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After a term at Smithills I feel that I am just beginning to piece together the jigsaw of life on a base; to understand the complexities, and to share in new developments. Smithills has already built up a considerable reputation; yet no school can afford to rest on its laurels, and tradition can be a dangerous precedent. Fortunately, Smithills is still in the flush of youth; new talents are constantly revealed and fresh activities spring up to complement those already established. Rugby, for example, is now firmly on its feet after two seasons; canoeing and sailing are fairly recent innovations; while further developments are taking shape for next year.

Glancing through the results of the team fixtures for the year, one always looks hopefully at the "matches won" column, but I am sure success should be judged, not by the number of matches won, but by the number of children taking part in these activities. Here at Smithills the opportunities exist for every child to take part in some worthwhile pursuit, whether sporting, social or cultural, and to contribute to the progress of the school community.

To our new pupils we extend a warm welcome, and we hope that they will take advantage of the opportunities provided on the base to pursue their own particular interests. We trust that our senior pupils will have learnt something of value from their stay at Smithills, and that they will be better equipped to play their full part in the wider community they will be joining after school.

L.J.

HOUSE REPORTS

AINSWORTH

Staff: Mr. Fairhurst, Mr. Banks, Mr. Eadington, Mr. Gresty, Miss Holt, Mr. Moss, Mr. Olney, Mr. Pye, Mr. Shippobottom, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Thomason, Mr. Yates.

Due to Mr. Denton's absence this year, I was asked to take over the running of the House. Our continued progress bears witness to the splendid co-operation and help I received from all the House staff, whose early advice and guidance were greatly appreciated. Of course, one must not forget the children, who after all are the ones who "do" things for Ainsworth. The willingness to help at House functions, and to participate on the games field are essential, and were there in good measure. But one realises as the year goes on that the same names are coming forward on every occasion. The "washers up" at the Xmas parties compete on Sports Day and represent the House at the Swimming Gala. We have operated in all fields of House activity with about half our members. Are we to assume that there is a minority who are good at everything and the majority good at nothing?

However, these are carping criticisms, and by the way, for I am full of admiration for the young people who contributed this year. On the games side there has been a sustained keenness to do well. Our biggest success was to win the Senior Football trophy, probably the hardest fought of all the competitions. On our way to the final we beat Barton, Hulton, and Norley, finally emerging 2—1 winners against Radclyffe. All the team performed with a good mixture of skill and spirit, and displayed good fighting qualities, particularly against Barton and Radclyffe. Allsop and Sheperd were perhaps the two outstanding players in a good team. The junior footballers lacked experience and weight and never challenged the leaders of the section. After an encouraging draw against Radclyffe, subsequent matches against Barton and Norley were lost. Morris was our outstanding player.

The girls' games owed a tremendous amount to Jean Anderton, whose organising ability and enthusiasm proved invaluable. She deserved better than to see all our teams eliminated before the finals. The netballers never really got going and lost to Marsh in the first round. The hockey team promised well when beating Norley 4—1, but a 2—3 defeat by Byrom finished our hopes. The Rounders Competition produced two very exciting matches for us. In the first one we beat Radclyffe 10—9½ and the second one resulted in a 6—6½ reverse. The team displayed much promise and ought to improve next year.

In the Swimming Competition we finished in 7th position, but creditable performances were put up by M. Hutchinson, G. Johnston, Carol Jones, Ann Dearden, W. Ainsworth, H. Crook, G. Jones, D. Neville, A. Schofield, Lynn Martin and Deirdre Livesey.

In November the Christmas Fayre descended upon us and many members of the House brought gifts for the stall. To all who contributed in any way grateful thanks are due, especially to Fiona Horrocks, Iris Laidlaw and Yvonne Jones, who held the fort on the day. As a result of our efforts, £15 was raised for the Parents' Association.

For the Christmas festivities we were once again joined by Barton, Byrom and Norley. The parties were a great success in spite of a "square" Housemaster, due to the fact that we were organised by a particularly "round" Mr. Green who kept the proceedings going with a swing. I am happy to report that all the staff came through their annual battering with rolled "Reveilles", with no serious effects. A word of thanks to the girls who did an excellent job of waiting on table and washing up afterwards.

The weekly collection for the Grenfell Association was continued and £8 was raised during the year.

At the time of writing the Athletics Competition has not been decided. There has been a good response generally, but the Intermediate Girls' entry has been lamentably weak. Good performances have come from M. Baines in the girls' events, and R. Shirres, I. Morris, D. Ainsworth, and J. Barkess in the boys' events.

The first and second years once again departed on their House trips during the post Bolton holiday 3 weeks. The first year trod new territory around Skipton and Bolton Abbey in the wilds of Yorkshire, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves; the second year invaded the peace of Rufford Hall, and then moved on to more familiar ground at Southport. The guide at Skipton Castle took the unusual step of locking us all in the darkened dungeon, to the great delight of some and the growing consternation of many, when he clanked away up the stone steps, proclaiming that he was off on his six weeks' holiday. I don't think anyone really believed him.

Finally, a word of thanks to Mrs. Thomason, Mr. Shippobottom, and Mr. Moss for musical accompaniment in House assembly, to Mr. Moss and Miss Holt for taking charge of lunchtime swimming, and to Mr. Olney for his work for the House in the Modern School. Their interest and experience have been of great value.

Mr. Banks and Mr. Eadington are leaving us this year to take up new appointments. We wish them well.

Teams and Results

Senior Football XI: M. Bdzola, D. Ainsworth, G. Jones, J. Ainsworth, P. Bembridge, P. Allsop, R. Shirres, N. Hamilton, T. Hinsley, T. Sheperd, N. Heapy, A. Nichols, J. Bailey, A. Schofield.

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| v. Barton | W. | 4—3 |
| v. Hulton | W. | 6—1 |
| v. Norley | W. | 2—0 |
| v. Radclyffe | W. | 2—1 (final) |

Junior Football XI: Fare, Croft, Fraser, Hailwood, Horrocks, Brooks, Morris, Peacock, Garsden, Bray, Croston, Barkness.

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| v. Radclyffe | D | 3—3 |
| v. Barton | L | 3—4 |
| v. Norley | L | 1—8 |

Hockey: S. Evans, S. Nowacki, J. Anderton, Y. Jones, D. Livesey, J. Entwistle, B. Pendlebury, I. Laidlaw.

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| v. Norley | W | 4—1 |
| v. Byrom | L | 2—3 |

Netball: J. Anderton, D. Livesey, J. Entwistle, Y. Jones, B. Pendlebury, H. Curtis, B. Hayes.

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| v. Marsh | L | 6—8 |
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Rounders: B. Pendlebury, S. Evans, S. Barratt, D. Livesey, J. Entwistle, S. Ball, J. Anderton, Y. Jones, P. Entwistle.

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| v. Radclyffe | W | 10—9½ |
| v. Assheton | L | 6—6½ |

Swimming—Boys: M. Hutchinson, G. Johnston, C. Strange, P. Smith, S. Egan, M. Brooks, W. Ainsworth, H. Crook, G. Crompton, G. Jones, D. Neville, A. Schofield, J. Thomasson.

Girls: Carol Jones, C. Hulme, S. Williams, G. Hignett, A. Dearden, J. Longbottom, A. Chadwick, Lynn Martin, Helen Whitaker, Deirdre Livesey.

Athletics—Senior Girls: J. Anderton, S. Hennifer, J. Caswell, P. Forsyth.

Senior Boys: P. Allsop, P. Bembridge, C. Trevena, D. Walmsley, A. Nichols, A. Schofield, J. Ainsworth.

Intermediate Boys: P. Oldfield, D. Peacock, I. Morris, N. Farrimond, K. Webster, D. Ainsworth, I. Bruce, R. Shirres.

Intermediate Girls: M. Baines, C. Woods, S. Chappell.

Junior Boys: R. Peers, S. Brockbank, S. Egan, J. Barkess.

Junior Girls: E. Charnley, S. Bromilow, H. Curtis, P. Entwistle, B. Hayes, G. Hignett.

J.S.F.

ASSHETON

Staff: Mr. K. W. Oxspring, Mr. G. S. Cox, Mr. W. Dodgson, Miss N. Fairhurst, Mr. K. Gerrard, Mr. W. H. R. Grundy, Mr. D. Moizer, Mr. J. Porter, Miss J. Witherington, Mr. B. Stones, Mr. A. B. Woods.

We begin this year's report by welcoming Mr. Cox, who, we hope, will find his stay with us happy and interesting. We are also delighted to meet our first-year pupils whose enthusiasm brings to House activities a fresh flush of excitement and anticipation.

In the inter-House competitions we are still in a state of transition; fighting hard to re-establish our former successes. It is with great pleasure that we find the girls continuing to improve and sharing equally with the boys any successes which we have registered.

The Autumn Term opened with competitions in Soccer for the senior boys and Hockey for the girls. Although the boys did not qualify to meet the winners of the other section their record of Won 1 Drawn 1 Lost 1, with an aggregate of 11 goals against 3, was a creditable performance. The girls were narrowly beaten 1—0 in their opening match, and since this was a knock-out competition, could take no further part in it. Towards the end of the Term the Inter-House Swimming competition was held and the number of entries received was generally encouraging, although it is sad to report that once again the Senior teams were supported by only a few "old faithfuls". Fifteen boys and girls gained places in the Finals and were placed 3rd in the competition.

To wind up a busy Term we all enjoyed ourselves at the Christmas parties, where pupils and staff joined members of Marsh, Hulton, and Radclyffe House in providing games and entertainment. We are always pleased to receive offers of help on these occasions, and this year saw as many willing hands as ever come forward to do all the many jobs which parties entail. Our thanks are extended to all who contributed in any way.

The Spring Term, with its Netball, Junior Soccer and Rugby competitions, brought us more than our usual quota of excitement and thrills. The girls, narrowly beaten 5—4 in a hard-fought net-ball match against Byrom, came back to win the Losers' Final convincingly by 13—3. The Junior Soccer team, one of the most spirited and courageous we have had, failed on goal-average to qualify for the Final, after three thrilling games in which they excelled themselves. They did not lose a match and they conceded only two goals in the competition. Our congratulations go to Byrom House, who edged us out of the Final by gaining a superior

goal-average in their final match. Finally, spirit and tenacity were in full measure when our Rugby team won through to the Finals of the competition. Although obviously the underdogs, they played with such determination that no fewer than two replays were played before a much-fancied Marsh side finally beat them.

It is a pity that this report should end with a wretched Summer Term report - wretched because the weather denied us all but one competition, the Rounders. Nevertheless, it is fitting that the girls should wind up the year's activities with a display of grit and determination which took them to the Finals. After overcoming many obstacles in the preliminary rounds, it was disappointing for them to be without a star player in the last vital match, where they were convincingly beaten by Byrom.

Our successes during the year have been very real and very encouraging, despite the fact that they have brought us no actual cups. Such enthusiasm as we have seen cannot fail, sooner or later, to bring us some tangible rewards. The one blot on the horizon is the fact that these successes have been achieved, in the main, by Middle - and Junior - School members. After expressing our gratitude to our previously-mentioned "old faithfuls", we realise that support for, and even interest in House activities is almost non-existent in the 5th and 6th Forms. Pupils in these Forms are the ones who have received most from the Schools in the way of instruction, guidance, organised leisure-time, help with careers, companionship etc. To avail themselves of all these benefits and to give nothing in return cannot be a source of satisfaction to them. We hope that we shall never tire of encouraging and helping our pupils to widen their experience and live as full a life as possible. K.W.O.

House Teams

Hockey: M. Chadwick, V. Greenwood, S. Lever, C. Tilley, K. Hunt, C. Brooks, A. Hamer, L. Voce, L. Roberts, J. Bushell, S. Barnes.

Netball: J. Newsham, C. Tilley, L. Thorpe, S. Best, P. Evans, S. Blacklock, M. Chadwick, M. Hulme, L. Murphy.

Senior Soccer: Blackburn, Bourne, Mulligan, Beamish, Williams, Wright, Buffey, Jones (Captain), Mulvaney, Cochrane, Turner, Huddart, Jones, A.

Rugby: Mulligan, Buffey, Rainford, Boydell, P. Reason, Turner, Bourne, Blackburn.

Swimming—Junior Boys: Nuttall, Cooper, Pearson, O'Connor (Reserves: Butterworth, Moore, Gray Proctor).

Junior Girls: S. Winrow, S. Hough, S. Fort, B. Waring (Res. S. Fogg).

Inter. Boys: Cooke, Openshaw, Boydell, Gleaves, Pilling (Res. Rawlinson, Blackburn, Hall).

Inter. Girls: G. Eckersley, P. Watts, J. Withers, V. Grundy, J. Newsham (Res. S. Best, C. Tilley).

Senior Boys: Wainwright, Turner, Bourne.

Senior Girls: L. Murphy, J. Bushell, H. Osborne.

BARTON

At the end of the summer term, we say goodbye and thanks to Miss Hanley and Mr. Benson. In September, Miss Hanley will be teaching in Burnley while Mr. Benson will remain on the Base but become Housemaster of that rival form: Hulton. The pleasant helpfulness of these members of Staff has been appreciated and we wish them well as they leave us. The full list of House Staff for this past year is as follows: Mr. M. Green, Mr. D. Austin, Dr. A. Barlow, Mr. J. Benson, Miss M. Elsworth, Mr. J. T. Farr, Miss B. Hanley, Mr. A. Jasper, Mr. C. Mellor, Mr. E. H. Price, Mr. H. Taylor, Mrs. A. Whalley.

A list of what sports results there are after the rigours of an English May and the apathy of a number of pupils have taken their toll can be found at the end of these notes. There is some improvement in enthusiasm upon last year.

The one thing to shout about is Barton's fourth successive victory in the swimming sports. The competitors who celebrated last year in a party which the House Staff threw for them were this year taken by the Staff on a visit to the Bachelors' Show at the Manchester Opera House. Both events were very enjoyable and a happy way of congratulating the swimmers. They also afforded an opportunity for Staff and pupils to meet more informally.

Briefly we returned to a weekly collection for the Burnthwaite Home and raised £17; much more than last year.

The First Form pupils visited Burgess and Leigh Pottery and Trentham Gardens; the Second Formers going to the two Liverpool Cathedrals and Southport.

More "Save the Children Fund" Christmas cards were sold than ever before.

The Christmas parties, both for Burnthwaite and for Smithills children were as lively and as enjoyable as ever.

As always, some of the most faithful supporters of House teams will be leaving this summer. Before we give names of team members and competitors, we should like to thank the leavers for their help and to wish them every success in the future.

M.G.

Teams and Results

Senior Football XI from: F. Allen, G. Berry, R. Bowden, D. Bray, E. Farrell, G. Gill, J. Jackson, C. Livesey, J. Lomax, P. Rudd, S. Seddon, P. Sutcliffe, S. Walsh, S. Wiseman.

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| v. Ainsworth | W | 4—3 |
| v. Norley | W | 4—1 |
| v. Hulton | L | 2—6 |

Junior Football XI from: W. Birtwistle, D. Brandwood, A. Bowden, W. Dawson, N. Gawthorpe, P. Harrold, S. Hindle, P. Holden, R. Lomax, J. Norton, B. Smith, D. Turner, J. Webber, D. Torkington, F. Dearnaley, S. Catterall.

v. Norley L 2—3
v. Ainsworth W 4—3
v. Radclyffe L 2—3

Junior Cricket XI. All matches were cancelled because of the weather during May. One friendly match was played in July against Byrom resulting in a win by a narrow margin for Barton. The following pupils were available to play in this team: J. Barton, M. Boardman, A. Bowden, D. Brandwood, S. Catterall, H. Crompton, F. Dearnaley, S. Fallows, D. Highfield, G. Holt, J. Norton, M. Pollitt, B. Smith, A. Ashcroft, S. Hamer.

Intermediate Cricket XI. Matches cancelled because of weather.

Hockey Team from: L. Barlow, S. Bragg, J. Gibbons, A. Harper, L. Haslam, M. Hurst, O. Johnson, J. Longton, J. Miller, S. Nixon, A. Skelton, S. Whyte, D. Williamson, J. Williams.

Netball Team from: J. Armstrong, S. Bridge, J. Gibbons, M. Hurst, V. Livesey, J. Longton, J. Williams.

Rounders Team from: J. Armstrong, K. Ashworth, S. Bridge, S. Brierley, J. Gibbons, S. Isherwood, K. Hodgkinson, V. Livesey, S. McDonald, A. Longworth.

Swimming: J. Norton, A. Norton, R. Walsh, M. Boardman, G. Strickleton, G. Holt, E. Darcy, K. Ashworth, R. Waddington, S. Haycock, M. Money.

V. Smith, W. Birtwistle, M. Fogg, D. Urmston, H. Fletcher, T. Jones, A. Longworth, J. Wilcock, S. Ward, L. Nightingale, C. Rimmer.

E. Farrell, G. Ward, F. Allen, P. Sutcliffe, R. Bowden, C. Livesey, A. Skelton, J. Williams, J. Gibbons, R. Nightingale.

The Swimming Team gained first place in the competition. The girls, be it noted, scored more points than the boys. One mentions this as girls' teams have not had marked success in other activities.

Athletics: The Finals of the Sports were cancelled because of the rain. The following Junior and Intermediate pupils competed in the heats: G. Holt, D. Hall, T. Dodd, B. Smith, N. Gawthorpe, A. Bowden, S. Catterall, J. Norton, H. Crompton, F. Dearnaley, D. Hughes, V. Livesey, S. McDonald, K. Ashworth, M. Fairlie, E. Darcy, J. Darrock, A. King, J. Southworth, S. Seddon, S. Rostron, D. Urmston, H. Fletcher, W. Birtwistle, P. Holden, D. Bray, T. Jones, C. Hatton, J. Armstrong, B. Frydman, C. Rimmer, A. Longworth.

The following Senior Pupils were ready to compete on Finals Day: D. Butterworth, E. Pendlebury, C. Livesey, P. Sutcliffe, S. Henderson, G. Gill, J. Coochey, J. Williams, J. Gibbons.

Rugby: For the first time, there was an inter-house Seven-a-Side Rugby competition. A group of boys from the middle and upper school showed great enthusiasm and efficiency in forming a team. The following boys played a keenly-fought game against Byrom House which they lost 6—8: D. Butterworth, J. Coochey, S. Henderson, T. Jones, D. Talton, R. Waddington. It will be noted that there are only six names on the list. Had a full team been available, Barton might well have won. Unfortunately, C. Livesey was unable to play because of injury and our reserve player who shall remain nameless did not materialise.

BYROM

Last July I was setting myself to the task of writing my first Byrom House report, and now, one swift year later, I am composing my last. Next year I shall not be housemaster, although I hope to stay in the house.

Looking back over the year I can recall several irritations and annoyances, but these quickly fade into insignificance when one considers what the house has achieved. On the sports field Byrom has, again, been the most successful of the houses. Seven house competitions were contested this year, for the weather caused the cancellation of the athletics finals and both cricket competitions. Byrom has won the Rounders, Netball and Junior Football competitions outright and shares the Hockey cup with Hulton.

The Christmas Fayre was well supported by several members of the house and we are indebted to them and to their parents. The Christmas parties, which we again shared with Barton, Ainsworth and Norley, went very well. Mr. Green, as usual, was in control of the festivities and it was encouraging to see several pupils, especially 5th formers, volunteering to entertain at the junior parties.

In July there were two house visits. The 1st Year, after thrilling to the 111 and the 707 at Ringway, passed on to the quieter pursuits of hippopotamus observation and monkey puzzling at Chester. The 2nd Year explored Ingleborough Cave and were especially delighted that the absence of electricity made the carrying of swinging, smoky paraffin lanterns a romantic necessity.

The details of the inter-house competitions are given elsewhere in the Chronicle but I shall briefly recall some of the highlights of Byrom's sporting year. The girls of Byrom House have had another wonderful year. They retained the Rounders title, captured the Netball cup and, after an extra-time blitz on the Hulton goal, had to be content with a half-share of the Hockey championship. The reasons why Byrom does so well in the girls' events are that we have talented games players who are well supported by keen, if less able, players; that we have always fielded a complete team and that 5th and 6th formers have made personal sacrifices to help out the house.

In the swimming gala we did much better than last year, finishing fifth. Unfortunately the Athletics finals could not be held this year. This was particularly disappointing as we were in a good position after the heats and had enough good competitors through to the finals to stand a fine chance of taking the athletics cup for the fifth consecutive year. The boys did us proud for they

at last won a football trophy when they won the Junior Football competition, conceding only one goal in four matches. They fully deserved their success.

The following have represented the house:

Hockey: B. Fiddes, J. McKeown, P. Halliwell, E. Cornelius, J. Murphy, B. Yates, A. Heaton, J. Morris, S. Knowles, C. Middlefell, V. Coleshaw, A. Hobson.

Rounders: B. Fiddes, A. Heaton, B. Yates, J. Jones, V. Coleshaw, C. Middlefell, J. Murphy, D. Smith, J. McKeown, E. Cornelius, P. Finan, S. Gittins.

Netball: B. Fiddes, G. Webster, P. Williams, J. Smith, B. Yates, J. Jones, A. Olsen, A. Heaton, J. Murphy.

Senior Football: Muschamp, Winrow, Williams, Poole, Heys, Brown, Smith, Dean, Lonsdale, Mangnall, Grimshaw, Mitchell, Waring.

Junior Football: Hardy, Gardner, Mann, Mallinder, Pasquill, Howarth, Seddon, Jackson, McGuinness, Wilson, Shacklady, Lee, Entwistle, Hutchinson.

Rugby: Lonsdale, Heys, Cain, Poole, Thompson, Dabecki, Mitchell.

Swimming: J. Murphy, N. Clarke, B. Taylor, S. Metcalf, S. Strickland, S. Gittins, E. Walsh, D. Thompson, C. Fisher, P. Finan, S. Taylor, E. Cornelius, C. Middlefell, E. Mawson, D. Seddon, D. Entwistle, S. Metcalf, C. Hadfield, D. Johnson, R. Smith, I. Clarke.

Athletics: J. Murphy, D. Smith, S. Gittins, N. Clarke, C. Fisher, J. McKeown, Y. Simpkin, B. Fiddes, B. Yates, A. Heaton, J. Jones, C. Middlefell, D. Entwistle, D. Seddon, I. Jackson, D. Guest, G. Pasquill, A. Lee, A. Jones, W. Barrett, N. Mann, B. Winrow, S. Kenyon, R. Billington, P. Shacklady, R. Smith, A. Gardner, C. Hadfield, P. Wieckowicz, D. Mallinder, A. Walsh, J. Thornton, A. Brown, I. Mangnall, J. Heys, D. Lonsdale.

V.P.

MARSH

The thing which stood out most this year was not our great success but rather the fighting spirit which prevailed when we were up against heavy odds. I think this does the House very great credit. My complaint is the reason we had to be up against heavy odds; I wish more people could be persuaded to "do" rather than watch.

We won the final in Rugby and gave the other Houses a good run for their money in most of the other sports.

An example of the kind of fight we can put up was given by the Senior Football team against Assheton through a misunderstanding; owing to postponement we fielded only seven players. At half-time we were winning 1—0 and it was only in the last ten minutes that we lost the match.

A similar situation arose when we played the first Hockey match. Several of the team couldn't play and with only 6 players we only lost 2—0 and this again in the last 15 minutes. Later on they redeemed themselves by winning the "Losers' Final". My opinion about this match was that it ought to have been the winners' final. The way the team played could have won the cup; they

worked so hard and tackled so fiercely that the ball only came into our half about six times. The moral of course, is "field a full team".

In the netball knock-out competition we won the first game against Ainsworth 8—6. The semi-final against Hulton was a much closer game; the teams taking turns to score. I was relieved when the final whistle blew and we were winning 11—10.

The final against Byrom was played on a blustery day and we were forced to finish the game in the gymnasium where we were narrowly beaten. Byrom appear to be our bogey team: we lost to them in the final last year. I hope we meet in next year's final when I feel the result will be different.

Swimming

Once again I am afraid it was lack of support rather than lack of effort by the team for our failure in the Swimming Gala. We had many "old faithfuls" who gave of their best but there are still too many "can but won't" people who, if only they would, could put us on top.

I would like to thank our life-savers and the members of staff who have made possible our use of the baths at lunch-time. I am pleased to say that lunch-time swimming remains as popular as ever.

The new venture into Seven-a-Side House Rugby got off to a false start. Once again, the pitches were unfit to play on (I think we were afraid of getting drowned). We had the biggest side and this proved to be the deciding factor. Radclyffe and Ainsworth were eliminated on the way to the final against Assheton. The final looked an easy match against a smaller Assheton team but they had more experience on the Rugby field so that the final had to be played three times before the new trophy was safely in our hands. Well done! We must have a repeat of this next year.

Rounders

The first game we played was against Hulton and we did so well in the first innings that we could have put them in to bat again but our captain decided that we should bat again if only to get some practice. At the end of the second innings we had 18½ rounders to 5 and we were all set for an easy victory. As their score mounted complacency gave way to fear. I was worried. The team who was playing appeared worried. Anyway good bowling and smart fielding saved the day. Once again we lost to the dreaded Byrom in the semi-final.

Games in the summer term seemed to have suffered more this year than before. Both the Senior and Junior Cricket matches had to be cancelled as we were unable to fit them in.

Our juniors have been unfortunate with their games this year. The football had to be postponed because of the pitches and was played in the summer term without success; we lost all three games. On paper we had a strong team and I know we will do better next year.

Athletics

The athletics too suffered from the weather. We did quite well in the heats and would have been well represented in the final had this taken place. Rain spoiled both days chosen for the final and reluctantly it had to be cancelled.

The Christmas Fayre was again a great success. I have never seen so many people in the Modern School Hall; I thought we were going to be trampled to death to the strains of Colonel Bogey played by the Brass Band. I was again left in suspense until the day of the Fayre; not knowing what the response would be. I need not have worried; once again it was magnificent and I should like to thank all who contributed or helped in any way. We made £23 12s. 3d.

Our efforts on behalf of the "Help the Aged" campaign, I know, will be most welcome somewhere in the world. The clothing we collected was duly dispatched and will now be in use - I should like to remind you now of next year's effort. Try not to throw away any good used clothing before next Easter!

Once again at the end of the school year we must say goodbye to many of our friends and we wish them well in their chosen careers. Thank you all for your help and support. We can now look forward to the new year as a challenge which I feel sure we shall meet with an even greater effort.

J.W.O.

NORLEY

Staff: Messrs. Kelly, Ainsworth, Davies, Holden, Pearson, Rushton, Turner, Wright, Miss Broadbent, Mrs. Jones and Miss Smythe.

At this time of the school year one looks back to see if there has been any outstanding event which has made the year a memorable one. I cannot think of any, the year having passed very much as previous years. House activities have followed their familiar pattern. Perhaps we are in need of an injection to give us new ideas or at least a new approach to the old ideas. We have not yet made the most of the House system. For this we must all take a share of the blame. Interest in the events in which Houses partake should be keener and more enthusiasm shown than up to now.

At present only a half-hearted response is met with when requests are made for participators in the various sports. How often do I meet with the familiar "I can't" when they could. There seems to be a fear of doing something, of taking part in activities which should give pleasure. Of course, there are the old faithfuls - those who will try if only to support the House. These are the ones to whom I wish to say THANK YOU. They are the House members who are to be seen at the Christmas Fayre doing a worthwhile job in an unspectacular way. Or the ones whose names are given below as having been members of one or more of the House teams.

Mention of the Christmas Fayre reminds me that Norley House contributed £27 towards the grand total. This was made possible by the numerous small gifts we received. This was one activity which was well supported.

The Christmas Fayre was followed by the Christmas parties. Once again we joined Ainsworth, Barton and Byrom, holding the parties in the Grammar School Hall. The old games were the most popular and dancing again went with a swing. We must thank those who entertained us on these occasions.

Early in the Summer Term Mr. Turner officiated at one of our House Assemblies and for the reading chose St. Mark Chap. 1. vv. 40/42. Then he talked to us of the fight against leprosy and appealed for contributions to aid this work. The collection amounted to £1 7s. 10d. This was very creditable considering there had been no previous announcement of the appeal.

For our House visits we chose Liverpool's two cathedrals and Southport for the first year, and Chatsworth House and Castleton caves for the second year. Both parties were fortunate with the weather for whilst those left behind had plenty of rain, the trippers were blessed with sunshine.

The junior football team, although not reaching the final, played well and won two of their three matches. The senior football team suffered from lack of support. Too many found excuses - result, a few players doing their best but not having enough support, lost more goals than they scored.

Swimming is the sport which shows most promise for the future. During the Swimming Gala Norley gained more points than ever before, finishing fourth but close behind the second and third. The few good swimmers we have may yet see their efforts rewarded with victory.

A new venture was the rugby matches between the Houses. Here again Norley lacked support. However, those who did play proved themselves capable players. Perhaps the rugby competition will become a regular feature of our winter activities.

The hockey, netball and rounders teams played well although in each case failing to reach the finals. We have a number of promising junior players which augers well for the future.

We regret that we are losing two staff members of the House, Miss Broadbent who is leaving Smithills Base and Mr. Ainsworth who is to become Housemaster of Byrom. To both we are indebted for their services and we wish them well for the future.

Swimming Team: A. Thompson, J. Bramwell, J. Chadwick, A. E. Allum, C. Mattison, J. Catterall, A. Smith, S. Newton, V. Brown, L. Kemp, S. Campbell, K. Wilkinson, P. Holden, D. Yates, A. Eaves, R. G. Finnegan, B. Cloynes, J. O. Kemp, P. Campbell, H. Drew, I. Simpson, A. Ainscow, and B. Dagnall.

Junior Football Team: Ainscow, Bell, Brown, Drew, Eaves, Finnegan, Gleeson, Greenhalgh, McKendrey, Maiden, Vickers, Wolstenholme (Capt), and Yates.

Hockey, Netball and Rounders Teams: Z. Adams, K. Archibald, L. Baldwin, A. Baxter, J. Bramwell, V. Brown, J. Catterall, J. Davies, D. Harper, K. Hindle, P. Holden, L. Kemp, Y. Liles, C. Mattison, W. Morgan, S. Noble, A. Rogerson, J. Simpson, A. Smith, P. Westhead, K. Wilkinson, L. Wilson.

E.K.

RADCLYFFE

During the past year, the House has been more successful than for some time past, though only winning one of the House Trophies. The three sporting events of the Christmas term were the Senior Boys' Soccer Competition, the Inter-House Swimming Gala and the Girls' Hockey Knock-out which, owing to weather, extended over into the Easter term. The Senior Soccer team played very well to win their Section and qualify for the Final against Ainsworth. Many who played were members of the team which had won the Junior Cup three years previously and we wondered if this was to be their year again. However, it was not to be: in the final, discouraged by an unfortunate penalty, they lost to Ainsworth by 2—1. In the Swimming Gala, we improved our position from 3rd to 2nd and came nearer to the winners, Barton, who have held this trophy since its inception, than in any previous year. This was the result of a good team effort and all who took part are to be complimented on their performance. But what about 1st place next time?

In the Hockey competition, we had a good XI who won their first match well, but the absence of three senior players in the Semi-final against Hulton undermined the team's confidence and they were beaten by a sounder team.

Two non-sporting activities during the Autumn term were the Christmas Fayre and the Christmas parties. The House stall at the Fayre raised more money than ever before and thanks are due to all who brought articles for the Stall and to those who helped

on the day of the Fayre. The Christmas parties, shared with Assheton, Hulton and Marsh were most successful and enjoyable and the willing "behind the scenes" help of a number of senior pupils in organising refreshments contributed in no small measure to this.

During the Spring term were held the Junior Boys' Soccer competition and the Netball Knock-out. The Junior Soccer team played very well to win their Section and qualify for the Final. In this match, however, they seemed overawed by the occasion and never played as well as previously and consequently lost to Byrom. The Netball competition has never proved a happy hunting ground for the girls and this year was to prove no exception; the team losing in the first round.

Although the Summer term was a long one, the weather was poor for much of the term and was the cause of the abandonment of the Junior and Intermediate Cricket competitions. This was regrettable as in both sections, we had teams keen to play. Let us hope their enthusiasm can be maintained until the next competition. In the Rounders competition, the girls gave a good account of themselves as in both matches they played, the game had to go to a third innings for a decision, being a tie after two innings.

The House Athletics Final was another casualty of the weather. This was disappointing as we had a fair proportion of finalists in the Junior Boys' and Girls' events, the Intermediate Boys' events and the Senior events, but the support of the 3rd and 4th Year girls was almost non-existent; only three girls from the Technical School being willing to compete in the heats. The Junior and Intermediate finalists are listed at the end of this report.

In the Modern School Work Trophy competition, Radclyffe House won the Cup for the second time; the previous occasion being in the year of its inception.

The final events of the year were the House visits. This year, only the 1st and 2nd year forms were on house visits and both years enjoyed good weather for their visits to Manchester Airport and Southport.

In twelve months' time, I shall be writing of another year's events on a similar pattern to those of this year. This year has been an encouraging one with some measure of success; achieved by the efforts of perhaps half the members of the House; how much more successful we could be if the inactive half of the House would give their support!

The house has continued to support the Msumba Mission Hospital in Portuguese East Africa. We have sent almost £10 to this charity from our 1d. per week collections.

In the modern school merit competition we finished 2nd for the third year running. The prize for the highest number of merits went to Jennifer Ward.

This year two prizes were awarded, from Home Funds, to the best accounts of the 1st and 2nd year House Visits. The first year enjoyed a trip to Preston Docks and Southport; with the additional attraction of a huge box of bananas at Preston Dock. The second year enjoyed very fine weather for the customary "stroll" round Malham. The best account by a first year was submitted by Eunice Isherwood and the best second year account by Mary Mackie.

This is the last report I shall write as House master of Hulton House. I should like to record my thanks to all past and present members of Hulton House, who have supported house activities over the past seven years. By the time you read this your new house master, Mr. Benson, will be in charge. Please support him in the way you have supported me. Finally, I should like to wish all members of the house the very best of good fortune in the future.
I.McL.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

1st XI

This year's 1st XI comprised six 5th formers and five L6th formers - the result of all but one of last year's team leaving. Obviously this young team has been lacking in experience and this has been borne out in many matches this season. Results, as one would expect with such a young team, have been inconsistent. They have lost to teams they should have beaten and beaten teams which are regarded as very good in this area. On some days they have played with exceptional poise whilst on others they have made basic mistakes which have led to defeat. We have also adopted a new system which, of course, necessitated boys getting accustomed to playing a different type of game from that which they were used to. This has also caused difficulties and has added to the handicap of being inexperienced and therefore to the inconsistency of the team. This, however, was only to be expected and therefore the system was persevered with throughout the season and, I think, proved successful when played properly. With more match practice, which is very difficult with our pitches, it should prove very worthwhile for next season. The fact that the boys have been unable to get out on the pitches on training nights has handicapped the team considerably, as we have had to wait

until actual matches before tactics could be put into practice. There is no doubt that there is a great deal of talent in the team and with the experience of this season behind them they should prove strong opposition for any school 1st XI next season.

We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Mr. John Weir and his groundsmen for the work they have put in on our grounds this year.

Individual Reports

G.K.

ALAN COCHRANE: An alert, agile goalkeeper with a safe pair of hands, especially with low balls. He has served the team well this season.

Defence

GEOFFREY MATTHEWS. A very strong, hard player who is particularly powerful in the tackle. Reads the game well and has shown that he can organise the defence well. He should be a great asset to the team next year.

MAURICE GRUNDY. A good steady player who never gets flustered. He has saved the team on many occasions but should try to speed up a bit for next season.

ALAN BROWN. A stylish player who passes and distributes the ball well. He should try to strengthen his play on his right foot next year.

JOHN HEYS. A clever player and a good tackler. Sometimes tends to over-elaborate, but could be very good if he overcame this fault.

Link Men

STEPHEN CHADWICK. A 90-minute player who gets through a tremendous amount of work in a game. He is a clever ball player and uses the ball well. Should try to strengthen his shooting ability.

TIMOTHY SHEPPARD. A clever two-footed player who plays hard from start to finish. Is capable of playing in most positions and should prove a great asset to the team next season.

BRIAN NICHOLLS. Another very industrious, clever ball-player, who should do well next season.

Forwards

IAN MANGNALL. A very capable player who has the ability to score from a distance. His size and unpredictability make him a most menacing forward.

PAUL FLETCHER (*Capt.*). A very talented player who can play every phase of the game well. His ability to shoot with either foot and head from any angle has brought many fine goals this season. He has represented the Area County Team this season and has been a very good 1st XI captain both on and off the field. We wish him the best of luck with Bolton Wanderers next season.

PETER ALLSOP. Another very talented two footed player who has represented the Area County Team this season. He has played many fine games for the team this season and should prove a great asset to the team next year.

WERNER COLLIER. Has not played in every game because of cartilage trouble but when he has played he has always given of his best, which is considerable. He is a clever ball player and uses the ball well, but is inclined to over elaborate at times.

| P | W | D | L | Cancelled |
|----|---|---|---|-----------|
| 15 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 7 |

Full Colours awarded to: Paul Fletcher, Peter Allsop, Werner Collier, Geoffrey Matthews, Alan Cochrane (Already awarded for 1965-66).

Half Colours awarded to: John Heys, Stephen Chadwick, Ian Mangnall, Maurice Grundy, Brian Nicholls. Alan Brown Timothy Sheppard.

C.A.B.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI has not had too successful a season mainly owing to lack of strength and experience in this class of football. The average age of the team was well below that of the majority of teams played, as half the team were fifth year boys and the opposition was up to three years older. Throughout the season, the composition of the team has been unbalanced through constant loss of players on trial with the 1st XI and other school activities.

Nevertheless, the team played with great spirit and determination and were ably led by their captain, Chris. Whiteside. The standard of football played was largely determined by the state of the pitches and in consequence fitness and size rather than skill were the governing factors.

The team next season should show little change and with the benefit of a season's experience behind them the team should do well. The team has been chosen from the following players :

Goal: S. Walsh, A. Merrit, C. Livesey.

Full backs: R. Williams, G. Jones.

Half Backs: C. Whiteside (Captain), P. Lonnen, K. Lee, D. Beamish.

Forwards: G. Kershaw, A. Wright, N. Hamilton, F. Allen, G. Gill, A. Nichols, I. Ainsworth, J. Galley.

Colours: Half colours were awarded to: C. Whiteside, G. Kershaw, P. Lonnen, F. Allen, A. Wright, G. Jones, K. Lee, D. Beamish, I. Ainsworth.

E.H.

2nd XI Results

| Opponents | F | A | |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|------|
| Leigh | 0 | 2 | lost |
| Heywood | 9 | 1 | won |
| St. Cuthbert's | 1 | 2 | lost |
| Bolton C.G.S. | 1 | 2 | lost |
| Derby School | 2 | 3 | lost |
| Hindley | Cancelled | | |
| Bacup | 5 | 1 | won |
| Worsley | 2 | 4 | lost |
| Rivington | 2 | 4 | lost |
| Thornleigh | 2 | 3 | lost |
| Manchester University | Cancelled | | |
| Ashton | Cancelled | | |
| Hindley | Cancelled | | |
| Farnworth | Cancelled | | |
| Manchester University | Cancelled | | |
| Bacup | 2 | 7 | lost |
| Bolton C.G.S. | Cancelled | | |
| Heywood | Cancelled | | |
| St. Cuthbert's | 9 | 2 | won |
| Leigh | 1 | 4 | lost |
| Hayward | Cancelled | | |
| Rivington | Cancelled | | |
| Hayward | 1 | 7 | lost |

Summary

Played 13. Won 3, Lost 10, Goals for 37, Goals Against 42.

Under 15 XI

The U.15 Football team had, paradoxically, a wonderful yet disappointing season. They finished second in the Bolton Schools' League and reached the semi-final of the Wanderers' Cup. An excellent record, yet the team was capable of winning both. At no position was there a weakness, and reserves were plentiful. They played badly in some League games, and in the Semi-Final of the Cup, playing without their Captain, Winrow, for half the game, lost in the last minute. To make another excuse; for much of the season Shirres was injured and Winrow had to be moved from wing-half to centre-half. In all, a season to be looked back on with pleasure and regret.

The following players were selected during the season: Blackburn, Dawson, Curtis, Shirres, Winrow (Capt.), Hinsley, Poole, Mulvaney, Heapey, Jolley, Seddon, Grimshaw, Rawlinson, Rudd, Ainsworth, Bray, Smith, King, Kemp, Barlow.

| P | W | D | L |
|----|----|---|---|
| 20 | 12 | 2 | 6 |

M.C.

Under 14 XI

The U.14's enjoyed a successful season, losing only three games. We have no need to offer excuses for these defeats for they were suffered against opponents who were genuinely superior on the day. However, the Smithills side, lacking players of above-average size, was always unhappy when playing on heavy grounds against opponents who were physically stronger.

This season has been one of preparation for the competitions in which this team, as U.15's, will play in the coming season. The emphasis has been on positional play and on trying as many players as possible while at the same time blending a team.

As captain, Warren was a model of football skill and tireless effort, although he must show more authority on the field. If a dominating mid-field player can be found to develop a better link between the sound defence and the four strikers, the next season should be one of achievement. The leading scorers were; Ainscow and Garsden with 13 goals each; Barlow with 11 and Warren with 9.

Those who played were: Pike, Collins, Hall, Crompton, Irish, Cryer, Faulkner, Howarth, Warren, Ainscow, Robinson, Barlow, Shacklady, Smith, Glicklish, Garsden, Tomlins and Morris.

Results

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|----------|------|-------------------------------|----|---|
| 17/9/66 | H v. | Leigh Grammar | 8 | 0 |
| 24/9/66 | A v. | Heywood Grammar | 6 | 1 |
| 8/10/66 | A v. | St. Cuthberts | 6 | 1 |
| 15/10/66 | H v. | County Grammar | 12 | 1 |
| 22/10/66 | A v. | Derby School | 1 | 6 |
| 5/11/66 | H v. | Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar | 6 | 2 |
| 12/11/66 | H v. | Worsley Wardley Grammar | 6 | 2 |
| 26/11/66 | A v. | Thornleigh College | 1 | 6 |
| 27/1/67 | A v. | Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar | 4 | 0 |
| 10/2/67 | H v. | St. Cuthberts | 6 | 2 |
| 18/2/67 | A v. | Leigh Grammar | 3 | 1 |
| 11/3/67 | A v. | Hayward Schools | 0 | 4 |

Summary

| P | W | L | F | A |
|----|---|---|----|----|
| 12 | 9 | 3 | 61 | 27 |

D.K.G./V.P.

UNDER 13 XI

Played 12, Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 3. Goals for 51, Goals against 32.

Team chosen from: H. Kakoullis, S. Greenhalgh, F. Dearnley, D. Wolstenholme, M. Hodgkiss, J. Norton, S. Hindle, P. Hough, I. Collins, S. Cooper, S. Anderson, K. Knight, R. Ferguson, N. Gawthorpe.

The team was very fortunate in keeping injury-free through the season, and so were able to develop and mould themselves into a very good team.

All members of the team were very fit and able to play for a full game at a fast pace, a fact lacking in some of their opponents when the team managed to push home their advantage in the last 15 minutes.

The team was very well balanced. Both wingers were fast, able to beat an opponent on his inside or outside, and shoot hard and accurately. The centre forward, though lacking inches in height, was always on the spot at the right moment to score or make trouble for the other defence. The inside forwards linked excellently with the wing halves, and these four covered many miles during the game, spraying out passes accurately. Solidity with speed was the theme of the defence, with all three able to tackle hard and bring the ball out. On the last line of defence was a competent goalkeeper.

The best feature of this team is the way in which they have played unselfishly as a TEAM, together with their accurate passing and deadly shooting at every opportunity. One slight criticism which could be levelled at them is the lack of urgency in clearing the ball when under heavy pressure in the goal area, although this lesson was learned through experience towards the end of the season.

This team has shown how well football can be played, and how sportsmanship can make a team. Leaving the kissing and cuddling to the professionals, they get on with the job of scoring goals and winning matches. There is a very bright future for this team.

F.H.

INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL

Senior Section I

Assheton 9 v. Marsh 0
 Radclyffe 2 v. Byrom 1
 Assheton 1 v. Radclyffe 1
 Marsh 2 v. Byrom 5
 Assheton 2 v. Byrom 3
 Radclyffe 4 v. Marsh 1
 Section Winners - Radclyffe

Senior Section II

Barton 4 v. Ainsworth 3
 Norley 1 v. Hulton 4
 Barton 4 v. Norley 1
 Ainsworth 6 v. Hulton 1
 Barton 2 v. Hulton 6
 Norley 0 v. Ainsworth 2
 Section Winners - Ainsworth
 Senior League Winners - Ainsworth
 Ainsworth 2 v. Radclyffe 1

Junior Section I

Marsh 2 v. Hulton 5
 Byrom 1 v. Assheton 1
 Marsh 0 v. Byrom 1
 Hulton 0 v. Assheton 1
 Marsh 1 v. Assheton 3
 Byrom 4 v. Hulton 0
 Section Winners - Byrom

Junior Section II

Barton 2 v. Norley 3
 Ainsworth 3 v. Radcliffe 3
 Barton 4 v. Ainsworth 3
 Norley 0 v. Radclyffe 1
 Barton 2 v. Radclyffe 3
 Ainsworth 1 v. Norley 8
 Section Winners Radclyffe
 Junior League Winners - Byrom
 Byrom 3 v. Radclyffe 2

OLD SMITHILLIANS A.F.C.

The 1st XI had a good beginning to the season, but a disastrous finish owing to constant change of team and not enough effort on heavier ground. For the first time the Club had to apply for re-election and was successful.

The 2nd XI, after a very disappointing start, which did not yield any points, was re-organised after Christmas and finished grandly, but unfortunately much too late to make an impression on the league tables.

Three seasons ago the 1st XI were 3rd Division Champions after being runners-up in the Horwich League the season before.

The forthcoming season is eagerly awaited and players train regularly every Tuesday evening at Smithills Schools. Old and new players are welcome to attend.

The Lancashire Amateur League has been drastically re-organised which should ensure that the games are more even.

G.D.

ATHLETICS

Results

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|---|---|---|---|
| P | W | D | L |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Boys' Athletics

Despite the depressing appearance of the results summary, we have suffered more from the weather than at the hands of any other school. Both our fixtures against Hayward Schools had to be cancelled, as indeed both of last year's fixtures. The memorable impressions of the season are the spirited fight by a small number of boy competitors in the away fixtures against Derby School, which kept the final result in doubt until the last relay race. The

tussle with Hayward in the Bolton Schools' Championships at Leverhulme Park was once again worthy of mention, as we were left in doubt as to the eventual outcome until the last event, when we conceded defeat by the narrowest of margins.

Colours

Junior: Wayne Buffey (G), David Mulligan (G), Stephen Kenyon (M), Howard King (G), Stephen Seddon (G).

Senior: Full - Martin Osborne (T). Half - John Thornton (T), Chris Livesey (G), Stephen Chadwick (G), Paul Fletcher (T).

Girls' Athletics

This was a rather disappointing season as far as results go, but the final scores are not representative of the actual events. Effort, team spirit and enthusiasm cannot be recorded, but the keenness and willingness of the girls concerned is certainly highly commendable.

Several individuals have won personal success. Anne Smith was chosen to represent Lancashire at the English Schools' Championships at Peterborough. Our third year girls' relay team won at the Bolton inter-schools championships at Leverhulme Park; many girls obtained second places.

Perhaps the matches could have been more successful if more competitors had attended the matches and coaching sessions.

Junior colours have been awarded to Brenda Hacking for excellent performance, enthusiasm and regular attendance. The following senior girls have been awarded half-colours: Shirley Clark, Jane Ward, Alwyn Heaton, Beverly Fiddes, Susan Eastham, Leony Heap, Barbara Yates.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

It was most disappointing that after all the work by staff and the training done by many keen athletes that the weather should rob us of the final day and the competition be null and void. It is remarkable therefore that we have so many new records this year because we were looking forward to the finals to see many records, which have stood for a few years now, be broken.

Below will be found all the standing records.

ATHLETIC RECORDS

| | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------|----|-----------------------|------|
| Junior Girls | 100 Yards | A. Smith | No | 12.0 s. | 1966 |
| | 150 Yards | A. Smith | No | 18.6 s. | 1966 |
| | 220 Yards | A. Rogerson | No | 30.1 s. | 1965 |
| | 80 Yards Hurdles | L. Nicholas | Ma | 15.0 s. | 1966 |
| | 4 x 110 Yards Relay | | Ai | 60.7 s. | 1966 |
| | High Jump | A. Rogerson | No | 4' 4" | 1965 |
| | Long Jump | J. Jones | By | 14' 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " | 1964 |
| | Rounders Ball | B. Fiddes | By | 187' 6" | 1963 |
| | Javelin | R. Smith | Ma | 45' 6" | 1967 |

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------|------------------------|---------|------|
| Junior Boys | 100 Yards | J. Harvey | No | 11.4 s. | 1967 | |
| | 220 Yards | J. Harvey | No | 26.0 s. | 1967 | |
| | 660 Yards | M. Brindle | No | 1 m. 45.5 s. | 1967 | |
| | 80 Yards Hurdles | N. Mann | By | 13.2 s. | 1966 | |
| | 4 x 110 Yards Relay | | Ba | 58.5 s. | 1963 | |
| | High Jump | A. Kay | By | 4' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " | 1964 | |
| | Long Jump | P. Simpson | Hu | 15' 11" | 1967 | |
| | Cricket Ball | S. MacGuffie | Hu | 225' 8" | 1967 | |
| | Inter. Girls | 100 Yards | M. Hulme | As | 12.3 s. | 1966 |
| | | 220 Yards | J. Jones | By | 29.7 s. | 1965 |
| 150 Yards | | A. Smith | No | 18.8 s. | 1967 | |
| 80 Yards Hurdles | | A. Rogerson | No | 13.9 s. | 1967 | |
| 4 x 110 Yards Relay | | | No | 60.7 s. | 1963 | |
| High Jump | | A. Rogerson | No | 4' 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " | 1967 | |
| Long Jump | | A. Smith | No | 14' 6" | 1967 | |
| Rounders Ball | | B. Fiddes | By | 199' 8" | 1964 | |
| Shot | | S. Blacklock | As | 21' 1" | 1966 | |
| Javelin | | B. Hacking | Ma | 64' 0" | 1966 | |
| Inter. Boys | Discus | J. Newsham | As | 57' 1" | 1967 | |
| | 100 Yards | S. Leach | Ma | 10.6 s. | 1963 | |
| | 220 Yards | S. Leach | Ma | 24.4 s. | 1963 | |
| | 440 Yards | W. Buffey | As | 56.8 s. | 1967 | |
| | 880 Yards | S. Kenyon | Ma | 2 m 17.2 s. | 1967 | |
| | 80 Yards Hurdles | S. Seddon | Ba | 12.6 s. | 1967 | |
| | 110m. Hurdles | S. Seddon | Ba | 19.3 s. | 1967 | |
| | 1000m. St. Chase | S. Kenyon | Ma | 3 m 2.5 s. | 1967 | |
| | 1 Mile | S. Kenyon | Ma | | | |
| | 4 x 110 Yards Relay | | By | 60.5 s. | 1966 | |
| Senior Girls | High Jump | D. Smith | Hu | 5' 0" | 1965 | |
| | Long Jump | S. Leach | Ma | 17' 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " | 1964 | |
| | Javelin | B. Walmsley | Ai | 131' 10" | 1963 | |
| | Shot | N. Leather | No | 37' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | 1964 | |
| | Discus | R. Bowden | Ba | 109' 6" | 1966 | |
| | Triple Jump | P. Fletcher | Ma | 37' 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ " | 1966 | |
| | 100 Yards | A. Heaton | No | 12.2 s. | 1966 | |
| | 220 Yards | A. Heaton | No | 29.0 s. | 1966 | |
| | 440 Yards | J. Fryer | As | 77.4 s. | 1966 | |
| | 80 Yards Hurdles | J. Jones | No | 13.9 s. | 1966 | |
| Senior Boys | 80m. Hurdles | V. Greenwood | As | 17.5 s. | 1967 | |
| | 4 x 110 Yards Relay | | By | 60.5 s. | 1966 | |
| | High Jump | S. Riley | No | 4' 7" | 1965 | |
| | Long Jump | S. Riley | No | 14' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | 1965 | |
| | Javelin | B. Fiddes | By | 85' 11" | 1967 | |
| | Discus | A. Heaton | No | 65' 6" | 1966 | |
| | Shot | B. Fiddes | By | 25' 1" | 1967 | |
| | 880 Yards | J. Ward | Ma | 3 m 2.9 s. | 1967 | |
| | 100 Yards | S. Leach | Ma | 10.1 s. | 1966 | |
| | 220 Yards | S. Leach | Ma | 23.5 s. | 1966 | |
| Senior Boys | 440 Yards | A. Brown | By | 54.7 s. | 1967 | |
| | 880 Yards | N. Wainwright | By | 2 m 14.8 s. | 1964 | |
| | 1 Mile | M. Osborne | Ra | 4 m 58.1 s. | 1966 | |
| | 80 Yards Hurdles | R. Taylor | By | 13.1 s. | 1966 | |
| | 1000 m. St. Chase | M. Osborn | Ra | 3 m 6.7 s. | 1967 | |
| | 110 Yards Hurdles | R. Taylor | By | 15.6 s. | 1966 | |
| | High Jump | R. Taylor | By | 5' 4" | 1965 | |
| | Long Jump | J. Johnson | Ba | 18' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " | 1966 | |
| | Triple Jump | R. Taylor | By | 39' 5" | 1966 | |
| | Shot | A. Hayes | As | 33' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " | 1964 | |
| Senior Boys | Javelin | J. Heys | By | 142' | 1966 | |
| | Discus | R. Bowden | Ba | 107' 5" | 1966 | |
| | 4 x 110 Yards Relay | | Ma | 48.0 s. | 1966 | |

BADMINTON 1966-67

Boys' Badminton

This season has been a most successful one considering that all of last year's team left to continue their education elsewhere. The team set off to a shaky start but with more match play soon improved their confidence and gave us several victories over strong opponents.

A new feature this season was the formation of a mixed Badminton team which proved to be most successful. They only sustained one narrow defeat by a strong Darwen Grammar School side at Darwen. Other mixed matches were won easily by the couples against much weaker opponents.

Players in the boys' Badminton team were: P. Lonnen (Capt.), C. Whiteside, J. J. Howarth, P. Allsop, G. Wadeson, G. A. Kershaw, J. Duckworth and G. Nelson.

Results

| | P | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|---|
| Boys | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Mixed | 8 | 7 | 1 |

Sixth Form Girls' Badminton Club

| | P | W | D | L |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| | 3 | 1 | — | 2 |

Some years ago a Senior Girls' Badminton Club was started so that those interested could learn to play the game as a recreational activity for their own exercise and enjoyment. At that time there was no intention of forming a team to play matches.

Because of numbers the Club has had to be limited to the Sixth form and this year some of the members felt they would like the experience of playing a few matches. Three were arranged of which we won one. The improved score in the return match against Turton showed we had benefitted from the experience. Some members have also played in the mixed matches.

Next year, we hope the Club will continue, and, if the members wish, some matches can be arranged. But there will still be the opportunity, for those interested, of playing amongst themselves who do not wish to play in matches, regardless of their individual standard. M.E.

SENIOR BASKETBALL

Bolton U21 League

After losing five of last season's league-topping senior team, this season, as expected, has been one of rebuilding. Paul Fletcher and Stephen Chadwick, the only two left from last season's team, formed the nucleus of a very young, inexperienced side.

At the beginning of the season it was apparent that the team's main disadvantage was going to be its lack of experience and this showed in the early results, especially against older and more experienced opposition. However, they had in their favour enthusiasm, a willingness to practice and a tremendous team-spirit, and it was soon noticeable that they were improving very quickly. Still the team lacked penetration power in attack, until after weeks of practice on this point they eventually turned the corner and began to get through their opponents' defence. After that they did not have a bad defeat and played many fine games.

The team still tends to over-elaborate at times and this they must master. To sum up; the team has done very well and next year could easily be challenging for the league championship again.

Many thanks to Mr. Sewell and his caretaking staff who have stayed behind at night on our behalf.

Individual Reports

IAN MANGNALL (Right defence): A tall, talented member of the team. He is very useful for rebounds off the back-board either in defence or attack. Should try to improve his shooting.

RONALD BOWDEN (Right or left defence). A useful member of the team who improved as the season progressed.

IAN AINSWORTH (Right or left defence). Came into the team during the first half of the season and proved a great asset to the team in later matches. His height is a great advantage and with more practice he could become a very good player.

WAYNE WORTHINGTON (Right or left defence). A sound defender and a useful member of the team. He jumps well off the back-board, particularly in defence. Needs to improve his shooting.

STEPHEN CHADWICK (Right attack). A very talented player and a prolific basket-scorer. He moves well about the court, shoots and lays-up extremely well.

PAUL FLETCHER (Centre attack, Captain). A very talented player with tremendous ball-sense. He moves well about the court and creates innumerable openings for the rest of the team. He shoots and lays-up very well and has captained the team extremely well.

FRANK ALLEN (Left attack). A talented player who has improved rapidly this season. He is quick to see an opportunity, has a very reliable lay-up shot and moves well about the court.

NIGEL HAMILTON (Left or Right attack). A good team member who uses the ball well. He is an unselfish player and is capable of scoring baskets from the wing, but can improve his shooting even more.

MARTIN OSBORN (Left or right attack). A good player who will improve even more with further practice. He uses the ball well and moves round the court well. Should improve his shooting for next season.

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|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| P | W | L |
| 20 | 12 | 8 |
| Finished 4th in the league. | | |

Full Colours awarded to: Paul Fletcher, Stephen Chadwick, Ian Mangnall, Frank Allen.

Half Colours awarded to: Ronald Bowden, Nigel Hamilton, Martin Osborn, Wayne Worthington, Ian Ainsworth.

C.A.B.

Under 15]Basketball

With the exception of the captain, W. Buffey, this season's team has again been thrown into league competition without any previous match experience. Nevertheless it has acquitted itself well and can reflect with satisfaction upon the progress that has been made during the season. Unfortunately, they will not be able to reap the benefit of this season's experience in this section, for next year they will be seniors and so will have another hard fight to establish themselves against older and more experienced teams. However, the enthusiasm and loyalty which they have shown should help them to tackle any future obstacles in a confident manner. For outstanding play, colours are awarded to W. Buffey and D. Rawlinson.

Team members: W. Buffey (Capt.), D. Rawlinson, F. Blackburn, R. Shirres, P. Reason, W. Poole, H. King, S. Seddon, J. Kemp, P. Pearson.

Team Results

| | | |
|----------|----------|----------|
| P | W | L |
| 10 | 4 | 6 |

K.W.O.

CRICKET

1st XI Team Report

Again the 1st XI has been a very young team, comprising mainly 5th formers, and as a result it has been very inexperienced. This has been the main handicap in all matches, especially when things have been reasonably close. Batting has let the team down more than the bowling and although there are several capable batsmen in this team they never hit form together; some not at all.

It is hoped that the VIth form in general will respond next cricket season and provide the nucleus of the 1st XI cricket team, as it is these boys who should be representing the school in this age group.

Individual Reports

IAN AINSWORTH (Capt.). The most reliable member of the team for both batting and bowling. His bowling has been particularly good and in many games he has not deserved to be on the losing side. He has captained the team very well and shown a good tactical mind.

MAURICE GRUNDY. One of the most reliable batsmen this season. Although not a great stylist he has shown that he has the ability to stay at the wicket and score runs. Towards the end of the season he proved to be a useful pace-bowler.

PAUL FLETCHER. His wicket-keeping has been one of the best points of the team and has improved tremendously over the season. Although he is a capable batsman he has not really hit form this season.

TIMOTHY SHEPPARD. A good sound batsman who has had some reasonable scores this season. His fielding has been inconsistent and this should be practised for next season.

PHILIP TURNER. A steady batter who has not really found form this season. With more practice he should be a very useful member of next year's team.

ALAN BROWN. A good all-rounder who has done quite well both batting and bowling. With practice he should be very useful next season.

STEPHEN ATHERTON. A hard-hitting batsman who has not found his true form in matches this season.

ALAN COCHRANE. Has had one or two good knocks this season and shown that he is a capable batsman. He has also been one of the better fielders.

ADRIAN LEE. A useful seam bowler who has taken some good wickets this season. Should try to improve his batting for next season.

MICHAEL BDZOLA. Has not played as well as expected this season, after a promising end to last season. As an all-rounder he has been quite useful at times, especially with his bowling, but he has never really been comfortable with the bat.

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS. Has not played as well in matches as he has in the practice nets. Could be a good batter with more practice.

MARTIN OSBORN. A keen member of the team who can both bat and bowl. He has not hit the high spots this season but should be useful for next season. A good fielder.

ALAN BISPHAM. A useful seam bowler. Should aim to improve his batting and fielding next season.

BRIAN NICHOLLS. Could have been a very useful member of the team this season but only played once. He showed that he still has plenty of batting ability and is a good bowler and fielder. Should be very good next season.

PETER ALLSOP. Only played one game this season but could have been a very useful all-rounder. Should be very good next season.

MICHAEL BOOTH. An extremely useful all-rounder of great potential. Unfortunately his interest has not been in the game this season and as a result his form has suffered.

BATTING AVERAGES

| | Innings | Not Out | Runs | Average |
|----------------------|---------|---------|------|---------|
| Ian Ainsworth | 6 | 2 | 44 | 11.00 |
| Maurice Grundy | 7 | 1 | 51 | 8.5 |

BOWLING AVERAGES

| | Overs | Maidens | Runs | Wickets | Average |
|---------------------|-------|---------|------|---------|---------|
| Ian Ainsworth | 51 | 9 | 138 | 23 | 6.00 |

Full Colours awarded to: Ian Ainsworth.

Half Colours awarded to: Maurice Grundy, Paul Fletcher, Timothy Sheppard, Phillip Turner, Alan Brown, Stephen Atherton, Alan Cochrane, Adrian Lee, Michael Bdzola, Christopher Williams, Martin Osborn, Alan Bispham. C.A.B.

STAFF v 1st XI MATCH

Staff won by 11 runs.
Staff 65 all out.
1st XI 54 for 6

Scorers: Stephen Greenhalgh 2D Tech.
Neil Howcroft 1B Tech.

Both have been very neat and efficient and are to be commended for their time put in on behalf of the 1st XI.

2nd XI

Played 5, Won 2, Lost 3.

Owing to the brevity of the season, there have been many changes in the second eleven, and consequently they have not been able to settle down and play as a team. This does not mean that the games played have not been enjoyed. On the contrary, the players have entered each game with the whole idea of enjoying themselves as much as possible - an attitude which is apparently lacking in most "top class" teams.

The season opened in fine style with a good, if slightly unexpected, win over Hayward Schools. The next game was entered with the same verve, if not the same success, against Chorley G.S., and the next two games also ended in defeat. Undeterred, they entertained Farnworth G.S., a team who had already defeated them, for the last match of the season, and turned on their best cricket of the season to reverse the previous result.

It cannot be said that the cricket played was of classic style, but the bowling was accurate and of good length, if lacking in variation. The fielding was fast and keen, with some very good catching. The batting sometimes lacked finesse, but in a game of limited time and overs, it was very effective.

This has been a young team whose lack of experience showed. However, the fighting spirit and the obvious good humour and sportsmanship which prevailed in the team should carry them far next season.
F.H.

Under 14 XI

The U.14's won two of the six matches which were played, four fixtures being cancelled because of rain. The response from the 3rd Year was disappointing, for we never had more than thirteen boys who wished to play. This made it difficult to field a side whenever any of the team was not available. However, there was a good spirit in the team and after the exciting final match, the narrow defeat by Derby School, they were eager to take on all-comers, a welcome change of attitude after the rather apathetic start to the season. Several players showed that they have cricketing ability, but there was a general lack of technique. This was especially reflected in the field, particularly when it came to field placings. With better fielding and less erratic bowling more matches would have been won. In addition, many extras were conceded, for instance in the Derby School match in which 19 vital runs were given away. The Tuesday practices were quite well attended, but the lesson of the season is, yet again, that cricket is a game which requires practice, coaching and concentration.

Results

| | | |
|---------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| v. Hayward Schools | Smithills 37 for 9. Smith 16, Lomax 6 for 12. Smithills won by 5 runs. | Hayward Schools 32 all out. |
| v. Chorley G.S. | Smithills 12 all out. Chorley won by 9 wickets. | Chorley G.S. 11 for 1. |
| v. Bury G.S. | Smithills 39 all out. Fare 16 not out Bury G.S. won by 4 wickets | Bury G.S. 40 for 5. |
| v. Canon Slade G.S. | Canon Slade 42 for 6. Smithills won by 4 wickets. | Smithills 43 for 6 |
| v. Farnworth G.S. | Farnworth 73 for 7. Farnworth won by 41 runs. | Smithills 32 all out. |
| v. Derby School | Derby School 94 for 7. Ainscow 22 not out Garsden 20 Derby School won by 11 runs. | Smithills 83 for 8. |

AVERAGES

Batting

| | |
|---------|-------|
| Ainscow | 10-00 |
| Garsden | 9-00 |
| Fare | 8-00 |

Bowling

| | Wkts. | Ave. |
|-------|-------|------|
| Booth | 13 | 7-00 |
| Lomax | 8 | 7-00 |
| Smith | 11 | 7-45 |

V.P.

Under 12s XI

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| P | W | D | L |
| 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 |

One match postponed.

Although only three matches were played this season the Under 12's achieved a very high standard of play which reflected the enthusiasm of the team.

Lack of practice accounted for their first defeat against Hayward Schools, but after this temporary set back the team pulled together well and in a very entertaining fixture against Farnworth Grammar School they defeated the latter by 18 runs. Hamer proved the most competent batsman scoring 15 runs and shared a fine bowling performance (6 wkts. for 5 runs) with Brooking (4 for 3).

The Under 12's final fixture against St. Cuthbert's proved the most successful of the season. Batting first the Smithills Schools scored 77 runs for the loss of only 3 wickets, the star performer of the innings being C. Isherwood who scored 52. Through a combination of fine bowling and keen fielding (Ainsworth 5 for 10) and (Hamer 4 for 9) St. Cuthbert's were dismissed for 20.

The Under 12's have shown general all round ability and with consistent practice next season they should repeat their successes.

C.M.

STAFF CRICKET

No cricket matches were played against other schools this season. Some fixtures were cancelled because of the weather, and others had to be cancelled mainly because unforeseeable clashes of school activities prevented our turning out eleven players.

The staff beat the 1st XI by the narrow margin of 11 runs in a low-scoring match. Batting on the unrolled wicket was a hazardous business and the wet elephant grass of the outfield discouraged ground shots. Under the circumstances it was a good game, but until reasonable wickets are prepared, the chances of producing good batsmen at Smithills are remote.

Result

Staff XI 65 (26 overs). 1st XI 54 for 6 (26 overs). (C. Mellor 25, A. Woods 15).

P.W.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Boys' Cross Country Running

In our matches against individual schools our achievements appear rather modest. However, when we compete in larger open competitions, such as the Fred Norris Trophy, the Bolton Schools' Championships and the Round Witton Chase, our teams seem to rise to the occasion. In the Fred Norris Trophy, despite a fine run by S. Kenyon, the overall winner, we were forced out of the medal positions by 1 point. We gained ample revenge in the Bolton Championships when we won the Ron Hill Cup, by a most decisive margin, with Kenyon once again proving his worth by taking first place. In the Junior event we were placed second behind St. Cuthbert's, although we once again had the individual winner in M. Brindle.

The Round Witton Chase produced another first for Kenyon, and our team finished 11th out of 41 competing teams. Another runner to compete with distinction in this race was D. Peacock, who should be ready this season to take over the role of senior runner.

Four of our boys ran for Bolton in the County Championships at Stoneyhurst. D. Peacock finished 73rd in the Junior event. S. Kenyon and G. Delvard did not distinguish themselves in the inter-event, and M. Osborne finished 40th in the Senior race.

A fortnight later, however, in the National Championships at Sheffield, Kenyon more than repaid the selectors' confidence in picking him when he finished 14th, and had the added distinction of being the first Lancashire runner to finish.

The impressive list of fixtures which faces us for the coming season augurs well for the health of the cross-country team, and suggests that it is now a sport to be reckoned with on the Base.

Results

| | P | W | D | L |
|------|---|---|---|---|
| U/15 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 3 |
| U/13 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 |

U/15 Team from: S. Kenyon (Capt.), D. Mulligan, E. Delvard, D. Gregory, P. Oldfield, W. Ainsworth, P. Warren, D. Peacock, A. Fowles, J. Dabecki, W. Greenhalgh, B. Kerman.

U/13 Team from: M. Brindle (Capt.), W. Holt, S. Bleakley, G. Strickleton, D. Chadwick, D. Byrne, M. Greaves, D. Benson, P. Kettle, A. Grundy, S. Beamish, J. Harvey. J.B.

Girls' Cross-Country Running

There has been no competitive season although the report is quite encouraging. A junior and intermediate team was formed to represent the Base in the Bolton Schools' Championships held at Leverhulme Park.

Here the junior team came 3rd out of 6 teams, and the intermediate team was placed 2nd out of 3 teams. The response from the girls was a credit to the teams to enter this kind of competition, for some, for the first time.

As a result of this the following were chosen to run for the Bolton team in the Lancashire Schools' Cross-Country Championships: Anne Rogerson, Sandra Barnes, Marcia Chadwick, Anne Chadwick Susan Poulson, Anne Smith.

HOCKEY

1st XI

| P | W | D | L | Goals | | Canc. |
|----|---|---|---|-------|----|-------|
| | | | | F | A | |
| 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 53 | 44 | 8 |

On the whole this has been a disappointing season, the team winning only 4 matches. Many times matches have had to be cancelled because the pitches were unfit and outdoor practices were usually impossible.

As a result the teams lacked experience and speed which can only be gained by regular outdoor training. This not only affects the present day 1st XI, but will also affect future teams since the younger players who will eventually play for the 1st XI are not getting the necessary training and experience.

Despite these difficulties the team that played this year were not disheartened and they turned up regularly for indoor practices and matches. Even when matches were lost, the team usually enjoyed the game, making up for lack of experience by hard work and enthusiasm.

Janet Entwistle } Joint
Beverley Fiddes } Captains

J. Entwistle, B. Fiddes (Joint Captains). C. Horner, D. Livesey, A. Hobson, J. Barlow, T. Jones, V. Greenwood, J. Turner, J. Taylor, K. Wilkinson. Also C. Hall, D. Spence, J. Anderton, P. Halliwell, M. Hurst.

Full Colours

VIVIENNE GREENWOOD. A regular team member all her school life, Vivienne has developed into a good left-half. She could however be a little more determined going into a tackle and cut out mis-hit clearances by keeping her head down.

ANNE HOBSON. Anne has developed into a sound left back this season. Her anticipation is good and she has a strong clearance.

DEIRDRE LIVESEY. Deirdre has also been a keen team member during her time at Smithills. Moving to full back this season she has helped to form a sound defence. She needs however to improve her anticipation and to be quicker in recovering her position when she has been beaten in the tackle.

Half Colours

JUDITH TAYLOR. Judith is a hard working right inner who never seems to tire. She must however become much quicker in shooting when she gets the ball in the circle.

JOYCE TURNER. As right wing Joyce has improved this season especially in shooting and in centring the ball; she as well however, must do both a little sooner to be more penetrating.

2nd XI

| P | W | D | L | Goals | | Canc. |
|---|---|---|---|-------|----|-------|
| | | | | F | A | |
| 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 32 | 12 |

The 2nd XI consists of a group of girls who are interested in playing Hockey and willing to spend their Saturday mornings playing for the Base.

In terms of matches won they cannot be said to have had a successful season, but in keenness and enthusiasm and in playing the game for enjoyment they more than equal any of the more successful teams and are to be commended on their sportsmanship.

Many matches have had to be cancelled owing to waterlogged pitches. Outdoor practices have also been curtailed for the same reason, having to be held in the gym. This lack of training on the field has hindered the development of the team and is in some way responsible for their losing matches by the odd goal.

The team has shown definite improvement during the season especially the defence. The forwards need to practise shooting quickly when in the circle.

C. Hall (Captain), J. Miller, K. Hunt, L. Simpson, J. Williams, S. Spence, M. Hurst, L. Kemp, V. Coleshaw, C. Brooks, J. Ward, also K. Hindle, P. Westhead, J. Boardman, L. Murphy, J. Benyon, J. Parry, C. Johnson, Y. Liles.

Half Colours

CAROLINE HALL. Although up to this season a left wing, Caroline has played centre forward this season. Her play has improved considerably but she must learn to keep her position better and overcome a tendency to hang on to the ball too long before passing.

MARALYN HURST. As centre half Maralyn's play has improved considerably; her anticipation is good, her tackling determined and successful and her clearances have become strong and accurate.

U.15 XI

| P | W | D | L | Goals | | Canc. |
|----|----|---|---|-------|----|-------|
| | | | | F | A | |
| 13 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 56 | 14 | 9 |

The U.15 XI has had a very successful season winning 10 of the matches played, scoring 56 goals.

The team has consisted mainly of last season's U.14 XI which has helped greatly in the successful development and improvement of the team. We now play as a team passing the ball much more across the field thus opening the game up and making scoring opportunities. Corners could be improved both by attack and defence. Free hits are not always taken to full advantage and the players concerned should take a quick look round before hitting the ball.

The attendances at practices and matches have been very good throughout the season, and reserve players seldom used.

Many matches and practices have had to be cancelled owing to the conditions of the pitches and the weather. We hope for a dry winter next season and hope that the pitches may be in a better condition.

C. Johnson (Captain), T. Liles, J. Eccleshare, A. Dodworth, K. Hindle, L. Roberts, G. Kakoulis, M. Woodcock, M. Chadwick, C. Johnson, J. Smalley, A. Gardner, H. Relph, also J. Benyon, C. Holt, C. Mayoh, L. Voce.

Junior Colours

CAROL JOHNSON. Carol is a most promising centre forward with skilful stick work. As centre forward she has become the pivot round which the team has developed; she must, however, overcome a tendency to try to do too much on her own.

MARGARET WOODCOCK. A skilful right wing who makes most of her speed; her centres have improved but could be taken more crisply.

HELEN RELPH. Helen is a solid left wing who takes some stopping when she has the ball. She has developed a good strong shot at goal. She could, however, take her centres more quickly.

AUDREY DODWORTH. Audrey's play as right back has improved this season and her tackling and clearances are more successful. She must, however, recover more quickly when she finds herself out of position.

LINDA ROBERTS. A hard working centre-half who never gives up. She must learn to develop a stronger hit so that her cross-field passes are more penetrating.

YVONNE LILES. Yvonne is a hard-working goal-keeper whose skill has improved this season although she has occasional careless lapses. The more she plays the better will be her judgement and anticipation.

U.14 XI

| P | W | D | L | Goals | | Canc. |
|----|---|---|---|-------|----|-------|
| | | | | F | A | |
| 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 23 | 22 | 13 |

The U.14 XI have had a fairly good season; winning about half their matches.

At the beginning of the season, they were a new team lacking in experience, but with practice and match experience, both individual

skills and team work have improved. There is still, however, room for improvement both in individual stick-work and in spacing and developing cross-field passes. They must also develop the habit of always being on the attack by moving forward with the ball, moving forward into the tackle and interception instead of standing still and waiting.

As a team they are keen and enthusiastic and provided this is maintained and that they all stay together they should be a good team in the future.

The reserves should be thanked for attending matches knowing that they may not be called upon to play, but nevertheless giving valuable support to the team.

We should like to thank Miss Elsworth for the help and encouragement she gave us throughout the season.

J. McKeown (Captain), V. Brown, J. Hammond, L. Parry, H. Gregson, C. Mayoh, K. Park, J. Simpson, W. Harris, E. Ward, L. Nicholas, C. Mattinson, J. Benyon, C. Holt, S. Knowles, R. Carr.

LAWN TENNIS

1st VI Girls' Tennis

| P | W | L | Games | | Sets | |
|---|---|---|-------|-----|------|----|
| | | | F | A | F | A |
| 8 | 6 | 2 | 290 | 249 | 39 | 33 |

The 1st VI has had, on the whole, a fairly successful season winning 6 of the 8 matches played.

Of last season's 1st VI only the first couple remained, but those who replaced them have justified their places. The strong and steady play of the 1st couple has given the team a good lead. They have been well backed up by the 2nd couple whose serves have, however, a tendency to go on the defensive; both players falling back on the base line; and have lost sets they would have easily won if they had gone on the attack.

The 3rd couple have been rather inconsistent; playing well at times, but at others below what they are capable of. They will become more effective when they develop a more attacking approach and are quicker in anticipation and reaction.

The team as a whole has shown a keen interest in the game and regular attendances at practices have improved the standard. As all the girls should be available next year we look forward to an even more successful season.

B. Fiddes, J. Turner, S. Clarke, A. Heaton, J. Barlow, L. Barlow, also L. Crompton, P. Tootell, M. Hurst, G. Jones.

Full Colours

Re-awards.

BEVERLEY FIDDES. Beverley is an exceptionally good all round player with penetrating attacking serves and ground shots, mixed with sensitive drop shots. Her anticipation and reactions are very quick.

JOYCE TURNER. Joyce's strokes are slightly unorthodox but are very penetrating. One of her big assets is her steady play which make her and Beverley a formidable first couple.

New Colours

SANDRA CLARKE. Sandra has some very good ground strokes and penetrating serves. She must watch the tendency to fall back on the defensive and take it too easily. She needs practice to her volleying as she will not become an effective attacking player until her net-play improves.

ALWYN HEATON. As a left hander, Alwyn has some unorthodox shots but her excellent eye for a ball enables her to hit the ball very hard and accurately. Her anticipation and reactions are good but attacking power is reduced by her dislike of playing up at the net which she must overcome.

Half Colours

JOY BARLOW. Joy has played steadily on the whole but she is inclined to take her play too casually and is too easily satisfied. With a more determined approach and an improvement in anticipation and judgement, her play could reach a higher standard.

LYNN BARLOW. Lynn's play has been hindered by her new serve which, when she masters it, will be much more penetrating and accurate. She could make a more attacking approach and be more accurate in placing her shots.

2nd VI

| P | W | L | Games | | Sets | |
|---|---|---|-------|-----|------|----|
| | | | F | A | F | A |
| 6 | 5 | 1 | 246 | 186 | 32 | 22 |

The 2nd VI are to be congratulated on a successful season losing only 1 of the 6 matches played.

Their success has been due to steady play on their part, and in the match they lost they were beaten by the quicker anticipation and reactions of their hard-hitting opponents. They all possess the necessary shots but they are not always in the right place to use them; and at times their accuracy and judgement are at fault putting the ball in the net or out of court. They will become more effective attacking players when their net play improves.

Their success has also been due to the enthusiastic interest and regular attendance at practices of the whole team and they should develop into useful players in the future.

V. Greenwood, D. Livesey, C. Hall, H. Whittaker, M. Hammond, also B. Yates, M. Hurst, G. Jones, L. Crompton, P. Tootell.

Half Colours

VIVIENNE GREENWOOD. Vivienne has some good shots but she could improve her judgement; too many going in the net or out of court. A more attacking approach would make her a more effective opponent.

DEIRDRE LIVESEY. Deirdre is a reliable member of the team who plays steadily. She would be a stronger opponent if she moved more quickly about the court to get into position to play her shots.

CAROLINE HALL. An enthusiastic player with some good shots at her command. She would be a more effective player if she judged her shots better - too many going in the net and out of court.

HELEN WHITTAKER. Helen is a keen tennis player who has improved this season. She has some good hard shots but tends to play them carelessly; not in her opponents' court.

U.15 VI

| P | W | L | Games | | Sets | |
|---|---|---|-------|-----|------|----|
| | | | F | A | F | A |
| 8 | 2 | 6 | 201 | 325 | 21 | 50 |

The U.15 VI have not had a very successful season in terms of matches won but this does not reflect the effort and time given by the team.

On the whole the team play steadily and all players have some good penetrating shots. They need however to develop a more attacking approach to the game, too often going on the defensive and letting their opponents dictate the game.

It was most apparent that against hard-hitting opponents their anticipation and reactions were too slow to counter attacking shots.

The team, however, need not be despondent, and with practice they can improve. As well as working at their strokes, especially service and volley, foot work practice is essential; sprinting and getting quickly off the mark.

All the team can be commended on their attendance at practices and the manner in which they play and enjoy their matches.

J. Gardner, S. Holmes, L. Vose, K. Holland, C. Johnson, M. Woodcock, also M. Chadwick, J. Rodie, J. Smalley, H. Relph, H. Stewart.

U.14 VI

| P | W | L | Games | | Sets | |
|---|---|---|-------|-----|------|----|
| | | | F | A | F | A |
| 7 | 4 | 3 | 206 | 196 | 29 | 27 |

For their first season, the U.14 VI have been fairly successful; winning half of their matches.

At the beginning of the season they were very much lacking in match-play and experience and lost their first few matches rather heavily; but as the season progressed their play improved; couples began to combine better and in the second half of the season they began to win more of their matches.

Strokes have improved considerably throughout the season and they now need to work on improving the accuracy of their shots and placing the ball away from their opponents. As they come up against harder-hitting opponents their anticipation and reactions will have to become quicker.

All the team have shown a keen interest and attendance at practices has been good. If they continue to play, they will be a most promising team for the future.

Our gratitude must go to Miss Elsworth who coached us throughout the season; also our thanks to the scorers who umpired the matches.

C. Mayoh, J. McKeown, E. Ward, L. Nightingale, S. Jones, S. Newton, M. Lamb, S. Waddington, P. Walker, L. Nicholas.

Boys' Tennis

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Season 1967 saw us with only one member of the successful 1966 team remaining. However, the results have been fairly good and all the members of this year's team should be available next season.

At the beginning of the season trials were held and a squad of players was selected for coaching on Mondays and Thursdays after school. 14 boys from all three schools were given places in the squad but only 10 took reasonably regular advantage of the coaching and practice opportunities. The enthusiasm of the regular attenders has been rewarded by a gradual improvement in the quality of their play.

For the first time the team entered the Glanvill Cup, which is the National Boys Schools' trophy, and performed quite creditably. We beat King Edward VII School, Lytham but were eliminated in a four-schools match which was won by Nottingham High School, last year's runners-up.

In local matches the team has been beaten only by Bolton School and, very narrowly, by Thornleigh but it is hoped to reverse these results next season.

It has been a most enjoyable season and we hope that more boys will come forward for places in the squad next year.

Colours

C. Whiteside, R. N. Williams, G. Kershaw and P. Lonnen.

Half-Colours

Joe Howarth, John Howarth and D. Crompton. L.A., C.W.

NETBALL

1st VII

This year's 1st VII was a mixture of last year's 1st and 2nd VII's. This called for a re-arrangement of positions but the problem was not too difficult to overcome. The team did not have a very successful season; winning only four out of eight matches, appearing young and inexperienced against strong opposition. However, the season began well with an easy victory of 19—4 for the opening match. After this, the results were very mixed. Some matches were cancelled, either because of bad weather or because the other school was unable to field a full team. After Christmas, when the return matches were played; the scores were improved, showing that the team was integrating.

The losses were mainly because of lack of fielding a complete team owing to illness and also lack of practice as a full team to develop team tactics. Full colours were awarded to: Barbara Yates, Sylvia Blacklock, Alwyn Heaton. Half colours to: Vivien Clark, Sandra Clark, Janet Shields, Patricia Holden.

Results

| | | | |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Sept. | 26 v. Worsley Wardley | Won | 19—4 |
| Oct. | 1 v. Hayward Schools | Lost | 11—19 |
| | 8 v. Wythenshaw Tech. | Cancelled | |
| | 22 v. Rivington and Blackrod G.S. | Lost | 14—16 |
| Nov. | 5 v. Breightmet C.S.S. | Lost | 27—20 |
| | 19 v. Leigh G.S. | Lost | 20—14 |
| | 26 v. Bury G.S. | Lost | 28—15 |
| Dec. | 3 v. Farnworth G.S. | Lost | 19—23 |
| Jan. | 14 v. Worsley Wardley | Won | 19—2 |
| | 21 v. Rivington and Blackrod G.S. | Won | 18—7 |
| Feb. | 11 v. Hayward Schools | Lost | 16—7 |
| | 25 v. Mount St. Joseph's | Cancelled | |

Regular players were: S. Blacklock, B. Yates, A. Heaton, V. Clark, S. Clark, J. Shields, P. Holden.

U.15 VII

The U.15 VII have not had a very successful season; the main reason being apathy and lack of team spirit. The season began with three losses followed by a win.

The team sported several excellent players, but seven individual players cannot compete successfully against girls playing as a team. Two members left to let the other five struggle on with substitutes. Moira Harwarden stepped in to leave only one place vacant. Play slowly improved, losing some matches by only one or two goals. By the end of the season a full team was fielded; team spirit was better and play improved. The team tried to overcome disappointment by turning up regularly to practices and matches.

Junior colours were awarded to Brenda Hacking and Gillian Rushton who proved to be excellent and efficient players with good ball control and movement on court.

Results

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|-------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Sept. | 26 v. Worsley Wardley | Lost | 13—21 |
| Oct. | 1 v. Hayward Schools | Lost | 13—14 |
| | 8 v. Wythenshaw Technical School | Lost | 9—17 |
| | 15 v. Wolfenden Street Girls' School | Won | 11—10 |
| | 22 v. Rivington and Blackrod G.S. | Lost | 9—12 |
| Nov. | 12 v. Mount St. Joseph's | Lost | 6—12 |
| | 19 v. Leigh G.S. | Lost | 11—8 |
| | 26 v. Bury G.S. | Lost | 25—14 |
| Dec. | 3 v. Farnworth G.S. | Won | 19—17 |
| | 10 v. Farnworth G.S. | Cancelled | |
| Jan. | 14 v. Worsley Wardley | Lost | 6—12 |
| | 21 v. Rivington and Blackrod G.S. | Won | 17—8 |
| Feb. | 11 v. Hayward Schools | Lost | 6—8 |
| | 25 v. Mount St. Joseph's | Lost | 6—12 |
| Mar. | 11 v. Wolfenden Street Girls' School | Draw | 10—10 |

Regular players were: G. Rushton, S. Strickleton, B. Hacking (Capt.), J. Rodie, D. Harper, M. Hawarden, M. Hulme.

U.14 VII

This team has come on in leaps and bounds this season. The number of matches lost does not reflect their true play; each match lost was usually by a very narrow margin; both teams being fairly equal. Credit must be given to all the players. They have attended practices regularly; played in almost every match and have shown an admirable team spirit.

A main "stand in" for the U.15's has been J. Newsham, who has exceptionally good ball-control and anticipation. L. Baldwin has also helped out a number of times as shooter.

However, one word of warning: the team must not become too sure of themselves and be content to remain as they are, because I know that with keen practice they have the making of a really first-class team. Good luck to them!

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|-------|--------------------------------------|------|-------|
| Sept. | 26 v. Worsley Wardley G.S. | Won | 16—0 |
| Oct. | 1 v. Hayward Schools | Won | 22—4 |
| | 8 v. Wythenshaw Technical School | Lost | 9—17 |
| | 15 v. Wolfenden Street Girls' School | Lost | 12—13 |
| | 22 v. Rivington and Blackrod G.S. | Lost | 10—11 |
| Nov. | 5 v. Brightmet C.S.S. | Won | 36—28 |
| | 19 v. Leigh G.S. | Lost | 13—6 |
| | 26 v. Bury G.S. | Won | 17—10 |
| Dec. | 3 v. Farnworth G.S. | Won | 18—12 |
| Jan. | 14 v. Worsley Wardley G.S. | Won | 26—4 |
| | 21 v. Rivington and Blackrod G.S. | Won | 21—10 |
| Feb. | 11 v. Hayward Schools | Won | 15—4 |
| | 25 v. Mount St. Joseph's | Lost | 19—7 |
| Mar. | 11 v. Wolfenden Street Girls' School | Won | 13—12 |

Regular players: S. Duckworth, S. Best, S. Hooton, C. Tilly (Capt.) L. Baldwin, J. Newsham, A. Chadwick, L. Thorpe.

U.13 VII

At the beginning of the season we had seven beginners and individuals. With concentration on ball-control and team tactics, the players began to integrate and work as a team. Team spirit, enthusiasm and keenness were always present.

Although the results do not appear very promising, the girls must be given credit for regular attendance and practices.

Regular players: J. Strange, J. Riley, S. Pilling, J. Murphy (Capt.) S. Hough, A. King, M. Smith.

Results

| | | | |
|-------|--------------------------------------|-----------|------|
| Sept. | 26 v. Worsley Wardley G.S. | Lost | 4—11 |
| Oct. | 8 v. Wythenshaw Technical School | Lost | 4—21 |
| | 15 v. Wolfenden Street Girls' School | Lost | 4—6 |
| | 22 v. Rivington and Blackrod G.S. | Won | 7—3 |
| Nov. | 19 v. Leigh G.S. | Lost | 2—14 |
| Jan. | 14 v. Worsley Wardley G.S. | Lost | 7—8 |
| | 21 v. Rivington and Blackrod G.S. | Draw | 7—7 |
| Feb. | 11 v. Hayward Schools | Won | 6—3 |
| Feb. | 25 v. Mount St. Joseph's | Cancelled | |
| Mar. | 11 v. Wolfenden Street Girls' School | Lost | 6—8 |

ROUNDERS

Season's Analysis

| | P | W | L | D |
|--------|---|---|---|---|
| 1st XI | 4 | 1 | 3 | — |
| U.15's | 4 | 2 | 2 | — |
| U.14's | 6 | 4 | — | 2 |
| U.13's | 6 | 3 | 3 | — |
| U.12's | 2 | — | 2 | — |

In general, the Rounders season has been most disappointing this year; primarily owing to lack of co-operation and enthusiasm on the part of the senior teams. The nine players who have shown sufficient interest to attend practices, have been playing regularly

as the U.15 and the 1st teams. This obviously puts strain on one or two of the girls who are not natural ball players, but the schools are indebted to them for putting in all the effort they have done. Towards the end of the season, some improvement was seen, but as far as playing as a whole is concerned, they were outclassed by some of the more experienced teams. J. Anderton, in her usual enthusiastic manner, captained the team and spurred them on to better efforts.

The U.14's on the other hand, have practised regularly to raise their already high standard and win or draw all their matches. The team co-ordinated well and are fortunate in having an efficient batter and fielder in each player. J. Newsham (G), by far the strongest batter, has scored some fine rounders as well as proving to be an exceptionally good backstop. L. Thorpe (M), with her fine catching and throwing has stopped many a rounder being scored against her team. C. Tilley (T), quick and alert on fourth base, has worked very well in conjunction with the backstop and the deep-fielders.

As far as the actual game is concerned I am well pleased with this team, but their attitude to other players leaves much to be desired. I sincerely hope that they strive to improve this in the future.

The U.13's team, the new team this season, started off well by winning their first two matches, but unfortunately lapsed into a slow, lackadaisical attitude after their success. Their vigour returned later, but only after they had lost three matches. I feel that, with a little more conscious effort to minor details which have spoiled their game, they have the makings of a fine team. J. Murphy (T) shows prowess as a batter, J. Dovey (M) as the bowler and B. Heyes (T), S. Stones (T) and S. Pilling (M) as the deep fielders. The team co-ordinate well and their enthusiasm is a credit to them.

The U.12's have played two matches and lost both. From reports, the girls lost because "they were like giants". This could well be true with girls like the Pendlebury twins on the team! By all accounts they enjoyed the games even though they were defeated.

1st and U.15's

Chosen from: J. Anderton, S. Bragg, B. Hacking, D. Wilkinson, J. Openshaw, A. Howard, B. Woods, L. Simpson, V. Coleshaw, S. Harrop, J. Collier, A. Haslam, V. Brockbank, C. Brooks, L. Rhodes.

Half or Junior Colours:

J. Openshaw, L. Rhodes, V. Brockbank, L. Simpson, A. Howard, S. Harrop.

Full Colours:

J. Anderton, B. Hacking.

U.14's

Team: C. Pratt, S. Best, J. Newsham, S. Hooton, P. Evans, L. Baldwin, C. Tilley, C. Strange, L. Thorpe, S. Ward, A. Gornell.

U.13.s

Team: J. Dovey, S. Powell, J. Murphy, L. Birchall, M. Smith, J. Riley, S. Pilling, B. Heyes, S. Stones, S. Hill, K. Ashworth, S. Catterall.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

There has been an increase in interest, understanding and enthusiasm for the game this year. The Sixth form have had regular sessions in the gymnasium and played two matches, one against Hayward 2nd XV and the other against the staff. Though they lost both narrowly, the team showed courage and drive in dealing with more mature opponents. They had a reasonable knowledge of the basic skills and rules but they lacked match practice and experience.

Teams chosen from: Williams, C., Grundy, M., Kershaw, G., Allsop, P., Schofield, P., Nicholls, B., Henderson, S., Dagnall, B., Abbot, M., Callows, T., Coochey, J., Merrett, A., Jones, T., Lonnen, P., Trevena, C., Scofield, A., Whiteside, C.

Results

v. Hayward; 0 pts.—20 pts. Lost
v. Staff; 3 pts.—6 pts. Lost.

Bury Seven-a-Side Competition

The base again entered a team after two "sevens" had practised under rather wet conditions with a slippery ball. Although all three matches were lost the team showed up well against strong opposition and it is worth mentioning that they were the only team to score against the eventual winners of the competition.

Team from: Whiteside, C., Mulligan, D., Dagnall, B., Abbott, M., Nicholls, B., Allsop, P., Lonnen, P., Scofield, A.

Results

Smithills 3 pts.; Chethams 20 pts.
Salford 6 pts.; Smithills 0 pts.
Rochdale 20 pts.; Smithills 0 pts.

Under 15's Team

The side has shown very good spirit and enthusiasm on the field which could not have been bettered. The poor state of the ground conditioned the team to a type of rugby which was robust and hard on the forwards, but the backs lacked the practice and therefore the skills to use the ball when it was given to them.

The team tackled well and it was pleasing to see the forwards up with the ball and trying to use it instead of fly-kicking it to the opposition. The push in the set scrums was very good, but line-out play left a lot to be desired.

Individually, the hooking and loose play of Mulligan was an excellent example to the whole team. In the back the tackling of Morris showed just how it should have been done by everyone.

Team chosen from: Cain, M., Leigh, M., Potter, S., Buffey, W., Boydell, F., Morris, L., Rainford, J., Waddington, R., Mulligan, D., Bilokan, A., Thompson, D., Crook, H., Jones, T., Logan, P., Rothwell, G., Reason, P., Ainsworth, W.

Results

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| v. North Manchester Grammar School | Lost 0—51 pts. |
| v. Radcliffe Secondary Modern School | Won 13 pts.—9 pts. |
| v. Hayward School | Lost 0 pts.—3 pts. |
| v. Bolton School | Won 8 pts.—5 pts. |
| v. Radcliffe Sec. Modern School | Won 15 pts.—5 pts. |

Under 14 XV

The team developed tremendously during the season. Several players are beginning to acquire the special skills and techniques which are essential for successful players and teams.

The team, it must be admitted, lost all its matches but that progress was made is shown by a heavy 27—0 defeat, at home to Radcliffe at the start of the season, being reduced, in the spring to a narrow 8—6 defeat away. The experienced Hayward side were also limited to scoring just two tries against us.

The team rapidly gained confidence in loose scrums. Outstanding forwards were Pickles and Small. Their clean, fighting spirit was an inspiration to the rest of the team. Whitehead was an efficient hooker in the set-scrums and Holt clearly showed that a small lad can be a valuable member of a team.

In the backs, Billington's tackling was excellent and his powerful running always a danger to the opposition.

Gardner disciplined the team well and adequately coped with emergencies.

The team has a very promising future.

Team chosen from: Gardner, P. (Capt.), Walsh, M., Billington, R., Booth, G., Margon, E., Farrimond, N., Woods, M., Stokes, J., Whitehead, M., Pickles, G., Small, V., Holt, J., Thompson, G., Perry, R., Dawson, R., Thompson, P., Booth, C., Yates.

SWIMMING

Boys' Swimming Team

Results

| | | | |
|---|------|------|---|
| v. Bolton School | Away | Lost | |
| v. Hayward Schools | Home | Won | 105—75 |
| v. Bolton School | Home | Lost | 87½—140½ |
| v. Billinge School and St. Wilfred's School | Home | 2nd | Billinge 60 Smithills 48 St. Wilfred's 36 |
| v. Bury G.S. | Home | Lost | 96—134 |
| v. Darwen G.S. | Home | Tied | 114—114 |
| v. Darwen Technical School | Home | Won | 116½—111½ |
| v. Darwen G.S. | Away | Won | 97—95 |
| v. Bolton School | Home | Lost | 115½—136½ |
| v. Bury G.S. | Away | Lost | 87½—99½ |
| v. St. Mary's College | Home | Lost | 99—127 |

Won the Haslam Shield in the Bolton and District Schools' Swimming Gala.

Team Chosen from

Juniors: A. Barlow, A. Eaves, S. Kilby, C. Vickery, W. Cloynes, D. Yates, J. Norton, G. Holt, M. Hutchinson.

Intermediates: W. Birtwistle, J. Kemp, D. Peacock, M. Pollard, I. Simpson, S. Tomlinson, P. Gleaves.

Seniors: S. Caraher (Captain), S. Chadwick, G. Jones, D. Neville, S. Wright, G. Ward.

This has been one of our most successful seasons, for although the results in black and white are not over-impressive, the list of our opponents is very formidable, and many of them have strong swimming traditions.

One fact which is not shown in the points totals is that we have lost more relays than we have won, and these have been the deciding factors in many of our matches. It cannot be denied that we have some excellent swimmers in the team, but there is a definite lack of depth, especially in the Intermediate and Senior sections, where some boys are having at least three races per match. Obviously other sports are taking away good swimmers; this is inevitable where such a wide choice is offered; but there are many pupils on the Base who still refuse to make any effort.

All boys who have swum this season have given of their best, but a few must be singled out. In the Juniors, Eaves has won every race, both Breaststroke and Butterfly, in which he has competed. Vickery has shown remarkable speed and versatility for a first year boy, and Kilby, also in his first year, has backed them up very ably. In the Intermediates, Simpson got faster on Freestyle as the season progressed, and Tomlinson, a third year boy, has again shown his all round ability. The Seniors have swum exceptionally well,

considering the low numbers at their disposal, and it would be unfair to single out any one. Finally, special mention must be made of the captain, Stuart Caraher, who, apart from the excellent example of his swimming, has helped to inspire the team with his enthusiasm and happy approach.

The end of the season brought the richest reward, when the team won the Haslam Shield in the Bolton and District Schools' Swimming Gala for the first time. This showed the real fighting spirit of the team, for, although they were disqualified in the very first relay race and were soon 17 points behind Hayward Schools, they gradually built up their score to overtake Hayward in the final race of the competition.

Many of our swimmers this season have been swimming against boys who are a year older than themselves, and so will remain in the same age group next year. Therefore, it is with our sights set high that we look forward to the coming season. F.H.

Girls' Swimming - 1966-67 Season

Results

| | | |
|---------------------|------|------|
| v. Bury Girls' G.S. | Home | Lost |
| v. Hayward Schools | Home | Lost |
| v. County Grammar | Home | Lost |
| | Home | Won |
| v. Darwen G.S. | Home | Won |
| | Away | Won |
| v. Darwen Tech. | Home | Won |

Swimming tournament held at Bury Girls' Grammar School:

- 1st Bury 151 points
- 2nd Hayward Schools 137 points
- 3rd Heywood G.S. 101½ points
- 4th Smithills 87½ points

This year in the Bolton District Schools' Swimming Gala held at Moss St. Baths, Smithills girls had 19 out of a possible 25 girls competing in the finals. Places in individual events were gained by Sheila Winrow, Carol Rimmer, Lorraine Kemp and Jean Gibbons.

Colours have been awarded to Hilary Nuttall, Lorraine Kemp, Jean Gibbons.

Special mention must be made of Carole Rimmer who has swum in the Bolton Junior team this year.

Girls who have represented the Base this year are:

Grammar: A. Thompson, J. Wilcock, K. Hughes, J. Williams, J. Gibbons, L. Kemp.

Technical: D. Hoyle, B. Taylor, S. Winrow, S. Catherall, J. Chadwick, J. Bramwell, C. McDonald, G. Eckersley, G. Pollard, P. Robinson, K. Richardson, H. Nuttall, J. Barlow, K. Wilkinson, C. Middlefell.

Modern: B. Fogg, N. Clarke, C. Rimmer.

S.M.H.

LIFE SAVING (GIRLS)

This year the Girls from Schools have been awarded the following by the Royal Life Saving Society:

Award of Merit:

J. Barlow
H. Nuttall

Bronze Cross:

E. Cornelius
J. Gibbons
Jacqueline Jones
A. Skelton
S. Spence
J. Williams

Instructor's Certificate:

J. Barlow
S. Barlow
J. Gibbons
S. Spence

Bronze Medallion:

J. Catterall
K. Hughes
J. Ingham
J. Longton
J. Miller
J. Wilcock
I. Bancroft
J. Newsham
P. Salisbury
Judith Taylor

J. Turner
V. Whittle
B. Fiddes
S. Lever
J. Oakley
A. Smith
K. Else
L. Kemp
S. Ross

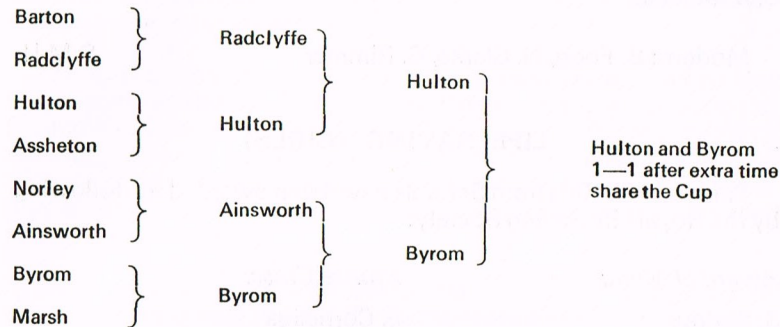
The Bronze Medallion is the standard Award which enables the holder to act as an official Life-Saver. It involves not only the practice of saving the life of a person in difficulties, but also practical training in artificial respiration. The Award of Merit and Bronze Cross are higher awards involving the techniques learnt in the Bronze Medallion. The Instructor's Certificate involves teaching and training candidates for the Bronze Medallion.

This year we had more senior girls wishing to take the Instructor's Certificate than we had candidates. As this has a practical use we hope that when the classes begin again in the Autumn we shall have a good response. Remember: you never know when you may be needed!

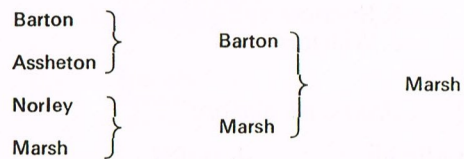
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HOUSE COMPETITIONS (GIRLS)

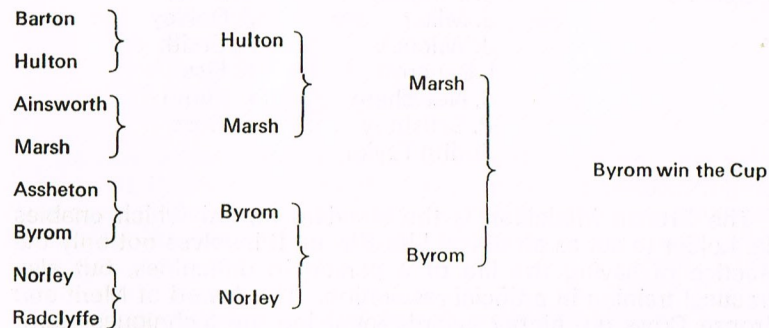
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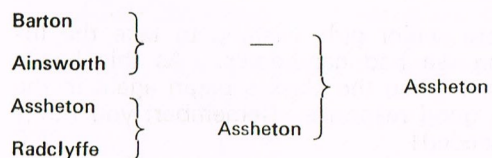
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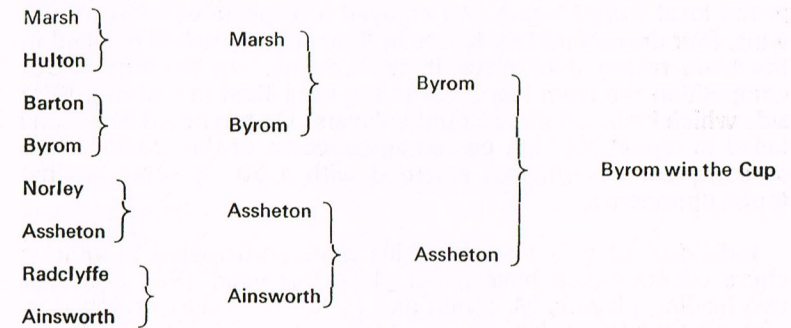
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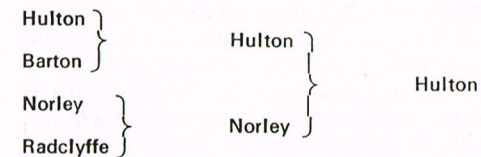
1st Round Losers' Competition



Rounders - Knock-Out Cup



1st Round Losers' Competition



STAFF MATCH RESULTS

Hockey—School won 4—2.

Netball—School won 15—9.

Tennis—Staff won 89 games to 55. 11 sets to 5.

Rounders—Staff won 7 Rounders to 1.

CHESS SOCIETY REPORT

As this year's Senior team was much the same as last year's, we were hoping for a fair amount of success in the Schools League and we were not entirely disappointed in this hope. The Senior Team finished third in the league, behind the strong Bolton School and Chadderton teams, winning five matches and losing two. The senior team also did well in reaching the semi-final of the Lancashire Schools Knock-Out Competition, where they lost to Queen Elizabeth G.S., Blackburn, by a narrow margin in a match which could have gone either way. The Intermediate team enjoyed a fair measure of success in their league, winning seven matches, drawing one and losing only two. The Juniors, although not entered in the League, played six friendly matches, winning three, drawing one and losing two. P. Karmaz and P. Broughton, in particular, have played very well in the School teams, and several of the younger players from the Technical School have shown great promise.

The Base team composed of staff and pupils continued to operate in the local Bury League and enjoyed a respectable season: two wins, four draws and two losses in their eight matches resulted in the team taking third place in the League. In the Knock-Out competition the team lost 2—4 in the semi-final to a strong Bury side which included three County players. On top board Mr. Evans failed to repeat his high percentage success of the previous two seasons, but nevertheless emerged with a 50+% score against tough opponents.

Individual players from Smithills have participated in various chess events which have taken place this year, 1966-67. Our two leading players, M. Smith and P. Karmaz have continued to represent the Lancashire County Junior team with success. In the Easter Congresses at Manchester and Bury respectively, M. Smith and A. Gardiner distinguished themselves with first places in their particular sections. In the fortnight following Bolton Holidays, a strong team recruited from S.E. Lancashire journeyed to Poland where chess receives much official encouragement and State support: although the team did not fare well, M. Smith returned undefeated with the best individual record of any team member. On going to press, M. Smith, P. Karmaz and A. Gardiner are on the threshold of proceeding to the British Chess Congress at Oxford; in spite of the certainty of strong opposition at this long-established annual event they could do very well.

It is with regret that we wish farewell to Mr. Bernard Ramsbottom who has done so much for chess on the Base over the last years: this last season he took the overall responsibility for this Base activity and fulfilled it with great credit. At his side M. Smith (Senior Captain and Club Secretary) and P. Karmaz (Intermediate Captain), did everything required of them in their administrative supplementary roles. In the Bury League, Mr. Pearson continued to captain and administer team arrangements to everyone's satisfaction. To members of staff who assisted with transportation, invigilation and catering we acknowledge our immense debt and hope they may be prepared to help again in the future.

Queen's Pawn

MODEL AIRCRAFT SOCIETY

The main activity this year has been the building and flying of chuck gliders. These models, made mainly from sheet balsa, are cheap to build, easily repaired if damaged, and enable new members to have a model in the air within a relatively short space of time.

One disappointing aspect has been the irregular attendance of our older members during the Spring and Summer months, when a few hours' work would have meant many fine completed models.

Our new members derive great pleasure from their hobby and are now busily engaged in the construction of rubber-driven models. These models, when completed, will be judged for quality of construction and finish, and the winner will receive a voucher to spend on model supplies. B.P.O.

BALLOONING

Ballooning is not so much a hobby as a disease which grips its victims like an obsession. Once in the grip of this obsession its victims are powerless to resist and are dragged willy-nilly into many hair-raising adventures. The ideal for the Smithills hot-air balloon was first conceived by Mr. John Turner, a master in the Technical School, aided by Mr. Bennetts, Mr. McAvoy and several pupils; including girls from the base. The problem was approached scientifically by a process of trial, and modification of ideas. One problem which needed a good deal of thought was the basket and its controls which were worked on during the holidays, and also the net covering the balloon: the crew had to travel to Fleetwood to learn how to tie the knots on the net. The balloon registration G-ATLV, itself is 75 feet high constructed out of panels of polythene connected by a special type of sellotape. The pilot, Mr. Turner, is permitted only to make tethered flights, but has twice escaped; landing once in Springfield reservoir and once on some power cables at an air show at Dunstable, leaving the area without electricity for half an hour. Despite these two mishaps, several tethered flights have been made, including one evening, when about 10 people had turns at going up in the balloon.

All things considered, ballooning is a fascinating hobby and a great challenge to all concerned. J.J.

SMITHILLS BASE BRASS BAND

It is a little over two years since the Band was formed, with only two experienced players. A limited number of pupils and staff took up instruments and sufficient progress was made to enable us to accompany the singing in Assemblies. The membership began to grow rapidly as more instruments became available until we had twenty-six instrumentalists and a fairly large waiting list.

Not only has the Band performed at most major Base functions but also for a great number of charity performances in and around Bolton. We are hoping in the near future along with other schools activities to be concerned in one or two Brass Band Festivals, along with some of the most famous brass bands in attendance.

It is, alas! inevitable that at the end of a School year we lose pupils who have served us well and are continuing the activity outside of school. We therefore must look around for replacements amongst the juniors particularly, so as to strengthen the movement year by year.

In conclusion we must extend our sincere thanks to many for any success achieved by our School Band, including Mr. Carter the Borough Music Organiser, and Parent Teachers' Association Committee for supplying the instruments; our tutors, Mr. H. Parry (Wingates Temperance Band), Messrs. M. Taylor, H. Taylor, G. Cox, the retiring members, B. McCann, V. Collier, S. Fairhurst, and finally the Headmasters for their encouragement given to this activity.

I should be more than pleased to receive enquiries both from pupils and parents interested in this worthwhile activity.

F.A.

CAMP 1967

The advance party pitched camp in the traditional manner - in pouring rain. Why is it that when there is a vast amount of work to do which has to be done in the open air, fields which a few moments ago were rich pasture are now beds of fast flowing rivers? However, we managed, and by the time the main party arrived, holes were deep enough, tents straight enough and we were wet through.

Mr. Davies returned to us as head cook after an absence of two camps. Luckily, he remembered most recipes, improvised on some, and the rest no-one noticed anyway. His collection of herbs and spices was, at once, both interesting and difficult to get hold of; taxing even the great resources of Mr. Moizer, I mean where do they get hold of tinned humming birds' beaks? Eye of toad? Ear of bat? But joking apart, surely Mr. Davies produced the finest pastries ever to appear on Willy Goodwater's field.

Throughout the first week, competition between tents for the coveted "Tent of the Week" prize was fierce. Mr. Pender could not sleep at nights, due partly to the joke-telling sessions in adjacent tents, but in the main to contemplating the shocking mess that was the tent with the highest marks. The standard of tent fettling during the second week was much better than the first.

Also we were pleasantly shocked when it became known (where does Mr. Pender hide his score-book?) that one of the boys' tents had won the competition.

Party night is, we think, one of the most important features of camp. To entertain ourselves and each other, for 3 or 4 hours is an accomplishment and it does not matter that the humour is not as smooth as the Bob Hope Show.

One can laugh just as heartily at the sight of Mr. Holden performing a Fandango in Mr. Green's sleeping suit as seeing even

the greatest of highest paid comedians; perhaps even more so. The two party nights this year were vastly different. On the first we were scratching around like hungry hens in a vain attempt to find entertainers. On the second we had to batten the doors against the crowds wishing to perform.

The Smithills boot has again been impressed on Lakeland's mightiest peaks. Coming under attack were Crinkle Crag, Coniston, Sca Fell and Great Gable. The Coniston trip was not without incident as we very nearly lost our best custard maker. I'm told that the boulder did not stop until it bumped against the tradesman's entrance to Buckingham Palace.

All these hazards apart, a good holiday was had by all, and my personal thanks go to all the Staff, for their help and for their interest and to all the campers for their co-operation and enthusiasm. H.T.

CANOE-CAMPING EXPEDITION, AUGUST, '67

After 9 months' hard labour spent building our own canoes, 20 in all, with the great help of Mr. Moizer, and Mr. Ashworth, we felt we had done a good job. House Room D may never be the same again and has now been re-named "The Canoe Room". Eleven fibre-glass canoes were made and nine P.V.C. canvas covered ones, and we felt we were justly proud of them as the people who saw them at our exhibition may have noticed.

We left Bolton in cars with canoes riding high on roof racks and met at Christleton, on the Shropshire Union Canal, on Saturday, July 29th. The usual British Summer weather overcast and threatening to rain. We left our nettle-covered camp the next morning; stowed our gear in our worthy craft and wobbled off down the canal. Canoeing is not as easy as it looks! The fishermen did not appreciate the invasion of their peace and were glad to see the back of us.

We paddled 15 miles on the first day staying at Hurleston Lock and on the following days at good camping sites until we arrived at Trevor, near Llangollen. Andrew Smith surprised us all by capsizing on the first day, but was the only member to capsize, though we all came close to it at times.

We returned by way of the River Dee after camping at Llangollen for three nights. At this point we were forced to carry our canoes for half a mile; a test of strength as they are easier to paddle than carry.

It was certainly a grand holiday and we returned with sunburned faces and blistered hands; damp but undaunted. All the boys would like to thank Mr. Ashworth and the other staff for the many hours they have put in. Ready for the next trip?

P. Lonnen LVI Sc. (G)

SUMMER EVENING

Paraphernalia. It seemed strange. In the hall where I had witnessed so many sober assemblies; a flotilla of eighteen coloured canoes looking for water; an assembly of polished furniture looking for a home; a gallery of paintings, of the sun, of the North, of abstraction, of the mind, looking at the people looking. The school had been converted into something resembling a Disney set. There was a slice of Marks and Spencer's with needlework professionally pinned up. Among the biology specimens a rat had been wonderfully slit open and unlike at the museum you could actually poke. Electrical dials, meters and ends and odds; pots of jam; the east window of Smithills Chapel leant against a spare wall; blueprinted plans and field-studies of fields delayed the eye; an interesting, green monster petrified in a cardboard village.

Gymnastics. Over and over, bounce after bounce, glib boys flowed through the air, some spinning, some cartwheeling, all praying to land on two feet; hurling themselves over giant boxes that grew and grew as muscles sagged and sagged as flying white shorts hurtled in a controlled sequence of vaults ending with the boys standing in a row; a line of perspiration.

Fashion. A dress for all seasons. The vogue display with standaway necklines; wide-bell sleeves and princess-styled shifts. A computer of an announcer controlled the perpetual stream of sliding-from-behind-the-curtain models. Lynn ready for autumn in blue sailcloth; a pink pinafore dress was Rosaline's choice; Nancy wearing a simple summer design. It was a smooth performance by the mannequins made into almost twenty-two carat Paris because the girls carried beach balls, cameras and L.P. covers to bring Quant to Smithills.

Basketball. On the gymnasium floor two teams gave a demonstration; beating non-existent opponents with a high dribble here and a low dribble there. A game developed with the teams basketing the ball, like a large jaffa, off the backboard. It was a fast exhibition of accurate bluff passing, ball control and teamwork. Pivot-pass-pray.

Music. On stage, a group of junior boys and massed instruments. The conductor announced that it was an experimental session of the boys' own making. A bolero build-up with a basic beat from percussion. Gradually, gradually until we had an intermittent melody on trumpet and kettle-drums of rhythm, generating so fiercely enthusiastic a throwing-themselves-into-the-music sensation that the conductor had difficulty in bringing to a close this jungle of sound. It was an experience. A little, lost choir bursting with notes; all high. They yodelled their way through three songs unaccompanied and loving every bar. An instrumental composed by second and third years using tinkling triangles, vibrating zyllophones and the strums of acoustic guitars to fit the mood of the title, and the occasion; a summer evening.

D.B.

"TRIAL BY JURY"

Is this a typical review of some square social entertainment performed by the school? NO.

Are school soirees just hackneyed happenings, which depend solely upon archaic reportees such as "Early One Morning" and "There was a Laddie and his Lass"? NO. Are operas just incomprehensible cacophonies in foreign jargon? Definitely not.

This time, those hum-drum, stale, standard features were replaced by a refreshing unique programme. Enterprisingly staff and pupils embarked down a completely new vista: the ambitious, highly-individualistic prelude "A sympathy with Sounds", which provided a motley of musical tempo that was particularly impressive. Instead of restricting the evening's entertainment to one particular age-group in the school populace it introduced some talented performers from the lower school. The choice of music, notably the uptempo folk-songs (highlighted by the superb jazz quality of their instrumental accompaniment), as well as the imaginative renditions by junior orchestra, indicated a pleasingly modern trend: the ideal curtain-warmer for a light-hearted operetta.

Like a foliated rosebud, the performance reached full maturity and blossomed forth confidently with the production of "Trial by Jury"; a one act opera by Gilbert and Sullivan. From the onset, the exact note of joviality was struck. Werner Collier with great flair depicted the role of the nonchalant defendant; Casanova willing to marry two women and must be congratulated for the clarity of his diction.

The demure plaintiff was competently played by Leonie Heap and in spite of her role as the ill-treated heroine, she still managed to emulate those qualities which enhanced the light-hearted vein of the opera.

Undoubtedly, Frank Chapman merits special praise for his laughter-making impersonation of the boisterous judge because it was so aptly suited to the opera's scathing satire of the law. Having the finesse of a professional performer, he revealed his remarkable capacity for moving so agilely about an extremely small and crowded stage.

Jim Bourne also deserves mention for the confident and resonant manner with which he depicted the counsel for the plaintiff.

Stage production was handled with mastery and skill; there were many instances in which minor members of the cast were per-

mitted to come to the forefront and consequently made invaluable contributions to the farcical situation. By having such a large supporting cast constantly on stage this naturally exerted considerable pressure upon them but fortunately, owing to whole-hearted enthusiasm, their presence never proved cumbersome. Drama was never sacrificed for the sake of music. Also, just the right balance between singers and orchestra was maintained throughout; the calibre of the music being always of the highest order.

An admirable mood in which to close another school year was on the jovial note of "Trial by Jury", resulting unavoidably in a resounding verdict of success.

Undeniably the evening's entertainment clearly epitomised the close affiliation staff and pupils now share; a relationship which must be maintained if school-life is to be happy and rewarding for all concerned.

S.B. UVI (Tech)

SMITHILLS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The year just completed has been quite successful when compared with the past ones. Unfortunately, it commenced with the sad loss of Mr. Horner, a well respected member of the Committee and a hard worker for the Association.

Our first main event of the year was the Annual Dance which was one of the most successful we have had. We were very fortunate in having Mr. Tuppen to act as M.C. and entertainer. He has consented once again to take charge at this year's dance to be held on the 18th November, 1967, and I hope all our old and new members will support this and make it an even greater success than last year's.

The week after the dance we had the Christmas Fayre and for the first time since the commencement a small admission charge was made and this helped to maintain the surplus at our average level.

All the events that have been held during the year have been well attended but even so, I am sure that attendances could be improved.

The Ladies' Committee continues to thrive under the capable leadership of Mrs. Thornton and there are always events due to take place and arrangements in hand for some future event. One cannot pass over the Ladies' Committee merely by commenting on the events which they arranged as we should never manage any event without their help in providing refreshments and any ladies amongst our new members who are willing to help will always be welcome.

In conclusion, we must thank the Headmasters and their staff for their assistance and co-operation with the Association and for the time they so generously give in organising and conducting out-of-school activities for the children.

A. E. SANDIFORD,
Secretary.



We wish to thank all our contributors and others who have assisted in the production of this edition of "The Chronicle"

Late News

A VERY SUCCESSFUL CRICKET TEAM

This year the Under 15XI Cricket Team have carried all before them. They have played 11 games, won 10 and lost one by the narrowest of margins. In doing this they have won both the Bolton Schools' League and also the Bolton Schools' Knock-Out Cup. The team has played well throughout the season and has shown a keen team spirit which has certainly helped a lot in bringing success. Fred Blackburn has captained the side well and has also set the example in both batting and bowling throughout the season. There have been many fine performances during the season by many players - even those who have not excelled at batting or bowling have shown their worth in the field - and this is highly commendable. Altogether it has been the most successful team at Smithills to date.

Players: F. Blackburn (Capt.) D. Rawlinson, S. Griffiths, B. Winrow, J. Jackson, S. Mulvaney, W. Buffey, H. King, R. Shirres, M. Curtis, A. Smith, G. Hardman, S. Owen, W. Greenhalgh, J. Sockett, P. Shortle, K. Platt.

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