

School Notes and News

School broke up for Christmas on December 21st. The last week was a busy and enjoyable one for all those who took part in the School Play, which this year was "Much Ado About Nothing". We returned to work on Jan. 9th, and practices for House Competitions began at once. The House Dramatic Competition takes place on February, 14th, the test production being "Fat King Melon and Princess Caraway", by A.P. Herbert. Dr. Pyecroft has again very kindly consented to adjudicate. The House Music Competitions have been fixed for the end of the term. We would wish our Choirs every success at the Pontefract Musical Festival. The House Games Competitions have just started, and keen rivalry is being shown by all the teams.

House Notes

Owing to the comparatively uneventfulness of the term with regard to House matters, and the early date into which the Magazine goes into print, the Captains have decided to postpone writing the House notes until next term.

The School Play

At the end of last term, the School presented "Much Ado About Nothing," which had been chosen for the Annual School Play. Although this is one of Shakespeare's Comedies, it was almost turned into a tragedy, when on the first night the costumes had failed to arrive; but, however, they reached Hemsworth for the succeeding nights. The performance was notable not only for its fine portrayal of the leading characters, but also for its good all-round acting by the supporting cast. The scenery, which added a great deal to the effectiveness of the play was made by Mr. Hamilton assisted by C. Clarkson. As stage manager, Mr. Hamilton was also in charge of the excellent lighting effects, and Miss Clifford once more took on the very arduous task of Producer. As in previous years, Mr. Shiells undertook the character of Business Manager and filled his part with admirable skill and ability. The School and visitors showed their appreciation of the Play by their very good attendance each night. We therefore wish to thank the cast for an excellent performance, and every one who helped make the Play a success.



L-R: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6



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Hamlet

Towards the end of last term, we again had the pleasure of welcoming the Osiris Players, whose Annual visit has become one of the most eagerly awaited events in the School year. The Play chosen on this occasion was Hamlet, and the ovation the Players received certainly proved that the choice was a happy one. The acting of the whole cast was of an extremely high standard, but special mention must be made of Hamlet, who portrayed an extremely difficult character with remarkable insight and ability. Although only an abridged version was possible, the whole atmosphere was well maintained throughout, and the whole audience thoroughly appreciated the performance. To every one connected with the Production, we offer our hearty thanks for a delightful afternoon's entertainment.

H. B., Price House

Hockey Notes

This term the Hockey XI have surpassed themselves as far as victories are concerned; an unbeaten record has been maintained during the season. Of the 8 matches played, 7 have been won and 1 drawn. The first match was against Dunhill's Ltd., and resulted in an easy win for the School. Result: School 16 Dunhill's 0. The match against Pontefract had to be cancelled. The next match was against an Old Girls XI and after a keen first half, the School ran away with their Opponents and defeated them by 6 goals to 1. The School visited Barnsley on Dec. 1st and gained another victory, winning by 3 goals to 1. The Second XI entertained Barnsley Second XI, to be beaten by the decisive margin of 5 goals to nil. Owing to unfavourable weather conditions, the match against Wath was cancelled. On Dec. 15th, the school played Normanton, and after surmounting the shock of having no interval

lead, settled down to score a brilliant victory by 5 goals to 2. After a fast match on Jan. 12th, against the Old Girls' XI, the School ran out winners by 5 clear goals, the opposing defence being unable to cope with the swift attacking methods of the School forwards. Against Normanton, the following week, the School overran their opponents, scoring 8 goals without reply.

On Jan. 26th, the School played Ackworth 1st XI. This match, which was the most exciting of this term, was played through a blizzard of blinding sleet and snow, and resulted in a draw of 1 goal each. The match between the Second XI and Ackworth Second XI was abandoned after Play had been in progress for 30 minutes. Doncaster, the next opponents of the First XI, after gaining a first goal lead, defended stubbornly for the major part of the game, but were unable to hold the School's speedy forwards, who scored 3 goals without reply. Result:- School 3 Doncaster. The match between the Second XI and Doncaster Second XI was cancelled. Six matches more have still to be played, and the School XI sincerely hope that they may finish the season with an unbeaten record.

Hockey Criticism

There has been a great improvement in the First XI Hockey Team this season, chiefly owing to the fact that the members have worked as a team, displaying energy and enthusiasm both during practices and actual matches. The chief faults of the team are, as a whole, standing in an 'offside' position in the circle, and the wings being offside after a corner has been taken. Many goals have been lost this season because of the infringement of the offside rule. Sticks and turns have occasionally been given, while corners might have been a little more beneficial to us. Matches can be won on corners alone! The passing has been controlled and accurate, and has proved most telling in several matches. Marking and tackling continues to improve.

Goalkeeper: M Sykes

New member of the team - has made a good start - should use her feet more and not take flying shots at the ball.

Right Fullback: B. Athron

Tackling good - occasionally takes flying shots at the ball - clears well.

Left Fullback: Doris Hainsworth

A. keen and enthusiastic Hockey Captain - covering and interchanging good - upsets attempted on shots at goal, and clears well - thoroughly reliable in very way.

Right Half-Back: L. Jagger

More speed than last season - tackles well but should try to make more use of 'rolls in'.

Centre Half-Back: M. Madeley

Distributes game evenly - 'sticks' given less now than at the beginning of the season.

Left Half-Back:- E. Cullingworth

A very reliable player - excellent stick work - 'push stroke' excellent.

Right Wing: B. Goddard

Has played well in a new position this season. Possesses speed and centres the ball accurately.

Right Inner: E. Kirk

Steady player - has improved considerably, shooting not so accurate.

Centre Forward: B. Mulheir

Very useful member of the team - shooting good and passing accurate.

Left Inner: G. Ramsden

Has speed and passes well - strong shot - 'dodging' shows promise.

Left Wing: E. Cooper

Good speed - must try to pass to the centre at top speed - stands offside frequently.

All the members of the Second XI require a deal more practice.

Rugby Notes

	P	W	D	L	For	Against
1 st XV	14	11	1	2	21	72
2 nd XV	8	5	1	2	118	69

The Rugby enthusiasts have every reason to feel proud of this season's results. These results are more pronounced, because the 1st XV have suffered heavily through injuries and have only twice taken the field at full strength. In this respect the 2nd XV ought to be congratulated in providing such able substitutes as Cutts, Gladwyn, Skelding, Thorpe, V. and Hopkinson. We are also extremely well pleased to record that for the first time, the School has provided a member of this season's Yorkshire Public Schoolboys XV in the person of Kenneth Croft. He played wing three-quarter in all the matches against Wales, Durham, Yorks, Cantabs, Old Savilians, and in the Otley Trial scoring in all 8 tries, and also obtaining very favourable press comments. We hope he will continue to give of his best support to the School and The Game.

Finally we wish to thank Mr. Manning and all the other members of the Staff for their splendid support throughout the season; also B. Weaver who has given his valuable time and services as referee on many occasions.

General Notes on School Rugger

It has been once again been pleasing for me to note the continued enthusiasm of the Lower and Middle School for the game as evidenced by the Games periods and the struggle for places in the 2nd XV and the occasional Junior XV. But I am sorry to find that the enthusiasm has not been sufficient to produce the Voluntary Sports Subscription of 6d for the season that was asked for last term. To those who responded, my best thanks are due. As for the others, it does seem to me that less than a farthing per Games period is little enough to ask. As a result, we shall be unable next season to supply footballs for use before morning School and in the Dinner Hour. I much regret this, as practice in Rugger is as valuable as practice in any other game. Once again, we have been unable to run a Junior XV. We continue to hope that a new field will be available some day. For many years, the School has felt the need of another and better Rugby field. This need has become more pressing as the School has increased in numbers. Furthermore, the standard of play has improved to such an extent, that on several occasions we have had boys in Public School Trials. Also, we entertain teams of high quality. It is imperative in common fairness to ourselves and our visitors, that we have suitable playing facilities.

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Criticisms

Howitt:

A sure full back - sound kicker and tackler, is learning to open up the Game well in attack but his final pass is not always up to standard.

Croft:

The most brilliant attacking 'wing three' the School has produced for many seasons, very fast indeed with an elusive sidestep - must remember to keep varying his methods so that he is not 'spotted' by other teams.

Keeling:

A very useful centre indeed - strong runner, sound tackler, handling could be improved

Sutton, B

A promising winger - very nippy and a deadly tackler.

Duckitt

An energetic fly-half - a good defensive kick - should run straight in attack.

Walsh

Strong scrum half with excellent service - tireless worker.

Thorpe, R

Excellent forward - strong defensive and attacking player - follows up well - good also in the line-out.

Walker

Good hooker - virile in the loose with an eye for openings - good tackler.

Wilson, J.N.

Stolid player - sound tackler and dribbler - should display a little energy in the loose.

Scott, G.

Sound forward especially in the loose. Good defence.

Armitage

Energetic forward - but should avoid picking up in the loose.

Fullwood

A small but plucky forward - clever dribbler - energetic - somewhat lacking speed.

Baxendale

A fine forward - good forager and tackler - dribbles and handles well except in the giving of passes.

Reeve

Sound forward who has been kept out of the team through illness.

Cutts

Useful forward especially in the line-out - should back up more.

Heath

Captain and 'Centre three'. Popular, unselfish and keen. Has recently added to his speed and confidence so that he is now a most penetrating player fit to take his place as an asset to any good Club side. His goal kicking has been a note-worthy feature of his play, which has often turned the tide of success for the School. Rather over high-spirited before Christmas he has now tempered hot blood with cool reason.

Our Motto

We come to School to work and play,
And not to fool about all day,
Our lessons they must all be done
And then we each can have our fun.
But please remember whilst in class -
Labor Ipse Voluptas.

If we are going to succeed,
We must learn how to write and read,
Don't think your tasks are all for nought,
But treat them as a kind of sport,
So please remember lad and lass,
Labor Ipse Voluptas.

When your School days have come and gone,
I don't think you'll have been far wrong,
By being willing in your tasks
And doing what your teacher asks.
And long through life, as years do pass -
Labor Ipse Voluptas.

Smith 2c.

(Guest)

Old Students' Notes

Bangor

L.J. Frazer is very busy this term, it being his last year at Bangor University. We wish him good luck in obtaining a post.

Burma

G. Lister congratulates Talbot House on their success last year. As a result of an accident he has been in Hospital, and we hope he has had a speedy recovery.

Surrey

Elizabeth Austin has nearly finished her College life, and has now come to the tedious task of finding a post. We wish her every success.

Sheffield

This is the last year of College life for Hannah McCroakam. We hope she is fortunate in her application for a post.

Crofton

Mabel Townend is looking forward to her first year at College after an enjoyable period of elementary School teaching.

Halton

McCroakam has now settled down at his new home in the Air Force, and finds life very interesting.

Birmingham

Andrew is also now applying for a post and we wish him every success.

London

H. Dixon is now serving on H.M.S. Ramillies in the Mediterranean Station under Capt. R. Leatham R.M., a native of Hemsworth. He finds Malta very interesting.

Liverpool

After four happy years at Liverpool University, H.H. Richards is preparing to leave. We wish him every success in the future.

Ontario

S. Blackburn is trying to enjoy life in Canada with the temperature well below zero. We all hope he survives to carry out his wish to visit England next year.

Leeds

Josephine Read leaves Leeds University this year and we wish her every success in her future career.

Old Hilmians' Hockey Club

This year has been a trial year for the Club, and we are very pleased to see that it has been a success. We are much indebted to Alice Scott who has acted as Captain this season and done much to establish the team. This year we have had fifteen members, and hope to have many more next year. There have only been nine matches, of which four were lost, two won, and one drawn. Two more have yet to be played. Next season has practically every week booked. We are grateful to Miss Griffiths, who has

offered to accept the Presidency of the Club, and also Miss Harrison and Miss Shortridge who have offered to be Vice-Presidents. Next season is well ahead, but we are already looking forward to it. With Nellie Leaver as our new Captain, and several very enthusiastic players we can be assured of a very successful season.

E. Hinchcliffe Hon. Sec.

Old Hilmians' R.U.F.C.

Since the Magazine was last issued the following matches have been played.:

Dec. 29th v Featherstone (Home) Won 8 - 0

Jan. 5th v Pontefract (Away) Won 8 - 3

Jan. 12th v West Leeds O.B.(Away) Lost 3 - 18

Jan. 19th v Wakefield A (Away) Lost 9 - 17

Jan. 26th v Old Wath'ns (Home) Lost 0 - 13

Feb. 2nd v Doncaster 'A' (Away) Won 5 - 3

Feb. 16th v Ings Road (Home) Lost 0 - 9

Feb. 23rd v Sandal 'B' (Home) Won 37 - 0

The full summary of games so far for this season is:- Played: 19; Won: 10; Lost: 9; Points 202 - 143.

All the members have shown splendid enthusiasm, but the great difficulty seems to be to obtain one settled three-quarter line. It is hoped that a settled line will soon be able to take the field.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to express my thanks to the Headmaster and the Governors for allowing us to use the School field, and to Mr. and Mrs. Manning for their excellent catering.

J.R. Barker

Hon. Sec.

Calendar

April 29 (Monday) Term Begins.

May 6 The King's Accession. Jubilee Holiday.

May 15 School Concert 7.30 p.m.

May 24 Empire Day.

May 27 Marks and Orders.

May 30 Ascension Day.

May 31 Inter-House Reading Competition.

June 3 The King's Birthday.

June 7-12 (inclusive) Whitsun Holiday.

June 17-21 School Examinations.

June 24 Marks and Orders. 1(0)

June 26 Day Trip to Stratford-on-Avon (provisional)

June 28 S.C. Art.

July 1 S.C. and H.S.C. Examinations begin.

July 15 Marks and Orders.

July 17 Parents' Day.

July 24 Folk Dancing Display 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.

July 26 Term Ends.

Sept. 18 (Wednesday) Autumn term begins.