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ed.	Oct.	2.	Field Day. J.T.C.

A Confirmation Service will be held towards the
end of Term.

SCHOOL OFFICERS**Summer Term, 1946**

Captain of the School:

A. J. Walters.

Head of the House:

T. W. Green.

School Prefects:

F. Hesten.	M. J. Green.
D. Beattie.	P. R. Sims.
A. N. James.	M. H. Jones.
G. L. Sanders.	J. B. H. J. Aldiss.
P. R. Betterton.	M. Chase.
J. L. Platnauer.	M. D. A. Vickers.

Sub-Prefects:

J. P. Mortimore.	W. S. Ogden.
V. E. Welch.	I. H. McNaughton.
D. J. Leach.	J. T. Moore.
D. H. Wheaton.	K. J. Weston.
A. B. Beadle.	C. S. Cullen.

Captain of Cricket: K. J. Weston.

Captain of Boats: T. W. Green.

Hon. Secretary of Games: B. G. Budden.

School Librarians: J. P. Mortimore, D. H. Wheaton.

Abingdonian Committee:

Editor: Mr. M. J. Cullen.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. E. J. P. Ross-Barker.

Hon. Secretary: T. W. Green.

D. Beattie, H. Baecker, C. S. Cullen, D. H. Wheaton.

EDITORIAL

By the date of publication of this *Abingdonian* the news of the sad and untimely death of Mr. Punton-Smith will be generally known. He was engaged in editing this number when he died. Therefore it is mostly his own work and it only falls to me to put it together. An appreciation of the man and his work, by a member of the School, appears elsewhere, but in addition I wish to record what he has done for the *Abingdonian*. He had edited it for four years, years of great difficulty, when, as often as not, it was not certain whether a number could be printed. He overcame all these difficulties, and the *Abingdonian* always appeared on time and with unfailing regularity,

and attained an even higher standard than before.

The School, this term, is in a very flourishing condition, and on the whole may be said to have enjoyed a most successful term in spite of the inclement weather. Once more the 'certificate period' has come round, and we wish the candidates that bit of luck which so often turns the scales.

We wish Mr. Alston an early and complete recovery from his unfortunate attack of pneumonia; may he be back soon.

As recorded elsewhere an O.A. Dinner was held after the O.A. Match. It was very pleasant to us all to meet again after so many years. The organizer is to be congratulated.

SCHOOL NOTES

The School continues in a healthy and continuously expanding state in spite of the state of flux upon the Staff owing to illness and general shortage. The new House at Larkhill is now firmly established under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Gray. On the whole it has been a good term.

The Founder's Day this year was held on Friday, June 14th, and a good number of O.A. and parents were present. The programme is not yet back to pre-war; may it soon be. Let us hope that soon the shortage of books will end and that a full pre-war prize-giving will be the order of the day once more. The sermon at the service in St. Helen's Church was preached by the Rev. Thomas H. Liddiard, M.A., of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, Vicar of Abingdon. Mrs. Scott again very kindly made the wreath place upon John Royse's tomb. The whole day was warm and sunny and in consequence the Regatta in the afternoon prospered. Many O.A.s and parents, to whom Miss Grundy was at home for tea in the Boathouse, watched the aquatic efforts of many boys revelling in the first fine Regatta for several years.

The Old Abingdonians' Match on the next day, Saturday, June 15th, was followed by the first General Meeting of the O.A. Club since the war. We were very glad to see many old members back again after a long sojourn in the Forces. The

D.A. Dinner later in the evening was held at the Crown and Thistle Hotel, and was an outstanding success. A more detailed report of both the Meeting and the Dinner is included elsewhere in this number.

We wish to welcome Mr. S. C. Parker, M.A., of Edinburgh University, to the Staff. He will eventually succeed Mr. Bevir as French Master.

Mr. J. L. Etty, M.A., has been helping on the Staff this term teaching History and English. Mr. C. E. T. Moore, B.A., of Hertford College, Oxford, and Mr. M. J. Cullen of Pembroke College, Oxford, have also been helping on the Staff during the latter part of the term.

May we heartily congratulate Mr. R. E. Eason, D.A., on coaching this year's winning Oxford Boat, and also on his election to the Treasurership of the O.U.B.C.

A Memorial Service for the late Mr. S. Punton-Smith was held on Friday, June 28th, in St. Helen's Church. The School Chaplain, Mr. Palmer, officiated. Wreaths were sent by the School, the Staff, the Headmaster and Miss Grundy, the Governors, and the O.A. Club.

We offer our congratulations to the following recipients of Sports awards and colours. To P. R. Sims, Captain of Athletics, for winning the Heber Clarke Challenge Cup. To K. J. Weston for being elected Captain of Cricket. To E. G. B. Whitfield, D. Beattie, and D. M. Cullen, for winning their Cricket Colours. To D. Beattie, K. J. Weston, T. W. Jordan, A. J. Walters, and W. G. Olscher for being awarded their full Athletic Colours.

The Shallard Cup for Junior Sports was won by J. T. Cullen (iv). Blue House won the Bayley Cup for Junior Rugger last term. Red House won the Hockey House matches.

Obituary

MR. SYDNEY PUNTON-SMITH

The death took place in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, at 3 a.m. on Monday, June 24th, 1946, of Sydney Punton-Smith, M.A., of Keble College, Oxford.

Mr. Punton-Smith joined the Staff of the School in January, 1941. He taught History and English. During the five and a half years during which he was at the School the high standard in History was maintained, but in English there was a very marked rise in standard. The numbers of boys taking History and English in the Higher School Certificate was quadrupled, and this section of the School began to monopolize scholarships. But his ideal was not to produce a pure scholar, and he strove to build characters by encouragement in every sphere of school life, especially in games, as those who were lucky enough to visit the Lodge will never forget. May we extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Punton-Smith and her daughter in their tragic and irreparable loss.

S.P.-S.—AN APPRECIATION

It was with great sorrow that the loss of a master and friend was learned by members of the school.

Mr. S. Punton-Smith has left unforgettable memories in the hearts of many who came into contact with him. It may be said, with no pretence whatsoever, that he was one who did not shirk duty—nor, indeed, were those under his guidance allowed to do so.

Yet not with any thought for himself did he endeavour to impart knowledge to those who wished to benefit by his experiences. Many of those, past and present, who will always bear memories of him, must realize how much they owe to him.

I am sure that they who, as much as I, realize how much their success in future life depends upon the instruction they received from him, will join me in wishing him Godspeed and rest from the earthly labours which he performed so unremittingly.

A grave sense of loss has been experienced, but may he be remembered, as in the words of Robert Browning, which he loved so well:

'Lofty designs must close in like effects;

Loftily lying.

Leave him—still loftier than the world suspects.

Living and dying.'

T. W. G.

VALETE ET SALVETE**Valete**

Left Easter, 1946

Vth Form. P. Hayter (1940⁸). 1st XV, 1942-1945; Colours, 1944. 1st XI Hockey, 1945-6; Colours, 1946. Full Athletic Colours, 1944. Games Committee, Sports Committee, Holiday Club.

J. M. Ball (1941³) 2nd XV, 1945.
 IIIrda Form. M. W. Wilson 4 (1944⁵).
 IIIrdb Form. S. A. Moore 2 (1944²).
 Ia Form. S. H. Moore 3 (1944²).

Salvete

Came, Summer, 1946

IIIrda Form. A. J. Taylor 2.
 IIIrdb Form. T. O. Inwood.
 IInda Form. C. A. Full.
 Ia Form. J. B. Peddley.

SCHOOL SPORTS, 1946

The Annual School Sports were held on Saturday, May 11th, on the Waste Court Field. The weather was once more kind to us, and the meeting was well attended by parents and friends. We were also pleased to welcome several O.A.s on this, the first post-war Sports Day.

There was a fierce contest for the Ladies of Abingdon House Challenge Cup, which lasted right up to the last event, when, although Blue House, the favourites, were 5 points ahead, Red made a desperate effort and won the Senior Relay Race, thereby equalizing the score, and becoming joint-holders of the Cup with Blue.

Although there was no performance to equal Betterton's of last year, the Quarter-Mile Open started off at a fast pace, but gradually slowed up. Smith, when in the lead and within sight of the winning post, found the pace too hot, handed over the lead to Walters, who finished well.

After the Sports, the Challenge Cups were very kindly presented on Waste Court Lawn by Miss Wiles.

The whole meeting was again in the capable hands of Mr. J. B. E. Alston, supported by the Committee and Stewards.

The officials were: *President:* The Headmaster. *Starter:* G. F. Duxbury, Esq. *Judges:* W. A. Rudd, Esq.; W. Bevir, Esq.; the late S. Punton Smith, Esq.; S. G. Stevens, Esq.; D. O. Willis, Esq.; S. C. Parker, Esq. *Time Keepers:* J. Y. Ingham, Esq.; H. M. Gray, Esq. *Stewards:* M. H. Jones, J. B. H. J. Aldiss, N. A. Parker, M. D. Vickers. *Committee:* W. A. Rudd, Esq. (*Chairman*), J. B. E. Alston, Esq. (*Ex-officio*) A. J. Walters, P. R. Sims, B. G. Budden (*Hon. Sec. and Treas.*). (*Elected*) V. E. Welch, G. Barrett, D. M. Aldworth, A. F. Bastin, R. Tinson, F. C. Lucas, J. R. Ireland, J. W. Hullett, J. Edelston.

The Results were:

Heber Clarke Challenge Cup for Seniors:
 P. R. Sims (20 points).

The Shallard Challenge Cup for Juniors:
 J. T. Cullen 4 (15 points).

The Ladies of Abingdon House Challenge Cup:
 Red House and Blue House (105 points).

1. LONG JUMP (Open)
 (Record: 21 ft. 3½ in.)

1. T. W. J. Jordan (B). 2. P. R. Betterton (B).
 3. K. J. Weston (R).
 Distance, 17 ft. 1 in.

2. LONG JUMP (under 15)
 Record: 17 ft. 3½ in.)

1. A. H. Cherrill (B). 2. R. Tinson (B).
 3. J. T. Cullen iv (R).
 Distance, 14 ft.

3. HIGH JUMP (Open)
 (Record: 5 ft. 4½ in.)

1. P. R. Sims (R). 2. W. G. Olscher (R).
 3. B. N. Margrave (G).
 Height, 4 ft. 8 in.

4. HIGH JUMP (under 15)
 (Record, 4 ft. 10½ in.)

1. R. Tinson (B). 2. A. H. Cherrill (B).
 3. J. S. Draisey (R).
 Height, 4 ft. 3 in.

5. HURDLES (Open)
 (Record: 16 sec.)

1. P. R. Sims (R). 2. K. J. Weston (R).
 3. N. C. J. Badley (B).
 Time, 18 3/5 sec.

6. HURDLES (under 16)
 (Record: 17 3/5 sec.)

1. R. J. Pezaro (G). 2. P. R. Brown (R).
 3. M. D. Millichap (B).
 Time, 20 3/10 sec.

7. 100 YARDS (under 11)

1. P. J. Downer (R). 2. R. J. Banwell (G).
3. M. G. Rhodes (B).
Time, 15 1/10 sec.

8. 100 YARDS (under 13)

1. D. L. Treacher (R). 2. R. C. Pegler (G).
3. R. S. M. Millard i (B).
Time, 13 4/5 sec.

9. 100 YARDS (under 15)

(Record: 11 3/5 sec.)

1. A. H. Cherrill (B). 2. J. T. Cullen iv (G).
3. M. D. Millichap (B).
Time, 13 sec.

10. 100 YARDS (Open)

(Record: 10 1/5 sec.)

1. K. J. Weston (R). 2. J. A. Garner (B).
3. T. W. J. Jordan (B).
Time, 11 7/10 sec.

11. PUTTING THE WEIGHT (Open)

(Record: 46 ft. 9 in.)

1. P. R. Sims (R). 2. G. L. Sanders (R).
3. M. J. Green iv (G).
Distance, 35 ft.

12. 220 YARDS HANDICAP (under 13)

1. A. Pearman (44 yds.). 2. J. A. Nichols (36 yds.).
3. R. J. Banwell ii (22 yds.).
Time, 28 3/10 sec.

13. QUARTER MILE (under 15)

(Record: 60 2/5 sec.)

1. J. T. Cullen iv (R). 2. R. Tinson (B).
3. D. E. Allen (B).
Time, 68 sec.

14. QUARTER MILE (Open)

(Record: 54 2/5 sec.)

1. A. J. Walters (R). 2. P. V. Aldiss ii (B).
3. P. R. Little (G).
Time, 59 4/5 sec.

15. THROWING THE DISCUS (Open)

(Record: 114 ft. 6 in.)

1. P. R. Sims (R). 2. P. A. F. Smith (B).
3. I. J. M. Jamieson (R).
Distance, 91 ft. 6 in.

16. HALF MILE (under 15)

(Record: 2 min. 26 sec.)

1. J. S. Draisey (R). 2. M. D. Millichap (B).
3. D. E. Allen (B).
Time, 2 min. 39 1/2 sec.

17. HALF MILE (Open)

(Record: 2 min. 11 3/5 sec.)

1. D. Beattie (B). 2. M. J. Green iv (G).
3. J. A. Garner (B).
Time, 2 min. 17 1/10 sec.

18. RELAY RACE (Junior)

(Record: 3 min. 59 1/2 sec.)

1. Blue House. 2. Green House.
Time, 4 min. 12 7/10 sec.

19. RELAY RACE (Senior)

(Record: 3 min. 29 sec.)

1. Red House. 2. Blue House.
Time, 3 min. 45 sec.

The Miles

The Miles and the Half-mile (under 13) were run on Monday, March 18th, in Waste Court.

Results:

OPEN EVENT

(Record: 4 min. 50 4/5 sec.)

1. P. Hayter (R). 2. A. B. Beadle (R).
3. D. Beattie (B).
Time, 5 min. 12 3/5 sec.

JUNIOR EVENT

(Record: 5 min. 20 1/5 sec.)

1. J. T. Cullen iv (R). 2. J. S. Draisey (R).
3. D. E. Allen (B).
Time, 5 min. 48 3/5 sec.

HALF MILE (under 13)

1. R. C. Pegler (G). 2. D. J. Heavens ii (B).
3. J. Hullett (R).
Time, 2 min. 41 1/5 sec.

CRICKET

The 1st XI has had a fairly successful season, though the record is in fact rather flattering: two of the victories were won by the narrow margin of one wicket, while one, at least, of the drawn games did not end in our favour.

The Captain was lucky in being able to call on seven of last year's side besides Whitfield, who had headed the bowling averages in 1944, but could not play last year because of illness.

In batting, the team was usually dependent on one or two players for its runs, but these players were not always the same in each match; nearly all the batsmen had at least one good innings. A characteristic of the side was that a 'rot' would always set in at some stage in the innings. The 'tail,' on the other hand, did show itself capable of 'wagging' in a crisis. Towards the end of the season, the rate of scoring slowed down considerably: the tempo of the games was that of a Test Match. This may be attributed in part to the dead wickets the side encountered, and in part also to the knowledge, gained from Mr. Guilfoyle, that to go in, hit out, and come out is not the only way of playing cricket. Beattie played one particularly long unfinished innings of nearly two hours for 28 runs.

Jamieson began with some good bowling (and batting), but lost form as time went on; certainly he was not helped by an injury to his thigh. As Jamieson's performance fell away, so Barrett's improved. At the outset he had bowled steadily, but without the fire that brings wickets; at the end he had his reward with two exceptional performances, taking 6 for 29 and 7 for 12 in the games against City of Oxford and Wantage Schools. Cullen and Whitfield also bowled, the former putting a deal of spin on the ball. Their figures, however, are not a true reflection of their performance.

The fielding, as happens so often, was shaky in the early matches, but showed distinct improvement later; in the last match it was very good. Sims, Beattie, and Weston were the most hostile in the field, and Sims brought off some remarkable catches.

Weston captained the side with great keenness, but unfortunately his own performance as a batsman was affected.

To sum up: the side was rather above the average of recent years, but nevertheless failed to reach the high standard we had hoped to see.

The team's record (excluding the match against Magdalen on July 17th) was as follows:

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.
11	6	3	2

The following awards were made:

1st Cricket Colours: E. G. B. Whitfield, D. Beattie, D. M. Cullen.

2nd Cricket Colours: A. J. Walters, M. Aplin, P. A. F. Smith.

1st XI Characters

K. J. Weston (Colours, 1945). Captain. In technique and stroke equipment the best batsman in the side, he has failed in matches to do himself justice. Cares of captaincy? Sets a fine example in the field.

I. J. M. Jamieson (Colours, 1945). An all-round player with much cricket in him, but who fails to make the best use of his abilities. As a batsman he is aggressive, has powerful strokes, and quick footwork, but must learn to counter

the good-length ball. Would be a better bowler if he did not sacrifice length to speed.

G. Barrett (Colours, 1945). The outstanding bowler this year, whose figures have not always reflected his merit. Has kept a length always, and makes good use of his height to bring the ball down hard. His easy action enables him to bowl for long periods.

E. G. B. Whitfield (Colours, 1946). A determined player, who has made runs. His back-play in defence is sound, except against the ball that comes at his legs; he must, however, learn to play forward to the pitch of the good-length ball. He has some powerful strokes, rather stiffly made. A safe fielder 'in the country.'

D. M. Cullen (Colours, 1946). A promising player who has all the strokes except the drive. Should do well if he learns to play forward defensively and stops 'following' the off-side ball. A change bowler who sends down an occasional good leg-break, but has no command of length.

D. Beattie (Colours, 1946). Has the right temperament for an opening batsman in our class of cricket, being dour in the extreme. His technique is that of firm-footed, dead-bat defence. Against a slow ball outside the off stump he has developed an old-style forward cut which can be very effective.

P. R. Sims (2nd Colours, 1944). The 'big hitter' of the team, with powerful strokes to the on-side. Could be an asset to the team if he would cultivate some defence and learn *when* to hit. A fearless fielder close in to the wicket.

B. G. Budden (2nd Colours, 1945). A player who has cricket in him, but is still short of stroke and slow to time the ball. Once displayed heartening courage in saving the game.

A. J. Walters (2nd Colours, 1946). A keen and hard-working wicketkeeper, he yet allows 'Mr Extras' to get far too many runs.

M. Aplin (2nd Colours, 1946). A hope for the future, who should make runs if he can control his acute nervousness. He did well on one occasion in a crisis.

P. A. F. Smith (2nd Colours, 1946). Gained his place in the team on the strength of a good bowling performance against the School, but has not been used. As a batsman he is determined and hits strongly, but has little technique.

Scores

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th (Away), Lost.

v. SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL

Abingdon School					Southfield School				
Whitfield, st. French (D.),					Banton, b Jamieson	54			
b Banton	0				Gayton, b Jamieson	2			
Beattie, b Banton	0				Savage, c Walters, b Barrett	7			
J. M. Jamieson,					Clifford, b Jamieson	4			
c & b Gayton	39				French (M.), c Walters,				
Cullen, b Banton	4				b Jamieson	3			
C. J. Weston, c Banton,					Vivian, c Beattie,				
b Gayton	1				b Jamieson	6			
Sims, c French (M.),					Poxon, b Whitfield	0			
b Banton	7				Parker, not out	0			
G. Barrett, c French (M.),					Hathaway, c Beattie,				
b Savage	12				b Whitfield	1			
Budden, b Banton	4				Hignell and French (D.)				
Aplin, c Banton, b Savage	0				did not bat				
Walters, not out	0								
Sanders, b Banton	0								
Extras	4				Extras	9			
Total	71				Total (8 wks.)	86			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W	
anton	10	3	1	25	6	I. J. M. Jamie-				
ayton	6	1	35	2	son	13	2	39	5	
avage	4	1	7	2	G. Barrett	10	2	31	1	
					Whitfield	2	4	0	7	2

SATURDAY, MAY 18th (Away), Drawn

v. MILTON HILL

Milton Hill					Abingdon School				
Elliott, b Jamieson	3				Whitfield, b Firminger	42			
Palmer, not out	49				Beattie, c Watt,				
Watt, b Cullen	27				b Firminger	9			
W. Milne, not out	43				I. J. M. Jamieson,				
E. Roberts, W. Ogilvie,					c Milne, b Firminger	32			
F. Hepworth, L. C. Musgrave,					Cullen, run out	2			
J. Goyle, J. Firminger, and D. Jacobs					Sims, b Palmer	4			
did not bat					K. J. Weston, c Elliott,				
					b Firminger	4			
					Barrett, not out	8			
					Walters, b Firminger	0			
					Sanders, c Ogilvie,				
					b Firminger	0			
					Smith, not out	1			
					Betterton did not bat				
Extras	2				Extras	5			
Total (2 wks. dec.)	124				Total (8 wks.)	107			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
J. M. Jamieson	12	2	39	1	Firminger	13	3	49	6
G. Barrett	8	0	36	0	Ogilvie	11	2	25	0
Cullen	7	1	28	1	Palmer	7	0	28	1
Whitfield	3	0	18	0					

SATURDAY, MAY 25th (Home), Won

v. KING ALFRED'S SCHOOL, WANTAGE

Abingdon School

K.A.S.

Whitfield, c Higgs,					Harrison, b Jamieson	0			
b Humphries	39				Harris, run out	4			
Beattie, c Harrison,					Higgs, hit wkt.,				
b Humphries	28				b Jamieson	5			
I. J. M. Jamieson, st Fox,					Oliver, b Barrett	0			
b Humphries	12				Fox, b Jamieson	0			
Cullen, b Harrison	12				Humphries, run out	0			
K. J. Weston, not out	33				Clark, b Jamieson	0			
Sims, b Harrison	0				Ricks, c Aplin, b Barrett	0			
G. Barrett, b Humphries	5				Goodchild, not out	1			
Budden, not out	13				Wall, c Sims, b Jamieson	10			
Aplin, Walters, and Sanders					Williamson, b Jamieson	0			
did not bat									
Extras	10				Extras	4			
Total (6 wks. dec.)	152				Total	24			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Harrison	18	7	40	2	I. J. M. Jamieson	5	2	10	6
Harris	6	1	35	0	G. Barrett	4	1	10	2
Humphries	13	2	55	4					
Higgs	2	0	12	0					

In Wantage's innings 7 wickets fell while the score remained at 11.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29th (Home), Won

v. ABINGDON POLICE

Abingdon Police

Abingdon School

Kerr, run out	18				Whitfield, lbw, b Kerr	6			
Smith (F. G.), c Aplin,					Beattie, c Barnes,				
b Barrett	0				b Kerr	3			
Warwick, lbw, b Barrett	0				I. J. M. Jamieson, run out	31			
Clark, b Jamieson	7				Cullen, c Barnes, b Kerr	11			
Smith (P. A. F.), run out	2				K. J. Weston, b Smith				
Holloway, b Jamieson	4				(P. A. F.)	12			
Barnes, b Whitfield	3				Sims, b Smith (P.A.F.)	46			
Harris, b Whitfield	0				G. Barrett, not out	4			
Hughes, b Jamieson	1				Budden, hit wkt, b Clark	2			
Burdett, b Barrett	2				Aplin, Walters, and Betterton				
Aldworth, not out	0				did not bat				
Extras	4				Extras	7			
Total	41				Total (7 wks.)	122			

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
I. J. M. Jamieson	11	2	22	3	Kerr	11	2	30	3
G. Barrett	7	2	11	3	Clark	4	5	20	1
Whitfield	3	1	4	2	Warwick	3	0	18	0
					Burdett	2	0	27	0
					Harris	1	0	15	0
					Smith (P.A.F.)	4	2	5	2

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st (Home), Lost

v. CITY OF OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Abingdon School

C.O.H.S.

Whitfield, b Phelps	17				Cullerne-Bown, b Barrett	3			
Beattie, run out	5				Pargeter, lbw, b Barrett	5			
I. J. M. Jamieson, b Phelps	2				Wheatley, lbw, b Jamieson	13			
Cullen, b Samsworth	1				Samsworth, b Cullen	30			
K. J. Weston, st Tomlin,					Phelps, c Sims,				
b Samsworth	0				b Whitfield	13			

Sims, c Salter, b Phelps	10	Tomlin, not out	11	Philpott, run out	0	Budden, ct French (M.),	
G. Barrett, b Samsworth	15	Wightman b Cullen	0			b Banton	
Budden, b Samsworth	0	Salter, b Whitfield	1			Smith, b Banton	
Aplin, st. Cullerne-Bown,		Taylor, b Whitfield	0			Walters, b Banton	
b Samsworth	6	Jocelyn, run out	0			Aplin, not out	
Walters, b Wightman	1	Bailey, c Barrett,		Extras	6	Extras	
Smith, not out	0	b Whitfield	0				
Extras	5	Extras	3	Total	44	Total	4

Total	62	Total	79				
	O M R W		O M R W		O M R W		O M R W
Phelps	9 2 24 3	I. J. M. Jamieson	10 0 26 1	Cullen	7 2 18 3	Gayton	14 5 17
Samsworth	10 3 31 5	G. Barrett	10 1 22 2	G. Barrett	10 2 12 3	Banton	12 4 3 27
Wightman	1.5 0 2 1	Cullen	5 0 17 2	I.J.M. Jamieson	3.1 1 8 2	French (M.)	1 0 2
		Whitfield	4.4 1 11 4				

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th (Home), Won
v. PEMBROKE COLLEGE

Pembroke College		Abingdon School	
Arnold, lbw, b Jamieson	14	Whitfield, lbw, b Butler	19
Paine, c Walters, b Jamieson	0	Beattie, b Cullen (M. J.)	5
Hunter, c Beattie,		I. J. M. Jamieson,	
b Cullen (D. M.)	31	b Cullen (M. J.)	2
Holmes, b Barrett	3	Cullen (D. M.), st Paine,	20
Cullen (M. J.), b Barrett	4	b Hunter	
McGilloway, c Sims,		K. J. Weston,	
b Barrett	2	b Cullen (M. J.)	8
Thacker, b Cullen (D. M.)	0	Sims, st Paine, b Hunter	1
Butler, not out	15	G. Barrett,	
Hood, b Cullen (D. M.)	0	b Cullen (M. J.)	1
Bendall, run out	3	Budden, c Hunter,	
Jones, c Sims, b Barrett	0	b Cullen (M. J.)	2
		Aplin, lbw,	
		b Cullen (M. J.)	1
		Walters, c Butler, b Hunter	16
		Smith, not out	34
Extras	5	Extras	3
Total	77	Total	112

	O M R W		O M R W
I. J. M. Jamieson	9 2 36 2	Cullen (M. J.)	13 2 46 6
G. Barrett	15 8 20 4	Butler	3 0 18 1
Cullen (D. M.)	6 1 16 3	Hunter	10 1 49 3

The School's last pair came together when 10 were needed for victory, and added 44.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12th (Home), Won
v. SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL

Southfield School		Abingdon School	
Banton, hit wkt., b Cullen	8	Whitfield, c French (D.),	
French (D.), b Cullen	5	b Gayton	0
Savage, b Barrett	0	Beattie, lbw, b Banton	1
French (M.), b Barrett	0	I. J. M. Jamieson,	
Clifford, lbw, b. Cullen	0	b Banton	1
Vivian, b Jamieson	16	Cullen, run out	16
Gayton, b Jamieson	7	K. J. Weston, lbw,	
Parker, c Beattie, b Barrett	1	b Banton	3
Poxon, not out	0	Sims, b Gayton	4
Hignell, run out	1	G. Barrett, c French (M.)	6

SATURDAY, JUNE 15th (Home), Drawn
v. OLD ABINGDONIANS

O.A.s		Abingdon School	
S. A. Paige, c & b Barrett	2	Whitfield, lbw, b Kettle	
S. A. Fabes, b Jamieson	3	Beattie, lbw, b Cox	
S. D. Plummer, b Barrett	8	I. J. M. Jamieson, lbw,	
A. L. Leigh, c Whitfield,		b Kettle	2
b Cullen	32	Cullen hit wkt., b Cox	
W. R. A. Kettle, c Sims,		K. J. Weston, lbw,	
b Barrett	9	b Kettle	
V. A. Harfield, b Barrett	10	Sims, c Plummer,	
M. F. Packer, c Whitfield,		b Packer	1
b Cullen	7	G. Barrett, b Cox	1
R. F. Cox, b Jamieson	19	Budden, not out	
E. H. Aldworth, b Cullen	3	Smith, Aplin, and Walters	
J. H. Bartlett, c Beattie,		did not bat	
b Cullen	6		
C. Howell, not out	6		
Extras	9	Extras	
Total	114	Total (7 wks.)	8

	O M R W		O M R W
I. J. M. Jamieson	12 4 0 49 2	Harfield	6 0 28
G. Barrett	16 3 36 4	Kettle	12 5 23
Cullen (D. M.)	4 0 20 4	Cox	9 1 23
		Packer	2 0 5

After this match E. G. B. Whitfield was awarded his 1st XI Colours.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd (Away), Drawn.
v. CITY OF OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL

C.O.H.S.		Abingdon School	
Cullerne-Bown, c Sims,		E. G. B. Whitfield,	
b Barrett	21	b Samsworth	2
Pargeter, c Budden,		Beattie, not out	2
b Barrett	2	I. J. M. Jamieson,	
Wheatley, b Cullen	17	c Salter, b Samsworth	
Samsworth, lbw, b Barrett	22	Cullen, b Wheatley	
Phelps, b Barrett	0	Sims, b Wheatley	
Wightman, b Barrett	0	K. J. Weston, b Phelps	
Salter, b Cullen	4	G. Barrett, b Phelps	
Taylor, b Cullen	1	Budden, b Phelps	
Jocelyn, c Sims, b Barrett	1	Smith, not out	
Bailey, not out	2	Walters and Aplin did not	
Barre, lbw, b Jamieson	1	bat	
Extras	15	Extras	
Total	86	Total (7 wks.)	6

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
P. Barrett	19	5	29	6	Samsworth	13	3	21	2
G. B. Whitfield					Wightman	11	3	20	0
	6	2	17	0	Wheatley	7	3	13	2
J. M. Jamieson					Phelps	5	2	9	3
	5.50	17	1						
Cullen	8	4	8	3					

After this match M. J. Aplin, P. A. F. Smith and A. J. Walters were awarded their 2nd XI Colours.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26th (Away), Won

v. KING ALFRED'S SCHOOL, WANTAGE

K.A.S.		Abingdon School	
Humphries, b Barrett	2	E. G. B. Whitfield,	
wann, b Barrett	2	b Harris	12
Higgs, c & b Barrett	2	Beattie, c Humphries,	
Harris, c Beattie, b Cullen	25	b Oliver	34
Harrison, lbw, b Cullen	1	I. J. M. Jamieson, lbw,	
Oliver, b Barrett	1	b Harris	6
ox, c Sims, b Jamieson	5	Cullen, b Harrison	41
alph, c Cullen, b Barrett	0	K. J. Weston,	
lark, c Walters, b Barrett	6	c & b Harrison	27
Wall, lbw, b Barrett	0	Sims, b Harris	1
Woodchild, not out	0	G. Barrett, not out	3
		Budden, c Fox,	
		b Harrison	2
		Aplin, not out	0
		Walters and Smith did not bat	
Extras	9	Extras	6

Total	O	M	R	W	Total (7 wks.)	O	M	R	W
J. M. Jamieson	7.41	12	1		Harrison	21	4	46	3
P. Barrett	12	5	12	7	Harris	21	8	31	3
Cullen	5	1	18	2	Humphries	5	1	8	0
					Higgs	2	0	11	0
					Oliver	6	2	15	1
					Clark	3	0	16	0

SATURDAY, JUNE 29th (Home), Won

v. PAVLOVA SPORTS

Abingdon School		Pavlova Sports	
G. B. Whitfield,		Morris, b Jamieson	6
st Whitehead, b Whiting	5	Heridge, b Jamieson	0
Beattie, b Stone	15	King, b Barrett	0
J. M. Jamieson,		Whiting, b Jamieson	10
c King, b Heridge	54	Stone, lbw,	
M. Cullen, c Whittington,		b Jamieson	0
b Whiting	12	Whittington, c Budden,	
J. Weston, c Morris,		b Barrett	0
b Greenwood	16	Partridge, st Walters,	
Sims, c Whittington,		b Barrett	4
b Davies	0	Whitehead, b Jamieson	0
P. Barrett, not out	14	Greenwood, not out	6
Budden, lbw, b Whiting	0	Davis, c & b Barrett	1

Aplin, c Greenwood,	0	Stimpson, b Jamieson	4
b. Heridge			
Walters, not out	6		
Smith did not bat			
Extras	14	Extras	5
Total (8 wks. dec.)	136	Total	36

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Whiting	22	8	40	3	I. J. M. Jamieson	11	5	12	6
Davis	7	0	22	1	G. Barrett	10	5	19	4
Stone	7	1	13	1					
Greenwood	7	2	27	1					
Heridge	5	0	18	2					

BATTING AVERAGES (excluding Magdalen match)

Pos.	Batsman	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Average
1.	I. J. M. Jamieson	11	0	54	203	18.45
2.	E. G. B. Whitfield	11	0	42	167	15.17
3.	D. Beattie	11	1	34	144	14.40
4.	G. Barrett	11	4	15	84	12.00
5.	D. M. Cullen	11	0	41	123	11.18
6.	K. J. Weston	11	1	33*	106	10.60
7.	Sims	11	0	46	90	8.18
8.	Walters	6	2	16	24	6.00
9.	Budden	10	2	13*	32	4.00
10.	Aplin	6	2	6	11	2.75

ALSO BATTED

Smith	5	4	34*	44	44.00
Sanders	2	0	0	0	0.00

* Denotes 'not out.'

BOWLING AVERAGES

Pos.	Bowler	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
1.	G. Barrett	121	34	238	36	6.61
2.	D. M. Cullen	42	9	125	18	6.94
3.	I. J. M. Jamieson	100.2	17	270	30	9.00

ALSO BOWLED

E. G. B. Whitfield	19.2	4	57	8	7.13
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Second XI

Three games were played this year.

RESULTS

Wednesday, May 15th, Magdalen C.S. (Home), Lost, 30-100.

Saturday, June 1st, City of Oxford School (Away), Lost, 22-32 for 7.

Wednesday, June 26th, City of Oxford School (Home), Won, 93-69.

The following played: P. R. Betterton (Captain), G. L. Sanders, A. B. Beadle, N. C. J. Badley, P. A. F. Smith, T. W. J. Jordan, W. G. Olscher, A. V. Crook, R. J. Pezaro, R. Faulkner, E. R. Absalom, P. V. Aldiss, B. N. Margrave, J. A. Garner, D. M. Aldworth, and J. R. B. Williams.

Colts (under 15)

The Colts' team was weak this year winning one match, drawing one, and losing two.

ROWING

Amidst the many events of the Summer Term, the First Four remained intact from the previous term and competed in the Evesham Regatta. In pouring rain we beat Bedford Modern 'B' crew by two lengths. Luck, however, had it that we should row against Bedford Modern 'A' crew in the next heat and lose by a length.

Against Magdalen College School at Oxford the fates were against both the first and second crews, who lost by a half and two lengths respectively.

Races have not, however, hampered the enjoyment of rowing and spirits were never lowered.

The Second Four, with two new members, consisted of:

J. L. Platnauer (Bow), 8st. 12 lb. W. S. Ogden (2), 11st. M. Chase (3), 11st. C. S. Cullen (Stroke), 9st. 10lb. P. R. Brown (Coxswain), 9st. 3 lb.

It may be remarked, with good reason, that the weight of school coxswains needs serious consideration. To find opponents with a cox who weighs five stone whereas both First and Second IV coxes turn the scales at nine stone is, to say the least of it, demoralizing.

The members of the School Boat Club who are leaving wish their successors luck in the future, and exhort them to increase the Club membership to more than the present ten to fifteen oarsmen.

We also thank Mr. Duxbury for his incessant interest and inestimable aid in our small sphere of Abingdon School Sport.

T. W. G.

Avon in the Rain

As we strapped the oars on to John's car we regarded the weather somewhat anxiously; our prayers were graciously unheeded and it commenced to pour with rain.

We piled into the cars, three of us in G.F.D.'s and three in John's. Our hopes of a sunny Avon were soon dashed to the ground as we neared Evesham, for the rain did its best to wash us off the road, and that, with the copious volumes of black smoke that John's car was emitting, brought visibility down to zero.

Arriving in Evesham the Rowing Club was located and the cars were parked successfully in several inches of mud. We then squelched our way to the Boat House and made inquiries. We were shown to a rather highly populated changing room. The coach went off to find some tea, which he pronounced undrinkable, and the crew emerged shivering in anything but dry rowing gear. The loud speakers now startled us by asking the Abingdon crew to go to the raft. The Abingdon crew did so, somewhat uncertainly. Two scullers went by, moving pathetically slowly; the crew got into the four allotted to them (Maggie by name) and paddled off to the start.

'Touch her bow and two, Abingdon,' a tired voice wavers across the water to the crews at the start. 'Are you ready?' (more rain) 'row!' They are off, a flurry of water from the oars tries to compete with the rain blotting out both boats. Through the descending cascades we perceive the School leading by half a length; Bedford's bow decides to let go of his oar and the School go ahead to win fairly easily.

The crews having dragged off their wet rowing gear, and having donned even wetter clothes, we proceeded to the cars to consume our luncheon.

The crew went off after lunch to find some hot tea with a possibility of some sugar in it, to wake them up for the next race. We soon found ourselves being addressed by those stentorian loud speakers once more: we were to row Bedford Modern 'A' crew in the quarter finals sooner than we expected, so the crew disappeared once more to drag on those wringing shapeless rowing togs. It continued to rain. Once more the crew were up at the start, once more the tired voice wavered, again those showers of spray but this time it is the School's turn to lose, for Bedford, with a faster rate of striking, went ahead quickly to win by a couple of lengths. That knocked us out of the event: the four go off to change once more.

As soon as the last race was over the sun came out and gave the promise of a nice run home; this we had stopping at Broadway, admiring it, and having an excellent tea, which seemed to satisfy even '2' and '3'.

We ran through the Cotswolds admiring the country, stopping at the top of the hill outside Broadway to admire the view.

Having stopped once more to inspect the oil on John's car, for it continued to issue forth smoke in large quantities, we drove up the School drive to the accompaniment of rattling empty bottles, with no regrets.

C. S. C.

HOCKEY

Abingdon, 5 Abingdon School, 2.

The Hockey Club were the deserved winners over the School in this match on Northcourt ground. The School lost because their forwards lacked finishing power and were too apt to take wild shots at goal. The Club were well served by their full backs, Aldworth in the halves and Robertson Major amongst the forwards; whereas Walters in goal, Whitfield at centre-half, and Jamieson at centre-forward were the School's best players. The School attacked continuously for the first few minutes, but then Major scored for the homesters and before half time Roberts added another. Towards the end of the second half, most of which was played in a blizzard, the school improved, and after Roberts had completed his hat trick, scored through Jamieson and Proctor. Aldworth netted the Club's fifth in between these last two goals.

Abingdon School, 6. E. H. Aldworth's XI, 0.

Except for a period at the beginning, the sides were fairly evenly matched. The chief architects of the School's victory were Weston, Jamieson, and Sims, their three inside forwards. Walters, 1 goal, played another good game, as did D. Layter, the other keeper. Aldworth was outstanding for the visitors. P. R. Sims opened the scoring; some time later put in a second from Whitfield's free hit, and almost immediately after scored another. The School increased its lead through Jamieson. Later in the half, Sims made the half time score 5-0 with a hard shot from the left.

Both goals had narrow escapes in the second half, but neither side could scramble the ball in until Weston scored his third with the last hit of the match.

Abingdon School, 8. Wantage School, 4.

Abingdon School recorded their first win at Wantage since 1938. Weston, Jamieson, and Sims shared the goals. Barrett, Whitfield, and Betterton did the inside forwards well, but rather neglected

the wingers. The goal keeper, left full back, centre-half, and centre-forward served Wantage best. Sims, the best man on the field, opened Abingdon's account directly after the start, and Jamieson made it 2-0 before Olliver scored Wantage's first. Abingdon scored two more through Weston and Sims before Proctor reduced Wantage's arrears. The half-time score was 4-2. Abingdon had one irresistible patch ten minutes after the resumption and scored three goals through Jamieson, Weston, and Sims. The other goals were scored by Wall and Proctor for Wantage, and Jamieson for Abingdon. This completed one of Abingdon's most successful seasons, for which their record is: played 7, won 5, lost 2; goals for, 34; goals against, 17.

J.T.C.

This has been a very busy term for the Corps and the consistently wet weather has not assisted the training programme. The Field Day, held on Wednesday, May 22nd, was lucky in that respect, and while the far-ranging cycle section enjoyed themselves laying ambushes from Abingdon to Marcham, the footsloggers found the hot sun almost too much for them by the time they had worked their way back along the old canal, and their assault on a well-sited defending platoon lacked punch and direction. However, a good scrap was had by most, if not all. Then on June 18th an R.A. O.C.T.U. brought a troop of 25-pdrs. with Command vehicles to Abingdon and gave a demonstration in the Lower Field. The guns went into action in fine style, and the peace of Abingdon was rudely shattered by the salvos of blank shell, the cadets being allowed to fire a generous number. It was unfortunate that there was not room for the Auster to land and take off, but the whole show was most interesting and instructive. Finally, the Annual Inspection of the Contingent was carried out on Wednesday, June 26th, by Col. A. A. E. Chitty, D.S.O., Inspector of Training Corps, who expressed himself as well-pleased with the work generally and particularly the March Past.

In the Cert. 'A' Examination held on Wednesday, June 19th, the following passed:

Part II: D. H. Wheaton, W. S. Ogden, R. C. Clay, J. R. Wake, I. H. McNaughton, P. R. Little, D. R. Barrett 2. Part I: D. M. Aldworth, M. J. Aplin, P. R. Brown 2, A. H. Cherrill, P. C. Lovegrove, B. N. Margrave, N. A. Parker, B. H. Wiggins 1.

Promotions—To be L.-Cpls.: D. H. Wheaton, W. S. Ogden.

Next term will see the Contingent under new Command. Capt. Duxbury is handing over to Capt. S. C. Parker, late R. Berks., who has been assisting with the training this term, and takes this opportunity of wishing him and the Contingent a happy and successful future. For Capt. Gray also it is a case of *Cedant arma togae*, after some fifteen years devoted service, eight of them in Command. To him is due the present efficiency of the Corps, and his ability as organizer and instructor finds its clearest proof in the official reports and records. Mr. C. E. T. Moore, who is no stranger to the Corps, will be the second officer.

HOLIDAY CLUB

The club's activities in the Easter vacation were more varied than usual. In the second week of the holidays the Abingdon Youth Club was entertained to a very successful evening of table-tennis and darts, with an interval for refreshments, on the Youth Club's premises.

On the following Sunday a few members attended a morning Youth Service, conducted by the Rev. Hepworth, at the Trinity Methodist Church.

Some interested members saw the Abingdon Drama Club's dress rehearsal of 'The Farmer's Wife' in the Corn Exchange. A performance worthy of any first night was given by a talented company of actors.

Two Hockey matches were played against the Abingdon Hockey Club, one of which the Club won 6-3 and the other lost 0-9.

In the coming vacation the Club intends to

play a certain number of Cricket matches, weather permitting, and to defend the 'Brooks' Cricket Cup.

CHAMBER MUSIC

Mrs. Gotch's Trio gave its first performance in the Big Schoolroom on March 6th, and the new setting proved very effective. The opening piece was of simple texture, and the slow movement provided a first-class Mozart melody treated in turn by the various instruments with much charm.

The Mendelssohn, the longest item on the programme, revealed the style of the 'Songs Without Words' and later that of the 'Octet' and 'Midsummer Night's Dream Overture.' It was suave and gracious throughout.

Grainger's 'Handel in the Strand' is familiar in many arrangements, and in this one for piano forte trio the composer exploits the possibilities that the combination offers for pointing his humour. An altogether jolly performance.

Paganini wrote a number of extremely difficult studies for solo violin which attracted other composers—notably Schumann and Liszt—to make pianoforte versions. The one Mrs. Berenblum chose to play for us was the Schumann in E major. It is, of course, an attractive piece, and was given a first-class performance.

Mrs. Gotch and Mrs. Berenblum combined perfectly in the last movement of the César Franck sonata. This delightful composition, with its attractive use of canon, was a joy to hear, and to some was the high light of the evening.

PROGRAMME

Violin, Mary Gotch. Cello, Herma Fiedler.
Piano, Doris Berenblum.

1. Trio in G major Allegro *Mozart*
Air and Variations
Allegretto
2. Sonata for Violin and Piano (last movement) *César Franck*
3. Pianoforte Solo Study
Paganini, arranged Schumann
4. Trio in D minor Molto Allegro *Mendelssohn*
Andante Tranquillo
Scherzo
Finale—Allegro
5. Handel in the Strand *Grainger*
God save the King.

HOUSE SHOOTING

Blue House won the House Shooting with a total of 279 points out of 320, Red being second with 273 and Green third with 230.

The West Cup for the best individual shot was won by P. R. Betterton and G. L. Saunders jointly, with 74 points each out of a possible 80.

OXFORD LETTER

June, 1946.

To the Editor, 'Abingdonian.'

DEAR SIR,

In spite of the inclemency of the weather this has been a memorable term at Oxford. Eights regained, once more, a great part of its pre-war glory and ended with a worthy and successful effort to go really pre-war on the part of Pembroke, who celebrated with a truly magnificent Eights Week Ball. Once again there has been Cricket in the Parks, and very good Cricket too. Eights saw the reappearance of the famous 'Rugger Eights,' not least that of Pembroke which rowed over as bottom of the river in a wonderful array of cricket caps, pipes, and striped shirts. Out of record number of seven O.A.s up no less than four rowed in Eights, three of these in First Eights. We wish heartily to congratulate Mr. E. Eason upon producing the winning boat in the Boat Race and also upon being elected Treasurer of the O.U.B.C.

We were very glad to see Ken Walker back again at Pembroke after his long illness. He is taking a very active part in college affairs and may be seen from time to time adorning a punt pole in the Cher.

'Taffy' Jones seems to live a pleasant enough life, with not too much work, and has so far managed to avoid more active men who try to get him to do anything from table-tennis to water-polo.

Michael Brook is gradually becoming more tolerant of the more 'hearty' people. In fact, his behaviour in the presence of two visitors from Abingdon might have been that of the traditional 'Rugger Blue' had the after-effects proved rather disastrous.

Peter Jones rowed Seven in the Pembroke

Eight with great success and completed his term of office as Secretary of Boats with great efficiency. The proximity of December and his B.A. examination has prevented him taking further office.

Michael Cullen stroked the Pembroke Eight and has been elected Captain of Boats for next year. Among the other sporting distinctions, he holds the most coveted of all in Pembroke, namely, the Great Eating Championship. He was successful in the Hilary term in gaining the second half of Law Moderations. He will now have a nice rest until Finals come near.

Hugh Tompsett stroked the Keble Eight also with success and is unfortunate in having terminated his army course, which means that he has finished at Oxford and now has to spend a year or two in the Army.

Malcolm Waterfall rowed at Two in the University Second Eight. He claims to be the best Truck Driver in Oxford, but those who have witnessed his efforts suspect that the standard is not what it might be. He, too, has completed his course and goes down at the end of term.

Apart from the weather this has been an auspicious term. Shortage of beer has cramped Oxford's style and the bad food can no longer be disguised with the aid of this palliative.

And so, Sir, in my bad legal Latin I will say *pro vacatio longo, vale*.

And so, I remain, Sir,

Your Oxford Correspondent.

IN MEMORIAM—S.P.-S.

Would that I might in perfect tone,
Express my deepest thoughts of you
Who gave to me most that I own
Of knowledge and of wisdom too.
The seeds of thought which you conceived
Were never haltered, chained, put by,
But scattered wide where'er you breathed
For men to benefit as I.
Let none declare that you have failed
In that, your mission, here on earth.
It is not wealth that should be hailed
Or praised. Rather deplore the dearth
Of Learning, than acclaim, incite
The vice that prompts 'upraise, admire

All gain, ill-gotten, or aright.
 What more infects all minds with fire?
 Not sheer bravado, glory, fame—
 Of each must man, perforce, grow tired.
 Not in the memory of a name
 Nor in desires by wealth inspired
 Should admiration rest. A task
 Well done; whate'er our station be
 Let it be known, before one asks,
 That this is all creates man free—
 The quality to find success
 In life's dilemma, than to claim
 Eternal rest, not satisfied;
 For none is that, of human frame.
 And God grant I may not forget—
 Remembrance may be dim, 'tis true.
 God's Will, I will recall the debt
 In days to come, I owe to you.

T. W.-G.

THE ORIGIN OF CRICKET ?

The game, which we now call cricket, has ancient and barbarous origins. It represents the defence of a barricaded cave against an enemy who try to batter down the defence with stones.

The cave chosen for habitation by our ancestors of the Stone Age was usually hidden away, at the end of a cleft in the hillside. Thus, only one man could attack at a time, whom we now call the bowler. He threw down rocks to try and smash the barricade which a defender, the batsman, tried to stop and send back with his club. From time to time this batsman ran forward to try to drive away the attacker.

The wicket-keeper started off as a defender, who threw back any stones which got behind the barricade. Somehow, during the centuries, he was bribed, and is now a menace to the batsman.

The fielders are what is left of the 'supply corps' of the attackers. They searched the countryside for more rocks to throw at the barricaded cave.

When the defenders had all been eliminated, the attackers at last reached the cave, but what they did then, cricket does not teach us. Now the game ends with the disposal of the last defender but one. Perhaps they too went in to tea.

The umpires were probably added when the venerable game of 'cave siege' degenerated as cavalry charges degenerated to jousting. It is a pity that there is such a shortage of caves, for otherwise we could get

back to the ancient form of the noble game of cricket. We would also need an abundant supply of massive clubs, stones of the right size, and above all, enough people willing to try for 'First Caveman Colours.'

Any one interested in forming a club for the pursuance of such a pastime will kindly not apply to me.
 H. B.

ON TOP OF AFRICA (continued)

At 3.30 a.m. we started the final ascent, carrying a couple of lanterns. We had two native guides who cheered us all the way or we would not have gone far. We were by now wearing every bit of clothing we could. I wore: Swiss army boots, two pairs of sock hose tops, woollen combinations (to the ankle), pant woollen shirt, two woollen pullovers, woollen scarf around the stomach, fur scarf, fur cap, fur glove battle dress blouse, and trousers.

That final climb was all scree. Having felt ill in the hut, I was better climbing, though we all gasped so much that we thought we could not keep it up long. We had frequent rests, during which we struggled to get more air into our lungs by panting as fast as we could. So rare was the air that I could feel my head racing as fast as it ever does after a run, and it did not cease to do so throughout the day. This was obviously a great strain, and nobody with a weak heart could attempt such a climb. By 5 a.m. we came upon a sweep of scree which seemed to lead to the very summit, and this gave us hope. Still more so when the sun rose from across the saddle. It was a fantastic sunrise. The twilight made the whole scene a silhouette, the crest of a 17,000 ft. mountain looking like a giant castle. The panorama below was obscured by a black ocean until the sun appeared and immediately there was light over all. A vast carpet of cloud hid all the land below except for the higher slopes of the great mountain mass.

It took four hours to climb that sweep of scree, yet it looked a matter of a few hundred yards. So rare was the atmosphere that one soon grew utterly exhausted, and I planned my climbing by taking rests between every six steps. After three such periods rested for longer and even slept now and then. I had a bout of mountain sickness, but could only retch. I had no food inside me. So complete was my exhaustion that I felt like giving up, arguing to myself that I must have done over 19,000 ft. and that was higher than most people ever did in their lives. 'Let's call it a day,' said I to myself.

At last I reached the top and came suddenly upon a huge wall of pimply ice, a beautiful light green. I then looked over into the crater, for Kilimanjaro is a volcano. Though extinct, there is a small crater within the large one and this exudes sulphur fumes. I looked upon a huge scene of cliffs of ice, rock, scree, and snow-fields. The large crater is three miles across, and there are cliffs facing into the centre as well as those sloping out. Magnificent and grim as the scene was, none of us had the energy to admire, and all we thought about was to regain our breath and to keep warm. Both were impossibilities until we moved again. I was the only one to go on round the crater edge to the highest point of all—Kaiser Wilhelm Spitze, 19,700 ft. It took a further two hours and I reached it about midday, finding a tin box there in which were a British flag, Bible, and a book for signatures. I signed and hoped that friends of mine might come there and see it, though when one is fighting for every breath and suffering from complete exhaustion one does not indulge much in romantic imaginings. Overshadowing a vague feeling that I had done rather well to reach the very top of Africa was a muttering of my rebellious heart—'Well, thank God that's over, and I don't ever want to do it again.'

Yet strange is the fascination of mountains. I did it again in the same month!

C. E. T. MOORE

FIFTY YEARS AGO

'We understand that the Governors of Christ's Hospital propose to build a Lodge for the benefit of the School on the piece of ground on the right of the entrance to the drive, and that plans for the building, submitted by Mr. H. Redfern, O.A., have been accepted. This will be at once a great improvement to the appearance of the grounds, and by providing accommodation for two masters, and so putting additional rooms at the disposal of the Headmaster for the use of senior boys, it will be of immense practical utility.'

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O.A. NOTES

Births

GILL—May 15, 1946, to Marjorie, wife of H. Alexander Gill (1934), Preston Lodge,

Preston Hill, Harrow, twins, daughter and son.

JAMES—March 12, 1946, to Beryl, wife of Cpl. G. J. James, R.A.F. (1937), a son, Peter Gordon.

KILLBOURN—June 2, 1946, to Dorothy, wife of B. C. Killbourn (1926), a son, Barry.

Marriages

BEAZLEY-BEESTON—March 7, 1946, Gordon H. Beazley (1927), to Marion Beeston, of West Kirby, Cheshire.

BOSLEY-MITCHELL—June 1, 1946, at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Wandsworth, F./Lt. Geoffrey A. H. Bosley, R.A.F. (1932), to Joan G. Mitchell.

FOOTITT-HODGSON—April 1, 1946, in Calcutta, Raymond Langdon Carter Footitt (1923), to Rose Marie Hodgson, of Harrogate.

HENDLEY-EDWARDS—August 4, 1945, at Christ Church, Simla, Major L. A. G. Hendley (1938), Indian Army, to Thelma E. Edwards, of Epsom.

JARVIS-DALGLEISH—April 24, 1946, at St. Cuthbert's Church, Galashiels, Donald Eric Jarvis (1938), to Agnes Robina Dalgleish, of Galashiels, Selkirkshire.

MOSDELL-SILLAN—August 3, 1945, Lionel Patrick Mosdell (1931), to Jean Sillan.

OGLE-THOLER—June 1, 1946, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, Martin Ogle (1929), to Dulcie Helena (Judy) Tholer.

RANDLE-FINN—May 4, 1946, at St. Peter's Church, Hinckley, P./O. Anthony C. Randle (1941), to Rosalie Finn.

ROWE-JONES—April 12, 1946, at Drayton Church, F./Lt. Cecil G. Rowe (1938), to Thelma Jones.

Visitors—M. Lawrence (1945), C. F. Trevor (1945), K. R. Sims (1943), F. G. Wallace (1941), R. Deval (1945), E. A. Passam (1927), P. B. Keys (1943), C. M. Humfrey (1920), R. S. Barnes (1944), J. O. Bury (1937), A. N. Tomlin (1945), C. R. Burborough (1944), A. J. Sansom (1945), V. A. Harfield (1937), K. G. Walker (1942), J. H. Bartlett (1926), D. G. Brown (1935), H. V. Stone (1908), C. V. Stone (1942), N. J. Pryor (1940), J. H. Hooke (1924).

Letters from abroad—C. R. Davidge (1923), J. L. Taylor (1943), P. H. Wooster (1938), B. C. Jakeman (1945), C. Calvert Fisher (1944).

Captain P. H. Wooster (1938) played Rugger for the Army C.M.F. against the R.A.F., C.M.F.

S. A. Paige (1930) was demobbed from the R.A.F. in January and is now helping his father in his business—London Branch.

J. N. Paige (1938) is managing the Chatham Branch of the business.

Kenneth Mills (1932) has decided to become a Schoolmaster and is now taking a course at an Emergency College in South Woodford.

We have heard from R. F. Jackson, R.N. (1939), who left England in the Anson in March, 1945. After five or six weeks in the Mediterranean, based on Malta, he proceeded with his ship to Fremantle via Colombo and Trincomalee, and thence to Sydney. While there, the news came of the fall of the Atomic Bomb and with it of Japan. They were sent to Hong Kong to take possession and prevent possible disorder. Here he was transferred to the Light Fleet Carrier *Glory* and returned to Sydney, calling at Manila, Balikpapan, Tarakan, and the Admiralty Islands. When he wrote in January he was enjoying himself alongside the jetty at Melbourne, still aboard the *Glory*.

Correction under Deaths

W. O. Betts (1905) was not in Holy Orders. He was for some time Headmaster of Richings Park School, Iver, Bucks, and sent several of his boys to Abingdon. His father was at one time Rector of South Moreton.

Old Abingdonian Club

After an interval of six years there was a General Meeting of the Club at the School after the O.A. Cricket Match on June 15th. About forty members were present and in the absence of the President, E. G. Langford, who had held the office continuously during the war years, the Chair was taken by the Vice-President, W. M. Grundy.

Of foremost importance on the Agenda was the election of officers and committee for the coming year. Those elected were as follows: President, J. D. Wood; Vice-President, W. M. Grundy; Local Secretary, M. J. Cullen, with J. O.

Bury and E. H. Aldworth as Assistant Secretaries and E. J. P. Ross-Barker to retain, for the time being, the routine duties of Treasurer; London Secretary, J. D. Wood, with Assistant Secretary S. D. Plummer; Committee, J. B. E. Alston, J. H. Bartlett, D. G. Brown, N. J. Holmes, S. A. Paige and J. M. Viney. R. W. Snell and J. D. Wood were elected on the Trust Committee.

Items of most general interest in the Hon Secretary's Report (presented at the Meeting) were: (1) that 134 new members had joined the Club during the war years; (2) that nearly 3 members of the Club had given their lives during the war; (3) that in spite of war-time difficulties there had been only one year in which there was no O.A. Cricket Match at the School and one in which there was no Rugger Match; (4) that the financial position of the Club was very satisfactory with a credit balance of £132. 8s. 3d., of which £33. 7s. 10d. was earmarked for repayment to the London Sports Section, when this gets going again, and a further sum due for disbursement on a Roll of Service shortly to be printed and distributed to all members of the Club; and (5) that the amount of the O.A.T.F. was in the neighbourhood of £550.

For the Cricket Match which preceded the Meeting the elements were kinder than has lately been their wont, and the dinner at the Crown and Thistle which followed it, though not officially Club dinner at all, was nevertheless a memorable success. There were about sixty O.A.s present and the thanks of all are due to J. O. Bury for the trouble which he took, on his own initiative, over organizing so pleasant a reunion.

It is hoped that, with more local help now available on the Committee and (dare we hope it?) fewer restrictions in the matter of accommodation the Club may next year be able to arrange an equally successful dinner under its own auspices and likewise (to round off the week-end) to restart the series of Golf Competitions for the J. B. Reeves Cup at Frilford Heath.

N.B.—Those O.A.s who may desire to take part in athletic contests of all kinds—Cricket, Rugger, Rowing, etc.,—against the School are requested

to get in touch with the Local Secretary, M. J. Cullen, 14 Park Crescent, Abingdon. Those requiring information with regard to the London Sports Section (at present in abeyance) should write to the London Secretary, J. D. Wood, 59 Verna Court, London, W.8. Applications for membership of the Club and Life-Membership subscriptions should be sent to E. J. P. Ross-Barker, 53 Royds Road, South Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.

O.A. Dinner

H. Aldworth (1942).	A. L. Leigh (1941).
B. Bailey (1939).	G. L. Logan, (1939).
H. Bartlett (1926).	K. Mills (1932).
V. Bayley (1938).	L. P. Mosdell (1931).
R. Burborough (1944).	S. K. Muir (1936).
J. Betterton (1945).	G. M. Mundy (1938).
O. Bury (1937).	M. F. Packer (1943).
G. Cather (1936).	J. N. Paige (1938).
J. H. Charley (1933).	S. A. Paige (1930).
C. Clarke (1932).	W. M. Potter (1938).
Cleave, (1922).	S. D. Plummer (1931).
F. Cox (1934).	C. A. Ronan (1937).
J. Cullen (1945).	A. J. Sansom (1945).
E. Eason (1920).	P. A. Scott (1943).
A. Fabes (1928).	C. D. Slingsby (1944).
A. Harfield (1937).	G. M. Stevens (1936).
J. Holmes (1938).	W. H. Stevens (1923).
C. Howell (1942).	G. S. Sturrock (1925).
E. P. Jones (1944).	D. R. Thomas (1934).
O. Jones (1941).	J. M. Viney (1935).
R. A. Kettle (1930).	M. D. Waterfall (1945).
M. King (1945).	A. B. West (1901).
C. H. Kortright (1932).	J. L. West (1903).
L. Lacey Johnson	J. D. Wood (1926).
(1944).	E. J. P. Ross-Barker.

Staff:

M. Grundy.	G. F. Duxbury.
A. Rudd.	S. Punton-Smith.
Bevir.	D. O. Willis.
Y. Ingham.	

ROLL OF SERVICE

Drew, R. M. (1932), Captain, R.A.O.C.
 Hendley, L. A. G. (1938), Major, Casualty Accounts, Indian Army.
 Jakeman, B. C. (1945), Oxon. and Bucks. Lt. Infantry.
 Lewington, J. M. (1945), Oxon. and Bucks. Lt. Infantry.
 McPherson, J. (1933), Captain, 17th Uganda Regt., K.A.R.
 Randle, A. C. (1941), P./O. R.A.F.
 Rowe, C. G. (1938), F./Lt. R.A.F.
 Sansom, A. J. (1945), R.N.
 Wallace, F. G. (1941), Welsh Guards.
 Wooster, P. H. (1938), Captain, C.S.O.'s Branch, G.H.Q.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Missing, now officially reported Killed in Action:
 ELLISON—F./Lt. H. V. Ellison (1914), killed in action Burma, March 24, 1942.

FAULKNER—Gunner H. B. Faulkner (1933), R.H.Q., 1st Survey Regt. R.A., died in Shaftesbury Hospital, Dorset, aged 27. He had been in the Army 6 years, three and a half of which had been spent in the Middle and Far East.