Sports and Athletics

Inter House Athletics

Winners of the Athletics Shield: — HERIOTS
(+ = New Record)

RESULTS

BOYS

UNDER 13			
80 yards	McMurray	Heriots	10.8 secs +
150 yards	George	Canons	20.8 secs.
Cricket Ball	McMurray	Heriots	173ft. 3ins.
Relay	Brockley		61.0 secs +
13-14			
100 yards	Thow	Brockley	12.8 secs.
220 yards	Bulpitt	Brockley	28.8 secs.
Cricket Ball	Bulpitt	Brockley	189ft. 2ins.
Relay	Brockley		58.7 secs.
660 yards	Emerson	Canons	1min. 53.5secs.
14-15			
100 yards	Campbell	Heriots	11.9 secs +
220 yards	Wright	Heriots	29.0 secs.
440 yards	Coldwell	Grove	62.2 secs.
15-16			
100 yards	Tompkins	Grove	11.6 secs. +
220 yards	Webzell	Canons	28.8 secs.
440 yards	Hewat	Brockley	62.0 secs.
14-16 OPEN			
880 yards	Denton	Brockley	2min. 26.5secs.
Javelin	Collins	Grove	124ft. 10½ins.
Shot	Hewat	Brockley	35ft. 7ins.
Discus	Tompkins	Grove	112ft. 9ins +
Relay	Grove		52.2 secs.
SENIOR			
100 yards	Jackson	Heriots	11.0 secs.
220 yards	Brodie	Brockley	26.7 secs.
440 yards	Wilkins	Grove	57.8 secs.
880 yards	Wilkins	Grove	2mins 18.8secs.
1 Mile	Norton	Brockley	5mins 14.6secs.
Javelin	Hunt	Canons	126ft. 3½ins.
Shot	Lewis	Grove	37ft. 6½ins. +
Discus	Faulkener	Grove	113ft. 7½ins.
Relay	Grove		50.5 secs.

HEADSTONE CUP TEAM. Back row: D. MacGechie, A. Barratt, M. Emerson, R. Bulpitt. J. Clarke, G. Brett.
Front row: G. Jones P. Bracey, R. Burks (Capt.), A. Stevens, J. Spender.

GIRLS

UNDER 13			
80 yards	J. Rattee	Canons	10.8 secs. +
100 yards	M. Cozens	Brockley	12.9 secs. +
Relay	Canons		62.0 secs.
Rounders Ball	K. Clark	Canons	151ft. 0ins.
13-14			
80 yards	R. Judd	Heriots	10.6 secs. +
100 yards	V. Hill	Grove	12.5 secs. +
Relay	Heriots		60.1 secs.
Rounders Ball	V. Hill	Grove	169ft. 4ins.
14-15			
100 yards	M. Warren	Canons	12.7 secs. +
150 yards	M. O'Hanlon	Heriots	21.5 secs.
Relay	Heriots		60.7 secs.
Rounders Ball	M. Card	Heriots	160ft. 10ins.
15-16			
100 yards	S. Verrinder	Brockley	12.6 secs. +
Rounders Ball	M. Farthing	Brockley	177ft. 10ins.
SENIOR			
100 yards	S. Jones	Brockley	12.6 secs.
Relay	Brockley		59.4 secs.
Rounders Ball	S. Jones	Brockley	186ft. 0in. +

Boys' Games

ATHLETICS

Colours awarded, Jackson. Re-awarded, Brodie, Wilkins.

Congratulations to Wilkins on being chosen to represent Middlesex in the All-England meeting at Plymouth, in July. In the County Athletics meeting at the White City, he won the Intermediate Boys' 880 yards in the record time of 2mins. 2.3secs. Another winner was Jackson, who jumped 19ft. 6ins. in the Intermediate Boys' long jump.

Representatives at the County Athletics Meeting: Coldwell, Campbell, Ramsay, Hunt A., Tod, Lewis, Hewat, Brodie, Norton.

BASKETBALL

This year the school fielded three teams, an "A", "B" and an Under 15, none of which had very successful seasons although many of the matches were close and enjoyable.

RESULTS

" A " Played 5, Won 1, Lost 4.

" B " Played 2, Won 1, Lost 1.

Under 15: Played 6, Won 1, Lost 5.

"A" AND "B" TEAMS

Lewis (Capt.), Hill, Wilkins, Tod, Jackson, Harvey, Hunt, Harris, Osborne, Hewat, Wlodarczyk, Jones, T.

UNDER 15

Hewat, Hall, Lake, Widdis, Roger, Smailes, Perry, Ramsay, Carpenter, Webzell.

HOUSE BASKET BALL RESULT

1. Grove; 2. Brockley; 3. Canons 4. Heriots.

SOCCER

Playing good open soccer the 1st XI has had a creditable season. Tompkins's thrustful play at centre-forward and the solid defending of Dent, Wlodarczyck, and Webzell have contributed greatly to their success.

The following have played for the team this season: Dent (Capt.), Webster, Wlodarczyck, Bodle, Rice, Bryant, Hill, Gibson, Harris, Tompkins, Monks, Wilkins, Staines, Webzell, Tod, Barnett.

RESULTS

Played: 10. Won: 7. Drawn: 0.
Goals For: 33. Goals Against: 14.

THE HEADSTONE CUP

The Headstone Cup is a trophy awarded to the winners of a knock-out competition for Under 13 Association football XIs.

In our passage to the finals we defeated Blackwell, 4-1, Lascelles, 3-0, and Whitefriars, 3-0.

On April 26th., at Harrow Town's ground we met Roxeth Manor. The conditions were not very good. Rain started two hours before the kick-off and made the bone hard ground very slippery. We took the lead in the tenth minute through Burns, our Captain, who headed the goal. Within a minute Spender crashed a shot home to make it 2-0, a score that stood till half-time. After 15 minutes in the second half Burns made it 3-0. In the 25th minute, Emerson, our centre-half, beat three men, and put a perfect pass through to Jones who ran on to the ball and lobbed it over the head of the advancing goal-keeper. Simpson scored Roxeth's only goal 3 minutes before the end, so the final result was 4-1.

On behalf of the School, Burns received the Cup, and the teams followed to receive their medals.

The following boys have represented the school this season:

Cup Team—G. Jones, P. Bracey, R. Burns (Capt.), A. Stevens, J. Spender, D. McGechie, D. Barrett, M. Emerson, R. Bulpitt, J. Clarke, G. Brett.

Also Melville, Milton, Quested and Slaney.

R. BULPITT, 2.B.

CRICKET 1956

Only three of last year's promising eleven remained at school and the team as a result is rather weak. Nevertheless a very young team most of whom will still be with us next season, is beginning to settle down forming the nucleus of a very useful side which should enjoy some success.

RESULTS

v. Willesden County
Downer 60 for 9
Willesden 64 for 4

v. Kingsbury County
Kingsbury 137 for 7
Downer 38

The following boys have played in the First Eleven this season: Dent (Capt.), France (Vice-Capt.), Webster, Wlodarczyk, Bodle, Tompkins, Pearce, Harris, Seller, Staines, Lake, Smailes, Roger, Collins, Webzell.

UNDER 14 ELEVEN

The team was chosen from: Steggall (Capt.), Denton, Day, Taylor, Burns, Giffin, MacLean, Beckley, Campbell, Heather, Stark, R., Stark, J., Wright, Bulpitt.

RESULTS

Downer 71.	Willesden 100 for 3
Kingsbury 52 for 2	Downer 49
Downer 57	Salvatorian 48
Downer 57 for 7	Greenford 22

Girls' Games

NETBALL

At the start of the netball season we had only six of last year's 1st and 2nd team players, and the teams were completed with 4th year girls many of whom qualified for the Under 15 team also. Thus although we were at the disadvantage of fielding very young sides it is hoped that this year's teams will need very little alteration and the team spirit will be present from the start.

The standard of netball in the first year is most promising as is shown by their convincing wins by 16-3 and 7-1 over Camrose.

HOCKEY

Hockey teams also suffered from the loss of last year's players and lack of opportunity to practise. However with mounting enthusiasm for the game, increased by seeing hockey at its best in the International match at Wembley, we look forward to a higher standard and better season ahead.

SUMMER GAMES

There has been considerable improvement in both Summer Games throughout the school this term.

With praiseworthy keenness to practise, the 2nd year Rounders team has made a good start winning two of its matches and being congratulated by opponents on all three occasions for fine fielding—thus creating a tradition which must be maintained.

TENNIS

Although we have produced no "Little Mo" there is much promise and interest shown in tennis. Three matches have been arranged for an Under 15 team and although losing the first match to Blackwell by 5 sets to 4 and 35 games to 33 this team played well and should avenge the defeat later this term.

It is hoped that this year's visits to Wimbledon will be instructive as well as enjoyable and that memories of first class tennis will provide encouragement for next year's teams.

RESULTS AND TEAMS

NETBALL

1st. VII: S. Jones (Capt.), D. Reffell*, C. Wimlett*, S. Verrinder*, I. England, B. Gregge, J. Meadows.

2nd. VII: S. Wilson, K. Simmonds, A. Knowles*, J. Bowie*, J. Dowler, M. Bugg, B. Bugg, M. Johnson*, J. Klausner*, Y. Shipman, D. Wallin*.

*These girls have also played in the under 15 VII.

HOUSE NETBALL

Seniors: 1. Brockley 2. Canons 3. Grove 4. Heriots
Juniors: 1. Heriots 2. Canons 3. Brockley 4. Grove

HOCKEY

B. Gregge, J. Meadows, C. Crisp, S. Verrinder, D. Wallin, P. Cardy, R. Belchetz, E. Hutchence, B. Bugg, S. Jones (Capt.), S. Wilson, C. Wimlett, M. Bugg, V. Whitehurst, G. Clark.

ROUNDERS

2nd year IX: L. Isles, B. Steele, W. Rattee, A. Humblestone, C. Goodhew, J. Dand, P. Corby, M. Fitches, R. Judd, R. Ayling, Valerie Hill, K. Clark.

TENNIS

1st. VI: S. Jones, V. Whitehurst, E. Hutchence, R. Belchetz, D. Reffell, B. Bugg, G. Foster.

U 15 VI: B. Bugg, M. Bugg, D. Wallin, G. Foster, S. Gairdner, B. Hatherall.

RESULTS

TENNIS

1st VI: Played 2. Lost 2.
U 15 VI: Played 1. Lost 1.

ROUNDERS

2nd Year: Played 3. Lost 1. Won 2.
3rd Year: Played 3. Lost 2. Won 1.

HOCKEY

1st XI: Played 2. Lost 2.

NETBALL

1st VII: Played 2. Won 1: Lost 1.
2nd VII: Played 2. Lost 2.
Year 3: Played 3. Lost 1. Won 1. Drawn 1.
Year 2: Played 2. Lost 1. Won 1.
Year 1: Played 2. Won 2.

Congratulations

To B. Steer, our School Captain, who has been admitted to Manchester University where he will commence studying for a degree in Botany, next October.

To W. Neish who has been accepted at Birmingham University.

Three Would-be Nurses

Wish to thank Miss Caldwell for arranging, for them, weekly visits to Edgware General Hospital where they have helped in the Outpatients' Occupational Therapy and Ear, Nose and Throat Departments; making dressings, helping the rheumatic and spastic patients to get back the use of their hands, and serving out jelly and ice-cream to those with sore throats!

Old Students

Now that a large number of pupils is leaving each July, it is impossible for us to include news of all of them in each 'Compotus'. However, we shall always be glad to hear from Old Students and to include items of especial interest about them in our pages. Although we know many are engaged, we are eagerly waiting to hear who is (or was) the first to be married and who will be our first University graduate or Test cricketer. Meanwhile, we should like to say how pleased the Headmaster, the Staff and the School have been to see several "old familiar faces" returning to visit us at various times during the last year.

Several of these visitors were people doing their National Service and we know also that many people from Downer are working for Kodak Ltd., some others are in banks in and around the London area and one, Jennifer Tanner, is studying Dramatics with Quaestors.

In addition, we should like to thank John Earlam for his letter from Plymouth, where he is working for the London and Scottish Assurance Corporation Ltd., and playing cricket for the Plymouth Insurance Institute, and we print the following letter to give readers some idea of their prospects if they are thinking of working for B.E.A.

Keyline House,
Head Office,
British European Airways.

This is where I work with seventeen other people, in the Import Freight Accounts section of the British European Airways, dealing with the Customs Duty and Purchase Tax on goods which come into the country. We see that people have paid enough duty on their goods and if not, why not. *If* they have overpaid, we refund the amount to them. We also deal with the duty and Purchase Tax for our Internal Stations: Manchester, Liverpool, Renfrew, Glasgow and Birmingham. Any problems we get concerning duty and Purchase Tax are dealt with by the Import Cargo Officer, at London Airport.

B.E.A. are very interested in their young employees, as my friend and I discovered shortly after Christmas when we went on an Educational Flight to Paris, with all expenses paid. When we left the Airport, we were surprised to see that there were only seventeen other passengers instead of the usual forty-seven that the Elizabethans carry. The flight was a wonderful experience and we were a little sorry when we landed at Le Bourget Airport.

However, after an hour's drive to the centre of Paris, we had a good time looking at the shops and the sights and great fun making ourselves understood. We left Paris about 7.30 p.m. clutching the numerous souvenirs we had bought, and we landed at London at 9.30 p.m. very tired after a thoroughly enjoyable day.

I would advise anyone who is interested in air travel or how airlines work, to get a job with British European Airways. If you do not like the sound of working in 'Import', there are 'Export', 'Passenger', 'Recharge' and numerous other sections that might interest you. I like my job very much indeed, the people that I work with are grand and if somebody offered me a million pounds to give it up, I would tell him I was not interested.

PAT TUCKER.

Parents' Association

Our social and dance events held during the past year have been very enjoyable, and those present expressed their appreciation; your committee hope in the future to see many more parents enjoying themselves at these events.

This year we have engaged professional speakers, one of whom was Mr. McQueen-Pope, the well-known broadcaster on theatrical history. His talk was most interesting and very humorous, in fact he is a speaker we can thoroughly recommend.

In June of this year, the inaugural meeting of a National Federation of Parent Teacher Associations was held; in connection with this, it is proposed to issue a National Bulletin, bi-monthly or quarterly. Both the Middlesex and Harrow Federations of P.T.A.s to whom we are affiliated, attended the inaugural meeting. There are a number of nationally known personalities as Vice-presidents of the new Federation.

F. PURSEHOUSE.

Selections from Readers' Letters

Sirs,

I think " IT " is more humorous than the school magazine which only prints poems written by the more studious pupil. Also, I think that the school magazine does not get as many authors as it deserves, because the boys who are not particularly bright at English think that their articles will not be considered.

K. PURBRICK, 4A.

Sirs,

Why is the lighter side of school not shown in " COMPOTUS "? If we are to have lists of games results, why not put them in " IT "?

Articles will probably be much better if we are not forced to write them. Also, let us have some better illustrations and may be photographs of any important things happening in the school.

ANN PROUDFOOT, 4A.

From the Editors,

Every article is carefully considered by the Committee, who have widely differing tastes and opinions so that there cannot be any biased judgments.

We hope that you will see something of the lighter side of school in this edition of " COMPOTUS ". Also, as you can see, we have some photographs.

Where are these frustrated young writers? *We* have never had the pleasure of deciding whether their work is fit for "COMPOTUS", "IT" . . . or the waste paper basket!

Epilogue

School-Types

Stately English Master coming from the Staff room,
Rushing to his class in Drawing Office 2,
With his gown flowing wildly,
And an armful of note-books.
And perched on his head, a mortar-board askew.

Dainty little school-girl, tripping down the staircase,
Skipping in the play-ground on a hot summer's day.
With a comb and a mirror and a pretty frilly hanky,
Longing for the signal to start work for the day.

Dirty British School-boy, with ink-stained finger-nails,
Rushing through his homework to get out to play.
With a pocket full of peanuts, tin-tacks, chewing gum,
Water-pistols, catapults,
And marbles coloured gay.

M. NICHOLSON, 2A.