

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

### 1st XV

- v RMA Sandhurst 2nd XV, won 19-7;
- v St Edward's Oxford, drawn 6-6;
- v Harrow, lost 3-25;
- v Dulwich, lost 7-13;
- v Stowe, won 21-3;
- v Oundle, lost 4-16;
- v Uppingham, won 14-0;
- v Hailebury, lost 4-10;
- v Rugby, won 4-3;
- v Old Bedfordians, won 6-0.

	won	lost	drawn		won	lost	drawn
<b>2nd XV</b>	3	4	—	<b>U15 B</b>	6	—	1
<b>3rd XV</b>	—	6	—	<b>U15 C</b>	—	1	—
<b>4th XV</b>	2	5	—	<b>U14 XV</b>	8	—	—
<b>Colts XV</b>	1	8	—	<b>U14 B</b>	4	2	—
<b>Colts B</b>	1	2	—	<b>U14 C</b>	1	—	1
<b>Colts C</b>	1	—	—	<b>U14 D</b>	—	1	—
<b>U15/XV</b>	7	1	1				

### Senior House Matches

A Series	won	lost	points	B Series	won	lost	points
Crescent	5	0	10	Paulo-Pontine	5	0	10
Paulo-Pontine	4	1	8	Bromham	3	2	6
Bromham	3	2	6	Crescent	3	2	6
St Peter's	2	3	4	Ashburnham	2	3	4
Ashburnham	1	4	2	St Peter's	2	3	4
St Cuthbert's	0	5	0	St Cuthbert's	0	5	0

## Shooting

The New Year started with the now customary flood of applicants, and a level of talent which resulted in the selection of 36 boys to shoot through the year. It also brought us Mr Armstrong to take over the running of the .22 side after a year's initiation: I hope he feels as welcome in the club as we are pleased to have him.

With the loss of six of our successful Bisley VIII, the House Matches assumed a very special importance in our formation of a new team squad. A fixture against Cambridge University (our No. 8s against their Martini Internationals) and the annual under-16 match with Haileybury went a long way to sort out problems and instil confidence. By the end of the term we realised that we could face the stern competition of the Easter Term with a team worthy of its predecessors.

*Doig Cup*: In the final, Paulo-Pontine beat St Peter's by 541-539. 3rd: Ashburnham, 4th: Bromham, 5th: Crescent, 6th: St Cuthbert's.

*Top individual score*: S. P. Manley (A), 145-150.

*'Remove Form' trophy*: A. J. Hamilton.

*'Fourth Form' trophy*: P. I. Mounfield.

VIII v Cambridge University: 729-748.

Under-16 VIII v Haileybury: 881-822 (9th Man: 105-94).

T.J.E.

## Fencing

This term has seen a revival in School Fencing, and for the first time in two years the Fencing Club has a membership of over twenty. This has been due to a large number of very keen and promising juniors who began fencing for the first

time this year and have already shown themselves capable of reaching a high standard of swordsmanship, given time and practice. It has also been possible this year to raise a senior team, which acquitted itself well against a much older and more experienced team from Bedford Fencing Club, and showed unusual strength in the sabre. During the rest of this term, the team will need to train intensively so as to re-establish itself in Public School Fencing, and it will have the opportunity to do this against Aldenham, Bedford Modern and Northampton Grammar Schools during February and March.

The difficulty up till now has been to find the necessary four or five hours in the gym each week, and we owe our thanks to Mr Middleditch for making this possible and for his invaluable coaching, although he has found it an uphill struggle at times. The only remaining problem is that of equipment, which is now very expensive, and should the numbers swell any further we will be hard pushed to provide everyone with the necessary foil and mask. Faced with so many keen junior fencers, however, we should find this comparatively easy to overcome, and the responsibility for the School's future in fencing lies in their hands.

CHRIS GILLIES (*Captain*)

## Squash

A new-look club has started up under the administrative guidance of Mr Mort. Its long-term objective is to become competitive at inter-School level, and to raise the general standard of play. Accordingly a squad of 12 boys was selected after open trials to train under the professional coaching of Mr Downey, and a certain amount of instruction was available to anyone interested enough to ask for it. Mr Downey's skill and patience has found its reward in the ever-improving results of the boys (and of Mr Elliott, his assistant coach - it is rumoured they now play squash on the rifle range!). It is a fortunate coincidence that seven of the boys selected for the squad are IVth-formers, and only one is in the Upper VIth. The future is bright indeed.

The term saw two matches played of which the first was a rather one-sided defeat at the hands of a much older Uppingham team in the first round of the National Premier League. The second was a two-day spectacular between the squad and the Common Room. For two full afternoons, the battle swayed pantingly backwards and forwards as 17 Masters, recruited by TJE, played 136 games against the 12 boys plus Jonathan Pringle from last year's team, to tie at 68-68. This match was a great success, both for the experience and for the entertainment, and will, we hope, have served notice of the seriousness of our intentions.

The Christmas holidays were to find team members bravely competing in the British Junior Championships at Coventry, and Bedford School taking part in the Public Schools' Championships at the Bath Club, with Jonathan Cook emerging from both events with particular distinction for a 13-year-old.

*Team*: C. J. Gittins (*Captain*), J. B. Mobbs (*Secretary*), C. M. Yerbury, J. D. Cook, S. Welti. *Reserves*: S. A. Barker, J. C. Over.

CHRIS GITTINS