

SWIMMING 1970-1971

It has been an Education Committee ruling for some time that only the first year pupils of secondary schools should attend the Mounts Baths for swimming instruction, so that congestion is minimised and teaching made simpler. Since we no longer admit first year pupils we have lost these swimming periods altogether, and now the only pupils who go swimming are some 6th Form pupils during their games periods on Wednesday afternoons.

Despite the lack of facilities for swimming, therefore, it was pleasing to have so many entries from the 2nd, 3rd and 4th years for the House Championship. The numbers were such that heats had to be held, and the required number of the fastest swimmers went through to the finals on the 12th of February.

The standard of swimming was surprisingly good, and the following best performances were established:—

1 length breast (2nd year) : A. Pancoust, 26.4 secs.

1 length back (2nd year) : D. Billingham, 23.8 secs.

2 lengths back (16-18) : J. Wellsted, 48.5 secs.

1 length front crawl (2nd year) : D. Billingham, 20.1 secs.

2 lengths front crawl (16-18) : J. Wellsted, 39.4 secs.

1 length butterfly (14-16) : K. Andrews, 22.5 secs.

The following girls broke existing records:—

1 length breast (3rd and 4th years) : Fiona Wright, 26.2 secs.

1 length back crawl (3rd and 4th years) : Kathryn Parker, 26.2 secs.

1 length front crawl (3rd and 4th years) : Fiona Wright, 23.6 secs.

Relay (3rd and 4th years) : MOBBS, 1 min. 49.8 secs.

First in the Home Championship was Blakeman, with Mobbs second, Burghley third, and Kelvin fourth.

ATHLETICS (BOYS)

This Athletics season has been both a busy and successful one. It opened with a match against the Northampton Grammar School, in which we did not perform very well, but we more than made up for it as the season progressed.

First, to our own school Athletics. No less than 42 events for boys and girls were completed before Sports Day itself, during school-time where possible and during dinner breaks and after school.

Four new records were set up: the 17-20 Javelin by M. Curtis with 141ft. 2ins.; the 15-17 High Jump by R. Grinling of 5ft. 2ins.; the 100 metre Hurdles by S. Snook in 17.5 secs.; and the outstanding performance of all, the 35ft. 5½ins. triple jump by G. Catlin, which beat the long-standing previous record by nearly 3 feet. S. Spanswick equalled the previous best 15-17 100 metres time of 25.2 secs.

These events were spread over several weeks during warm, sunny weather but on Sports Day it rained most of the time and changes had to be made.

The tug-of-war event had to be abandoned, so the staff had no chance to prove, once again, their superiority in this event.

Despite poor conditions, however, four more new records were set up—G. Catlin with 12.8 secs. for the 100 metres; K. Dunlop with 2 mins. 26 secs. for the 800; J. Sharpe's 13.2 for the 75 metres Hurdles; and M. White's 122ft. 3ins. in the 15-17 Discus.

Mobbs won the House Cup and the Victor Ludenum Cup was won by A. O'Mahoney.

The Borough Sports

In the past, heats for the various events were held at different schools on different evenings, but this year all heats were held at Northampton Grammar School. To qualify, competitors had to be in the first six for track events, and in the first four for field events. The numbers who qualified showed that in the two age groups, Under 13 and 15-17, we would have a good chance of winning the boys' championships.

Under 13

I. Johnston—100 metres.

S. Nurser—200 metres.

G. Catlin—Triple Jump.

The Relay—I. Johnston, S. Nurser, G. Catlin, J. Sharpe.

Events which were completed as finals at Northampton Grammar School were Under-13 Hurdles in which J. Sharpe came second, and High Jump in which I. McIlhiney also came second. K. Dunlop in the 800 metres, went straight to the Finals as no heats were run for this event.

15-17

S. Spanswick—100 metres.

A. Whittaker—200 metres.

S. Snook—400 metres.

R. Grinling—High Jump.

N. Freeman—Javelin.

J. Wellsted—Discus.

Relay—S. Spanswick, B. Gotch, M. Healy, A. Whittaker.

The Hurdles were completed at Northampton Grammar School and A. Brinklow came first. D. Fiske went straight to 1500 metres final in which he came third.

As was expected, there were not many finalists in the Under 15 group, although K. Rich and A. Dun did well to qualify, as did the Relay team of I. Jones, R. Tomalin, M. Haynes and R. Gardner.

Results of the Borough Sports were that we won the Under 13 Section and came second in the 15-17 age group which is a very fine achievement.

As a result of their performances, eight boys were chosen to represent Northampton in the County Sports, and of these two came first; they were N. Freeman in the Javelin and G. Catlin with a personal best in the Under 15 Triple Jump of 37 feet 2 inches, although he is in an age group below.

Six Schools Meeting

In this meeting, which included Northampton Grammar School, Sponne School, Bugbrooke Comprehensive, Cherry Orchard, Daventry and ourselves, we again did extremely well in winning the Under 13 Section and the Fourth Year Section.

G. C. GRIMSHAW.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

1st XI

All the fixtures except the Junior County Trials at the beginning of the season and the Tournament at the end were mid-week games because so many people work on Saturdays.

Games played 12: Won 3, Drew 4, Lost 5.

Under 15 Hockey

The Under 15 Hockey Team had a fairly good season. The play had improved considerably from the season before. The team consists of five third years and six fourth years. Susan Hollis played well in goal. Angela Coleman and Eudene Taylor, left inner and centre-forward respectively, were the major goal scorers.

Colours were awarded to Karen Saunderson, Angela Coleman, and Tricia Heyworth.

Record: Played 10, Won 4, Lost 4, Drew 2.

KAREN SAUNDERSON.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Despite the lack of local opposition, Trinity girls' team hold a good position in the Maid Marian League which stages games at R.A.F. Spitalgate, Lincoln.

Three local meetings with Abington Vale have resulted in three convincing wins: 50-6, 38-0 and 86-6. A match against N.S.G. also resulted in a win: 70-12.

In the league matches at Spitalgate we played Clifton Nottingham twice, losing 10-3 in the first match, but overwhelming the opposition by 32-4 in the second. Two matches against Scunthorpe resulted in one win each, 24-16 to Trinity and 14-13 to Scunthorpe. A friendly against first division side, Pola Decca ended with Pola Decca winning by the margin of one point: 14-13. This was an excellent result considering that Trinity are in the second division.

However, the best result of the season was a magnificent win over first division side Kirk Hallan. Trinity played their best basketball of the season and truly disrupted Kirk Hallan's "fast break" style of play. The score was 26-17.

As a result of lack of local girls' teams Trinity played a Cherry Orchard Boys' team and won 22-18, an excellent result over a taller side who had come to beat us not too harshly.

The leading scorers so far this season are:—

Sue White—64 points.

Eudene Taylor—62 points.

Not only do Trinity play in the Maid Marian League, but we are also to represent the county in a Women's County Championship on July 11th at Nottingham.

Played 11, Won 8, Lost 3.

Points: For 384, Against 120.

WENDY WARWICK.

GIRLS' ATHLETICS 1970

This was the most thrilling part of the girls' P.E. last year and brought a rewarding climax for our enthusiastic athletes.

Although we could not manage to enter a complete team for the Town Schools' Sports, we did gain five first places, one second, two thirds and a fourth place which put us into second place overall, with 40 points.

As a result of this, five juniors and five seniors were chosen to represent the town, in the County Schools' Sports:

Juniors

200 metres—Karen Saunderson.

100 metres—Colleen French.

800 metres—Patricia Hayworth.

High jump—Eudene Taylor.

Long jump—Christine Berton.

Seniors

100 metres—Virginia Allen.

200 metres—Jackie Brown.

Hurdles—Janet Gulliford.

Discus—Sue Smith.

Discus—Kathie Hamp.

Here, two of our juniors gained a first and second place, and were thus selected to represent Northamptonshire (and of course—Trinity) in the All England Schools' Athletic Championships. They were Patricia Hayworth and Colleen French, who did extremely well to gain sixth and fifth places respectively in their heats, against such a high standard of competitors.

MARY WALKER.

SOCCER CLUB

Throughout the Winter and Spring terms the TGS soccer club met regularly on a Friday evening. Boys from the lower school, of varying soccer ability, played team games against each other in an enthusiastic and good-humoured manner and clearly welcomed this opportunity to display their skills, or lack of them, with the round ball.

R. NEWTON.

A TRINITY FIRST



John Pragnell and Paul McKernan who have just been presented with the Timpson Sailing Trophy. This, the major prize of the season, was won by Trinity for the first time against opposition from Northampton Town and County.

SAILING CLUB

(Affiliated to the National School's Association and the Royal Yachting Association)

On any day of the week members of the Sailing Club are to be found crewing the fleet of Cadet, G.P., Mirror and Lark dinghies at Pitsford Reservoir.

In September 1970, the club attained its first major success, when John Pragnell and Paul McKernan won the Timpson Trophy, at Pitsford, against opposition from Northampton Town and County.

In December 1970, Unit III R, one of the Club's dinghies, won the Sunday Points Trophy, presented by the Northampton Sailing Club.

Now in our third season at Pitsford, the majority of our thirty-seven active members have become competent helmsmen, and since they are also in the Middle School, success in future regattas for both individual and team racing appears very bright.

E.J.W.

BADMINTON

During the winter the Badminton Club was fairly well attended on Friday evenings. Several new members from the juniors came and seemed quite enthusiastic about the sport.

Unfortunately, our three major players belong to other clubs in the town and, therefore, no serious matches were played. However, we have had many enjoyable sessions in the hall.

It is a pity the school facilities for Badminton are not more satisfactory, and when this year's 6 Upper leaves in the summer, the future of Badminton as an active sport in this school is not very hopeful.

W.B. (6UM).

SQUASH 1970-71

Throughout the past school year twelve upper-sixth formers have been travelling regularly, on a Friday afternoon, to play squash at East Haddon Squash Club.

The two main events of our year were The Wrathall Trophy and the match against Northampton Grammar School, both held towards the end of the season.

Mr. G. Wrathall, owner of the club, presented the trophy to the group, to be competed for in a knock-out competition, which was eventually won by D. Berridge who beat D. Rickards in the final.

In the match against Northampton Grammar School, the team, consisting of D. Berridge, G. Rowe, M. Curtis, W. Beer and D. Rickards, displayed great strength and superiority over their opponents, by beating them by four matches to one.

We would like to thank Miss Lazenby for her invaluable assistance and coaching throughout the season, and also Mr. G. Wrathall for his encouragement and interest in our game.

GAVIN ROWE (6U.M.).

6th FORM VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The Volleyball Club was started at the beginning of the academic year, and met on Monday evenings and Friday dinner times at the College of Technology sports hall.

Initially, the club found it hard to gain support, but now membership is increasing and the standard of play improving. It is hoped that next year a girls' team will be established as well. Our thanks go to Mr. Sykes for his considerate help in promoting the club.

D.J.S., P.D.W.



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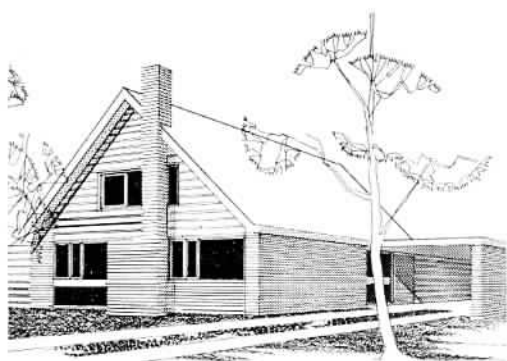
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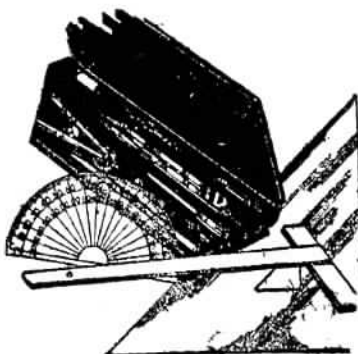
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