

the squad, five of whom are coxswains, certainly gave a good account of themselves.

*Members of the Squad:* W. Fozzard, S. Greenaway, C. Allen, F. Hart, M. Pope, I. Simpson, N. Lee, C. Ward, J. Woodley, J. Woodward, P. Walbank.

P.G.B.

## Fives

In the West of England Schools' Championships, held in January 1978, Colin Hurt and Gareth Quarry won the Punchard Cup for the Schools' Doubles Championship by beating Bradfield in the semi-final and Rugby in the Final. The margin of victory was comfortable, the scores being 11-5, 11-7.

By round 2 of the Senior House Fives competition it was clear that Paulo, Crescent and St. Cuthbert's were the three Houses in closest contention. In that round Paulo took a 3 point lead in their match against Crescent and as St. Cuthbert's and Crescent had each dropped points against each other in the first round this gave Paulo a 10 point aggregate lead which they held to the end of the competition.

*Results:* Paulo 216, Crescent 206, St. Cuthbert's 185, Bromham 107, St. Peter's 105, Ashburnham 78.

J.I.C.

## Squash

Despite a severe lack of court time — the senior squad being reduced to only one short session per week — the 1st V won its sole fixture of the term against the OB's in fine style. The two-day epic between the boys and the Common Room ended in a narrow victory for the boys, following one or two "adjustments" by D.M.M. who, rumour has it, was once a member of Nixon's department of dirty tricks! The School Handicap Trophy, which once again featured some extremely close and exciting contests, was eventually won by Merry, who defeated Ayliffe in the final. During the Christmas holidays, a team of three represented the School in the Bath Cup Tournament in London and reached the quarter-final stage. A member of that team, Jonathan Cook, is to be congratulated on reaching the last sixteen in the British Under 19 Championships.

Our busiest season ever will soon be upon us, with eight fixtures at 1st V level, and six matches in the Bedfordshire Junior Squash League, which the School has won in each of the two years since the League's inception and which we have high hopes of retaining.

D.M.M.

## Badminton

As usual, the first half of the term saw comparatively little activity as many boys found their Friday evenings occupied by practices.

Towards the end of term the individual competitions were held. The senior singles was won fairly easily by Lester, who beat Welti 21-12 in the final. The doubles was a much closer game, which Welti and Chan eventually won 21-17, beating Merry and Hare. The junior singles was won by Ayliffe.

Next term will see the House matches and matches against the other Harpur Trust schools.

Chris Merry (Secretary)

## Shooting

The new year has seen the return of as strong a nucleus as I can remember. However, we know that six colours will not be available for more than the occasional home match, and, curiously, we have almost a complete gap at fifth form level, so that more responsibility than usual will fall upon the younger members.

The 1978 season has been complicated by the fixing of the Ashburton during the last week of the Summer Term, but we are most grateful to the Head Master for giving us the green light to mount a reasonably respectable Bisley bid. It is encouraging to see how many boys wish to stay on there to shoot the International Meeting; indeed, you cannot start too young. We have had two splendid boosts to our unflagging morale with the selection of Philip Dawes (63-72) for the great Britain team to cross the Atlantic this year, and the double selection of Ian Mounfield and Tim Gulson for the Athelings (The U.K. under-19 team) to tour Canada.

The usual vast numbers of applicants duly turned out for trials, and by half term membership was established. I would like to stress the enormous importance of the coaching which club members so willingly give to novices over these weeks: without it, we would be lost. After half term, House shooting took over, using last year's successful formula and culminated in an excellent series, complete with crumbling favourites and bold underdogs. When the real crunch came, Bromham turned on the magic to win with a handsome new record score.

Our two outside events illustrated perfectly the strength and the current weakness of the club. We won the Cheshunt inter-schools long range .22 meeting with a crushing record score and team placings of 1st, 2nd and 4th — and this without Ian Mounfield who was busy being accident prone and could only coach. Mirek Kirkillo-Stacewicz capped this with an individual score of 380/400 at 50 and 100 yards in rainy and blustery conditions with a No 8 rifle and standard issue ammunition. Any .22 expert will know just what a fine shoot this must have been. Our under-16s, though, lost narrowly to a very solid Haileybury team. Without the fifth formers and their experience in the Club, this was no surprise to us.

*Results:*

Doig Cup: Final 1. Bromham 589; 2. Ashburnham 579; 3. St Peter's 562.

Losers' Final 4. Crescent 580; 5. St Cuthbert's 567; 6. Paulo Pontine 561.

Highest Individual Scores: 297: W. B. Kendall, M. A. Kirkillo-Stacewicz; 295: G. Crawford ii, T. J. K. Gulson, P. I. Mounfield.

Under-16 VIII 868 — Haileybury 887  
9th man 98 — 95

Cheshunt Long Range .22 Meeting: B IV (A. J. Amberg, D. F. Fraser, Lee, M. F. P. Tribe) 1st — 1478 pts; A IV 2nd — 1471 pts; C IV 3rd — 1452 pts.

Individual Championship: M. A. Kirkillo-Stacewicz 1st — 380, T. J. P. Hine 3rd — 373.

Honours: P. I. Mounfield and T. J. K. Gulson have been selected for the 1978 U.K. Under-19 Team — The Athelings.

T.J.E.