

FOOTBALL

CHARTERHOUSE *v* R.A.S.C., ALDERSHOT

At Home October 4th Won 2—1

Charterhouse opened the season with a close victory over the R.A.S.C.

In the first half the play was mainly in midfield, with occasional attacks on both goals, and although Charterhouse looked the more dangerous it was the R.A.S.C. who first broke through and scored. After half-time Charterhouse was quick to equalise; Evans, after a good movement, centred from the right, and Lovett scored with a shot into the corner of the net. Following on this, Larking put in a nice one from a bouncing ball to give Charterhouse the lead. The R.A.S.C. renewed their efforts but were held off by stubborn defence, and the game ended with the score 2—1.

For Charterhouse Blanchard was in good form at back, and Holder and Le Gallais worked hard as wing halves. Lovett was conspicuous in originating many movements in the forwards, and Lahaye made several very fine runs down the wing.

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CHARTERHOUSE *v* SHERWOOD FORESTERS

At Home October 8th Drawn 1—1

Charterhouse found strong opponents in the Sherwood Foresters, and the game was a close one. After several dangerous attacks by the Sherwoods, Evans took up the ball and from a *mêlée* just inside the penalty area put a good shot into the net. At half-time Charterhouse still held the lead, but after five minutes of the second half their opponents equalised with a long shot, after Benké had injured his hand in diving at a forward's feet.

Towards the end of the game, Charterhouse play became exceedingly ragged, and the forwards seemed unable to co-operate. The Charterhouse goal was several times threatened but the defence, playing somewhat desperately, managed to prevent any further score.

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CHARTERHOUSE *v* COLDSTREAM GUARDS

At Home October 11th Lost 6—0

A reliable authority calculates that the Charterhouse team was inferior in weight by at least two hundred-

weight; but even considering this, the game was a severe defeat.

In the first half the wind was with Charterhouse, who failed to make use of it, and their defence was worked hard. The peculiar formation adopted by the Guards sometimes resulted in three halves and three insides being within ten yards of each other. Charterhouse failed to adapt themselves to this type of play, and just before half-time an inside put in a shot which was blown out of Benké's reach by the wind.

Against the wind Charterhouse at first defended well, but within ten minutes the Guards had broken through and scored, and after that the team went completely to pieces. The Guards scored two quick goals, soon adding another two, and the game ended with Charterhouse still defending.

The forwards without Lahaye lacked thrust and missed the few chances they had. The defence played well until towards the end of the second half; Towers was clearing in a useful manner and Blanchard was steady, but Benké had an unlucky day. The halves were kept well occupied and Sword in the centre showed great improvement.

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CHARTERHOUSE *v* ST THOMAS'S HOSPITAL

At Home October 15th Won 3—0 (Evans 2, Lahaye)

After the match R. M. Lahaye received colours.

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CHARTERHOUSE *v* CORINTHIAN-CASUALS

At Home October 18th Won 1—0

Charterhouse defeated the Corinthian-Casuals in a hard-fought game, and the result was well deserved. The Corinthians started at a good pace and Benké was kept fairly busy throughout the first half. Charterhouse occasionally broke away, however, and during one of these spasmodic attacks Larking got hold of the ball and defeated the goalkeeper with a beautiful shot from outside the penalty area.

After half-time the play was fairly equal, and no further score resulted although both goals were frequently menaced. Towards the end of the game, with their opponents tiring noticeably, the Charterhouse forwards performed several good movements and

Lahaye broke through in grand style once or twice but was unlucky and failed to score.

For Charterhouse, the defence showed a definite improvement on previous matches. Towers was quick in tackling and was clearing excellently, while Sword was very useful with his head. Benké did some good work, but his kicking was sometimes erratic. Larking worked hard at inside and created some good openings for Evans and Lahaye, who were in good form and played together well.

After the match P. C. G. Larking and R. C. Towers received colours.

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CHARTERHOUSE v BRADFIELD

Away October 25th Won 2—1

Although Charterhouse emerged victorious, the honour of the match goes to Bradfield. Fate had been hostile to them in an almost unprecedented degree. Three successive captains had been lost in the last month, from one cause or another, a forward had broken an ankle, and to crown all, the centre-forward, half an hour before the match, when bounding into the air in a fit of exuberance, had met an iron bar, with consequent ill effects to the head.

Thus weakened, Bradfield courageously took the field and so far from being cowed, kicked off and immediately riddled the Charterhouse defence and bounced the ball on the top of the cross-bar. Charterhouse were badly shaken. Five minutes later an exactly similar move occurred, only this time the centre went to the centre-forward, who was surprisingly unattended and who had no trouble over scoring. For about five minutes more Charterhouse continued to impersonate a dairy flock, and then began to settle down. A nasty east wind was blowing straight down the ground and conditions were bumpy and not too easy, but the Charterhouse defence indulged in some very astonishing miskicking. The forwards were finding their feet, and Lovett was often doing good things; eventually he got the ball and, after a good run down the right wing, centred. Lahaye had a shot and missed the ball; this proved a highly strategic move, as the ball went to Evans, who had come in well and was quite unmarked, and who scored off a first-time shot. About ten minutes later, Lahaye took advantage of a middle by the Bradfield defence and scored after a good piece of personal initiative. Charterhouse were now having most of the game but Bradfield made periodic raids, and the Charterhouse back division still favoured propelling the ball by disturbing the air around it rather

than by actual contact. However, Bradfield had shot their bolt. Charterhouse might have scored some three or four times through some good moves, but the shots went wide. At half-time the score was 2—1 to Charterhouse.

After half-time Charterhouse had the wind to help them and had every reason to feel confident; but Bradfield was full of fight, and Lovett had a return of previous ankle trouble. This seemed to upset the smooth running of the forward line and the attacks became ragged. Play was very clumsy and there was a lot of aimless kicking. The Bradfield outside-right was fast and menacing but his finish was weak. The last twenty minutes was much faster and Benké was called on to make a good save. However, neither side even looked like scoring and the score was still 2—1 when time came.

For Charterhouse, Le Gallais played well at half, but his constructive work was weak. Lovett was excellent until partially crooked, and Evans did some good work. Larking worked hard the whole time and Lahaye had patches of menace but was very well marked by his centre-half, who played a fine game. The defence was not impressive, but began to produce form in the last quarter of an hour. In the first half they were slow, positioned badly and miskicked. Towers dribbled far too much for a back and then was slow in recovery after the inevitable disaster had occurred. However, they recovered towards the end of the game.

After the match M. E. H. Le Gallais received colours. Teams:—

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BRADFIELD—K. Barnes; J. E. Digby, P. E. Bodkin; W. T. B. Slings, C. A. Percy, I. M. P. Evans; A. A. Larry, A. S. Williams, J. H. Larry, J. G. S. Drysdale, J. M. Maynard.

CHARTERHOUSE v R.A.F., HORLEY

At Home November 1st Won 3—2

This victory over the R.A.F. was narrow but very well deserved, and three excellent goals were scored by the Charterhouse forwards who, although deprived of Lovett and Lahaye, played a most encouraging game.

Within the first ten minutes Charterhouse had scored twice from inspired shots by Lomas and Evans. The R.A.F. soon settled down, however, and gave Benké no rest. Their efforts were rewarded just before half-time, and at the beginning of the second half they attacked consistently and soon equalised. After this, Charterhouse defended with great determination and a little skill, and prevented further score. A tense moment was caused when a penalty was given against

Charterhouse, but this was brilliantly saved by Benké, who was in great form, and almost immediately Johnson-Smith broke away on the wing and centred, for Evans to head the ball into the net. The game slowed up considerably from this point, and finished with the R.A.F. rather half-heartedly attacking an extremely tired Charterhouse defence.

For Charterhouse, all played extremely hard, and Evans and Lomas were conspicuous. The halves and backs worked well, and Benké, in goal, was always reliable.

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CHARTERHOUSE v O.C.T.U., SANDHURST

At Sandhurst November 8th Lost 1—5

Charterhouse were beaten 5—1 at Sandhurst by a strong team. During the first part of the game the Sandhurst forwards were continually pressing, with the two insides always looking dangerous and making good openings down both wings. The Charterhouse defence marked their men closely and cleared well up the field to the forwards who, however, were unable to penetrate a sound defence. About ten minutes before half-time Sandhurst scored from a *mêlée* in front of goal after Benké had brought off several good saves; shortly afterwards Evans broke through but failed to score, and at half-time Charterhouse were lucky to be only one goal down.

In the second half, Stevenson scored three quick goals for Sandhurst, but Charterhouse played better as a team, with the forwards combining well together; Lovett originated several promising movements, and the attack was often dangerous. Finally Hogg scored with a good shot into the far corner of the net, just after Sandhurst had added a fifth from the left wing, and the game ended with Charterhouse still attacking.

Blanchard and Sword were prominent in the defence and Le Gallais and Vlasto both worked hard. The forwards played well against very strong opposition.

Team:—

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CHARTERHOUSE v BRADFIELD

At Home November 15th Won 4—0

The return match was played at Charterhouse on November 15th, and resulted in a win for Charterhouse 4—0. This was satisfactory, as this time the curse had left Bradfield, who were at full strength. The first 20 minutes were dull and nothing very dangerous or enter-

prising occurred. The ball was in the air a lot, and Bradfield were clearly finding conditions difficult. Soon Charterhouse managed to find a little more dash, and Evans managed to break through and score a good goal. Play continued to be uneventful and neither side looked like scoring, and at half-time the score was still 1—0 to Charterhouse.

Almost immediately after resuming, Evans scored again and Charterhouse began to speed up and from now onwards had the game in hand. Bradfield struggled hard, but their forwards lacked finish and though they came near to scoring twice, they never inspired one with much alarm. The Charterhouse forwards were still moving faster and soon Lahaye added a third goal. Evans finished off a successful afternoon by scoring the fourth, and when time came Charterhouse were the fairly comfortable winners by 4—0.

Strangely enough, Bradfield seemed less impressive at full strength than they did when they were so short at Bradfield. They were slower to the ball and their marking was not so close. Their forwards certainly seemed less dashing. All this may have been due to unfamiliar conditions.

Charterhouse again started off poorly, but in the second half they were showing better form. Sword played extremely well at centre-half and kept a bulky, if slow, centre-forward satisfactorily under control. Le Gallais played very coolly at half. Holder gave a competent display, but was too liable to launch himself desperately at his adversary. Evans took all his chances and was quick off the mark. Lahaye made good use of his speed on the left wing. Lomas, too, gave his best display of the season on the right wing.

While this contest was in progress, the 2nd XIs were doing battle and fought each other to a standstill at 2—2.

Teams:—

BRADFIELD—K. Barnes; J. E. Digby, P. E. Bodkin; W. T. B. Slingo, C. A. Percy, I. M. P. Evans; A. A. Tarry, M. D. Turner, D. J. Mitchell, J. G. S. Drysdale, J. M. Maynard.

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After the match R. W. Sword and R. W. Holder received colours.

HOUSE MATCHES

1ST ROUND

Girdlestoneites beat Saunderites 4—0

GIRDLESTONEITES—P. M. Braund; R. C. Towers, R. M. Hutchinson; J. J. Chaldecott, R. W. Holder, J. L. B. Edwards; N. R. N. Barton, P. C. G. Larking, R. S. Evans (Capt.), G. Johnson-Smith, G. D. Spratt.

SAUNDERITES—T. L. Carhart-Harris ; R. F. Coales, P. H. Blanchard (Capt.) ; C. P. Bouquet, R. W. Sword, J. M. Waddell ; P. C. Wannop, J. C. Pollock, B. C. Isitt, D. W. Walters, N. M. Wells.

Hodgsonites beat Pageites 3—0

HODGSONITES—J. S. Rowe ; J. G. Elliott, B. T. J. Bridger ; P. M. Dowell, M. E. H. Le Gallais, J. D. Lumsden ; I. W. Stiven, E. W. Lomas, A. Crole-Rees, K. M. G. Durrant, J. G. F. Inglis.

PAGEITES—J. E. Powell-Jones ; M. P. Derenburg, R. D. F. Watson ; R. W. le B. Rickman, D. J. Jones, A. J. Robinson, W. J. Thomson, A. J. Jones, R. Okell, I. L. Jardine, J. F. B. Jowitt.

2ND ROUND

Gownboys beat Robinites 1—0

GOWNBOYS—G. N. Whitfield ; F. M. Rushbrooke Williams, I. G. Lovesy ; P. J. M. Hill, A. C. D. Davidson (Capt.), A. H. Fellowes ; B. R. D. J. Hogg, G. E. Seager, B. Whitehorn, R. S. Dickens, H. T. Verry.

ROBINITES—G. R. W. Carter ; J. B. Maflin, P. H. Price ; R. A. Traill, E. A. Bishop, C. E. D. Robert-Tissot ; R. W. F. Bardwell, A. S. Lovett (Capt.), E. L. Williams, E. C. Dalgety, F. M. Johnson.

Girdlestoneites beat Daviesites 5—1

GIRDLESTONEITES—P. M. Braund ; R. C. Towers, R. M. Hutchinson ; J. J. Chaldecott, R. W. Holder, J. L. B. Edwards ; N. R. N. Barton, P. C. G. Larking, R. S. Evans, (Capt.), G. Johnson-Smith, G. D. Spratt.

DAVIESITES—J. M. Crossman ; I. R. Prior, A. R. Speak ; C. J. R. Cobbett, B. D. Wilson (Capt.), S. D. Erulkar ; C. T. A. Ray, D. W. Savill, O. Lawrence-Jones, D. J. C. Stevenson, J. Stewart.

Verites beat Bodeites 3—0

VERITES—J. D. Bendit ; A. J. Bell, C. N. Acheson-Gray ; J. M. Sword, J. H. Foster, J. Bowden ; A. M. Cranstoun, G. C. Daukes, P. A. Vlasto, R. A. Vlasto (Capt.), D. R. Marsh.

BODEITES—N. H. Benké (Capt.) ; J. Jory, B. R. J. Walker ; P. White, G. H. R. Watson, D. B. Miller ; T. S. Bayley, J. T. Bromfield, G. A. R. Giri, R. R. Hudson, J. A. N. Pollock.

Hodgsonites beat Weekites 4—1

HODGSONITES—J. S. Rowe ; J. G. Elliott, B. T. J. Bridger ; P. M. Dowell, M. E. H. Le Gallais, J. D. Lumsden ; I. W. Stiven, E. W. Lomas, A. Crole-Rees, K. M. G. Durrant, J. G. F. Inglis.

WEEKITES—P. S. I. Godden ; G. T. Metcalfe (Capt.), J. R. Wiles ; D. N. Cow, M. J. Rimell, J. M. Ellis ; B. B. Vincent, D. J. Deakin, J. L. Godden, T. S. Johnson, I. H. Martin.

CRICKET

1st XI CRICKET, 1941

Out of twelve matches played by the 1st XI, six were won, five were drawn and one only, the Eton match, was lost. We were fortunate in being able to play all the usual schools except Westminster. Although soundly defeated by Eton, the first time since the match was revived eight years ago, we had little difficulty in beating Wellington. The Winchester match, played under appalling weather conditions, was drawn, and a very good game at Harrow also ended in a draw.

The side, lacking real stars, was in the end well balanced and only just failed to reach the standard of pre-war years. The batting was reliable down to number eight. F. A. Peet, the captain, was the most experienced and stylish batsman, as his 60 not out against Wellington proved; while R. W. Sword, whose 43 not out *v* Winchester and 61 *v* Harrow, were his best innings, was the most prolific run-getter. A. S. Lovett showed his worth against the Grasshoppers with a splendid innings of 64, and E. W. Lomas was consistently useful as a sound opening bat. M. W. Nesbitt batted particularly well at the beginning of the season, with a century (not included in the records) against the R.A.F., Odiham, followed by 53 against the Grasshoppers and 31 *v* Wellington. Both K. J. I. Harding, who, forcing

his way into the side late in the season, justified his place with an admirable opening innings of 64 *v* Harrow, and B. R. J. Walker, also a latecomer to the side, who played a most promising innings of 43 not out against the M.C.C., showed delightful style and ability to score freely all round the wicket. D. G. Podmore came to the rescue on several occasions, notably at Harrow, when runs were needed quickly.

It was a great disappointment that W. H. Griffiths and D. G. Podmore, who bowled so successfully in 1940, failed, through injury and other reasons, to reproduce their true form: but, fortunately, P. White filled the gap and took 30 wickets at about 11 runs apiece, including six for 26 against Wellington and six for 18 against M.C.C. A. S. Lovett and R. W. Sword not only backed him up with good-length bowling but took some valuable wickets as well, while F. A. Peet was always liable to break up a partnership when he put himself on to bowl.

Although Peet, Lovett and Sword were always effective, the fielding of the rest varied considerably. C. Crook improved steadily, and by the end of the season was keeping wicket extremely well.

Peet, an able and astute captain, is to be congratulated on welding the XI into a keen, well-balanced team.