

Stowe	47-4
BMS	18-17
Oundle	3-30
Uppingham	0-6
Haileybury	10-3
Rugby	11-12
Colts 'B' XV	
Rushmoor	31-3
Uppingham	30-3
Oundle	4-16
Rugby	12-12
Colts 'C' XV	
Oundle	18-21
U-15 XV	
St Edward's	16-6
Harrow	33-0
Dulwich	8-20
Stowe	45-0
BMS	24-7
Oundle	4-7
Uppingham	22-10
Haileybury	10-0
Rugby	11-4
St Edmund's	54-0
Westfield	42-0
U-15 'B' XV	
Pilgrim	6-46
BMS	0-10

Uppingham	32-0
Oundle	6-7
BMS	46-4
Rugby	28-0
John Bunyan	26-12
U-15 'C' XV	
Oundle	0-19
U-14 XV	
Harrow	8-26
Dulwich	0-16
Stowe	38-7
BMS	18-7
Haileybury	7-20
Bishops Stortford	20-6
St Edmund's	43-8
Oundle	0-36
John Bunyan	22-10
U-14 'B' XV	
Pilgrim	4-40
Westfield	4-24
BMS	50-0
Bishops Stortford	20-6
Oundle	10-6
U-14 'C' XV	
Oundle	4-8
Oundle	6-4
U-14 'D' XV	
Oundle	0-8

Shooting

The Christmas Term followed its usual intriguing course. The increasing numbers in the School raised the applications for membership to a record 163 and it was as well that we had such a strong nucleus from last year's team squad to help with the coaching through the first half of term. A kaleidoscopic flood of faces, shapes and sizes came and went, to be reduced on paper to a couple of scores and a brief coach's comment: "too small - can't reach trigger," - "kept catching his hair in the action," - "got curved eyesight," - "must have thought his target was moving," - "obviously a rower from his trigger pull," - "glad I was behind him," - "wish I could shoot like that." The quality was such that final club membership was not announced for the year until the very end of term, so as to give the maximum of opportunity to make the right selection.

The second half of the term was devoted as always to the House Matches (HOW do you pronounce the Doig of the "Doig Cup"? I have been asking for NINE YEARS now, and no-one has come up with an authentic answer!) [and this must be the last time *Ed*] with St Peter's and Bromham seeded to meet in the final, which they duly did. The current depth in the School shooting was reflected in the even spread of ability between the Houses, and the higher scores than last year. In 1974, using INWARD gauging 10-bull cards, the highest scores were 552, 544, 542; in 1975, using the more difficult OUTWARD gauging cards, they were 562, 560, 557. In the end, Bromham gained sweet revenge for their 3-point defeat by St Peter's in 1973, and by the same margin.

The traditional Christmas term fixtures kept our minds alive to outside competition. We took a largely untried under-16 VIII to Haileybury - and without Donald Fraser (a Club Colour), Tony Amberg or "Ringo" Stearns which seriously weakened us - but with Robin Hatcher and Nick Smith as coaches. Under Ian Mounfield's captaincy, the team held its nerve despite a very strong start by Haileybury, and won in the end by a conclusive margin, with Bob Hopkins the high man of the day. Shortly afterwards we entertained Cambridge University to a level match of group and 10-bull with both teams using Number 8 rifles, and surprised even ourselves (to say nothing of a flabbergasted opposition) by notching up 745/800 on the 10-bulls. I wonder if this is a record for Number 8 rifles, standard issue ammunition and 3lb triggers?

Results

Doig Cup Final:	Bromham 560 - St Peter's 557
Other Scores:	St Cuthbert's 543, Crescent 538, Ashburnham 535, Paulo Pontine 535.
Highest Individual Scores:	A. J. Hamilton (StP) 144, R. M. Hatcher (StP) 143, P. I. Mounfield (B) 143.
Under 16 VIII	957 - Haileybury 900
Ninth Man	115 116
1st VIII	900 - Cambridge University 849

ADDENDA TO SUMMER TERM REPORT

Bisley Team: Cadet Pair: Amberg i, Collins i; Ninth Man: N. C. Smith.
Colours: Minor Sports Colours: P. I. Mounfield, P. J. H. Neate;
Club Colours: D. F. Fraser.

We go into the Easter term with an interesting season ahead. We have said good-bye to Tony Marson at a moment when he was really starting to convert potential into scores; Stephen Smith, having established himself in the VIII last



year and had a fine Bisley, suddenly left us to join the Merchant Navy (bound for Iceland, no doubt); John Farmer-Wright, after two years as a first detail man, has decided to concentrate on rowing. To his steadiness at the start of our matches we owe a great deal, and he will not be easy to replace. There is much work to do.

T.J.E.

Fives

A number of Old Bedfordians are active in Club Fives other than the official OB Club team. Martin Robinson, David Arnold, Steven Davies and David Dance all played in the British Universities Championships with a fair degree of success. Martin plays regularly for the Rugby Fives Association Club as does Bob Wilson from an earlier generation! Steven Davies and Doug Hurt played for Cambridge University against Oxford and it is hoped that David Arnold will create a record by appearing for Cambridge for the fifth time this coming season. David Dance is working hard to revive the game at Bristol University.

On December 30 the OBs played the OBM's and an OBM 2nd IV played Queen's College Cambridge. Of the sixteen players on court that afternoon nine were Old Bedfordians, demonstrating the interest that is maintained in the game after leaving school. Apart from the OB IV the players involved were Steven Davies, Doug Hurt, Dick Kemp, Geoff Prigmore and Humphrey Scott.

West of England Schools' Championship

After a lapse of two years this competition was revived in January 1976 and the School was well represented in the later stages. Mark Lloyd-Williams, runner-up at Whitgift last year won the Senior Singles convincingly and Tim Thurston, losing in one of the early rounds, went on to win the Senior Singles 'Plate' competition.

In the Colts' competition Colin Hurt reached the final of the singles where he was runner-up and, with Nigel Kirkby, was also runner-up in the doubles.

Senior House Fives

This year the competition became rather fragmented with late-term sickness, clashing alternative school engagements and a shortage of players in some houses. In the end Paulo, with a wealth of players to choose from, won fairly comfortably. St Peter's eventually took second place ahead of Crescent who were then followed by St Cuthbert's and Bromham. Ashburnham, having great difficulty in raising a team, trailed badly in last position.

J.I.C.

Winter Sculling

This has become increasingly successful over the past few years, and this year was no exception.

To achieve this, training had to be arduous — one average week would consist of two heavy-weight circuits and three runs accompanied, of course, by a great deal of strenuous water training.

This year's squad consisted of three scullers: Richard Waller, Nicholas Sinfield and Charles Austin.

The squad's first competition was the Head of the Cam (sculls) and all three scullers took part. Waller did well against excellent opposition to finish third with Austin and Sinfield sculling well to get into the top ten of the same class.

The next Head of the River was the Radley Junior Sculls, a competition attended by many Junior internationals. Waller sculled with great skill and determination, only failing to beat one of the other scullers in his class, while Sinfield and Austin found the competition a little tougher.

The last competition, Hampton Junior Sculls, was attended by many top Junior scullers from schools such as Radley, Eton, Wallingford and Hampton Grammar. Waller and Sinfield represented the School, the former sculled well into third place in his class and the latter gained a fast time but could only finish in twelfth place in his class.

The enthusiasm and effort put into the training and the sculling itself has put Bedford School sculling on a level never achieved before, but, finally, it must be added that nothing would have been achieved without the patient and devoted efforts of the coach, Mr Wyatt.

Nicholas Sinfield

Squash Club

The feminist movement has breached this bastion of male supremacy, with Mesdames Barker and Marshall coaching a growing band of virtual beginners into rapidly improving players. The team squad, under Mr Robert Turner, has also made great strides, evident in the closely-fought match against the Common Room, in which, however, elders proved to be better, winning the two-day event by a narrow margin. Jonathan Cook, who incidentally won the East of England Under 16 Championship, beat the Head Master after an understandably nervous start. Jonathan, in fact, has been having a whale of a time recently with a certain Jonah Barrington, in a television series on Squash. The School also had a fixture against the OBs who, despite having brought a stronger team than on the previous occasion, were again beaten and despatched to the four corners of Bedfordshire.

In the Easter term, the School will be playing the Common Room and OBs again, together with a number of fixtures against other schools. There will also be two new events for trophies most kindly donated by Mrs P Welti, and which will be competed for annually. One will be run on a handicap basis, whilst the other will be open to all squash players and organised on the general lines of the F. A. Cup. We look forward to an exciting and successful term.

D.M.M.

Fencing Club

Despite the fact that Chris Gillies was unable to fence during the first half of the term, the Club started the season with a win, beating the usually strong BMS team by six victories to five victories. The second foil which was young and inexperienced was beaten 8-1. Our opponents for our next match failed to turn up leaving us with one more match against Bedford Fencing Club. Both the first and second foils and the sabre were overwhelmed by a vastly more experienced team. The Club however had a greater number of fencers turning up than for the past three years, and within two years should be able to produce a stronger team.

Jon Joiner (*Secretary*)