

singles, Dance at No. 2 won six out of nine and together as the first pair they won twenty-six out of thirty-six games. Peck, the youngest member of the team and Davies gave excellent support throughout. Peck should have another three seasons to develop his already maturing talents.

#### Results

Matches won: Haileybury by 147 pts., St. Paul's by 97 pts., Rugby by 37 pts., Denstone by 98 pts., B.M.S. by 82 pts.

Matches lost: M. Taylor's by 27 pts., C.U. Sparrow, by 38 pts., Oundle by 60 pts., Jester's by 80 pts. 1st VI (less Dance) lost to the O.B.s by 82 pts.

#### 2nd IV

Brittain, Malek, Sanders and Hurt made up the team and won each of their three matches. They were solid and enthusiastic players and it was a pity that their fixture list was so small.

#### Results

Beat Oundle by 28 pts., Haileybury by 132 pts., and B.M.S. by 24 pts.

#### Colt's IV

This team literally swept all before them. Kemp, who had one game for the 1st IV, and Lloyd-Williams i, won all their singles and doubles games, many of them by very large margins. Burroughs at No. 3 also won all his singles, Thurston at No. 4 only dropped one game and together as the second pair they won most of their doubles. Holbrook played once with equal success. As all but Kemp were a year under age this record is certainly outstanding. Their qualities were excellent concentration, continually improving technique and an enormous will to win.

#### Results

Beat Oundle by 58 pts., St. Paul's by 79 pts., Haileybury by 149 pts., Rugby by 127 pts., Denstone by 121 pts., B.M.S. by 109 pts.

#### Under 15 IV

This team illustrated our depth of talent in this age-group. All together seven different players were selected, all singles games were won and only two of the twenty-four games of doubles were lost. Encouragingly their qualities were much the same as those noted for the Colt's team. The following played in the team: Harbert, Holbrook, McGregor-Cheers, Quarry, Scrivens, Hoole, Marson i.

#### Results

Beat Oundle by 147 pts., Denstone by 119 pts., B.M.S. by 95 pts.

#### Under 14 IV

The full strength team beat an under-strength B.M.S. team at home and an under-strength team lost to a full strength B.M.S. team away. Those who played were Harbert, Quarry, Lloyd-Williams ii, Gallagher and Prescott.

#### Results

Beat B.M.S. by 99 pts. Lost to B.M.S. by 35 pts.

#### Public School's Fives Championships

Having high hopes of a place in the final of the doubles competition for our 1st pair, disaster struck the day before the championships began when Dance, Captain and an essential part of the 1st pair, went into hospital for an appendicitis operation. Lloyd-Williams i was able at the last minute to make up the IV but of course our doubles chances were destroyed.

Pattison played well to reach the semi-finals of the singles where he lost to Farrow (Oundle) the holder and

eventual winner. Peck got through two rounds and then also lost to Farrow although he did well to take one game off him.

The changed 1st pair of Pattison and Peck won through to the quarter-finals of the doubles.

#### Results

##### Singles:

Davies lost to Outhwaite (Sedbergh) 10-12, 6-11.  
Lloyd-Williams lost to Butler (Tonbridge) 3-11, 3-11.  
Peck beat Robson (Denstone) 11-7, 11-2. Beat Johnstone (Radley) 11-0, 11-4. Lost to Farrow (Oundle) 5-11, 11-9, 0-11.  
Pattison beat Evason (Colston's) 11-8, 11-7. Beat Vainer (St. Paul's) 11-0, 11-3. Beat Outhwaite (Sedbergh) 6-11, 11-2, 11-0. Lost to Farrow (Oundle) 9-11, 0-11.

##### Doubles:

Bedford ii lost to Sedbergh ii 10-12, 11-9, 5-11.  
Bedford i beat Tonbridge ii 11-0, 11-3. Lost to Sedbergh i 6-11, 12-10, 0-11.

J.I.C.

## Shooting

### Easter Term, 1973

After my Jeremiad in the last issue, it is a relief to be able to report that we did in fact shoot two more matches, against Cambridge University who found themselves up against rather tougher opposition than the Other Place had been able to put up, and against the Old Bedfordians who turned out in strength and made a frightfully plucky effort, losing gallantly and gracefully by a relatively narrow margin. But one disappointment was still in store for us, which was particularly irritating because it was so unnecessary: the organisers of the British Schools long range championship were so late off the ground that we were unable to defend our National title which we won in 1972. Ah well, the term is over and, I think, best forgotten despite our being unbeaten in level matches yet again!

#### Results:

VIII v Cambridge University 1369-1320/1440  
VIII v Old Bedfordians 1345-1306

#### Team:

G. Harrison—Captain, N. A. Amos, J. S. Cousins, M. R. Ebbetts, R. H. K. Gompertz, I. S. Hutchinson, J. N. Simpson, A. P. Sykes, P. J. G. Symonds. Reserve/9th Man: Farmer-Wright.

#### CROKER CUP:

1. M. R. Ebbetts 1,032; 2. A. P. Sykes 1,026; 3. J. N. Simpson 1,024.

### Summer Term 1973

¿ Or Have You Remembered The Bolts?

To try to condense all we have done into a simple narrative would be lengthy and tedious both to read and to write. So I will confine myself to a few disjointed remarks. We have for the first time been able to extend our competitive commitment, and have taken part in the Surrey Schools' Meeting (3rd) and the Sussex Schools' Meeting (2nd, and bronze medals, in the Cox Cup), and have shot against Oundle to beat them by 9 points. But these facts hide a confused turmoil of incident and difficulty. I must start by thanking our benefactors for money to buy the telescopes and other equipment we have been short of as well as three 7.62 rifles. This financial shot in the arm from the School and the CCF came at a critical moment



in the Club's development and we are all most grateful. It also led to what must have been the most disorganised competition shoot ever when we went to Bisley for the Surrey Schools as the guests. Our No. 4s were being overhauled by Messrs Fulton, the Fortnum and Mason of the Rifle world, and they are a wee bit old fashioned about things, the best word to describe them being 'vague'. We don't really mind their little ways, for they are the best gunsmiths in the world, but they only had two rifles ready for us for the shoot. So, under grey weeping clouds, with water getting into everything, we had to perform as best we could, running a shuttle service from century range to Fulton's as bits and pieces broke down. The silver lining was provided by the Surrey Rifle Association to which we now belong—didn't you know Bedford was in Surrey?—who fed us magnificently at lunch-time. Too well, in my opinion, because when we went down a month later for the Sussex Schools, an open meeting this time, we ate before we started, and had a rotten shoot as a result. It was gross injustice that we ended up among the medals. I suppose we will have to put in a week's training at the dining table before going off to the Schools' meeting in July . . .

This term, for the first summer for three years, we are getting a reasonable amount of practice. Our rifles are performing properly and Mr. Coblenz, no doubt through his influence in high places, has conjured out of the air vast supplies of really good ammunition. Cambridge University have invited us to share their practice dates on Barton range, a very easy run from here in the new Minibus, and we have even managed to secure two or three bookings on Grafham range. So, you may say to

yourself, all is set fair. Or is it? We are such an efficient club that everybody knows exactly what to do. If he's there. And that is the first snag, because attendance at the shoots varies according to availability. The second snag is that the security of the armoury is so rigorous. Well, to cut a long story short, and to make a public confession, we set off the other day for Barton, and it was not until we were within a mile of the place that somebody asked—a trifle innocently to my mind—"Have you got the bolts (pause) sir?" However, angels in the unlikely form of the Leys School came to our rescue and lent us rifles and an enjoyable shoot was had by all. But this is where I add to the mea culpa: it was the SECOND time that I had forgotten bolts in three months. I only wish the tale could end there, but alas we had another little oversight only yesterday. It was 4.30, and the first detail were actually lying down on the firing point ready to shoot; I went to the Minibus to fetch the ammunition . . . Once again the Leys—may their trigger fingers never snatch—baled us out with a box of rounds which I fetched from their armoury.

The Ashburton looms ahead, and tomorrow we go to the East Anglian Schools' Meeting. Six team men are staying on for the Imperial Meeting after the Ashburton. We have much to look forward to, and much to reflect on.

T.J.E.

## Tennis

Of the matches played so far we have won three, lost three and drawn one. This is by no means negligible but it could have been better. The games against St. Edwards