

The First Hockey Team?



Back Row L-R: 1, 2, 3, 4
Middle Row L-R: 1, Freda Swaine, 3, 4, Marion Finch
Front Row L-R: 1, 2, 3

The First Soccer Team?



Back Row L-R: 1, 2, 3, Harold Goulding, 5, 6

Middle Row L-R: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Front Row L-R: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Hockey 1925-26



Image from Martyn Roebuck. Thank you, Martyn.

Back Row L-R: Marion Finch, 2, 3, 4

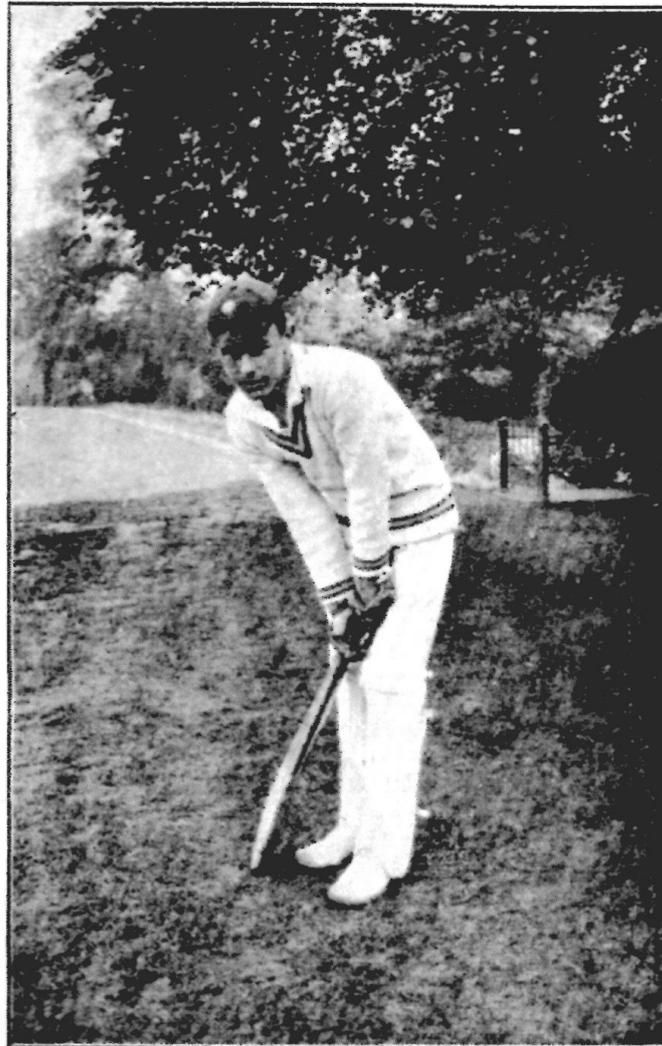
Front Row L-R: 1, 2, 3, Freda Swaine, 5, Emma Bate, 7

Cricket 1926-27

We began the season well and although we lost our first match against Barnsley, we won the next four, but towards the end of the season we have been rather unlucky. Our record up to the present is, played 12, won 7, lost 5.

The feature of the season has been the brilliant batting of our captain, (Stanley) Hawkesworth. His successive scores of 63, 71 and 119 followed later by another century against the Old Boys provides a record which will take a long time to be beaten. The chief bowlers this season have been (Frank) Rothera and Mart, and both have bowled extremely well, especially the latter, his slow break bowling of excellent length proving very difficult to hit as the Parents found out. The fielding has on the whole been better than usual but the great difficulty has been to find a stumper to succeed Glew, Donaldson finally filling up this difficult post.

From the Summer Term 1927 School Mag



HAWKESWORTH (Captain of Cricket, 1926)

Scorer of the first century for the School.

Scores—63, 21, 55, 71,* 119, 10, 7, 33, 6, 2, 40, 121,* 3, 0

Total runs - 551. Innings—14. Times not out 2.

Average 46.

“The first individual century in the history of the School was obtained by (Stanley) Hawkesworth in a cricket match against Mr. (Gabriel) Price’s XI. He repeated this against an ‘Old Boys’ team and is to be congratulated heartily for this and for his excellent record throughout the season, and we trust that these two centuries will be the forerunners of countless more.”

Cricket Notes 1927-28

John Barker wrote the Cricket Notes for this 1928 season, saying, "This term has been the best season the School has ever had, for the 1st XI has so far played 9 matches, losing 2 by 12 and 22 runs, and winning 7 in decisive fashion by 8, 5, 3, 6, 6, 9 and 6 wickets. In the present 1st XI we have in our 5 colours, the basis of the School 1st XI still unchanged, whilst most of last year's XI still remains. This accounts for many of our victories, for we have to remember that compared from which to select the XI. Our fielding this season has been very good, especially the ground fielding and backing up, while very few catches have been dropped, and only one team has scored over a hundred runs against us as yet. Keen fielding has earned for many of our weak batsmen their place in the XI, and better batters but slacker fielders are playing for the 2nd XI. The chief cause of our success has been our opening bowlers, Williamson and Rothera, as their averages show, that of the former being 27 wickets at a cost of 6.25, and the latter, 26 at a cost of 6.35 each. Lately Mart and Morgan have developed into good change bowlers and should do better before the end of the season. The batting has been good, but beyond number 5 is a tail which wags feebly when it gets the chance to wag at all, which has only been once or twice this season. Barker at present heads the averages with 129 runs for an average of 32, Williamson being second with 151 for one of 18, Hawkesworth third with 96 for an average of 16 and Rothera fourth with 118 for an average of 14. The next is Goulding with an average of 8, and Wright with one with most schools we play, ours is very small and we have a limited number of 7. One thing is worthy of mention. May we say that we appreciate the action of the Barnsley Captain in declaring his innings and leaving before the call of time. This is the second year in succession that this has occurred, and we may add that this is the kind of spirit which raises School Cricket above League Cricket and makes it so more enjoyable if less scientific. In conclusion, I wish to thank the Masters and Cyril Teale, one of our Old Boys, for umpiring our matches and in taking a keen interest in general in our Cricket; Gibbon and Jennings who have the onerous and thankless task of scorers for 1st and 2nd XI's; the gardeners Messrs. Wycherley and Matterson for the careful preparation of our wickets, and finally, the caretakers Mr. and Mrs. Manning for the time they have spent in preparing and providing tea for the School and visiting teams.

E. John Barker (Hon. Sec. C.C.)

Netball Notes 1927-28

This term (Jan – March 1928) has not been very eventful with regard to Netball. The only match which has been played was against the Mistresses. Throughout, the game was very enjoyable and the staff acquitted themselves well.

Although the first VII has greatly improved since it's inauguration, there are still a great number of faults which require remedying. The team must learn not to run with the ball, to be more precise in its passes, and also the art of combining well. Much improvement might be made if the members of both 1st and 2nd VII displayed a greater interest in the game.

Maisie W. Thorne, Hon. Sec.

Rugby Colours Cap 1927-28



Hilary Goulding has kindly provided us with her father's rugby colours cap from 1928. That such an item of memorabilia should have survived for so long is quite exceptional, and in that particular year there were also four other caps awarded. Harold Goulding entered Hemsworth Secondary School in September 1922, having won a County Minor Scholarship. He was a member of the Rugby 1st XV 1927-28.

Rugby Team Notes 1927-28

- Williamson** Plays a cool steady game. His tackling might be improved but has a strong kick with good direction. Sometimes delays his kick and allows it to be smothered.
- Wilson** Runs strongly and has improved passing. His tackling is weak and he lacks self-confidence.
- Barker E J** Has played well at loose forward and threequarter. A sticker and rather fast. Has captained the team well through and out of a depressing period following Hawkesworth's injury.
- Harrison** Light and nippy but must tackle low. He starves his wing, lacks confidence yet has played some good games.
- Harold Gorner** Runs well, tackling weak, passing nil, at times brilliant but not consistent.
- James Keenan** Excellent in defence. Slow in opening out the game – lacks originality and serves blind side too much, but is improving.
- Frank Rothera** Very good indeed. Is inclined to be too individualistic. Has been the mainstay of the back division. Kicking good.
- Thorpe (1)** Heavy and aggressive – keen and energetic – uses his height and strength to great advantage – good in the loose – tackling his weakest point.
- Goulding H.** Has improved much this season. Uses his height well in the line out. A hard worker with an unorthodox but effective tackle, kicks well.
- Taylor** Rather light, but plays a steady game. Not brilliant but sound.
- Thorpe (2)** Plays a good game, particularly in the loose. Follows up well but inclined to be too eager and to kick forward when he should heel.
- Slater** A good steady player who works hard. Should develop next season. Is keen.
- Sumpter** Has been very useful as loose forward – quick on the ball and a good tackler.
- Hewitt** Is improving – has weight, size and keenness – plays steadily, should do well next season.
- Smith** Has begun well – plays hard and tackles well – with experience should be good.
- Warner** Has played as threequarter and forward. Has the speed and weight to make a good back but lacks self-confidence.
- Gibbon** Captains the second team – is small and light but plucky – is improving as loose forward.

Rugby Notes 1927-28 from James Keenan, Hon. Sec.

The present term has been a very satisfactory one from the Rugby point of view, our only gamble being against the Clerk of the Weather. The ground has been in a very bad condition all the term but, notwithstanding, play has been open and the threequarters have taken a prominent part in all the matches. Owing to injury to Stanley Hawkesworth, the threequarter line had to be re-arranged and Barker has adapted himself well to the Centre position.

The Second and Under 14 teams have not done very well from a match-winning point of view, but several under 14 boys have shown considerable promise. I think the future of Rugby in the School is very bright. This is particularly gratifying as most of this year's 1st XI will be leaving in July.

We, the team, wish to thank all the Masters who have shown great interest in us and particularly Mr Scott from whose coaching we have derived great benefit. The results of the teams and details of their matches are as follows:-

1st XV

Played 6
Won 4
Lost 2
Drawn 0

Match Reports:

SCHOOL v. MORLEY **Away Jan 28th 1928** **Result: Morley S.S. 16 pts, School 0 pts.**

The Morley ground was in a very bad condition there being large pools standing on the pitch. School won the toss and elected to play with the wind. Handling was very difficult and play was almost entirely confined to the forwards. Our forwards played very well, and Smith who was appearing in his first School match was outstanding. Morley scored an unconverted try in the first half. With the aid of the wind our opponents scored 2 more tries, 2 of them being converted. Morley was the better side but the score rather exaggerated their superiority.

SCHOOL v. WATH **Home Feb 4th 1928** **Result: School 25 pts, Wath S.S. 5 pts.**

This match was played in the morning on the School ground. The field was in a bad condition, and consequently play was not open. Our forwards were bigger than those of Wath, and in the first half, playing downhill, constantly attacked. In the second half Wath attacked with vigour, and the School were at times very hard pressed. However, our defence held out, and a comfortable first half lead made victory certain.

SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS **Home Feb 11th 1928** **Result: School 26 pts, Old Boys 0 pts.**

The weather and condition of the field were as usual – wretched. However, quite a good muster of Old Boys turned up and an enjoyable game was played. The Old Boys played uphill in the first half. Play at first was fairly even but our opponents soon tired and the School scored frequently. The game was one of the pleasantest of the term.

SCHOOL v. DONCASTER G.S **Home Feb 14th 1928** **Result: School 61 pts, Doncaster G.S. 0 pts.**

This match was played in mid-week at School. The School lost the toss and played uphill in the first half. In the first half the School scored frequently being well fed by the forwards. In the second half the game was more even and much of the play took place in 'our' 25. Most of our scoring in the second half was by means of breakaways. This is a new fixture, and the fact that our opponents have only started Rugby this year accounts for the big score. We hope that their attempt to establish Rugby at Doncaster will succeed and that this will become a permanent fixture.

SCHOOL v. WAKEFIELD G.S. **Away Feb 18th 1928** **Result: Wakefield G.S. 11pts, School 6pts.**

The ground was in an ideal condition for Rugby and the weather was fine. School, playing downhill, did most of the attacking in the first half but could not break through the Wakefield defence. There was no score in the first half. The second period was evenly contested. School scored through Harold Gorner and Frank Rothera but Wakefield replied with 11 points. Harold Gorner played a good game on the wing. The game was very even and one of the pleasantest of the term.

SCHOOL v. LEEDS CENTRAL H.S **Home Feb 25th** **Result: School 31pts, Leeds Central H.S. 3pts.**

Having drawn at Leeds we were very hopeful of securing another win at home. School started uphill and Leeds scored in the first minute. The try was unconverted. However the School threequarters attacked incessantly after this, their handling being excellent considering the bad state of the ground. In the second half playing downhill School scored frequently. Only two tries were converted.

Our last two matches viz: v. West Leeds away and v. Doncaster away have had to be cancelled due to snow.

2nd XV

Played 4

Won 0

Lost 3

Drawn 1

SCHOOL Under 15 v. WAKEFIELD G.S. Under 15

Result: School 0 pts, Wakefield G.S. 63 pts.

School won the toss and elected to play with the wind. Almost immediately they were pinned in their own '25' and kept there. One or two rushes carried play near our opponent's line but Wakefield scored time after time. The second half was similar. Gibbon played a good game and tackled well. School were outplayed by a bigger and better team.

SCHOOL Under 14 v. SILCOATES Under 14

Result: School 3pts, Silcoates 3 pts

School played uphill in the first half. The conditions were very bad and thus the forwards had a chance of distinguishing themselves in the mud. The tackling and packing of the School forwards was good, and several showed promise. School scored an unconverted try in the first half. In the second half the Silcoates threes were superior to those of the School, their passing being very good. Our under 14 team defended well and kept Silcoates out until the last minute when Silcoates scored a try. Sterry played well in the School forwards.

Hockey Notes 1927-28

The weather has improved slightly this term and the team is more settled. We have filled the positions of centre, left inner and right half back satisfactorily at last, and consequently the team is beginning to combine better, and our record is gradually improving.

The Second XI has done well up to now although it has not been able to play many matches.

1st XI P6 W3 L2 D1

2nd XI P3 W2 L0 D1

We wish to thank all the mistresses who have given up so much time to coach our teams during the week and referee the matches on Saturdays, especially Miss Hanson and Miss Shortridge who have helped in every way.

1st XI v. Pontefract Away Dec. 10th 1927

The match against Pontefract was played under very bad conditions, the ground being under water in some places. No individual dribbling was possible, but the School won after a hard game.

Score: School 2 Pontefract G.H.S. 1

1st XI v Pontefract Home Feb. 4th 1928

Again the weather was bad and our ground was very sticky. Rain fell during the game. School won the toss and played with the wind for the first half, during which the play was very even. All the goals were scored in the second half.

Score: School 4 Pontefract G.H.S. 1

1st XI v Staff Feb. 9th 1928

One of the most interesting matches we have played was against the School Staff – mistresses and masters. We were outmatched by the masters who used Rugby tactics and brute force, but helped on by a cheering crowd on the touchline, managed to play a draw.

Score: Staff 2 School 2

1st XI v Barnsley G.H.S. Home Feb. 18th 1928

The ground was in fairly good condition, and consequently the play was very fast. Both teams enjoyed the game, and School gained another victory.

Score: School 4 Barnsley G.H.S. 0

1st XI v Rotherham G.H.S. Away March 3rd 1928

The team left Hemsworth in thick fog, which fortunately cleared by the time we reached Rotherham. Luck was against us once more, however as our goalkeeper was ill. Half-time score was 2-0 in favour of Rotherham and although School played up in the second half, we were finally beaten.

Score: School 2 Rotherham G.H.S. 5

1st XI v Ackworth Away March 7th 1928

In this match the forwards played well but the halves were not strong enough to meet the opposing forwards. Our goalkeeper played well but was hampered by the backs and halves remaining persistently in the circle.

Score: School 1 Ackworth 7

2nd XI Results

Feb 18th Y.W.C.A. Home Won 10-0

Mar 3rd Ackworth 2nd Home Drew 3-3

Mar 10th Y.W.C.A. Away Won 3-0

Kathleen N. Thompson Hon. Sec.