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IVth Form Cross Country

JSR writes: An unusually mild afternoon in mid-October was the scene of the annual whole-year IV form cross-country race. The course, baked solid by September's Indian summer promised some fast times, and the competition did not disappoint.

Cubitt, as is becoming common, dominated with four boys out of the first ten finishers. Breaking up this monotony of green and gold was the whippet-like

Alex Tracey, finishing a glorious 8th in a time of 14 minutes dead.

Teamwork has always been one of several East House mottos, and this was borne out by the next few minutes of action. A cloud of blue shirts swept onto the horizon, charging towards the line as if one—bit by bit the boys took shape as they approached the end and indeed, East had 12 runners placed between 16th and 33rd. The final few East boys trudged across the line, every

one of them a hero, and everyone finishing within 20 minutes.

Overall East came 2nd behind Cubitt, a terrific effort by all the boys.



East!!!

IV Form Basketball—victorious!!!

Max La Fosse writes: The 4th form East basketball campaign started with a thrilling game against Loveday, the team with height but not the co-ordination. Just before half time Max La Fosse made a break down the wing and gave it to Jerrick Carne who scored a brilliant 3 pointer. We went into half time 5-3 up. The second half remained even when a shot from Harvey Jackson rolled around the rim but didn't quite go in. Then Loveday powered through and scored a 2 pointer to make the score 5-5. But we quickly got one back through Harvey, 7-5. There was only one minute left and East were hanging on as Harry Eamey waltzed through and passed it to Alex Jefferies, who scored a beaut of a 3 pointer from the sideline on the buzzer as East triumphed.

We started well against Cubitt in the

final taking an early lead, but then Cubitt scored a three pointer to make it 4-3 to East at half time. The second half was far more exciting – it was 10-9 to East with five minutes left. The tension was rising as East tried to close out the game but Cubitt scored a 2 pointer with 2 minutes left – 11-10 to Cubitt. We desperately needed a score. The ball fell to Jerrick who was outside the D but he went for the three pointer. Cubitt were helpless as the ball flew through the air and straight threw the hoop. Everyone went crazy and East were victorious!



Junior Water-polo

James McGuire writes: In the semi-final we played against North, and dominated with a 3-0 win - Will Mounsey scored all three, all of them were outstanding with some brilliant set ups by George Black and Ollie Hill. Great saves by Will Rollings and some strong defending by Max La Fosse and Tom White saw us through. In the final we lost a narrow defeat to Loveday 3-2. At the start of the game we were in control with a 2-0 but then Loveday scored three lucky goals. We would all like to say thank you for Matt Cope for coaching us.

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Matrons' Thoughts

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! from both Jenny & Sue

Just one note—Medication:

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Farewell Peter Maitland!

From the House staff: It has been another fantastic term in East House. The new 4th form have settled in wonderfully well, whilst the UVith form have provided some excellent leadership. All combined, this has meant a happy House from start to finish.

This newsletter is supposed to give you just a flavour of all the activities the boys get up to in the name of the House. Space constraints dictate that some events have been omitted, but the sheer range of events included, from rugby to fives, and dance to public speaking, illustrate the opportunities that the House system offers boys.

As pleasing as any successes in competition is the level of support the boys offer each other. East consistently boast the largest and loudest crowd of supporters, indicative of the fantastic spirit that exists at present.

This term has seen some change in the House with Jon Ross taking over from Peter Maitland as Day Warden. Peter is leaving the UK almost as soon as term finishes to marry his fiancé Emma, and to begin a new life in her native New Zealand. A wonderful evening of entertainment was held to mark his departure, and the impact he has had on the boys in the House since his arrival in 2003 was evident.

It was inspiring for all involved to be present at this evening of such great spirit, and a reminder of how the school must continue to strive to develop boys personally as well as academically. I firmly believe we are doing this successfully in East.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for all your support over the term? Regular communication makes a massive difference to our ability to care for the boys effectively. Can I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year?

JSR writes: A wonderful evening in honour of the departing Mr Peter Maitland was held in "The Ship" near the end of this term.

"Maitland's Got Talent" included a vast variety of acts, from the excellent harp-plucking of Rowan von Sprecklesen, to the rock-god in waiting guitar playing of Alex Tracey, to the nightmare inducing dancing of Knox, Mockford, Kato, and Dean (although the choreography had some merit!). Charlie Cope, Oli Metcalfe and Giles treated the house to soothing melodies, and Bruno Broughton a stirring solo, whilst the UVI day boys presented a marvellous skit, re-enacting happy times from their days in the former day residence.



Speeches followed. Henry Wilson led the tributes exclaiming that "there is not a single person in East who has not felt the warm glow of Maitland's radiant personality", and declaring that East had lost not only a teacher but a friend. Barely a dry eye was left in the House when Henry observed: "his wide frame is the flattering carriage required to support the substantial burden of his noble heart"

And in an East Heartbeat, we wished him good luck and farewell!



East!!!

House Fives

Ollie Sexton writes:

The junior Fives team was made up of three pairs, as usual. Will Rollings and Will Mounsey were the first pair; Harry Eamey and Harvey Jackson the second; and Ollie Sexton and Freddie Banks the third. East played North in the first round and whitewashed them 3-0! In the final, we played Cubitt and had a narrow victory by 2-1, with only Ollie and Freddie narrowly losing out in what was a fiercely fought contest. So East are Junior Fives champions!

Michael Haynes writes: We had every right to be confident going into the senior House Fives this year: we had the two captains of the sport and many fine athletes to back them up. However, our plans backfired when our House Captain failed a concussion test despite not being concussed (he was unable to name the months in a year backwards)! This meant Langmead was unable to play against Cubitt. Going up against Cubitt was Haynes, Knox, Adolphus, Seymour, Rollings and super-sub Gus Powell; despite this excellent line up and some epic chanting from the ever-present East Support (which had to be stopped as it was disturbing a meeting 500m away) we still lost to Cubitt 2-1. Going into the 3rd-4th playoff we saw the return of the Captain, Will Langmead; this put us in prime position to beat North 3-0 and left us all wondering what could have been if we had been at our full strength.



6th Form football

Ed Seymour writes: Another Michaelmas term, another Monday night football competition, this year was no exception to the proud 6th form tradition, seeing moments of magic, controversy, rib crunching tackles and of course Arctic conditions. The star studded East team won all three of their matches, scoring eight and conceding only one, some inspired individual performances saw goals of world class quality! Mike Haynes proved to be a rock in goal with excessively flamboyant saves that particularly in the 1-0 scalping of Loveday proved the difference on the night. In the heart of the East defence Mr Humes and Mr Ross and their no nonsense defending turned out to be too big an obstacle to overcome. Elsewhere on the field performances from Charlie Cope, Jonnie Russell, Henry Lee (who's debatably unintentional goal from outside the area sparked pandemonium in the stands), as well as Mike Mockford and Will

Dean all ensured that the self proclaimed competition favourites came out victorious. However perhaps the most important part of the team was the support, which flooded down every Monday drowning out opposition chants and spurring the players on to glory: on behalf of all the players, the support was much appreciated! Congratulations to Morgan Fletcher the competition's top goal scorer, his superior aerial ability was just too much for the opposition defence to handle, and thank you to all the staff who gave up their Monday evenings to referee the games as I'm sure everyone will agree it was a huge suc-



House Challenge

Michael Dolman writes: This year the East House General Knowledge team consisted of Henry Wilson, Will Stillwell, Angus Cameron-Blackie and Michael Dolman. After having got dressed in the traditional East way, and having some brain power snacks we headed over with trepidation to the Akhmedov Lecture Theatre. We had been given a bye due to last year's success and we then faced a strong Cubitt side. Although having a bad start the juniors managed to pick up all three junior starters, but this wasn't enough to match the strong ability of the Cubitt seniors. We lost 320-270.



Senior Squash

Alex Knox writes: The House squash this year had mixed results. In the semi-final we started our campaign with a match against bitter rivals Cubitt. However we were plagued by injury and lost two of our strongest players Harry Adolphus and Christian Jason. Despite Josh Wise heroically being called up at late notice and a passionate effort by Michael Haynes, Cubitt proved to be too strong and they managed to edge out the victory. In the play off East, fuelled by the previous defeat, conquered North with a never die attitude that epitomises the East spirit. Special mention goes to Sam Thompson for a thrilling and inspiring win against Max Brown. On victory he collapsed to the floor in tears of happiness shouting, 'I can't believe I did it.' The rest of the rubbers followed similar suit and we came out winning 4-1, taking a well respected 3rd place. The team included Will Langmead, Giles Rozier-Pamplin, Mike Haynes, Chris Jason, Sam Thompson, Josh Wise and myself.



Public Speaking Competition

Mike Mockford writes: It was the Greek storyteller, Homer, who once declared: 'But when he liberated that great voice from his chest, and poured out words like the snows of winter, there was no man, no man alive who could compete with him'. Upon this quote, East House chose to base their motion, 'The importance of public speaking', a highly suitable topic we thought, considering as we were partaking in the prestigious House public speaking competition. Our Chairman, the illustrious Charlie Cope presented a humorous foreword to lighten the mood after North's six minute romp on the topic, 'Why the holocaust was wrong!' There was not a single dry eye in the audience after Charlie's introduction leaving the audience to eat out the palm of my hand. However this proved not to be the case. I had the enviable task of being sandwiched between the two Charlies and from the judges I was hoping to gain such critical acclaim like 'the best thing since sliced bread or a gift from Zeus himself'. The reality was a feeble 'good'.

The fresh faced Charlie Moulton delivered a speech of which Martin Luther King would have been happy to call his own and as a consequence he won best vote of thanks.

By being too controversial and perhaps too flamboyant, we came a mediocre second.

Bruno Broughton writes: The Junior Public Speaking team consisted of Bruno Broughton as the 'Chairman,' Will Yeeles as the Main Speaker and Alex Jeffries as the 'Vote of Thanks.' We knew that we had a huge chance of winning after East won the inaugural event last year, with Will and Bruno in the team. Will, as main speaker, decided to speak on his favourite country, Canada.

After inspiration from Henry Wilson, we entered the Akhmedov Lecture Theatre feeling confident. We went first and the whole thing flowed extremely well, and we were very pleased with ourselves. As the Cubitt team, then South went, we were very happy with how well we had done compared to these houses. At the interval, the supporters swapped over and in came North, West and Loveday.

House Rugby

Henry Lee writes: The view of a man with mud on his face, cuts on his legs and in some cases a swollen head was the comforting and reminding sight of 11 seniors dressed in the blue and yellow of east stepping forth onto St Andrews to commence in battle. We started against a strong Cubitt team, However we started well securing the restart – Cubitt's strength turned into points but our heads never dropped. Leading from the front was Morgan Fletcher making tackle after tackle, even losing one of his family jewels as a result, and we got points on the board with a great run from the man himself. Soon into the second half Harry Rudd was knocked out by a knee to the head, so we played the remainder with 9 men. We lost 19-12. Our second match was against North, it was 9 aside and this was a much more competitive match, Adolphus started with a great chip and chase to open the scoring. Soon Seb (protein) Sharpe

was running round the defence and under the posts. Blurts was the symbol of East: fighting valiantly, but ultimately never reaching heights destined to reach. The third-fourth playoff was a sevens touch match to prevent injuries against Loveday. The result was never in doubt (we got slaughtered) but as Oedipus once said 'it is the taking part that counts.'

Will Yeeles writes: In the Junior section "the lights" were looking strong on paper, but due to injury and illness were severely weakened. They came across Loveday in the 3rd/4th playoff having lost their first two matches and won 35-25! Top try scorer was James Wootten who scored 4 tries and captain was Charlie Adorian. The A's offered good performances, beating Loveday. In the 3rd/4th playoff, we overcame Cubitt 15-7. Top try scorer, and captain was Bruno Broughton.

"The heavies" B's started their campaign strongly with a victory over Cubitt

Loveday went and we still believed we were better than them. Then came West, who had a good team and after their speech, a few nerves and doubts entered our heads. They were very good. Then North went, who also were excellent, and so we knew it was going to be a battle for the win. The individual prizes were announced first, with the best Chair, the Best Speaker, and the best vote of thanks. I was delighted to receive the best vote of thanks, but what really mattered was the main winners. The best speaker was Millie Sullivan, West, LVth, and the best vote of thanks went to Will Stocks, North, LVth. We knew that this would be a close call, and when East were announced 3rd, we were pleased and annoyed. Although 3rd is a respectable place, we felt we could have won. North was announced in 2nd place, leaving West victorious.

Robert Ingersoll once said this about losing, "The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart." In East we say that 'we was robbed'!!!

40-5, but a strong North team beat East 25-0 and defeat to Loveday followed. We played Cubitt for 3rd and superbly won 20-10. Top try scorer and captain was Will Jenkins. The A's had lost Henry Lamont to concussion but still dominated the competition. They beat a strong Cubitt 24-19 and then North 21-12, before a 12-12 draw against Loveday. We were distraught to lose to Cubitt 21-12 in the final. Top Try scorer was Hugo McCallister. We were captained by Oli Millward.



IV Form Dance & Partsong

Harvey Jackson writes: To the 4th form, House dance must have seemed a lifetime ago. However I am sure most if not all of the 4th form would reminisce on it with fond memories. The dance itself was performed to "Church" by T-Pain, a song probably not that familiar to the parents, or the House staff! The weeks of learning and practising in Butts seemed to go on forever but little did we know that we were creating a master class, as well as getting to know each other really well. The day of the performance arrived and we were as pumped up as if we were playing rugby not prancing round a stage. The performances went extremely well and after some heavy chanting the results were announced. It emerged that we came 3rd but as I am sure all the East boys and south girls will say "we was robbed". Thank you to Charlie Cope, Harry Rudd, Amber

Milne and Ella Dorman for choreographing the dance and for putting up with us.

Oli Metcalfe writes: The House Part song this year was "Used to Love U" by John Legend. House members turned up in numbers to audition and after selecting a group of East's elite singers (almost the whole House) rehearsals began. Between epic sing-alongs, unexpected distractions from Toby Quarendon and missions to disrupt Cubitt's practices we managed to get some singing of our own done. After a lot of very hard work it was time for the performance and we sang better than we had done ever before. Unfortunately we finished outside the top two, but only thanks to some very questionable judging.

