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COLLEGE OFFICERS

Summer Term, 1962

Senior Prefect—H. E. Gough.
Prefects and Group Leaders—P. B. Heppleston, J. M. Webb,
R. J. Parnell, C. C. Richardson.
Prefects—J. C. Malpass, L. de V. Wragg, G. S. Bartlett.
College Workman—R. J. Parnell,
‡Public Workman—T. Tucker.
Music Warden—P. B. Heppleston.
Music Librarian—D. G. Griffiths.
Choir Librarian—C. P. Maberley, R. J. Wood.
Q. P. Concerts—R. A. D. B. Laws.
Picture Man—J. R. Marshall.
Lamp Men—J. A. Goodborn, G. S. Bartlett.
Church Ushers—J. R. Marshall, J. C. Malpass.
Church Collections and Deck Chairs—A. J. Cattermole.
Stage Men—J. A. T. Goodborn, M. C. Jones, D. G. Griffiths,
J. Mitchison, S. Shellswell.
Notices Men—K. H. Stimson, A. J. Cattermole.
Librarians—P. B. Heppleston, S. Greenlaw, T. C. Bass, C. B. Stillwell,
D. Little.
Manual Foremen—K. H. Stimson, R. S. Lowe, J. Mitchison,
S. H. Shellswell.
‡Furniture Committee—D. A. N. Hogarth, N. Meakin.
‡ General Meeting Elections.

MEETING OFFICERS

Summer Term, 1962

Chairman—L. de V. Wragg.
Secretary—R. J. Hayes.
Games Captain—H. E. Gough.
Vice-Captain—T. G. W. Pettigrew.
Games Committee—P. B. Heppleston, C. B. Stillwell.
Boys' Banker—K. H. Stimson.

Meeting Banker—C. B. Stillwell.
 Senior Shopman—D. G. Griffiths.
 Shopmen—P. Little, W. T. G. Griffiths.
 House Committee Treasurer—C. G. Jefferies.
 Games Committee Treasurer—R. B. N. Bryant.
 Record Committee Treasurer—A. E. Pocock.
 Financial Advisory Committee—J. R. Marshall, K. A. Walker.
 Finance Committee—J. A. Hiscox, B. Pullen.
 Finance Committee Treasurer—J. F. Harris.
 Auditors—J. M. Webb, M. A. Gooding, R. A. Sewell.
 Entertainments Committee—R. C. Jones, T. Tucker, J. Mitchison,
 W. A. Laws, F. Bolton-King.
 Cycle Committee—R. A. D. B. Laws, R. J. Hayes, D. Burman.
 Classical Record Committee—L. de V. Wragg, T. C. Bass,
 A. D. Heppleston.
 Light Record Committee—J. T. Wood, S. Greenlaw.
 Amplifier Technicians—R. J. Parnell, J. R. A. Rawlings.
 Breakages Man—N. S. Whatmough.
 Paperman—M. B. Ogilive.
 Drying Room Committee—M. E. Stubbs, R. Thompson.
 Billiards Committee—J. C. Malpass, T. G. W. Pettigrew,
 D. J. Thomasson.
 Sledge Committee—C. G. Cattermole, S. D. Richards.
 Magazine Committee—J. C. Malpass, M. C. Jones, R. J. Hayes.
 Chairman of Groundstaff—D. J. Thomasson.
 Assistant Groundstaff—M. A. Gooding.
 Junior Groundstaff—S. H. Shellswell.
 Tennis Groundsman—R. S. Lowe.
 Junior Tennis Groundsman—L. A. Webb.
 Rugby Games Warden—D. Burman.
 Tennis Games Wardens—P. A. Trier, B. R. Ferguson.
 Cricket Games Wardens—R. J. Edy, S. H. Shellswell.
 Badminton Games Warden—B. R. Ferguson.
 Rugby Secretary—R. C. Jones.

Hockey Secretary, 1963—R. A. Sewell.

Cricket Secretary, 1962—D. J. Tovey.

The Council—K. A. Walker, T. C. Bass, H. E. Gough, L. de V. Wragg,
C. C. Richardson, P. B. Heppleston, I. M. Webb.

Rule Committee—C. B. Stillwell, K. A. Walker, C. J. Webb.

Nominations Committee—T. C. Bass, H. E. Gough, C. C. Richardson,
C. B. Stillwell, J. C. Malpass.

MEETING NOTES

Easter Term, 1962

The general meetings of this term were comparatively short, shorter than some have been in the past. There was, however, no absence of discussion, although more would not come amiss. The shop gave cause for debate as there had been a deficit at the end of last term and at the end of this. It was suggested that the Nominations Committee should consider carefully, as a precautionary measure, the ability of the nominees for shopmen. Also the maximum value of stock in the shop was in future to be £40, because £30 was held to be insufficient to maintain a large stock of confectionery and biscuits.

There was further discussion on the breakage of furniture and the maintenance of the new decorations. This eventually led to the reduction in the number serving on the Furniture Committee (which was to be a “major” office), and to the selection of a group of boys to repair furniture during Public Work. There was also some minor discussion on various points connected with playing fields; for instance on the purchase of a new marking-out machine for the groundsmen.

It was decided, after very little debate, that a Master in charge of Billiards was unnecessary and that the Billiards Committee was capable of supervising the test. It was similarly decided that the Constitutional Rules should be read to the Meeting as this had not been done during the past two years. This was carried out, and such minor alterations as were necessary were made during the reading.

It was impossible to arrange a date for a dance with any girls’ school and the Grand Dance, to which we were pleased to welcome several young ladies, was therefore held as previously.

It was suggested that any arrangements for dances with other schools should be made early next Autumn Term.

The Record Committees were asked to be more strict concerning the playing of the amplifier as members of the Meeting were using it with less consideration than they might. The Jazz Committee this term bought three records: A long-playing record (Volume II) of the Modern Jazz Quartet; a 45 r. p. m. record of Johnny Dankworth; and a 45 r. p. m. record of Jimmy Guiffre.

The Classical Record Committee intended to purchase a long-playing record of Verdi preludes and Rossini Overtures, a 10in. l.p. of Bizet's Symphony in C, and a long-playing record of some Wagner Overtures. Unfortunately, however, this last record was deleted from the list of those available, with the result that the Summer Term's Classical Record Committee would have an extra allowance.

The Headmaster attended virtually all the meetings and was very helpful when anything concerning the College arose.

THE PERIOD 1959-61

This was for Rendcomb a regency period between the long rule of Mr. D. W. Lee-Browne and the accession of our present Headmaster. During 1958 it was apparent to all in close contact with him that Mr. Lee-Browne was a sick man, although the full gravity was not realized until he went to hospital at the end of the year. There was in consequence a rapid increase in the responsibility falling on the shoulders of our senior master, Mr. J. C. James; during 1959 and 1960 he had to discharge most of the headmaster's duties and after Mr. Lee-Browne's death in August 1960 he agreed to remain acting headmaster until the new head was appointed and could take over.

The position of a regent is rarely an easy one and can be acutely frustrating: stop-gap programmes are the normal order and urgent decisions on long term policy must inevitably be postponed. Perhaps the highest tribute that can be paid to Mr. James' administrative skill and tact lies in the fact that the affairs of the College continued to run smoothly during this difficult period, while an enormous amount of preliminary work was done to clear the way for future development.

By the time Mr. James became acting headmaster there were

some major decisions which could no longer be delayed, the most important concerning the future size of Rendcomb. It was increasingly apparent that some measure of growth was essential to a continued healthy existence: Mr. James' work with the Governing Body in planning the shape of this expansion marks an important turning point in our history. Few were then in a position to appreciate the time and effort involved in this phase but it is satisfying to see the plan now gradually unfold. A smaller, but important, development which we owe to Mr. James' initiative was the reorganization of the catering arrangements: these had been becoming increasingly difficult, both administratively and economically.

This note is intended as an expression of indebtedness to Mr. James for his masterly direction of our affairs during a time of great stress. It must be added that he carried a heavy teaching timetable throughout, and it was particularly gratifying at the end to see an addition to his already formidable list of history scholars.

It would be unfair to conclude without some mention of Mrs. James' contribution during this period. With an already full teaching programme, she was faced with many additional demands on her time: these were always met with the quiet strength, patience and cheerfulness which we have come to associate with her. We should like her to realize how widely this was appreciated and how much it meant to our general well-being.

MISS C. M. SAVAGE

We learned recently with deep regret of the death of Miss C. M. Savage, for many years Headmaster's Secretary at the College.

Miss Savage left Rendcomb in the middle of the Summer Term 1961 during the period in which the College was undergoing considerable change. She left to take up a responsible position in her native Essex but we learned later that she had had a serious operation in hospital. The news of her death following so soon afterwards was a shock for all her many friends.

Miss Savage gave to the Headmaster and the school many years of service, always marked by the highest standards and by the exercise of a mature judgment. How much she did for the place only those who worked closely with her really know.

HEADMASTER'S SECRETARY

When Miss Savage, whose unexpected death is noted above, left us to take up another post during the Summer Term, 1961, the College was fortunate in obtaining the services of Mrs. Pressland, who was at one time Secretary to the Principal of the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester. Her kindly rule in the office has made her already very much a part of the College and we all appreciate the way in which she has taken over a difficult and exacting task.

SCHOOL NOTES

We welcome J. S. Godden and J. Marks who joined the College in the Easter and Summer Terms respectively.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Quick on the birth of their son, James Hugh Walter, on March 16th, 1962; and Mr. and Mrs. Knapp on the birth of a daughter, Fiona Jane, on April 14th, 1962.

We thank Mrs. Lee-Browne for giving a number of wigs to the Acting Cupboard.

We are most grateful to P. Cutts (O. R.) for presenting a lathe to the workshops, and to Miss Babington for a gift of books to the library.

J. M. Webb, T. G. W. Pettigrew and G. S. Bartlett were selected to attend the West of England Schoolboys' Hockey Tournament from April 10th-12th. Webb and Pettigrew played for Gloucestershire in all three matches, all of which were won by Gloucestershire. Bartlett played once for Gloucestershire and then was borrowed by Wiltshire for a further two matches.

Webb and Pettigrew were subsequently selected to play for the Tournament XI against the Somerset County side.

Webb was selected to play in the England Schoolboys' Trial at Beckenham on April 17th, and was then selected for the England Schoolboys' Team which played against Belgium and at the Folkestone Hockey Festival from April 20th-22nd, and against the Ireland and Wales Schoolboys' Teams on April 28th and 29th.

The new Green Meadow Race was run for the second time with the following results:

Senior Race: Although none of the senior running team

entered for this race, the entry and times were encouraging. 1st, E. Taylor, 15 mins. 34½ secs.; 2nd, N. S. Whatmough, 15 mins. 36 secs.; 3rd, C. J. Webb, 15 mins. 50 secs. (Record, D. A. N. Hogarth, 15 mins. 25 secs., in 1961.)

Junior Race: 1st, G. F. Smith, 18 mins. 0 secs.; 2nd, R. Thompson, 18 mins. 20 secs.; 3rd, C. Stevens, 19 mins. 45 secs. (Record, G. F. Smith, 17 mins. 4 secs., in 1961.)

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A lecture was given on March 7th by Capt. Gun Cunninghame entitled “The British India Steam Navigation Company,” and was illustrated by a film.

Other films shown at the College this term were: “I’m All Right, Jack,” “Oliver Twist” and “Northwest Frontier.”

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We are most grateful to Miss M. Bliss, Secretary of The Cheltenham Branch of The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers, for coming to instruct the boys in bell-ringing.

Bell-ringing in the Church was re-started this term.

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The VIth Form visited the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, on February 8th to see a performance of “Pygmalion” by Shaw.

On March 8th a party from Forms III to VI saw “Julius Caesar,” by Shakespeare, at the same theatre.

Members of the VIth Form attended a performance of Verdi’s “Requiem” in Gloucester Cathedral on March 14th.

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A Grand Dance, to which we welcomed a number of ladies, was held on March 17th, and on the last day of term, entertainment was provided by a modern jazz group.

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A handsome signboard in wood, for the purpose of directing visitors to the College, has been made by R. Verge and erected at the top of the village hill.

NEW CLASSROOMS AND STUDIES

The Governing Body has authorised an extension to the College. This will be built out from the main College Block on the first and second floors above the present wing containing the Drying Room, Pantries and Changing Rooms. It will consist of three classrooms looking North-West over the Manual and.

Swimming Pool, and about twenty rooms some of which will be used as study-bedrooms for senior boys, and others as studies for two or three boys each. These will face South-East. Building will begin either towards the end of the Summer Term or during the holidays.

HOCKEY REPORT. 1962

The hockey this year was of a high standard and, with no matches cancelled, the 1st XI enjoyed an unusually successful season. They were fortunate in having a good 2nd XI to play with and against. This, together with the valuable third game per week, did much to improve the general level of play and increase experience.

The 1st XI was strong in almost every quarter. After some trying work in the first two matches, the defence proved sound. At first clearing and re-positioning in defence were slow. These were, however, considerably improved. Throughout the season the defence played an attacking game, linking well with the forwards in attack and retreat. In the last seven matches it conceded only five goals.

The attack this year had speed, co-ordination and finishing power; it was very dangerous when it combined these, as is shown by the 41 goals scored in nine matches. At first the inside right position was in doubt, and this perhaps marred the smoothness of the line. However, once it was settled the inside trio worked well together and were able to make good use of the two wings. Emphasis was placed on an open, attacking game all the time.

On the whole, much was done to eliminate the two cardinal faults noted in last year's report: inability to anticipate events and lack of flexibility and accuracy in passing. Wider use of the scoop shot helped in the latter, and a number of players became quite proficient with it. Still greater speed with control and the further use of imagination to exploit weakness in an opponent should be our aim for next year.

Saturday, February 3rd

1st XI v. Dean Close "A" XI. Away. Lost 4-5.

This was an encouraging match for the beginning of the season. Playing for the first time on a hard pitch, we acquitted ourselves well against a side more used to the surface. R. J. Parnell, in goal, played well in general. The backs were too often standing square, thus making the through pass of the

opposing team more effective. The wing halves did not mark their wings closely enough and the forwards did not really swing the ball about. But at half-time the score was 1-1, T. G. W. Pettigrew having opened the scoring. After the interval Rendcomb pressed hard and scored two more goals through J. M. Webb at centre forward. Dean Close were enlivened by this and promptly scored two also. Rendcomb then went into the lead again through Webb, but Dean Close scored twice again to win. The result of this fast game was in doubt to the end.

Wednesday, February 7th

1st XI v. Bristol University 2nd XI. Home. Lost 4-5.

R. C. Jones was not played, C. C. Richardson taking his place at inside right and M. J. Bartlett being brought in at right half. The change was successful, though Richardson tended to play too defensively. The team as a whole did not play particularly well against their experienced opponents. The defence was rather slow, and marking was not close enough. The forward line, however, combined much better, with strong support from the left. Although circle play could have been sharper and harder, the inside trio got four goals, one each to Pettigrew and Richardson and two to Webb.

Saturday, February 10th

1st XI v. Bristol Grammar School. Home. Won 6-0.

Neither side played very well. Rendcomb's backs were still slow and stood square on occasions. It was fortunate that the Bristol attack was no stronger. The halves supported our attack well, though M. J. Bartlett at right half was rather slow. The forwards played quite well, especially the wings, P. B. Heppleston and C. B. Stillwell, and Pettigrew. After Webb had opened the score, a good follow up by Pettigrew put the score to 2-0. Webb then increased the lead to three. After the interval came three quick goals through Webb, Stillwell and Pettigrew. The first was a penalty goal awarded after a penalty bully. During the last ten minutes the Bristol play improved, but no score came.

Tuesday, February 13th

1st XI v. Cheltenham College. Away. Won 6-0.

Here Rendcomb played as a team. The defence settled down quickly, breaking up the Cheltenham attacks. They played well together, giving excellent support to the attack. The forward line worked well together, especially the inside trio. Playing

downhill in the first half, Rendcomb quickly took advantage of their opportunities, and Webb netted a loose ball. He quickly scored two more and Richardson made the score 4-0 following a free hit from the edge of the circle. A powerful shot from Webb made it 5-0 at half-time. In the second half, facing a strong sun, a considerable slope and a defence which was marking much more closely, Rendcomb scored only once. Cheltenham did not score, for they were now grimly defending, and play became rather scrappy towards the end.

Saturday, February 24th

1st XI v. Marlborough College 2nd XI. Away. Won 5-2.

Jones came back at inside right for this match and Richardson resumed his old position of right half. The defence again supported the attack well, but were often beaten by the opposing forwards. Closer marking would have stopped this. The forwards played very well though Jones, playing well in attack, was not back in defence as much as he should have been. The game started at a very fast pace and Rendcomb hit Marlborough in the first few minutes, Webb scoring from a follow-up of his own shot. A good forward movement ended in another goal by Webb before Marlborough scored in the corner of the goal. By half-time Webb had put the score to 3-1. In the second half Marlborough improved and scored their second goal; but by the final whistle Webb had scored twice more for Rendcomb, the last goal inspired by the arrival and support of the 2nd and Junior XIs! This was a fast and enjoyable game.

Wednesday, February 28th

1st XI v. Prince Henry's Grammar School, Evesham. Away.
Won 4-0.

In extremely cold, snowy conditions, both sides played scrappily, though Rendcomb had rather more finesse. It was something of a surprise for Rendcomb to be two goals up in a couple of minutes. Play continued to be bad until the last ten minutes, when Rendcomb started to play well. Pettigrew and Stillwell each scored to make it 4-0. It was unfortunate that Webb had an off-day.

Saturday, March 3rd

1st XI v. Monkton Coombe 2nd XI. Home. Won 4-0.

Rendcomb were definitely the better side and dominated She mid-field play. The defence was never tested but again

supported the attack confidently. It was only due to excellent play by the Monkton goal-keeper that Rendcomb were not more than three goals up at half-time. Two of these were scored by Webb and one by Heppleston from the left wing. It was unfortunate that at the end of the first half and for the whole of the second half heavy snow came down and settled. Under such conditions finishing power was small, and in a shortened second half the Monkton goal-keeper let in only one goal, from Webb. A higher score could have been expected under normal conditions.

Saturday, March 10th

1st XI v. King Edward's School, Bath. Away. Won 5-1.

On a very sticky pitch and playing downhill, Rendcomb did not move the ball fast enough to score in the first half, even though they had most of the play. At half-time, King Edward's were leading 1-0. After the interval Rendcomb recovered form and attacked continuously. Stillwell drove home a hard, well-placed shot, having sensibly cut in from the wing alone with the ball. All forwards played well, though there was too much offside. It was no real surprise when four more goals were scored in the second half, all through Webb. In the last ten minutes King Edward's put out more effort and worried the Rendcomb defence, but Parnell made some good saves to keep the score at 5-1.

Saturday, March 24th

1st XI v. Old Rendcombians. Home. Won 3-2.

On paper the Old Boys had indeed a very formidable attack, fast, skilled and really powerful in the circle. It was fortunate that it did not co-ordinate. The Old Boys' defence played better than was expected and did well to hold the College attack as much as they did. The College defence played soundly, though Parnell failed to cover a loose ball which R. A. Cockrell was glad to hit into the net with reversed stick, running up remarkably fast. The other Old Boys' goal was also the result of a breakaway by Cockrell at inside left, and at half-time the College were 1-2 down. However, they recovered in the second half and scored twice through Webb, the second time from a well taken short corner.

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R. J. Parnell played in goal the whole season and was, for the most part, unchallenged. He lacked experience in facing a lone opponent, and this cost a few goals. If he had been

more tested in matches, this aspect of his play would have undoubtedly improved. His timing and kicking were good, and he made several noteworthy saves.

The two backs for the season were G. S. Bartlett and R. A. Sewell. When they had become accustomed to playing together and had overcome a tendency to stand square, they were very reliable.

G. S. Bartlett, playing at right back, had improved greatly since last year. He had a powerful hit, his tackling was good and his speed enabled him to remedy mistakes. He played particularly well against Dean Close.

R. A. Sewell played at left back. His youth and lack of experience were sometimes a handicap; his main fault was slowness in clearing and re-positioning, though this improved tremendously towards the end of the season. His tackling became more reliable and his confidence and sense of timing became most impressive. He is a young player of great promise.

C. C. Richardson eventually played at right half, after leaving that position for a spell at inside right. As a forward he was very energetic and had a strong shot, but he is more at home as a half-back. At right half he was again tireless and an invaluable member of the side, even though the changing of position had somewhat unsettled his game.

H. E. Gough played as an attacking centre half and occasionally this meant that he had difficulty in re-tackling forwards. He distributed the ball and supported the attack well, even taking some shots himself! In defence his close marking cut off many an attack, and his strong hit was often a relief.

D. J. Tovey at left half was also apt at supporting the attack, using his cross-pass to good effect. His positioning, stopping and hitting of the ball were all reliable, though he was sometimes handicapped by lack of speed.

C. B. Stillwell played at right wing. He was not fast and his centering, though hard, was often too late. However, he put much effort into the game and through practice improved his shooting. He was rewarded with some good goals.

R. C. Jones played inside right for the first match and then again for the latter half of the season. His stickwork and short passing were good, but he rarely passed hard or soon enough. When he has learned to play a more open game and to take a fuller view of the field, he should be a very useful player.

J. M. Webb captained the side from the centre forward position. He has now almost entirely rid himself of his habit of keeping the ball too long at his own stick. His positioning, stickwork, timing and shooting were very good indeed, and his speed and sense of opportunity have increased. Apart from an occasional off-day he dominated the field, though the number of goals scored by the other forwards shows that he did not try to make it a one-man forward line. He is a very promising player, handicapped only by a slight tendency to temperament. As captain, he led the side extremely well; he knew when to rebuke and when to encourage, and his ability to view the field as a whole developed with the season. He was without question the best hockey captain the College has had for several years.

T. G. W. Pettigrew played at his last year's position of inside left. His stickwork, circle play and hitting power have all improved since last season. He combined well with the other forwards and was back in defence and up in attack when needed. He is another very promising player.

P. B. Heppleston again played on the left wing. Lack of practice affected his play somewhat at the beginning of the season. This overcome, he was a great asset to the side, being fast to chase the long pass. His centering was hard and well directed; his shot was also good, and he was unlucky to score only one goal.

M. J. Bartlett played at right half for three matches in the early part of the season. His stickwork and hitting were quite good, though he was often too casual in his play. At left back for the Second XI he was a sound player.

THE SECOND ELEVEN

Results:

February 24th: v. Marlborough College 3rd XI. Away. Lost 0-2.

February 28th: v. Prince Henry's G. S. 2nd XI. Away. Won 3-2.

March 3rd: v. Cheltenham College Colts. Away. Won 3-1.

March 21st: v. King's School, Sherborne 1st XI. Home. Won 4-0.

The Second XI this year was energetic and purposeful, and displayed considerable skill towards the end of the season. After failing, with a certain amount of bad luck, to score in their first match, they hit ten goals in the remaining three; this gives some proof of the efficacy of their attack, usually a weakness at this level.

While the whole team did well, J. R. Marshall, J. Mitchison, J. T. Wood, M. F. Ashe-Jones, T. Tucker and N. R. Meakin deserve special mention for the way they developed their game. Marshall's captancy was outstanding and more than once attracted favourable comment from our opponents.

THE UNDER FIFTEEN XI

Building a team from an age group whose numbers is so limited is never easy, nor was it this season. In the absence of competition for places in the team, some members seemed to grow complacent and to lack the will to develop their skill for its own sake.

Throughout the matches played it was all too frequently a case of the opposition being that degree quicker to possession of the ball, quicker in passing, and quicker in clearing when under pressure.

The match against Bristol Grammar School resulted in a win 4-2, despite our frequent failure to hit the ball with power.

Against King Edward's, Bath, a heavy loss, 8-0, was suffered. The opposing forward line was very fast, but without the weak clearances of the backs and some fatal lapses by the goalkeeper, the score need never have been so great.

The game against Monkton Combe was played under the worst of conditions, snow falling continuously. The narrow defeat, 2-3, could have been a win but for the leisurely clearances of the defence, which even the concerted exhortation of the spectators could not enliven.

Marlborough Colts did not give us the same lesson in hockey as they did last year, but still won comfortably, 4-0. Our forwards' effectiveness in mid-field and tendency to fade out before the goal was even more marked in this game, when the score might have been more even.

B. R. Ferguson played consistently well at centre half throughout the season, L. A. Webb developed into a useful inside forward and J. Schwarzmantel, as captain, always provided a fine example of hard, unrelenting play. It is to be hoped that the other members of the team will develop more vigour and keenness in the future.

RUNNING MATCH

It was decided to launch out into a new field of sport this term—that of competitive cross country running. The prime

reason for so doing was to introduce a sport which would cater for some of those whose qualities did not lie in the field of existing games.

The course was of four miles for the senior eight and three miles for the junior. The course for the seniors started as for the juniors, at the bottom of the back drive. At the top, the course turned hard left through the orchard, across a field to the road which leads to the games field. The course continued across to the pumping station, then up to the farm on the opposite side. Here it joined the track up to the Whiteway where it branched to the right along the road towards Kennel Bottom. At the first gate the route turned to the left and along the edge of Conigre Wood as far as the cottages. It continued across the drive and the river and then ran parallel to the river as far as the Cheltenham Bridge. The runners concluded by continuing up the Cheltenham Drive, turning left at the triangle and finishing at the entrance to the asphalt.

The only race, against Dean Close, was run on a fine day, and though both Rendcomb teams lost, a splendid effort by D. A. N. Hogarth brought 1st place in the senior race to Rendcomb. The results were, however, encouraging, and it is intended to continue these races in the future. The teams were:

First Eight: C. C. Richardson (captain), J. M. Webb, C. B. Stillwell, G. S. Bartlett, D. A. N. Hogarth, R. A. D. B. Laws, N. R. Meakin, D. G. Griffiths.

Junior Eight: N. S. Whatmough (captain), P. A. Trier, R. D. Dale, D. J. Henderson, L. A. Webb, M. B. Ogilvie, G. F. Smith, P. Little.

OLD BOYS' NOTES

John Gooding has been awarded a Fellowship for Russian Studies, sponsored by the English Speaking Union, at the University of Yale. He has also been awarded a British Council Studentship to the Soviet Union, tenable probably at Moscow University. This Studentship is for the study of Russian History. He is accepting the latter.

Dr. P. H. Tuft, of Edinburgh University, has been asked to give the Jenkinson Memorial lecture in Embryology at Oxford next year.