



LOVEDAY NEWSLETTER
LENT 2010

HOUSEMASTERS SUMMARY

With the term now in its final week, looking back and reflecting on the time since January it has been another incredible term. With the greatest volume of snow I have seen at Cranleigh in my 15 years at the school, there were times when 'cabin fever' set in amongst the boys. It is very interesting that on the first day, snow ball fights and the usual child-like thrill of 'proper snow' fills us all. The battle for Loveday hill with North I have to concede was not great and must admit that for the second year in a row, the full frontal assault by our lowly neighbours was more than we could defend. Fast forward another 24hrs though and the grumbling about the fact that Astros were out of commission and having to stay in after Prep due to the 'Health and Safety police' of Griffiths and McConnell-Wood was starting to take effect. Boarding Houses can cope with most things, but 24hrs usage by 100 13-18yr olds for 2 weeks took its toll on Loveday and everyone was relieved when the first sessions started in earnest in an attempt to put the hockey seasons for all back on track. Amongst all the winter wonderland frolics was sandwiched the modules, which this year finished well into February. With the results now being published, there were few surprises and the L6th and U6th now know what is required of them if they are to hit their academic aims over the next few months. It is a sobering thought that if the U6th were to work throughout all the remaining teaching weeks every single lesson and prep time they would have about 48hrs left before they have finished their school careers. Something well worth thinking about as in real terms this is such a short amount of time but if used properly will pay enormous

dividends. The U5th will have to settle to some serious revision over the Easter period - never an easy task but one that needs to be done.

Outside the academic sphere the House appears to have stepped back from its period of total dominance of all competitions and although there is just one competition still to go the number of losses in the final we have suffered this term has been rather disappointing. Having said that the way in which we have played and contributed has been first class and the trophy cabinet could always do with losing 'a little bit of weight'. The second half of term was always going to be one that disappeared at an incredible pace. There are some in the House that I feel have been on the road for the entire term and the strength of the Hockey in the School this year has been astonishing. There is no doubt that come Friday 19th we will be delivering some very tired boys back to you. The highlight for many in the last 4 weeks will undoubtedly have been 'Fiddler' and those who were lucky enough to have seen it and performed in it have managed to experience something which continues to make Cranleigh the great place that it is. With public exams looming for 3 year groups as well as the one exam for the L5th in RS not too far away either, striking that infamous balance between rest and work will be necessary. I hope everyone has a good Easter, returns ready to face the challenges that the Summer term will inevitably bring and just a reminder to watch out for the House music evening, which, weather permitting, will take place in the Quad in Loveday. As I always say, if you know anyone with a spare million or two who might wish to donate a retractable glass roof for the Quad I

know there are 100+ boys and staff who would be enormously appreciative of having this wonderful area all year round! Happy Easter and don't forget the appropriate length haircuts on return and don't bother with the excuses of 'my hair always goes that colour in the sun' - it's rather past its sell by date!

Chris Staley



House Cross Country:

We went into this competition feeling confident in both juniors and seniors. The juniors had to run 2 miles around the school with 39 competitors entering. The junior team consisted of Ed Spencer, Charlie Bowen, Tom Church, Jonathan Pike, James Steffens, Ed Roberts, Tom Farrelly, Angus Young, George Bryden and Nathan Thorpe. We all ran well managing to achieve 6 places within the top 15, (1st, 3rd, 6th, 8th, 12th, and 14th). Special Mentions go to Charlie Bowen taking 3rd, Angus Young taking 6th, Ed Roberts taking 8th and Tom Church taking last place who's efforts and commitments were truly noticed, nice work Churchy! Due to good effort from everyone who ran in the juniors we ended up winning. Thanks boys.

The seniors was a much different story, they had to run 3.8 miles around the school which was near to double what the juniors faced. We entered 10 of our finest runners to face the seniors' course; there was some committed running from Peers Lyle and Jack Cohen who both came in 11th and 13th. Without any runners in the top ten things were not looking very bright for us and although we did come last the mood was kept high and the effort was appreciated. Thanks

go to everyone who competed and everyone who came and supported.
Ed Spencer



Senior House Water polo:

Loveday went into the competition as 'underdogs', with a team consisting of mainly UV players, in an UVI competition. We played Cubitt in the first round, and easily won 7-0, with James Cordy-Redden scoring a hat trick. Advancing to the finals, we played North where we narrowly lost 2-1. Despite losing, this was an encouraging result for us, as we had a far younger team, and it should be an easy victory next year. Special mentions should go to Jon Downing for exceptional keeping.

Ben Steffens

House Chess:

As last year's winners, we went into the competition with a good feeling, but there was a possible sense of loss with the absence of Scarrott. In the first round Loveday had a brilliant opening start with a 3-2 win over North with Ali Young, Stokes and Rose winning their games. With the second game and a loss of 6th form, we took quite a battering and drew with Cubitt. With a return of the 6th form in the final round we still couldn't pull a victory with Rose and Lehrter winning their games. Overall, we came a not so glorious third but special mentions should go to the Young brothers and Lehrter. Stokes should also be mentioned for simply being too rubbish to turn up to one match entirely!

Andy Rose

U6th Leavers Dinner:

On Friday the 5th of March all of the UVI got together with parents and tutors to have a curry night in the dining hall, in what was truly a great night. Having had drinks, then main part of the night was kicked off with Andrew Rose laying out the formant that the evening would take. We then had the well...interesting...attempt of Sam Leach reciting his best Latin grace! The meal took the form of a buffet, with the curry going down very well, especially as the drinks were free. This gave the evening a lively atmosphere as all those not driving home that day were making the most of the opportunity! After the meal came the long awaited speeches. First to talk was Mr Staley with a few words on each of the UVI, ranging from random events to obvious obsessions! The final part of the evening was rounded off with a speech from Peers Lyle, summing up the great time that we have all had over a last 5 years at Cranleigh, along with the thanks that were definitely appropriate! It was an absolutely great evening, and I imagine all the Juniors will be thoroughly looking forward to when it is their turn!

Jon Downing



Senior House Football:

We came into the tournament with a comparatively strong team. Our first match was against East, certainly the strongest opponents, and after leading the first half, we fell short of our expectations, finally loosing 4-1. In the second match we were pitched against Cubitt who we dispatched 1-0, in a dominating performance. Overall, we came a respectable 3rd, but fun was had by all!

Sam Young

House Debating:

Having lost during a semi-final last year, we began at the bottom of the heap, facing East in our first match. With a team comprised of myself, Sam Barrett, Christian Round and Peers Lyle for support, the possibility of victory over East seemed quite difficult, however thanks to the ambiguity of their argument, we defeated them nicely. A special mention should go to Christian who managed to demolish Henry Wilson, East's champion debater, when he was so rudely interrupted mid-argument. Our victory, however, was soon halted by a strong North team and an absurd motion that saw us arguing that celebrities should not involve themselves in charity work. Well done to those guys in it and to those who contributed to the floor debate.

Will Graham-Rack

Junior House Challenge:

The Loveday team, consisting of Henry Graham-Rack, Christian Round, Nat Mcaleese-Park and Ed Stokes, demolished a not up to scratch west team without breaking a sweat putting us through to the semi-final against a strong Cubitt team. A toe to toe battle of wits where both teams could have taken the advantage, Cubitt needed the last question to tie the contest however they failed to do so and Loveday advanced to the final by 680 points – 670. In the final waiting for us was North under the command of Pete Thompson who did not fail to know the dates of every King and Queen in Britain or Any capital city in the world and in a match breaking the 1000 point barrier yet again North triumphed despite the efforts of Nat and Christian.

Senior House Hockey:

As in previous years, the Loveday senior boys entered the senior house hockey as firm underdogs. However, unlike the past in which we have caused huge upsets, this year we came 3rd. Things didn't go well from the start with North scoring in 30 seconds helped somewhat by our lack of a keeper. Despite the early set back we fought back hard with H equalising to hold on for a 1-1 draw. In the 2nd match against a strong Cubitt side we

scrapped hard, dogged in defence, to hold on for a 0-0 draw. However the final match against East proved our undoing and we lost 3-0 despite Harvey picking up an aerial and rampaging down the wing to nearly score the goal of the tournament.

Duncan Allan

Charity Weekend:

Once again Loveday charity weekend was a success with the boys and staff bowling Saturday night with some surprisingly high

scores from Chris Lehrter closely followed by CNS with five strikes in a row!!

On Sunday for the second year in a row we had a great turn out with over 250 parents, friends and dogs joining us for the annual 10km walk. Bobs bacon butties started the day off well and with a large amount raised for local charities and the Haiti campaign. A big thank you to everyone to everyone that took part.

Colours Lent term 2010

Socks:

C.Stapley, E.Akhmedov, G.Bryden, C.Kane, N.McAleese-Park, P.Morris

Half Colours (small patch)

T.Harpur, J.Round, A.Young, S.Barrett, T.Church, E.Spencer, M.Smith,
J.Evans, J.Dobson, M.von der Heyde, C.Bowen, F.Shearer, E.Mundy, G.Munday

Full (patch)

O. Davies, E.Stokes, E.Howden,

Tie

W.Graham-Rack

