

Barrow

House Masters : Mr. Sutton, Mr. Mills,
Mr. Sapsford, Mr. Sayer

House Captain : D. Bishop

The beginning of the year saw the commencement of the 'House Football Competition'. Naturally enough the best house (Barrow), didn't win. L. R. D. Simmons and A. R. Murray were joint house captains at the beginning of the year and felt in a slightly strange position, as Barrow House were no longer 'Cock House'. This was the first time Barrow had lost the title in six years. It would seem that this loss of the 'Cock House' title by Barrow is to be continued, unfortunately, this year. Barrow are expected to win everything, are regarded as the better of the four houses, and so it comes as a great shock if we do not win everything going.

The time has come to realise that Barrow can no longer win everything. Even so Barrow have had, compared to most houses, a typically successful year. In the football competition the senior team only managed one win, the juniors also only winning once. For the seniors Carden and Grimwade did well and thanks are due to Yetman for running the junior team. The Chess competition in the Autumn Term showed Barrow's strength. The seniors won all their matches, the juniors won one, drew one and lost one. The Chess was continued in the Spring Term, G. Jakimavicius took over the captaincy of the Chess team from A. R. Murray and thanks are due to him, the seniors won one, drew one and lost one, the juniors won one and lost two.

The Hockey competition saw a weakness in Barrow's armoury. The juniors lost all their matches, the seniors won two and lost one, the seniors deserved greater luck in their third match, and congratulations are due to Yelland for services on the hockey field, and to Ford for running the junior team, however unsuccessfully.

The Cross-Country competition showed Barrow's true greatness. The first year competition was won by Barrow (jointly with another house) with Penny and White coming second and third respectively. In the second year competition, Barrow were third with Ashworth coming home fourth. The third year team came second overall, with Newbury coming second individually. The fourth year team unfortunately came last, for all Wood's efforts in coming second. The senior team did best of all Barrow's runners by being clear winners, with Grimwade doing very well and winning the event.

The Cricket competition once more showed Barrow's strength with the senior team winning all of their matches with ease. The junior team won one, drew one, and lost one, consequently through some strange scoring fluke, for all the supremacy of the senior team, Swale won the cricket competition. Thanks are due to Kite, Wilkins, and Simmance from the senior team and to Yetman once again for running the juniors.

The next event on the sporting agenda was the swimming in which Barrow traditionally came last. Naturally enough we didn't win, but some effort was visible. Penney looks a good prospect, and great thanks are due to Crick who showed devotion above and beyond the call of duty!

Finally the Athletics competition came about. Barrow were expected to win but unfortunately we lost to School by three points. Great thanks however are due to our two 'Kent' stars, Carden, for organising the events in my absence, and to Woods who gave some splendid performances. No doubt Barrow will win several competitions next year, but don't expect them to win everything, they're only human!

D. BISHOP

Borden

House Masters : Mr. Young, Mr. Hearn,
Mr. Ladds, Mr. Kitchen

House Captain : J. P. Wyver

I suppose overall it would turn out to be a fairly good year for Borden House, although not quite so good as the last two. This is probably due to the fact that the seniors are few in number and are thus lacking in ability. The juniors showed great potential and often did very well at sports, although they generally lacked discipline.

One of the biggest surprises of the year was that Borden won the football shield. This was mainly because we fielded full teams, and also the individual efforts of Johnstone for the seniors and of Chapman captaining the juniors.

Chess was disappointing this year, as we have won the shield for the last two years. We came third, mainly due to lack of ability in the juniors.

We did however excel ourselves in hockey. The juniors under the able captaincy of Chapman again easily beat their opponents, and the seniors put out able and willing teams, which did not contain any regular 1st XI players, but still won all three games.

Hales and Johnstone have to be mentioned for their individual efforts in the cross-country. However the overall results were poor due to 'injuries' (?) and lack of effort.

The House was third in the Swimming Gala, although at one point it appeared we would win. However we were not too far behind the leaders.

Cricket was a disappointment. Both juniors and seniors had ample ability but seemed totally lacking in spirit, and so the results were not as good as they might have been.

This year athletic standards were introduced into the house system and Borden obtained more standards than any other house. However, Sports Day for the house was a flop. We came fourth out of four, not winning a single cup.

Special thanks to Frank Penfold for organising the house team this year and also to Johnstone and Beach for their individual efforts in the long distance running.

The year started off with victories for Borden House, but in the last term these became few and far between, and Borden appear to have lost the chance to be 'Cock House' this year.

Many thanks especially to Dave Weller, who being the only other House Prefect, had a lot of work to do, and also to Mr. Young who has taken over as Senior House Master this year. He appears to be very enthusiastic about the house; I only hope that the boys follow his example in future years.

School

House Masters : Mr. Macrae, Mr. Flowers,
Mr. Howell, Mr. Cole

House Captain : M. Collier

The house started the year with only the Work Shield and now at the time of writing we are still first in the school work, swimming and athletics shields, all of which are rare achievements for the house.