

# School Sport

## FOOTBALL

### JUNIOR HOUSE RUGGER

Due to the prolonged wet and cold weather conditions earlier on in the term, the competition got under way to an unusually late start and the matches themselves often had to be played on pitches which did not favour open play. However some good and interesting football was afforded from all teams.

Paulo-Pontine, from the start, obviously had the strongest side with a good number of Under 14 and Under 15 players which were put to good use. The team was well drilled producing some good movements among the three-quarters, although the forwards gave their contribution to the scoring, which is a good point in modern rugby. Of the forwards, Bühler i scored two tries; Thomas two; Beaver two; Marshall two; Poustie one. Two third year juniors, namely Beaver and Agnew, aided the scrum, giving solid weight and experience. Bühler ii at centre showed good ball sense and some strong running.

Against St. Peter's, the bigger Paulo pack was held and although strong in the line-outs, gave the backs rather poor possession. All the points came through the three-quarters for Paulo, with Oakley kicking an only penalty goal for St. Peter's.

Led by Oakley, who missed the first round St Peter's lost only to Paulo; their win over St Cuthbert's (score: 9-0) gave them a deserved second place. Bullen, a make-shift scrum half, was full of life, but was missed at wing-forward. In the pack Bridges and Norman were useful players, with Crichton hooking well.

Against Ashburnham, Oakley made good use of the ball by kicking down field, and Bridges managed to score a novelty try by sitting on the ball!

For Ashburnham, Kingston acted as a spearhead and pivot and Davies at full-back, although small, showed plenty of determined effort.

Against Crescent, they were evenly matched and the result was a 3-3 draw. Versus Bromham, in the last round, a close and exciting game took place and there was some good running with the ball. Ashburnham took an early 8 point lead but lost it through tries from Bullock and one from a good break by Camfield. A penalty try in the last few minutes brought the score to 14-13 in Bromham's favour.

For Bromham a good effort was provided by some of those not in a picked game. Ransby played consistently in the centre and Eatly covered well at full-back with Bullock at fly-half providing a forceful means of attack.

In the game against St. Peter's, Bromham scored first, aided by the fact that at the start St. Peter's only fielded fourteen players being short of a prop-forward. Tries from Oakley and Partridge however reversed the situation and though pressure against them was maintained, St. Peter's settled the final result (9-3) with a penalty goal.

In the Crescent side, Streather became a centre of resistance, Hicks and Frary were sturdy players in the pack and Allner was a lively player in most aspects of play.

During the match with St. Cuthbert's, Crescent were unfortunate to loose both the determined Willis and Miller iii because of injury. At scrum half Hobkirk, accustomed to Williams' play in the Under 15s, did well against him.

St. Cuthbert's were a useful team but were unfortunate in incurring several injuries; the loss of Lord and Macnair causing some reshuffling in the team, which lost them the pace in penetration. In the pack, Neal, Warren and Yates were creative, attacking players, and Allen was useful in line-outs and rushes. Williams at scrum-half was outstanding but too often ran into trouble. Dart, playing on the wing, showed absolutely invincible courage and his tackling was notable, particularly against some of the larger opponents.

Against Paulo, Cuthbert's lost 3-11, but with St. Peter's, gave them something to fight for.

The Rest v Winners match, which is often cancelled due to bad weather, was won by Paulo-Pontine by 14 points to 3. Their team work and good positional play helped against the scratch side.

D.M.F.

## SHOOTING

Having concentrated on tin-hat competitions during the Christmas term, the club turned in the Easter term to Country Life competitions, with one tin-hat match squeezed in against St. Albans. The term also saw the introduction of inter-school shoulder to shoulder matches on a more extensive basis, since previously the only shoulder to shoulder match in the club calendar had been against the Modern School for the de Putron Cup. These matches proved to be a great success and, given our lack of experience, we did not disgrace ourselves; indeed, against the Modern School the team showed a steadiness and maturity far beyond their experience. Although only two of the team will not be with us next year, they are the captain, J. M. Smith, and secretary, R. S. C. Hockly, and their experience and ability will be greatly missed. Shooting together last against the Modern School, with the scores level and all to shoot for, Hockly shot 96 out of 100, and Smith shot a possible 100, a feat which I have not seen equalled under such tense conditions. It was a fine achievement to retain the de Putron Cup now that, under the revised regulations, both schools were able to put out a full team.

The Chapman Cup competition was won by D. R. H. Steen with a score of 222.3 out of 231 after a very close struggle with J. M. Smith, who finished with 221.6.

The house shooting competition provided an upset when Crescent, the holders and favourites, were beaten into 3rd place by an experienced Paulo Pontine team, with St. Cuthbert's surprising even themselves by coming a good 2nd.

### Results:

1	Paulo Pontine	358
2	St. Cuthbert's	321
3	Crescent	324
4	Bromham	319
5	St. Peter's	303
6	Ashburnham	289

The results of the Easter term School matches were as follows:

v. Christ's Hospital (postal)	733-727	won
v. Beds. County Rifle Assocn. (home)	690-639	won
v. Oundle School (away)	819-898	lost
v. St. Albans (home)	1129-1095	won
v Haileybury (away)	742-754	lost
v. B.M.S. (de Putron Cup) (away)	746-743	won

The result of the Autumn League of the Public Schools' Small Bore Rifle Association, which took place during the Christmas term, was:

	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>
1 Eastbourne	5	1
2 Bedford School	4	2
3 Repton	4	2
4 Trent College	3	3
5 Bedford Modern School	2	4
6 Highgate	2	4
7 Wellingborough	1	5

### .303 shooting

The training squad's first outing took place in a biting north-easterly gale with the temperature hovering around zero. But nonetheless performances were not too bad. J. M. Smith was selected to shoot for the County during the holidays, and on the strength of his subsequent performance was entered for the individual three counties championships which took place on Sunday, 27th April. Out of a wide entry, he won the individual competition at 500 yards with 48 out of 50 and six bulls to finish on a count out.

T.J.E.

## FIVES CLUB

### CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The 1st IV was unlucky to be hit not so much by illness as last year, but by bad weather: the Felsted, Denstone and Hellfire Club matches were cancelled and the Haileybury fixture was played under appalling conditions. The side showed increasing determination throughout the term, but some inconsistency in the results may be put down to injuries. In contrast to recent years the doubles play matched the good standard of the singles.

The 2nd IV had good wins against both the Bedford Modern School and Oundle.

The Colts lost by a wide margin to a strong Oundle side but won the rest of their matches under the thoughtful captaincy of Tennant. Over the season three members of the U.15 IV played for the Colts and one for the 2nd IV; displaying a useful stock of talent for future years.

The senior and junior singles competitions have now been completed. Winner of the senior competition was S. J. Endersby (runner up M. I. MacLaren) and the junior competition was won by Camfield. S. J. ENDERSBY.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FIVES COMPETITION

This competition was played last holidays at Whitgift and again the School kept up its very good record. M. I. MacLaren did excellently to reach the semi-finals, proving as did also his singles results throughout the term, that he has successfully graduated from junior to senior level. D. B. Arnold lost disappointingly to the Rugby third string, but combined very successfully with MacLaren in the doubles to give Merchiston Castle, the eventual winners, a hard game. C. A. Fowler with a very good win over his old rival Rensch, the St. Paul's No. 1 failed through careless play to meet his captain in the quarter-finals.

The captain S. J. Endersby on his way to the semi-finals revenged his defeat by McKenzie (Rugby) and was at his best in beating Clarke (Merchiston Castle) a tenacious player. In the final, when 10-5 up he failed to clinch the game and then the match.

In the doubles the first pair tried to win too many points outright, but when this failed settled down to steady, consistent play, unfortunately losing in the semi-finals to the dour play of the home side.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FIVES COMPETITION

#### *Singles—First Four Rounds*

Arnold lost to Harland (Rugby), 6-11, 4-11.  
 Fowler beat Rensch (St. Paul's), 11-4, 12-11.  
 beat Grose (Bloxham), 11-4, 11-0.  
 lost to Owers (Whitgift), 9-11, 2-11.  
 MacLaren beat Ware Lane (Alleyns), 11-0, 11-1.  
 beat Buckland (Tonbridge), 11-0, 11-0.  
 beat Chattey (Blundells), 11-0, 11-0.  
 Endersby beat Allen (Bloxham), 11-0, 11-1.  
 beat Smyth (Sedburgh), 11-0, 11-3.  
 beat McKenzie (Rugby), 11-5, 11-5.

#### *Quarter-finals and Semi-finals*

MacLaren beat Fuller (Tonbridge), 11-2, 11-1.  
 Endersby beat Owers (Whitgift), 11-8, 11-0.  
 MacLaren lost to Enstone (Manchester Y.M.C.A.), 3-11, 1-11.  
 Endersby beat Clarke (Merchiston Castle), 11-2, 11-4.

#### *Final*

Endersby lost to Enstone (Manchester Y.M.C.A.), 10-12, 3-11.

#### *Doubles—First Three Rounds*

Bedford II w.o. Bloxham II lost to Merchiston Castle I, 4-11, 2-11.  
 Bedford I beat Tonbridge II, 5-11, 11-0, 11-0.  
 Bedford I beat Oundle II, 11-5, 11-5.

#### *Quarter-finals*

Bedford I beat St. Dunstons I, 8-11, 11-6, 11-5.

#### *Semi-finals*

Bedford I lost to Whitgift I, 6-11, 9-11.

## GYMNASTICS

### Inter-School Matches

Our strength was severely hampered after E. J. R. Canvin broke his hand and by L. B. G. Shaw's sudden illness. This resulted in the senior team being supported by members of the Junior team.

A Senior Triangular match was held at Bedford with Radley and Wrekin. The School team consisted of three juniors, Sullivan, Hernaman and J. Chester, and two seniors, N. S. D. Skinner and P. D. Roberts. The juniors performed very well against better and senior competitors, with J. Chesher coming 5th. Radley won with Bedford and Wrekin a lagging 2nd and 3rd.

Shortly following this a Junior Triangular match was held between Wellington and Tonbridge at Wellington; the School won by four points with J. Chesher and Dickey coming 1st and 2nd respectively. An open competition was also held, P. D. Roberts came 1st and N. S. D. Skinner came 3rd.