

### UNDER 14 XV

**T**HE under 14 team played nine matches during the season, winning only three. Although this is not an impressive record, certain players improved considerably as the season progressed, and the team has probably learnt a great deal from its losses. At this age level, the improvement of individual and team skills are essential, and this can only be achieved by a constructive approach, and with the correct attitude towards the basic fundamentals of the game. The season began well with a 10—5 win over Wellingborough G.S. but the team were very unfortunate to lose by 16 points to 18 against Daventry.

Only on two occasions were a full strength team able to play together, and on one of these occasions, the team gave its best display, when they beat Dunsmore G.S. by 11 points to 3.

The forwards were exceptionally light compared with some opposing packs; but they made up for this by being extremely mobile. The back row of Randall, Kelk and Shaw were very prominent and very often effective attacking movements derived from this trio. The back division found positive penetration very difficult, and many attacks broke down in mid-field due to indecision and the lack of straight running. Towards the end of the season, the forwards were able to appreciate that quality possession was essential, and they were prepared to play hard in both the rucks and mauls; with the result that they were able to produce 'good ball' to the backs from situations in loose play.

S. Adams proved to be a captain with the necessary qualities and both he and Randall were re-elected for the Under 14 Form Boys XV.

Colours were awarded to T. A. Lewis, D. R. Shaw, S. Adams, I. G. Randall, D. R. Underwood and P. R. Sharp.

### UNDER 13 XV

**T**HE Under 13 Team had an encouraging season. They played ten matches, won six, and lost four. The first four matches were won quite easily and although they lost the next three matches, the greatest difference of score was only six points. The team twice defeated Wellingborough Grammar School, and were also successful against Northampton Grammar School.

Several faults have yet to be eradicated, but the team has the capabilities to show potential in most aspects of the game. When they fully appreciate the fact that 'good ball' is just as important from loose play, as it is from the set pieces, the sooner they will

develop into a more complete team, playing as a unit, and not as a group of individuals. Some members of the team were under the impression that the 'big boot' was the only effective means of attack and that they were able to 'bulldoze' their way through an opponent, rather than turn into the tackle, and thus present the ball to another member of his own team enabling the attack to continue rather than break down the movement, and almost inevitably present the ball to the opposition. When the ball was allowed to move along the back division the results were very promising, and the team possessed a strong pair of running centres in Cave and Elston. At the base of the scrum and from the line out Howells proved to be a very versatile scrum half and on many occasions, he was able to make the half break before 'feeding' the ball to his backs who were able to make full use of the advantage gained. The forwards played well in the two separate phases of play which are peculiar to them, and Manning, Freeman, Sturgess, Coles and Kirby were often prominent, with the other forwards proving, that with further coaching they could mould themselves into a very formidable pack.

The team possesses the necessary qualities which if correctly applied, can produce positive Rugby, and with maximum effort and dedication towards the game, next season could prove to be very successful.

Colours were awarded to Kirby, Coles, Manning, Cave, Freeman and Howells.

### FIRST YEAR RUGBY FOOTBALL

FOR the first time in the school's history, there was an intake in September of 4 streams of boys, and this naturally made the task of selecting boys for the First Year Rugby Team much easier than in the past. The best went into the "A" team which beat Cherry Orchard twice, by 18 points to nil and 16 points to nil, and Northampton Grammar School twice, by 9 points to 5 and 22 points to 5. The team lost to Bective 8 points to 6, and in the return the last game of the season for them made amends by running a very exciting game by 1 try to nothing, the hero being Henley who crashed over from a run near the posts. The "B" team played 2 games drawing 0—0 with it's counterparts from the Grammar School and beating Cherry Orchard 12 points to nil.

#### "A" Team

Garoch, Hamer, Whittaker, Spanswick, White, Johnson, Mortimer, Gotch, Henley, McHugh, Welsh, Barber, Pendred, Hicking, Grinling.

## SOCCER, 1967-68

THIS season saw the introduction of a 1st and 2nd XI into inter-school soccer. Unfortunately successes in matches played have been few. This was obviously a result of deficiencies in skill and team-understanding and no doubt can be remedied by continued competitive soccer.

However, the school has not been without its representatives in Town and County games. R. McNamara, 5R, has been reserve for the Northamptonshire Grammar Schools under 15 XI and J. Deer 4S reserve for the Town Boys under 15 XI.

Results :—

|        |     | Goals |    |    |    |     |         |
|--------|-----|-------|----|----|----|-----|---------|
|        |     | P.    | W. | L. | D. | For | Against |
| 1st XI | ... | 7     | 1  | 5  | 1  | 7   | 28      |
| 2nd XI | ... | 8     | 1  | 6  | 1  | 8   | 32      |

P.A.F.

## FIRST XI CRICKET REPORT, 1967

THE 1967 season was a comparatively successful season for the School First XI. The team played nine matches and out of these it won 3, drew 4 and lost 2. Each of the 4 drawn games were moral victories for the school, as our batsmen scored reasonable totals in even fast times but we were cheated by last-wicket stands from the opposition. On the batting side there were some fine innings by Cosford, Crane and Hortin, with Cosford twice getting over the 50 mark. Fathers and Clarke were the chief wicket-takers but West turned in fine performances on the two occasions when he played.

In the 3 games which the team won against Northampton Grammar School, Royal Latin School, Buckingham and Kettering Grammar School, we really thrashed the opposition by setting big scores and then bowling them out quite cheaply. The two games which we lost were close and exciting especially the match against Magdalen College, Brackley. The school team was bowled out for 98 and then Brackley made a good start until our bowlers got on top. It was not until the last over that the last Brackley pair got the winning run. Ironically the other team to beat us was the school's "Old Boys", in another close exciting game.

For the first time the school had First XI cricket caps especially made. These were awarded to players who turned in good consistent performances and in the 1967 season they were awarded to Cosford, Crane and Sketchley. Finally, school colours were awarded to Sketchley, Cosford, Crane, Hortin and Fathers for good performances during the season.

R.S.

### UNDER 15 CRICKET, 1967

**I**N a year when there was so much talent in the 3rd and 4th year it is not surprising to have to record that the Northampton Schools Cricket League Champions were Trinity.

As is usual in this competition the result depended much upon the skill of the whole team, batsman, bowler and fielder alike. With the bat, none proved more successful than Cooke and Chapman, each scored more than 200 runs. McNamara proved erratic with both bat and ball. He was as likely to bowl out one man for twenty runs as to score the highest total for an innings as he did against Cliftonville (64 N.O.) Wright proved to be the most accurate of the bowlers, but Riches took the most wickets. In the field no one performed with more polish and verve than Blank.

The 3rd year boys who were called upon to play can take their satisfaction from their contribution too. Berridge and Rodwell were always reliable at the wicket, if not scoring runs at least holding their wicket intact.

1968 should see a repeat performance judging by the ever-rising quality of play.

Cooke, Chapman, Riches and Wright gained their colours and can be rightly proud of the distinction.

K.P.

### UNDER 13 CRICKET

**P**LAYED 11, Won 4, Lost 7.

Despite a poor looking record the team finished strongly to find themselves joint 6th in the school league. Two of these matches were very close indeed, the team losing by only 1 wicket. This just about summed up the luck of the team during the season. The most successful bowler was Avil who was only a first year. In the match against Moulton he took 9 wickets for 18 runs. The rest of the bowling was on the whole poor. The side relied too much on too few batsmen—Randell, Carmichael, Underwood and Watts as in previous years. Against St. Mary's though 6 wickets fell for 13 runs but Steele and Watts held the side together with an unbeaten stand of over 50 runs. Altogether five first formers played for the team.

Colours were awarded to: Carmichael, Randell and Underwood.

D.U.

### SWIMMING, 1967-68

S. Brown and G. Deeming won Butlin Shield Life-Saving Competition for Borough Schools.

J. Welstead equalled 1st place in the Curtis Cup Swimming Style Competition for Borough Schools.

### **Inter-Schools Gala**

School came 2nd to Northampton Grammar School.

Individual winners :—J. Wellsted (New Record 21.6 secs. for Butterfly), M. White.

Swimming colours awarded to :—J. Wellsted, G. Deeming, S. Brown, M. White, J. Hacon, H. Cooke.

### **Our 1967 School Gala**

As some senior boys had left school and others were on teaching practice in schools, no senior events were held, but a water polo match was held instead between the better swimmers of the second year. J. Wellsted set up two new records in the Back Stroke and Free Style. House Cup won by Mobbs.

J. Wellsted and M. White were selected to represent Northampton in the County Gala.

J. Wellsted was awarded his county colours for representing his county five times.

### **ATHLETICS, 1968**

**T**HE season opened with a triangular match with Northampton Grammar School and Banbury Grammar School. Although we did well in the field events we were well beaten on the track and we came third.

The athletics season is always a short one and to complete the events for our own Sports Day in July many events had to take place after school and during the dinner break.

The heats for the Inter-Schools were held in the evenings at various schools, the first four to qualify for the finals in field events and the first six to qualify in track events. Some of our athletes failed to turn up at the heats and so it is possible that some points were lost because no substitutes are allowed in this case.

Nevertheless, the school came 3rd in the Under 15 section and 2nd in the 15-17 section. The most notable performance by an individual athlete was undoubtedly that of C. Morgan in the 15-17 age group who beat the existing record of 5 ft. 1 inch in the high jump by 4 inches.

In the County Sports on Saturday, 15th June on the British Timken Ground, Paul Gill gained first place in the Senior Boys 100-Yards event and was also a member of the winning Senior Relay team. His time for the 100 yards was 10.1 sec. which was 0.4 sec. faster than his previous best. As a result of this and other outstanding performances, he has been selected to represent Northamptonshire in the 100-Yards and Relay events at the All-England Championships at Portsmouth on July 5th and 6th.

## **GIRLS' ATHLETICS, 1967-68**

**E**NTRIES for the Girls' Track and Field Events this year have been numerous, but generally not of a high standard. In the pre-Sports' Day events, which have included the field and hurdles events, only two existing records have been broken; Odette Boreham now holds the 13-15 years Long Jump Record and Suzanne de la Mare the 15-17 Discus Record.

Two Relay Teams, the Junior and the Senior, as well as three individuals, succeeded in getting through to the Finals of the Northampton Schools A.A. Meeting at the British Timken ground on Thursday, 30th May. The Junior Team, made up solely of 1st-Year girls, came 4th in their Final, while we are pleased to record that the Senior Team won theirs. This Team consisted of Virginia Allen, Odette Boreham, Donna Loffland and Jose Weir.

Virginia Allen and Odette Boreham repeated their individual successes of last year by winning their respective 100 yards Finals.

In the County Sports on Saturday, 15th June, Virginia Allen won the final of the 100 yards event in a time of 11.6 secs. This time was 0.4 sec. better than her previous personal fastest. As a result of this result she has been selected to represent Northamptonshire in the 100-Yards and Relay events at the All-England Schools Championships at Portsmouth on July 5th and 6th.

## **BOYS' HOCKEY FIRST XI**

**D**ESPITE some disappointment at the beginning of the season, marked by a 4—0 loss to an experienced Kettering Grammar School side, interest has steadily grown in boys' hockey. A high attendance has been maintained in the hockey club practices during the Friday lunch hour.

The climax of the season came when the 1st XI defeated Northampton Grammar School 3—2 in an exciting match at the Grammar School. D. Shadrach scored two fine goals and T. Boxford scored a third. We had previously lost to this team 2—0 at home, when house matches had forced us to field a weaker team.

With the prospect of a greater range of fixtures, and a more experienced side, we look forward to an even more successful season next year.

G.S. and V.P.W.

## **GIRLS' FIRST XI HOCKEY, 1967-68**

**T**HIS hockey season has been one of the best that the team has enjoyed for many years although the scores have fluctuated between losing to Corby Grammar School 9—1 and winning against Kingsthorpe Secondary Modern 9—0.

At Christmas the team suffered a bad set-back when the captain Marie Martin left school and it was no coincidence that the scores afterwards were not up to the previous standard. We welcomed Jane Medway and Ann Plowman at the beginning of the season and extend our thanks to Avril Bentley and Margaret Eves who have both been reliable players for the last few seasons.

S.C.



*GIRLS' SENIOR HOCKEY XI, 1967/68*

### **GIRLS' UNDER 15 XI HOCKEY REPORT, 1967-68**

Captain : V. Allen      Vice-Captain : M. Richards

**T**HE team comprised mainly of fourth formers with second years making up the rest of the team. The season began with intensive circuit training which proved most useful to all members. The team did not have so many matches as usual as the fixtures were arranged so that members of the First XI who were eligible could also play for the Under 15 team. The first match played was at home against Brackley High School which we won 1—0 and this was followed by a match against Corby which we drew 1—1. The last two matches were against Guilsborough Secondary Modern to whom we lost 0—5 and Kingsthorpe First XI with whom we drew 0—0. Colours were awarded to G. Newton, V. Allen and J. Brown.

## MIXED HOCKEY

ONCE the boys' had established a hockey team of their own, it was decided they should amalgamate with the girls' to form the first ever Trinity High School Mixed Hockey Team.

With Mr. Williams and Graham Shaw (Capt.) organising, the team played in three matches, one against Northampton Technical College and the remaining two against Wellingborough Technical Grammar School. Although the results were rather disparaging, the team enjoyed the games and were not in the least dejected after losing each match.

The difficulty of arranging fixtures arose because few schools in the vicinity have a mixed hockey team.

Next season should prove more successful with the team being more experienced and a greater number of schools partaking in fixtures.

J.M.

## GIRLS' NETBALL, 1967-68

OWING to few fixtures during the winter term and last minute cancellations of matches the Netball teams became discouraged and attendances at practices deteriorated and even the previous seasons successful U 14 (now U 15) lost enthusiasm. Both the other two teams have suffered from lack of practice. By Christmas the first years showed great promise and could develop into a very good team.

Colours awarded to Colleen Frence, Anne Mawby and Eudene Taylor all of the 1st year.

A.P.

## BOYS' SENIOR BASKETBALL

UNDER the guidance of Mr. Williams the Senior Basketball Club was formed early in October of last year. The team played 8 matches in all, 4 against the Technical College, 2 against Wellingborough Grammar School, 1 against Northampton Grammar School and 1 against Spencer Dragons "A". Although the team did not win a match, each game was enjoyed and the young side, who will be together again next year, with the exception of one player G. O'Farrell, gained much valuable experience. As the season wore on the team became more accustomed to the game and their play showed a marked improvement.

I would like to thank Messrs. Faulkner, O'Farrell, West, Crane, Sawford and Cooke for their staunch support throughout the season, and I am sure that the team will fare much better during next season.

D.C.



*BOYS' SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM, 1967/8*

### FENCING

**D**URING the past school year it was possible for the first time in the history of the school for senior pupils to take the opportunity of receiving fencing tuition from a professional fencing master during the weekly games periods on Wednesday afternoons. Initially the lessons were very well attended and the pupils gained sufficient skill in the art of fencing to compete in a fencing tournament against the Northampton Grammar School, which resulted in a draw. Unfortunately owing to an increase in the cost of lessons, which had to be paid for by the pupils themselves, the numbers attending the lessons gradually dwindled resulting in the lessons being discontinued sooner than was originally intended.

Perhaps during the coming school year it will be possible for some arrangements to be made to offset part of the cost of the tuition fees that has to be contributed by the pupils. It would also be beneficial if the senior girls in the school were encouraged, indeed allowed, to take advantage of these lessons.

The fencing group would like to express their thanks to Mr. Grimshaw for arranging these fencing lessons.

M. J. STOCK.

## BADMINTON CLUB

**M**EMBERSHIP of the Badminton Club tended to fluctuate considerably during the year, but sufficient enthusiasm was maintained to enable a team to be formed. After receiving a Challenge from Towcester Grammar School we defeated them twice. We lost to Northampton Technical College by a narrow margin, but our biggest surprise of the year was being defeated by the school staff by not such a narrow margin!

We would like to thank Mr. Williams and Miss Pettifer for their help and interest during the season.

R.H.

## CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

**T**HE Cross-Country Club began the season in September and two nights were set aside each week for training purposes. The Junior and Senior House Championships were held in November, and as usual, they were successful in arousing considerable interest throughout the school. In addition, several matches were arranged against other Grammar Schools and the school team made a good showing despite the calls on athletes from other sports teams within the school.

The season reached a climax in the spring when the school was represented in the Inter-Schools Championships, as a result of which several of our runners were selected to compete in the County Championships at Wellingborough.

Finally, it is to be hoped that interest will be maintained during the coming season, and that the season will be a successful one at all levels of competition.

T.C. and V.P.W.

## TENNIS

**T**OWARDS the end of the Spring Term a group of 1st year boys' received private coaching from Mr. E. E. Blincow. They were shown the basic fundamentals of stroke production and the qualities of ball sense, dexterity and co-ordination were emphasised. The boys' who wished to receive further tuition had the opportunity of attending coaching sessions at a private tennis club on Saturday mornings.

V.P.W.

## CYCLING PROFICIENCY TESTS

**I**N the past few years this school has built up a reputation for having a high pass rate in the Cyclist Proficiency Test and in 1967 won the shield for the highest percentage of passes in Northampton.

The pupils, first formers, were given a course of instruction over a period of four weeks and were then tested on the Highway Code, road sense and cycle maintenance.

The course was run by Mr. Clarke, who was assisted by Mr. Daly, Mr. H. D. Smith, Mr. Bamber, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Joy, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Frost, Mr. Austin, B. Wykes of 6L and C. Atkins of 6UM and a number of other sixth formers volunteered to help with the testing.

Mr. Clarke is running a course for first formers again this year and a high pass rate is again expected. Those helping this year are Mr. Brewer, Mr. Spence, Mr. Mahabir, Mr. Meakins, Mr. Austin, Mr. Joy, Mr. Williams, W. Rich and C. Atkins of 6UM and B. Wykes of 6R.

C.A.

## TRINITY OLD BOYS' R.F.C.

**I** 1967-1968 has been another very good season for the Trinity Old Boys' R.F.C. The club has gained in strength and reputation and at long last our 1st Team will be playing the 1st Teams of several other local clubs next season. This we regard as being a big step forward in our development. As we improve our fixture list so our playing records may suffer, but little enjoyment is derived from heaping huge scores upon other clubs 2nd and 3rd sides.

The most pleasurable games played this season, as always, were the closely fought victories, and sometimes defeats. Indeed we have found that too many weak fixtures lower our standard of play, and the Fixture Secretary is constantly looking for opportunities to improve our fixture list. On the other hand, too many defeats of the magnitude sustained against the Crusaders in the naturally undermine our confidence and could demoralise the team.

Next year we take another positive step towards better fixtures and anticipate another great season.

The biggest disappointment of 1967-1968 has been our inability to secure a Clubhouse. Many times our efforts have been frustrated after initial encouragement. However, the Committee faces the challenge with even greater determination and no opportunity will be overlooked in our search. Several avenues of expectation are being explored at the moment and any one of them could provide us with the chance we need.

The Club is very grateful for the support given it by the Colts' Captain Steve Gibbins who has put considerable energies into leading his side to it's best season to date. His task was made no easier by the fact that many eligible Colts' players have been selected for the second and particularly the 1st XV during the season. It is the general Policy of the Club to play lads under 19 in the Colts' XV, but several of the School Team are more than competent to play in the 1st XV and many have commanded regular places. Alan West has played very intelligently for the 1st XV, in the second row Trevor Crane had added more dash to the half-backs and Ron Lewis won the Club Player of the Year Award on the Right Wing. In addition R. Sketchley has proved to be a sound outside half and full back and Jeremy Raphael has played several games on the wing. These players have done more than their fair share towards helping the 1st Team towards a fine season, and it is to be hoped that other school players are spurred on by their achievements. Perhaps other school players will make the grade next season.

The second XV have returned another good record for 1967-68. Despite the fact that their elected captain often missed games because of business commitments they always rallied around their skipper for the day, and more than often took the honours. Possibly the saddest moment for the 2nd XV was the afternoon Kevin Dawes had his leg broken in mid season and it is with deep regret we have to report that he has not played again to date.

Playing records for the three teams read as follows :—

|        |     | P. | W. | L. | D. |
|--------|-----|----|----|----|----|
| 1st XV | ... | 37 | 26 | 10 | 1  |
| 2nd XV | ... | 29 | 18 | 11 | 0  |
| Colts  | ... | 25 | 18 | 6  | 1  |

Seven years have now passed since Mr. Wright and Mr. Grimshaw first called a meeting of 'Old Boys' in order to create the Trinity Old Boys' R.F.C. The Committee wishes to thank these two masters for their foresight and to wish Mr. F. C. Wright a long and happy retirement. In addition to being a founder member Mr. Wright has been a regular Vice-President and has always assisted the Club in its efforts to raise funds through Jumble Sales and similar schemes. Just as Mr. Wright will not detach himself from the Trinity High School altogether on his retirement, we hope he will never detach himself from the Club he helped to form.

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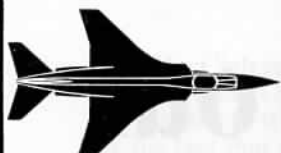
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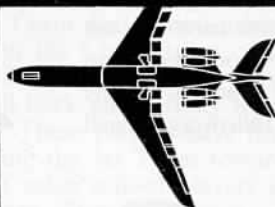
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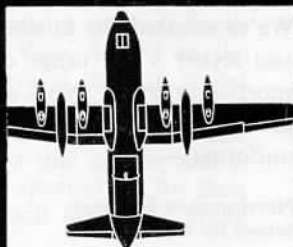
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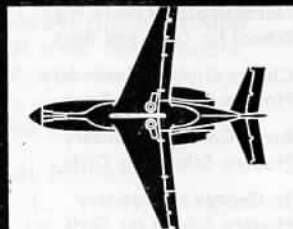
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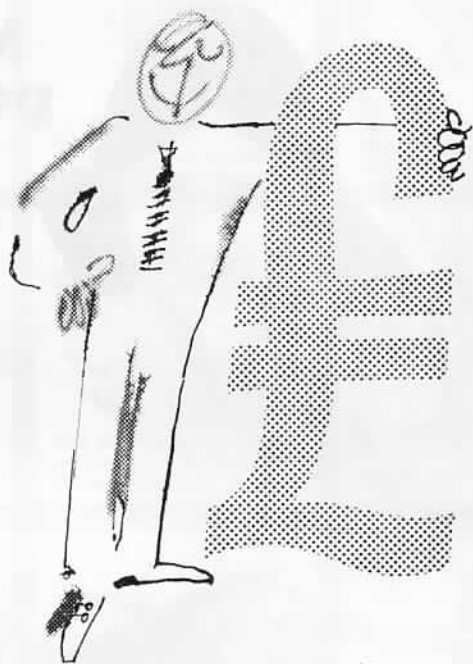
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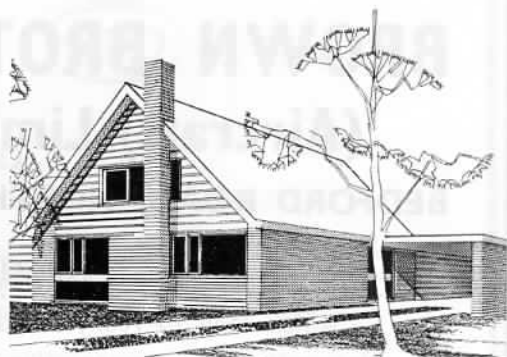
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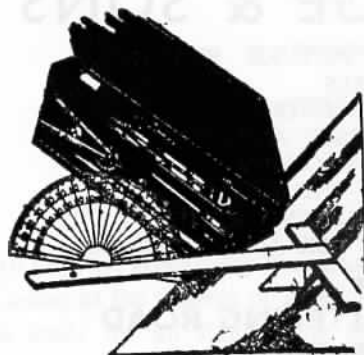
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