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KING EDWARD VI. SCHOOL,
BURY ST. EDMUND'S,
SUFFOLK.

Headmaster's Notes

WE have welcomed to the Staff this term Mr. G. J. Lock in succession to Mr. A. D. Greenhalgh and we hope his stay with us will be a long and happy one.

It has been a pleasure to see the improvement effected in the ground around the new teaching block. A vast number of shrubs have been planted and some scores of roses and within a few years the effect should be very pleasing indeed. In addition, trees have been planted along the boundary between the main Field and the farm—they have been long needed.

Not much progress towards the building of the swimming pool can be reported. The difficulty is not a financial one, but the diversion of labour from the building of vital school "places" elsewhere. But that does not mean that the scheme is shelved.

With the formation of an efficient School Choir, thanks to the work of Mr. Bridges, we were able to hold a Service of Nine Lessons for the whole School—and parents—in the Cathedral, on December 17th. This to me is a splendid innovation. It means that, with the Founder's Day Service, we shall have two big services for the School and parents each year.

Once again Mr. Tapster has put in an immense amount of work to encourage an interest in dramatic work in the School, and many hours have been spent in the production of scenery and in rehearsals for "Macbeth." This has been a bold venture, but a most rewarding one, and all concerned deserve congratulations. Perhaps one day we shall have a proper assembly Hall, together with a fully equipped stage, so that more dramatic work may be done, and done more easily.

Few Schools can have a longer Games Fixture list or a more comprehensive games programme than we have. This is made possible by the untiring effort and great enthusiasm of those members of the Staff responsible for Games and, for that matter, by the Sports subscription which each boy pays to supplement the grant given us. It is all very well worth-while and I am grateful.

There will be a Confirmation Service in the Cathedral in the Easter Term and as usual the Provost will hold classes at the School. I hope that all those of about fourteen years of age and upwards who attend the Church of England will consider joining the classes.

The Winter's Tale

On the 16th of November the members of the Sixth Form English group were privileged to see a production of "The Winter's Tale" by the Norwich Players in the famous Maddermarket Theatre. It was most exciting and informative to visit a typically Shakespearian theatre, complete with apron stage, fixed scenery, and a balcony constructed from heavy, dark timbers. In fact the several effects, ranging from the prompter at the front of the stage to the much decorated chandelier directly above the stage, combined to transport us through the ages.

We saw the workings of human blindness upon human destiny in a story of deceit and self deception. Leontes is deceived by the obsession that his wife has been unfaithful to him. Upon that one thought his mind revolves. A wife is cast aside, a son dies through sorrow, a young daughter is cast upon a foreign shore to fend for herself. The elements of common decency are gone.

Leontes, a dark, sombre, suspicious individual, was convincing throughout. He portrayed vividly his tormenting obsession in the outpourings of a demented soul and later made us feel the depths of his repentance.

Hermione was at once the noble and virtuous ideal of womanhood, maintaining an heroic poise in the face of terrible accusations. Only in the statue scene did she falter, and then only after a prolonged pose of almost unbelievable stillness.

We were disappointed in Polixenes, who seemed to us to portray his part almost with the innocent air of a bystander.

Paulina brilliantly adopted the matronly air so necessary in her position. She had the ready tongue and the female scorn to convince Leontes of his mistake and the need for repentance.

The carefree air and the gaiety of the pastoral scenes provided a much needed contrast to the tension. In bright costumes the lads and lasses cavorted to lively tunes in an incredibly nimble manner. The rascally, but likeable, clown of the piece, Autolycus, had an excellent understanding with the audience. He sang, danced, gyrated wildly around, and even managed to find time to sell dubious wares. Perdita admirably portrayed gracious and beautiful girlhood. She

was the very "freshness of the countryside". Florizel, her lover, seemed by comparison a lovesick swain content to follow in her footsteps. Of all the characters, he was least appreciated.

The final scene was one of great beauty, hardly endurable, when all misgivings and suspicions were forgotten, and reconciliation was complete.

I.S.D.

Football

SCHOOL v. BURY Y.M.C.A.

Saturday, September 29th. Home. Lost 2—4.

This game, played in a near heatwave, saw the School give a creditable display against a strong Y.M.C.A. team.

An enterprising start gave the School the lead soon after the kick-off. Howlett initiated a beautiful movement, Ellis heading home the final pass from Moore. This early promise, however, was not fulfilled and the Y.M.C.A. became more dominant, and two goals gave them a half-time lead.

The second half started with the School threatening to swamp the Y.M.C.A. goal. However, the Y.M.C.A. defence remained cool and many School raids were repulsed. The Y.M.C.A. went further ahead through their right winger, whose speed proved very troublesome to the School defence throughout the match. Dickerson reduced the arrears with a well placed shot, but the Y.M.C.A. settled the issue with another goal. Near the end, the School threw everything into attack with defenders Hopwood and Davidson giving the forwards useful support, but all to no avail.

SCHOOL v. H.M.S. GANGES.

Saturday, October 6th. Away. Lost 2—4.

Two goals up in 20 minutes, Ganges never looked like losing their grip. The School's solitary goal in the first half was the result of a free-kick, taken by Whiting, which Dickerson headed on to Ellis who headed the ball into net.

The second half was all Ganges. A defensive slip led to their third goal and, aided by a blustery wind, they continued to dictate the play. The School were hemmed in

their own half and at times the Ganges goalkeeper was the only player in the Ganges half. The School's second goal came from a breakaway. Ellis got the ball in his own half and ran through to score, taking advantage of the absence of Ganges defenders. The inevitable fourth goal came soon after and only fine work in goal by Proctor prevented Ganges reaching double figures. The superiority of the Ganges team was demonstrated by the fact that they forced 9 corners in the last 7 minutes.

SCHOOL v. THETFORD G.S.

Thursday, October 18th. Home. Drew 3—3.

A draw was a fitting result to a game in which both sides did well against the handicap of a greasy ball.

After an early Thetford goal, the School scored twice through Moore and Ellis.

Thetford drew level after the interval and both goals were subjected to numerous attacks. Ellis again gave the School the lead, having missed a comparatively easy chance only a few minutes before. The School then made the fatal mistake of falling back on defence, seeming content to hold on to a one goal lead. The Thetford defence now gained a respite and the equaliser came just before the end.

Proctor played a good game, bringing off some incredible saves which saved the School on more than one occasion. Whiting also shone, giving his forwards valuable support. The School forwards lacked the cohesion of the Thetford forwards but the School's finishing was better than Thetfords.

SCHOOL v. SOHAM G.S.

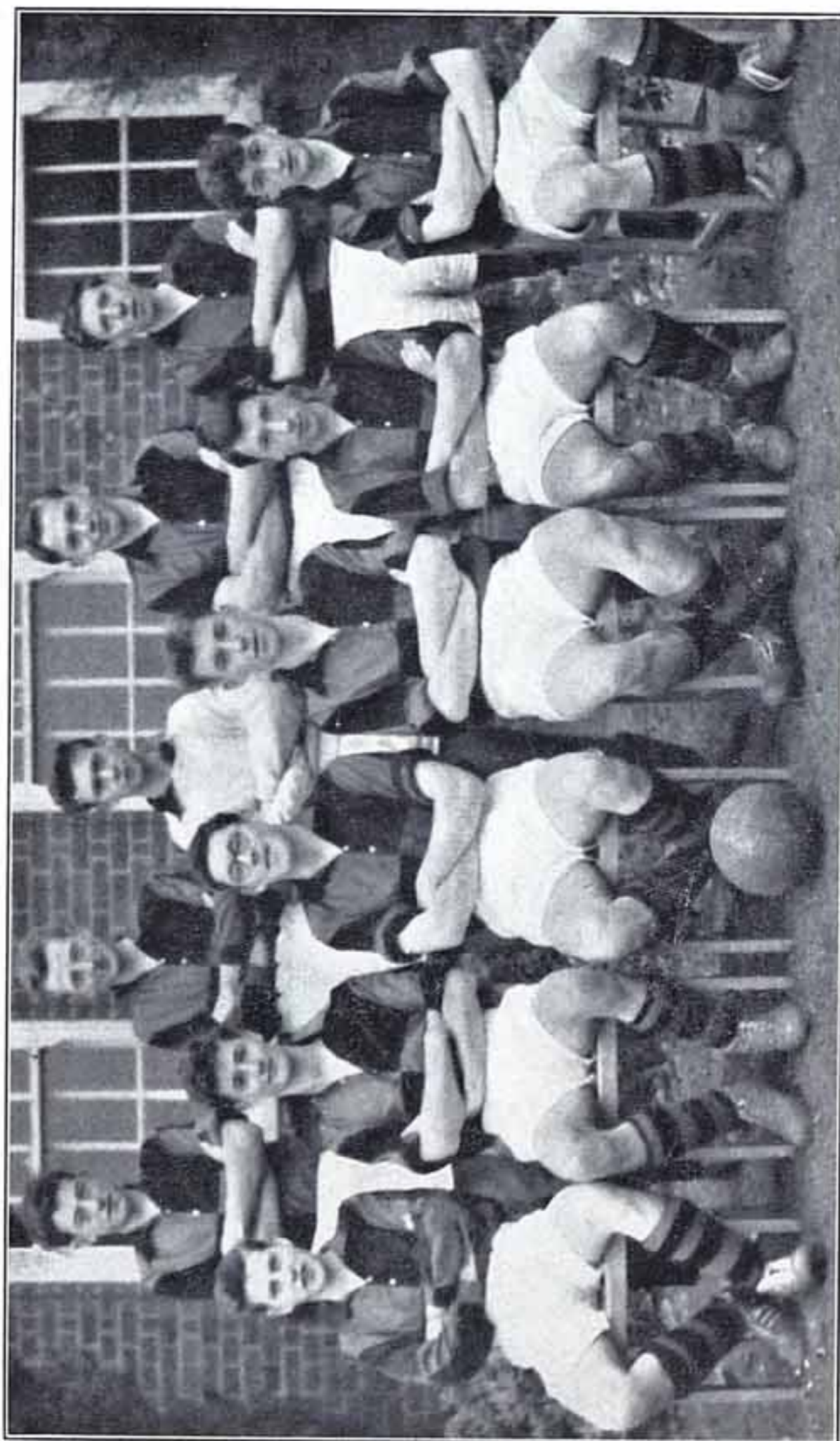
Saturday, October 20th. Away. Lost 1—6.

Soham, although deserving their win, were not as superior as the score suggests. The first 20 minutes were even, both goals having narrow escapes. Soham took the lead rather luckily and added 2 more goals before half-time. Soham were flattered to have such a commanding lead as the School were easily their equal in midfield.

The second-half was marred by Proctor having to play on the wing following a painful blow on his hand in the first half. Smith, who took his place, could not be faulted



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for any of the 3 goals Soham scored in this half. The School's goal came from a pass by Protor to Ellis, who eluded the centre-half and scored with a hard shot from an oblique angle.

SCHOOL v. OLD BURIANS.

Saturday, October 27th. Home. Lost 1—7.

Old Burians.—C. Jennings ; J. Miles, R. Pask ; I. F. McGeehan, D. Rush, R. B. Abbott ; G. Sturgeon, J. Caddy, A. J. Beckerleg, P. Brown, D. Turvey.

A strong Old Burians team overcome the School in the last 30 minutes to win by a handsome margin. One down after 10 minutes, the School were quick to retaliate and only brilliant saves by Jennings prevented a goal. The Old Burians' second goal was a grand effort by Caddy. Apart from this, the rest of the half was uneventful.

Although Ellis scored for the School in the first minute of the second-half, any hopes of drawing level were dispelled when Beckerleg and Caddy scored soon afterwards. Caddy completed his hat-trick when Beckerleg's shot hit the post and he scored from the rebound. Beckerleg scored the other 2 goals from goalmouth scrambles. Outstanding for the Old Burians were D. Rush, who gave an extremely sound display at centre-half, and C. Jennings, who saved shot after shot.

SCHOOL v. SUDBURY G.S.

Thursday, November 1st. Home. Drew 2—2.

This was a scrappy game which the School should have won.

Sudbury attacked straight from the kick-off and looked to have scored a certain goal, but Whiting kicked the ball off the line. Sudbury scored first but the School were quick to retaliate, Ellis equalising with a strong shot.

The School started the second half with great vigour and for a time they did as they liked with the Sudbury defence. However, the goals just would not come, the Sudbury defence scrambling the ball away time and time again. Then Moore gave Ellis a beautiful pass from which he scored. Sudbury's equaliser came from a good wing movement and the rest of the game proved uneventful, both sides making rather futile attempts for the winner.

SCHOOL v. THETFORD G.S.

Thursday, November 8th. Away. Lost 0—1.

A scrappy game between two very unimpressive teams resulted in a Thetford win by the only goal of the match.

Aided by a fairly strong wind, Thetford had the better of the early exchanges and gave the School defence little respite. However, the occasional School attacks were not lacking in sting, and some accurate shooting might have given the School a comfortable lead. The Thetford goal came from a goalmouth scramble, Proctor being unsighted.

With the wind behind them, the School attacked more frequently, but some inaccurate shooting kept the score-sheet blank. Play deteriorated towards the end, being mainly confined to midfield.

SCHOOL v. NEWMARKET G.S.

Saturday, November 10th. Home. Won 3—1.

Although recording their first win of the term, the School team was made to fight hard by Newmarket, whose vigorous attacks were time and again checked by stout defending. The first half was waged at a fast pace with little to choose between the two teams. The School took the lead mid-way through the first half, Ellis chasing a loose ball and scoring despite the attentions of the Newmarket centre-half and goalkeeper. Dickerson was unlucky not to score, his shot being kicked off the line.

Soon after the re-start, Newmarket equalised, the right winger scoring with a well placed shot. Some fast end to end play ensued until the School restored their lead, Ellis collecting a pass from Moore and running through to score. Newmarket refused to be dismayed by this setback and fought for the equaliser until Ellis finally made the game safe, thus completing his hat-trick.

SCHOOL v. ST. JOHN'S, CAMBRIDGE.

Thursday, November 15th. Away. Lost 4—6.

This game was played at a very fast pace despite the greasy state of the pitch. The School defence had trouble in settling down and St. John's were three up with only 20

minutes gone. The School came more into the picture and a good movement down the right wing resulted in a goal, Ellis side-footing the ball home. Then, from a St. John's clearance, Smith collected the ball and immediately passed to Ellis, who shot into the empty net, the goalkeeper being completely stranded at the other side of the goal. The School crossed over with the score at 2—3.

Within five minutes of the restart, 3 goals had been scored, 2 to St. John's and one to the School which was scored by Mr. Searle, who used his superior speed and hard shot to advantage. St. John's sixth goal came from a corner. Proctor appeared to have it well covered, but the ball swerved and went into the net. Another good move down the right wing brought another School goal, Ellis again being the scorer. This game was most enjoyable and the School did very well against a side who had just that little extra bit of speed.

SCHOOL v. SOHAM G.S.

Saturday, November 17th. Home. Lost 0—8.

The School were beaten by a better side who thoroughly deserved their victory. Though the School put up a hard fight they never matched the skill and standard of play produced by their opponents whose ground passing and positional play was a joy to watch. Soham made practically certain of victory in the first half with 4 unanswered goals, although a little less hesitancy in front of goal by the School forwards could have reduced the deficit.

Soham kept on top after the interval and added 4 more goals. A consolation goal was the least the School deserved, but the Soham goalkeeper was well covered and had few direct shots to save. Play became scrappy near the end and an otherwise good game was marred by players of both sides indulging in robust tactics.

SCHOOL v. H.M.S. GANGES.

Saturday, November 24th. Home. Won 6—5.

This high-scoring game produced plenty of thrills. The School, at one time leading 5—1, were extremely fortunate to win 6—5. It was a game of missed chances, and both sides should have scored many more goals.

The School having established a 3—1 lead at half-time through goals from Ellis and Davidson (2), went further ahead soon after the resumption with further goals from Davidson and Ellis. At this point, Ganges looked a well beaten side, but they staged a truly magnificent rally and scored 3 quick goals. Ellis then seized on a loose ball and scored and, in a last desperate assault, Ganges reduced the School's lead to one goal. They also hit the bar countless times when it seemed harder to miss the goal than score. Davidson made a most successful debut at inside-right and scored a well deserved hat-trick.

SCHOOL v. NEWMARKET G.S.

Saturday, December 1st. Away. Lost 3—6.

This game proved very disappointing and the School team gave a very lethargic display.

The small Newmarket forward line time and time again outwitted the School defence and the half-time score of 3—0 to Newmarket was well deserved. The nearest the School came to scoring was a Smith shot which rattled the post and a Dickerson effort which was just wide.

The second half saw an improvement on the School's first half display. Davidson scored an excellent goal, lobbing the ball over the advancing goalkeeper's head. Ellis then further reduced the arrears, volleying Smith's cross low and hard into the net. Newmarket stormed back into the attack, and taking advantage of a defensive lapse they scored 2 more goals. The School drew back to 3—5, Smith's shot glancing off a defender into the net. Another Newmarket goal put the result beyond all doubt and completed the scoring.

Miles was the best player in a very slow, unimaginative defence, giving his winger little scope.

SCHOOL v. SUDBURY G.S.

Wednesday, December 5th. Away. Drew 3—3.

A strong wind took most of the football out of this game and the light ball was extremely difficult to control.

Sudbury dominated the first half, having the wind with them, but it was the School who took the lead through

Davidson. Sudbury were not to be denied, however, and although they scored twice before the interval, their forwards were guilty of several glaring misses.

Ten minutes after the resumption Dickerson scored a magnificent goal, hammering the ball well out of the goalkeeper's reach. Sudbury again took the lead through their centre forward. The defence hesitated and it was finally left to Proctor to challenge him, whereupon he shot into the empty net. More School pressure followed and Smith had a shot kicked off the line. The equaliser came from Ellis, whose shot was well out of the goalkeeper's reach.

UNDER 14 IX.

Opponents.	Result.	Score.
Thetford (Home)	Won	6—0
Soham (Away)	Won	7—1
Thetford (Away)	Won	9—5
Newmarket (Home)	Won	3—0
Soham (Home)	Lost	1—3
Newmarket (Away)	Won	5—2

Most of the team had played for last year's Under 13 XI which won its four games, scoring 45 goals (31 in the two Nowton Court fixtures!) and conceding 4. They did not therefore lack confidence at the beginning of the season, and indeed it was perhaps due as much to this and to good team-spirit that they so nearly remained undefeated. Flack, who was captain, and Garrard, were forceful forwards who between them scored most of the goals, each getting five in a match, but all members of the team deserve much credit. They always played hard until the final whistle, and this was certainly true of the home match with Soham, disappointing though the final score was. Garrard became ill just before the kick-off, and a bewildered and hastily reorganised team had given away three goals in a short time; but territorially the second half was all ours and only a very determined Soham defence prevented our scoring more than the one goal.

The following played in at least five of the six games :—

T. T. Bengé, E. Digby, P. M. Dutton, R. L. Flack, I. S. Fordham, P. W. Garrard, R. J. Kemp, B. L. Martin, K. V. Tofts; and P. J. Gardner, J. A. Gillingwater and A. T. Miles played in three or more and M. J. Ellis in two. P. J.

Radley was a loyal reserve and played in one game while, in the opening minutes of the last match, K. C. Southgate, deputising for Dutton, scored an excellent goal.

FOOTBALL REVIEW.

The School's Football XI in no way compared with that of 1955.

The basic weakness was in lack of playing ability in the Sixth form. Thus we had to call upon smaller and inexperienced boys from the Fourth and Fifth forms, so that we were at a great disadvantage compared with those schools which were able to field an almost wholly Sixth form side. The XI made a depressing start from which there was no complete recovery and only two games were won by the end of the season. However, many enjoyable games were played and were keenly contested.

Misfortune brought problems of team construction. At one time or another several established players missed matches because of illness or injury and it was rarely possible to determine what could be described as "the full side."

The defence was rarely adequate and there was a mysterious disinclination to use the first-time clearance when under pressure. Many goals were given away by defenders holding the ball in their own penalty area. Miles, Hopwood and Whiting steadily improved as the season progressed and Rogers, when fit, was as good as any centre half tried. Proctor gave some sound displays in goal, but an injury to his hand, sustained at Soham, proved very troublesome in later matches.

The forwards employed the long passing game, and best results were achieved when they were used. Moore, unaccustomed to playing on the right wing at the beginning of the season, acquitted himself well, while on the other flank C. Smith did not regain his form of last year until the latter part of the season. The main disappointment here was the lack of a goal scoring inside forward. Any forward line without this potent weapon is liable to become lop-sided, and so it proved until Davidson was introduced at inside right near the end of the season. He exceeded expectations and scored 5 goals in 3 games. Dickerson did not have an impressive season in terms of goals but he had cruel luck and deserved more than 2 goals.

The 2nd XI., captained by Mendham, had a poor season, but this is understandable as the team was weakened by persistent demands for players.

The Under 14 XI, ably captained by Flack, had a most successful season, winning five of their six games and achieving a goal average of 30—11. This record promises well for the future as there are undoubtedly many talented young players in the lower forms.

Last, but not least, we should like to express our grateful thanks to Mr. Dart for an excellent fixture list, and also to Mr. Smeltzer, Mr. Wainwright and Mr. Rayner for their hard work on behalf of their respective XI's., and to Wyard for a really first class playing pitch.

K.J.E.

FOOTBALL COLOURS.

FIRST XI. HALF COLOURS.

A. E. Moore.	J. Dickerson.
M. J. Whiting.	P. J. Hopwood.
I. S. Davidson.	D. R. Miles.
C. Smith.	N. H. T. Proctor.

SECOND XI. COLOURS.

M. J. A. King.	N. Crowe.
C. C. Smith.	I. Howlett.
P. Reeve.	

K. J. ELLIS, FOOTBALL CAPTAIN.

Ellis has set an admirable example of sportsmanship to his team throughout the season. Faced with the many difficulties and discouragements which confront a losing side, he has not shown the slightest sign of impatience with inept performers in his team. He has not chosen to give verbal advice and encouragement to his players in the course of the game, but rather to play his own game with determination, skill and obvious enjoyment, in the hope that others would follow his lead. The success of his own game is shown by his record of 23 goals out of the team's total of 32 in 13 games.

P.S.

The Art Club

Members of the Senior Section of the Club had opportunity last term to see fine examples of marquetry at Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich. This term they were able to try

the craft themselves. Those who took heed of the advice that they should at first attempt simple designs were afterwards pleased that they had done so, and all finished with greater respect for the powers of concentration and dexterity of the eighteenth century marquetry workers.

Other boys have made two-colour lino cuts, whilst, as always, there are those who have concentrated on pictorial work.

In the Junior Section of the Club, the reduced number of members has allowed of a higher standard and more individual attention. McAllister has shown considerable ability in the three-dimensional field, having modelled a life size head for casting by the waste mould method. Some juniors have made terra cotta figurines and others still maintain their preference for painting.

Natural History Activity

No definite single project has been embarked upon, but, as the group has changed, the time has again been spent on various aspects of bird and tree study; some games involving knowledge of Natural History have been played; a little gardening has been done, and a start made on a natural history museum.

E.M.K.

Music Club

SENIOR

<i>President</i>	The Headmaster.
<i>Chairman</i>	Hopwood, P. J.
<i>Secretary</i>	Smith, C. C.

Committee :

Place, M. J., Howlett, J., Mr. Bridges.

The first meeting of the new school year was devoted to electing officials, and deciding upon a programme for the term, after which members listened to a selection of records from the school record library.

On October 10th club members listened to Vaughan William's "Sinfonia Antartica", many favourable criticisms being offered afterwards.

The Secretary (C. C. Smith) on the 24th October gave a lecture on the "new" type of popular music, "Rock'n Roll", gramophone records providing the necessary illustrations.

A musical quiz took place at the meeting of 7th November; it was prepared by the Chairman and the Secretary. For those who could not answer their questions there were forfeits, some of these providing a certain amount of amusement.

The meeting of 21st November was devoted to a Brains Trust; the speakers were Welham, West (i), and Howlett. The questions which were submitted covered a wide variety of musical topics, and were ably answered by the Trust.

During the term five meetings were held, but end-of-term activities were to some degree responsible for that small number. However, some club members have been able to attend the Music Lovers' Concerts, for which the club has two tickets generously provided by the President. It is certain that these visits further the members' interest in music.

C.C.S.

JUNIOR

(Secretary : Baddock, B.)

Oct. 2nd : Members met to practise on the new recorders and to hear a record.

Oct. 16th : Baddock conducted a "musical quiz" and Pollentine played pieces on his violin.

Oct. 30th : The Club enjoyed some more practise on the new descant recorders.

Nov. 13th : Baddock gave a record-illustrated talk on his favourite military marches, after which we had some more recorder practice.

Dec. 11th : As this was the last meeting of term we decided to have a concert. Jary, Whitwell and Pollentine played some excellent recorder solos and we enjoyed some carols sung by Chapman and Adams. Pearson played a short piece on the piano after which Nordberg gave a talk on the Life of Handel. Snell (i) talked on the life of Bach and Fordham and Baddock devised and conducted "Musical quizzes".

B.J.B.

RECITALS.

12th October : Duncan Robertson (*Tenor*)
Leo Forsdyke (*Piano*)

The vocal items ranged from sixteenth Century arias to modern songs by Warlock and Poulenc ; and a final group of folk-songs arranged by Benjamin Britten and others gave the programme a rousing conclusion. The piano pieces covered a similar range of period and style.

9th November : Joan Burns (*Piano*)

The pianist made most helpful introductions to the pieces in the programme, which was divided into two parts, classical followed by romantic with modern. Miss Burns completely won the enthusiasm of the audience who seemed to enjoy the Mozart in the early part of the programme equally with the modern Russians (Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Khachaturian) in the final group of pieces.

Members of the Senior Music Club have attended recitals in the Athenaeum by Kathleen Long (*piano*), and the Aeolian String Quartet. Both these occasions provided music-making of the very highest-order.

Discussion Group

This term a large number of boys met weekly to continue their discussion of current affairs. Inevitably, the Middle East crisis and the events in Hungary occupied a considerable amount of time. Other topics discussed included trade unions, price fixing, and profits. The motion that "This House is of the opinion that the present Government has outlived its usefulness," was ably debated by C. Smith, Sitford, Fielder and Proctor, the motion being carried by a large majority.

Two "Brains Trust" sessions were held which allowed some boys to give their opinions about modern problems. One afternoon, boys chosen at random were called upon to deliver impromptu three-minute speeches upon unprepared topics—for many the three minutes seemed to drag interminably. It is regrettable that so many members of this discussion group are unable to discuss—self-consciousness or shyness inhibits speech.

Chess Club

The weekly meetings have produced some very good games from time to time, and the Ladder Tournament, (which was started at the beginning of the term), has given an idea of relative prowess.

Mention must be made of Matson, who joined the Senior Club this term. He has rapidly climbed to first place, where he defends himself weekly against the attacks of Second and Third.

There is a tendency to rely too much in all the games upon the attacking power of the Queen, and a few games played without this valuable piece have shown that better chess is often found when one or both Queens are absent.

The Junior Club has only four members, and variety has been obtained by strict adherence to a "Fixture List".

F.W.B.

The Physical Education Group

This term saw the first Rugby Football match in the School's history. On the 21st November the group played a team from Stowmarket Grammar School and were defeated by 20 points to 13.

For a side consisting mainly of converted soccer players this was no mean achievement. They more than made up for their lack of skill and experience by sheer enthusiasm and courage. Everyone gave of his best and a most enjoyable game for both players and spectators resulted.

The side was well led by Smith, C., a player who should make his mark in good class club rugby at a latter date.

Tries were scored by Hopwood (2) and Davidson, Smith, C., converting two.

During the latter half of the term attention was concentrated on cross-country running in preparation for the competitions next term.

In the junior group rugger was again the dominating activity. The games were interesting and at times exciting. Bengé, Fordham, Garard and Flack were outstanding in this group.

D.W.S.

Science Clubs

SENIOR

The number of boys attending the Senior Science activity has risen to 43; of these 11 belong to the Radio group, under the guidance of Mr. Lock, 6 to the Photography group, and 16 have been engaged in some form of modelling, aero-modelling in particular.

Most boys have been actively employed and have worked with enthusiasm. The Photographers have made a darkroom safelight and made a start on an enlarger, while the radio enthusiasts are still experimenting patiently.

The outstanding effort was the unusual powered flying model made by Offord.

JUNIOR

Each member of the club gave a short talk on a scientific topic during the course of the term. Most of the time was devoted to numerous simple experiments and preparations carried out either individually or in small groups.

G.J.L

Dramatic Society

This term the Society embarked on its most ambitious production yet, and on the 13th and 14th of December presented the "Tragedy of Macbeth," by William Shakespeare.

I hasten to add that it was Shakespeare who called it a tragedy. He must have had uneasy slumber on the afternoon of the 13th, for, true to theatrical superstition, that day proved an unlucky one for the cast.

Firstly the canopy which slid so easily into position in daylight offered strong resistance to all attempts by the attendants to transform a flight of steps into a throne. Indeed, only a second look at the programme convinced the front row of the audience that this was not intended as one of the battle scenes.

Disaster again struck a cruel blow when in appropriate gloom backstage, a desperate witch, perceiving that the smoke box required replenishment, fed it with an adequate supply of powder. Indeed, so adequate was the supply that it would have served for at least another week. The result was catastrophic, for the vapours were so strong as to reduce the



BANQUO and DUNCAN
(C. Smith) (C. S. Ransome)



MACBETH and LADY MACBETH
(I. S. Davidson) (B. R. Hazel)

three weird sisters and their ephemeral brethern to a state of near asphyxiation, and to fill the auditorium with a dense and noxious grey cloud.

A third calamity occurred when the cue "Here comes the good Macduff!" failed to have the desired effect. The good Macduff was to be found crawling beneath a table in a vain effort to reach his position of entrance in time. Finally, to the delight of the junior members of the audience, the footlights rose to reveal the slaughtered Young Siward briskly making an exit upstage.

The second performance was much more rewarding because of the absence of any major hitch, and it was felt that the considerable effort of the cast, scene-painter, stage hands, electricians, and all those backstage had been well worthwhile.

Afterwards Mrs. O. Ironside Wood, the County Drama Adviser, kindly gave the cast a most interesting, vigorous and constructive criticism of the production. Special praise was given to the clear diction of Ian Davidson, whose characterisation of Macbeth was strong. Bryan Hazel as Lady Macbeth gave a sensitive performance, at all times compelling the attention of the audience. Particularly fiendish and sinister were the three weird sisters, played by Colin Bailey, John Ward, and Michael West, and not a word of their speeches was lost to the back row of the audience.

Excellent promise for the future is shown in some of the smaller parts which were taken by younger boys. Peter Elliott coped admirably in his portrayal of the cream-faced loon, and his clear diction as an Apparition is to be commended. Tony Hall as Seyton, although possibly unnerved in the first performance because of the chaos behind the set, improved noticeably in the second, and was one of those, too few in number, who did in fact act, and not merely recite their lines. The effectiveness of the lighting made an invaluable contribution to the production, and was the result of much time and industry on the part of John Grout.

Despite many shortcomings in the production, there was a general feeling of sadness amongst the cast when the last costume was strapped in its hamper, and the "thunder and lighting" were rolled noisily down the school drive on their way to London.

D.T.

Film Club

The range of topics covered by this term's films has been broadened by the inclusion of most interesting programmes dealing with architecture and musical appreciation. The biology films have introduced us to some delightful creatures, such as King Penguins, the sea birds of the Farne Islands, and the animals of the Australian bush. Some of the other creatures, including the carpenter ant and the blow-fly, were seen to have less-pleasing habits.

The geography films have covered the whole of North America in general, with more detailed examination of New York, the great Lakes region, and the Prairies. Some of the best films seen during the term were those of Norway and Holland, and the full-length film on the Fawley oil refinery.

Many senior boys have taken the opportunity of seeing some of the films at 3.15 on Monday afternoons.

P.S.

C.C.F. Notes

As a result of the increase in the number of recruits the War Office has increased the Establishment to three officers and 102 Cadets. The strength is now 77, including 30 recruits.

The Senior N.C.O's are :—

C.S.M.	P. H. Turner.
Sgt.	C. Smith.
Sgt.	I. S. Davidson.
Sgt.	J. F. MacCulloch.

The increase in strength augurs well for the future but has caused several difficulties in accommodation, training, and transport. The absence on Course of Sgt. Barnard threw a considerable amount of extra work on the Senior N.C.O.'s at the beginning of the term.

The Field Day was on November 6th in Fornham Park. Officers from Depot the Suffolk Regiment provided demonstrations and supervised the instruction.

Scout Notes

The troop has now 25 members. As very few seniors remain, they have been incorporated into the scout troop. Goodwin has become a first class scout, Matthews and

Sharp second class. Several proficiency badges have been awarded to Goodwin and Matthews. 12 recruits have joined this term and most of them have been invested.

Instruction classes, especially in first aid and pioneering, have been held throughout the term, and considerable progress has been made. Apart from these, the usual competitions and games have taken place.

The report on the summer camp reads : "The standard of this camp was good and I was satisfied with all I saw. The weather at times was severe but did not upset the organisation. The activities were good. I was of opinion that the Camping Standards certificate was fully earned." (Signed J. D. Barber, D.C. of Hope Valley District.)

Next year's camp will be held in Derbyshire from 13th to 27th August. I should like to know by the end of January how many scouts will attend.

Patrol Competition :—

Patrol.	P.L.	Points.
Kangaroos	J. Goodwin	100
Owls	P. N. Matthews	89
Foxes	C. J. Bowers	34
Beavers	A. R. W. Marsh	28
		D.A.Y.

Tudor House Notes

During the term the following Officials were elected :

House Captain	—	P. H. Turner
Football Captain	—	K. J. Ellis
Fives Captain	—	K. J. Ellis
Cross Country	—	J. MacCulloch.

We have started the year particularly well, winning both the Football and Fives competitions. The First Eleven, though not strong on paper, played with great determination and won all three games. The Junior Eleven, ably led by Flack, lost only one match.

At Fives we won all but one of the nine games played.

Although there has been no official Cross Country competition this term, several of our Juniors, notably Flack and Bidwell, have shown great promise in training and we look forward with confidence.

At the end of this term we are unfortunately losing K. J. Ellis, who has been of tremendous strength to the House all through his School days. C. Smith will take his place as Fives Captain, whilst Proctor will be House Hockey Captain.

Congratulations to K. J. Ellis who has been School Football Captain, to Mendham, who has captained the School Second Eleven, and to C. Smith, J. Dickerson, and N. Proctor who have been awarded School half colours.

P.H.T.

Yorkist House Notes

Ably led by Rogers, the House gave a good account of itself on the Football field. On paper we had a poor team, but because of their fine spirit the First Eleven lost narrowly to the Lancastrian House by four goals to three and to the Tudors by two goals to one, beating the Windsor House convincingly by four clear goals, thus finishing with eight goals for and six against. As well as the Captain, Miles and King played well in the defence, whilst Reed shone as a goal scorer.

The Junior Eleven had a wonderful season, winning all its matches and scoring thirty four goals against seven. We look forward to the future with confidence.

Our Fives team, led by Miles, had moderate success, and it is obvious that a very great deal of practice is necessary.

Next term we look forward to Hockey and Cross Country, in which the House will be captained by Miles. In addition we shall have an inter-house Drama competition, as well as Chess matches. We welcome these extensions to the House competition as giving opportunities to those not talented in games.

Lastly we congratulate Miles on his appointment as School Vice-Captain for Hockey and on gaining half colours for Football, and King on gaining his Second Eleven colours.

N.D.

Lancastrian House Notes

This season has been one of mixed fortunes for the House, but at least the competitive spirit has been evident. The Juniors have realised that their efforts count for a great

deal in the final placings, and the Seniors have set an example in playing hard and in the best spirit.

Out of the three football games the Seniors won two, beating the Yorkists 4—3 and the Windsors 3—0. The Tudors played extremely thrustful football to beat us 6—0. The Juniors suffered badly and lost all three games.

We did not do at all well at Fives and at long last many are beginning to realise that there is a lot more in this game than mere "slamming".

Officials for next term are as follows :

Hockey Captain	-	I. S. Davidson
Athletics Captain	-	A. Moore
Fives Captain	-	R. Noble

I.S.D.

Windsor House Notes

At the beginning of term officers for the year were elected and re-elected as follows :

House Captain	-	P. Hopwood
Football Captain	-	M. Napier
Hockey Captain	-	C. C. Smith
Cricket Captain	-	P. Hopwood
Athletics Captain	-	M. Napier
Fives Captain	-	P. Hopwood

Despite the presence of three 1st XI players and four 2nd XI players in the Senior House team, the term was not a successful one. Lack of power and size in the forward line was the major failing, a failing reflected in the fact that only one goal was scored in the three matches.

The Junior team had a very inconsistent term, winning one match 11—1, losing a second 4—10, and a third 1—2.

Full results were as follows :

Senior team—Lost to Yorks	0—4
„ Lincs.	0—3
„ Tudors	1—3
Junior team Lost to Yorks	4—10
Won against Lincs.	11—1
Lost to Tudors	1—2

Of the members representing the School, two won 1st XI half colours, and three won 2nd XI colours.

With one fives match remaining in the first half of the inter-house competition, the House is second to Tudor House, with six points. It seems unlikely that we shall lose this position next term.

At the end of term three members were chosen as a committee for the drama competition to be held next term. They were Smith, C. C., Rendall, J., and myself.

P. Hopwood.

School Notes

VALETE—

Form VI.

P. Coleman

K. J. Ellis

1st XI. Football Captain. 1st XI.
Cricket Colours.

P. T. Fielder.

Form IV.

A. W. Howes.

Form III.

D. J. Grant.

Form II.

C. R. N. Adams

S. W. Grimwood

Form I.

C. V. Archer.

C. R. Watts.

Three highlights of the term, the two Musical Recitals and the visit of the Sixth Form English group to the Maddermarket Theatre, Norwich, have been dealt with elsewhere.

A very interesting talk was given by Mr. Polack, of the Council of Christians and Jews. His subject was "Preparing to live in a Community" and he stressed the need for more tolerance and understanding.

Mr. Hill, of the "Times," gave us a most amusing and informative talk on that newspaper, even producing a perfect copy of one edition originally made for the Queen's dolls house. He obviously held the view that the "Times" is the best newspaper. As a consequence the Headmaster's day old copy has been regularly sought after.

Lt. Commander Tolfree showed us a film depicting the work of the Royal Navy and then talked generally about the Navy as a career.

Four School Prefects were privileged to assist the Bishop in receiving the gifts at the County Harvest Festival, whilst a number of other boys assisted in taking the collection.

Each of the Fifth Forms has paid a visit to the Sugar Beet Factory this term.

A team of juniors competed in the School's Road Safety Quiz, but with only a moderate degree of success.

Mr. Bennett, the Careers Advisory Officer for Suffolk, gave a general talk and then answered a number of questions.

Our own Drama Club presented its first major production—Macbeth—at the end of term. Difficulties of staging were well overcome and a delightful set produced. Many of the costumes were loaned by Mrs. Ironside Wood and a very well worthwhile production resulted. Considering the lack of experience of the Cast the acting was very creditable, Davidson and Hazel, as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth respectively, interpreting their parts well and "getting across" to the audience. One or two of the others, however, were afraid to use their voices to full effect. Mrs. Ironside Wood was kind enough to give the Cast a short talk after the production.

A most enjoyable Carol Service was held in the Cathedral on December 17th, the whole School and a large number of parents being present. The Collection amounted to £9 17 10.

We extend to Miss Ball of the County School our sincere thanks for inviting members of the Sixth and Fifth Forms to the Christmas Party on December 18th.

Old Boys' Notes

Congratulations to the Rev. D. Savill, formerly curate of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in the diocese of London and now Vicar of Sunbury-on-Thames.

And congratulations to E. H. Pask who, out of forty applicants, has been appointed Organist at St. Peter's, Cranley Gardens, Kensington, a post once held by Sir Arthur Sullivan. Pask's full-time post is, of course, at the Bank of England.

G. A. Butterfield has completed his two year teacher's training course at Winchester and is attending the Central School of Speech and Drama for a third year course. He hopes to teach in West Suffolk.

W. H. Hardy has been admitted to Guy's as a second year student for the L.D.S. Diploma.

P. G. J. T. Parkhouse, now at University College, Durham, was awarded a State Scholarship on his results in the G.C.E. last June.

R. H. Burdon is an apprentice with Messrs. Ruston & Hornby of Lincoln.

J. H. Lawrence is working in the office of a building firm in the district.

K. W. Jaggard has decided not to follow a career in the Merchant Navy.

G. D. Colson is now at Hull University and J. C. Doornkamp at Sheffield. P. J. Farthing is at St. John's College, Cambridge, and recently played against the School.

E. H. Davey is a Student apprentice with the General Electric Company, whilst C. L. Harding has commenced with I.C.I. at Stowmarket.

B. W. Jolliffe is working at the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington.

R. C. Wright, Senior Inspector in the West Suffolk Weights and Measures Department in Bury St. Edmunds, has been asked by the Institute of Weights and Measures to assist in writing a standard work on measuring instruments.

J. Dangerfield, doing his National Service in the R.A.F., expects to remain in Malaya until next October.

J. Knox is now a student at the West of Scotland Agricultural College.

J. M. Ross now holds a National Service Commission with R.E.M.E. and is at Blandford Camp, Dorset.

S. H. Ringrose is working in a Bank at Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

R. B. Watson is still working in the British Embassy, Tokyo.

We are very grateful to the following for so kindly sending Christmas Cards :

G. D. Morley, C. Harper, S. H. Ringrose, H. G. Pratt, R. Wells, D. Farrow, J. Dangerfield, B. H. P. Turner, R. L. Steele, A. S. Marshall, C. A. Gladwell, W. H. Hardy, J. Knox, P. C. Fryer, M. H. Wilson, E. H. Paske, D. Gudgin, B. Woodall, G. D. Colson, N. M. Boys, B. E. Burke, N. Bass, A. Jermy, V. Farthing, the Hon. John Wise, D. I. Smith, R. B. Watson, B. W. Jolliffe, J. L. Miles, H. Gooch, F. B. Gow, P. G. J. T. Parkhouse, J. M. Ross and P. S. Love.

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