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# MILTON HIGH SCHOOL



*Here is no ancient pile all stained and scarred  
By centuries of rain and blasting storm,  
Yet in the few short years since thou wast born,  
No backward look thy spreading fame has marred.  
Forth went thy sons when jealous races warred,  
Died at Latema, and 'mid Flanders corn.  
While Achi Baba grim and battle worn  
O'er Milton graves eternally keeps guard.  
Proud was the man whose noble name you bear  
Could he behold the inmates of your walls.  
O'er half a continent thy summons calls  
Fathers to place their sons in Milton's care.  
Throughout this land thy cry rings loud and long,  
"Oh quit yourselves like men, Be strong, be strong!"*

N.D.H. SPICER

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**STAFF 1983**

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Mrs. S. Rowland, Mrs. E. Ashby, Mrs. J. Evans, Miss P. Kinsella.

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Mr. A. Thomas, Mrs. J. Rochester, Miss E. Bortolan, Mrs. J. Hoal, Mr. C. Hawkins, Mr. M. Herring.

# Headmaster's Message

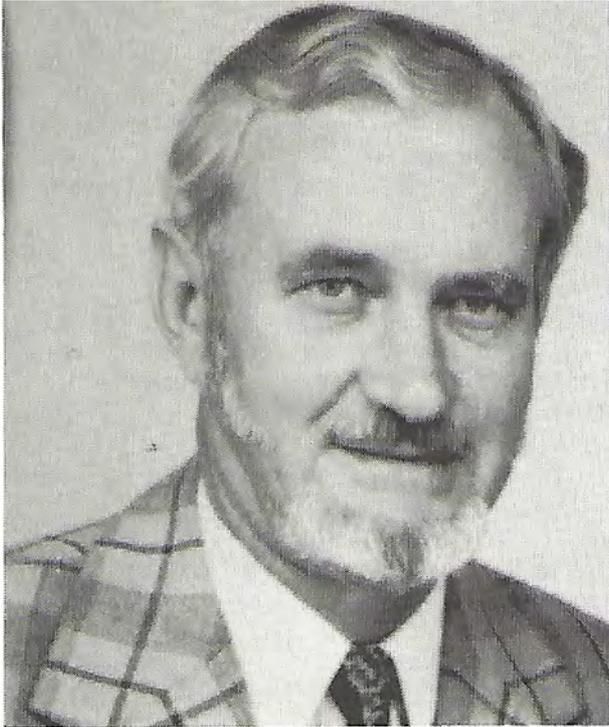
The popular historian, Sir Arthur Bryant, writing in 'The Illustrated London News' said, "Everything that was educative and enduring in medieval Britain was the legacy of the Christian church and its creed of creative love. . . . the most formative part of Britain's long history was that in which the national consciousness of its rival and quarrelling peoples grew out of the Christian faith. History suggests that the normal political state of human society, as it evolved from the family and tribe, was either anarchy or despotism: either the kind of existence in which there was continual fear and danger of violent death, or an authority brutally imposed on the weak by the strong. Out of Christ's teaching arose a higher option for mankind: the creation of law and order and personal freedom through the exercise of Christian love . . . the rock on which the church on earth rested was that love and trust between Christians were capable of creating islands of mutual endeavour and happiness which could mirror that greater and timeless happiness to be found through faith in the heaven to come . . . Where Christian monks and missionaries made their settlements and lived and worked together in amity they were able to achieve advances — in agriculture, in the arts and ways of living and, above all, social and political organisation — advances impossible in societies torn by perpetual strife, fear and mutual destruction.

I have quoted extensively from Sir Arthur Bryant's article, because I firmly believe that schools such as Milton can be 'islands' of the kind that Sir Arthur refers to, and it is only by the creation and preservation of such harmonious islands based on the solid rock of Christian principles and of sound teaching that Zimbabwe can hope to go forward in peace and prosperity.

E. ANDERSEN

## TRIBUTES TO STAFF

### *MR. J.J. DE WET*



Just over 24 years ago I was posted to U.B.H.S. — a school that then had a justifiably very high reputation (almost as good as Milton in fact!) — and one of the members of staff who had been there for two years already was Jac De Wet.

As a newly-married man I had furnished my home with a packing case — table and a couple of deck chairs, and when Jac and Yda kindly invited Claire and me to their home, I was most impressed by the beautiful furniture and fittings I saw. I was even more impressed when I learnt that these were all Jac's own work.

He is a superb craftsman, and the quality of his work has to be seen to be believed. It is therefore, all the more amazing that Jac has remained a dedicated schoolmaster, spending 26½ years with the Ministry and achieving such very good results in the public examinations with his Afrikaans pupils. I am convinced that had he gone into the furniture making business he would by now have been a very wealthy man, something that no schoolmaster can ever hope to be!

Jac has now served Milton loyally for 14½ years, and amongst other things I know that we shall miss at our staff meeting Jac's dry humour and penetrating remarks which so often have restored sense and sensibility into our discussions.

Yes, we shall miss him in many ways, but we cannot deny that he goes into a very well-earned retirement, and we wish both him and Yda all of the best for the future.

### *MRS. J.E. HOAL*



If I may now peer even further back into the mists of time — nearly 32 years ago — I arrive at University and bump into one of nature's gentlemen — Peter Hoal. And how appropriate it was when I came to Milton to find Pete married to one of nature's gentlewomen:

Judy, another dedicated teacher, has served Milton loyally for 23 years and 2 terms, and what a pleasure it has been to have her on the staff; whether it has been teaching her class, arranging flowers, organising play costumes, playing the piano for assemblies or dealing with the 100 Club (of which I am sure more later) and many other things one could be certain of 100% efficiency.

One was also in no doubt that the very high standards which Judy set herself, she expected from all around her. I am reminded of the visit to Milton a year or so ago of the English Dragons Rugby Team. The lads, having practised on our field and finding our winter a little warm, were strolling back through the school with their shirts slung over their shoulders, when Judy met them. She said a few words about standards, the shirts went back on, and the Dragons commented that they had been "out-dragoned"! There was and is, however, nothing draconian about Judy, and her ready sympathy and assistance were always available to those in need.

Devotion and dedication to duty perhaps sound a little old-fashioned, but there are some things that are never out of fashion, some things that should always be remembered, and we shall remember Judy with gratitude for all that she has done during her years here, and we wish her and Peter every happiness in the future.

E. ANDERSEN,  
Headmaster.

## Milton Award 1983



### **GRANT URIS SALOMON**

Grant came to Milton in 1977. He wrote 'O' Level in November 1981 and passed seven subjects; he passed two 'M' Level subjects in 1982 and this year writes 'A' Level.

He played for the 1st Soccer XI for three years and was awarded Soccer Colours in 1981. In 1982 he switched to the other football code — Rugby — and, with his skills as a ball player immediately evident, became a member of the top group and played a number of games for the 1st XI. He has also played 1st XI cricket for three years and has developed into a useful all-rounder; this year he is captain of the 1st. XI.

In addition, Grant has played an active part in dramatics while at Milton, appearing in both School and House plays and he has been a useful member of the Toastmasters' Club.

As Head Boy and Head of Borrow House he has led by example and displayed outstanding loyalty to the school; his gentlemanly approach and great integrity have earned him the respect of all whilst his natural charm and always well-dressed appearance create an excellent impression. His all-round contribution to the life of Milton is clearly apparent.

It is therefore with pleasure that I present him with a 1983 Milton Award.



### **GAVIN ROY STEPHENS**

Gavin came to Milton in 1978. He wrote 'O' Level in November, 1981 and passed eight subjects; he passed his three 'M' Level subjects well in 1982 and is expected to do equally well at 'A' Level.

He has played for the 1st. Hockey XI for three years and this year is its captain; last year he was selected for the Matabeleland Schools 'B' team and this year for the 'A' team. He has also been a regular member of the 1st. Tennis team and has proved himself an able and determined cross-country runner.

He has played a very active role in the life of the school and his total commitment to it has been clearly apparent. His ability to organise has led to his shouldering considerable responsibility with conspicuous success. He was the producer of this year's successful and entertaining Borrow House play and is a leading member of the Toastmasters' Club.

As a House and School Prefect he combines an always well-mannered approach with firmness and he has won the respect of staff and pupils alike. His invariable politeness and neat personal appearance are an excellent advertisement for the school and his loyalty and all-round contribution to Milton are clearly apparent.

It is therefore with pleasure that I present him with a 1983 Milton Award.

# Academic Honours 1982/83

<i>Form</i>	<i>Form Prizes</i>	<i>Effort Prizes</i>
1A1	M. Nixon	R. Ruzungunde
1A2	S. Naik	M. Patel
1B1	L. Siphambili	E. Levendale
1B2	A. Chigwada	B. Khumalo
1B3	T. Choto	G. Manyumbu
1B4	J. Ncube	
1B5	C. Manyithi	T. Mawunga
1B6		J. de Sousa
2A1	J. Paradza	C. Rix/N. Vlahakis
2A2	M. Valela	D. Douglas
2B1	F. Ngwenya	P. Kurete/K. Matzikidze
2B2	C. Woodend	A. Kachidza
2B3	K. Muringari	
2B4	D. Wood	
2B5	I. Jassat	S. Adams
3A1	Q. Khumalo	G. Steinbach
3A2	R. Pessina	
3B1	C. Chidikwindi	D. Viljoen/J. Gumbo
3B2	M. Hwehwe	C. Sibanda
3A3	J. Patel	P. Nieuwenhuis (Hulbert)
3A4	D. Barker	L. Bhenvu
4A1	C. Kleinhans	R. Edwards
	S. Lewin	
4A2	J. Vaughan	A. Coleman
4B1	S. Kutesera	
4B2	C. Ferreira	G. Nyatsambo
	D. Magura	
4B3	E. Hiripis	
4B4	C. Keyser	P. Swanepoel
5B1	D. Fisher	F. Maponga
5B2	S. Moyo	P. Akeroyd

## 'O' LEVEL PRIZES — 1982

*Timothy England Prize for Biology* — S. Langford  
*A.D. Campbell Memorial Prize for English* — N. Gubbay  
*School Council Prize for Geography* — N. Gubbay  
*School Council Prize for History* — A. Probert  
*Trevor Harris Prize for Mathematics* — N. Gubbay  
*Barnet Smith prize for the Best Performance at 'O' Level* — N. Gubbay

## SUBJECT PRIZES

### Forms 4A/5B:

*Biology* — S. Lewin  
*Commerce* — D. Patel  
*French* — R. Edwards  
*Geography* — S. Lewin  
*Mathematics* — C. Kleinhans  
*Afrikaans* — C. Kleinhans  
*English* — S. Lewin  
*General Science* — A. Mitchell  
*History* — S. Lewin  
*Physics with Chemistry* — C. Kleinhans  
*The Jack Avery Prize for Art* — L. Henry

## SIXTH FORM PRIZES

<b>Lower VI</b>	<b>Upper VI</b>
..... <i>Biology</i>	..... D. Gammon
D. Ndlovu ..... <i>Chemistry</i>	..... R. Spits/ B. Chicksen
N. Gubbay ..... <i>Economics</i>	..... P. Chigiji
N. Gubbay ..... <i>English</i>	..... S. Parkes
..... <i>Geography</i>	..... A. Haynes
A. Probert ..... <i>History</i>	..... G. Naude/ S. Parkes/G. Stephens
N. Gubbay ..... <i>Mathematics</i>	..... R. Spits
N. Gubbay ..... <i>Physics</i>	..... R. Spits

## A.E.B. 'A' LEVEL RESULTS November 1982

- 3 Passes** — A.R. Barker (A—Physics); G.J. Biles; R.H. Dando; R. Doolabh (A—Physics); S. Gilhooly (+ 'S' Level English); M. Hendry (A—English + 'S' Level English); U.K. Jinabhai; T. Mandondo; S. Mhlanga; K. Naik (A—Physics); I.R. Parsons (+ 'S' Level Biology); A.K. Semu (A—Physics); Z.M. Sibanda (A—Chemistry); E.M. van Ryneveld (A—Geography + 'S' Level History); J.J. Ward.
- 2 Passes** — D.R. Bloch (+ 'S' Level English); C.R. Faasen; C.D. Hardman; J. Laxmidas; C. Naik; V.M. Ncengani; V.L. Ndhlovu; R.T. Palcich; I.H. Petker; K.V.J. Wilson.
- 1 Pass** — D. Brenner; P.T. Dzere; R.S. Feigenbaum; G.D. Hardman; B.M. Husband; H. Matemera; C. Meares; V. Mehta; S. Mhlanga; E.M. Msipa; K.L. Peters; O.H.U. von Kalckstein; G.B. Wallace.

## A.E.B. 'M' LEVEL RESULTS November 1982

- 4 Passes** — R.A. Catterall; D.B. Gammon (Mathematics, Biology, Physics); A.R. Haynes; A. Khan; M.K. Lutz (Mathematics, Physics); C.E. Miller (Mathematics, Physics); R.J.B. Nash; U. Parshotam; P.G. Pilosoff (Mathematics, Physics); R.A. Spits (Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry).
- 3 Passes** — S.H. Borlase (Physics); M. Bozongwana (Mathematics); D. Brenner (English, Mathematics); J.M. Chirwa; J.M.E. Correia; G.A. Cunard; R.S. Feigenbaum (Mathematics); C.M. Naude (History); D.J. Place; R.C. Scott; G.R. Stephens (English); D. Sutherland-Macleod; F.F. Takawira; M.F. Taylor.
- 2 Passes** — G.A. Appleton; J.S. Greyling (Afrikaans); B. Gwata; A. Madananga; S. Nkala; D.E. Reutsche; G.U. Salomon.
- 1 Pass** — P.T. Chigiji; N.P. Dempsey; N. Desai; K.S. Dube; A.I. Ferguson; C.D. Hardman; G.D. Hardman; M.C.C. Hill; B.M. Husband; E.T. Kachasu; G.S. Kendall; G.N. Livesey; J. Marimo; H. Matemera; T. Matshazi; K. Mavunga; S. Mhlanga; R.K. Moyo; R.I. Neal; B. Nyandoro; K. Panditji; S. Patel; I.H. Petker; P.J. Scarrott; L.R. Simbanegavi; G.B. Wallace; M.L. Watson.

(Subjects in parentheses indicate that student gained distinction.)

## ORDINARY LEVEL PASSES

November 1982

- 9 Passes — S. Bloomhill (2); N. Gubbay (8); G. Simoya; K. Tailor (1); R. Taylor (5); D. Waddy.
- 8 Passes — D. Andrews (3); M. Bloch (5); B. Bokma (4); P. Iliakis (1); M. Lieberman (1); R. Pattison; E. Petrou.
- 7 Passes — S. Dassat (1); S. Davies (1); A. Gondo (3); B. Hughes (2); S. Langford (4); M. Moyo; K. Naidoo; S. Nair (2); B. Nkomo (1); B. O'Callaghan (1); N. Peel; A. Probert (1); R. Ramasamy (3); N. Rix (1); M. Sakalis (1); M. Simon (1); H. Ziemkendorf (1).
- 6 Passes — W. Dakers (2); C. Damerell (1); D. Gouws (3); C. Kleinans (1); J. Ogden (1); G. Lutz; T. Mukoma (4); V. Nothnagel (1).
- 5 Passes — A. Broughton; J. de Azevedo; R. Gage (1); A. Gregory; P. Hensman (1); A. Minnaar (1); M. Smout; B. Watson; R. Young (1).
- 4 Passes — Q. Armstrong; R. Bernstein; C. Braccioli; G. Duberley; E. Green (1); G. Johnson; P. Joubert; L. Mabena (1); G. Morris (1).
- 3 Passes — S. Bisset; F. Ebrahim; L. Henry; K. Johnson; B. Mienie; A. Mitchell (2); S. Patel; N. Pollard; B. Sellars; M. Walmsley.
- 2 Passes — T. Bartels; M. Bhaga; V. Bhagat; V. Bhakta; P. Brustolon; J. Dunn; A. Gaibie; M. Jassat; S. Joolaway; S. McTiernan; C. Roelofse; O. Slater; W. Snyman (1); S. Venn; R. Watson; T. Wild; C. Wright-Ingles.
- 1 Pass — P. Akeroyd; B. Clegg; A. Fayd'herbe; A.I. Ferguson; M. Goremucheche; D. Haynes; B. Kendall (1); J. Naik; S. O'Shaughnessy; F. Patel; M. Sartori; R. Sevenster; S. Simela; J. Tayali; K. Zondo.

(Numbers in parentheses indicate that student gained distinction.)

### Academic Ties:

D. Brenner; D. Gammon; N. Gubbay; M. Lutz; P. Pilosof; R. Spits.

## USE OF ENGLISH EXAMINATION RESULTS:

*The following achieved passes:*

R.A. Catterall, B.J. Chicksen, N.P. Dempsey, D.B. Gammon, A.R. Haynes, A. Kahn, C.E. Miller, R.J.B. Nash, C.M. Naude, K. Panditji, D.J. Place, G.U. Salomon, P.J. Scarrott, R.A. Spits, G.R. Stephens, M.F. Taylor, A.E. Yorke.

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## HEAD BOY'S REPORT

### *1983 Valedictory Address*

I arrived in Form One a rather apprehensive, insignificant junior or "sprog" and, after encountering on quite a few unfortunate occasions the might of the prefects and upper school was overawed at the immensity of the Milton establishment. Actually, to be a part of that establishment invoked in me a deep sense of pride. Despite the unnerving attention of the ever-present prefects, the first couple of years of my life here passed without serious incident. Undoubtedly the first three years at Milton are the most traumatic — I'm sure the lower school will testify to that. The fourth, fifth and sixth years of my career at Milton were perhaps the most satisfying, particularly my studies in both sixth Forms.

It is from Form three that one's true characteristics begin to manifest themselves while Form four provides a fairly accurate indication of one's aptitudes and tendencies be they good or bad. However, it is the upper part of the school that most interests pupils and school teachers alike for it is a stage that lucidly illuminates the results of efforts over the past six or seven years whatever the case may be. It is this area that Milton is strongest in: the upper school has been extremely successful in both academic and sporting pursuits but there is a beginning to the success story. That beginning is the important role that teachers in the lower school play in the process of education. One cannot overemphasise the role teachers play in the cultivation of successful academics, sportsmen and sports teams; teachers are the unsung heroes of the classroom and sportsfield. It is through their invaluable time and efforts that Milton has achievements of pupils, and the school in general, is to This year, rather sadly, saw the departure of two long serving and loyal members of staff. Mr de Wet left Milton after ten years of devoted service and Mrs. Hoal retired after twenty-four years of active involvement in the financial as well as the educational affairs of the school.

On a happier note, to focus more specifically on the achievements of pupils, and the school in general is to reveal a success story in itself. The 'O', 'M' and 'A' Level examination results were, once again, of a very high standard. N. Gubbay's eight 'A' grades at 'O' Level, D. Gammon's three ones at 'M' Level and R. Dando's two 'A's at 'A' Level highlighting Milton's academic prowess.

The school was equally, if not more successful on the sportsfield, Rugby producing the finest first fifteen and set of results for a decade. The waterpolo team played exceptionally well throughout the season and were rewarded with the Hart Trophy for the most successful Waterpolo Team in Matabeleland. The team was unfortunate not to claim the Crusader Shield but were content when Archimedes' principle was proved beyond a doubt to hold true by Blob Akeroyd's ability to displace more than his fair share of water. The first eleven cricket and hockey sides were fairly successful with Rodney Scott's ballroom skills much in evidence in his displays on both the cricket and hockey fields. He is at present the only fast bowler able to execute a perfectly graceful pirouette after each delivery. The tennis team yet again turned in an impressive performance, reaching the finals of the Mim du Toit trophy. The Athletics team maintained its stranglehold on interschools competitions by unofficially "winning" the interschool meeting and narrowly losing the pentagonal.

The first eleven soccer team also performed admirably, reaching the quarter finals of the Dunlop Interschools Trophy competition. 1983 has been a success only because of dedication to the tasks at hand by both pupils and teachers alike.

After analysing the sporting and academic achievements I feel I should include discipline when assessing the overall picture of 1983. I believe that discipline within and without the school has seen a marked improvement which can only be conducive to good behaviour and all-important school spirit in future years. I have the prefect body, staff, particularly the senior staff to thank for this improvement and success of 1983. I extend my most hearty, appreciative thanks to Mr. Van Zyl for his patience and understanding, Mr. Bullivant for his organisation, Mr. Thomas for his

willingness to discipline unruly pupils, and the Headmaster Mr. Andersen for his guiding hand in running the affairs and the interest of the school. I would also like to take advantage of this opportunity to express my thanks to those teachers present and absent who have taught me at one stage or another. My most sincere thanks also go to the

perfect body for their invaluable assistance and unfailing devotion to duty throughout my year as Head Prefect.

For myself and those who are leaving, our experience at Milton has formed a sound, important basis for our future careers and we depart much the wiser, hoping to live up to the school's proud motto: "Quit ye like men."

G. SALOMON



**SCHOOL PREFECTS 1983**

*Back:* J. Correia, D. Ruetsche, G. Stephens, B. Nkomo, L. Mabena, N. Gubbay.

*Centre:* V. Nothnagel, G. Wallace, D. Sutherland-Macleod, M. Lutz, R. Watson, G. Duberly, D. Gammon.

*Seated:* R. Catterall, P. Scarrott, G. Salomon (Head Boy), Mr. E. Andersen, N. Dempsey, R. Nash, I. Ferguson.

# *School Council Report*

*Delivered by the Chairman, Mr. W.A.I. Ferguson, at  
the Annual General Meeting*

Mr. Ferguson welcomed all parents, with a special welcome to parents of new boys, and appealed to them to offer their services and involve themselves wherever possible in the school's activities.

The Council was most satisfied with the way the school was run in 1982 and that the very high standard normally associated with Milton, within the classroom and on the sports field, was maintained. The Chairman thanked the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster and teaching staff for their help and co-operation and emphasised how fortunate Milton was to have the staff it does.

Council's main concern during 1982 was how best to ensure that the school maintains its standards in the future. Government was approached with regard to teachers' salaries. This matter was still being pursued in conjunction with other School Councils but to date Government response has not been encouraging.

Another problem area was that of not being able to maintain and improve on the educational and extra-mural facilities with the present Government grant and the G.P. Fees. The G.P. Fee of \$30 per year was considered hopelessly inadequate. The only way that money could be raised was to accept Government's offer to form a Management Committee which would be legally entitled to levy a fee. Council had given this new concept very considerable attention and it was hoped that the incoming Council would continue with this exercise. A draft Management Agreement had been studied and, in order to clarify certain aspects, a member of the Council had met with a senior official of the Ministry of Education and Culture in Harare. The Council now had a partly re-worded draft agreement, as well as a specimen copy of a proposed constitution, and had also received satisfactory clarification on the points which seemed rather vague and contradictory.

It was Ministry's intention to encourage all schools to adopt this concept as soon as possible — the reason being that with rising costs the Government grant to schools was insufficient to maintain, let alone improve, the standards provided by schools. Formation of a Management Com-

mittee would enable the school to legally raise extra funds to supplement the Government grant.

The incoming Council would be putting to parents the details, implications and the levy considered necessary if a Management Agreement were to be implemented at Milton. This matter would be put to the vote and the Chairman expressed his personal hope, as well as that of the outgoing Council, that parents would accept this proposition.

The Chairman said that there was an aspect of the school to which he would like to draw attention. It seemed to be the impression of many people that all facilities at Milton were provided by Government. This was incorrect. Government provided the ground, buildings, furniture, books and teaching staff — sportsfields, swimming pool and pavilion were built up by past parents and pupils of Milton. The reason for mentioning this was the increasing reluctance of most parents to assist and donate towards the school's various needs — it was left to the willing few to carry the burden. This was a worrying trend and the adoption of a Management Agreement would spread the financial load equally among all parents.

The Chairman thanked the Council for its hard work during the year, and also thanked those parents and staff and their wives who were always prepared to lend a helping hand. He also thanked Mr. Edwards for the meticulous manner in which he kept the accounts.

Fund raising activities had been a great success. The two main events were the sponsored run and the Oktoberfest. It was felt that no further sponsored runs or walks should be held in the future, as it is not a popular way of raising money. The '100' and '200' Clubs were valuable money-earners and the Chairman thanked Mrs. Judy Hoal for all the work she did in running them.

Expenditure had been kept to a minimum, although Council had purchased a 17-seater bus at a cost of \$10 000.

Finally the Chairman thanked outgoing members of the Council, namely Mr. and Mrs. Biles and Mrs. Hardman, whose sons were no longer at the school, for all their hard work.

# Commonwealth Day

## AUSTRALIA AND THE COMMONWEALTH

*A talk by Mr. K. Taylor, Milton School, on the occasion of Commonwealth Day, 14/3/1983.*

Growing up in Australia one knew that one was not at the centre of world events. Books were all about English boys and girls or English explorers and soldiers, with bright green fields, neat hedges, stone churches, quaint villages, Robin Hood and his merry men, Sir Francis Drake and the Spanish Armada, Charles Dickens and the slums of London; London was the centre of the Empire. England meant thousands of years of history, culture, war, literature and, of course, the Royal Family.

One looked around Australia and saw gumtrees, miles and miles and miles of empty, flat land, dust, flies, small but sprawling towns that clung to whatever history they could salvage from — at the most — 150 years or so of pioneering colonisation. One knew of the convict past, the all-but disappearance of the tribal aboriginal, the white explorers who perished of thirst in deserts looking for the inland sea, of the first transcontinental telegraph. One heard of no ancient cities, ancient culture, no ancient castles or cathedrals. As a white Australian one felt the lack of that history, that civilisation, that protection.

Of course, in spite of this cultural displacement, this sense that one was always reading or seeing the life and the past of other English and American people, one was unconsciously learning of and growing to love Australia for its otherness, its difference. Thus in the sixties, one might say that Australia began to realise that it had its own future to pursue, that the Empire was breaking up and that we had to make something out of being an Australian and so, for a time, Australians consciously came to think less and less of the Commonwealth because to us it meant the Empire, England — and that was a dying force. One wanted to find one's own, Australian, identity and that meant rejecting England and in part rejecting the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth seemed to be a rather embarrassing relic of the not-so-glorious past — as Britain conceded independence to all those new nations which once formed part of her empire, as all the African, Carribean and Asian colonies went their separate ways. Australians realised they must form their own identity. The Commonwealth was dying.

The last few years, however, have seen a reawakening of vitality in the Commonwealth. The nations have formed their independent identities and fought for their political independence and have realised independently that there is no value in the haphazard association of different races, nations, cultures and creeds that is the modern Commonwealth.

Britain is no longer looked up to and feared; we no longer feel inferior economically and politically — this very equality of spirit amongst the nations of the Commonwealth has been its salvation as an organisation.

Member countries of the Commonwealth are working together — be it through activities such as the Commonwealth games, or the various aid packages that exist between member countries, or formal meetings such as the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference — where the leaders of over a billion people meet to discuss the various problems and interests.

## GREAT BRITAIN

*Talk by Mr. A. Blagden, Milton School, on the occasion of Commonwealth Day, 14/3/1983.*

In the few moments I have been given I would like to give you some idea of what life is in Great Britain. First of all, let me explain something about the location and name.

Great Britain appears as a *seemingly* insignificant group of islands off the coast of Western Europe. It is a small country with a variety of names — the initials U.K. and G.B., the United Kingdom and Great Britain, Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom. Different names with slightly different meanings but all apply basically to the same place.

The British Isles are made up of four different countries: Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and England.

Scotland is the most northerly and most remote of the four. It is a wild place where the climate and people are largely inhospitable.

Northern Ireland is a land that has achieved notoriety due to political strife and yet despite this, or perhaps because of this, some of the friendliest people are to be found here.

Wales. It is difficult to summarise Wales in a satisfactory way in a few words. It is really made up of three areas: a central moorland area occupied only by a few sheep farmers; South Wales has the coalfields and old industrial development; North Wales has the Snowdonia National Park, in my opinion the most scenic area of the British Isles.

England has three quarters of the population — most of them live in huge urban areas surrounded by scenic and intensively used rural areas.

If we say that the Commonwealth is a family of countries then Britain must be the grandfather. Britain also has the mother of parliaments and the Queen as head of state for many members of the Commonwealth.

A final message from a representative of the oldest member of the Commonwealth to the potential future leaders of one of the youngest: It is certain that the Commonwealth will not get much bigger but I would like you to try your best to keep the present family together for as long as it takes Zimbabwe to get as old as the U.K.

## THE STAFF OF LIFE

One St. VALENTINE'S DAY a market GARDINER was HAWKINS his wares aLONG KEMPTon Avenue. Unfortunately he was a little hard of HERRING. A woman ANDERSEN, who could toboggan WELENSKY too, approached him.

"If these are VAN ZYL, KINSELLA some THOMASToes?" she asked, POKUAWUAH at the ripe, red fruit. "I should have BORTOLAN yesterday." With this, she opened her purse ANDREWS some money out.

"NIXON", replied the salesman, "VILJOEN take Granny SMITHs instead, they will STEWART treat."

"No, you BRUTUS, I want tomatoes — FIVEASH ripe as can be to put in a ROWLAND butter, for my other son DAVIES riding in a gyMNKANDLA."

"HAR! LENTils are what you need. I'll look on the barRO — CHESTER minute."

Infuriated, the woman rushed at the hawker like a BULLIVANT a gate, RAMDANY vegetables all over the street.

"GEE, you LOUTH!" she shouted, pummelling the poor seller until he was BLAGDEN blue. "There's something FISHy going on here. MAZWI put up with such rotten service?" Turning on her heel she made to leave.

"Good EVANS, don't WALKER way like that, good lady", said the hawker. "You want beans? You can have my brother JOSEPH you like!"

Enraged beyond words the woman HENDERSON stumped off, with the boy muttering,

"Oh, don't be such an old CROMAR!"

V.H.

## INTER-HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION

This year's competition, held in the second term, was governed by a more stringent code of regulations than in previous years. Early submission of scripts for approval, and the appointment of Mrs. Herring as advisor to each House during the final stages of rehearsal, were intended to ensure a calm, controlled approach to the competition itself. Needless to say, most Houses managed nonetheless to conjure up enough heart-stopping, traumatic situations to produce the customary states of near-panic that tend to characterise most competitions of this nature.

The general standard of choice of plays showed an improvement and greater variety than in recent years, and the quality of production at least provided the adjudicator, Mr. Andersen, with much food for thought in his decision-making. The best three plays were rewarded with an additional performance for the benefit of the whole school. These consisted of Fairbridge's production of the mini-thriller, "The Best Laid Plains . . .", directed by Peter Scarrott; Gavin Stephens' production of Borrow's "Hearts and Flowers", a hammed-to-the-hilt melodrama; and the winning entry by Boarders, "The Seventh Man", a tense drama set in a realistic setting of a log cabin in the Arctic Circle, led by actor-producer Sean Gilhooley.

*House Positions:*

1	Boarders
2=	Borrow
2=	Fairbridge
4	Rhodes
5	Heany
6	Birchenough

## SCHOOL PLAY

In conjunction with Townsend School, Milton once again entered the National High Schools' Theatre Festival in March with a production of Arthur Miller's play, "The Crucible". The adjudicator, Miss Susan Hains, praised the attempt to stage what she described as 'a classic play of a high order'. She also complimented several members of the cast for the considerable natural talent that they displayed, although she felt that the essential groundwork of character analysis, motivation and relationships had generally been inadequately prepared. Miss Hains, in her comprehensive backstage discussion with the cast, said that much valuable experience had clearly been accumulated by all involved in the 'very difficult but eminently suitable' production.

## INTER-HOUSE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The 1983 Competition was held in the Beit Hall in February with Mr. R. Molony, of Hamilton School, adjudicating. As usual, the topics selected for the prepared speeches were taken from the list issued by the Lions Club of Bulawayo Public Speaking Contest. Fortunately, there was little duplication of choice, which ensured a varied range of topics. The following were the three finalists in each age group:

**U/14** — E. de Lange answered the question, "Do We Need Drugs?"; L. Arkless considered the importance of "Imagination"; while Z. Hawa had much "Food for Thought" to offer.

**U/16** — B. Bloch spoke wittily on the statement that "A Man in Love is Incomplete until he is Married — Then he is Finished."; J. Vaughan immersed himself in "The Life of a Teenage Tadpole"; and R. Gillman probed "Infinity".

**Open** — C. Damerell maintained that "Fact is Stranger than Fiction"; S. Gilhooley asserted the intriguing claim that "Anyone seen on a Bus after the age of Thirty has been a Failure in Life"; G. Stephens gave his answer to the question "Do we Really Seek Peace?".

After a short interval, these nine speakers were subjected to an impromptu session of 'One Minute, Please', after which Mr. Molony announced the final results.

### *Individual Winners:*

**U/14** — E. de Lange

**U/16** — B. Bloch

**Open** — C. Damerell

### *House Positions:*

=1 Birchenough

=1 Borrow

3 Boarders

=4 Heany

=4 Rhodes

6 Fairbridge



### **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT GAME**

N. Gubbay, S. Gilhooley, C. Damerell, M. Bloch  
receiving the Matabeleland Provincial Trophy.

### **BUSINESS MANAGEMENT GAME**

This year's team of S. Gilhooley, N. Gubbay, M. Bloch and C. Damerell, under the guidance of Mr. C. Hawkins, achieved distinction for the school by retaining the trophy for the National Business Management competition, the finals of which were held in Harare. The competition, which is sponsored by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Zimbabwe and the Computer Society of Zimbabwe, is designed to give pupils some experience of decision-making in a business environment and the use of computers. The Milton team, in competition with sixty-three other teams from Mashonaland and Matabeleland, won through at preliminary and regional levels and eventually won the National Finals, defeating Gifford, Harare Dominican Convent and Lord Malvern.

### **VARIETY SHOW**

The Milton Variety Show, which took place in the second term, proved to be a great success. Held in conjunction with a small raffle, we were able to raise approximately \$3 000, which enabled us to buy a beautiful set of marimbas.

The cast of the show, "Music, Dance and Fashion Spectacular", included a wide variety of talented local professionals and we would like to thank them for all the time and hard work that ensured a slick and thoroughly enjoyable show.

The consequent acquisition of the marimbas has provided the school with a considerable cultural asset. Many boys were keen to audition for the band and, as a result, a strong and talented nucleus has been established. After only three weeks of playing together, the band entertained the Deputy Prime Minister, Comrade Simon Muzenda, during his visit to the school, and have since played at various other functions in and out of school.

## MILTON HIT PICK

Mr. Andersen	The Bitterest Pill is Mine to Swallow
Mr. Thomas	Friendly Persuasion
Mr. Andrews	Theme from "The Incredible Hulk"
Mr. Blagden	The Last Farewell
Mr. Bullivant	Master Blaster
Miss Davies	Side Saddle
Mr. Day	Goody Two Shoes
Mrs. Fish	Full of Fire
Miss Fiveash	Double Dutchman
Mr. Gee	Baby Face
Mr. Harlen	Hot Diggety Dog Diggety (Boom! What you do to me!)
Mr. Hawkins	The Umpire Strikes Back
Mr. Herring	Words
Mrs. Herring	Money, Money, Money
Mr. Kemp	Any Old Iron
Mr. Long	The Bicycle Song
Mr. Poku-Awuah	Hair, Hair, Hair
Mr. Ramdany	Danny Boy
Mrs. Rochester	One Plus One Equals One
Mrs. Rowland	Devil on Wheels
Mr. Saulick	Words Don't Come Easy
Mrs. Stewart	Colour My World
Mr. Tonkin	Oldest Swinger in Town
Mrs. Thomas	Baubles, Bangles and Beads
Mrs. van Zyl	Eye of the Tiger
Mr. Walker	Happy Whistler
Mr. Welensky	Midnight Cowboy
FORM I	Ain't Gonna Stop 'till I Get to the Top
FORM II	Coming in from the Cold
FORM III	Confusion
FORM IV	It's Impossible
FORM V	Give me Five Minutes More
FORM LVI	The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
FORM UVI	Celebration/Exodus
BEGINNING OF TERM	On the Road Again
HALF TERM	One Step Closer
BOARDERS	Please Release Me, Let Me Go
HOSTEL	This Old House
<b>RUGBY TOUR PARTY:</b>	
Mr. van Zyl	The Flying Dutchman
Mr. Smith & team	Heaving on a Jet Plane

V.H.

## THE GENERAL PROLOGUE TO THE MILTON TALES

When in January the sweet showers fall  
 And pierce the drought of the year before  
 Then people long to go to school  
 And pupils long to seek the Beit Hall  
 Of Milton School, hallowed in the land.  
 Then from every town and province  
 In Zimbabwe, down to Milton they wend,  
 To seek this elite school; quick  
 To be within illustrious company.  
 There to be greeted by twenty  
 Of Milton's praeposters, of whom I shall tell.

There was Salomon, a most distinguished man.  
 Who from the day on which he first began  
 To be Head Boy had followed chivalry,  
 Truth, honour, generousness and courtesy.  
 He had his deputy with him, fine young Dempsey,  
 A lover and cadet, a lad of fire  
 With locks as curly as if they had been pressed.  
 A Scarrott there was, one of the finest sort,  
 His head was bald and shone like looking glass;  
 So did his face, as if it had been greased;  
 He was a fat and personable prefect.  
 There was Stephens with them there.  
 Milton and tradition and the lore  
 He taught, but followed it himself before;  
 Never contemptuous of sinful man.  
 Ferguson was an honest worker, good and true  
 Living in peace and perfect charity.  
 Many a load of dung one time or other  
 He must have carted through the morning dew.  
 Catterall had hair as yellow as wax  
 Hanging down smoothly like a hank of flax!  
 He was a true, a perfect noble prefect.  
 Nash never spoke a word more than was need  
 Formal at that, respectful in the extreme  
 Short, to the point and lofty in his theme.  
 Wallace loved samboes, and in quantity too  
 And drinking strong wine till all was hazy  
 Then he would shout and jabber as if crazy!  
 Ruetsche could dress his gear in latest fashion,  
 His hair never drooped, for it was slick.  
 He was a proper prefect I guess.  
 Correia had a bat always at his side  
 His mighty mouth was like a furnace door,  
 And wouldn't speak a word except in Portuguese.  
 Macleod was a chap of sixteen stone,  
 A great stout fellow big in brawn and bone  
 He could heave any door off hinge and post,  
 Or take a run and break it with his head!

Gammon preferred having twenty books in red  
 And black, of physics, maths, bio and chemistry  
 To having fine clothes, fiddle or psaltery.  
 Watson lived for pleasure and had always done  
 For he was Epicurus' very son  
 In whose opinion sensual delight  
 Was the one true felicity in sight.  
 Gubbay emerged as we proceeded;  
 No one alive could talk as well as he did  
 On points of education and of school;  
 A manly man, to be a prefect able.  
 Lutz had five girl friends all at one time  
 Apart from other company in youth;  
 His nose was of the finest scarlet red  
 No need just now to speak of that, forsooth.  
 Nothnagel's neck was whiter than a lily-flower  
 But strong enough to butt a bruiser down.

He knew the taverns well in every town  
 And every innkeeper and barmaid too.  
 Nkomo, still a student though,  
 One who had taken logic long ago,  
 Was there. He was pale, but plenty he ate  
 And he was not too fat, I undertake.  
 Duberly knew of every judgement, wager and crime  
 Recorded ever since Milton's first time  
 Nowhere there was so busy a man as he  
 But was less busy than he seemed to be.  
 Bold was Gilhooley's face, red in hue.  
 He had an answer to every question  
 And told it loudly to all near and far.  
 All who knew him were afeared of his voice.  
 In company Mabena liked to laugh and chat  
 And knew the remedies for all mischances  
 He was the keeper of the door  
 Form Ones were afeared when he appeared.

Many a tale did this noble company tell,  
 And hear, of many a variety, told in many a way  
 But one tale they did hold true  
 And told it to the school too;  
 Follow your motto to the end,  
 Quit ye like men.

G. STEPHENS

## THE BURSAR BIRD

BURSITIS AGITATIS. *Moneybags. Hey You.* Colloquial name: *'Scuse me ma'am; Busser.*

DESCRIPTION: Generally drab appearance with dull, little-varied plumage. Occasional flashes of colour may appear during the flush season but because of over-riding commitments this is a rare phenomenon. Features normally drawn and harassed, limbs twitchy and movements anxious. Easily identified in the field by the consistent gouts of blue-grey smoke issuing forth from the nasal and oral orifices. The call is generally a demanding squawk which may descend to a plaintive plea in times of despair. Members of this genus are rather more often solitary than those of the other genera but have been known to consort at times in staff parties or even herds of athletes and swimmers upon occasion.

MEASUREMENTS: As per Table 54, with Queen Anne legs.

DISTRIBUTION: One specimen to approximately 80 acres — considered excessive by some. Very territorially minded, attempts to oversee most requirements of its habitat with varying degrees of success. Generally nests in a dark, remote corner of the territory at the end of a cul-de-sac, burrowed in yellowing, dusty paper discarded by other birds.

HABITS: Predatory where money is concerned. Has been known to pursue and attack reluctant creditors and even siphon off payment from a source where none was known to exist. Dogged in pursuit, croons over success and is totally distraught over failure. Other habits too personal to mention.

V.H.

## Club Notes

### TOASTMASTERS' CLUB

The Toastmasters Club has continued to flourish over the last two years under the joint management of Mr. Bullivant and Mr. Thomas. Numbers have risen slightly from 16 to an average of just over 20 but the atmosphere has remained intimate and increasingly relaxed. A firm relationship with Townsend's Toastmasters (sic) Club has been established and the joint meetings have been conspicuously successful with a high standard of speaking from both schools. Indeed, so popular and useful are these meetings that it is intended that they should in future take place on a termly rather than an annual basis with each school playing host once a term.

During 1983 the membership of the Club fluctuated somewhat around a hard core of loyal regulars but the theory that one volunteer is worth a dozen pressed men seems applicable for the Club's success depends on the willing participation of all its members in prepared speeches, impromptus, criticisms and the rest. Peter Scarrott was a most regular contributor and could always be relied upon for urbanely amusing speeches that sometimes were genuinely thought-provoking too. Sean Gilhooley frequently took a combative stance and injected much vigour into the proceedings whilst Richard Nash demonstrated a sharply original sense of humour. In a difficult choice, Gavin Stephens received the Toastmaster of the Year award — his speeches were well researched, clearly delivered and of great sincerity but by no means lacking in humour whilst his talents as an organiser were quite exceptional. Adrian Probert deserves special mention: he is the only toastmaster in the Club's history to have escaped making a prepared speech during an entire year; however, honour was satisfied when his selection as Head Boy resulted in his being required to speak at the Prefects' Dinner — which he did with genuine feeling and fervour.

The last meeting of the year traditionally involves parents and staff and 1983 was no exception; the meeting rounded off a good year in a mood of great conviviality due in no small measure to the excellence of the dinner provided by the school kitchen. An initial attraction of Toastmasters is the excellent fare (and wine!) and, whatever the problems, the cook matrons have invariably provided a fully satisfying four course spread and gone to immense trouble to make both tables and meal as attractive as possible: on the occasion of the joint meeting with Townsend, every place was adorned with an orchid that could be taken away — and was!

There can be little doubt that the Club has done much to raise the standard of speaking amongst the sixth formers over the five years of its existence. That at the same time it gives much pleasure to its members should ensure its survival in the coming years.

## ST. JOHN CADETS

1983 has been a good year for the St. John Cadet Division. The new intake of boys showed great enthusiasm and the numbers increased, so that by the end of the second term there were some two dozen names in the roll. Fifteen of the boys hold the Preliminary First Aid Certificate and the remainder will be examined in the near future.

Gavin Broughton has continued as second-in-charge of the division and his help and devotion to duty are much appreciated.

Mewse, Chinamira and Ndlovu transferred to the 2nd. City Ambulance Division during the course of the year but have continued to help with duties at Milton.

All major sporting fixtures at Milton have received First Aid coverage from the Cadets and thanks have invariably been expressed by those who have been helped by the division.

The member in charge would like to thank all cadets for their help during the year, as without it the division could not function. A special thanks, also, must go to the Leo Club of Bulawayo whose very generous donation has enabled us to purchase further First Aid equipment.

H.F. DAY

## ART CLUB

Art Club this year proved very successful and we had a steady stream of members joining.

During the year an 'ANTI-LITTER POSTER COMPETITION' was held and L. Fisher of Form 3A1 received the first prize. Other members were also successful in the Eisteddfod which was held during the year.

A variety of work was produced in various fields such as batik, printing and the use of different forms and textiles. It is hoped that the high standard of finished product designed by the many talented members of the Club will continue next year.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

This year's activities have centred on fund raising and our hot-dogs have become a household name at Milton.

At the time of writing we have raised \$1 000 and are awaiting a permit to import a camera and lenses.

This past year we have covered such events as first team rugby, the variety show and the usual group, class and House photographs.

Our Chairman, Edgardo Ahumada, has really worked hard in all aspects of the club's activities and we have him to thank for the success the club has enjoyed this year.

It is the club's intention to introduce a monthly competition to encourage more contributions from members. Mr. Ramdany will assist in running the club in future and we both look forward to a larger membership next year.

M. HARLEN

## SIXTH FORM SOCIAL SOCIETY 1983 report

The society organised two successful socials with Eve-line and Townsend; these were well supported, with approximately sixty people at each. However, members of the committee do agree that a variety of functions is needed if the social society is to continue successfully at Milton. Nevertheless all who attended the socials have expressed their enthusiasm for future functions and it is hoped that more can be organised.

The committee would like to thank all members for their help and all sixth formers for their support. Special thanks go to the following committee members:

G. Simoya (Vice Chairman)  
N. Peel  
B. Chicksen (Secretary)  
R. Spits (Treasurer)  
M. Kgaka  
S. Parkes

Thanks also go to Mr. Thomas for his invaluable advice and assistance.

C. NAUDE (Chairman)

## MILTON CHESS CLUB

Milton Chess Club has had a year of mixed fortunes in inter-school results, but club-wise we have maintained a high standard. During the course of the year, the club played the following schools: Gifford, Hamilton, Founders and C.B.C. We had a particularly good win against Gifford but lost the return match. Founders, who have improved greatly, have given us keen competition and some memorable games between the respective number ones, Ngwenya and M. Moyo. We lost one game and won one against Hamilton, another improved team.

Team members have given instruction to beginners who come along on Mondays, and have analysed match games to improve the overall standard.

### Results:

v. Hamilton Won 5½-2½, Lost 3-5  
v. C.B.C. Won 7-1  
v. Gifford Won 5-4, Lost 3-5  
v. Founders Won 5½-3½, 5½-2½, 5-2, Drew 4½-4½, 4-4

**Team Members:** M. Moyo, B. Moyo, R. Woodend, C. Schoeman, B. Chicksen, K. Dube, D. Douglas, R. Murphy, (Reserves: S. van Leeuwen, H. Lesabe, C. Ncube.)

## *Literary Section*

### **THE CRAB**

There was a crab  
Who couldn't grab,  
So they took him to a lab —  
To get checked  
But . . . he was wrecked!  
So he was thrown away  
Upon some day.  
And that's where he lay  
'Til the close of day.

DAVID DOWIE 1 B2

### **THE RACE**

Beads of sweat ran down his face as he tightened his grip on the iron rod and began to dig with more passion than ever before. He bit his cracked lips and the bitter taste of blood filled his dry mouth. Despairingly he dropped the rod and ran his fingers through his unkempt hair. He was disgusted by his dishevelled and ruffled appearance. He moved his wrist closer to the crudely-made lamp and looked at his watch. There was barely fifteen minutes of digging time left. He had to hurry!

Mark Freeman had been a prisoner of war for nearly a month now. He had been caught in a small town at the north-western border of Italy, together with three other British agents. They had been transported to a temporary camp close by and then had been recklessly thrown into a dirty open-air prison. It was almost impossible to escape but Mark had devised an ingenious and foolproof plan. With two men resting, one man at the entrance with the bellows to pump in oxygen and the fourth digging, Mark thought their escape plan was perfect. Now he knew that there was only one snag — they did not have enough time. In fifteen minutes the guard would come and take them away to a permanent prison camp. Mark knew that there it would be impossible to escape because of the presence of guards twenty-four hours a day. It was now a race against time.

Frantically he began to dig again. It was terribly hot in the tunnel and the sweat blinded him. He cursed hoarsely as he felt froth accumulating in his armpits. He tugged at the rope which was tied onto the bucket. Immediately the man at the bellows pulled at the rope. From their clothes and other material they had made a circular rope which worked rather like a bicycle chain, so that as the man at the bellows pulled out the bucket, Mark pulled the same rope in from the other end.

The constant rush of air had stopped, for the man was not working at the bellows any more. He looked at his watch.

There was only ten minutes left. He cursed at the men outside to hurry with the bucket. He knew the ditch was not too far in front now — but at this rate they would lose the race. To his relief the bellows started working again. This was a sign for him to pull. With a cold rush of air coming at intervals he began to feel a little better. As he braced himself for another try at digging he felt a contraction in his thigh muscles. He knew it was a cramp and had to suppress his irritation. The smoke from the lamp annoyed him, so he buried his face in the damp earth. To be confined in a tunnel one metre in diameter was bad enough — to be cramped as well was unbearable.

When the pain had eased considerably he resumed digging. Now he was determined to die digging. His mouth set, he attacked the earth in front of him with the ferocity and strength of a lion, but the work he had done in the past few weeks had drained the power from his body. Now he was just a wreck of tissue and bones. With a last despairing effort he struck the earth with the rod. The strain was too much for his body and he collapsed and went into a strange trance.

Slowly he opened his eyes. He could feel a cold rush of air on his face. His heart started pounding loudly as he slowly began to understand the situation. Before collapsing he had subconsciously dug through to the ditch. He tugged at the rope three times to inform his colleagues of his accomplishment. He hauled himself up and trudged haltingly up the ditch, with the fresh-smelling wind against his face.

"We're free!" he exclaimed gruffly and, looking around him, he decided freedom was just about the best thing anybody could wish for. He had won the race and had got freedom as his prize.

J. PARADZA, 2A1

## THE SMALL CAR

Through the meadows and through the countryside  
Along the streets and roads, narrow and wide,  
The car of today quietly speeds along.  
Small, but always so reliable and strong.

In the towns and cities, it easily winds its way,  
Through the busy throngs and traffic, night and day.  
Easy to drive, neat and smart-looking as can be seen,  
The excellent fuel-saver, the perfect machine.  
Uses neither thick diesel nor expensive kerosene,  
But the common and readily available gasoline.

In Washington, Hong Kong, London or even Bombay  
The small car is the fashion of today  
It is the car  
to buy

J. PARADZA, 2A1

## THE SUNLIT, SILENT SEA

The sea's white-flecked waves crashed over the eroded, barnacle-encrusted rocks, booming like a great bell gone out of control.

The sea sang softly, humming the dead sailors' songs, as it gurgled and swirled around the cliffs' eroded faces.

It sang sweetly the dirges of the wailing women, the songs of the suffocating sailors and the songs of the sea.

The sea, slurping softly, slid silently, sorrowfully, sparingly, studiously, surreptitiously, sedately, statically, sacklessly over the Scottish sailor's sustained, surfstained, spotted, speckled, seal sporrán.

Slurping and popping, gurgling and boiling, the sea lovingly caressed the cliffs' disfigured, scarred and salt-stained face.

M. KIDD, 2A1

## SNOWFALL

It was already late afternoon and the weak winter sun gently illuminated the leafless, brown-barked branches of the bare trees along the avenues. A cold biting wind tossed the last red autumn leaves high into the air, as if to celebrate that winter was here, and then threw them back down onto the icy, grey pavements and streets. A few hardy winter plants and evergreens strived valiantly to remain upright. Some, already having given up the unequal struggle, lay defeated on the ground, withered and lifeless. The houses along the roads stood bleak, devoid of their covering creepers and brightly coloured gardens. Their blank faces seemed to mock passersby, huddled in coats and scarves, and their brown frost-ravaged lawns looked like extensions of the hard, concrete pavements.

The only cheerful signs were the puffs of smoke, quickly scattered by the wind, that came from the high chimney stacks, outlined against the stark, pale blue sky. It was a reminder of the warm, glowing fires which were burning inside and gave new life to frozen limbs and hands. Darkness came suddenly, not like the warm blanket of summer, but like the slamming of a prison door in a dark, dingy cell. The wind now intensified and whistled threateningly around the gables and chimneys, a warning of what was to come. It beat in vain against tightly-shuttered windows and rattled doors and gates. As if to complement the wind, a drizzling rain began to fall, trickling down windowpanes and dripping from gutters and eaves.

Inside the houses and cottages the townsmen, oblivious of the cold outside, were just finishing their dinners. Steaming plates of hot apple pie stood on the sideboard next to a jug of whipped cream. From the grate, showers of sparks leapt into the air like miniature orange and gold fireworks and died as others flew to take their places. In other homes, children roasted chestnuts and marshmallows while old people sat, wrapped in fluffy shawls and blankets, in rocking chairs. Others, with central heating, were dressed as if it was summer and paid no heed to the approaching storm.

Outside, the drizzle had turned into a whipping rain which lashed against walls and roofs. Suddenly thousands upon millions of tiny white snowflakes began to fall like confetti at a wedding. Children and parents rushed to the windows to see the first snow of winter. Soon they could see nothing. It was as though a white cloud had descended over the town, smothering and hiding it. All night snow could be heard gently falling and sliding off roofs like miniature avalanches.

The morning broke on an entirely new world. Gone was the bleakness and bareness of early winter. Gone were the dead gardens and lifeless streets. It was as though some imaginary chef had iced the whole town in snow-white icing. Cars and bushes were mountains and gutters were valleys. Houses were capped with white peaks and streets were like endless winding rivers of milk, and still the snow fell. Patios and doorways became choked and mountains of glistening snow slid to fill every nook and crevice. Tree branches drooped with the weight of their white veils and hedges looked like whitewashed walls.

Soon the town began to stir. Fathers and sons climbed out of windows and began to shovel snow away from the doors so that they could be opened. Children, wrapped in woolly cocoons, made snowballs and threw them at each other with mittened hands, laughing and falling headlong into the cushioning snow. Along the streets came monstrous bulldozers churning the snow into a dirty, grey milkshake and thrusting it onto the pavements. The men were now shovelling their driveways clear, uncovering once again the grey, dull tar. People whose cars had been deeply buried in the snow had to walk to bus-stops or to work. In the town all the pavement greengrocers were closed. Shoppers, clad in heavy boots and coats, trudged through the slushy snow on the sidewalks and created wet foot marks in all the shops. The buzz and roar of street traffic was greatly diminished and bus drivers drove very slowly along the wet, slippery roads. Everyone was late for work.

At midday a few pale rays of sunlight peered from beneath a dark cloud and glittered on the snow. The mounds of snow took on a silvery sheen and sparkled like millions of gemstones. Evergreen fir trees looked like white party hats fringed with green and in most gardens stood grinning snowmen, armed with walking sticks of cane and glasses of pipe-cleaners. On the little hills next to the common, boys and girls were tobogganing down the slopes on sleighs while others merely slid down on their trousers to land in a tumbled heap at the bottom.

Soon, as the early dusk grew near, a cold wind sprang up and the children went home to warm baths and steaming soup while outside the gently snowflakes were again falling from the sky. Tucked beneath eiderdowns and rugs the town slept, dreaming of the white, satiny cloth which had descended on their homes.

SIMON LEWIN, 4A1

## THE SEA

The blue depth of the sea,  
Silent, sinister and soft.  
But the grey-green surface is in a turmoil,  
Each muscle-studded wave,  
Tearing, writhing, against one another,  
Each battling for supremacy and power.

The foaming crests raise up like pillars  
of majestic splendour,  
Throwing foam and spray into the frolicsome wind.  
The grey-green waves dance and prance  
Amongst the hairy strands of the wind.

Along the coast,  
The wild seas run!  
Angry waves pound mercilessly against the cliffs,  
Like the angry Gods of Mount Olympus, all striking  
their hammers at once,  
The seabirds wheel, soar and scream in a puny  
form of defiance at the violators of their homes.

On the smooth sand beach,  
The sea gently breaks, producing a soothing roar.  
I climb aboard the roar,  
And float on the endless waves of oblivion.

M. SINCLAIR, 2A1

## NEVER THE SAME AGAIN

On Friday morning the orders from High Command came. The order addressed to 'Ninth Company' said, "You are to proceed to Karl, in the North African theatre, and help with the fighting against the 'Africa Corps'. The posting of Ninth Company will commence on the twelfth of June, 1942."

That is how I, Mark Hamil, came to be in Karl. The small village nestled serenely between two hills. A river ran through the centre, flanked by several typical Arab settlements. As Karl was on the edge of the desert the river was usually dry. Here and there clumps of palm trees gave the village the look of a picture. The scene portrayed was one of peacefulness and beauty. During war this can never be the case, for two or three miles away two armies were trying to defeat each other. As knowledge of the English soldiers in Karl was not revealed, the Germans were in for a surprise. Luckily the Arabs were glad to see us but some complained the harvest was being ruined by the stamp of army-issue boots and some just hated the British.

That day I took my troops on some quick hit-and-run raids. We blew up some fuel and troop carriers. Each time Ninth Company struck we vanished into a cloud of dust. We really clambered through a small cleft between the hills and into Karl. When all was quiet that night no-one saw an evil looking Arab steal away into the darkness.

The whole village was awakened by the buzz of a small aeroplane. On looking up, I identified it as a German spotter 'plane. Someone had betrayed us to the Germans. Now it was known where we operated from. For that information, I'm sure, our 'Judas' was given more than thirty pieces of silver. At ten o'clock the enemy vehicles could be heard taking up position and advancing. We had not been idle: each man and machine was now strategically placed so as

to perform to maximum. There was to be no escaping now; we had a big fight on our hands and many innocent people were going to die.

At eleven o'clock the enemy tanks rose over the rise and shot the first of their 'oil-drum' sized shells towards Karl. They landed, tearing gouging great wounds in the earth, flinging dirt and rubble far and wide. Rock fragments cut down fleeing bodies and accounted for many of the dead. Our large guns spat back death and destruction in the form of steel-jacketed shells. They blew large craters in the earth's crust and rendered fighting equipment useless.

By now the 'hardware' was flying thick and fast; the screams of the attacking infantrymen, mingled with the screams of fear, were demoralising. Above the noise of the inferno a bone-crunching "crump" could be heard. As the waves of grey-coated men came charging towards me I would mechanically mow them down, and when my magazine emptied I would replace it, robot-like. The noise reached an unbearable crescendo and just when I felt I could take it no more, debris slammed into my head and I fell down, out cold.

When I woke the smell of death and cordite was strong in my nose. I gazed around me. Rubble covered everything, smoke rose sadly into the sky. Dead and dying littered the place, dumbstruck people frantically dug for their loved ones and possessions. Not a thing stood. All of this living hell created by one man's words.

Slowly but surely Karl would be rebuilt but betrayal more than bombs had undermined the foundations. Yes, it was rebuilt — but the village was never the same again.

M. SINCLAIR, 2A1

## HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY

John Crackenthorpe was kicking his football around in the corner of his huge garden. He was a small, blonde, ten-year-old. He was the only son of London's wealthiest businessman, Harold Crackenthorpe. He lived in 'The Mansion' with his parents and his widowed grandmother.

Suddenly he heard a bang, closely followed by a despairing cry! This area of London's Blackhampton suburbs was usually very quiet, so this 'explosion' came to him as an alarming surprise. Quickly he bolted off towards the area of the incident, where he found a short, scruffy, red-haired man with a big, bushy beard and untidy, dirty clothes covering scathed and mud-caked skin. Lying at his feet was the body of a home guard — Jones by name, Mr. Crackenthorpe's hired property guard. His head had been mutilated by a bullet and his blood and brain smothered face was now hardly identifiable.

The vomit was stopped from pouring out by the murderer's dirty hands grasping his small neck.

"You don't know a single thing about this, you hear?"

John Crackenthorpe was well and truly paralysed from fear.

"Y. . . y. . . y. . . yes. . . s. . . s. . . sir!"

"I'm warning you, boy, if you whimper one word about me, you'll look even worse than that swine down there!"

"Y. . . yes. . . sir."

"Now run away, little peasant boy! Ha! ha! ha!"

Slowly John Crackenthorpe turned around and, with a great effort, he slowly ran back to the stately suburban mansion.

That night John could not sleep a wink. He lay in bed, caged in by his soft soothing sheets, petrified by the intense silence around him. He dared not move. His cold, staring eyes peered over the blankets, looking for any sign of danger.

The slow creak of a door gradually opening could be heard from the end of the passage. The listless body grew rigid as the shadow of a person holding a pointed object in front of it lay across the passage wall in front of his open door. He dared not even breathe. All he wanted was to scream out in agony. He could feel the knife piercing his frozen flesh and searching for that hardly working heart. The shadow crept closer and closer to his door.

"NO. . . O. . . O! PLEASE NO! HELP ME! LEAVE ME!"

His desperate cries shattered the deadly silence of the mansion, waking up every insect, human and mammal in the sleepy household. But the shadow persisted in advancing towards the doorway; in fact it seemed to be moving more quickly!

Suddenly it turned into his bedroom! There in the doorway was . . . his grandmother, Mrs. Eyesbarrow.

"What's the matter, boy? Are you all right? It must have been a nightmare. . . yes, that's what it was."

Mrs. Lucy Crackenthorpe entered. Immediately, before she could say a word, Mrs. Eyesbarrow turned on her.

"You know, Lucy, you should take more care of your poor Johnny! Fancy! Letting him have such a nightmare! I was just going to the bathroom and he started screaming his head off! Tut! Tut!"

Mrs. Crackenthorpe knew there was no point in arguing — her mother was a very rich, important and 'mature' lady. In fact, Lucy often thought she thought of herself as the 'Queen of London'.

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John began getting tense and scared, would say funny things. When these spasms continued, Mr. Crackenthorpe telephoned Inspector Craddock of Scotland Yard, asking him to come around because he thought his son might know something about the 'Jones Murder'.

Arriving that afternoon, Inspector Craddock was immediately shown into John Crackenthorpe's room. After they had been introduced and had talked a bit Inspector Craddock asked John if he saw or knew anything about the murder.

"Um. . . er. . . yes. . . er. . . no."

"You do? Good. What?"

John had to think quickly.

"Um. . . er. I saw a. . . um. . . tall. . . dark man, er. . . run from the site. . . to a. . . um. . . white. . . um. . . Jaguar."

"Is that all?"

"Er. . . no. . . I. . . saw him carrying a. . . pis. . . tol."

"So — he was definitely the murderer?"

"Yes. . . sir. N. . . no doubt about it, . . . sir."

Inspector Craddock left 'The Mansion' with a confident air about him.

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It was six days later when an unexpected visitor arrived at 'The Mansion'. It was Inspector Craddock with a uniformed policeman, both with stern faces. Mr. Crackenthorpe answered the doorbell. With a look of surprise he greeted the pair. They didn't enter. It was Inspector Craddock's companion who spoke first.

"I arrest you for the murder of Stewart Jones, property guard, London Security Chiefs."

The heartbroken face of the bewildered John Crackenthorpe could be seen through his bedroom window, gloomily looking at his tall, dark father walking away, past his white Jaguar, escorted by two police inspectors. Why had he told such a pack of lies???

CRAIG RIX, 2A1

## THE STORM

I close my eyes and I can feel the storm taking hold of me. The intimate power overwhelms me as I notice the heavy atmosphere surrounding, and on, my body.

Powers of the Almighty! Did I see a god racing across the sky on a silver chariot? Or was that the clash of two fearless strong-blooded knights?

The sky shakes with laughter. Darkness has defeated the sun. I see black, blue, brown and an explosion of other colours streaked across the heavens.

Laughter again! A single flying thunderbolt jets out of the sky and divides into five. The fantasy light dances, dazzles and demises into the wind like seeds being blown to the earth.

Silvery rain changes everything. A tank full of water is poured on the earth which Master Wind blows into infinite droplets which are hurled around as he plays with them some more.

The pattering on the roof is a good sleeping pill. I doze off in the middle of my thoughts. The storm slowly dozes too as the winds decrease and the rain pattering slowly fades out.

The sun has tricked us all. While we were not watching, it has defeated its enemies which were dried up and thrown to its fiery hell. All proof of the storm is gone, once again.

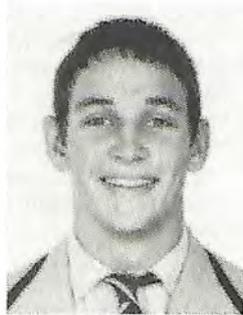
LENNY TOPPIN, 2A1

# Milton is



**G. Johnson**

Zim. Swimming; Zim. Schools' Waterpolo; Mat. Schools' Rugby; Mat. U/19 Waterpolo.



**B. Ross**

Mat. U/17 Waterpolo; Zim. Schools' Waterpolo.



**S. Venn**

Zim. U/19 & Schools' Rugby; Mat. U/20 & Schools' Rugby.



**G.U. Salomon**

Milton Award; Head Prefect.



**G. Duberly**

Zim. Schools' Squash; Mat. Men's Squash.



**A. Chitereka**

Mat. Rugby & Athletics.



**T. Lalloo**

Mat. Athletics.



**J. Correia**

Mat. Men's B & Schools' A Waterpolo.



**Z. Hawa**

Mat. U/14 Football.



**P. Bunce**

Mat. U/14 Football & Junior Cricket.



**L. Waive**

Mat. Junior Karate.



**R. Laubscher**

Mat. U/14 Football.



**S. Haddon**

Zim. Boxing.



**J. Dunn**

Mat. Rugby; Mat. Athletics.



**N. Anastasiou**

Mat. Basketball; Mat. Athletics.



**D. Orange**

Mat. Basketball.

# Proud of . . .



**G.R. Stephens**  
Milton Award;  
Toastmasters' Shield;  
Mat. A Hockey.



**N. Gubbay**  
Mat. Tennis; Winning National  
Business Management Game Team.



**I. Ferguson**  
Mat. Rugby & B Waterpolo  
(Capt.).



**C. Zangel**  
Mat. Athletics.



**R. Scott**  
Mat. Cricket; National  
Ballroom Dancing.



**S. Craigie**  
National Fireball Sailing  
Champion.



**T. Todd**  
Mat. Swimming.



**C.J. van Rensburg**  
Zim. & Mat. Archery.



**P. Akeroyd**  
Mat. U/17 & Schools' B Waterpolo.



**W. Dakers**  
Mat. U/20 & Schools' Rugby;  
Mat. U/17 Waterpolo.



**M. Bloch**  
Winning National Business  
Management Game Team.



**G. Lutz**  
Zim. Swimming.



**D. Gammon**  
Mat. B Hockey.



**C. Rix**  
Mat. U/13 Cricket.



**N. Dempsey**  
Mat. U/19 Athletics.



**E. Chibi**  
Mat. U/15 Cricket.

## THE FIGHT

On Friday night I walked away from a fight  
I never had.  
I feel terrified walking alone down  
the dreaded alley.  
I can't feel my feet plodding along the  
pavement because I have to think about  
this dreaded fighter.  
Why, why was I so terrified  
of somebody who was no stronger than I?  
It's all because of his sister and me.  
I'll never forget his face;  
his eyes keep pounding on my face.  
His voice was so sharp and clear,  
that it made me shiver.  
But I walk away ashamed  
of the fight I nearly had.

F. JABAR, 3B1

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### 1st XV RUGBY

*Back:* S. Haddon, J. Correia, B. Deysel, A. Mackintosh, P. Akeroyd, A. Probert, N. Rix, R. Catterall.

*Seated:* P. Scarrott, J. Dunn, Mr. K. Smith, A.I. Ferguson (Capt.), Mr. E. Andersen, D. Sutherland-Macleod,  
S. Venn, A. Chitereka.

*Front:* W. Dakers, S. McTiernan, R. Watson, G. Johnson.

# *Sports Reports*

## **MILTON RUGBY 1983**

In 1972 Lionel Reynolds wrote in his report, "Talent was remarkably thin throughout, and even in the open sides where Milton can normally expect to dominate, the lack of any real pace, size or skill was worrying. The situation does not look likely to change." However, the dearth of good Milton teams at senior level has now ended although the junior sides have generally been less successful.

Continued success in the future can only be achieved by dedicated coaching staff. In this respect I must thank, on behalf of all Milton rugby players, the coaches who have given so much time and expertise — thank you all. Thanks also go to the Groundsman and his staff who have provided us with the best fields in Matabeleland, to the School Council for running teas during the games and finally to the Matabeleland Rugby Board for the referees they have provided during the season.

### **1st XV RUGBY**

**Coach:** Mr. K. Smith

**Captain:** I. Ferguson

**Vice-Captain:** D. Sutherland-Macleod.

**Comment:** With many of last year's squad returning to school, a successful season was predicted by many. However, first team rugby has to be approached with total commitment and dedication and cannot rely on past achievement and potential. By the end of the season the 1st.XV had knitted into a dedicated, committed team. It has been a pleasure to see a group of boys like this develop into the best school side in Matabeleland by the end of the season.

To single out match-winners is impossible. We had no "boot" in the team to give us points and we had no player who through strength or speed could penetrate. What we did have — at times — was a team!

The quality of leadership demonstrated by the team's captain, "I.A." Ferguson was high at all times, particularly in the final Falcon game, where it was brilliant.

The team played fifteen games in the season, winning ten and losing five.

**Match Report:** vs Oriel. Lost 18-22. The first game of the season was at the festival in Harare. The forwards dominated the weaker Oriel pack and it appeared to be an easy game halfway through the second half with the score 18-6 to us. The attitude of our boys towards 1st. rugby was, however, disappointing. There was no commitment and they let Oriel come back and win the game 22-18.

vs St. George's. Won 28-19. We did not play constructive winning rugby but we did play with some kind of motivation. Our fast breaking and pressure play unsettled the St. George's side which dominated in the forwards. Dunn and Venn pressurised the opposing half backs and were rewarded with two tries apiece. Other try scorers were Peel and Mackintosh.

vs Peterhouse. Won 28-6. Our final game at the festival was against another private school and followed a similar pattern to that of the St. George's game. The forwards obtained a fair share of ball and we kept the pressure on the opponents' backline. We ran in four tries, with Dunn, Mufungise, Correia and Ferguson scoring, most of them coming from mistakes made by the dispirited opposition.

vs Chaplin. Won 10-6. We were lucky to win this game. We were overconfident and still not playing constructive rugby. We won more than our fair share of good ball but did not make effective use of it. Chaplin were playing the pressure rugby, their two national players in the backline looking dangerous from broken play. Haddon scored in the first half, Chaplin equalised after the interval, and it was not until Catterall scored a break away try late in the second half that we were off the hook.

vs Churchill. Lost 10-16. This was an exciting game and both sides were well matched. Churchill on its home ground was well motivated and played attractive rugby. We, for the first time in the season, started playing constructive rugby. Play swung from end to end with Churchill putting over a penalty in the last minute to seal their victory. Venn scored both Milton tries.

vs Plumtree. Lost 6-15. In the Matabeleland School Trials Plumtree played hard, determined and motivated rugby. They played as a team and we played as fifteen individuals.

vs Hamilton. Won 8-0. As in the Chaplin game we were overconfident. The Hamilton forwards matched ours and pressurised any ball we got. The half time score was 0-0 and only two tries in the second half by Dunn and Mufungise won the game for us.

vs Falcon. Won 6-0. From a coach's point of view this was the most satisfying game up to this point in the season. For the first time on the season the team was properly prepared mentally to play 1st XV rugby. It was a very hard game with both sides being extremely determined to win. The forward battle was tight with neither side letting their determination or will to win slacken. An early goal was scored by Venn and from then on it was anyone's game. Both sides showed complete commitment towards the game. It was unfortunate that our tenacious flyhalf, Steve Haddon, sustained a fractured femur. The game ended with Milton pressurising the Falcon line.

During the long exeat weekend the final trials were held in Harare. Four of our boys, Ferguson, Chitereka, Dakers and Dunn, were selected to represent Matabeleland, although Dakers and Ferguson unfortunately had to withdraw due to injury. The Matabeles totally outclassed the Mashona schoolboys 27-4 in the finals.

vs Victoria. Won 39-12. The Milton side showed what they could do — firstly by being motivated and secondly by playing constructive running rugby. We totally outplayed Victoria who had five boys representing Midlands in the final trials. We withstood the initial pressure applied by Victoria and slowly got on top. The half time score was 14-6. In the second half the spectators watched a rampant Milton pack give excellent ball to our running backs who completely outclassed their opponents. We ran in seven tries with Dakers scoring two, Venn, Catterall, Mackintosh, Deysel and Ferguson scoring one each.

vs St. George's. Lost 11-19. Our forwards were well and truly outplayed in this game. Nevertheless we still might have been able to win if we had had a kicker. We defended extremely well and any ball obtained was put to good effect. Two tries were scored by Ferguson and Mackintosh and Venn kicked a penalty.

vs Plumtree. Won 24-4. Our return match against Plumtree was played away mid-week. Their forwards were excellent in the loose but they did not secure enough first phase ball. Their threes were mediocre and never really threatened the Milton line. Our backline always looked dangerous and played constructive winning rugby to run in four goals to one try, a very pleasing result compared to the first Plumtree game. Try scorers were Mackintosh, Dunn, Venn, Chitereka; Venn converted two and Chitereka two.

vs Gifford. Won 25-7. After starting off the game very well, scoring fifteen points in the first ten minutes, we then relaxed and let Gifford spoil our ball. At one stage Gifford looked like scoring more than seven points. We could have done much better.

vs Prince Edward. Lost 0-34. A jaded Milton 1st XV let P.E. run up far too many points. With more determination and first-time tackling we could have stemmed the flow. A disappointing result to have to record at this stage of the season.

vs Hamilton. Won 27-7. Our forwards dominated the Hamilton pack in all aspects except line-outs, where they held their own. With our backs gaining a large amount of good ball it was inevitable that we ran out winners. Try scorers were Probert, Rix, Johnson and Mackintosh.

vs Falcon. Won 13-8. The last game of the season was the cherry on the cake. It was in this game that our boys showed their true capabilities and class. Considering Falcon has four national players in its side and that they were awarded a very dubious try in the first two minutes, we did extremely well to win. We withstood a barrage of pressure in the first half and at half time the score was 3-4, Ferguson having put over a penalty. In the second half we looked dangerous whenever we got the ball and scored two tries — by Catterall and Dakers — one of which Chitereka converted.

## CRITIQUE

- I.A. Ferguson — Captain, Colours, Matabeleland Schools'. Many members of the team depended on Fergie for generalship. He never let them down. A superb leader, he was also a more than capable centre on both attack and defence who always applied much thought to the game.
- D. Sutherland-Macleod — Vice-captain. Dackie is not the largest lock around in stature but is one of the biggest in the amount of work he got through. He gave of his best at all times.
- A. Chitereka — Colours, Matabeleland Schools'. Aaron has developed into an extremely competent wing. He is now a polished player who knows when to turn defence into attack and when to clear under pressure. The first African to be awarded Milton Rugby Colours — well done!

- B. Deysel — Colours, Matabeleland Schools'. Once Brendan's true position at fullback was established he developed from strength to strength. His coming into the line was at times devastating and his defence solid and reliable.
- J. Dunn — Colours, Matabeleland Schools'. A very fast-breaking flank who put a lot of pressure on the best flyhalves in the country. This constant pressure was rewarded with many tries.
- A. Probert — Colours. One of the boys who has developed extremely well into a truly hard-playing rugby gentleman. A pleasure to coach. Adrian's drive in the loose, jumping in the lineouts and scrummaging was always done with great determination.
- S. Venn — Colours, Matabeleland Schools'. Steven has the potential to go far in his rugby career. He developed slowly in the first part of the season but by the end had become a mature scrumhalf. He must have one of the best services in the country at schoolboy level when he is not under pressure. When he does take the blind side it is at the correct time and penetrative. His play under pressure has also developed well. He must continue to play his rugby with the attitude developed.
- P. Akeroyd — Prop. The player with the biggest heart. Blob has given of his best through thick and thin. Through his sheer determination he has developed into a very worthy team member.
- R. Catterall — Centre. Roy has always been dangerous on attack with his elusive running. His ball handling has improved tremendously and his defence is solid and determined. His calm determination has been a settling factor in the team.
- J. Correia — Lock. A relatively small lock who has worked extremely hard at his game. At no time was Jorge giving less than a hundred percent of his best. He has developed from an excitable boy to a mature, hard-driving forward.
- W. Dakers — Prop. Due to an injury early on it was not until late in the season that Jock showed his true capability. He is a very good scrummager and can be extremely mobile.
- S. Haddon — Flyhalf. A broken leg kept Steve from playing the whole season. He is a small, wiry, hard player who tackled extremely well. On attack he seemed to be able to squeeze through gaps where no gaps existed.
- G. Johnson — Hooker. A stocky, robust hooker who improved throughout the season, his loose play being the strong point of his game. His hooking improved steadily, with the best performance at Plumtree. Should do well next year.
- S. McTiernan — Prop. An ideal build for a prop. Sean is a very good scrummager. His loose play tended to be rather slow and there is room for improvement here. With the correct attitude this boy has the ability to go far.
- N. Rix — Flank. A flank who was always on the lookout for work and work he did. Not always the first to the break down but a lot of constructive work was done when he got there.
- R. Watson — Flyhalf. The "baby" of the side who came in when Haddon was injured. At certain times when receiving poor ball he was a bit overawed. He need not have been as he has a very safe pair of hands and a more than adequate kick with both feet. With more confidence he should do well.

## 2nd TEAM RUGBY

**Coach:** Mr. M. Maynard

**Captain:** M. Watson

**Team Members:** L. Mabena, B. Kangai, R. Young, D. Veremu, S. McTiernan, P. Akeroyd, M. Schultz, M. Box, B. Dawson, R. Nash, M. Green, B. Watson, R. Watson, R. Pattison, G. Salomon, D. Ruetsche, N. Anastasiou, N. Peel, K. Mafungise

**Results:**

vs Chaplin	Won	33-0
vs Hamilton	Won	13-4, Won 19-4
vs Churchill	Won	4-0
vs Falcon	Won	16-6, Won 19-10
vs Plumtree	Won	8-6, Won 3-0
vs St. George's	Lost	7-20
vs Prince Edward	Lost	10-12
vs Gifford	Won	24-4
vs C.B.C. 1st XV	Won	58-0
vs Victoria	Won	36-10

**Comment:** The second fifteen was the most successful side in the school. The results show that they played 13 matches, won 11 and lost 2, with attractive, open, running rugby. It will be a long time before we can see a try that matches the one against Victoria, in which ten of the team handled the ball whilst it progressed from twenty metres from our line to behind their posts. A good team spirit was built up by the boys during the season and this was fostered by the captain, M. Watson, who gave of his best at all times.

Sincere thanks must go to Mr. M. Maynard, who teaches at Eveline but gave up his time to coach at Milton.

## U/14A RUGBY

**Coach:** Mr. C. Andrews

**Captain:** B. Beattie

**Team Members:** W. Mills, C. Van Beek, B. Harverye, B. Pavlik, M. Paradis, K. Khosa, S. Sibanda, M. Kidd, R. Rankin, D. Reynolds, C. Rix, P. Bunce, Z. Hawa, M. Sinclair, T. Ncube, R. Gandiyah, J. du Plessis.

**Results:**

v. Plumtree	lost	0-24
v. Hamilton	won	26-4, 46-0
v. Gifford	won	48-0
v. Falcon	lost	4-34, 4-38
v. Churchill	won	28-24
v. Chaplin	won	28-0
v. St. George's	lost	0-4
v. Victoria	lost	0-28
v. Prince Edward	lost	0-16

**Comment:** The team enjoyed a fairly successful season, with the forwards dominating much of the play with their efficient scrummaging and powerful loose play. Prominent was Rankin, who inspired the pack with his example; Beattie and Pavlik were also key players whose power was a valuable asset, along with Kidd's aggression.

Reynolds, and later Rix when the former was injured, performed well around the base of the scrum, supplying good ball to the line, who were able to engineer several points-scoring breaks. Hawa and Ncube, with their speed and skill, often gave the team a distinct advantage over their opposition; this was particularly noticeable in the matches against St. George's and Churchill, although the forwards were the dominating factor in the other games.

## U/15A RUGBY

**Coach:** Mr. K. Taylor

**Captain:** J. Guthrie

**Team Members:** D. Pistorius, T. Todd, R. Lacy, S. Boncey, P. Sinclair, B. Ray, S. Williams, S. Anton, R. Chinamatira, P. Joseph, G. Williams, A. van Beek, S. Bulle, R. Caprez, G. Noach, J. Vaughan.

**Results:**

v. Chaplin	won
v. Plumtree	lost
v. Hamilton	won, won
v. Churchill	won
v. Gifford	won
v. Falcon	lost, lost
v. Prince Edward	lost
v. St. George's	lost
v. Victoria	won

**Comment:** With six wins and five defeats, on paper the team did not have a very successful year. However, in several games we were defeated by a point or two in matches which could have gone either way.

The strength of the side lay in the forwards, who matched all other packs with powerful, aggressive play. In many games they proved to be the dominant force, but towards the end of the season the backs started to combine well, producing some crowd-pleasing rugby. The two Falcon matches tend to support this point — the first game of the season saw the Milton forwards fighting hard, but the backs could not 'put it together', the result being a 0-66 defeat. On the second encounter the same team produced some exciting, running rugby, matching the opposition in all areas and resulting in a 10-12 cliff-hanger.

All in all, the team played with great spirit and, from both a coaching and playing point of view, it was a very rewarding season.

## U/13A RUGBY

**Coach:** Mr. M. Herring

**Captain:** C. Efthymiou

**Team Members:** A. Barrett, A. Doolabh, D. Dowie, A. Dube, G. Harverye, M. Lambat, E. Levendale, R. Mabarutse, C. Naran, S. Naran, F. Ndiweni, M. Nixon, A. Owen, H. Parshotam, A. Parsons, R. Sengwayo, F. Van der Merwe, Q. Vas.

**Comment:** Despite a rather depressing string of results for the most part of the season, the team worked hard at training sessions, improving both in ability and tactically as the term progressed. The major weaknesses initially were a general lack of understanding of the basics and a low level of fitness and stamina. The pack lacked the necessary cohesion and mobility, but gradually the scrummaging improved, with Efthymiou and Dube increasingly prominent in the loose. The latter's fiery tackling set a sorely needed example to the rest of the team.

The outsiders lacked size and penetration and, while there was a marked improvement in positional awareness, and occasional glimpses of intelligent play individually, the defence was very brittle. Levendale was prominent with some impressive displays of ball control and frequent elusive runs. The team as a whole is commended for its enthusiasm, efforts and willingness to learn throughout a very full and strenuous season.

## CRICKET 1983



### 1st XI CRICKET

*Back:* S. Langford, M. Ross, B. Dawson, A. Macintosh, S. Parkes, M. Holleran, D. Gammon, R. Pattison.  
*Seated:* J. de Azevedo (Scorer), R. Scott, Mr. E. Andersen, G. Salomon (Capt.), Mr. C. Hawkins, G. Wallace, N. Rix.

### 1st. X1 CRICKET

**Coach:** Mr. C. Hawkins

**Captain:** G. Salomon

**Team Members:** S. Venn, G. Wallace, N. Rix, R. Pattison, M. Holleran, R. Scott, M. Ross, D. Gammon, B. Dawson, S. Parkes, S. Langford, J. Naik.

#### Results:

#### 1st. Term:

Falcon	191 for 7 decl. (Venn 4-45)
Milton	161-9 (Parkes 46)
	Match Drawn
Chaplin	48 (Ross 5-14)
Milton	49 for 3
	Won by 7 wickets
Hamilton	65 (Scott 5-12)
Milton	66 for 4
	Won by 6 wickets
Plumtree	179 (Venn 5-59) & 48 (Scott 4-13)
Milton	86 & 127
	Lost by 14 runs
Falcon	226 for 4 decl.
Milton	143 (Naik 44)
	Lost by 83 runs
St. George's	204 for 9 decl.
Milton	115
	Lost by 89 runs
Milton	138 (Salomon 45)
C.B.C.	139 for 6
	Lost by 4 wickets

#### Holiday Festival:

Milton	90
Jameson	91-9
	Lost by 1 wicket
Milton	133 for 7 decl. (Parkes 69, Holleran 42)

Allan Wilson	54
	Won by 179 runs
Oriel	189 for 6 decl.
Milton	139 for 7
	Match Drawn

#### Third Term:

Plumtree	170 (Salomon 6-44) & 24 for 2
Milton	248 (Parkes 81, Wallace 52, Gammon 40)
	Match Drawn
Milton	121
C.B.C.	122 for 5
	Lost by 5 wickets
Milton	60
Victoria	61 for 4
	Lost by 6 wickets
Falcon	219 for 6 decl.
Milton	164 for 8
	Match Drawn
Gifford	165
Milton	128
	Lost by 37 runs
Milton	196 for 9 decl. (Holleran 55, Gammon 46)
Kwe Kwe	40
	Won by 156 runs.

**Comment:** The 1st. X1 had little success, winning only four of their sixteen matches, losing eight and drawing four. The team lacked first-class batsmen and no player batted consistently. Salomon was an enthusiastic captain but he underbowed the spinners. The 'find' of the year was Rodney Scott, who took over forty wickets, was subsequently picked for the Matabeleland Schools' XI, and was awarded his school colours.

## 2nd TEAM CRICKET

**Coach:** Mr. D. van Zyl

**Team Members:** R. Nash, H. Ziemkendorf, S. Langford, P. Maugi, M. Sutherland-Macleod, M. Watson, E. Chibi, V. Chinamatira, K. Panditji, S. Naik, R. Hassamal, R. Young, D. Sutherland-Macleod

**Comment:** This year proved to be better than average for the 2nd. XI; in fact in most areas it was very successful. The batting developed well with Ziemkendorf, Macleod, Maugi and Naik making runs when they got down to it. Bowling was probably our strongest aspect. "Caveman" Macleod opened the bowling throughout the season and his aggressive bowling terrorised most opening batsmen. Chibi and Young both proved themselves to be diligent and successful medium pace bowlers; Nash and Ziemkendorf, although not frequently called upon, were tidy enough as leg bowlers. Maugi proved to be a reliable wicket-keeper although a little slow at stumping. Naik, Hassamal and Panditji provided plentiful "stories" and exotic dishes for our away matches. The team got on well together and I think that they can all be satisfied with a good season's cricket.

R. NASH

## U/15A CRICKET

**Coach:** Mr. S. Long

**Captain:** M. Ross

**Results:** vs Chaplin Won by an innings and 48 runs  
Pistorius 8-11 (1st. innings)  
Muzenda 6-11 (2nd. innings)  
vs Hamilton Lost  
vs Plumtree Lost  
vs Falcon

### **Comments:** 3rd Term 1982

After a good first term together the team started out expecting further success and were not disappointed to lose only two matches during the term. Several players showed great improvement under Mr. Blair's coaching, culminating in the selection of M. Ross, E. Chibi and M. MacLeod for Matabeleland Schools.

Ross was a valuable member of the U/15 team throughout the term and scored 75% of the team's total runs on at least one occasion. He was also a useful bowler and also captained the team.

MacLeod and Chibi both took wickets every time they played, although their styles were very different. MacLeod terrified many batsmen with his run up alone and Chibi's smooth, accurate style was deceptively dangerous.

Many other players, notably Clarke, Dawson and du Bruyn also made useful contributions to the team as batsmen, bowlers, fielders or just morale boosters, keeping others alert during some long spells in the field.

### **1st Term 1983**

A frustrating and unsettling term for the U/15A's during which they won only one match. Many of the best players who had represented the U/14s gave up cricket in favour of other activities but, under pressure played occasionally in matches. The remaining cricketers tried hard to make up for the losses but with so many new faces in the team were unable to match Falcon, Plumtree and Hamilton's more settled sides.

Of the regular players Doolabh, Mazonde and Carnegie were most successful, with Daya being easily the most improved player. Pistorius and Reid's undoubted talents would have been valuable on a more regular basis — both played in matches but lacked practice.

## U/14A CRICKET

**Coach:** Mr. P. Gee

**Captain:** C. Rix

**Team Members:** C. Rix, D. Woods, M. Kidd, D. Nyathi, P. Bunce, Z. Hawa, K. Muyedzwa, J. Williams, M. Gandiyah, N. Ngwenya, C. Lennon, A. Rajaratnam.

**Comment:** This year's U/14A cricket side was a pleasure to coach; the players were all keen and regularly turned up to practice three times a week. With this amount of practice it is not surprising that they had a fairly successful season, winning 2 out of 5 matches!

They beat C.B.C. by seven wickets, Woods and Hawa both scoring 50 runs, whilst Rix and Bunce took nine wickets between them. Against Hamilton Hawa knocked up a valuable 40 and Kidd and Woods ripped through the Hamilton batsmen, enabling Milton to win by 79 runs. Against the stronger sides, Falcon and Plumtree, the players did not disgrace themselves, and many fine wickets were taken and runs scored.

Provided the players maintain their enthusiasm the U/15As next year should be a force to be reckoned with.

## U/13A CRICKET

**Coach:** Mr. M. Herring

**Captain:** F. Van der Merwe

**Team Members:** A. Barrett, A. Doolabh, A. Dube, T. Hensman, A. Kelly, E. Levendale, G. Mooney, M. Naik, H. Parshotam, M. Patel, S. Patel, C. Jensen van Rensburg.

**Comment:** There was a serious lack of depth in talent and potential at the start of the year, and this was reflected in some comprehensive defeats. Apart from the captain, batting generally was poor in technique (footwork being particularly suspect) and lacking in concentration. Much improvement was evident in this department, with Naik developing in to a very competent batsman who compiled many sound scores in the third term with diligence and application.

The bowling lacked consistency throughout, although an increasing degree of awareness of the importance of line and length was noted. The fielding became sharper towards the end of the year, with several good catches being taken; however, throwing was a weakness, lacking in power and accuracy.

Van der Merwe is to be congratulated for his enthusiasm and generalship. In all departments he led by sound example and his batting in particular was assured and increasingly competent. His century against Hamilton was a fine achievement, crowning an excellent personal season.

## HOCKEY 1983



### 1st XI HOCKEY

*Back:* P. Jeyarajah, R. Scott, H. Ziemkendorf, N. Dempsey, G. Wallace.

*Seated:* D. Gammon, Mr. E. Andersen, G. Stephens (Capt.), Mr. C. Hawkins, V. Nothnagel.

*Front:* D. Stephens, D. Forrest, W. McDowall.

### 1st TEAM HOCKEY

**Coach:** Mr. C.M. Hawkins

**Captain:** G. Stephens

**Team Members:** V. Nothnagel, D. Gammon, D. Forrest, G. Wallace, S. Gilhooley, R. Scott, H. Ziemkendorf, P. Jeyarajah, N. Dempsey, W. McDowall, D. Stephens

<b>Results:</b>	vs Peterhouse	Drew	2-2	
	vs St. Geroge's	Lost	0-1	
	vs Mt. Pleasant	Drew	0-0	
	vs Falcon	Lost	2-3, Drew	0-0
	vs Plumtree	Won	2-0, Won	2-1
	vs Fort Victoria	Won	3-0	
	vs C.B.C.	Lost	1-3	
	vs Hamilton	Lost	4-5, Drew	1-1
	vs Gifford	Lost	0-2, Lost	0-2
	vs Oriel	Lost	0-1	

**Comment:** The Milton 1st. Hockey team experienced one of the least successful seasons for many years. We started the season with excellent play, and did well in Harare, but it was later in the season that we met with bad luck. Individually all our players were good, as illustrated by the fact that Milton got the third highest number of players into the Matabeleland sides. Several other players were very unlucky not to be selected.

The team produced some outstanding play and teamwork but our play was neither consistent nor coordinated enough. Milton never lost by any great margin and even the powerful Gifford side which boasted six Matabeleland 'A' players (of which four were nationals) only beat Milton 2-0. The most outstanding match of the season was the first match against Falcon — we lost 3-2 but the team played outstanding schoolboy hockey.

The defence played some excellent hockey and it is due to their sterling efforts that the goals scored against Milton were kept to a minimum. The forwards lacked penetration and tended to miss open goals, as well as lacking co-ordination. There was also very poor linking between the defence and forwards which cost the team many opportunities.

Although the team did not do as well as expected we had many fine players who should do well. Despite our defeats we were certainly the team with the best team spirit.

#### CRITIQUE:

G. Stephens — Captain. Centre Forward. He was selected for Matabeleland 'A' Schoolboy Side and gained school colours. Gavin was an outstanding captain with great

organising ability and enthusiasm. Played some outstanding games as forward having acquired greater aggression.

- V. Nothnagel — Right Back. Was selected for Matabeleland 'B' for the second year. Held the defence together against all odds, using his natural talent to its best ability. However, he tended to come too far up at times.
- D. Gammon — Right Inner. Selected for Matabeleland 'B' and reserve for the 'A' side. At times he was slow in getting back to defend but his attacking was good and he combined well at times with his wing.
- D. Forrest — Centre Half. Selected for Matabeleland 'B'. He produced some excellent defensive play but at times faded. He should do well.
- G. Wallace — Right Half. Was unlucky not to be selected for a Matabeleland side. His defence and cover was very good but occasionally he came too far forward and unsettled the forwards. He has natural potential and will do well.
- S. Gilhooley — Goalkeeper. Extremely unlucky not to have been selected for Matabeleland 'B'. He produced some incredible saves and always played well. However, he must learn to control his temperament and he will do well if he keeps it up.
- N. Dempsey — Left Inner. Must learn to control the ball when it is close to him and when he is under pressure. He had some fantastically fast breaks where he made full use of his speed. A good player who must continue to play and can do well.
- R. Scott — left Half. Tended to mark his wing too closely, thus leaving a gap in the defence. His clearance from the circle was good and he is a talented player.
- H. Ziemkendorf — Back. He produced some fine play and was always keen. He must watch his obstruction (and his feet). He used his size well and tackled well. With training he will produce good hockey.
- P. Jeyrajah — Back. His defence was sound and he intercepted the ball well. However, he needs to be a little more aggressive and then his capability of producing good hockey will mature. When under pressure he was always calm.
- W. McDowall — Left Wing. A youngster in the side who coped admirably with a difficult position. He must learn to be more aggressive and anticipate the play. His natural agility and fine stickwork will serve him well. He has the potential to be a great player.
- D. Stephens — Right Wing. The baby of the team in both age and size, which meant he could not quite keep up with a fast game. He, too, must become more aggressive but this will come. His crossing of the ball was excellent and his perception good. He will do very well in the future.

Also Played — R. Edwards, P. Maugi.

## 2nd TEAM HOCKEY

**Captain:** R. Edwards

**Team Members:** Bhaga, White, J. Armstrong, Maugi, C. Miller, Jensen, O'Shea, Ferreira, K. Ziemkendorf, Vaughan, Correia, Henry, E. Dube, Hiripis

**Results:**

vs Falcon	Lost	0-2,	Lost	2-3
vs Plumtree	Won	2-1,	Lost	0-1
vs Hamilton	Won	4-0,	Won	4-0
vs Gifford	Won	4-3,	Won	1-0

**Comment:** The second team again proved to have a very successful season. It is a side full of potential and will serve Milton well in the future. The players combined well and produced some fine teamwork. All of the players are talented and many should make first team next year.

The side was very unfortunate to lose to Falcon the second time, a draw would have been a far fairer reflection of the game. The loss of the second match against Plumtree was a trifle unlucky — Plumtree had the advantage of knowing their pitch and scored a fortuitous goal towards the end. Milton deserved to win, having kept possession of the ball and kept the Plumtree defence under pressure.

It is difficult to select individual players but O'Shea, Edwards Maugi and Miller stand out. White coped admirably in goals and Armstrong was a stabilising factor in the defence. Jensen as centre half distributed the ball well.

The final tally was 5 wins and 3 losses, the team scoring 17 goals and conceding 8.

Edwards must be congratulated on captaining the team admirably and, finally, we wish them luck for next year and another successful season.

## 3rd TEAM HOCKEY

**Captain:** C. Naude

**Team Members:** Kleinhans, Moyo, Naik, Anderson, Sack, Miller-Cranko, Hiripis, Hancock, Kleinhans, Patel, White

**Results:**

vs Falcon	Lost	0-8
vs Falcon	Lost	0-8

**Comment:** As there was no regular fourth team it was very difficult to arrange practices for the third team. Consequently they suffered from a lack of "match practice" and, as a result, their positional play was weak, and they did not combine as a team. Basic mistakes permitted the opposition to press home their attacks. The standard of the third's hockey did improve — but then so did that of the Falcon team!

## 4th TEAM HOCKEY

The Fourth Team, or "Famous Ferocious Fourths", consisted mainly of first team rugby players — some of whom had surprising talent. Their size and lack of convention managed to secure a 1-0 victory over Falcon — this encounter being their only match of the season. The fourths enjoyed their game and everyone enjoyed watching it!

## U/15 HOCKEY

**Coach:** Mrs. J. Stephens

**'A' Team Captain:** D. Stephens, Vice-Captain: W. McDowall

**'A' Team Members:** K. Kyriacou, R. Gurney, T. Anand, C. Cockcroft, T. Reid, R. Elston, J. Patel, D. Stephens, M. McDowall, D. Doolabh, K. Umar

**Results:**

vs C.B.C.	Won	2-1,	Won	6-2
vs Falcon	Lost	1-4,	Won	4-2
vs Gifford	Won	6-2		
vs Hamilton	Drew	0-0,	Won	4-1
vs Plumtree	Won	5-1,	Drew	1-1

**'B' Team Members:** D. Pistorius, M. Madhoo, M. Naik, D. Viljoen, W. Carnegie, S. White, R. Caprez, Z. Helberg, S. Warner, S. Patel, L. Fisher, C. Daya, V. Gopal

**Comment:** This has been a very successful year for the U/15A team. They lost only one game, against Falcon, but had their revenge in the return match. The players have moulded into a very useful side and all have good potential. Several of these boys should find places in the 1st. team next year.

The 'B' team enjoyed their few matches although not with the same success as their 'A' counterparts; it is a pity that more schools did not field 'B' teams.

The practices were well attended and the keenness and enthusiasm amongst the players has been remarkably good. All this augurs well for Milton's future prospects.

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## TENNIS

### 1st TEAM TENNIS

**Coach:** Mrs. J. Gardiner

**Captain:** N. Dempsey

**Team Members:** G. Cohen, N. Gubbay, W. McDowall, N. Dempsey, D. Waddy, G. Stephens, A. Chitereka, D. Gouws, N. Moyo, R. Hancock

**Results:**

vs C.B.C.	Won	8-8	(74 games to 70)
vs Hamilton	Won	13-3	
vs Gifford	Won	15-1	
vs Falcon	Won	11-5	
vs C.B.C.	Won	10-6	

*Mim du Toit Competition*

vs Gifford	Won	14-2
vs Falcon	Won	9-7
vs C.B.C.	Won	9-5

**Comment:** The first team has done extremely well this year and the players have proved themselves to be the strongest team in Matabeleland and Midlands this year by reaching the final of the Mim du Toit Competition. After an easy first round victory against Gifford, the team played Falcon in a nail-biting match which was completed under floodlights and resulted in a narrow 9-7 victory for Milton. The team advanced to the semi-finals to play second-seeded C.B.C. In a match in which the whole team played outstandingly well, Milton caused an upset in the championships by defeating C.B.C. by 9 matches to 5. They now meet Oriel in the final which will be played in Harare in the third term. I wish the team the best of luck in their bid to regain the trophy which Milton last won in 1978.

Congratulations go to Graham Cohen who was selected to represent Zimbabwe and is at present overseas competing in a number of tournaments. He represented the Matabeleland 'A' team in the Brooks Trophy, along with Nick Gubbay, whilst Warren McDowall represented Matabeleland 'B'. The team as a whole is a fairly young one with great potential and should fare well in the future.

Thanks must go to Neil Dempsey for his able and competent captaincy of the 1st. team.

### 2nd TEAM TENNIS

**Coach:** Mrs. J. Gardiner

**Captain:** J. Kamanga

**Team Members:** J. Kamanga, D. Ross, B. Bloch, M. Bloch, P. Muzhanye, B. Phiri, C. Gudu, K. Zondo

**Results:**

vs Gifford	Won	13-3	
vs Hamilton	Won	13-3	
vs C.B.C.	Won	6-1	
vs Hamilton	Won	15-1	
vs Northlea 1st.	Won	14-2	
vs C.B.C.	Won	8-8	(76 games to 68)

**Comment:** The second team has had an extremely successful year and has an unbeaten record. The team is to be commended for its enthusiasm and determination and there are several players with the potential to make the 1st. team next year. This augurs well for the immediate future.

### JUNIOR TENNIS

Despite enthusiasm at the U/14 and U/15 level results have been disappointing on the whole. Milton has a fine and proud reputation and tradition of strong tennis teams and I am very disappointed that U/13 tennis has had to be abandoned owing to lack of support. I hope that this is not going to become a trend and that attendance will pick up again at U/14 level. The present U/14 and U/15 players are to be commended for their team spirit and sportsmanship and I wish them success in their future matches in the third term and in their future tennis careers.

J. GARDINER



### 1st TEAM TENNIS

*Back:* W. McDowall, D. Gouws, D. Waddy, A. Chitereka, N. Moyo, R. Hancock.

*Seated:* G. Stephens, N. Gubbay, Mr. E. Andersen, N. Dempsey (Capt.), Mrs. J. Gardiner, G. Cohen.

## GYMNASTICS

**Captain:** M. Taylor

**Colours:** M. Taylor

**Team Members:**

**Open:** M. Taylor, H. Evans, D. Andrews, G. Matthee

**U/15:** G. Noach, A. Pantazis, S. Kruger, J. Owen

**U/13:** A. van der Bijl, R. White, B. Britz, A. Owen

**Comment:** Gymnastics at Milton in 1983 started off slowly. We were asked to put on displays at Barbourfields for the Independence celebrations and for a week at the Trade Fair. These were undertaken and the performances were satisfactory. In the second term much time and work was put in by the boys and the term culminated in the National Schools' Gymnastics competition in Harare. We were extremely lucky to have gym tights made and donated by Textile Mills, where an Old Boy, Mr. Hammett, is the factory manager. We were most grateful for the tights as they were unobtainable elsewhere.

The team travelled up to Harare and acquitted themselves well. We came third behind Churchill and Allan Wilson, with M. Taylor winning a bronze medal for the Open High Bar. In the U/15 age group G. Noach excelled, winning his age group by obtaining five gold and one silver medals. R. White won a bronze medal for the U/13 Parallel Bars.

During the third term the Milton Competition will once again be held.





### 1st XI FOOTBALL

*Back:* B. Utete, D. Magura, N. Maphiwa, A. Gondo, C. Charedzera, H. Gwaze, E. Ncube, L. Muzhanye.

*Seated:* E. Mashonganyika, V. Chinamatira, L. Mutsura (Capt.), Mr. E. Andersen, Mr. S. Poku-Awuah, M. Moyo, R. Ngwenya.

### 1st. and 2nd. TEAM FOOTBALL

**Coach:** Mr. S. Poku-Awuah

**Captain:** L. Mutsura

**Team Members:** 1st. X1: L. Mutsura, N. Maphiwa, V. Chinamatira, E. Ncube, E. Mashonganyika, R. Ngwenya, B. Utete, D. Magura, L. Muzhanye, H. Gwaze, M. Moyo, R. Moyo, A. Gondo, C. Charedzera.

2nd.X1: S. Moyo, E. Russell, S. Zwenyika, E. Mzenda, B. Dube, N. Nkomo, M. Maposa, E. Ncube, C. Moyo, H. Ngwenya, S. Lungu, N. Hanyana.

Reserves: S. Nkomo, G. Nyatsambo.

#### Results

#### 1st XI:

vs Northlea	Won 3-2, 3-2
vs Founders	Won 3-0, 5-2
vs Hamilton	Won 4-1, 3-0
vs Gifford	Lost 1-4, Won 1-0
vs St. Peter's	Won 3-0
vs Mpopoma	Won 6-0
vs Teacher's College	Won 7-0

Quarter Finals: Rothman's Cup at Barbourfields:

vs Cyrene Lost 0-2

**Comment:** The season began with high hopes from the players. They were determined to do better than they had done in the previous season. As the results indicate, the squad enjoyed a very good season, despite some strong opposition.

The choice as Captain of L. Mutsura, the most outstanding player in the team, proved very popular. He became an excellent leader and held the team together

well. He was ably supported by the vice-captain, R. Moyo.

As expected, the team met stiff opposition from Gifford and Hamilton. In our first game with Gifford we underrated them and so lost the match at home. This taught us a good lesson. We played more seriously in our subsequent match against Hamilton, winning 3-0 away. This was one of our roughest and toughest encounters of the whole season, three of our players sustaining serious injuries.

We completed our zonal competition remarkably by beating Gifford on their ground to qualify for the quarter finals of the provincial Rothman's Cup series. We lost gallantly to Cyrene who eventually became the runners-up in the competition.

We were proud of our performance this season, as it is the first time that Milton's new brand of soccer has been developed. Our attacking game revolved around hard-working players like Mutsura (the sweeper), Mashonganyika and Chinamatira. The other boys also played their part well.

Let us hope that the boys, most of whom will still be available, will show the same commitment, skill and enthusiasm in their games next season.

#### 2nd XI:

**Comment:** The team consisted largely of young, inexperienced players — but they played with much determination and won most of their matches.

The outstanding players were C. Moyo, S. Moyo and E. Ncube. These boys will challenge for places in the first eleven next year.



### 1st TEAM BASKETBALL

*Back:* L. Henry, A. Anastasiou, J. Dunn, M. Moyo.

*Seated:* M. Sakalis, L. Henry, Mr. E. Andersen, Mr. K. Taylor, B. Utete.

### 1st. TEAM BASKETBALL

**Coaches:** Mr. K. Taylor, Mr. T. Pasipanodya

**Team Members:** W. Orange, B. Utete, M. Sakalis, N. Anastasiou, J. Dunn, C. Braccioli, M. Moyo, Lionel Henry, Louis Henry.

**Results:**

- v. Founders    Lost
- v. Hamilton    Won
- v. Gifford      Won
- v. Plumtree    Won
- v. Luveve      Won
- v. Northlea    Won

**Comment:** Undoubtedly, Milton had a good first team in 1983; six players were chosen for the Matabeleland Trials, as a result of which Orange, Braccioli and Anastasiou were selected for the Matabeleland team.

During the first term we travelled to Harare to compete in an "All-Schools Basketball Championship" and, despite the strength of the Mashonaland schools, we gave a good account of ourselves and were the best of the competing Matabeleland schools.

Local schools' competition was dominated once again by Founders, with Milton rated a close second, Given the fact that our side was relatively young, with most players returning in 1984, we can look forward with anticipation to even greater success next year.



### **ATHLETICS TEAM**

*Back:* E. Ndhlukula, P. Karongo, B. Possiwe, A. du Bruyn, W. Mudawini, K. Moyo, C. Zangel, A. Doolabh, T. Mazuru, T. Tugwete, E. Ncube, E. Mashonganyika, E. Mzenda.

*Second:* B. Sibanda, S. Mazonde, W. Dakers, G. Allen, Z. Mutazu, A. Probert, D. Gammon, M. Schultz, P. Jawona, M. Ross, R. Richardson, M. Sutherland-Macleod.

*Seated:* A. Macintosh, K. Mufungise, A. Chitereka, N. Anastasiou, J. Dunn, Mr. E. Andersen, N. Dempsey (Capt.), Mr. A. Walker, R. Catterall, H. Ziemkendorf, R. Pattison, D. Veremu.

*Front:* P. Joseph, E. Levendale, T. Ncube, Z. Hawa, P. Moyo, C. Ushendibaba, R. Chinamatira, C. Efthymiou, M. Mkali, R. Sengwayo.



### 1st TEAM SQUASH

*Back:* P. Gurney, M. Simon, D. Waddy, C. Judd.

*Seated:* B. Kendall, T. Cross, Mr. E. Andersen, G. Duberly (Capt.), Mrs. S. Rowland.

### CROSS COUNTRY

The 1982 Hunyani Hope Fountain 30km race attracted an entry of 407 runners, nine of whom were Milton pupils. All our entrants completed the course within the stipulated time allowed and congratulations go to Sitembinkosi Mhlanga who was placed 102nd and E Vance Mashonganyika who competed successfully for the third time.

Results are as follows:-

	Time
Mhlanga. S.	2-13,50.
Possiwe. B.	2-21,50.
Mutazu. Z.	2-29,55.
Allen. G.	2-30,30.
Sibindi. D.	2-40,00.
Livesey. G.	2-41,55.
Mashonganyika. E.	2-43,40.
Muzanhamo. A.	2-47,00.
Gilhooley. S.	3-04,05.

The annual Inter-House cross-country run over the National course at Hillside Dams was once again dominated by the Boarder teams who won all three age groups. Two new records were established this year: M. Jenkinson (Birchenough) won the open event in a time of 29-27,3 an excellent performance as he had participated in the Matabeleland championships the day before, and F. Mashobe (Rhodes) shared the honours of the day when he improved upon his existing record, setting a new time of 23-06,3 in the U/16 event. The junior race was won by T. Ncube (Boarders) who could not quite match his fellow winners and beat the existing record held by R. Steyn (14-38,2).

Overall House positions were:-

1. Boarders; 2. Birchenough; 3. Borrow; 4. Heany;
5. Fairbridge; 6. Rhodes.

### SQUASH

**Coaches:** Mrs. S. Rowland, Mrs. R. van Zyl

**Captain:** G. Duberly

**League Captain:** M. Simon

**Team Members:** G. Duberly, T. Cross, P. Gurney, M. Simon, D. Waddy, B. Kendall, C. Judd

**Comment:** The team was entered in the fourth league this year and did extremely well coming second overall. With the same team and the same enthusiasm shown by all this year they should move up to third league next year where I am sure they will be as successful.

G. Duberly and T. Cross played first league for their clubs, as they are far better players than the rest of the team. Thanks must go to both of them for all the time they willingly gave to help coach both team players and "hackers".

The senior group, consisting of all players other than the team, fluctuated in numbers and membership throughout the year. They managed to form a team that joined with a selection of U/15 boys to play a match against Northlea and did exceptionally well, winning all the matches.

In the Matabeleland Boys' Championships Gary Duberly and Tony Cross played in the final with Duberly winning by 3 games to 2. David Waddy won the plate event.

The Inter-House squash competition was held in the second term and was won by Fairbridge.

# WATERPOLO

## 1st. TEAM WATERPOLO

**Coach:** Mr. D. Welensky

**Captain:** I. Ferguson

**Team Members:** J. Correia, V. Nothnagel, M. Lutz, P. Akeroyd, B. Ross, W. Dakers, R. Williams, G. Johnson, I. Beattie, B. Watson, R. Watson, J. Coetzee

**Colours:** Re-Awards: I. Ferguson, J. Correia

**New Awards:** G. Johnson, B. Ross, P. Akeroyd

**Matabeleland U/17:** W. Dakers, P. Akeroyd, B. Ross, J. Coetzee

**Matabeleland U/19:** M. Lutz, G. Johnson, I. Ferguson

**Matabeleland Men's 'B':** J. Correia, G. Johnson

### 1st. Term Results:

29/1/83	vs Gifford	Won	12-2
	vs Plumtree	Won	9-5
	vs Falcon	Lost	5-6
	vs Chaplin	Won	14-6
5/2/83	vs Hamilton	Won	12-5
	vs Chaplin	Won	18-9
	vs Plumtree	Drew	7-7
12/2/83	vs Plumtree	Won	8-4
	vs Falcon	Won	8-3
	vs Gifford	Won	9-3
19/2/83	vs Falcon	Won	8-7
	vs Gifford	Won	15-4
	vs Chaplin	Drew	7-7
5/3/83	vs Chaplin	Won	11-5
	vs Plumtree	Drew	1-1

**Top Goal Scorers:** Akeroyd (38), Ross (34), Johnson (22)

<i>Games Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drew</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Goals For</i>	<i>Goals Against</i>
16	12	3		145	73

**Comment:** The good results achieved by the team were due to the efforts of the team members during training sessions. Throughout the term the players were enthusiastic and they now realise that being the top side is not an easy achievement, but is the result of much hard work. A pleasing aspect of coaching this side was the players' attitudes. They listened attentively to criticism and took it in the spirit in which it was given. A special mention must be made of Ian Ferguson. His constant support and his natural ability to rally the team played a vital role in making the Milton side function effectively. However, I must stress to the players that they must not rest on their laurels. There is room for improvement from each member of the side.

Ross and Dakers have improved consistently throughout the season, with strengthened performances at each tournament. Akeroyd emerged as the top goal scorer through sheer determination and commitment. Nothnagel is sound in the goals; it is important that a team has confidence in its goalkeeper and Nothnagel has drawn respect from every team member through good 'keeping'. Johnson and Lutz provided the swimming ability for the side that is vital in modern day waterpolo. Both players are effective defensive players and Johnson's shooting ability is second to none. Correia has been the anchor of the defencemen. He must, however, realise that referees appreciate technique more than strength!

A special mention must be made of the substitutes. With competition as keen as it was, they did not see much action in the water. However, they formed an integral part of the team. Milton's strength lies in its depth of talent, with thirteen efficient players in the side.

## 2nd TEAM WATERPOLO

**Coach:** Mr. D. Welensky

**Captain:** J. Correia

**Team Members:** S. Venn, P. Joubert, F. Joubert, J. Correia, A. Probert, A. Page, M. Box, J. Dunn, J. Lowthér, M. Simon, D. Abel, H. Ziemkendorf

**Results:** vs Plumtree Lost 8-10, Won 9-8  
vs Falcon Won 9-5, Won 8-3  
vs Gifford Won 11-1, Won 12-3

**Comment:** Enthusiasm during matches made up for the lack of application during training. Generally the team was relieved that we had substitutes eager to get into the water to help out a teammate who had just finished a dynamic sprint the whole length of the pool and was consequently rendered totally exhausted. However, the substitutes could also manage only one similar effort a chukka and so naturally the turnover of players was extremely high.

The side was strengthened by importing local cricket stars, Venn and Ziemkendorf. Venn certainly rose to the occasion in the goals with some sterling saves. If only he hadn't hung on to the side of the pool so much we would not have had so many free throws against us. Ziemkendorf had the utmost confidence in Venn — so much so that he never followed his man back when defending! Venn would then execute a brilliant save and pass to a totally unmarked Ziemkendorf. My congratulations to Ziemkendorf for being top goal scorer!

Correia provided the brains behind the team. I think his tactic of shouting to the nearest player to "switch" when his man broke was a very good energy-conserving move! Probert, Dunn and Lowther provided a psychological advantage to the side. Their constant flexing on the side of the pool undoubtedly intimidated the opposition as well as impressed the girls.

All in all, the side had a winning formula!

## U/15 WATERPOLO

**Coach:** Mr. D. Welensky

**Captain:** T. Todd

**Team Members:** K. Kyriacou, S. Williams, J. Guthrie, A. Simon, D. Pistorius, S. White, R. Elston, D. Reynolds, A. van Beek, G. Rundle, B. Ray, B. Lacey

**Results:** vs Plumtree Lost 5-12, Won 11-2, Won 6-4  
vs Falcon Won 11-3, Won 8-1  
vs C.B.C. Won 12-2  
vs Gifford Won 12-3, Won 11-1

**Comment:** There is undoubtedly talent to be developed in this side. Todd is a strong attacking player with excellent swimming ability; Williams is by far the best "thinking" player; Kyriacou has the ability to become a very competent goalkeeper but at the moment he is too erratic and lacks concentration; Guthrie could develop into a strong sitter once he realises his full potential; Simon and Elston are both competent players who need to gain more confidence.

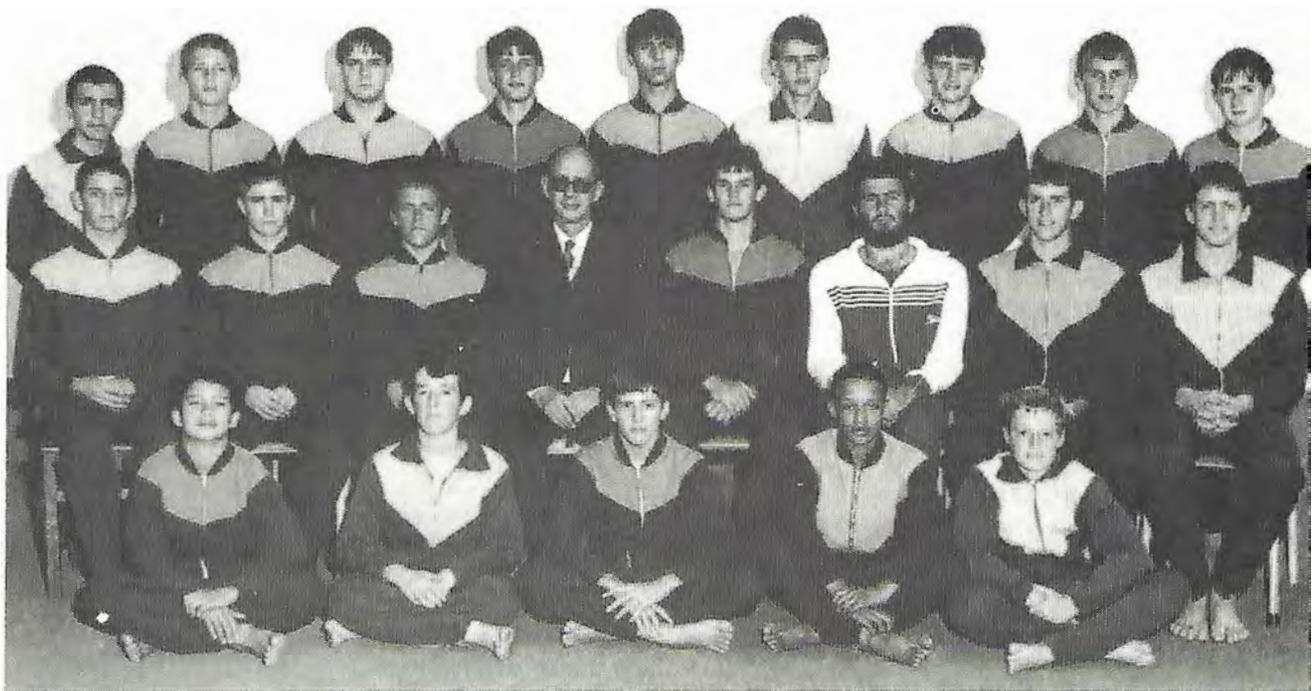
The side gave of its best at all times. Congratulations on a fine performance.



**1st TEAM WATERPOLO**

*Back:* W. Dakers, R. Williams, B. Watson, M. Lutz, V. Nothnagel, I. Beattie, R. Watson.

*Seated:* P. Akeroyd, B. Ross, Mr. E. Andersen, I. Ferguson (Capt.), Mr. D. Welensky, G. Johnson, J. Correia.



**1st TEAM SWIMMING**

*Back:* D. Efthymiou, A. Simon, W. Dakers, I. Beattie, M. Schultz, R. Williams, S. Williams, B. Beattie, P. Sinclair.

*Seated:* B. Ross, R. Watson, G. Johnson, Mr. E. Andersen, M. Lutz (Capt.), Mr. D. Welensky, G. Lutz, M. Simon.

*Front:* B. Strachan, M. Nixon, R. Hatten, E. Levendale, A. Kelly.

# SWIMMING

**Coach:** Mr. D. Welensky

**Colours:** G. Johnson (re-award), G. Lutz, M. Lutz.

**Team Awards:** M. Simon, B. Ross, W. Dakers, R. Watson, R. Williams, I. Beattie, M. Schultz, B. Dawson.

**Comment:** The results this year have not been of the same high standard that Milton has enjoyed in the past. In the Inter-House Gala only one individual record was broken. The school team came second in the Inter-Schools' Gala, losing to C.B.C. by under two points; this was a fine effort, as Milton had to rely on the Under 16 and Open Age Groups for the majority of their points. G. Lutz was outstanding in the U16 group, winning all of his events. Congratulations go to Gavin Johnson for being selected for the National Olympic squad.

In the Inter-Schools' Diving Competition Milton once again acquitted itself well by winning the event. Individual positions were as follows:

**Under 13** A. Kelly 4th  
**Under 14** D. Wilcock 1st  
**Under 15** D. Wilmans 1st  
**Under 16** H. Evans 3rd  
**Open** R. Watson 1st

## Inter-House Gala — Individual Winners

<b>Under 13</b>	200m	Freestyle	C. Efthymiou
	200m	Breaststroke	A. Chessman
	100m	Freestyle	E. Levendale
	100m	Breaststroke	R. Hatten
	4 x 50m	Indiv. Medley	R. Hatten
<b>Under 14</b>	50m	Butterfly	E. Levendale
	100m	Backstroke	A. Kelly
	200m	Freestyle	B. Beattie
	200m	Breaststroke	B. Beattie
	100m	Freestyle	P. Bunce
<b>Under 15</b>	100m	Breaststroke	B. Beattie
	4 x 50m	Indiv. Medley	B. Beattie
	50m	Butterfly	P. Bunce
	100m	Backstroke	K. Penton
	200m	Freestyle	S. Williams
<b>Under 16</b>	200m	Breaststroke	T. Todd
	100m	Freestyle	K. Kyriacou
	100m	Breaststroke	T. Todd
	4 x 50m	Indiv. Medley	T. Todd
	50m	Butterfly	T. Todd
100m	Backstroke	S. Williams	

<b>Under 16</b>	200m	Freestyle	G. Lutz
	200m	Breaststroke	I. Beattie
	100m	Freestyle	G. Lutz
	100m	Breaststroke	R. Williams
	4 x 50m	Indiv. Medley	G. Lutz
<b>Open</b>	50m	Butterfly	G. Lutz
	100m	Backstroke	I. Beattie
	200m	Freestyle	M. Lutz
	200m	Breaststroke	G. Johnson
	100m	Freestyle	M. Lutz
<b>Open</b>	100m	Breaststroke	G. Johnson
	4 x 50m	Indiv. Medley	G. Johnson
	100m	Butterfly	G. Johnson
	100m	Backstroke	M. Simon

## Final House Positions:

1	Birchenough	274 points
=2	Fairbridge	236 points
=2	Rhodes	236 points
4	Borrow	183 points
5	Boarders	161 points
6	Heany	139 points

# House Reports

## BOARDERS HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Charter — Mr. A. Thomas  
Pioneer — Mr. A. Walker

**Heads of House:** Charter — S. Gilhooley, G. Wallace  
Pioneer — V. Nothnagel

**Staff:** Charter — Mr. Andrews (1st. & 2nd. terms), Mr. Gee (3rd. term), Mr. Henderson (3rd. term), Mr. Smith  
Pioneer — Mr. Day, Mr. Welensky, Mr. Poku-Awuah

**House Prefects:** Charter — Wallace, Mabena, Mavunga, Watson  
Pioneer — Ziemkendorf, Akeroyd, Utete

**Matrons:** Charter — Mrs. Grist, Mrs. Beeden  
Pioneer — Mrs. de Jongh, Mrs. Taylor  
Kitchen — Mrs. Viljoen, Mrs. Geldenhuys

### Open:- Achievements:

*Gilhooley* — Soccer, House Play, Hockey, Cross-country.  
*Wallace* — Hockey (capt.), Cricket (capt.), House Play.  
*Nothnagel* — Hockey, Athletics (capt.), Cricket, Rugby.  
*Mabena* — Basketball, House Play, Rugby.  
*Ziemkendorf* — Athletics, Hockey, Cricket.  
*Akeroyd* — Rugby (capt.), Cricket, Hockey, Athletics.  
*Watson* — Cricket.  
*Utete* — Soccer, Basketball, Athletics.

*Akeroyd* — Hockey.  
*Bozongwana* — Cross-country.  
*Charadzera* — Cross-country, Soccer, Athletics.  
*Chinamatira* — Cross-country, Athletics, Soccer, Cricket.  
*Chitereka I* — Tennis (capt.), Rugby, Athletics (V/capt.).  
*Chitereka II* — Athletics.  
*de Azevedo* — Athletics, Hockey, Chess, Cricket.  
*Dziruni* — Cricket, Tennis.  
*Edwards* — Cross-country.  
*Gondo* — Chess, Athletics, Cross-country.  
*Gwaze* — Soccer.  
*Hiripis* — Hockey.  
*Kamanga* — Tennis.  
*Karongo* — Athletics, Cross-country.  
*Mackintosh* — Athletics, Cricket, Rugby, Squash.  
*Mafungise* — Athletics, Basketball, Soccer, Rugby.  
*Magura* — Soccer, Basketball.  
*Makina* — Basketball, Soccer.  
*Malliwa* — Athletics.  
*Marimo* — Athletics, Cross-country.  
*Mashonganyika* — Cross-country (capt.), Athletics, Soccer.  
*Mathee* — Cricket, Rugby.  
*Mavu* — Athletics.  
*Mpofu* — Rugby, Basketball, Athletics.  
*Msipa* — Cross-country.  
*Muzhanye* — Soccer, Athletics.  
*Ndlovu* — Cross-country, Soccer.  
*Ndhlukula* — Soccer.  
*Rundle* — Athletics, Rugby.  
*Sibanda* — Cross-country, Athletics.  
*Sibindi* — Cross-country, Athletics.

*Simbanegavi* — Athletics, Cross-country.  
*Snyman I* — Athletics.  
*Turnbull* — House Play.  
*Veremu* — Athletics, Basketball, Rugby.  
*Watson* — Hockey, Squash.  
*Watson* — Cricket.

### U/16:

*Bulle* — Athletics, Rugby.  
*Chibi* — Cricket, Rugby, Tennis.  
*Coleman* — Cross-country, Athletics.  
*Ferreira* — Hockey, Athletics.  
*Hanyana* — Basketball.  
*Mazuru* — Cross-country, Athletics, Rugby.  
*Moyo II* — Soccer, Basketball.  
*Muzira* — Athletics.  
*Mzenda* — Athletics, Cross-country, Rugby.  
*Ncube* — Athletics.  
*Ndlovu* — Athletics, Public Speaking.  
*Ngwenya II* — Athletics.  
*Nkomo* — Athletics.  
*Rusheche* — Cross-country, Rugby, Athletics.  
*Siwawa* — Cross-country.  
*Tugwete* — Cross-country.  
*Ziemkendorf* — Hockey, Athletics.

### U/15:

*Chinamatira* — Athletics.  
*Mkali* — Cross-country.  
*Moyo* — Athletics.  
*Sibanda* — Athletics, Cross-country.  
*Ushendibaba* — Athletics, Cross-country.

### U/14:

*Kiel* — Cricket.  
*Machazire* — Rugby.  
*Makuchete* — Cross-country, Athletics, Rugby.  
*Mkuku* — Cross-country.  
*Mtunzi* — Cricket.  
*Muzhanye* — Athletics.  
*Naik* — Cricket.  
*Ncube* — Athletics, Cross-country, Rugby.  
*Nguruve* — Rugby.  
*Nyathi* — Cricket, Athletics.  
*Pantazis* — Basketball, Cross-country, Cricket.  
*Sibanda* — Athletics.  
*Tankwa* — Cross-country.  
*Tshabalala* — Cross-country.  
*Tshuma* — Athletics, Cricket, Basketball.  
*Woodend* — Cross-country, Athletics, Basketball, Rugby.

### Provincial:

*Chibi* — U/15 Cricket.  
*Chitereka* — Matabeleland Rugby.  
*Mackintosh* — Midlands Athletics.  
*Mpofu* — Matabeleland Karate.  
*Mutsura* — Matabeleland Soccer.  
*Akeroyd* — Matabeleland Waterpolo.

### Inter-house Sport Positions:

Cross-country	1
Basketball	2
Public Speaking	3
Athletics (Individual)	1
Athletics (Team)	1
Hockey	2
Soccer	1
Tennis	1 (tied)
House Plays	1
Rugby	1
Chess	
Squash	
Academic	2
Cricket	3

**Comment:** Generally 1983 was another successful year for Boarders, attaining six firsts, two seconds and two thirds in the inter-house competitions. As usual all Boarder teams gave of their best, with determination and team spirit helping the gain of so many firsts. Praise must also go to the non-participant Boarders who always gave their audible support.

Athletics and Cross-country have been Boarders' strongest sports in which we excelled once again; in the weaker sports, however, we managed a third in waterpolo, a third in public speaking and a fifth in swimming — the latter achievement due to the record-breaking swim of the O/15 Novice Relay team.

Our sincere thanks go to all the matrons, Mrs. Grist, Mrs. Beeden, Mrs. de Jongh, Mrs. Taylor, for all their hard work. Also, we appreciate the sterling work Mrs. Viljoen and Mrs. Geldenhuys have done during the hard times of food shortages and budget cuts.

Next year the Boarders are sure to do well — despite the fact that the day scholar houses are now equal in numbers! To all hostel masters who have helped us in numerous ways goes our appreciation. Our especial thanks are extended to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Walker who have been the force behind the Boarders during the course of the year.

### BIRCHENOUGH HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr. I. Kemp

**House Captain:** R. Nash

**House Staff:** Mr. A. Blagden, Miss E. Bortolan, Mrs. J. Gardiner, Miss A. Louth, Mr. E. Mavugara.

**House Prefects:** R. Spits, M. Taylor, J. Correia, R. Young, M. Ross, S. Haddon, M. Jenkinson, S. Langford.

**Comment:** 1983 has had its ups and downs, but we managed to scrape into the top three again. We started well this year, coming second in the Cross-Country, but our position slowly deteriorated, and it was only a fine effort by our swimmers that pulled us up by winning both the Swimming and the Waterpolo. The House academic achievements were very disappointing this year and we came fifth in this field; this represents a marked drop from previous years — the seniors, especially Langford, Vaughan, Spits and Edwards, shone, though it is becoming increasingly apparent that our juniors are letting the House down. The rugby proved to be a highlight, but unfortunately the Heany-Birchenough senior match of modified 'touch-rugby' was not appreciated. I would like to thank Jorge Correia for his enthusiastic support, Langford and Young, upon whom next year's problems will rest, the other prefects for doing their bit, Damerell for his attempt at a play and, finally and most importantly, Mr. Kemp for his unflinching support and strong right arm.

R. NASH

### BORROW HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr. M. Herring

**House Captain:** G. Salomon

**House Staff:** Mr. A. Brutus, Miss A. Fiveash, Miss P. Kinsella, Mr. H. Mazwi, Mrs. V. Stewart, Miss F. Valentine

**House Prefects:** G. Stephens, D. Sutherland-McLeod, S. Venn, R. Pattison, N. Rix

#### Inter-house Positions:

Cross-Country	3
Basketball	5
Public Speaking	1=
Athletics	6
Hockey	3
Football	2
Tennis	4
Drama	2=
Squash	4
Chess	5
Rugby	3
Cricket	2
Waterpolo	
Swimming	4

**Comment:** As can be seen, the above represents a very mixed bag of results. The cultural successes reflect much hard work, time and effort on the part of a small percentage of the House, while good performances in Football and Cricket are an indication that the strength of the House lay mainly among the seniors. The final House positions show that only 4½ points separated the bottom four Houses and this stresses the need for a concerted effort on the part of all members — there are several moments on which one can reflect and consider 'If only . . . !' Team spirit and morale remained high throughout and for this all credit must go to a very hard-working and loyal band of Prefects. The House thanks them sincerely for all their contributions and wishes the leavers all the best in the future.

### FAIRBRIDGE HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr. M.F. Bullivant

**House Captain:** N. Dempsey (first and second terms), D. Ruetsche (third term)

**House Staff:** Mrs. M. Fish, Mrs. J. Nixon, Mrs. R. Van Zyl, Mr. P. Gee, Mr. S. Long

**House Prefects:** T. Cross, D. Gammon, N. Gubbay, G. Lutz, M. Lutz, B. Nkomo, A. Probert, D. Ruetsche, P. Scarrott, R. Scott

#### Inter-house Positions:

Cross Country	5
Basketball	1
Public Speaking	6
Athletics	3
Hockey	1
Soccer	3
Tennis	3
Drama	2
Squash	1
Chess	3
Rugby	4
Cricket	1
Waterpolo	
Swimming	2=
Academic	3

**Comment:** 1983 was another good year for Fairbridge; for the fourth year in succession, the Boarders had to fight for the inter-house trophy and Fairbridge was the most successful day house. Although finally beaten by a margin of 11 points, the next day house was a further 14

points behind and it is a mark of Fairbridge's superiority that the remaining four day houses were separated by a mere 4½ points. Another mark of Fairbridge's strength, and an explanation for it, is in the number of house prefects — no fewer than eleven, nine of whom were school prefects. It is this wealth of talent at the top that has brought so much success and it is sad that their outstanding efforts were not always supported by the whole house. Certainly team spirit was always excellent, even when things were not going all our own way, but the support from the rest of the house was often derisory and the above results reflect the efforts and achievements of not much more than half the members of Fairbridge.

The House Prefects all made a significant contribution to the smooth-running of the house and Neil Dempsey was an excellent Captain, quietly authoritative and always prepared to lead by example. His early departure was a sad loss but it was a case of *embarras de richesse* when looking for a replacement; lucky the house that has such a choice and Fairbridge could have had no better lead than that supplied by Daniel Ruetsche in the third term. Peter Scarrott's contribution was again outstanding and his enthusiasm very nearly compensated for the missing multitudes on several occasions.

Mr. Long and Mr. Gee have both given much to the House and for the sixth year in succession Mr. Bullivant's ebullience, exuberance and enthusiasm have reaped a considerable reward. The strength of the house appears to lie at the top; it is to be hoped that the juniors will respond to the challenge of Fairbridge's proud record over the last thirty years.

### RHODES HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr. M. Harlen

**House Captain:** R. Catterall

**House Staff:** Mr. K. Taylor, Mrs. J. Rochester, Mrs. G. Evans, Mr. R. Henderson

**House Prefects:** M. Simon, W. Dakers, D. Place, G. Johnson, I. Miller, G. Simoya, C. Judd

**Comment:** Despite the fact that our sporting achievements were not as strong as in previous years, this was to some extent compensated for by our academic results. In the sporting sphere Dakers and Johnson excelled at Waterpolo, helping the House to a hard-earned second place. Despite his toad-like stature, Johnson also gained fame by coming second in the

Massed Mile on Sports Day, while the Open 4 x 100m Relay team, with Holiday Inn in their sights as they came down the straight, hit the tape first. The climax of the Swimming Gala was the Open 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay in which Rhodes pipped Fairbridge at the finish; for this success, thanks to Catterall for his speedy, if unconventional, style.

The squash team of Simon, Waddy, Judd and Kendall managed a creditable second place, while the actors showed promise for the future.

With our businessman/scientist/hot-dog king and Housemaster, Mr. M. Harlen, at the helm, we can look forward to even greater success in the future.

### HEANY HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr. C. Hawkins

**House Captain:** I. Ferguson

**House Staff:** Miss J. Davies, Mr. P. Mnkandla, Miss J. Joseph, Miss A. Cromar, Mrs. S. Rowland

**House Prefects:** G. Duberly, J. Dunn, M. Anastasiou, M. Watson

**House Positions:**

Cross-Country	4
Basketball	3
Public Speaking	4
Athletics (Indiv)	4
Athletics (Team)	5
Hockey	5
Chess	
Football	4
Tennis	1
Rugby	6
Drama	5
Cricket	4
Squash	3
Waterpolo	4
Swimming	6
Academic	4

**Comment:** This year was not as successful as last year as the House came last overall. The prefects worked hard and were largely responsible for any success. The House had little talent, but some members showed great enthusiasm and determination. Unfortunately, many others avoided House activities as much as possible. If the House system is to survive, the newcomers to the school must take a more active part.

