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SCHOOL NOTES.

THE following boys were first and second in their respective Forms at the end of Term :—

Form I.	...	1 P. P. Grey	2 G. H. White
„ II.	...	1 T. M. Corcoran	2 H. W. Beresford
„ III.	...	1=T. S. Fielding 1=G. H. K. Walker	2 R. M. Thompson
„ IV.	...	1 G. L. Bryan	2 E. Sansome
„ V.	...	1 J. P. Farmer	2 S. Gunn
„ VI. Lower:		1 T. H. Webster	2=A. H. Lowther 2=C. V. Young
		Upper: 1 H. Clarke	2 R. P. Jones

The following boys left the School at the end of the Winter Term :—

Form VI.—F. L. Hawker (1st XI. Football, 2nd XI. Cricket and Gymnasium VIII.), A. Rowbotham (2nd XI. Football and Cricket).

Form V.—W. J. Galloway.

Form IV.—R. K. Case, W. A. Potter.

Form I.—R. Burford.

The following new boys joined the School in January :—

Form III.—S. Russell, B. Smith.

Form I.—G. D. Bailey.

The Athletic Sports will be held on Saturday, May 30th, when we hope to see a goodly number of Old Loughburians present. Intending competitors, and this should include all members of the School, will find some useful hints on training in another column.

We are pleased to see that Mr. James has got an excellent list of fixtures arranged for the coming cricket season. Every date is already filled, and the number of 2nd XI. fixtures is much larger than usual.

Prize Day has been fixed for Wednesday, July 29th. Sir Maurice Levy, member for the constituency in which the School is situated, has kindly consented to attend and distribute the Prizes if the state of parliamentary business permits.

 OLD BOYS.

O. G. LABAN has been appointed District Surveyor and Inspector of Nuisances to the Leake Rural District Council.

W. A. Lowe has been appointed Assistant Engineer to the East Hull Gas Co.

Many Old Loughburians distinguished themselves in the recent production of "Iolanthe" by the Amateur Operatic Society. J. T. Bolesworth, M. T. Woolley, Edgar Moss, Horace Lowe and G. R. H. Lowe all did well in important parts, and all Old Loughburians must feel proud of the talented conductor and producer, T. Marshall Green. Many other O.L.'s in gorgeous robes of peers "did nothing in particular, and did it very well."

D. B. Percival is fruit farming at Evesham, and gives a glowing account of the beauty of the country in the pageant of spring.

F. L. Hawker has entered the service of the Brush Electrical Engineering Co., and is at present in the Car Drawing Office.

 HINTS ON TRAINING FOR THE SPORTS.

THE Sports are at hand, and with this event one's attention naturally turns to ideas on training.

First be it said that every boy who is physically fit should consider it his duty to the School to enter for the Sports, even if he take part in one event only. Moreover, let us have none of the poor spirited boys who will not enter because he has no chance of winning a prize.

The first thing to decide is, what events are you going to enter for? Are you a long distance runner or a sprinter? Are you a jumper or not? The boy who definitely fixes upon a few well chosen races, say of short distance, and confines his attentions to training for those events, will do better than he who enters for almost every event, the latter will have nothing definite to train for, and so does but poorly. So, except for the few who are fancied for championship honours,

boys should be warned against entering for every event. Select the group of events you fancy yourself at most and train for them—you will bring out your best then.

Next as to training. Healthy, growing boys who play games regularly, need little systematic training, but whatever you do let it be well spent. How often does one see boys indulging in such suicidal ideas of training as running round the field three or four times till quite exhausted, and fondly imagining they have been training. That is quite futile and only defeats its own object. Don't train every day, two or three times a week is quite sufficient and then make it fairly light.

First and foremost, let your style be easy before everything. Run naturally. Forced running means waste of energy and a loss of speed. Keep the arms swinging well across the chest and the body held well forward from the waist. Don't try to stride too far. Your stride will naturally lengthen with training; in fact it is the increased length of stride that training aims at, and not quickness of action.

For the sprinter. Keep your knees low and your body well forward when running. Mark out a distance of about twenty yards by two lines; start running about ten yards this side of the first line, slowly at first, gradually developing pace, till by the time you reach the first line you are going full speed; go all out for the twenty yards, then gradually slacken off. Never stop suddenly, that is fatal, always slacken gradually. Do this three or four times, resting between. Before the Sports' day run the full distance, or better, slightly farther than the distance, several times.

For the long distance runner. Keep your knees well up and stride out. Don't do too much at one turning out or you will get stale. When you commence training run a distance much further than the actual distance, then gradually work down to just over the distance you will run at. Utilise the exercise given to the sprinter to develop your pace. When running preserve sufficient energy for an effort at the finish.

For the jumper. In the high jump let me impress upon boys the necessity of jumping at the cross stick itself, and not this side of it. You can only do that by approaching cautiously and watching the stick carefully. Many boys fondly and vainly imagine that a good run before jumping helps them to clear the stick. Nonsense. All you will do will be to

misjudge altogether the height of the stick and so knock it down. In long jumping two things are necessary to remember in practising : jump high and get your knees as high as possible, as near the chin as possible. Both these will carry you much farther. They are indeed the essentials of long jumping.

GYMNASTIC COMPETITION.

THE annual contest for the Gymnastic Championship and Eight took place in the Gymnasium before the whole school on April 2nd. It was much regretted that only eight boys entered, but that was not because of the lack of talent, but rather because of the excellence of the eight contestants. At any rate it showed the lack of sporting spirit among those who were capable of giving a good show but did not compete. The gymnastic champion turned out to be Clarke, and a right worthy one, too. His style stamped him as the gymnast par excellence.

The exercises, numbering eight in all, consisted of three on the Parallel Bars, two on the Rings, and three on the Horizontal Bar, of which one in each group was voluntary.

PARALLEL BARS.

1. Single March forward.—This exercise was on the whole well done ; positions were well maintained and style good.

2. Travel Bars and Hand-spring.—The travelling was good but the hand-spring was not quite so well done, several landed too heavily. Harper did a very good hand-spring.

3. Voluntary.—These showed a good variety of exercises, of which Dawson's balancing took the eye most.

RINGS.

1. Bent Arm and Bent Leg Circle.—This exercise was well done, Clark and Dawson being most noticeable.

2. Voluntary.—These again showed a number of varied and good exercises, and was perhaps the best of all exercises. It brought out two excellent exercises, by Wilkinson and Clark, which deserve special mention.

HORIZONTAL BAR.

1. Right Leg Acting.—On the whole very good, the shooting left a little to be desired.

"EXCUSES."

I put my pen to paper to expose
Those sinful boys who use time-worn excuses,
Forgetting I was lately one of those
Who find delight in such micro-abuses.
So tremble, nippers, in your various shoes,
At my exhaustive and enlightened views !

Into the limelight first we rudely haul
That miserable, good-for-nothing lot
Who at the pedagogue's commanding call
Exclaims in peevish treble, " I forgot,"
And listens chuckling to the old refrain,
Hoary and worn—" Well, don't do it again !"

A much more hardened criminal is he
Who saunters in just when 'tis time to go ;
And, visage elongated like a poplar tree,
Dolefully wails, " Please sir, our clock was slow !"
Knowing full well his periodic stops
Could be ascribed to Marshall's lollipops !

Comes now a figure every schoolboy knows—
The eager student of the ways of Rome,
Who feverishly seeks his latin prose,
And says, surprised, " Well, there, it's left at home !"
And poor, long-suffering masters heave a sigh,
Knowing too well that old recurring cry !

And then there is that old habitual shirk,
Who, greatly grieved, complains it isn't fair,
That " So and so has told me the wrong work"—
But " So and so " is, strangely, never there,
And though, of course, we don't like slinging ink,
'Tis well, for some, he's absent, we should think.

Further examples we will here suspend,
Chiefly because we lack the needed space ;
But, hypocrites, just try your ways to mend ;
Or, if you're bent on being a disgrace,
Do be original with your abuses—
For goodness' sake, DO coin some NEW excuses !

FOOTBALL.

THE season 1913—14 will not be remembered as producing any extraordinary occurrences. Nothing abnormal has taken place except that the Blues have won the Senior Cup, thus breaking the long succession of victories by the Whites. The 1st XI. won as many matches as they lost, but finished up on the wrong side of the goal average, as will be seen from the table.

P. 30 ; W. 14 ; L. 14 ; D. 2 ; Goals for 77, against 90.

It will be noticed that the defence gave away on an average 3 goals a match. This certainly seems rather excessive, but there have been numerous occasions on which the weight of the attackers alone has enabled them to score—for what chance has 8 stone against 11? Messrs. Crockett and Plumb have done much to stiffen the defence. Both Shepherd and Farmer have improved wonderfully since the beginning of the season. On the other hand, White and Wilkinson fell off somewhat from their early promise of being the best right wing of late years. Hall has led the forward line well, and had few off-days, though his style of play succeeds best against light or inexperienced backs. The team against schools has generally been—Jones, Grudgings, Shepherd, Pilsbury, Jelley, Garrison, White, Wilkinson, Hall, Bourne, Farmer.

The goal scorers during the season were—Hall 24, Bourne 14, Wilkinson 12, Hawker 7, White 4, Mr. Plumb 4, Farmer 4, Jones 4, Shepherd 2, off opposing team 1.

In the Sixes this year Hall gained a popular victory, beating Shepherd in the final 3—2. The winners are to be congratulated on their victory, for they were two down at half-time.

As has been stated the Blues won the Senior Cup, the chart being—

Blues : P. 4 ; W. 3 ; L. 0 ; D. 1 ; Goals F. 25, A. 9 ; Pts. 7
Whites : P. 4 ; W. 0 ; L. 3 ; D. 1 ; Goals F. 9, A. 25 ; Pts. 1

The Middles Cup was secured by the Whites, who won all the games except one, which they lost, strangely enough, 9—0. They won the others, 5—0, 5—3, 4—1, 7—0.

The Second XI. this year has been somewhat of a failure. Only two matches were won, both against Mr. Barker's XI., the remainder being lost by large margins. Detentions seem to have played havoc with most of the sides that were picked. Let us hope that members of the Second XI. will work harder in the Summer Term, both in School and out. We shall be glad to hear of a victory being registered now and again at cricket. The Second XI. players are :—

Holt, Reynolds, Thompson (R. M.), Cartwright, Bailey, Lowther, Jackson, Merrick, Walker, Dawson, T. Brown, F. Cotton.

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

BOURNE, W. E. (Capt.).—Has played in several positions with credit to himself. Best at inside left, where he has shown good marksmanship. An energetic captain.

HALL, A. W. (centre-forward).—Has filled this position since the earlier part of the season. Can shoot well with both feet. Feeds his forwards with judgment.

JELLEY, W. F. (centre-half).—A lengthy defender of the robust type. Very effective with his head, and makes good use of his avoirdupois.

GRUDGINGS, J. H. (right-back).—A much improved player. Kicks and heads well. Tackles with a fair amount of judgment. Recovers better than he used to.

JONES, R. P. (goal).—A resourceful custodian, who gives little away and can be relied upon in emergencies.

SHEPHERD, A. E. (left-back).—Strong kick. Uses his head with great effect. Tackles well, but is rather slow in recovery.

WHITE, A. E. (outside-right).—Plucky player, who centres and shoots well. Has been rendered nervous by his accident.

WILKINSON, A. (inside-right).—An energetic but somewhat spasmodic player. Has been rather unfortunate this term with regard to goals. Possesses great ability.

FARMER, J. P. (outside-left).—Plays a useful game. Centres and shoots well. He is inclined to overdo the dribbling business.

PILSBURY, H. (right-half).—Tackles well, and his passes are well placed. He seems afraid to head the ball very much.

HARRISON, T. (left-half).—Has only played in a few matches. He shows distinct promise. His tackling is the best feature of his play.

L.G.S. v. WOODTHORPE.

This was the first match of the term, so that we were somewhat out of practice. Woodthorpe brought a fairly big team, including a centre half several yards high. Hall led the forward line, and Wilkinson figured at inside right. Woodthorpe started aggressively, but their attacks lacked finishing power. They spent a considerable time in our half, though the only time they looked like scoring was when the centre forward put just outside the post from close range. School retaliated, and following a corner Bourne headed through giving us the lead. Soon afterwards the same player received from Wilkinson and gave the goalkeeper no chance with a left foot shot. Woodthorpe endeavoured to reduce the arrears, but Mr. Crockett and Grudgings were very safe.

After the interval our forwards seemed to go to pieces—their efforts being spasmodic and without cohesion. The visitors took advantage of this, and bombarded our goal. At last Mr. Crockett accidentally tripped their right inside just outside the penalty area and a goal was scored. However, their success ended here, and in spite of their superior weight they could not draw level. Mr. Plumb played well and assisted the forwards greatly, whilst Hall and Bourne were the best forwards. Score: L.G.S. 2, Woodthorpe 1.

L.G.S. v. KINGSTON COLLEGE.

Kingston came to Loughborough in the hope of a 10—0 victory, owing to their never having been defeated this season. Kirk, one of our old boys, was playing for the College, while B. C. Gibbs, another old boy, came as a spectator, not being able to play on account of his ankle. The match was played in good weather on Jan. 31st. Bourne won the toss and defended the school goal. College started well, but our defence prevailed and School got away on the left. An off-side movement checked the visitors' advance, and School got away on the right, and from a centre by Farmer, Hall scored. School continued to press, and forced a corner on the left, while Mr. Plumb had hard lines with one or two long shots. School got away again on the left, and from a pass by Shepherd Hall placed the School further ahead. Kingston now began to press, but half-time arrived with School winning 2—0.

Obviously the College spectators had been telling them something, for they started the second half in a blaze of glory. College continued to press, and a shot struck the post with Jones beaten, but it rebounded into play and eventually found the net after some cross shooting. The College supporters were frantically excited when the ball was next put into play. Wilkinson, who had twisted his ankle in the first half and had left the field, returned, but could not do much, thus the right wing got starved. From a shot by Shepherd the custodian carried the ball too far and a free kick was given inside the goal area. Bourne took the kick and placed the ball nicely to Shepherd, who scored. A little later Hall worked his way through but shot wide. Nothing else was scored, and school won 3—1.

The School was represented by Jones; Mr. Crockett, Grudgings; Clarke, Mr. Plumb, Pilsbury; Farmer, Wilkinson, Hall, Shepherd and Bourne. The School on the whole played well. Jones did not have any difficult shots. The backs played well, and the halves very well. Pilsbury and Clarke held their wings quite well. Bourne was the best of the forwards, while Wilkinson in the second half could not play, owing to his ankle.

L.G.S. v. NOTTS. UNIVERSITY 2nd XI.

Played on Jan. 28th. The School opened the match with seven men against the opposing eleven. The game was very fast, but nothing resulted. When the others had arrived the School seemed to get the best of the game, and Jelley missed one or two chances. Our opponents broke away once or twice and scored, but Mr. Plumb scored one for the School with a fine shot. At half-time School was losing 3—1.

After half-time the play was more even, and Bourne scored three goals, all from centres by our brilliant right outside, White. Our opponents then put in another goal, and both sides pressed hard for the winning goal, but it was not until a few minutes before time that Hall made a dash and scored, and so School again won by five goals to four.

Team: Jones, Grudgings, Mr. Crockett, Pilsbury, Mr. Plumb, Shepherd, White, Farmer, Hall, Bourne and Jelley.

L.G.S. v. OLD LOUGHBURIANS.

The School first eleven was badly defeated on Feb. 7th by the Old Loughburians. The opposing team was a very strong one, being composed of some of the Old Loughburians' first eleven. However, they did not have all the game, for the home defence had plenty of it. The opposing left wing was rather smart, and often got down the field with the ball. After a while the Loughburians commenced their score. Soon after this, Hews had a fine shot, but it was stopped by Webster. Determined to score one, the opposing centre half tried another hard shot, which went in too fast to be saved by the home goalie. At half-time the score was 3—0 against the School.

In the second half the home forwards started to play. White centred well and played a good game in this half. The Loughburians' forwards made a dash down the field and scored. Soon afterwards Carson added two more. Mr. Crockett took a shot at goal and all but scored, the opposing goalkeeper having great difficulty in getting the ball out. After several attempts School could not get through the opposing defence. Farmer was playing nicely at right inside. Another goal was added to the six already obtained by the Old Loughburians, and the game ended rather badly for the School with the score 7—0.

L.G.S. v. WYGGESTON.

Played at Wyggeston. L.G.S. team: Webster; Bourne, Grudgings; Pilsbury, Jelley, Clarke; Farmer, Walker, Hall, Shepherd, White.

In this match the School was not able to field a very strong team, the absentees being Jones and Wilkinson. The ground was exceedingly heavy and difficult for manœuvring. At the beginning of the game the Wyggeston forwards were aggressive, but were to a great extent repulsed by the School defence. About twenty minutes from the start Webster failed to clear the ball during one of their attacks, and consequently the ball was rushed in. During the remainder of the first half the School defence was very hard pressed, and the forwards did not make much progress.

The game in the second half was scrappy, and the School forwards were not organised in their attacks. Both Bourne and Grudgings played good games, and cannot be blamed for the three goals which were scored in the second half by Wyggeston. Hall worked hard at centre forward but was poorly supported. Webster in goal was not at all safe, and Jelley played well at centre half. Result: L.G.S. 0, Wyggeston 4.

SCHOOL (under 15) v. LONG EATON SCHOOL.

This match was played at Loughborough on Wednesday, Feb. 18th. School were nearly stiff with cold waiting for their opponents turning up, which was about 3-45 p.m. The play was fairly even, but unfortunately Webster fumbled the ball, which was pressed into the net. White, however, soon made the score equal. The play was then hard, and Shepherd saved the side from the "knutty" little forwards.

After half time the play was still hard—first our forwards made a dash and then their opponents, but nothing resulted. Towards the end Webster saved a fine shot, but before he could clear, their right outside had rushed up and scored. Thus the School lost 2—1.

Team: Webster, Shepherd, Thompson, Harper, Bailey, Lowther, Merrick, Wilkinson, White and Brown.

SCHOOL v. L. ROBERTS' XI.

This match was played on Feb. 21st, owing to the postponement of the Leavesley & North match. Bourne won the toss and elected to defend the school end goal. School forwards soon showed their superiority, and Mr. Plumb scored with a fast drive. Hall scored and then the visitors lived up and took play to the school end, but Jones was safe in goal. White then scored with a high dropping shot, and soon after the same player scored a rather "fluky" goal from a corner. Our opponents attacked vigorously and scored. Half-time arrived with the score L.G.S. 5, Roberts' XI. 1.

On resuming play the visitors started off with a dash, and Bray scored from an individual run on the left. The same player soon afterwards scored again. Jelley always proved a stumbling block to Bray, and although his play was not very clean he effectively held the best player of the opposing team. The second half proved much more even, for the School slowed down with such a good lead. Each side scored again. Shepherd and Mr. Plumb were the pick of the defence, and Hall of the forwards. Score: L.G.S. 6, Roberts' XI. 4.

Team: R. P. Jones; T. Grudgings, A. Shepherd; W. F. Jelley, Mr. Plumb, H. Pilsbury; A. E. White, A. Wilkinson, A. W. Hall, W. Bourne, J. P. Farmer.

L.G.S. v. LOUGHBOROUGH WEDNESDAY.

This match took place on Feb. 25th on the Glebe-street ground. After changing in what a certain esteemed master termed a "cow shed" we tramped to the ground and started. School early attacked, but were repulsed by the forcible tactics of the Wednesday's backs—especially Fallon, who seemed to take a delight in bringing into prominence a certain part of his hinder anatomy. We however drew first blood. The forwards went down with a rush, and from a good pass from the inside, Bourne hit the crossbar with a rasping shot, Hall doing the needful from the rebound, accompanied by cheers from the Grand Stand (?). Wednesday woke up and went down in line. A corner was forced and Jack _____, the home centre, got his head in the way of the ball and scored. Half-time scores:—

L.G.S. 1, Loughborough Wednesday 1.

After the interval the game became very fast, but was often suspended for a time by several injuries to Tommy Sheriff, who took a fancy for Jelley's brawny knees and paid the penalty. In spite of this the Wednesday went down the field and after a lengthy manœuvre in front of our goal, someone put the ball through the net for their second point. School returned and Mr. Plumb just missed with an excellent shot. Just after this our old warrior Hall, alias "Yanks," came into violent contact with "Mark _____" one of the homesters, who suffered in consequence to the tune of many groans, etc. Farmer with a good shot from well out put the scores level, and the end came with the score:—

L.G.S. 2, Loughborough Wednesday 2.

Team.—Jones, R. P.; Grudgings, J. and Mr. Crockett; Jelley, W., Mr. Plumb, and Shepherd, A.; White, A. E., Wilkinson, A., Hall, A. W., Farmer, J. P., and Bourne, W. E. (Capt.)

L.G.S. v. NOTTS. MAGDALA.

Played at Nottingham, Feb. 28th. School had a strong team out and lost the toss, so that they had to face the wind. The ground was very hard and had little grass on it; also its size must have been close on the maximum. These circumstances combined to perplex and hamper the School team, and they were outplayed at all points for the first twenty minutes. The referee allowed several Notts. off-sides to pass unnoticed, and School were losing 2—0 before they woke up. However, from this point till the end, our forwards took charge of the game. Hall added two for us so that we were level at half-time. Then Notts. were kept on the defensive. They had played themselves out, and the light School forwards did everything but score. Jelley hurt his wrist and retired, but we were still superior, and Hall gave us the lead. Soon afterwards Bourne and Farmer took the ball down again, and the first named netted another for the School. Notts. raised a spurt and succeeded in making the score 4—3, but most of them were obviously done up, and we won comfortably, no more goals being scored. Hall was the best forward, and Mr. Plumb and Shepherd were both fine halves. Grudgings and Mr. Crockett formed a safe pair of backs, while Jones in goal was good, but had not much to do.

L.G.S. v. KINGSTON.

This match was played at Kingston on 7th of March. The ground was very dry (for Kingston) and it was very good weather for a match. More than half the School team cycled, and just before Hathern, Pilsbury got a puncture, which some of us mended. However, not content with this, he ran into a man on the road, and when we turned round he was sitting in the middle of the road with his bicycle making circles round him.

School kicked off and after a little time one of the Kingston forwards sent in a shot from the half-way line. The ball was going rather fast, and had got a swerve on it, and it sailed over Jones' head into the net. The School made several good dashes into the Kingston goal, but were nearly always repulsed by the Kingston backs, the goalkeeper not having much to do. Soon after, Kingston's left outside centred the ball, which was banged through nicely by one of their forwards. Half-time was called with 2-0 for Kingston.

In the second half both teams made dashes into the other team's goal mouth, and once or twice our goalkeeper had a warm time. Our backs and goalkeeper, however, managed to keep them out, and no goals were scored in the second half. Half the School team seemed to have lost their spirits and had no go in them. This was probably owing to the walk from the station or the cycle ride.

Team: R. P. Jones; J. H. Grudgings, Mr. Crockett; H. Pilsbury, Mr. Plumb, A. E. Shepherd; A. E. White, A. Wilkinson, Y. Hall, W. E. Bourne, J. P. Farmer.

L.G.S. v. ASHBY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

School were supposed to have a weak team, but like many of the weak teams on paper, proved to the scoffers that they could win. The following lined up at Ashby to face a strong wind: Webster; Bourne, Shepherd; Pilsbury, Jelley, Harrison; Jones, Dawson, A. L., Hall, Farmer, Lowther. Immediately on starting School were on the defensive, but Shepherd relieved only for the opposing hefty half to obtain possession, and he essayed a great dribbling feat only to be neatly placed on his back by Jelley, much to the amusement of the spectators. Dawson hereabouts passed to Hall, who only had to run in and score, which he did. Ashby retaliated, but were repulsed; then Hall again netted from another neat piece of work by Dawson. School attacked, but several good chances were missed by Farmer, owing to his desire to weave patterns. However, no more scoring took place before the interval. School 2, Ashby 0.

Ashby led off with a vigorous attack, and were successful, for Webster stumbled, and the ball rolled into the net. School again exerted pressure and a corner was forced which Lowther placed for Hall to get a third. Ashby returned and got another goal, the outside right scoring from the goal line. The School spent the rest of the time swarming round the Ashby goal, Jelley, Hall and Bourne trying their luck, but only Hall was successful in getting his fourth in with a smashing drive. The whistle blew with the score good winners. A word as to the players. All the regulars played up to the top of their form, Hall being very prominent. Of the newcomers Dawson and Harrison played excellently, so well that the other players were not missed. Lowther had little to do, but he did it well. Farmer was weak—he was too much inclined to dribble. Result: School 4, Ashby 2.

L.G.S. v. ALD. NEWTON'S SCHOOL.

This match was played on Saturday, March 14th, at Loughborough. Bourne won the toss, and School attacked the Victoria-street goal. For some time the play was very even, and although the visiting forwards seemed the better balanced line, the School defence held them in check. School next commenced a series of raids, and though often repulsed, Farmer at length scored from close in on the left. School were not long left with the lead, for the visitors went away from the kick-off, and after some fruitless bombardment at last netted from a rush. Half-time soon after arrived with the score 1-1.

The visitors again attacked strongly after the restart, and again and again were sent back by the defence, but our forwards did not seem able to get well together. Unable to keep up the tremendous strain, the School defence at last gave way, their centre forward scoring from close range. This woke the School forwards up, and they commenced in their turn to press, Dawson and White on the right showing up well, while Hall and Jones had hard lines from corners. At last however, they were rewarded. Hall secured near the centre, ran up, and swung the ball out to White, who ran in, took the ball on the run near the penalty line, and rammed in a beautiful shot to the top of the net amid much applause. Encouraged by their supporters "the Newts" did their best to get the winner but failed, time arriving with the very just result of two goals each.

Team: Webster; Shepherd, Bourne; Pilsbury, Jelley, Harrison: White, Dawson, Hall, Jones, Farmer.

L.G.S. v. WOODTHORPE.

This match was played at Loughborough on March 28th. The ground was in perfect condition, and the wind blew across the ground. School won the toss and defended the School end. The exchanges were fairly even till about twenty minutes from the start, when Woodthorpe scored at close range from a corner. School did not show anything like their usual form apart from one or two isolated bursts by the wings and a few clearances by the defence. Woodthorpe soon drew ahead with another goal much like the first, and this had the effect of temporarily waking the School up, Hall and Bourne having hard lines.

School seemed to resume its slumber during the interval, and Woodthorpe again netted from a scrimmage after ten minutes. School then commenced to press, and White sent across several good centres, which deserved a better fate. After many exchanges, in which School took its part, Woodthorpe scored another with a good shot from the left. This was near time and School failed to reply. Final score: L.G.S. 0, Woodthorpe 4.

Team: Jones; Mr. Crockett, Grudgings; Pilsbury, Mr. Plumb, Shepherd; White, Wilkinson, Hall, Bourne, Farmer.

SCHOOL v. RATCLIFFE COLLEGE.

This match was played at home on Wednesday, April 1st, after the "artful dodger" had finished with the team. They took the field against Ratcliffe (thermometer 90 deg. in the shade). Ratcliffe

started off in their usual rushing manner for the left outside to send in a dangerous centre, which was headed out by Jelley. School took a hand in the business, and several chances were missed. Eventually Farmer scored with a good shot. This roused Ratcliffe, who attacked but were repulsed, until at last the defence gave way and they equalised. The rest of the half was a duel between Ratcliffe forwards and school halves, who never gave anything away except passes to the right, which were hopelessly bungled by Wilkinson, who was all over the field, and caused Ratcliffe to score the first. Halftime: School 1, Ratcliffe 1.

In the second half School bucked up and kept Ratcliffe on the "qui vive." Ratcliffe, however, took the lead, owing to a misunderstanding between Jelley and Shepherd, letting the centre forward through. This roused School, who scored through the agency of Hall. Inspired by the sarcasm of the spectators, School showed that they knew the direction of goal, and forced a corner. This was well placed by White for Hall to head through and thus give School the lead. A few minutes after this the whistle blew with the School winning 3-2. The game was very fast considering the tremendous heat. Grudgings and Jelley were the best of the defence; all the forwards except Wilkinson tried hard and met with a fair amount of success.

Team: Jones; Grudgings, Shepherd; Pilsbury, Jelley, Harrison; White, Wilkinson, Hall, Bourne, Farmer.

SCHOOL v. L. ROBERTS' XI.

This match was played on April 4th. Roberts brought a very strong team. For about a quarter of an hour School kept them about, but then Caldwell scored. Two more goals followed quickly, and then from a corner by White, Wilkinson headed our only goal. Two more goals were scored, so that at half time the score was Roberts' XI. 5, L.G.S. 1.

After half time they put in two more goals. Then School bombarded their goal but without success, for Purnell in goal was in fine form. Then Roberts headed two more goals from Kirke's centres. Thus the final score was Roberts' XI. 9, L.G.S. 1. We were beaten by a very strong team. The defence did well against a clever set of forwards. Our forwards were well held by a strong line of half-backs, among whom Hews was the best.

Team: R. P. Jones; J. H. Grudgings, Mr. Crockett; A. Shepherd, Mr. Plumb, H. Pilsbury; A. White, A. Wilkinson, A. Hall, W. Bourne, J. Farmer.

CUP TIE.

The Blues had already won three out of the six cup ties, so it was up to the Whites to win the next three to make a fair bid for the cup. The Blues lacked the services of Bourne, their captain, for whom Hall deputised, while the Whites were without Wilkinson. White re-appeared for the first time since he broke his collar bone. Hall kicked off and the Whites began to press, and the ball went in (accidentally) off Dawson from a centre by White. From a run-away Hall put the Blues on level terms, but not for long, for Reynolds fumbled a shot from White and Jones rushed it in. Half-time arrived with the Whites leading 2-1.

The half-time interval was up with the Whites leading 2-0 in the middles (telegraph). The Whites rushed away and Jones put them further ahead. The Blues from this point absolutely dominated the game, and shots rang in from all quarters. Hall broke through and Webster cleared, but Jelley, who was bringing up the rear, shot before Webster could return to his charge. The Blues continued to press, and Hall scored after Webster had fumbled a shot from the same player. The Blues continued to press, and Hall and Jelley had hard lines with shots. From a break away by White, the Whites were given a penalty on Jelley and White scored, thus putting the Whites ahead. Play was fairly even now, and Jelley put the Blues on terms with a good shot from the left wing. Thus the Whites left the field, and also the cup. After many years of trying the Blues had succeeded in winning the cup. Middles result: Whites 7, Blues 0. Scorers: Mills (4), Smith, Simpson, Thompson.

FICTITIOUS CHARACTERS OF THE XI.

BY SOS.

BONES.—"The leader of the band." A great inside left. Much better left outside. Possesses a fine turn of speed when going to catch the brake? Great (?) billiard player (?)

YANKS.—Our centre forrad, such a one as we shall never want another like him. Uses his head when having tea after the match. Secured the "Sixes" Plate at the second time of asking. Sunloch outdone! Next, please!

JILL BELLY.—Not "Multum in Parvo" but "Parvum in multo." Hits well on the leg. Secured for 4d. from Gotham. Has been assessed at 9d. by Mr. Lloyd George himself. Shakespeare touchingly describes him as "The Mourning Star of the Reformatory."

BILLY GRUDGINGS.—No relation to the fish. A dark hand. Holds world's record for marbles. Improved in recovering other people's property. Deported to America. Gone but not forgotten.

RALPH P. JONES.—Goalkeeper. Keeps the goal, but don't keep the ball out. Signed on as fisher for the White Sox, will meet brother Billy in the great beyond.

SHALL BERT HEPHERD.—A curious specimen of the sheep-herd. Kicks more like a horse. Head weak, which tells tales of past battles with "monkey in the dustbin."

PILL-BOX.—Half right. No connection with "Beecham's"—makes his own. Half-cousin to semi-colon. A fine player—oh, that he isn't a bit finer!

HARRY TOMSON.—Half-left. Can be seen at the "Temp" cooking (not me). Shows his ability when using "Tatcho." World's record for work. Nanpantan's sole representative. Patent secured. Hands off! Used to Clerk well, but dropped off lately owing to business pressure.

"BAKE."—Thorpe's selection for the Ham "und"—cup. Possesses a fine boot. Broken his collar stud, but has recovered for the race. All right, what there is of him, but how much is there? Signed for Dawson's All-Jaw team. Good luck.

"DASHER."—Inside-right. A good thing it is, for his outside's wrong. Used to play wagging. Can be viewed in Victoria St. Doors open 4-30. Once seen never forgotten. Oh, Girls!! Didn't you want to?

"BACK TO THE LAND."—A Donington Dewdrop. Dribbles on the principle that "All's well that ends well." What do we feed him on? Oh! mustactels, pikelets and other climbing plants.

RIFLE CLUB.

SHOOTING has been in progress since half-term, and some very good averages have been made. This term, contrary to our usual custom, we have had two matches. The School team won easily at the 25 yards range, but owing to want of practice, we were beaten in the other match, which was fired at 50 yards.

SCHOOL v. MIDLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.—March 25th.

SCHOOL.			COLLEGE.		
Cresswell	67		RRussell	64	
Mr. Smith	64		Bunting	62	
Leigh-Bryan	63		Fox	61	
Lowther	61		Wallace	60	
Walker	60		Jolliffe	60	
Jones	59		Todd	57	
Clarke	59		Jones	57	
Hale	57		Stiven	53	
*Grudgings	54		*Parsonage	49	
*Holt	45		*Bond	44	
Total	490		Total	474	

*Counted out.

School therefore won by 16 points.

SCHOOL v. MIDLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.—April 4th.

(Fired at 50 yds.)

SCHOOL.			COLLEGE.		
Mr. Smith	65		Wallace	66	
Leigh Bryan	65		Bunting	66	
Farmer	65		Cranfield	64	
Hale	63		Donaldson	63	
Cresswell	61		Jolliffe	63	
Clarke	58		Todd	62	
Lowther	56		Oldershaw	60	
Jones	53		Stafford	59	
*Thompson	52				
*Walker	45				
Total	486		Total	503	

*Counted out.

School therefore lost by 17 points.

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