled Second Formers to support their new Houses, and House Masters to assess the athletic talents of next year's List. Fraser had to contend with more than the usual vicissitudes but on the whole our athletes performed well and we had some pleasant surprises among the results. First or Second places were gained this year by A. J. Jackson (Captain), K. J. M. Stephenson, N. J. Hindley, J. P. Garner, G. J. Bentley, R. D. Slowen, M. A. Hope, E. J. Davies and A. A. Khan. The Senior Relay Team won their Final, Jackson storming past Heywood in an exciting finish to the day's last event; E. J. Davies won both the 800m and 1500m Junior races in record times and yet apparently effortlessly; and Jackson deservedly was awarded the Victor Ludorum trophy, the magnificent Gaskell Cup. There is much work to be done next year however, if we are to exploit fully the abilities of our Third Form athletes, who were sadly under-represented in these Finals.

My misgivings about running yet another House Trip to Alton Towers were fully justified this year: only thirteen of the forty boys on the coach were in the House. A handful of Second Formers from next year's List came too, but the rest were simply there to make up the numbers, and the idea of these excursions has never been merely to fill a coach at all costs. A successful and enjoyable event in the House calendar has unfortunately become a largely pointless exercise, therefore, and so the House Prefects will be working on some different ideas for getting the House together out of School in 1988.

Our promising Junior cricketers did not fare too badly, and greater experience and confidence should ensure some measure of success next season. With the School Captain and Vice Captain, C. W. and D. M. J. Timm respectively, leading our Senior Cricket XI, supported by a number of talented and experienced players, we were able to dismiss Whitworth and Heywood in the first two rounds. Our opponents in the Final, Dalton, played well to make 129 for 4, but this target proved to be well within our capabilities, and we played sensibly through to a five wicket victory.

By next September we expect to have said farewell to three notable Fifth Formers, Bentley, Scott-Gall and Ward, all of whom have represented the House at the highest level in all three major sports as well as athletics. Scott-Gall's contribution has come chiefly from his bowling, and in 1986 he proved a useful athlete in the School Sports; Ward has been a willing mainstay of all House games during his three years with us; and Bentley? Well, Bentley has brought to the House a unique and original personality (one could write a book!) combined with as much commitment and fierce loyalty as one could possibly expect from any boy, returning to School towards the end of term to run outstandingly on Sports Day and to score the winning runs (twice, because of a disagreement among the scorers!) in the Senior Cricket Final. Scott-Gall goes to the Sixth Form at Stowe, Bentley to college in Stockport, and Ward to pursue a career in professional football. To them, and to our other Fifth and Sixth Form leavers, the House extends its best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

Several boys have found success outside the School: Braddock and Ward (football), G. R. Noble (speed skating—G.B. Champion), the Timms and A. K. Hollingworth (cricket), E. J. Davies (running), and N. J. Hindley, who has been awarded one of the R.A.F.'s prestigious scholarships. The House congratulates all of these, and, I hope, takes pleasure in their achievements.

I would like to thank M. J. Braddock and C. W. Timm for running the House so well this year. Mike Braddock is the third and last brother to pass through our hands, and as Head of House has been able to contribute even more than David and John before him. He has been a first-class Head of House, dealing firmly with boys, House Prefects and House Master alike, always keen to offer good advice and clear judgement. The support and friendship of Timm and the other House Prefects has enabled him to do his job efficiently, and to his own satisfaction. D. Loveland takes on the mantle in September, and with an excellent group of House Prefects behind him, I have no doubt Fraser can look forward to another full and successful period. We all await the arrival of girls into the Houses with bated breath, of course, certain that their presence will enhance and expand our many activities in the years ahead.

D. M. Fisher



## GASKELL HOUSE

School Prefects: I. D. Bailey (Head of House), N. B. Keeping, A. M. Woodhouse  
House Prefects: A. Cohen, S. B. Paterson, D. M. Wilkinson, D. P. Sproson, J. R. T. Dobkin,  
R. J. Kelsall, D. B. Woodroffe, B. Grange, K. C. Kwan, P. K. Heathcote, K. L. Reid

The Autumn term was a good one for Gaskell as far as the rugby leagues go. We won the Senior and Fourth Year leagues quite comfortably but unfortunately came unstuck in the Knockouts losing to a very strong Fraser side. Looking to the future I have every confidence in the boys who are moving up. In two years' time the Gaskell 1st team should be very impressive indeed. I am sure they will put the trophies back onto the rightful pillar in the New Hall.

The 'sevens' competition was once again a very hard fought affair, finishing with Fraser just managing to snatch victory. In the finals there were three Houses all with a chance of winning the competition. A most successful day.

In the past Gaskell have for many years now been at the bottom propping up the remainder of the Houses in the swimming competitions. Not this year. We have made the breakthrough. With a team very ably led by K. L. Reid we moved up to equal 2nd position which was a magnificent achievement. Now that we have made the breakthrough I am sure that it will not be long before we take all the honours. We have the potential. 1988 could be our year.

### *Lent Term*

The Gaskell Lacrosse was very ably controlled by I. D. Bailey who was also Captain of the School team. Our league performances although quite good overall could and should have been better. We had the players to win all the honours, but unfortunately we fell by the way, our best performance being in the Senior Knockout where we got to the final and were beaten by Dalton, in a very hard fought final. We now await the cricket season to see if we can do better overall.

## HEYWOOD HOUSE

### *Michaelmas Term*

The following appointments were made at the beginning of Term:

School Prefects: N. R. Abrahams, T. R. Edge, S. Jeffries

Head of House: N. R. Abrahams

Deputy Head of House: S. Jeffries

House Prefects: K. A. Bamford, P. J. Brundrit, J. H. Carroll, N. Duckworth, S. J. Dean,

T. R. Edge, R. D. Lawson, R. D. Nieri, A. O. Qureshi, I. G. Wakefield, G. J. White, J. S. Williams

Senior Knockout Captain: T. R. Edge

Junior Knockout Captain: J. D. Bellass

1st XV League Captain: A. O. Qureshi

2nd XIII League Captain: R. D. Lawson

4th Form League Captain: R. P. Kay

3rd Form League Captain: D. J. Smith

The Term was dominated by the various rugby competitions. Heywood's interest in the Senior Knockout came to an early end at the hands of Fraser. The score was 12-6 and much closer than expected, Heywood's largely non-squad team holding Fraser's almost pure squad team. In the Junior Knockout Heywood's hopes were high especially after an impressive first round win against Gaskell. Heywood's backs were particularly impressive, producing a 34-4 margin. Byrom provided sterner opposition in the second round and Heywood's backs dropped the ball or passed wildly when in good attacking positions. The score was 6-6 at full time and extra-time produced no further score. It was decided to play another period of sudden death extra-time and Byrom got the decisive penalty to go through to the final against Fraser.

On the league scene there was a mixture of good and indifferent results. Heywood's first team was never heavily beaten but lost too many games narrowly so that, although the second team won every match, Heywood had to be content with joint second place in the league. Heywood's Fourth Year team showed some improvement on last year but we still have too many players who do not put in the required amount of effort. Heywood's Third Year team, under the captaincy of D. J. Smith, swept all opposition aside to win the league convincingly.

In the Ray Cox Trophy (for rugby sevens) Heywood did not have the strength in depth to field three good teams and consequently the House shared bottom place.



Off the rugby pitch Heywood boys were involved in a number of ways. The House provided its usual quota of actors for the School Play, with A. J. Wray and J. W. Babicki taking leading roles and J. M. Langley in charge of the Stage Staff behind the scenes. An extension of Heywood's Tuck Shop also provided refreshments at the Play. In School there were regular five-a-side sessions at lunchtime while out of School there were frequent trips to Belle Vue for ten pin bowling. Near the start of Term there was a Prefects' trip to Blackpool for the Lights, a meal and the Pleasure Beach. The Term ended in the traditional way with a Christmas Social at Whalley Range A.F.C.

### *Lent Term*

The following appointments were made:

Senior Lacrosse Captain: R. W. Bailey

Junior Lacrosse Captain: A. S. Partington

Swimming Captain: N. R. Abrahams

House Music Producer: D. A. Leon

House Play Producer: A. J. Wray

Senior Lacrosse League Captain: S. J. Dean

4th Form Lacrosse League Captain: I. N. Drayton

3rd Form Lacrosse League Captain: J. J. Johnson

The Term started well with the news that T. R. Edge had gained a place at Oxford to read History. With the matriculation requirement of two 'E's he is in the fortunate position of being able to lead the School 1st XV on the Canadian Tour without any academic worries.

The first of many sporting competitions to take place was the swimming. Having won both the Individual and Relays trophies last year, Heywood had decided that, lacking strength in depth, retaining the Relays trophy would be the main aim. The heats ran smoothly and Heywood was the only House to have qualified for all six relay finals. However, when the finals came around we failed to get out two third form teams and so only four Heywood teams took part in the finals. Fortunately the fourth form with two wins and the senior with a win and a third place gave Heywood enough points to retain the trophy.

In lacrosse the senior Knockout team went down to a powerful Fraser team in the first round. The junior side was more successful, beating Byrom 8-0 in the first round and then having a much more difficult match against Gaskell in the semi-final. Heywood won 4-3 to qualify for the final for the fourth successive year. After losing to Fraser in the last three finals it made a pleasant change to play Dalton and to win 5-2 in a hard fought game. The Hewlett Cup six-a-side competition was another trophy that Heywood were hoping to retain. Heywood teams reached and won four of the eight finals and so it was disappointing to find out that Fraser had amassed more points to take the trophy. Special mention should be made of the third form teams who both won their finals and of the fourth form A team that won every match for the second year. On the league scene S. J. Dean led the Heywood seniors to success, the only points being dropped by the 2nd X in the very first match when we did not raise a full team. The fourth form league team again disappointed: there are too many players in this year group who do not want to win badly enough. The same cannot be said of the third form team who followed up the success in the rugby with a similar result in the lacrosse league.

In the House Cross Country Relays Heywood was spared the embarrassment of last place thanks to the disqualification of one of Byrom's teams. It is a difficult competition to do well in unless you possess some natural talent and, at the moment, Heywood does not have enough natural cross-country runners. Another competition that depends largely upon natural ability within each House is the House Music competition and, as with cross-country, Heywood is not well endowed. D. A. Leon did his best with the limited resources available but joint fifth was Heywood's position.

The final event of another hectic Lent Term was the Drama competition with a new format this year. It is a little early to make judgements about the new system: there are some advantages and disadvantages compared with the old system. What was disappointing about this year was that the standard was no better and some embarrassingly poor plays were shown to a captive and sometimes unsympathetic audience. Heywood's play, 'Goalden Gordon', was produced by A. J. Wray and he has worked hard along with a large cast to achieve a polished performance. The play had just one major blunder when N. R. Abrahams, making his acting debut in his final year, was not in the right place at the right time. Without this mistake the play would have been excellent but the adjudicator was kind enough to overlook this blemish and place Heywood first, in front of a good Dalton production. The result was just reward for the efforts of Wray who also collected the best actor's award. Credit should also go to Mr Greenall for his invaluable advice.



### *Midsummer Term*

The following appointments were made at the beginning of Term:

Senior Cricket Knockout Captain: A. J. Sayyid

Junior Cricket Knockout Captain: A. S. Partington

Athletics Captain: R. W. Bailey

Fourth Form League Cricket Captain: A. R. Ahmed

For the second year running no Tennis Knockouts were played which left the Term with just two major sporting competitions: the Cricket Knockouts and Sports Day. At one stage in a very wet June it began to look as if these competitions might not take place but July brought sunshine and all was well. In the Senior Knockout the dubious advantage of a first round bye took Heywood into the semi-final against Fraser who were hot favourites for the competition. Heywood's bowlers did well to dismiss Fraser relatively cheaply but, when Heywood batted, the target never looked in any danger and Fraser went on to beat Dalton in the final. Heywood started the Junior Knockout as holders and favourites and progressed to the final with comfortable wins against Byrom and Dalton. The final, against Gaskell, was an excellent advertisement for the state of School cricket. Gaskell batted first and early wickets put Heywood well on top. However, B. C. Savage, ably assisted by A. O. B. Fajumi, came to the rescue with a timely century partnership. A. S. Partington and A. K. Scott gave Heywood a good start but the innings faltered when both fell in successive overs. J. P. Abrahams then raised hopes of victory with a controlled innings but when he was out, to an excellent catch by J. D. Austin, Gaskell ran out worthy winners.

The disappointment of losing in the Junior Knockout Final was quickly erased two days later by success for the House on Sports Day. Heywood won the Athletics Shield by a convincing margin with some fine individual performances. This is one of the most satisfying competitions to win because success depends upon so many different contributions. Individual wins went to R. W. Bailey (Senior 100m and triple jump), J. P. Abrahams (Middle 200m), J. D. Bellas (Middle discus), J. W. Babicki (Middle javelin), C. J. H. Chudleigh (Middle triple jump), G. T. Davidson (Junior 200m and long jump) and J. J. Johnson (Junior discus). The Junior relay team also won their race, breaking the School record. The only slight disappointment was the number of Fifth and Upper Sixth boys who were unavailable after the examinations. I feel sure that space must be found in our School year to accommodate Sports Day before the examinations. My thanks go to R. W. Bailey and J. P. Trigg for their organisation of the team.

Congratulations also go to J. P. Trigg for other reasons. As a result of some intensive tests which were both physical and mental he was awarded an Army Scholarship and is also exempt from R.C.B. before he goes to Sandhurst. This is a tremendous achievement and one which is thoroughly deserved.

The House Tuck Shop, under the management of N. D. Waldman, functioned in the first half of the Term but closed down after half-term to avoid any possibility of disturbing examinations. Some of the profits were used to subsidise the House Trip to Alton Towers. The popularity of this trip seems to be declining and the trip may not be repeated. The usual Leavers' Social was held at Whalley Range and I am pleased to say that this remains a popular event. My thanks go to Mrs Hall, Mr Ballantyne and Mr Greenall for the interest that they continue to show in the House and I would also like to welcome Mr Sharp to the House. He has already assisted in many ways with the House and I am sure that he will be an asset.

Finally I would like to wish all Heywood leavers every success in the future. My particular thanks go to N. R. Abrahams who proved to be an excellent Head of House (when not suffering from groin strain!).

## **WHITWORTH HOUSE**

### *Michaelmas Term*

The Centenary Year started day one for Whitworth by opening its doors to more than ever new members from other venues. E. A. F. Slack from The Ryleys, Alderley Edge entered 3B whilst 4A received P. H. Wootton from the British School of Oslo. Four lads entering the Sixth Form came from a little nearer home; I. D. Butler from Wilmslow County High School, D. K. A. Smart from Sale Grammar, F. Amaee from Two Trees and Khan from Burnage.

The usual oscillation of fortunes can be noted on the Rugby front. Taking the League Games first we saw mixed results from Juniors with a 28-0 loss to Heywood and a 28-0 victory against Byrom (both 3rd years). N. Lee, N. Stevenson and S. D. Williams were useful members of these teams. Notable 4th form performances came from C. S. Dean, S. P. Harrington, S. D. Hodes, P. G. Hope and R. I. Levene. At Senior level the 1st XV met with many disappointments but gallantly battled on; the 2nd XV had problems each week in the seek and find department: seeking a full fifteen players and then finding their opposition and a pitch to meet them on. The Junior Knockout competition was won this year by a fine Fraser outfit who thrashed us out of the 1st round. At Senior level we also were to lose to Fraser 10-0 in the final, but after a very exciting game in which both teams knew they had a good chance of winning. We had previously



very comfortably beaten Dalton in the 1st round (19-9) and Byrom in the 2nd (20-9). Despite stalwart efforts of all who played I can't help feeling that if A. M. Dickin was on field for the final rather than working twice as hard on the touch-line, giving support, coaching and general encouragement, Whitworth may have won. In the House Sevens competitions our pace was officially stemmed when the success of our 3rd team entry was examined closely and revealed a squad player in the form of R. J. Clark lurking therein. The 1st team won all their matches (Dalton 18-0, Fraser 6-0 and Byrom 44-4) in the final so it was a great pity this trophy could not have been added to our otherwise dusty shelf.

The usual internal House entertainments continued to be fairly well supported. Chess, 5-a-side football at lunchtimes, and we saw a much increased interest in 10-pin bowling. Several novices were fielding quite creditable scores by the end of term but Collis will probably need to devote the rest of his House time to the game if he is to avoid putting the bowl in the gutter. The funds from general sales which provided free 10-pin bowling, photographs, exhibitions, Senior Games refreshments and a decorated Christmas tree were also able to support aged House Members on two evenings out. One venture, a visit to Blackpool lights and pleasure beach with compulsory sing-a-long-a-steakhouse, was held in conjunction with Heywood Prefects who provided very civilised company. This was quite a surprise after our party were refused entry to our Restaurant of first choice. Smart-talking Messrs Sharp and Simkin assisted the group's passage to the next dinery rather more elegantly than could be imagined of 14 great bodies set on clearing any plated material set before them. Giddies on the pleasure beach followed where I developed a fail-safe means of getting free rides. Simply pretend you are petrified of the rides—some lummoX will undoubtedly manhandle you into your seat on the Big Dipper (whatever) *and* pay your fare. What I could not achieve though was to encourage blood to flow through the knuckles as it had before the ride. The Steak & Kebab was the Whitworth House Prefects' Christmas Evening venue—I hope this provided some consolation to the lads who lost the final some three hours previously. The bill indicated they had not lost their appetites with the match. Although the evening started quietly I hope it provides some compensation to those who stand long hours over a hot toaster!

### *Lent Term*

The now familiar series of lost games at all levels was not so painfully obvious this season. Several useful victories in the league matches may have built the confidence of some players but a House with only two first team players in its ranks can only play for time. Time ran out at both Junior and Senior Knockout First Rounds. We fared no better in the Hewlett Cup Competition, achieving our customary sixth placing.

In the Swimming Competition we were eventually placed fifth. This was after great interest and skill shown by several fourth formers but then their non-appearance at the squadron relay. Such is the nature of competitive team games—absence can be a damning hindrance to success. Style and perseverance were again observed in some members notably M. Beggs (backstroke), D. R. Kirby (butterfly) and R. Glyn who organised the entry. One wonders how much the natural and developed enthusiasm of entrants must be dampened/chilled by the timing of this event at the end of January.

The cross-country run proved to be our most improved competition placing this year. After much dispute from the correctness of kit Whitworth held a second position. Some excellent timings were obtained by several members including: G. C. Jameson, N. Stevenson, P. Bookbinder.

Whilst considering matters pastoral and ambulatory it would seem appropriate to draw attention to the sterling efforts of this year's Head Boy (S. J. Beggs of Whitworth House) in raising over £5,000 for the Wrightington Hip Replacement Unit, the chosen charity, largely by means of a sponsored walk. The walk, 6 miles across and around Chorlton Water Park, seemed to have inspired a huge majority of the School population to make an effort on behalf of others. It was the choice of charity, the suggested personal involvement and the outright meticulous planning characteristic of Beggs that proved the winning format for this event. I hope others will develop on this lad's initiative in the direction of help for others in need.

The biggest personal disappointment I could have had this School year would have been *not* to win the House Music Competition. For so many years now the cup has grown familiar with its spacious repose on our House shelf. Each year it is brought down, dusted, awarded and placed back in its same position for another twelve months. I was fortunate to have R. McHale in charge of the event—a lad who has performed in the event each year since he joined the House in 1982. D. Hinnells and S. Beggs also shared this long-service honour and performed as their experience should dictate. A. Campbell, M. Beggs and M. Shearer also highly impressed the judges as they had in previous years. As for newcomers—N. Bhattacharjee played a magnificent flute in duet with P. Bookbinder on clarinet; both played solo too. The first placing awarded by the judges was well received and seemed to be well deserved.

"Good Morning" a play billed as 'an amusing clash between the British Secret Service and the German Army' provided an action-packed thirty minutes in the new-approved House Drama Afternoons. Three lads, new to the House this year, provided startling performances; F. Amaee, S. Newhall and S. Khan. I was pleased also to see two third formers walking the boards; P. D. Cohen and N. Bhattacharjee gave



spectacular exhibitions under the Stage Direction of the highly competent S. J. Edwards. N. P. R. Gregory gave polished introductory comments and played a vibrant Commander. The only regular, N. J. Vowles, as usual took the audience by storm. The thunderous ovation as that final curtain closed was hard to quell. Only the suggestion that there was another play to be seen and that the Whitworth cast could not follow their act with an encore sufficiently gargantuan made the audience return to their seats. The House was judged third equal!

### *Midsummer Term*

The cricket-competence factor for the House remained at a fairly low level this season. With Fraser at 153 for 2 after 30 overs a resistance of 72 all out was not encouraging. M. E. Beggs caught two and B. J. Allen made 37. At Junior level the position was rather more disastrous, Whitworth making only 28 runs!

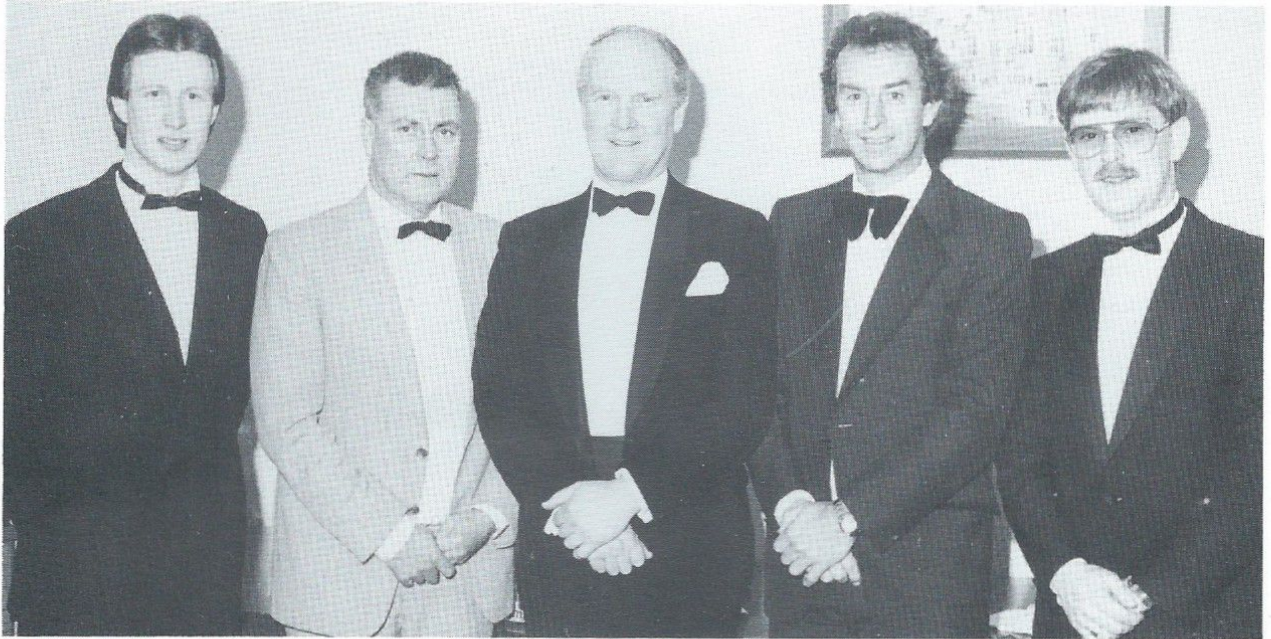
In this year's Athletics Competition Whitworth looked quite healthy after the heats in that there were more than 20 entrants for final events excluding relays. Finals day managed to bring its bad luck though. R. J. Clark, down for three events in the morning, turned up fresh and frisky at lunch unaware of the changed format. Two absences left blank entries. A general lack of condition and training left green shirts trailing in some events. The highlights included the final score not being as low as one might have expected!

The end of a School year seems an appropriate place to thank those who have been of assistance. This year marks the end of seven years as Whitworth's House Master so I may have more on the list than usual. D. R. P. Kirby has been an immense help in organising lads and events and keeping me generally informed as did previous Heads of House. Mr M. H. Gracey just about managed the odd game of bridge this year but has provided me with great support in the past. My thanks for main-line supply to Rowntree-Mackintosh and general guru services go to Mr I. J. Shaw. Five-a-side football, ten-pin bowling, taxi-service and general cover when I can't make it were all the responsibility of Mr L. Sharp who has given unstintingly of his time and effort all my years of office. Finally, I wish every success to Mr P. M. Bull who will steer Whitworth House to horizons anew!

R. A. Moore



# SPORT



Sportsman's Dinner, February 1987. Left to right: Mr R. E. Lytollis, Mr B. Thompson, Mr P. D. Briggs, Mr D. Lloyd, Mr S. Grigg.



Waiters ready for action.

## RUGBY FIRST XV

### Results

Played 15, Won 15  
Points for 348, Against 85

v. Marple Hall.....	H	W	11-6
v. Bramhall High.....	H	W	24-4
v. Birkenhead School.....	H	W	18-16
v. Poynton High.....	H	W	45-0
v. Whitcliffe Mount.....	A	W	30-3
v. Cheadle Hulme School.....	H	W	30-8
v. St. Bede's College.....	A	W	21-3
v. Merchant Taylor's School.....	H	W	31-10
v. Woodhouse Grove School.....	A	W	16-3
v. St. Andrew's (Dublin).....	H	W	14-11
v. King Edward VII School.....	H	W	15-7
v. Manchester G.S.....	H	W	21-11
v. Bolton School.....	A	W	10-0
v. Bury G.S.....	H	W	50-0
v. Stockport G.S.....	A	W	12-3

The 1st XV have celebrated the Centenary Year with a record-breaking season, remaining undefeated for the first time in the School's history. The team has won all of its matches including victories against some of the top schools in the North

West such as Birkenhead (18-16) and Merchant Taylor's, Crosby (31-10) as well as local rivals Manchester Grammar School (21-11), Stockport Grammar School (12-3), St. Bede's College (21-3) and Bury Grammar School (50-0).

The strength of the side lay in a small but very mobile pack which generally won more than its fair share of second phase possession, and fleet-footed backs who ran the ball at every opportunity, ably supported by a fast 'tear away' back row. Scrumming was a problem throughout the season but the forwards won sufficient ball, albeit going backwards, to release the backs on many enterprising runs.

Such a season as this has obviously left many highlights. However, two games which will surely remain in the mind for many years to come were those against Birkenhead School and Woodhouse Grove. The former was more a gladiatorial battle than a rugby game with the two sides evenly matched in all aspects of skill and technique; it was only the extra ounce of determination and courage displayed by the 'under-dogs' which saw the School team through. To fully appreciate the latter one has to realise that the 1st XV were defeated by more than 30 points the previous season, therefore the long journey to Bradford was a particularly nerve-wracking one. However, the pre-match preparation was 'professional' in the truest sense and the performance was one of complete dominance, with all players making significant contributions.





The victorious 1st XV after their final game against Stockport G.S.

The following played regularly for the 1st XV.

*R. W. Bailey (Full-Back).* A confident player in his second season on the 1st XV. A strong runner in attack and excellent tackler in defence.

*A. Jackson (Wing).* A very deceptive runner with a good change of pace which earned him 10 tries.

*M. Lovell (Wing).* Extremely quick and elusive, top try scorer despite being injured from half-term.

*D. Kirby (Full-Back/Wing).* A gifted sportsman whose quick running and sensible positioning has often meant that he has been in the right position in many try-scoring moves.

*I. McCartney (Centre).* At his best he was a formidable tackler and strong runner; his confidence waned at times, however.

*J. J. Garlick (Centre).* A strong runner with a good outside break, he set up many tries for the wingers. His goal-kicking has also been a vital points winner for the side.

*D. Smart (Outside-Half).* He directed play from stand-off, running, passing and kicking well. His dummy and break was a pleasure to watch.

*I. Butler (Scrum-Half).* Throughout the season he has proved a skilled player and served as an excellent link-up between the forwards and backs.

*S. Thornton (Scrum-Half).* A reliable and committed player on the field. His early season form showed his real potential.

*A. Dickin (Prop).* A vital member of the front row, his strength, determination and experience were essential in the scrummage.

*S. Beggs (Hooker).* Although he was new as hooker this season he adapted to the position very quickly and proved a tenacious competitor in the set piece as well as the loose.

*C. Timm (Prop).* A sound team-player who did his job very effectively. His off-field humour at times proved as invaluable as his on-field effort.

*A. Tidman (Lock).* Although hampered by injury, he proved to be a very determined player throughout the season taking some excellent lineout ball jumping at number four.

*A. Kloss (Lock).* A dedicated lock who secured good ball at the front of the line. He was an effective member of the "Boiler room" of the scrum.

*K. Stephenson (Flanker).* Technically an excellent tackler, his speed from the scrum helped set up many situations for second phase possession.

*A. Hessayon (Flanker).* An old-fashioned "knocker-down" whose strength and aggression were essential to the forwards.

*M. Braddock (Flanker).* His tireless running and cover tackling proved invaluable, saving several 'certain' tries.

*D. Timm (No. 8).* His excellent handling skills proved most beneficial in attack and his cover tackling equally so in defence.

*T. Edge (Captain).* Tim led by example both on and off the field. He showed a total commitment to the success of the team and, indeed, often played out of position, putting the side's needs before his own. He played for Cheshire and can count himself unfortunate not to have been selected for the North of England.

All players were awarded School Colours in recognition of their significant contributions to this unique season.  
R. E. Lytollis.





Captain T. Edge takes the ball in a line-out.



A fund-raising activity for the Rugby tour: collecting waste paper.



## CANADIAN RUGBY TOUR

Terry Fox Senior High School  
Sardis Senior High School  
Claremont Senior High School  
Esquimalt Senior High School  
Kamloops Senior High School

Won 27-0  
Won 32-0  
Won 40-3  
Won 6-3  
Won 32-0

With S. Beggs, A. Hessayon and D. Kirby, all regular first teamers, unable to tour and A. Dickin and K. Stephenson sustaining long-term injuries it was with some concern that the first tour game was approached. Indeed the opening twenty minutes against Terry Fox Senior High School highlighted the lack of cohesion in the side with some players new to the team and others adapting to different positions. However, by half-time far greater understanding had developed and the second half display indicated the potential in the team.

The second match against Sardis saw a number of changes to the team, thus allowing all players to take a full part in the tour. However, the newly found confidence amongst the squad was truly evident as the opposition was crushed by some excellent 'open' rugby. Two newcomers to first fifteen rugby, J. Dobkin and D. Sproson, had particularly outstanding games.

The journey to Vancouver Island for our third game was a long one and the opening exchanges against Claremont Senior High indicated that some of the squad were beginning to feel the strain. However, as A. Kloss and T. Edge began to dominate the line-out and R. Swain disrupt the opposition's scrum, better

ball was secured and after half-time the backs cut loose to score several spectacular tries with J. Garlick and A. Jackson playing particularly well.

Even the greatest teams can have an off day and we saved ours for the Esquimalt match. For the first time on tour the forwards came up against a fast rucking side and tired limbs simply could not get to the ball quickly enough. However, strong tackling and an iron will not to lose saw the team through by the narrowest of margins.

As the party left Vancouver Island for the remote town of Kamloops the general feeling was that the long journey home had begun. There was still one major obstacle to overcome however, the British Columbian champions Kamloops Senior High.

The atmosphere before the game was electric, for many this was their last rugby match for William Hulme's Grammar School, most had played throughout the 1st XV's undefeated domestic season and therefore had not been in a losing side against other schools since 1985. The first scrum saw the School's pack destroyed with J. Dobkin lifted off the ground and one was left wondering if we were destined to fall at our final hurdle. The second scrum, however, was controlled a little better and slowly the pressure eased. As the forwards won more ball the quicker and better organised Hulme backs began to carve through the home defence and at 32 points to nil an historic victory was recorded.

Emotions ran high after the game. Such a unique achievement in a unique year would not be quickly forgotten!

R. E. Lytollis



A. Kloss in line-out against Kamloops High School. W.H.G.S. Won 32-0

(Photo: C. H. Seddon)





One version of the much-varied 2nd XV.

## SECOND XV

### Results

Played 13, Won 8, Lost 5  
Points for 259, Against 139

v. Marple Hall School.....	H	W	45-0
v. Bramhall H.S.....	H	L	7-20
v. Birkenhead School.....	H	L	6-26
v. Poynton H.S.....	H	W	28-0
v. Whitcliffe Mount.....	A	W	36-0
v. Cheadle Hulme School.....	H	W	34-8
v. St. Bede's College.....	A	W	10-4
v. Merchant Taylor's, Crosby.....	H	L	10-23
v. Woodhouse Grove School.....	H	L	3-14
v. King Edward VII School.....	H	W	13-9
v. Manchester G.S.....	A	L	8-22
v. Bolton School.....	A	W	34-3
v. Bury G.S.....			cancelled
v. Stockport G.S.....	H	W	21-6

This was a good season for any side, especially when selected from a squad of over thirty, of whom never more than twelve managed to train together at any one time. Although on paper we had a strong pack, it took much of the season for them to learn to work together, but when they did, they became an effective back-winning machine, as Bolton School found to their cost. The backs took even longer to find real form, although much was due to the match line-up changes.

The side consisted mainly of fifth-formers, most of whom will form the nucleus of the First XV in two years' time, together with some Lower Sixth Form, notably A. Kloss, who later regained his First Term place. D. Sproson showed great versatility, switching between second-row and outside centre. N. Baynes made life interesting in the three-quarters and J. Garner captained the side, after the departure of D. Kirby to the first team, from his haven in the back row.

C. Chow adapted well to his new position as hooker but must learn to follow the line-out calls. The ever-cheerful M. Beggs and R. Clarke vied for a place in the second-row, whilst M. McNeany proved to be an able and aggressive prop-forward despite his relatively diminutive stature. The pack was completed by genial J. Dobkin at prop and R. Ketteridge at No. 8; he needs to learn to control the ball better and to move about the field at a pace befitting his honoured position on the back row. Garner's partner at wing forward was either M. J. Braddock, recovering from a pre-season injury to rejoin the First Team,

or the very promising S. White who, if he continues to mature and improve as he has this season, will become a formidable flanker.

I. Jordan emerged as a surprisingly skilled scrum-half after S. Thornton retired from the position mid-season, but the side suffered considerably by not having a settled, recognisable fly-half. It was usually A. Mallalieu or C. Willott who filled the gap, with Mallalieu producing spectacular, if not always accurate kicking, whilst Willott showed himself to be a skilful and elusive runner, competent in defence. His talents were more easily seen and appreciated by the inside centre. Due to a shortage of three-quarters, (or a surfeit of forwards) it became not uncommon to convert one, usually Sproson. At other times, his place was taken by A. Woodhouse, S. Roffey, or J. Bradley.

The wings were also difficult to fill satisfactorily. N. Baynes played there regularly and his strong running and powerful tackling were a boon to the side, but his fielding of the high ball let him (and presumably it?) down. Other wingers included N. Herbert and N. Cherry, both of whom should learn to become more committed, and even the experienced P. Bahfir played in a number of games. The full back position was filled competently for most of the season, despite an earlier concussion, by C. Chudleigh, whose performance was sound but short on pace. Others who represented the Second XV were, J. Mackereth, N. Ridings, and A. Ward as well as two First XV players; R. Bailey and R. Swain, who 'guested' for us against St. Bede's.

All round, it has been an exciting season which was just reaching its peak as the fixture list reached its close. There were some excellent performances from mid-October, marred by three losses. Only the defeat by M.G.S. warrants comment on the total lack of motivation or effort shown in the biggest match of the season! The magnificent victory over Stockport however, more than makes up for that; plenty of commitment in this one as we ran Stockport all over the pitch.

J. P. Garner (Captain)

I would like to thank J. Garner and D. Kirby for the excellent job they did as captain of the Second XV this season, and the players too, who put the effort and enthusiasm into real points to make the 1986-87 winning season one of the most memorable I have had in the last seven years. I can safely retire from the rugby scene now, knowing that next year's First and Second XVs will contain some of the most devoted and skilled players the School has seen.

J. H. Thomson



## UNDER 15 XV

### Results

v. Marple Hall School.....	L	8-28
v. Bramhall High School.....	W	20-12
v. Birkenhead School.....	L	0-74
v. Poynton High School.....	L	7-50
v. Whitcliffe Mount School.....	L	14-16
v. Cheadle Hulme School.....	W	26-4
v. St. Bede's College.....	L	0-26
v. Merchant Taylor's, Crosby.....		cancelled
v. Woodhouse Grove School.....	L	0-24
v. King Edward VII, Lytham.....	L	6-48
v. Manchester Grammar School.....	L	4-28
v. Audenshaw High School.....	W	9-8
v. Bury Grammar School.....	W	19-4
v. Stockport Grammar School.....	L	4-30

In terms of the number of games lost and won this would not seem to have been a very successful season. However, when compared with last season's results, there has been a 100% improvement, winning double the amount of games.

This could so easily have been even better had the boys

played with the commitment they displayed in the Cheadle Hulme game—where a heavy defeat last year was turned into a good victory this year. The rugby played by the whole team showed spirit. Our best rugby was played towards the end of the season against Bury G.S., where the team showed some confidence and enthusiasm. Prominent in these games and throughout the season were J. D. Bellas, J. Griffiths, S. D. Hayes, P. D. Higginbottom, R. T. Jones, T. K. Jones, A. S. Partington, A. Pilling, R. D. Slowen and J. N. Symms. Also a new member of the School P. H. Wootton developed well during the season.

However the team had a number of difficulties over the term, the main one being achieving a settled side. Several players were unavailable due to injury and other commitments. These absences were also in the key positions of captain, where P. D. Higginbottom missed a large number of games on account of a broken wrist, and at half back where eight different combinations of scrum half and fly half had to be played. This of course did not aid an organised pattern of play. As well as this, a number of players had attitude problems. They were reluctant trainers and played only half-heartedly. As a result, skill levels for many did not improve and the committed players had to work that much harder. Had every member of the squad given his all, the season could have been more rewarding.

N. P. Dunn



Under 15 XV: the forwards working hard in a maul to win the ball.

(Photo: N. P. Dunn)

## UNDER 13 XV

The following boys represented the School: A. O. Ajise, M. D. Barnes, K. A. Blackshaw, R. D. Bone, N. J. Burton, P. M. Cain, I. Cope, A. C. Cunningham, J. C. Frost, N. J. Holder, J. B. Kim, A. R. Ladd, D. J. Lambert, J. M. Leadbetter, A. W. Liston, J. S. Mason, R. C. Mattison, S. McConnell, C. D. Moores, D. J. Moss, N. Pagan, A. D. Rose, A. J. Scott-Gall, N. G. Sochovsky, P. A. Sutcliffe, C. R. Williamson, M. P. Wilson, M. A. Wystepek.

The following boys represented the 'B' XV: A. A. Babicki, M. R. Clarke, N. J. Cherry, J. M. Greenhowe, C. J. Hyland, D. Stansfield, J. M. Willott.

The Under 13 XV enjoyed a reasonably successful season, winning six fixtures and drawing one out of the eleven played. The team was generally well balanced between forwards and backs although each unit did experience some problems during the season. The forwards sometimes struggled to win sufficient second-phase possession against the more experienced opponents, the backs found the defensive alignment and marking difficult. All boys did however try to overcome these problems and many gained in confidence as the season progressed.

As hooker, Cope improved with every game and he was well supported by a variety of props, Cunningham being probably the most impressive. Various permutations were tried behind the front row, with all boys showing a marked improvement, particularly in their support play.

The side was captained from fly-half by Ladd who formed an effective link with his scrum-half partner, Sutcliffe. The former showed a good pair of hands but must look for the gap a little more himself; the latter distributed the ball very well and was a tenacious tackler but who only on occasion played to his full potential. Wilson, at full back, eventually developed into the team's best tackler and Lambert into the most elusive runner.

Having singled out a few boys for individual comments, it is only fair to say that Rugby is a team game and everyone who took the field for the U13 XV played his part. Certainly against Cheadle Hulme School and Manchester Grammar School it was the overall team performance that saw us through and helped produce two splendid, close fought matches. What we might have lacked in skill and experience we more than made up for with commitment and effort.

All in all a thoroughly enjoyable season showing promise for the future.

C. Seddon





Old Boys' Team. Captain: M. Jackson; Guest Referee: Mr C. H. Seddon.

## UNDER 12 'A' and 'B' XV's

### Playing Record

	A		B	
v. Cheadle Hulme.....	L	0-32	L	4-26
v. Woodhouse Grove.....	L	6-12		
v. King Edward's, Lytham.....	L	0-18		
v. Manchester G.S.....	L	4-20	W	20-0
v. Audenshaw.....	L	4-32		
v. Stockport.....	L	0-10	W	26-0

A team's performance at the end of a season is inevitably judged by its results 'on paper' and thus a quick glance at the U12's statistics paints something of a gloomy picture, yet it was a season into which a lot of hard effort (and sweat!) was put by all the players from the squad and which I am sure will pay dividends for the School in the near future.

As with any first-year intake, rugby union is often a new team game for them to participate in. Having immediately 'dispossessed' some of the notion we were playing American football, the first few weeks of term were spent learning the game's basics and the 'A' and 'B' teams were put to the test, or, as it transpired, the sword at Cheadle Hulme both incurring heavy defeats at the hands of technically superior opposition. Passing, running with the ball, tackling, scrummaging and rucking are skills which need to be worked at—this was the obvious message from the opening fixtures and were duly undertaken, whilst building a game-plan of winning quick possession and feeding our quick moving backs—fifteen man rugby.

A narrow defeat at the hands of Woodhouse Grove followed a game in which a second half revival almost swung the result and we were then beaten by a King Edward's, Lytham team in which we failed to compete not in terms of effort, but stature. Changes in squad personnel followed and two 'largish' teams were fielded against Manchester G.S. The 'B' team registered a memorable victory prior to the 'A' team's game which opened

with W.H.G.S. taking and holding the lead for much of the first half, inflicting the first points of the season on the M.G.S. team, but an injury to one of our most forceful forwards, who broke his arm, tipped the balance in favour of M.G.S. who scored two break away tries to win comfortably. Something of an M.G.S. 'hangover' followed and the 'A' team were soundly beaten by a very good Audenshaw team. In the final games the 'B' team again showed the way with a fine win, the 'A' team being involved in a very evenly fought contest, losing out narrowly in the end.

It is unfair to single out individuals for particular praise in what was a tight knit, happy and hard working squad—I merely add that Wayne Mason captained the 'A' team, his strength and commitment being an example to all. The forwards and backs—alas at different times in different games—showed they could dominate their opposite numbers. And so I 'pass on' a team and squad who I am sure will soon fulfil their potential on the field.

I personally would like to thank Messrs Seddon and Booker for assistance in coaching and refereeing and express my gratitude to players and parents for their efforts on autumnal and wintry Saturday mornings.

G. H. Jones



# CENTENARY LACROSSE FESTIVAL

April 11th 1987

The concept of the Lacrosse Festival was rather ambitious, some said over-ambitious, but arrangements were made for an eight-a-side tournament to be staged, with a team representing every School year for the last twenty-five years to be invited, half a dozen School teams of various ages, and a Veteran, a Vintage and a Venerable team representing Hulmeians leaving School up to forty-five years ago, also turning out. The sceptics were proved wrong in the event, mainly through the endeavours of some twenty-five Old Boys who undertook to get sides out representing their particular year group, and despite a bitterly cold day, some five hundred Hulmeians, families, former Staff and friends of the School assembled for the Festival. The competition was a Round Robin, with teams drawn chronologically and playing the two teams on either side of them in the draw. Ten points for a win and an extra point for every goal scored would give a final points tally from which the top four teams would play semi-finals, and the day would end with a Final, and presentation to the eventual winners.

The real purpose, however, was to get Hulmeians, lacrosse players and non-players together in School to celebrate the School's Centenary in style, and on that basis the day can be judged to have been an unmitigated success.

Not all teams had a full complement, but there have always been Hulmeians ready to hawk their lacrosse (and other) abilities to the highest bidder. There were some squads who had to *select* sides for each of their matches from their number. But whatever the composition of the teams, there were sixty matches played in the round robin part of the competition, as the organiser's voice got more and more hoarse over the tannoy, exhorting players to leave the warmth of the Sixth Form Common Room, the bar, the pavilion, and the company of contemporaries they had not seen for many years, to play their games.

There were as many marvellous moments of recognition and reunion as there were goals scored. Faces from the past seemed to appear from all directions: Peter Veitch, Ian Ashcroft, Guy Cocker, Joe Street, Geoff Livings, Dunc Murray, Neil Kennedy, Clive Beaumont, Peter Guthrie, Dave Shuttleworth from the early Sixties, David Moore's team pre-dating them, going back further still to the Rock and Roll years Chris Bryans, Frank Martin, Tom Warnes, Mike Cocker, David Lomas, Peter Rankine, Don Borland et al., and even further back Ron Heywood, Alan Blight, Ed Ward over from Canada, Malcolm Threlfall and Alan 'Doc' Wilson guesting in his capacity as oldest player in the competition.

Tony McGlue and Eric Broadhurst, Keith Robson, Andy Taylor and David Harrison had dragged out Stu Ogden, Sam, sorry Guy, Cowan, Fred Fletcher, Johnny McQuin, Barry Edwards, Chas Danecki, George Jones, David Greensmith and so many more. Mentioning even these seems invidious as so many have been left unmentioned.

The seventies were bound to provide teams of experience and skill with still a semblance of youthful vitality, and so it was that Swann, Roden, Underwood and their contemporaries saw off the robust Shuttleworth challenges in one semi-final, while Eddie Brunyee and P. P. Williams raided the South Manchester and Wythenshawe ghost momentarily to defeat the youthful exuberance of James Lord's all-stars. Brunyee survived the rules committee's deliberations over Ju Sandy's appearance in his team on a "Y stream qualification", and the inclusion of a further "ringer" in Andy Booth in the final. It didn't matter that much who won (except to Swanny and Danny), Eric Broadhurst was claiming moral victory on the basis that his team was the only "pure" team in the competition to remain unbeaten, but it was Brunyee's 1969-1976 vintage who proved victors in the end.

On a day such as this there are so many people who deserve thanks for their efforts. Les Sharp of the Maths department coordinated all the results in a gale-swept pavilion, Bob Moore and Graham ran the bar throughout, with help from Mike Gracey, Mr and Mrs Gregson provided a superb buffet lunch, Hugh Beggs organised a super display of memorabilia in the New Hall, Doc Barnes took countless photos, the ground staff suffered in stoic silence at the morass that was created and then got on with preparing the field for cricket, Linda Shaw organised the creche in the Sixth Form Common Room, and numerous boys set up, took down, cleared, swept, washed, stacked, tables, chairs, glasses, bibs, programmes and anything else that moved. I am most grateful to all of them for their assistance and take this opportunity of thanking them on behalf of everyone who was there.

Most of all I would like to thank all the people who turned up, to play and watch, the team of "Arthurs" Collieryoungannahharrisonstockleyetallii., the Staff team for their enthusiasm, Skip Butterworth's crew, Nick Hewitt's teams (how many years was he on the first team?) the recent leavers teams, Dave Jakes', the boy Pye's, Gav Cleary's and Nige Lord's, and all the School lads who played for anyone who would have them. It was a successful day because you were all there. I hope I haven't offended anyone by NOT mentioning them especially spectators—(because I only actually managed to speak to those who came across to the pavilion, so there must be dozens more that I didn't know were there). In fact perhaps only "Joe" Lowe and "Bill" Bonnick could possibly have known everybody there. I have no doubt at all that they spoke to just about everyone who passed through the gates that day and conveyed my sentiments to everyone individually.

Finally, to the person who came up to me at the end and said "That was a great day, we ought to do it every year,"

... I have nothing whatsoever to say at all.

I. J. Shaw



Runners-up 1966-73 team. Back row, left to right: Dave Simpson, Danny Roden, Terry Underwood, Rod Threlfall, Andy Cunningham, Johnny Hindley, Paul Swann, and Mike Lomas.



Finalists in the Lacrosse Festival 1969-76 team. Left to right: Adrian Skulker, Julian Sandy, Peter Williams, Dave Wheeldon, Dave Mitchell, Eddie Brunyee, John Wadsworth.





The 1st X Lacrosse team which drew the Lancashire Cup Final 11-11 against Old Waconians, after extra time, only to lose in the replay.

## FIRST X

### Results

Played 17, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 10  
Goals for 133, Against 200

v. Cheadle 'A'.....	H	L	0-19
v. Mellor 'A'.....	H	L	6-15
v. Ashton 'B'.....	H	W	10-5
v. Boardman & Eccles 'A'.....	A	L	4-10
v. Boardman & Eccles 'A'.....	H	W	6-3
v. Oldham & Werneth.....	A	W	14-10
v. Timperley.....	A	L	5-11
v. Sheffield University.....	A	L	7-17
v. Oxford University.....	A	W	15-8
v. Cambridge University.....	A	L	8-11
v. Kenton.....	A	L	8-15
v. Sheffield Steelers.....	A	L	5-15
v. Cheadle U19's.....	A	D	10-10
v. Old Waconians 'A' (Lancs Cup Final)	D		11-11
	(after extra time)		
v. Old Waconians 'A' (Cup Final Replay)	L		5-16
v. Stockport Grammar School.....	H	W	16-5
v. Old Hulmeians.....	H	L	4-19

The season of 1987 might not have been the most successful that the 1st X have ever had, but no-one could ever say that it was not eventful. The Tour was completed, despite the weather, for the first time in five years, and a fine victory over Oxford University was recorded; the team were beaten in the first round of the Lancashire Cup by Boardman only to be awarded a replay when it was discovered that the opposition had fielded ineligible players; the Second Division fixture list that the N.E.L.A. provided saw the School matched against numerous County players on both sides of the Pennines; and the season climaxed in a thrilling Cup Final which ended in a nail-biting draw, and a disappointing replay when Old Waconians took their second chance with both hands.

To play Cheadle's powerful 'A' team in the first match of the season was always going to be a daunting task and so it proved, but our performances in the next half-dozen matches

highlighted a weakness which was to cost the team dearly throughout the season. Despite playing controlled and constructive lacrosse in all areas of the field, the finishing was never clinical or ruthless enough when chances were created in front of goal. This was to be evident in matches against the strongest opposition, as at Sheffield when the School matched the Steelers in every way but did not put the same proportion of their shots into the net.

Bailey's exceptional individual skill in defence and his naturally competitive nature meant that he was an inspirational Captain, and that the defensive unit looked impressive even in a season when they were under almost continuous pressure from high class attacks. Moore and Swain, the other two-thirds of the defensive unit are both exceptional stick-handlers, and both learnt to read the game well, and to play as a team at the back. Even without the same degree of commitment as their Captain, they still provided a solid base on which to build.

In midfield only Meech provided the sort of consistent ball-winning skill and determination which is the foundation of a successful team. He was absolutely outstanding, in attack and defence, and like Jackson and Sproson who usually made up the midfield trio, provided a high proportion of the team's goals. Sproson at his best was a top class middle, but he tended to drift into and out of the game to some extent. Against Ashton he took the game by the scruff of the neck when it looked as if the opposition might make a come-back, and blasted us into an unassailable lead single-handed. He needs to find that sort of motivation more often. Jackson too had his outstanding moments, and drove himself up and down the field with disciplined consistency. This season, however, he gave away too much possession going for goal at inopportune moments, or shooting from poor positions. He still managed to score regular and memorable goals, his three against first division Old Hulmeians being an outstanding feat.

The School's attack worked hard at their game and troubled all the defences against which they played. Unfortunately, as stated earlier, they did not give the opposing goalkeepers the same amount of trouble. Cutting and feeding, man-up play, individual dodging, all were good but the pay-off at the end of the numerous attacks which created chances was not consistent enough. This meant that even after our attack and midfield had periods in a game, the defence still found themselves defending slim leads,



or still desperate to keep the team in contention, as chances went begging at the other end of the field.

Gardner's talent proved exceptional, but his fitness was always suspect, and his relaxed attitude to organisation, practice, and his kit meant that he did not contribute as much as he should have done to the team's success. Cleary also has a rare talent. His commitment was never in doubt, but he needs to learn from this season's lessons and get more power and accuracy into his shooting, and a little more control into his inspirational feeding. He has the ability to dominate the attack and to control the game with his vision, but he gave the ball away too cheaply on too many occasions this year. Hindley never seemed to fulfill his enormous potential this season. The quality goals he showed when given the chance last year, were rarely in evidence. His stick-handling ability is probably the finest in the side, but he must realise that clumsy defenders (and worse), lucky goalkeepers, team mates' errors and refereeing decisions are part of every game, every week, that must simply be accepted and not used as excuses to focus his frustration on when things are not going well. In Loveland we had the perfect team-man. He played in attack and defence when required, remained committed and supportive through the disappointment of being left out of the Cup Final team, and always gave of his best. Perhaps more than any of the other attack-men, he made the greatest improvements in his game, and his willingness to learn and to work at his own game, and for the team, are going to present a very strong case for his name being the first to be written into next year's straight attack line-up.

Two games in the season stand out in the memory this year. One of them must be the drawn match in the Lancashire Cup Final, but the other was also drawn, against U19 League and Cup winners Cheadle, fielding their full complement of first and second division players. In this game the whole squad played well, but none more so than Bailey R., emulating his namesake and Captain to give an outstanding performance which bodes well for next year.

The Cup Final deserves mention in greater detail, for it was surely the most exciting match for many years. The man-up work we had done gave us goals from Sproson and Meech, and our fast-breaks put Jackson and Gardner on the score sheet, but some amazing good fortune kept Old Wacs in front. Hindley scored a marvellous individual goal, Gardner fed Sproson, but we were still 6-7 down at half-time.

Old Wacs scored first in the second half and as chances went astray in our attack they came at our defence in waves. Kloss crowned his season in this period, seemingly at times, holding Waconians at bay single-handed. His bravery close-in has never been faulted, but his positional play, handling and clearing showed what an excellent keeper he has become this year.

Then came Meech's purple patch as he first threw himself headlong at an ambitious feed from Hindley and, in mid-air, at full stretch "quick-sticked" it into the net, and then with adrenalin pumping, he won the next face and drove hard to goal to score left-handed.

Kloss made more spectacular saves as Old Wacs tried desperately to get back in front, but it was Hindley hurling a rocket into the top corner who put the School one up with five minutes to go. In the match that had everything there had to be some controversy and so with seconds to go when Bailey was fouled, the referees had a lengthy consultation and inexplicably reversed the decision and gave Wacs the ball and they levelled the scores again.

Extra-time was no less exciting. Cleary ran sixty yards (sic) to put the School in front, Wacs scored to level, and then with two minutes left scored again to go in front. Fortunately, Meech was equal to the occasion and produced a last gasp goal to send the match into a replay.

The season's results pale into insignificance in the light of such a marvellous match, played in such a competitive but sporting manner. Certainly the lacrosse played was of a tremendously high standard and is a fair reflection of the ability and endeavour of the School's 1st X this year.

The team was A. W. Kloss, I. D. Bailey (Captain), R. J. Moore, R. W. Swain, N. A. Meech, A. J. Jackson, D. P. Sproson, N. J. Hindley, A. D. Cleary, D. M. Loveland and C. L. Gardner.

Also played: B. Armstrong, G. Mullins, R. W. Bailey, C. Chow, P. N. Sheriff and G. J. Bentley.

School colours were awarded to I. D. Bailey and N. A. Meech. Half-colours were awarded to C. L. Gardner, D. A. Khan and R. W. Swain.

## SECOND X

### Results

Played 11, Won 5, Drawn 0, Lost 6  
Goals for 135, Against 111

v. Cheadle Hulme School.....	H	L	1-19
v. Cheadle Hulme School.....	H	L	6-10
v. Stockport Grammar School.....	H	L	5-12
v. Mellor U19.....	A	W	11-7
v. Timperley U19.....	A	W	25-4
v. Wellington Road School.....	A	W	24-5
v. Cheadle U19.....	H	L	2-17
v. Stockport 'B'.....	H	L	6-10
v. Stockport G.S. 2nd.....	A	W	23-4
v. Heaton Mersey Guild.....	H	W	24-4
v. Old Hulmeians 'A'.....	H	L	8-19

The team was selected from: D. A. Khan (Captain), R. L. Jones, R. W. Bailey, P. F. Herring, H. P. V. Scott-Gall, R. J. Clark, C. J. H. Chudleigh, A. S. Ward, N. A. M. Ginger, M. E. Beggs, S. M. Arundel, C. Chow, P. N. Sheriff, R. W. Slown, G. J. Bentley, H. L. Snyder and J. E. Roden.

The Second Team's fixture list at the beginning of term was even tougher than the First Team's, with matches against Cheadle Hulme School 1st Team, the second of them in the Under 19 Knockout Trophy, and then against Stockport Grammar's 1st Team. The fact that the team improved and developed in those three weeks speaks a lot for their enthusiasm and application. Lesser sides would have lost a lot of heart, but the youngsters in the team, ably led by Khan stuck to their task well and with encouragement from Messrs Arundel, Beggs, Chudleigh and Clark they began to develop their own team identity.

The defence tended to overcommit and to try to unload their attack men too often, but learned that patience and positional play often pay off more effectively and without as much risk. Bailey was outstanding at the back although he seemed rarely to be stretched man-on-man, and Herring never gave less than one hundred per cent, whether in a match or in practice, and Jones was consistently excellent in goal.

The midfield, though raw and inexperienced was full of athletic endeavour, and plenty of stick-handling ability. It was hard to pick a "first string" midfield trio because of the pressing claims of Chow, Chudleigh, Clark, Sheriff and Ward to be first choice middies. With Arundel's persistence and doggedness allied to his ability to read the game, and Snyder and Beggs in reserve as well, team selection was always difficult. Roden, Slown and Bentley combined well in attack, often rushing things a little, but producing superb passing movements and inspired feeds and dodges which more than made up for the times that they gave the ball away too readily. With Ginger improving throughout the season they all had to look to their laurels to maintain their places in the straight attack as of right.

The great team spirit shown by the team and their excellent performances notably against Stockport G.S. and Heaton Mersey Guild were due to three things; the fact that the bulk of the team was a ready-built unit having come up en bloc from the previous year's Under 15's; Khan's organisation and leadership off and on the field; and the keen interest and commitment shown by Dr Clark in running the team.

The three early defeats were followed by fine wins when the team put in 60 goals. Another heavy defeat by the powerful Cheadle U19 side did not daunt the team and they produced a battling display against an experienced Stockport side before thrashing S.G.S.'s 2nd Team and putting on a superb display against an admiring Heaton Mersey Guild club side. To score eight times against the Old Boys 'A' team, a Second Division team in the league, was a very creditable performance and a fine way to end the season.

Most of the team will be together again next year, and if they can build on this season's successes and carry on learning at the rate which they have done this year, there is no earthly reason why next season they should not beat the first teams from Stockport and Cheadle Hulme and go on to win the U19 Trophy. If the team set their sights on that now, and work towards it, they have the ability to do it and to make next year a truly memorable one for the Second Team.

I. J. Shaw



## UNDER 14 X

The following boys represented the School: J. F. M. Sherratt, G. T. Davidson (Co-captain), G. R. Noble, R. Walker, D. Bradley, A. A. Bell, S. W. Veitch, N. Stevenson, G. C. Jameson, R. J. Halter, N. P. Stoker, R. W. Buckley (Co-captain), R. J. Hardman, D. N. Cleaver, B. R. Trigg, R. N. Hulse.

Results

Played 9, Won 4, Lost 5  
For 71, Against 53

v. Cheadle U15 (Juniors and Schools Cup).....	H	W	20-1
v. Stockport U15 (Juniors and Schools Cup).....	A	L	6-12
v. Timperley U15.....	A	L	4-6
v. Cheadle Hulme U15.....	A	L	6-7
v. Cheadle Hulme U15.....	H	W	14-4
v. Stockport U15.....	A	L	3-10
v. Heaton Mersey U15.....	H	W	7-2
v. Stockport G.S. U14.....	H	W	8-7
v. Mellor U15.....	H	L	3-4

The record seems to indicate an indifferent season but this does not allow for the fact that most club sides organise their Junior teams either as Under 13's (to take part in the Centurions Trophy) or as Under 15's (for the Juniors and Schools Cup). Hence, all but one of the matches were against Under 15's opposition. Three of the defeats were by narrow margins and it was only against Stockport that the defeats were comprehensive. The defence always ensured that no opposition really got on top, with Davidson organising the defensive unit efficiently. Both he and Noble have developed into good defenders with the confidence to go forward when needed and the ability to handle a long stick. Bell, Bradley and Walker shared the third defensive position and, although each improved as the season went on, they lacked the composure needed under pressure. Sherratt, in goals, played consistently well, making some fine saves and clearing well.

The first choice midfield of Veitch, Stevenson and Jameson has the makings of a powerful unit. At times the work rate in this department was a little suspect and the players also need to show a little more patience when working for an opening. Jameson, in particular, was too willing to give the ball away with optimistic long range shots. Stoker and Halter also played occasionally in midfield and showed that, given more experience, they could be pressing for regular places next season. In attack Buckley, Davies and Hardman were the most effective combination but it is in this part of the game that the team must improve if it is to retain the Juniors and Schools Cup for the School. There was far too little movement around the crease: players were quite happy to pass the ball around without creating any opening and the determination to cut effectively was often lacking. The attack was also handicapped by the absence of Hardman, through illness, towards the end of the season. Cleaver, Hulse and Trigg also played in attack at times and it is players like these that would benefit enormously by playing club lacrosse during the Michaelmas Term next year.

I would like to thank all the players for their effort during the season and particularly to the co-captains, Buckley and Davidson for their considerable assistance in running the team. My thanks also go to Mr Seddon for accompanying the team when I was unavailable.

A. Simkin

## UNDER 13 X

Played 10, Won 9, Lost 1  
Goals for 109, Against 43

v. Mellor Juniors.....	H	W	12-9
v. Cheadle Hulme School.....	H	W	12-3
v. Timperley Juniors (Centurion Trophy, 2nd Round).....	A	L	4-13
v. Urmston Juniors.....	A	W	18-1
v. Stockport Grammar School.....	A	W	9-3
v. Cheadle Hulme School.....	A	W	11-3
v. Timperley Juniors.....	H	W	12-3
v. Stockport Grammar School.....	H	W	9-1
v. Stockport Grammar School.....	H	W	12-2
v. Sale Juniors.....	H	W	10-5

The early elimination of the Under 13 team from the Centurion Trophy competition, for the first time in six seasons, meant that there was rather less to play for than usual this season, however the squad developed into a useful side and deserves credit

for the consistency of its performances which is well shown by the results. Most striking in these statistics is the extraordinary soundness of the defensive record once the team settled, and this was achieved in matches where possession was often evenly shared. Bone's superb goalkeeping had much to do with this, and when he learns to clear hard and immediately from his goal line, he will be as good as any young goalkeeper we have had. The defence became a good unit, with Sutcliffe and Kim very dangerous when running the ball forward: Kim indeed, a virtual beginner in January, improved his game so fast and to such an extent that he became our Player of the Season.

The midfield players learnt to play together as well, usually pairing and substituting themselves at any time in the game. Blackshaw was particularly outstanding here; his power and pace were obvious to anyone, but he also showed splendid close skills in taking hard feeds and at the face. Hayles, another beginner, and Cain did huge amounts of running in this area, and are both ideal team players in their willingness to work without stalling, and many fine touches came from the tricky dodging and handling of the ambidextrous Williams.

The attack only really clicked in short spells, but when they did they were quite devastating. Reluctance to give the first pass available, without checking to see if there is a better option, is understandable, but it was this feature which most often slowed things down. However, in Scott-Gall and Ladd, the team certainly had two players able, respectively, to swing the game in a few individual moments and to run it with complete calm.

The season will be remembered, regrettably, for a number of scenes of appalling unpleasantness, the like of which I have never seen on a Junior side—if we have players who cannot resist involvement in these, they should give the game up—but we also have the memory of a superbly-controlled performance in the middle of three games against a very good Stockport Grammar side who only scored with the last throw of the game: both teams played this match hard, fast and very competitively and there was hardly a foul in the game. Similarly, in impossible conditions, against Sale, both teams tried hard, played cleanly and fairly, and produced a game that was a credit to Junior lacrosse.

This report would be incomplete without reference to the team's supporters; parents are always welcome to show an interest in School sides, and help over the years with transport, kit and support has been a fine feature of the School Under 13 team. I am particularly grateful to those parents who have helped me and the team so consistently this season.

The team was selected from the following players: R. D. Bone, J. B. Kim, P. A. Sutcliffe, M. Wilson, K. A. Blackshaw, P. M. Cain, A. C. Cunningham, D. W. Hayles, D. J. Moss, N. J. Williams, N. J. Holder, A. R. Ladd, A. J. Scott-Gall.

The second team provided several very useful reserves, notably M. A. Bratt, I. Cope and J. C. Frost.

C. P. Langford

## UNDER 13 2nd X

Results

Played 5, Won 2, Drawn 1, Lost 2

v. Sale Juniors (Centurion Trophy, 2nd Round).....	A	W	10-6
v. Stockport Juniors.....	A	L	5-10
v. Sale Juniors.....	A	W	9-5
v. Timperley Juniors (Centurion Trophy, Semi-Final).....	A	L	0-24
v. Cheadle Hulme School.....	A	D	5-5

It was most pleasing to see how many 2nd year boys were eager to play lacrosse for the School. We could certainly have raised two teams every Saturday, and had many reserves to spare; indeed it is worth pointing out that second team fixtures were always held on the same days as first team ones, and that both teams always fielded a minimum of 13 players. What is difficult for a second team is finding suitable fixtures, often at short notice, and also suitable supervision for the team, and therefore I am most grateful to the clubs who have given us such fixtures and, particularly, to my colleagues for their help. Hopefully a full fixture list for the 2nd X will appear before too long.

This year's games were a great success, very close (except in the unfortunately necessary 'mis-match' against Timperley) and all thoroughly worthwhile. There was never a shortage of good, experienced reserves for the first team, and in this respect the team fulfilled its main function extremely well. All the players are to be congratulated on their commitment and their enthusiasm.

The team was usually selected from: M. A. Bratt, N. J. Cherry, I. Cope, G. E. M. Fisher, J. C. Frost, D. Guthrie, R. D. Hill, D. J. Lambert, J. S. Mason, R. C. Mattison, S. D. Ogier, A. D. Rose, N. G. Sochovsky, D. Stansfield, M. A. Wystepek.



## UNDER 12 X

Played 9, Won 7, Lost 2  
Goals for 99, Against 45

v. Timperley U12.....	H	L	4-7
v. Stockport G.S.....	H	W	12-4
v. Cheadle Hulme U12.....	H	W	18-2
v. Stockport U13.....	H	W	7-6
v. Cheadle Hulme U12.....	A	W	17-0
v. Timperley U12.....	A	W	7-4
v. Timperley U12.....	H	W	8-5
v. Stockport G.S.....	H	W	17-4
v. Mellor U13.....	H	L	9-13

The team was usually selected from: J. A. Filleul, K. W. E. Jones, T. B. Veitch, O. Asgher, N. A. Whiteley, F. J. Baama, N. T. Wood, T. B. Eckersley, E. F. Buckley, D. M. West, R. J. Goldman, C. Reichl, A. M. Sunderland.

Also played: A. V. Bulwich, M. C. N. Maunder, R. F. Turner, N. T. Haggerty, S. Arora, N. C. Morton, W. Mason, M. A. L. Weedon, T. Foster.

Pre-season coaching sessions over the Christmas holiday period were attended by an average of 16 first year boys. Only three had had any previous experience of the game, but all showed enthusiasm. Boys regularly attended lunchtime sessions at the beginning of the Term, and, by mid-January, the squad had started to take shape, and a practice match was arranged against an Under 13 team.

In the first match, against Timperley, the team was naturally a little disjointed, but good work in goals from J. A. Filleul always kept us in the game, but the experience of the opposition eventually told, and we went down 4-7. After much team coaching during the following week, a much better all-round performance was shown against Stockport Grammar School, with strong attack play, especially from T. B. Eckersley, helping to bring us a comfortable win. Our final game before Half-Term brought us a very weak Cheadle Hulme side as opposition, and gave us the opportunity to introduce new players. After many substitutions, a lot of boys gained the experience of a School match, and 18 goals were scored. After Half-Term, the introduction of N. T. Wood brought the team the great advantage of a left-hander. The next opposition from Stockport Lacrosse Club were very strong and well-coached, but our team showed tremendous determination, and our teamwork finally told in a magnificent match, which we won 7-6. The second match against Cheadle Hulme was again a comfortable victory, before we played on Timperley's difficult all-weather surface. A small pitch, and some inaccurate passing led to a disjointed performance, with only Wood playing well. The team enjoyed participating in a Stockport Under 13 six-a-side tournament, winning one and losing one match. This was good experience for next year's tougher fixtures.

After a convincing mid-week win over Stockport Grammar School, our final match was lost to a very strong and experienced Mellor side. Lack of aggression in defence led to our conceding three early goals, but, after we got back into the match, an injury to our goalkeeper disrupted the team. This was our least determined performance, and our 100th goal of the season did not materialise.

A strong and settled side developed as the season progressed, and all worked hard together to practise and increase their skills every lunchtime. Working together is essential if a top side is to develop, as appears possible with this group of players. Filleul has become an excellent, confident goalkeeper who distributes well. His leaving the School will be a great loss to the team. K. Jones, a solid defender, needs to be rather tougher, using the body and stick checks in a more determined way. T. Veitch and F. Baama, in midfield or defence, became very skilful players, passing the ball well and creating space. It was good to see each confident enough to shoot left-handed. One of the starts of the season was N. Wood, who perfected a good dodge, shot hard, and put his left-handed midfield play to good use. B. Eckersley was very powerful in attack, scoring a lot of goals, but he would improve if he passed more often and became more mobile in front of goals.

In conclusion, I very much enjoyed coaching the team. Thanks to the constant support of the parents all season.

M. D. Wood

## SCHOOL CRICKET

### YORKSHIRE'S FINEST FLOWER

He strode out to bat at the wicket,  
His trousers all gleaming and white,  
He knew he was champion at cricket,  
The Yorkshireman's pride and delight.

The umpire offered him middle as guard  
And he slowly took up his stance;  
The ball came thundering straight and hard  
And he got off the mark with a glance.

He blocked and defended, parried and cut  
For hour after hour after hour,  
The score was scarcely moving, but  
He was Yorkshire's finest flower.

He should have made a hundred or two  
And he should have been man of the match,  
But he flashed at a ball that was flying through  
And the umpire had given a catch.

Alastair Scott-Gall (2A)

Homework written in imitation of the metre of Betjeman's  
*Hunter Trials*.

## THE CENTENARY CRICKET MATCH

A feature of the School 1st XI's fixtures over many years now has been the match against a Lancashire side, sometimes at School, sometimes at the County ground, and many players in the School's elevens have distinguished themselves against high-class opposition. The fixture for Centenary year was somewhat different. . .

LANCASHIRE C.C.C. v. WILLIAM HULME'S  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL at OLD TRAFFORD.  
Friday 10th July 1987  
55 overs per side.

Lancashire: G. D. Lloyd, S. P. Titchard, G. O'Driscoll, M. A. Crawley, D. Smith, T. M. Orrell (Capt.), J. McCauley (w./k.), D. M. J. Timm, P. Martin, F. Daley, Akbar Ali.

William Hulme's Grammar School: W. P. Swann, B. Wood, C. H. Lloyd (Capt.), P. D. Briggs, C. W. Timm, P. S. Lindsay (w./k.), J. F. Wilde, D. B. Wright, N. P. Lord, M. J. Cross, P. J. Wilde. (12th man A. G. Cleary).

### THE UMPIRE'S TALE

A sultry morning after overnight torrential rain. The usual worries about a big occasion: will the ground be fit? Will the weather hold? 10 a.m. All gather in front of the pavilion. The ground a mass of covers: what isn't covered is drenched. The players all smart in jackets or club sweaters and ties: two headmasters in very non-academic discussion: Barry Wood jogging, as usual: I. J. S. looking very harassed with a very full clipboard. A major worry lifts early: the giant figure of Clive Lloyd ambles, with kit, into the dressing room.

Covers are peeled and rolled away. Still puddles in the blockholes, but the news filters through . . . we're playing: start as scheduled. A frisson of anticipation as we move towards the dressing rooms: all the usual pre-match feelings heightened by the occasion. Generous supplies of elevenses provided. Sparkling kit unwrapped: last touches of whitener to the boots: the team photographed in front of the famous pavilion: usual artificial smiles tinged this time with nervousness.

Problems of umpiring a big match. What do we do that's different from School? When do we ring the bell? Have we got balls, bowlers' markers, rags, pencil and paper? The ball?? When is a leg side wide a wide? When do a bowler's footmarks impinge on the batsman's playing area? 10.55 "Good luck, lads!" ("We'll need it!") and we are passing through the gathering crowd and down the steps and out to the middle . . . and on . . . and on . . . what a distance it is! Glad I'm not going in to bat!

11 a.m. and a giant in a familiar white sun hat leads his team for the day out onto the ground. Not Viv and Joel this time! No Greenidge, Holding, Marshall. Not even the Lanes side. Just a group of very varied Hulmeians all united by a School connection and a consuming interest in cricket. An ex-colleague,





W.H.G.S. Centenary XI. Back row left to right: C. P. Langford, W. P. Swann, J. F. Wilde, C. W. Timm, N. J. Lord, M. D. Cross, D. B. Wright, A. Simkin. Front row: M. J. Braddock, P. J. Wilde, B. Wood, C. H. Lloyd, P. D. Briggs, P. Lindsay, A. G. Cleary.

a new parent, the new Head; the former holder of a School scoring record, and the present 1st XI captain who has taken it over; a member of my first 1st Form (1B, 1966), and the junior we once told to carry all his books in his briefcase in his left hand because he looked so frail for a medium-pacer!

The Lancashire openers follow: Graham Lloyd, son of a famous Lancs captain, and Steve Titchard, of the successful Grappenhall family; Mike Cross marks out his run up at the Stretford end; the field is set, Clive Lloyd's simple courtesy impressing all—every request followed by "... for me, please."

An uneventful start to the proceedings. Batsmen careful and respectful, Cross straining to extract every ounce of pace from a perfect wicket, Lord, from the City end, keeping his left arm over well on line. The first misfields, as club cricketers adjust to the pace of an international ground—all will be crucial in the end. Then the real action starts, but so quietly... defensive shots from Titchard start rolling back past Lord, and past mid-off, and on for four. Then a taste of the violent excitement to come: Cross to Titchard, fast, pitched up; Titchard drives, edges; ball flies to second slip, safe in Wood's hands; umpire Simkin calls "no-ball"; familiar expletive from Cross; excitement recedes; batsmen maintain control.

Some success for the bowlers follows. Swann, on for Lord, after a few looseners, persuades Titchard to edge to Clive Lloyd at slip, and the catch is made to look easy. Enter Gary O'Driscoll, once of Hulme, now of Stonyhurst, more's the pity. Plays very carefully, using the pads a lot, surviving L.B. shouts at both ends—can that push forward, with the bat well behind the pad be called a "shot"? Wood, now on for Cross, gradually wears the young man down with his accuracy, and when one flies down the leg side and the front foot glance is missed, Lindsay has the bails off in a flash and the stumping decision is easy.

We don't know it yet, but that's the end of the bowlers' success. Lloyd is well set now, and out to join him comes Mark Crawley, ex-M.G.S., fresh from 140 in the Varsity match at Lords. The partnership builds gently, but confidently; false

strokes are rare. Julian Wilde, now on at the City end with left-arm spin Underwood style, bowls a rare long hop to Crawley who top edges to square leg and the fielder gets nowhere near the catch. "Not a great bit of cricket, that, was it?" "Quite agree!"... but at least it reminds us of normality!

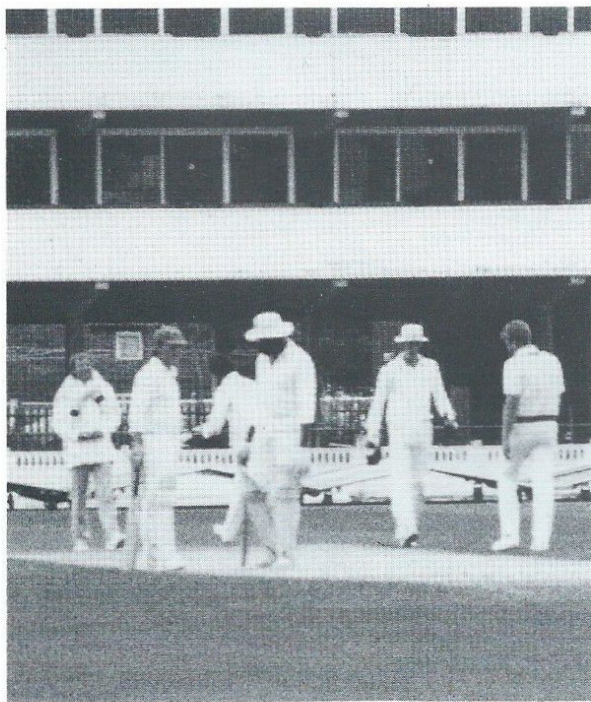
Forty-one overs bowled by lunch. Wood has bowled his overs through for 32 runs. Soup, chicken and chips, strawberries and cream, coffee, all to be fitted into half an hour. The rain starts as the School arrives to watch... is it going to be a let down after all?

The weather brightens: we are out on time for the second session. Fourteen overs left: can the batsmen be controlled? All the bowlers try hard; the fielders, wide-spread, chase and throw to their highest standard. A magic moment: a single to Clive Lloyd's right hand, and the pounce, sweep and throw remind us of his days as a great cover fielder. But the score mounts, Graham Lloyd compact and punchy, Crawley elegant and athletic. Will Crawley overtake Lloyd? Not quite. Both reach their hundred with a blaze of fine shots. Lloyd's run out, taking two to Swann's excellent arm, is the only success for the School side. Lancashire 273 for 3, innings closed. Graham Lloyd 118. Mark Crawley 106 not out.

The weather is settled and the sun beats down as Swann and Wood begin the School's reply. Giant bowlers: Peter Martin, blond and very quick at the Stretford end; Fran Daley, dark and quick from the City. Barry Wood is reputed to be out of practice, but he quickly gets the score moving: pull to the pavilion rails, square cut to the Clock Stand, both all along the ground. A ball from Martin flies a bit and Wood looks disturbed: a wag on the players' balcony waves a helmet—"Want this, Woody?": Woody smiles wryly... and drives the next ball through extra cover. The real professional touch. Swann has not looked happy, and having survived one confident appeal for caught behind—two sounds (bat on pad and ball on pad?) but no deflection—finally leaves the arena, and in comes the great man himself. A splendid reception for a great ambassador for the game. And everybody knows this game is dead if he doesn't get a big score.



Suddenly Barry Wood too is on his way back, brilliantly caught on the edge at backward square by Fran Daley. And now all eyes are on Patrick Briggs who must face Martin at his fastest, and I doubt if many people are envying him, for a number of reasons. A confident start, but then the only real bouncer of the match hits his bat as he takes evasive action and flies off for four. The hard stare as he is given out caught behind in the next over is aimed clearly at the bowler. 43 for 4. Will this game last?



C. W. Timm and C. H. Lloyd discussing tactics.

Enter C. W. Timm: a School player getting a chance to bat with Clive! He's not going to be giving his wicket away! . . . and sure enough, a short time later, he is pointing out to his brother between overs, "Me and Clive have just put on 50!" Which indeed they have: Timm 7, Lloyd 43! But Timm, of course, is just what was needed: he has settled in and given Lloyd a chance to build an innings . . . and what an innings it is! The bowling has been changed: David Smith, bowling medium, throws in a lot of slower balls to disrupt Lloyd's timing; Akbar Ali bowls a neat spell of left arm spin; David Timm tries his off-spinners—Timm to Timm at Old Trafford! What a moment to savour!—but a violent assault sends me scuttling to the pavilion for more balls (glad still to be alive, incidentally, after two straight drives!) and causes his replacement by Crawley's medium pace.

Tea is taken at 5, with the score in the 130s and 20 overs to go. 7 runs per over to be maintained for the rest of the game in order to win, but with Clive Lloyd in such form anything is possible. When the Timm/Lloyd partnership is broken, Timm caught pulling for 24 out of a stand of 102, Peter Lindsay joins Lloyd and the momentum is maintained into the 180s. After Jim Wilde suffers the only duck of the day, David Wright arrives and plays a splendid unassuming rôle, as the powers of Clive Lloyd reach their peak. Fours and sixes rattle the boundary fences at all angles. One off Crawley lands well onto the railway track. More replacements! "Which one do you think, Mr Lloyd?" "Any, so long as it doesn't swing!"

And suddenly it's all over. Last ball of the 54th over: lofted on drive to the station scoreboard, but it doesn't quite carry, and there's O'Driscoll clutching the ball to his chest. A deafening hush. Then the pavilion realises what's happened. The rapturous reception as Clive climbs the steps is for the innings, the gesture, the manner, the man.

David Wright and Nigel Lord take runs as they will off the last over, but the final score is just short: 268 for 7, C. H. Lloyd 156. The teams troop off to the pavilion and a generous reception greets the young Lancashire side, who have done so well under the dynamic captaincy of Tim Orrell to keep a genius from robbing them of the game. A memorable day's cricket, and what a privilege to be so close to one of the cricketing greats of all time!

C. P. Langford

## SCHOOL CRICKET 1987

The weather once again dominated cricket conversations this season, for much of the time. In May we froze in the cold north winds, but it was dry. Just when we thought that we were to be able to play on hard wickets for the rest of the season, June arrived and with it the regular daily dose of rain. Only at the beginning of July did we enjoy some sunshine, and then only briefly and the final match of the season, the 1st XI v. The Old Hulmeians was disappointingly rained off half way through the afternoon.

Despite the vagaries of the British climate some excellent cricket was played at all levels. The U12's show a deal of promise, the U13's WON at last and show signs of improving performances, generally, the U14 and Colts teams have played attractive cricket with a great deal of success and their attitude to the game—that the primary objective in playing is to win and not to avoid defeat, has been carried through to senior level where 1st and 2nd XI's have had outstanding seasons.

An innovation this year has been an end-of-season Buffet, after the 1st XI match against the Masters. Parents of all School cricketers were invited, and boys, and the Masters and their wives. The evening was most enjoyable and will certainly be repeated. The event gave me the opportunity to publicly thank all those people who make School Cricket so successful; our ground staff, who are regularly the most successful team in the School, all the mums who come in to do the refreshments under the leadership of Mrs Mattison, all the parents who come to support the teams throughout the School, Mrs McQueen in the Office, the many Staff who contribute in so many ways, and Mr and Mrs Gregson for their endeavours in the kitchens. I hope that we never get to take any of the contributions from all these people for granted, and that thanking them never becomes simply a ritual.

Representative honours have been forthcoming again, with N. T. Wood, J. A. Daniel, A. J. Scott-Gall, A. K. Hollingworth, M. Ekstein, S. W. Meredith and A. S. Partington all playing for the Manchester Boys at their various levels and C. Timm and D. Timm representing the County when they were selected for Lancashire U19's. D. Timm was further honoured to be appointed Captain of the Lancashire team later in the season.

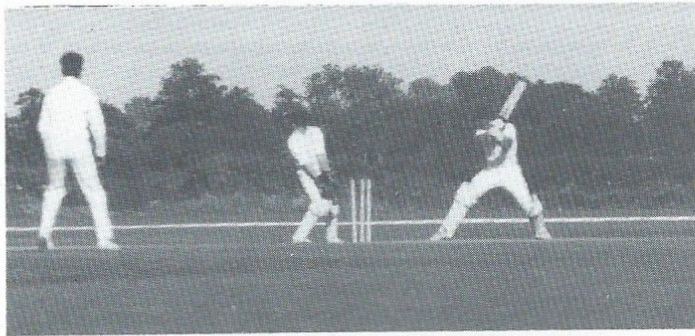
I. J. Shaw

## FIRST XI

Played 22, Won 9, Drawn 8, Lost 5

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A)  
School 136 (Braddock 50)  
Arnold 137 for 5 (Kapadia 4 for 52)  
Arnold won by 5 wickets
- v. Woodhouse Grove School (H)  
School 148 for 7 dec.  
Woodhouse Grove 149 for 2  
Woodhouse Grove won by 8 wickets
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A)  
School 171 for 2 dec. (D. Timm 101, C. Timm 61 n.o.)  
King's 123 for 4  
Match drawn
- v. Bolton School (A)  
Bolton 162 for 8 dec. (D. Timm 6 for 59)  
School 163 for 6 (D. Timm 91)  
School won by 4 wickets
- v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Wakefield (H)  
Q.E.G.S. 206 for 9 dec. (Scott-Gall 3 for 48)  
School 209 for 3 (C. Timm 143, Hughes 31)  
School won by 7 wickets
- v. King Edward VII School, Lytham (A)  
School 189 for 9 dec. (Kloss 56, D. Timm 44)  
Lytham 160 for 8 (Kapadia 3 for 34, D. Timm 3 for 51)  
Match drawn
- v. Parents XI (H)  
Parents 81 (Mr Wood 33)  
School 82 for 6 (Mr Wood 4 for 12)  
School won by 4 wickets (limited overs game)
- v. Alderley Edge C.C. (A)  
Alderley Edge 101 for 9  
School 95 for 7 (Loveland 32 n.o.)  
Alderley Edge won by 6 runs
- v. Birkenhead School (H)  
School 133 (Hughes 51)  
Birkenhead 99 (Cleary 4 for 28, D. Timm 3 for 35)  
School won by 34 runs







- v. Shrewsbury School (A)  
Shrewsbury 64 (Scott-Gall 6 for 19)  
School 66 for 6 (Braddock 31 n.o.)  
School won by 4 wickets
- v. Sedbergh School (A)  
Sedbergh 191 for 5 dec.  
School 58 for 7  
Match drawn
- v. Manchester Grammar School (H)  
School 101 for 8  
Rain  
Match drawn
- v. XL Club (H)  
XL Club 100 (Jordan 6 for 24)  
School 101 for 7 (C. Timm 39)  
School won by 3 wickets
- v. Stockport Grammar School (H)  
S.G.S. 230 for 9 dec. (Jordan 3 for 42)  
School 231 for 4 (D. Timm 118, Braddock 42)  
School won by 6 wickets
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (A)  
M.T.S. 215 for 6 dec. (Kapadia 5 for 76)  
School 215 for 6 (Braddock 67, Butler 44, D. Timm 41)  
Match drawn
- v. Oxtown C.C. (A)  
School 159 for 9 (C. Timm 50)  
Oxtown 164 for 1  
Oxtown won by 9 wickets
- v. St. Mary's, Crosby (A)  
School 218 for 7 dec. (Hughes 62, C. Timm 52,  
N. Partington 44, Scott-Gall 41)  
St. Mary's 176 (A. Partington 3 for 30, Kapadia 3 for  
37, D. Timm 3 for 47)  
School won by 42 runs
- v. Rydal School (A)  
Rydal 181 (Kapadia 4 for 66, Scott 3 for 31)  
School 183 for 1 (D. Timm 125 n.o., Butler 40)  
School won by 9 wickets
- v. King's School, Chester (A)  
King's 211 for 7 dec. (72 overs) (Kapadia 3 for 66)  
School 203 for 8 (38 overs) (Braddock 65)  
Match drawn
- v. Bradford Grammar School (A)  
Bradford 96 (Scott-Gall 4 for 20)  
School 95 (Scott-Gall 33 n.o.)  
Bradford won by 1 run
- v. Masters XI (H)  
School 152 for 8 dec. (Kloss 40, Mr. Maudsley 3 for 45)  
Masters 68 for 9 (Cleary 4 for 23, Kapadia 3 for 17)  
Match drawn
- v. Old Hulmeians C.C. (H)  
Old Hulmeians 134 for 7 dec. (Hollingworth 4 for 45)  
School 75 for 5 (Swann 3 for 30)  
Rain  
Match drawn

The School 1st XI was selected from: C. W. Timm (Captain), D. M. J. Timm (Vice-captain), I. D. Butler, M. J. Braddock, A. D. Cleary, J. Hughes, I. M. Jordan, S. V. Kapadia, A. W. Kloss, D. M. Loveland, N. J. Partington, H. P. V. Scott-Gall, A. S. Ward.

A. K. Hollingworth, A. J. Jackson, A. S. Partington, J. Sayyid, and A. K. Scott also played. M. J. Copson was 1st XI Scorer.

School Colours are awarded to C. W. Timm and D. M. J. Timm. Half Colours are awarded to M. J. Braddock.

What was a most successful season in almost every way, could so very easily have been a record-shattering one. Nine wins out of twenty-two games is an excellent record of achievement, indeed it is as good as any 1st Team has achieved in recent years. But so many games were "nearly" matches; Lytham were eight wickets down, the Masters nine, at Bradford we were one run short, at Crosby the scores were tied after a mammoth chase, and at Chester, set a more daunting task even than that, we were only eight runs adrift chasing two hundred and eleven.

It is not surprising then, that despite so much success there was just a hint of disappointment at the final tally of results. That disappointment reflects, among other things, the high standards that the team have set themselves throughout the season, and their determination to play winning cricket, rather than nurse ambitions of being unbeaten.

The fielding and catching have shown a marked improvement this year, and only at Chester could we look at a performance in the field that was really poor. This match, on Tour, was the sixth match in six days and so the nine catches dropped were perhaps understandable, if not entirely excusable.

The running between the wickets was not consistently good, it was at its poorest when we batted first, but excellent in some of the exciting run chases we were set, by the XL Club, Stockport Grammar and Shrewsbury. Our throwing in to the wicket keeper is an area of weakness that needs serious attention before next season.

The bowling attack performed better than had been anticipated with Kapadia taking almost forty wickets with a shorter run-up, and consistent line, length and away swing, and a prodigious slower ball and off-cutter. His enthusiasm and application, and willingness to practise hard has been an example to the whole team.

Cleary bowled quickly on several occasions, has a spare action that is most economical, and swung the ball away from the right-handed batsmen (ask Barry Wood). He tended to bowl a little too short when the wicket was helpful, but is a tremendous prospect for next year. Jordan came into the team late and with his consistency of line and length earned his wickets, and the two young seamers who played did extremely well, Hollingworth taking four wickets against the Old Boys, and A. Partington taking the last St. Mary's wicket in the final over to win the match on Tour. The other Colt who Toured with the Team, Scott, had his moment as well, taking three wickets in one over to reduce Rydal from 111 for 3 to 114 for 6 and showing how important is flight to the off-spinner. He needs to turn the ball a little more and bowl a more consistent length for success at 1st team level in the future. D. Timm and Loveland both bowled their off-spin successfully on occasions, but Timm's preparedness to flight the ball more and to get close to the stumps and use the crease meant that he was bound to take more wickets.

The most incisive bowling performances of the season were from Scott-Gall, who skittled Shrewsbury, on a green wicket, to give us the opportunity to record our first-ever win against that School, but he never allowed himself to get into any real rhythm, missing eight matches in the season through various injuries.

Knowing that we were unlikely to bowl sides out concentrated the bowlers' minds wonderfully and they produced some excellent performances to contain good batting sides. C. Timm's captaincy, at its best absolutely outstanding, made the best of his attack, and in fact at St. Mary's and against Birkenhead, the School bowled out sides to win. The lack of real pace (until Cleary warmed up in July) and of a leg-spinner or left-armers took its toll against the Staff and at Lytham when we just failed to take the last wickets to force the advantage home.

Declarations were an interesting facet of our season. Timm was positive and courageous, leaving himself time to get teams out and give us a chance of winning, even if it meant giving opponents a chance. This contrasted with some opponents' defensive and negative outlook. Against The Masters, Lytham, Macclesfield and St. Mary's, Crosby, Timm declared leaving our opponents more overs to score the runs than the School had taken in getting them. At Chester the overs split was 72 bowled by the School, 38 bowled by Chester. . . .

Timm's approach to the game was shared by the whole team. Large totals set by opposing sides were simply bigger challenges to face. The pleasure of chasing successfully against Q.E.G.S. (206), Stockport Grammar (231), Rydal (181) and Bolton (162) made the disappointments of just failing at Chester and Merchant Taylors' almost bearable. The finish at Crosby was quite memorable and perhaps unique. M.T.S. had batted well to reach 215 for 6 despite Kapadia's taking five wickets and running the other batsman out. They made a good declaration, leaving us 47 overs after they had taken only 52. The School made a good start, scoring at the required rate until both Timms were out. M.T.S. pinned us down for a while and the asking rate rose to eight an over off the last ten. By this time Butler and Braddock were well set, and although they needed thirty-three off the last three, there were only three wickets down and it looked "on".

The last over began with the School needing ten to win. The first three balls went 1.4.4, and the scores were tied with the School having seven wickets in hand. Braddock was run out off the next chasing a nothing-to-lose single. Butler smote the penultimate ball wide of mid-off and set off for the winning run. Mid-off threw himself full-length took the ball cleanly and then shied at the stumps from a prone position. Butler was run out by six inches. The last ball went through to the keeper and Loveland just failed to beat the underarm throw at the stumps. The match was drawn, but the contest had been an excellent one and everyone who took part in it was a winner that day.

The Crosby finish was not the only memorable event of the season, however. C. Timm's thrilling, mammoth innings against Wakefield cannot but remain in the memory of all who saw it. It is unlikely to remain in the record books as the highest score by a School 1st XI batsman any less time than J. F. Wilde's 126 against Birkenhead, which it superseded after twenty years. It



was a devastating innings which broke the back of the Wakefield bowling attack and the spirit of the fielders as they fetched the ball from the region of Waltham Road and Princess Parkway on no less than twenty-five occasions.

D. Timm never matched that individual score, but I am sure that he too produced a record breaking feat in scoring three centuries in one season. The innings at Macclesfield in the drizzle was a feat of power and concentration, and the Stockport Grammar innings a measured and determined performance, but for sheer stroke play, for shots played all round the wicket off front and back foot alike, the 125 not out at Rydal was the pick of them.

Our other batsmen never seemed overawed by the feats of our two principle run-getters. Indeed it says much for the team spirit in general and the Captaincy in particular, that the dressing room was a very happy place, and even the occasional mega-sulk was more of an inspiration than a negative influence. The team drew inspiration from the exceptional performances and when Timm C. and/or Timm D. failed with the bat there was always a queue of batsmen keen to grab their chance.

Braddock scored three fifties, at Arnold, Crosby and Chester when he so nearly won an impossible match for us. Hughes got two fine half-centuries at Birkenhead and St. Mary's and will score many more opening the innings next year. And Kloss will remember not only his run of ducks but an excellent fifty at Lytham, and his innings against the Masters, when he reflects on this season. Butler played with a combination of flair and common sense to help us to victory at Rydal and to get so close at Crosby. He must feel that the only thing that stopped him scoring a fifty was lack of opportunity later in the season. He never let his disappointment show through, nor let it affect his first-class performance in the field. Loveland and Partington showed their potential at Alderley Edge and St. Mary's and showed that with this season's experience under their belts they can follow in Braddock's footsteps who was in such a position last year. We wish Braddock, Scott-Gall and Ward good luck in their various ventures next year and hope that they achieve as much success and enjoyment in what they do as they have gained in their cricket this year. Those who return have a lot to do to follow this season's success, but they have already laid the foundations of their 1988 season and with the talent coming up from the Colts and Second XI they should be aiming to maintain the standard of excellence set this year.

## SECOND XI

The following boys represented the School this year: A. J. Sayiid (Captain), N. R. Abrahams, I. Ali, B. J. Allen, G. J. Bentley, J. Bradley, I. D. Butler, C. J. H. Chudleigh, R. J. Clark, A. P. Cleary, S. P. Dove, O. J. Henshall, J. Hughes, A. J. Jackson, D. Jones, I. R. Jordan, M. Kapoor, S. A. Khan, M. Lovell, R. M. Malone, M. A. Nawaz, N. J. Partington, N. J. Ridings, D. K. A. Smart, J. R. Syiid, A. J. Tidman.

The School 2nd XI enjoyed a most successful season in spite of the fact that examinations, holidays and 1st XI call-ups weakened the side on occasions and no fewer than 26 players were used. Although two of the wins were a little too easy against weak opposition, others were hard fought and many of the drawn games were closely contested.

Several batsmen made significant contributions during the season with the main contributors being Allen, Chudleigh, Hughes, Jordan, Ridings and Sayiid. Similarly, the wickets were shared amongst several bowlers with the major wicket takers being Allen, Jordan, Sayiid and Ridings. Of the fieldsmen, Jackson was outstanding with several excellent catches and some fine ground fielding.

The competitiveness of the team—and hence its success—was due, in no small part, to the captaincy of Sayiid. He is an experienced cricketer and was, perhaps, a little unfortunate not to play for the 1st XI but their loss was our gain. On numerous occasions matches that seemed to be slipping away from the School were changed by a bowling change or a field placing or simply by the constant pressure applied by Sayiid. Several opposition umpires made envious comments about the quality of Sayiid's captaincy which, at this level, often made the difference between success and failure.

I would like to thank all of the players for making the season a successful and enjoyable one and Sayiid, in particular, for his leadership. My thanks also go to Mr Shaw for his organisation of School cricket and to Mr Chudleigh who looked after the team in my absence.

A. Simkin

### v. Arnold School (H)

Match Drawn

Arnold 185-4 dec.

W.H.G.S. 133-8 (Butler 54, Jordan 34)

### v. Woodhouse Grove (A)

Won by 159 runs

W.H.G.S. 222-2 dec. (Hughes 119, Sayiid 67),

Woodhouse Grove 63 (Jordan 6-14)

### v. Bolton School (H)

Match Drawn

W.H.G.S. 138 (Sayiid 39)

Bolton 132-8

### v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (A)

Won by 9 runs

W.H.G.S. 86 (Ridings 36)

Wakefield 77 (Jordan 4-7, Allen 4-35)

### v. King Edward, Lytham (H)

Won by 102 runs

W.H.G.S. 128-6 dec. (Sayiid 42, Ridings 34)

Lytham 26

### v. Birkenhead (A)

Won by 69 runs

W.H.G.S. 205-4 dec. (Jordan 73 n.o., Ridings 70, Allen 35 n.o.)

Birkenhead 136 (Allen 5-49)

### v. Sedburgh (A)

Lost by 10 wickets

W.H.G.S. 81

Sedburgh 82-0

### v. Stockport G.S. (A)

Match Drawn

W.H.G.S. 149 (Chudleigh 65, Ridings 45)

Stockport 136-9 (Sayiid 4-22)

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

Match Drawn

W.H.G.S. 149-8 dec. (Ridings 47, Allen 30 n.o.)

Crosby 85-6

### v. King's School, Chester (H)

Won by 9 wickets

Chester 53 (Ridings 5-5)

W.H.G.S. 54-1

### v. Bradford G.S. (H)

Match Drawn

W.H.G.S. 135 (Sayiid 34)

Bradford 135-8

### v. W.H.G.S. Staff (H)

Won by 200 runs

W.H.G.S. 261-6 dec.

Staff 61

Played 12, Won 6, Drawn 5, Lost 1

### BATTING AVERAGES: Qualification 100 runs

Batsman	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Total Runs	Avg.
Hughes	2	0	119	123	61.5
Jordan	5	2	73 n.o.	157	52.3
Ridings	10	2	70	305	38.1
Sayiid	9	0	67	221	24.6
Allen	7	2	35 n.o.	108	21.6
Chudleigh	10	1	65	175	19.4

### BOWLING AVERAGES: Qualification 20 overs

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Avg.
Jordan	65.1	15	153	16	9.6
Tidman	47	9	109	9	12.1
Ridings	42.4	9	122	10	12.2
Sayiid	42	9	134	11	12.2
Allen	56.4	15	167	12	13.9
Ali	34.3	7	94	5	18.8
Smart	23	4	70	3	23.3

### FIELDING:

Wicketkeeper: Chudleigh 3 catches, 2 stumpings.

Other fieldsmen: Jackson, Ridings 6 catches each, Sayiid 5, Ali 4.

## UNDER 15 XI

Played 12, Won 4, Lost 5, Drawn 2, Abandoned 1

### Results

#### v. Arnold School, Blackpool (A)

Won by 66 runs

School 89 (Partington 33)

Arnold 23 (Partington 3 for 5, Issitt 3 for 12)

#### v. Woodhouse Grove School (H)

Won by 179 runs

School 232 for 3 dec. (Scott 56, Partington 72, Savage

55 n.o., Slown 32 n.o.)

Woodhouse Grove 53 (Partington 4 for 32, Scott 3 for 4)



- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A)  
Match Drawn  
School 86 for 6 dec. (Savage 39 n.o.)  
Macclesfield 82 for 4
- v. Bolton School (A)  
Lost by 3 runs  
Bolton 135 (Scott 4 for 32, Edwards 4 for 52)  
School 132 (Scott 30, Taylor 39)
- v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (H)  
Lost by 27 runs  
Wakefield 102 (Partington 6 for 31)  
School 75
- v. King Edward VI, Lytham (A)  
Won by 2 wickets  
Lytham 96 (Scott 4 for 25)  
School 100 for 8 (Edwards 25)
- v. Birkenhead School (H)  
Lost by 41 runs  
Birkenhead 164 for 9 dec. (Partington 4 for 52)  
School 123 (Scott 43, Savage 37)
- v. Shrewsbury School (A)  
Lost by 8 wickets  
School 38  
Shrewsbury 39 for 2
- v. Rydal School (A)  
Match abandoned  
Rydal 19 for 2
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A)  
Won by 6 wickets  
Stockport 73 (Taylor 4 for 21, Edwards 3 for 8)  
School 74 for 4 (Partington 23 n.o.)
- v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby (A)  
Match Drawn  
Crosby 144 for 9 dec.  
School 58 for 6
- v. Bradford Grammar School (H)  
Lost by 3 wickets  
School 79 (Partington 40)  
Bradford 83 for 3 (Partington 4 for 32, Issitt 3 for 41)

In some respects this was rather a disappointing term. Apart from the first two matches and those played in the final week, the games were played in difficult weather conditions and there was little cricket of real quality. The fixtures against King's School, Chester and Manchester Grammar School were cancelled and the match at Rydal, usually one of the most enjoyable of the season, was eventually abandoned. We went to Macclesfield on the coldest, wettest and most miserable day of the term and somehow managed to play in what turned out to be a most exciting finish.

Our playing resources were rather slender at the best of times and we were seldom able to field our strongest side. We were therefore dependent on a small number of players who, although they performed well, did not manage to produce the consistency necessary to carry the team to a better series of results.

We started very well. At Arnold School, after we had been bowled out for 89, A. S. Partington and B. C. Issitt quickly bowled out the opposition for only 23. This was followed by an even better performance against Woodhouse Grove School when Partington, A. K. Scott and B. C. Savage all made over fifty, with good support from R. D. Slown in a daunting total of 232 for 3 declared. Two victories in April suggested the possibility of an excellent term but only two of the remaining ten games were won.

The best feature was the bowling. Partington was always dangerous and kept a good line and length. Issitt, too, had his moments but seldom bowled straight enough. N. F. Taylor might have been used a little more for he did well on one or two occasions. A. J. Edwards put a great deal of thought into his leg-spin and always looked likely to take wickets. He formed a good slow-bowling partnership with Scott who has a great deal of potential as an off-spinner. These two regularly illustrated the truth that good slow bowlers will always trouble batsmen if they control their length and vary their trajectory.

The ground fielding and throwing were quite good but far too many straight-forward catches were dropped and this may have cost us some games. The batting lacked depth. Partington and Scott both played some good innings. Scott, in particular, hits the ball very hard but he still lacks discretion and tended to throw his wicket away just as he was looking likely to make a big score. Savage has a very good eye but hits across the line far too often. R. D. Slown was something of a steady influence but broke a bone in his foot and missed half the matches. J. P. Abrahams unfortunately had a poor season and gradually both technique and confidence deserted him. Edwards and Taylor, while not possessing a great variety of strokes, at

least worked hard at their batting and proved that there is no substitute for concentration and real determination.

Savage kept wicket in nearly all of the games and made good progress. He lacks a certain finesse but should persevere. Abrahams and S. P. Howell each kept on one occasion and did well.

G. Mullins, J. Griffiths and J. N. Symms played regularly and, although not making major contributions, were cheerful and willing members of the side. R. G. Bannister, J. Y. Sheikh and A. O. B. Fajumi also played one or two games.

Mention must be made of the captaincy of A. S. Partington. He leads by quiet example. Indeed perhaps he should be a little more self-assertive. He did very well with bat and ball and maintained an enthusiastic team-spirit. He also represented the Manchester Schools at Under 15 and, along with Scott, was a member of the School 1st XI touring party in the last week of term.

H. W. Timm

## UNDER 14 XI

Played 17, Won 5, Drawn 2, Lost 4, Abandoned 6

The School Under 14 side enjoyed a very successful season. Five matches were won outright and all four of the last games were very narrow defeats. With two drawn and (alas) the other six abandoned it meant that Hulme were as good as, or better than, every side they met.

The side has improved in all aspects—batting, bowling and fielding. There remains room for continual progress but clearly the pre-season practices benefited the players.

The very good weather early in the season suited Hulme and they got off to a flying start with sound winning performances against Arnold and Woodhouse Grove. They did not perform quite so confidently in the cup match against Parrswood but still they finished only one run short.

May was also a good month for William Hulme and we had not lost a game except to the weather and to Parrswood by the close of half-term.

The second half of term brought us into June and the wettest one in forty years at that. We lost four to the weather and two to narrow defeats by Birkenhead and Shrewsbury.

Happily the weather perked up in July and so did the team's cricket with good wins over local rivals Stockport and then Merchant Taylors'. Sadly the last game was lost to Bradford.

A final note to say a sad farewell to S. Meredith who leaves at the end of his third year. He is a fine all-rounder and an excellent captain; we wish him well at his new School. He shared the leader's role with Hollingworth and Ekstein this season.

The players were: D. Bradley, I. Brassell, G. Davidson, A. Doney, M. Ekstein, N. Frost, R. Goodall, A. Hollingworth, R. Hulse, O. Islam, M. Kapoor, A. Khan, J. Meadows, S. Meredith, L. Tilston.

C. J. Maudsley

Summary of the matches played:

- v. Arnold School, Blackpool (H). Sat. 25 April  
Won by 7 wickets  
Arnold 142 all out (Hollingworth 4-29, Meredith 5-13)  
School 144-3 (Hollingworth 55, Meredith 32, Khan 27)
- v. Woodhouse Grove (A)  
Won by 3 wickets  
W. Grove 155 all out (Hollingworth 3-47, Khan 5-64)  
School 156-7 (Hollingworth 45, Tilston 29, Goodall 30)
- v. Parrswood High School (H)  
Lost by 1 run (30 over match)  
Parrswood 133-4 (Islam 3-13)  
School 132-8 (Tilston 56)
- v. Bolton School (H)  
Match Drawn  
Bolton 164-8 dec. (Doney 3-21)  
School 142-7 (Ekstein 44, Tilston 50)
- v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S. (A)  
Won by 2 wickets  
Q.E.G.S. 110 all out (Hollingworth 4-25, Doney 3-42)  
School 111-8 (Hollingworth 56)
- v. King Edward VI, Lytham (H)  
Match Drawn  
King Edward's 137-7 dec. (Doney 5-22)  
School 121-4 (Ekstein 31, Khan 34)



- v. Birkenhead School (A)  
Lost by 7 runs  
Birkenhead 69 all out (Hollingworth 5-19)  
School 62 all out (Hollingworth 24)
- v. Stockport G.S. (H)  
Won by 33 runs  
School 161-6 (Meredith 59, Doney 39)  
Stockport 128 all out (Hollingworth 3-29)
- v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby (H)  
Won by 7 wickets  
M.T.S. 87 all out (Khan 4-17)  
School 88-3 (Meadows 21, Hollingworth 22)
- v. Bradford G.S. (A)  
Lost by 11 runs  
Bradford 106 all out (Hollingworth 6-39, Tilston 4-20)  
School 95 all out (Hollingworth 26, Khan 22)

## UNDER 13 XI

Played 9, Won 2, Lost 6, Drawn 1

Although the team had a reasonably unsuccessful season, one or two good points did emerge. Scott-Gall, the captain, always led his team by example and his 123 n.o. against King Edward School, Lytham, was the obvious highlight of the season. In the same game Ahmed returned figures of 3 overs, 4 wickets for 4 runs.

Generally, the team lacked the bowlers to dismiss a side or even to keep the score down, with the result that we had a fairly formidable target to attain or, having batted first, our batsmen (with the exception of Scott-Gall could not build an innings, being out to poor, or indifferent, shots. This resulted in our team total being obtainable by all but the weakest teams.

Throughout the season the fielding was of a reasonable standard but in the absence of 'line and length' bowling, setting a field proved difficult and I never felt that we were able to really put pressure on opposing batsmen.

*Leading Averages:*

Name	Innings	Not Out	Highest Score	Total	Avg.
Scott-Gall.....	7	3	123 n.o.	205	51.25
Cunningham.....	8	1	46	67	8.38
Ladd.....	7	0	23	58	8.29

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
Ahmed.....	16	3	50	6	8.33
Scott-Gall.....	60	15	113	12	9.41
Mehta.....	70.4	8	194	18	10.72
Sutcliffe.....	24.1	4	103	6	17.16
Ladd.....	88	11	221	11	20.09

The following boys represented the School: A. J. Scott-Gall, K. A. Ahmed, G. C. V. Bamford, R. D. Bone, N. J. Burton, A. C. Cunningham, A. M. Dean, R. D. Hill, S. N. Hira, N. J. Holder, N. J. Jackson, J. B. Kim, A. R. Ladd, A. S. Mehta, S. A. Morris, D. J. Moss, N. G. Sochovsky, P. A. Sutcliffe.

C. H. Seddon

## UNDER 12 XI

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

- v. Woodhouse Grove School (A)  
Woodhouse Grove 44 all out (Whiteley 4 for 7, Warren 3 for 1)  
School 44 all out (Wood 32)  
Match tied
- v. King's School, Macclesfield (A)  
Macclesfield 133 for 4 dec.  
School 105 for 8 (Warren 36 n.o., Baama 36)  
Match Drawn
- v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Wakefield (A)  
School 50 all out  
Q.E.G.S. 51 for 4  
Lost by 6 wickets
- v. King Edward VII G.S., Lytham (H)  
School 128 for 9 dec. (Baama 29)  
Lytham 47 all out (Smith 5 for 3, Baama 3 for 5)  
Won by 81 runs

- v. Manchester Boys (H)  
School 60 all out  
Manchester Boys 61 for 1  
Lost by 9 wickets
- v. Birkenhead School (A)  
Birkenhead 112 for 8 dec. (Wood 4 for 22, Warren 3 for 20)  
School 82 for 7 (Wood 30)  
Match Drawn
- v. Manchester Grammar School (H)  
M.G.S. 58 all out (Baama 5 for 12, Wood 5 for 14)  
School 48 for 8  
Rain. Match abandoned
- v. Stockport Grammar School (A)  
Stockport 172 for 6 dec.  
School 120 for 8 (Warren 41)  
Match Drawn
- v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby (H)  
Merchant Taylors' 32 all out (Baama 7 for 14)  
School 33 for 4  
Won by 6 wickets

The Under 12 team progressed well throughout the season, from the total hilarity and confusion of the tie at Woodhouse Grove—44 for 5 to 44 all out!—to the splendidly competent bowling and fielding of the last match when the team registered a resounding victory against good opposition. The only disappointment, apart from the dreadful weather in June which robbed us of matches and, more important, practice, was the unworthy display against Manchester Boys; here all departments of the game let us down at once.

The batting was led by the exciting flair of the left-handed Wood who played some glorious shots, particularly backward of square on the leg side, and who gradually progressed in caution as the season unfolded. There will certainly be some big scores from him in the seasons to come. Warren produced two excellent innings and always looked able to cope with the bowling; his defensive technique improved dramatically at the end of the season as he began to play forward with determination instead of merely leaning towards the ball. What he will have to improve is his running between the wickets, where lack of pace, technique and decisiveness all let him down. Baama also produced some excellent efforts with the bat. He too introduced some circumspect defensive play to his naturally aggressive game, but bowl him a wide ball outside off stump and he will always be caught at extra cover. When he irons this fault out, the runs will really flow for him. The most satisfactory batsman of all as regards technique was Daniel, who puts the refusal to be dislodged from the crease before the need to score many runs. On several occasions he batted for a very long time without scoring many, but it is certain that he will do as well as anyone in the long run. He also filled the wicket keeping place with quiet efficiency. At the end of the season we found two more players, Collins and Sobhani, whose technique looks very sound, and with such as Connor, Goldman, Holder and S. Jones all making useful contributions to the batting, there should be no shortage in this area in the future.

There was a useful variety of bowling, though once again there was no bowler above gentle medium pace to be found. Still, the medium pacers all moved the ball in the air and off the pitch and look quite promising. After some problems with accuracy, due mostly to trying too hard, Wood settled down and produced some beautiful spells at the latter end of the season, and he can also turn his hand to a useful line in slow bowling. Warren also bowled some very accurate medium pace, and Smith and Rimron showed promise as right arm leg and off break bowlers respectively. However it was Baama who should, on this season's showing, develop into the principal bowler of the side. His height gives him a commanding presence with the ball and he will eventually be able to bowl long spells, both in defence and in attack; he is already dealing with the problem of bowling the straight ball as well as the off-break—conditions against M.G.S. forced him to learn this—and his only real problem now is to make himself want to bowl even when conditions are against him and things are not going too well for the team.

1987 was a most promising season, then, and we should expect great things from this side over the next few years. Their enthusiasm was splendid throughout the programme, and it is to be hoped that regular practice, starting in September, will make them formidable opposition for anyone next season.

The following boys represented their School: N. T. Wood (Captain), J. A. Daniel (Vice-Captain), S. Arora, O. Asgher, F. J. Baama, C. Bury, T. D. Collins, D. B. Connor, R. J. Goldman, N. T. Haggerty, N. J. Holder, A. J. Howarth, S. M. Jones, N. C. Morton, M. T. Rhodes, B. J. Rimron, R. S. Smith, S. Sobhani, P. D. Warren and N. A. Whiteley.

C. P. Langford



## CROSS COUNTRY 1986-87

During the season 48 boys represented the School in 16 fixtures throughout the Michaelmas and Lent Terms. The season began early in September with all four age-groups winning against Bury Grammar School and later in the month we had an excellent day at the Marple Hall Relays, finishing 9th overall and thereby winning the "most improved team" trophy. Although this type of success did not continue for all age-groups, the U14 team maintained their standard: second in the Manchester Schools Championships being their most noteworthy event.

Individual successes came for E. J. Davies, N. Stevenson and G. C. Jameson of the Under 14 team and for S. H. Green and J. A. Humm of the U16s. All these boys were selected to represent Manchester Schoolboys; Davies and Green went on to be picked for Greater Manchester to run in the All England Schools' Cross Country Championships in Preston on 28 March. Both boys acquitted themselves well: Green finishing 25th and Davies 45th.

On 26 September the runners were treated to an entertaining speech by Mr Chris Bryans who, with his wife, was the guest of honour at a Social Evening. He related some amusing anecdotes about his own sporting career and was suitably inspiring to all those present. He then gave out trophies to the following runners:

*Under 12s:* I. Ellis and R. A. Mody  
*Under 13s:* N. Stevenson and G. C. Jameson  
*Under 14s:* M. P. Grey and P. Bookbinder  
*Under 15s:* J. A. Humm and A. D. Campbell

The Parents' Association trophies were awarded as follows:

Junior Shield (for 1st- to 3rd-Formers): E. J. Davies

Senior Cup (for 4th- to 6th-Formers): S. H. Green

These awards were all made on the basis of performances for the School during the previous season, 1985-86.

The team results for the season 1986-87 were as follows:

v. Bury Grammar School (H):		
U12s	won	36-42
U14s	won	24-55
U16s	won	34-44
Seniors	won	6-15

### Marple Hall Relays:

U12s	7th
U13s	28th
U14s	3rd
U16s	7th
Seniors	16th

School's overall position: 9th  
 (winner of the "most improved team" trophy)

v. Manchester Grammar School (A)		
U12s	lost	61-31
U14s	lost	43-40
U16s	lost	46-25
Seniors	lost	7-3

v. Bolton School and Smithills (A)		
U12s	2nd	45-42-102
U14s	2nd	49-42-96
Seniors	1st	13-23

v. Stockport School (H)		
U12s	won	37-41
U14s	lost	47-34
U16s	lost	18-6
Seniors	lost	30-9

v. M.G.S. and Cheadle Hulme School (H)		
U12s	2nd	48-40-99
U14s	1st	63-47-65
U16s	2nd	41-27-52

### Manchester Schools Championships

U12s	7th
U14s	2nd
U16s	(not placed)

### v. King's School Macclesfield, St. Bede's and Newcastle-u-Lyme (A)

U12s	4th
U14s	3rd
U16s	3rd

### v. Cheadle Hulme School and Bury G.S. (A)

U12s	2nd	38-37-45
U14s	1st	54-55-68
U16s	3rd	25-19-6

### v. Bury Grammar School (A)

U12s	tied	40-40
U14s	won	38-41
U16s	lost	26-10

### Northern Schools Championships

U12s	32nd
U13s	30th
U14s	18th
U16s	40th

School's overall position: 26th

### Cheadle Hulme School Relay

A team	11th
B team	24th

(The School also participated four times in the SALE League but I have not been able to obtain the final positions).

### UNDER 12s

The new intake of boys produced an under 12 team of high potential, with four natural runners in J. A. Walmsley, C. Reichl, S. Bookbinder and N. A. Whiteley. Only Walmsley ran continuously throughout the two terms, however, while solid support was given by the two rivals K. Swiderski and R. S. Smith, who both showed great enthusiasm. T. P. Howard joined the squad just before half-term in October and improved steadily from then onwards. At Bury in February he was our fastest U12 runner. Regular support also came from D. B. Connor and occasional ventures on to the cross-country courses were made by S. M. Jones, M. C. N. Maunder and P. R. Ireland, of whom the latter showed interesting progress towards the end of the season.



C. Reichl, J. A. Walmsley, T. P. Howard, P. A. Tweed and N. A. Whiteley at Lyme Park.  
 (Photo: P. M. Bull)



## UNDER 13s



I. Ellis and R. A. Mody at Bury Grammar School.

(Photo: P. M. Bull)

I. Ellis was an exemplary runner all season: he maintained his fitness, trained regularly and, in the process of making steady progress in his running, showed admirable team qualities. The highlight of his season was finishing 64th at the Northern Schools in Lyme Park, one of the best individual performances by a William Hulme's boy last year. P. S. Mulligan and R. A. Mody are not far behind him in quality. Mulligan takes his running seriously but lacks a little self-confidence; the light-weight Mody ran very consistently this year but unfortunately his sense of humour is not improving as much. G. C. V. Bamford experienced some problems during the season—his persistence was rewarded, however, by occasional good runs such as at Bury. There was no lack of support for these runners as the U13s included many who could be regularly relied upon to try their hardest: S. D. Ogier, J. P. Stogsdill, M. A. Bratt, P. A. Tweed and M. P. Fox. Tweed made a memorable effort at Bury to push himself forward from last place (and really struggling) to finish several places ahead. P. N. Jackson withdrew from the squad for medical reasons in October but returned with renewed enthusiasm by the end of the season. N. J. Burton took part in a few races but lack of hard training prevented him from making much progress.



G. C. V. Bamford at Bury Grammar School. (Photo: P. M. Bull)



M. A. Bratt at Cheadle Hulme School.

(Photo: P. M. Bull)

## UNDER 14s



E. J. Davies at Bury Grammar School.

(Photo: P. M. Bull)

Although this year-group consists of several outstanding runners, it depended largely on the efforts of Davies because he was the only one who had no other sporting commitments and he was able to demonstrate his considerable dedication to cross-country running throughout the season. His selection for the Greater Manchester squad has been mentioned earlier; another highlight of the year was his sixth position at the Northern Schools, the best placing in this event by a William Hulme's boy in recent years. Stevenson (forty-second at the Northern) and Jameson are a little less talented but nevertheless, had they been able to devote their energies entirely to this sport, I am sure we should have had a team unbeatable in Manchester at least. P. J. Cassidy is roughly the equal of Jameson as a runner and, on his day, could beat Stevenson, but he still can not bring himself to make a one hundred per cent commitment. He was unlucky enough to miss reaching "silver" standard by just one second in the match against Stockport. The support for these four came irregularly from I. A. Brassell, N. P. Stoker and H. M. M. Brown. While Brassell and Stoker are not naturally gifted runners, their efforts were most welcome and much appreciated.





P. N. Jackson, P. J. Cassidy and N. Stevenson at Lyme Park.  
(Photo: P. M. Bull)

#### UNDER 15s

In combination with a star-studded U16 team on most occasions, this group could do little more than provide support and have little hope of finishing among the top two or three positions. On the majority of occasions M. P. Grey finished in the highest position within the year-group, with S. P. H. Larkin usually not far behind him. Grey (unfortunately prone to illness) has greater potential but the earnest Larkin deserves the highest praise for his persistent efforts. Additional support came from P. Bookbinder and N. J. Hall, both of whom suffered from poorer performances as the season progressed. S. P. Harrington joined the squad after much delay due mainly to injury and quickly demonstrated his ability at Macclesfield in January, only to fail to live up to his promise in the remaining matches.



S. P. Harrington at Bury Grammar School. (Photo: P. M. Bull)

#### UNDER 16s

Green, Humm and A. D. Campbell were helped on just one occasion by R. J. Clark (at the Marple Hall Relays) and so had to rely on the younger U15s for support. Green and Humm have grown in stature as runners since humbler days in the Junior School and, largely because of skilful training by outside coaches, now find that they have reached such a standard that the opposition usually appears somewhat feeble. Nevertheless they participated in over half of our matches and always took the first two places. Green, regrettably, missed the Northern and thereby deprived the School of a rare chance of a reasonably high team position at this event. The steady Campbell again demonstrated the admirable qualities of dedication and reliability which he has shown now for five successive years.

#### SENIORS

The School's Senior team had a most disappointing season due to the illness of A. St. J. Dawes and a declining interest in the sport by N. I. M. Eccles. These two plus B. Grange would have formed a very good nucleus of a team. Efforts to recruit more runners for this age-group proved unsuccessful with the sole exception of J. M. Ward who made one appearance in the Marple Hall Relays in September. It is a great pity that more members of the School could not occasionally take the unselfish attitude of Ward—by no means a genuine runner—whose mere completion of a two mile lap indirectly led to the School's being awarded a trophy.

#### STANDARDS

The following standards certificates were awarded on the basis of performances in home fixtures during the season:

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Green	Eccles	Dawes
Humm	Campbell	Grange
Stevenson	Mulligan	Grey
Davies	Ellis	Enston
Reichl	S. Bookbinder	Jameson
		Cassidy
		Mody
		Walmsley
		Swiderski
		Whiteley
		Howard

#### COLOURS

The following awards were made in 1987:

Full Colours	Half Colours
S. H. Green	A. D. Campbell
J. A. Humm	

In conclusion I should like to express my thanks to Mr Beggs and Mr Turner for their help at Marple and Bolton and, not least, the indefatigable Mr Lytollis whose hard work throughout two terms made a huge difference to the fitness and mental attitude of the whole squad.

P. M. Bull



## TENNIS

It was agreed by all who took part, that the Centenary Tennis Tour was a great success. Although we were defeated by a very strong team from Didsbury Tennis Club, our main fixture against Sedbergh was a jubilant victory. Our celebration dinner in the Green Dragon Inn at Hardraw represented the whole spirit of the weekend Yorkshire Tour; a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

Three senior members were awarded School Colours; Chris Williams, Dave Kirby and myself (Guy Blanc). I would like to congratulate Nick Hindley on becoming the new 'Skipper' for next year and Phil Shepherd 'Vice-Skip'.

Any spare moments on the tour were taken up by all-night table tennis competitions, a dangerous but exciting version of

'indoor' cricket, and swimming in the Public Baths at Settle, where we also found some tennis courts for a singles tournament. (There was also the odd occasion spent in a local hostelry).

As might be expected, the team was always in high spirits and good humour; Mr Fisher is quite used to practical jokes involving expensive tennis raquets. I am sure that everyone who took part would like to thank Mr Thomson for his organisation and participation throughout the tour and also Mr Fisher for his support. I would like to thank Rich Walsh and Tom Alford for joining the Tour at such short notice and for playing so well.

In all, the 1987 Centenary Tennis Tour was a success, both on the sporting and on the social side and I hope that next year's Tennis Tour will be even more successful and enjoyable than this year's turned out to be.

G. J. White



Tennis Tour Party at Settle. Left to right: T. Alford, R. Walsh, D. Kirby, C. Williams, G. White, N. Hindley, P. Shepherd and Mr D. M. Fisher.

### SCHOOL TENNIS 1987

Forty-two school matches were played this year, as against thirty-one in 1986. Of these we won sixteen, twice the number of victories last year. There are now eight members of staff involved in the running of teams, and over fifty boys represented the School during the term. There were three awards of full colours and two half-colours for tennis and a successful mini-tour to Yorkshire and Cumbria for the senior squad. For the first time this year, we have played fixtures against tennis club sides and have acquitted ourselves well. Teams have travelled over five hundred miles, from Cumbria in the North to Shropshire in the South to play matches in addition to the more local fixtures.

Tennis in School now enjoys the status of a major sport, thanks to the hard work done by my colleagues and the encouragement which they have given to players in all age groups. The interest in tennis in the School is now greater than I have known it in the last three years and I fully expect that it will continue to increase in popularity, not least because of the arrival of girl tennis players from September. I hope that sufficient funds will be available to ensure that our tennis facilities can be improved in line with most of the Schools which we play at present. We have had the opportunity to play on some truly excellent courts, including those at Whalley Range Cricket & Tennis Club; I hope that we will be able to use them again next year.

Tennis coaching for the senior squad will begin in September under the guidance of Mr Colin Petch, who already coaches the junior side at the Northern Lawn Tennis Club. We have also had offers of help from tennis-playing parents. It is proposed that the House Tennis Competition should be revived and played during the first three weeks of the Michaelmas Term, in this way avoiding the conflict between examinations and other commitments during the Summer Term, whilst still hopeful of some good weather.

Finally, and traditionally, I must mentioned the annual Parents/Boys/Staff matches which were played in high spirits again this year. Thanks to Mr A. Burden and his son T. J. Burden who, between them, managed to co-ordinate and supply refreshments to members of Parents' and Boys' teams. As usual the Boys were stronger than either Staff or Parents, but as for Boys playing with Parents against Staff—well, enough said. In September we hope to play the first Fathers and Sons match, (or Mothers and Daughters come to that). This was originally planned for the beginning of last term, but at least you will have had time to practise since then. Watch out for other tennis activities to be announced. P.S. Tennis ties and sweat-shirts are now available from School.

J. H. Thomson



## FIRST VI

*Captain:* G. J. White

*Vice-Captain:* C. P. Williams

Played 13, Won 4, Lost 8, Drawn 1

It is always difficult to find six regular members of the 1st Six owing to the pressure of A-level examinations, but this year we were fortunate to have a core of Upper Sixth Formers from G. J. White, C. P. Williams, D. R. P. Kirby, J. H. Carroll, S. K. Bray and N. Ahmad, who played in the majority of fixtures. In addition, N. J. Hindley, P. W. Shepherd, A. Gross, from the Lower Sixth, and R. J. B. Naylor, M. Rubens, D. E. R. Schweiger, and T. E. Alford from the Fifth Form played for the side during the season. Two members of the Under-15 side, B. G. Lee and T. D. Wright, also made their appearance for the Firsts on two occasions and produced some excellent results.

The term began with a friendly, pre-season match against a Colts side from the Northern Lawn Tennis Club, played in predictably wet conditions. Although we lost the fixture, it was a useful opportunity to try out our pairs against good opposition and I hope to retain the fixture next year. Victories against Stockport, North Cestrian and The King's School, Chester, were just rewards for the team's efforts, but Bolton, Birkenhead and M.G.S. were as strong as always and we lost heavily.

In the Glanvill Cup Competition we were drawn against two strong opponents: Bolton School and Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn. Bolton proved even stronger than ever and won through to the next round where they beat M.G.S. and King's to reach the Area Final. The number of schools which enter this competition seems to decrease every year and we are

now left with the top tennis schools of the North of England and somewhat outclassed at present.

At Ellesmere College, Shropshire, we had a fine match, played in really hot weather for a change and were narrowly defeated by one of their strongest sides in recent years. B. G. Lee made his debut for the side, partnering N. J. Hindley in a nail-biting third set tie-break against their seeded opponents.

The Tennis Tour, as already reported, went to Hardraw for a weekend of sport and recreation. Unfortunately, already heavy tennis commitments at both Giggleswick and Stoneyhurst Schools precluded the possibility of fixtures there. I hope that next year they will be able to find room for us. In the event, only one match was played, at Sedbergh, which we won comfortably despite early curtailment on account of (you've guessed) inclement weather. The pre-tour warm-up was held at Didsbury Tennis Club where Mrs V. Hempstock, a former colleague at W.H.G.S., managed to arrange a match for us at short notice. The standard of the opposition was high indeed and certainly made us work for every point.

All in all, it has been a full season with many memorable games of tennis. A large number of players have given a great deal of effort and energy to the game and we are beginning to see the benefit in terms of team spirit if not actually in terms of results yet. School Colours were awarded to G. J. White, C. P. Williams and D. R. P. Kirby who leave School this year. I would like to thank them for the interest and enthusiasm which they have shown. Half-colours were awarded to B. G. Lee and T. D. Wright for their consistently excellent play in both the Under-15 and First VI matches. It is unusual to find players of such determination and efficiency who can take on more senior players and undo them in a cool, business-like manner.



The final appearance of the much-altered 1st and 2nd VI's.

## SECOND VI

*Captain:* R. J. B. Naylor

Played 6, Won 2, Lost 3, Drawn 1

The Second VI have had a reasonably successful season, although the claims of both the First VI and O-Level examinations prevented the team's settling down as a stable squad until late in the season, when results began markedly to improve. A Second VI is usually in the invidious position of being more of a first team reserve squad, and ours was no exception. Of the original six, only two players, R. Naylor and A. Jacobs, stayed with the squad throughout, but they proved to be a fine foundation pair and won a majority of their matches.

The start of the season was disappointing; there had been little time for practice and all the players showed signs of winter rust. Early matches against Didsbury Tennis Club and Bolton

School were lost, but not without a struggle. Once again, the Ellesmere College fixture provided close competition, even more remarkable for the last-minute changes in the side owing to First Team demands for our regulars. After half-term, fortunes began to improve with the drafting of Fourth Form players into the side, notably the wins against Birkenhead and Manchester Grammar. The latter match was particularly sweet as M.G.S. had been undefeated until they met us at home. Against King's Chester, the Under-15 players, D. Berman, R. Levene, N. Taylor, and C. D. Eastwood assisted Naylor and Jacobs in a clear victory in terms of games won, although the match was drawn in sets.

Other members of the Second VI were, T. Alford, B. Walsh, M. Rubens, and D. Schweiger. The prospects for next year certainly look good, especially so because of the experience which the younger players have gained this season.

A. E. Watson and G. H. Hall



#### UNDER 15 VI

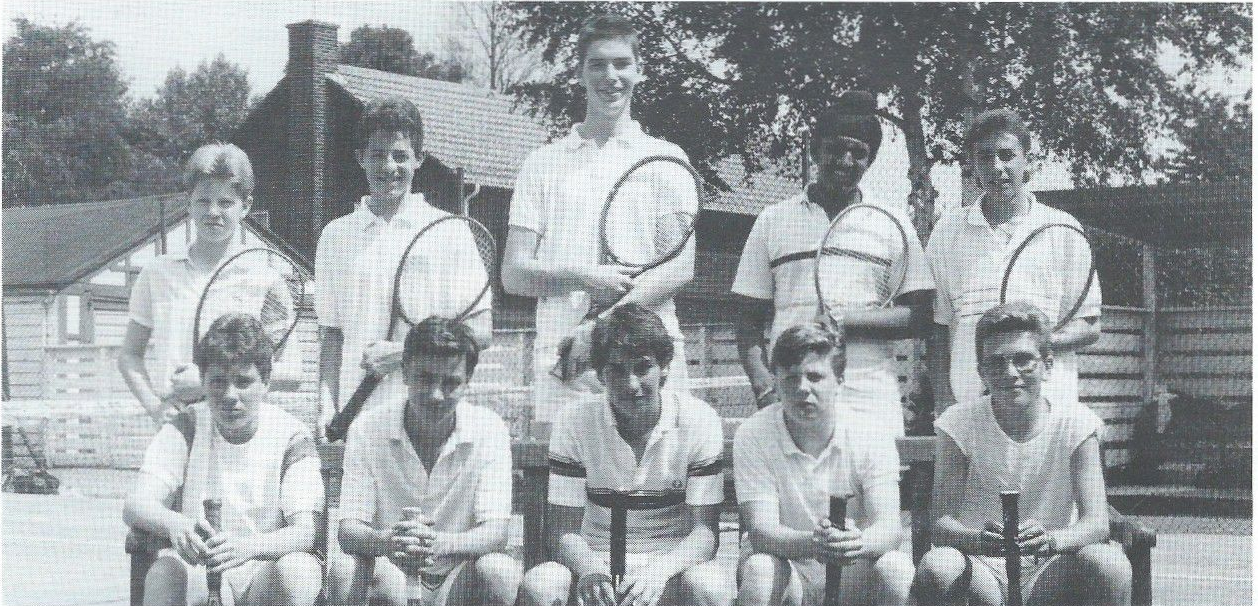
*Captain:* B. G. Lee

Played 9, Won 6, Lost 3, Drawn 0

A remarkable season for most of our Under 15 players, four of whom have now played at least two matches for the First or Second VI in addition to the full programme of Under 15 matches. The squad consisted of the following boys: B. G. Lee, T. D. Wright, D. M. Berman, R. Levene, B. Arora, A. Reece, L. Leadbetter, B. C. Issitt, S. P. Howell, S. P. H. Larkin. With such a large number of players, all of a high standard, it was often difficult to choose the side, and certainly there were opportunities to experiment with the pairings, but usually Lee and Wright were unbeatable as first pair and Arora and Reece became so good together that they would regularly defeat all three opposition pairs even as our third pair. The second pair proved more flexible, although Levene and Issitt gave the most consistent results. S. Larkin made a late appearance due to injury but

immediately showed that he still retains a great deal of ability and L. Leadbetter made a steady and supportive partner. D. Berman was flexible enough to partner either Lee or Levene with equal skill and was a reliable winner of points.

The side showed enthusiasm and developing ability throughout the season and broke new ground with fixtures against Didsbury Juniors and Altrincham Grammar. The toughest matches were against Bolton, Wilmslow and Marple Hall who all produced strong teams. Nevertheless, we fought back with determination and almost took Bolton to a draw in the final set. Not content with the large number of fixtures already played, the side also played a singles knock-out competition amongst themselves, which was won with panache by their captain B. Lee. A number of boys also took part in the end-of-term matches against parents and staff, and distinguished themselves by beating all comers. A creditable end to an incredible season. Well done indeed!



Under 15 squad. Back row: S. Howell, S. Larkin, L. Leadbetter, B. Arora, A. Reece. Front row: D. Berman, B. Issitt, B. Lee (Capt.), T. Wright, R. Levene.

#### UNDER 14 VI

Played 6, Won 3, Lost 3, Drawn 0

There were at least ten regular members of this side chosen from: R. W. Buckley, P. J. Davies, R. G. Boswell, D. J. Donachie, J. J. Johnson, J. D. Wall, R. Walker, J. F. M. Sherratt, N. P. Stoker, and J. K. Johnston. The competitive

nature of the side was demonstrated at Bolton School where four pairs fought to a narrow defeat by nine sets to seven against the usually stronger Bolton pairs. Throughout the term the tennis has been of a high standard and both Mr Lytollis and Mr Dunn are to be congratulated on producing an extremely talented and promising side. I look forward to seeing some great results at Under 15-level next year.



Under 14 VI. Standing: R. Walker, S. Johnson. Seated: R. Boswell, P. Davies, R. Buckley, J. Wall.



#### UNDER 13 VI

Played 5, Won 1, Lost 4, Drawn 0

The Under 13 side was hit this year by an unfortunately large number of cancelled matches. The new fixtures against Bramhall Park, who also played an Under 14 side, was cancelled at the last minute, and one of the two North Cestrian matches was

rained off. However, the fixture with Marple Hall was played, and lost; they really do produce some strong tennis players at Marple. The highlight of the term was the five sets to four win over Wilmslow High School, another strong tennis school. Certainly a big improvement over last year's single fixture and plenty of opportunity to improve further next year. Thanks to Mr R. M. Harrison for his efforts in running the side.



Under 12 Squad.

#### UNDER 12 VI

Played 3, Won 0, Lost 3

This is a difficult age group to arrange fixtures for; last year only one was played. The fact that this year we managed to triple our fixture list indicates that other schools in the area are realising how important it is to begin playing representative matches as early as possible. The benefits should clearly be seen in the improving standards in later years. The results do not matter

so much as the fact that ten boys in this age group had the chance to play for the School, culminating in an unheard-of five pairs match at Manchester Grammar School. Mr G. B. Moss, who leaves the School this term, will be greatly missed, both as a colleague and a valuable coach who has generated interest and enthusiasm for Under 12 tennis for the past two years. I hope that his successor will continue to run the youngsters' side as enthusiastically and as well.



#### ADDENDUM

The annual Northern Lawn Tennis Championships were held in Didsbury again this year and once again W.H.G.S. provided

a team of ball-boys for finals day. They are shown here with the winner of the men's singles title, Stefan Edberg of Sweden.



## SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Opponents	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Bury G.S.	Won 46-25	Lost 30-41	Won 47-24	Lost 33-38
King's Track League		CANCELLED		
Marple Hall	4th	4th	1st	4th
King's Track League	3rd	4th	2nd	3rd
King's School, Macclesfield		CANCELLED		
North Cestrian		CANCELLED		
Audenshaw High School	Lost 54-83	Won 72-66	Won 70-66	Lost 68-69
King's Track League		CANCELLED		
Cheadle Hulme School	Lost 91-73	Lost 85-77	Won 79-85	—

Whilst many inter-school matches have been lost to the weather it has been an exceptional season for boys gaining representative honours. Eleven boys, A. Jackson, S. Green, S. Roffey, T. K. Jones, E. J. Davis, N. Stevenson, P. J. Davies, G. T. Davidson, H. M. M. Brown, N. Frost and M. Plant all represented the School at the Manchester Schools Championships of which all but Stevenson, Brown, Frost and Jones progressed to the County Championships at Stretford Athletics Stadium. It was somewhat disappointing that Jackson was unable to take part as he is a runner of immense talent. Green, however, displayed awesome power in the Intermediate Boys 1500m as did Davies in the equivalent event in the Juniors section. Both boys not only were selected to represent Greater Manchester in an Inter-Counties athletics match but also qualified for the English Schools Athletics Championships in Birmingham. Davidson performed well to win the Junior Boys Long Jump and Roffey's display in the high jump emphasised the benefits of taking part in club athletics. These boys also represented Greater Manchester.

The English Schools Athletics Championships is the highlight of any schoolboy athlete's career and to win one's chosen event the ultimate accolade. In doing so Stephen Green became the first W.H.G.S. champion, a fitting achievement in the School's Centenary year.

R. E. Lytollis, M.I.C. Athletics

### ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS 1987

#### Senior:

100m	12.50	R. Bailey	(H)	M. Lovell	(B)	D. Kirby	(W)
200m	25.31	A. Jackson	(F)	A. Mallelieu	(H)	M. Lovell	(B)
400m	53.9	A. Jackson	(F)	A. Woodhouse	(G)	D. Smart	(W)
800m	2.17.47	N. Eccles	(D)	A. Dawes	(D)	A. Woodhouse	(G)
1500m	4.57.44	N. Eccles	(D)	A. Dawes	(D)	B. Grange	(G)
Relay	50.16	Frazer		Heywood		Byrom	
Shot	8.98	D. Sproson	(G)	A. Mallalieu	(H)	I. Wakefield	(H)
Discus	21.92	K. C. Kwan	(G)	S. Dove	(D)	R. M. Leather	(H)
Javelin	36.99	K. Reid	(G)	D. Smart	(W)	N. Hindley	(F)
High Jump	1.61	K. Stephenson	(F)	N. Hindley	(F)	A. Dawes	(D)
Long Jump	5.46	S. Dove	(D)	D. Smart	(W)	J. Garner	(F)
Triple Jump	11.27	R. Bailey	(H)	J. Garner	(F)	A. Jackson	(F)

#### Middle:

100m	12.54	G. Bentley	(F)	J. A. Abrahams	(H)	C. Willott	(D)
200m	26.25	J. A. Abrahams	(H)	G. Bentley	(F)	C. Willott	(D)
400m	59.74	B. Savage	(G)	N. Herbert	(D)	N. Hall	(B)
800m	2.20.19	M. Grey	(B)	J. Symms	(B)	B. Issitt	(G)
1500m	4.54.44	M. Grey	(B)	N. Hall	(B)	B. Issitt	(G)
Relay	50.85	Dalton		Heywood		Whitworth	
Shot	9.00	R. Slown	(F)	M. Hope	(F)	J. Bellass	(H)
Discus	26.72	J. Bellass	(H)	M. Hope	(F)	N. Herbert	(D)
Javelin	30.63	J. Babicki	(H)	B. Savage	(G)	S. Harrington	(W)
High Jump	1.72	S. Roffey	(D)	D. Bryan	(W)	P. Williamson	(D)
Long Jump	5.03	C. Willott	(D)	C. Chudleigh	(H)	A. Edwards	(H)
Triple Jump	10.43	C. Chudleigh	(H)	L. McCloy	(B)	J. Symms	(B)

#### Junior:

100m	12.84	M. Hargreaves	(D)	D. J. Smith	(H)	A. Fajumi	(G)
200m	26.09	G. T. Davidson	(H)	M. Hargreaves	(D)	J. Goodman	(B)
400m	59.63	M. Rogers	(G)	M. T. R. Jones	(B)	D. J. Smith	(H)
800m	*2.11.29	E. Davies	(F)	N. Stevenson	(W)	P. Cassidy	(W)
1500m	*4.27.09	E. Davies	(F)	A. Pilling	(D)	H. Brown	(H)
Relay	*51.13	Heywood		Dalton		Gaskell	
Shot	11.43	A. Fajumi	(G)	A. Khan	(F)	W. Pitcher	(D)
Discus	23.60	J. Johnson	(H)	R. Segal	(D)	N. Humphrey-Taylor	(F)
Javelin	29.60	M. Plant	(G)	G. T. Davison	(H)	S. W. Veitch	(D)
High Jump	1.54	G. Jameson	(W)	H. Brown	(H)	B. Trigg	(H)
Long Jump	5.30	G. Davidson	(H)	S. W. Veitch	(D)	A. Pilling	(D)
Triple Jump	*11.08	A. Fajumi	(G)	N. D. Williams	(B)	N. Stoker	(H)

#### HOUSE POINTS:

1st Heywood (207)  
2nd Dalton (169)  
3rd Gaskell (142½)  
4th Fraser (132)  
5th Byrom (111½)  
6th Whitworth (85)

#### INDIVIDUAL WINNERS:

Senior—The Gaskell Cup—A. J. Jackson (F)  
Middle—The Cardwell Cup—C. A. Willott (D)  
B. Savage (G)  
Junior—The China Cup—A. O. B. Fajumi (G)

\*NEW SCHOOL RECORD



# JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS 1987

## First Form:

100m	13.2	J. Daniel	(1C)	N. Wood	(1B)	C. Reichl	(1A)
200m	29.35	J. Daniel	(1C)	J. Walmsley	(1A)	O. Asgher	(1B)
400m	67.9	R. Smith	(1C)	F. Baama	(1B)	P. R. Ireland	(1C)
800m	2.35.8	C. Reichl	(1A)	F. Baama	(1B)	S. Bookbinder	(1D)
1500m		J. Walmsley	(1A)				
Relay	59.62		1B	1C	1A	1D	
Shot	9.98	S. Arora	(1A)	W. Mason	(1C)	R. F. Turner	(1C)
Discus							
Cricket Ball	45.78	S. Bookbinder	(1D)	R. Smith	(1C)	C. Bury	(1D)
High Jump	1.30	N. Whiteley	(1B)	A. Sunderland	(1B)	K. Swiderski	(1A)
Long Jump	4.14	J. Daniel	(1C)	T. Veitch	(1B)	J. Walmsley	(1A)
Triple Jump	*9.05	F. Baama	(1B)	T. Veitch	(1B)	C. Reichl	(1A)

## Second Form:

100m	13.47	J. Cooney	(2D)	J. Kim	(2C)	A. Rose	(2C)
200m	27.59	K. Blackshaw	(2C)	N. Pagan	(2D)	J. Chadwick	(2D)
400m	*61.03	K. Blackshaw	(2C)	N. Pagan	(2D)	J. Frost	(2C)
800m	2.31.56	J. Frost	(2C)	M. Bratt	(2D)	P. Mulligan	(2A)
1500m							
Relay	55.9		2C	2D	2B	2A	
Shot	9.41	K. Blackshaw	(2C)	M. A. Wysteppek	(2C)	D. J. Bourmad	(2D)
Discus							
Javelin	17.65	C. D. W. Moores	(2A)	A. Dean	(2B)	M. A. Wysteppek	(2C)
High Jump	1.43	P. Sutcliffe	(2B)	D. W. Hayles	(2B)	P. R. Wynne	(2D)
Long Jump	4.40	J. Cooney	(2D)	P. Mulligan	(2A)	J. Kim	(2C)
Triple Jump	*9.79	D. W. Hayles	(2B)	J. R. Beckett	(2A)	N. Pagan	(2D)

\*NEW SCHOOL RECORD

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS: *First Form* J. Daniel  
*Second Form* K. Blackshaw

FORM CHAMPIONSHIPS:

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

## INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING RESULTS 1987

### Backstroke

Third Year:	M. Plant	(G)	34.20 secs	R. Segal	(D)	J. Tozer	(F)
Fourth Year:	B. Issitt	(G)	36.56 secs	M. Hargreaves	(D)	C. Eastwood	(F)
Senior:	A. Dawes	(D)	31.05 secs	N. Hindley	(F)	M. Beggs	(W)

### Breaststroke

Third Year:	M. Plant	(G)	40.09 secs	S. Veitch	(D)	R. Boswell	(D)
Fourth Year:	B. Lee	(F)	38.53 secs	A. Scott	(H)	T. Wright	(W)
Senior:	J. Babicki	(H)	34.92 secs	N. Meech	(D)	I. Jordan	(G)

### Butterfly

Third Year:	G. Jameson	(W)	15.62 secs	I. Brassell	(D)	M. Rogers	(G)
Fourth Year:	L. McCloy	(B)	15.18 secs	B. Savage	(G)	B. Lee	(F)
Senior:	D. Khan	(F)	12.45 secs	B. Grange	(G)	A. Hilder	(D)

### Freestyle

Third Year:	R. Halter	(D)	30.61 secs	B. Trigg	(H)	A. Hollingworth	(F)
Fourth Year:	J. Bellass	(H)	29.99 secs	J. Symms	(B)	S. Lerman	(F)
Senior:	A. Dawes	(D)	26.34 secs	K. Reid	(G)	N. Hindley	(F)

### Individual Medley

Third Year:	G. Jameson (Disq)			R. Segal (Disq)		M. Rogers (Disq)	
Fourth Year:	L. McCloy	(B)	1.18.32	B. Issitt	(G)		
Senior:	D. Khan	(F)	1.06.19	A. Hilder	(D)	B. Grange	(G)

## POINTS

Byrom	16 points	Gaskell	34 points
Dalton	39 points	Heywood	14 points
Fraser	34 points	Whitworth	10 points

Third Year Champion:	M. Plant	(G)
Fourth Year Champion:	L. McCloy	(B)
Victor Ludorum:	A. Dawes	(D)
	D. Khan	(F)

## RELAY COMPETITION

### Medley Relay

Third Year:	Fraser	Whitworth (Disq)	Gaskell and Heywood	(No team)
Fourth Year:	Heywood	Gaskell	Fraser	Dalton
Senior:	Dalton	Fraser	Heywood	Whitworth

### Squadron Relay

Third Year:	Dalton	Fraser	Whitworth	Heywood (No team)
Fourth Year:	Heywood	Gaskell	Dalton	Whitworth (No team)
Senior:	Heywood	Gaskell	Fraser	Dalton

## POINTS—TOTAL

Byrom	0 points	Gaskell	12 points
Dalton	16 points	Heywood	20 points
Fraser	18 points	Whitworth	7 points

G. B. Moss



## BADMINTON

For the second year running, this game has grown in popularity within the Junior School. No fixtures were arranged against any schools, but I hope to enter an U13s and U14s team for the Manchester Schools competitions and to take part in the Manchester Badminton League.

An inter-form competition was held again. This was fiercely contested, especially within the First Year. The final results for the Second Junior School Badminton were:

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

Thanks very much to all the Form-Masters and to all the boys who took part, especially the team captains.

In 1987-88 Badminton will be played on Tuesday and Thursday after 4.05 p.m. in the Sports Hall.

M. P. Jones

## SQUASH RACKETS

In order to boost attendance, Senior squash practices have been held during the lunchbreak while Junior practices have been on a Thursday evening. Thirty pupils have regularly taken part in these sessions.

The Senior squad was boosted by the arrival of Ian Butler—rated third as an U19 player in Cheshire. However, though Ian remained unbeaten, the rest of the team failed to provide the necessary support. We play matches against the two strongest squash schools in the area—Manchester Grammar School and The Hulme Grammar School, Oldham, and simply do not have the quality players to match them. We lost both matches against M.G.S. by 4 games to one, despite an impressive effort by R.

Jones. The away game at Oldham was lost 5-0; however several younger players were introduced and did not disgrace themselves. The return match was lost 3-2 with wins by Boswell and Butler—a little more determination could have caused a change of fortune.

There are still plenty of Juniors playing the game and they had a chance to show their skill with an eight-a-side match against Altrincham Grammar School.

Senior Squad: I. Butler, N. Hindley, R. Jones, Boswell, Davies, A. Gross.

H. N. Veevers

## SQUASH—ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE

1986-87 was a dismal year for the sport in the School. Few matches were played against other schools and it became increasingly difficult to arrange fixtures in the light of the national teachers' dispute. This led to a great deal of apathy within the various teams, as it became difficult to practise for a game you did not know you would ever play.

However Mr Harrison and Mr M. P. Jones continued to run the Junior School Squash at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday nights. For the second year an inter-form competition was held, which was keenly contested. The results were:

1st	1A	2B
2nd	1B	2A
3rd1C	2D	
4th	1D	2C

Thanks very much to all the Form-Masters for their organisation and to all the boys who took part, especially the team captains.

In 1987-88, the staff will be reluctant to run teams and competitions unless more boys are prepared to take part. It is as important to play the sport for recreation, as to compete against other schools.

M. P. Jones and R. M. Harrison



## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Appropriately in the School's centenary year the Association had a very full calendar of social activities. The committee organised eight events in the period from the Summer Fete (July 12, 1986) to the A.G.M. in the following May. These varied in tempo from the address by Mr Filleul on the pros and cons of the G.C.S.E., to our first Swinging 60's Evening, where many parents came in costumes of that decade to add to the atmosphere.

Most of our activities aim to raise money towards items of equipment for the School, with the main fund raising occasion being the Summer Fete. Mr Briggs kindly agreed to open the Fete this year, and despite mixed weather an excellent profit of £2,293 was made. Our annual Grand Draw has emerged over the last two years as an increasingly important aspect of our fund raising, and the contribution from this source increased to £910. With these and our other efforts throughout the year, we are now extremely close to the target for the mini-bus. Indeed it is anticipated that we shall be in a position to make the purchase early in the next academic year (1987-88). This is a significant achievement, and I know the School is most grateful.

For our annual dinner dance we joined forces with the Old Hulmeians to mark the Centenary Year. Apart from noting that we should not wait another hundred years to join together again, both parties recognised many spin-off benefits from the exercise. Not least was the fact that with a total of 170 people attending there was more atmosphere than usual. The committee have agreed that similar joint functions should be considered in the future.

The Careers Evening (September 30) organised by the School was very well attended by parents of boys at the top end of the School. Whilst this was not an Association event we did assist in providing some of the speakers. Personally I hope that we shall be able to respond to this type of request in the future.

Finally it is always sad to see the departure of long standing members of the committee at the end of each year. This year is no exception, and Barbara Brundrit leaves the committee after many years service in several capacities. Most recently she has run our successful '300 Club'.

With many new faces on our new committee I anticipate fresh ideas to provide a stimulating programme for the coming year.

N. Sheriff (Chairman)



