

start by Gore and Green who, despite a break for rain, put on 67 for the first wicket.

When the last 20 overs were called, the OBs still needed to make 106, but Gore went on to make 51 and Robin Blunt contributed an aggressive 39 to put victory in sight.

School – First Innings

Peck <i>lbw b</i> Henderson	56
Boyd-Moss <i>c</i> Blunt <i>b</i> Howlett	31
Coleridge <i>c</i> and <i>b</i> Dance	53
Lamb not out	22
Willis <i>b</i> Dance	20
Holtom not out	4
Extras	14
Total (4 wkts dec)	200

Bowling: Howlett 12-0-46-1; Dance 11-5-0-65-2; Henderson 18-4-49-1; Blunt 6-1-26-0.

Old Bedfordians – First Innings

Gore <i>b</i> Gardner	20
Feaver <i>b</i> Gardner	0
Carlisle <i>b</i> Boyd-Moss	27
Blunt <i>c</i> Peck <i>b</i> Gardner	35
Dawes <i>c</i> and <i>b</i> Gardner	34
Howlett <i>c</i> Peck <i>b</i> Boyd-Moss	10
Fitt <i>c</i> Lamb <i>b</i> Boyd-Moss	1
Dance <i>c</i> Coleridge <i>b</i> Gardner	17
Green not out	15
Extras	7
Total (8 wkts dec)	166

Bowling: Gardner 19-2-6-57-5; Boyd-Moss 19-4-59-3.

School – Second Innings

Peck <i>b</i> Blunt	79
Boyd-Moss <i>b</i> Henderson	5
Coleridge <i>c</i> and <i>b</i> Henderson	15
Lamb <i>b</i> Henderson	3
Willis <i>c</i> Carlisle <i>b</i> Henderson	8
Pinsent <i>c</i> Green <i>b</i> Dance	6
Harris <i>b</i> Henderson	9
Bradshaw not out	9
Extras	7
Total (7 wkts dec)	141

Bowling: Henderson 19-3-47-5; Dance 9-1-34-1; Blunt 2-0-13-1.

Old Bedfordians – Second Innings

Gore <i>c</i> Coleridge <i>b</i> Peck	51
Green <i>c</i> Palmer <i>b</i> Boyd-Moss	21
Dawes <i>c</i> Lamb <i>b</i> Gardner	20
Blunt <i>c</i> Boyd-Moss <i>b</i> Palmer	39
Carlisle <i>c</i> Palmer <i>b</i> Peck	12
Feaver not out	16
Howlett <i>b</i> Palmer	3
Dance not out	1
Extras	14
Total (6 wkts)	177

Bowling: Palmer 10-1-46-2; Gardner 13-1-65-1; Boyd-Moss 3-0-15-1; Peck 7-0-37-2.

Golf

The annual match OBs *v* the School was played on Thursday, 10th July, at the Bedford & County Golf Club at Clapham. The OBs won four games, and the School one game, and one was halved. R. W. Maris and W. O. Newcomb halved

with J. R. Grey and J. C. Grey; J. G. Inskip and A. J. Ormerod lost 6/5 to R. M. Hatcher and P. M. Tenneson; A. C. Fitt and G. H. Peck beat J. F. Barnes and H. J. Dayal by two holes; G. L. B. August and K. Vane Percy beat A. J. Crawford and C. R. Holmes 3/2; I. Chrystal and T. R. Marshall beat T. C. Tipple and J. A. Lamb 5/4; and D. G. Bowring and A. R. Jesty beat C. M. Blackburn and C. E. S. Gellatly 5/3.

Lawn Tennis

Old Bedfordians Week 1975 carried the usual three days of tennis.

On Wednesday 9 July eight players took part in the practice match. Some good tennis was played before – late in the afternoon – rain slightly curtailed the proceedings.

On Thursday the OBs played the Staff and won by the handsome margin of 20 sets to 4. It has to be said that a great deal depended on a few critical points. Five sets in all were decided by tie-breaks and the OBs won the lot, including a marathon at the very end of the afternoon when the Staff allowed four set points to escape. OB team and sets won and lost:

D. R. Brooks and M. H. Rudd	2-4
S. J. Endersby and J. A. Lamb	6-0
S. T. Davies and M. A. Turner	6-0
M. C. Daniel and J. Skinner	6-0

On Friday the OB Club turned out a very strong team of eighteen against the School. It is really a great tribute to the School players, some of them very young, that they were not whitewashed.

At the top of the order for the Club, we were especially pleased to have O. V. Bevan playing again, after he had had to miss 1974, and he and Stuart Endersby gave us just the start we wanted by beginning with a win against the School first pair. For the second year running, Anthony Bevan and Geoffrey Farr won all their sets, and they are undoubtedly a formidable combination.

As the match progressed, the Club piled up the total of sets won. By tea, however, a new factor had entered the calculations: black clouds were gathering. Tea was taken with haste, and the OBs were quickly resuming the job of getting the 28 sets needed to win the match. When the clouds burst, we found we had done it with a little to spare. The OB Club won the match by 35 sets to 9.

OB Club team and sets won and lost:

O. V. Bevan and S. J. Endersby	4-1
A. V. Bevan and G. R. D. Farr	6-0
D. R. Brooks and D. P. C. Stileman	3-2
N. O. Connolly and M. W. L. Morris	3-1
S. T. Davies and M. A. Turner	2-2
M. H. Rudd and C. Strain	3-1
J. J. Kane and M. J. Shreeves	6-0
D. A. Edwards and K. Schoenenberger	3-2
M. C. Daniel and J. Skinner	5-0
	M.C.D.

OB SPORT

Bisley 1975 – Public Schools Veterans

This was the strongest and largest turnout of OBs to date and the first time we have been able to enter three teams for the Veterans. The scores this year were the highest ever and the 'A' team came 44th. One or two people were disappointed with their individual scores but considering most of us had not shot for a year this was not a bad result. With a cross-wind blowing on Century Range, the experience of two OBs who shoot regularly was invaluable.

The scores were as follows ex 250:
 'A' team 213: Philip Dawes 46, John Cousins 42, Ian Hutchinson 45, Nick Amos 37, Jeremy Martin 43.
 'B' team 208: Simon Jones 43, Justin Smith 41, Geoff Harrison 42, David Lord 42, Mike Eatly 40.
 'C' team: Bob Larman 37, Major David Pugh 37, Jeremy Simpson 44.

Two members of the 'C' team had to drop out unavoidably before the match and their team card was entered uncompleted.

With the exception of one Methuselah the oldest Veteran OB was a decrepit 25 which indicates a potentially strong pool of marksmen has now been established. A number of OBs are already doing the annual Bisley Meeting and it is planned to establish a full-bore rifle club for all Bedfordians, past and present. This will provide amongst other things an opportunity for those wishing to continue shooting regularly after they leave the School to do so with the backing of a club they already belong to, when to attempt to do so on their own might otherwise prove to be financially prohibitive.

As Mr Elliott mentioned in the last Ousel, he would like to hear from any OBs interested who are not on his mailing list.

Fives

The season 1974-75 saw the Old Bedfordians Club emerge with an unbeaten record - played 12, won 12. We therefore embark on the new season with hopes of doing well, but still with our old anxieties about shortage of players. Would those wanting to play fives please contact either Mark Daniel or the OB Club Office; do not wait to be asked.

The two fixtures which resulted in walk-overs for the Club last season have both been dropped from the list. Two new fixtures are under negotiation, but at time of going to press the list reads:

1975			
23 November	away	Old Bedford Modernians	
30 November	away	Merchant Taylors	
14 December		Bedford School	
1976			
1 February	home	Haileybury	
21 February	away	Haileybury (6 a side)	
29 February	home	Old Bedford Modernians	
6 March	away	Bedford Modern School (8 a side)	
27 March		Bedford School (8 a side)	

M.C.D.

Rowing

A finger injury just before the University of London trial eights race prevented Mike Dalton (63-71) from stroking one of the crews. However, he subsequently rejoined the University squad and rowed in the University of London 2nd boat in the Reading and Kingston Heads, and in the Tideway Head of the River race, when the crew finished 10th, beating the C.U.B.C. Goldie crew and all other university and college crews except University of London 1.

Andrew Gaskell (64-72) and Stephen Knight (62-73) have again rowed in the Durham University crew. This crew, after winning the Head of the Trent pennant, won the Universities' Athletic Union pennant in the Tideway Head by coming 17th.

James Crowden (41-46) was again in the Cambridge team of coaches, with yet again successful results in the Boat Race.

Neil Burnet (69-74) of last year's School VIII rowed 3 in the Cambridge light-weight crew against an Oxford light-

weight crew over a downstream course at Henley in March. This was the first event of this sort between the universities.

Old Bedfordians competing at Henley Royal Regatta in 1975 included:

N. G. Burnet (69-74) '7' in Clare College, Cambridge Ladies Plate crew. F. M. Drake (69-73) '3' in King's College, Cambridge Visitors' Cup four. Andrew Gaskell (64-72) Auriol R.C. Wyfold four ('3') and Goblets pair. P. J. Kingston (67-71) LMBC Ladies' Plate eight ('3') and Visitors' four. Stephen Knight (62-73) '3' in Durham University Ladies' Plate crew. Gareth Morris (61-70) coxswain, Quintin Boat Club Thames Cup eight (finalists). D. G. Winter (62-73) Bedford R.C. Britannia Cup four (bow).

Neil Burnet subsequently rowed in the C.U.B.C. light-weight eight in the new lightweight event in the National Championships at Nottingham, winning a silver medal in coming second to the National Squad lightweight crew.

Paul Kingston (67-71) is part of the Lady Margaret first boat, with all its blues and internationals, which has dominated college rowing at Cambridge this year.

OB NOTES

From Air Cdre Roy Crompton comes news of an unusual dinner he is organising at the RAF Club on 4 October - the 56th annual reunion of the 54th Divisional Signals Company, Royal Engineers.

Though the company was only about 120 strong in 1914, Crompton is still in touch with about 15 of its 'Old Boys.' The present chairman is Gordon Parker, chairman of the Felixstowe Dock and Harbour Board, and other notabilities from its ranks included the late Air Chief Marshal Sir Leslie Hollinghurst, who first saw service with the unit.

The Air Commodore's involvement, however, is purely hereditary. His father, who served with the company from 1914 to 1918, organised its all-ranks reunions for many years. When he died in 1970, his son took the job over. - *Daily Telegraph*.

Lieut.-Colonel D. H. Andrews, MC (22-27), and Lieut.-Colonel W. Daniels (21-31), attended the annual dinner of the Royal West African Frontier Force Officers' Association at the Army and Navy Club, London, on 10 October 1975. 'Crocus' Andrews proposed the toast of 'The African Soldier'.

DINNER, LUNCHESS and GATHERINGS

South Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire

The DVP, John Alcock, and Mrs Alcock organised their annual very successful cocktail party at their house at Kinsbourne Green on 21 June 1975.

The following OBs were present:

J. A. Alcock (15-22), J. E. Alcock (49-55), W. M. Brown (21-33), A. M. Coates (39-44), R. Copeland (65-74), M. C. Daniel (51-63), A. M. Facer (28-32), G. R. D. Farr (50-56), J. A. C. Frary (64-71), D. Garrett (45-54), H. G. Green (42-49), A. J. Hay (65-72), R. F. Hewitt (52-62), V. J. Holley (43-50), R. D. James (46-56), J. J. Kane (51-58), R. J. Kendrick (62-71), F. J. Laborda (25-34), S. F. P. Lander (44-48), G. H. Maclean (45-49), R. H. Mercer (25-33), L. J. Merchant (14-19), A. D. Nightall (20-25), Dr E. D. Page (20-27), W. M. Plewman (48-56), L. W. Polard (33-41), H. D. Praat (22-30), J. A. Randall (25-30), R. F. Ransford (26-28), M. H. Rudd (35-39), P. J. Searby (38-43), R. W. J. Smith (49-54), P. A. W. Starkie (53-58),

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