

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Twenty enthusiasts, largely novices, kicked off in September. We practised on the college ground until it was de-requisitioned. It was brick hard and our energies were well expended in passing, kicking and learning the essentials of tackling and falling on the ball. Lack of experience as a team accounted for our initial defeat at Bassingbourn, but contrary to some expectations our next game versus Shelford was a 22—11 win, which showed that the walls of Wimpole sheltered a fighting spirit.

Shortly afterwards we entertained old Hertfordians, and beat them 46—0. A home fixture with Shelford resulted in a 22—0 win for the college, and the Old Hertfordians were beaten at Ware 3—0. We attributed the low score of this game to the fact that the wind blowing across the open pitch was not classified in the Beaufort scale. Our next two fixtures were with the Perse Wanderers. Although we lost both games by comparatively narrow margins, they were most enjoyable outings. Heavy rain marred the return fixture in Cambridge in the second half and the score by no means mirrored the standard of play. All our lessons appeared to be well learned, and excellent marking and tackling by all enabled us to pin the opposition in their own half for the greater part of the match.

In January we met R.A.F. Bassingbourn in our return fixture. We emerged from the dressing room with mixed feelings, but in spite of the 36—0 defeat, we considered it a 100 per cent improvement on our previous encounter.

After this our fixtures petered out because of lack of transport, our late start, and injuries in other teams. We must thank Mr. Thomas and Mr. Pierson for refereeing, and Charlie Sole of Parker Court who drove the coach. We are grateful to the R.A.F. Bassingbourn for arranging games and lending players and facilities. In Sergeant Newell we found a keen Rugger player and one who would move heaven and earth to help us out in a fix. We were glad to be able to field two of our members in Bassingbourn's last fixture of the season, when they beat Biggleswade 9—3.

Officials and Members. President: Mr. Hutchings; Chairman: Mr. Thomas; Secretary: John Neale; Captain: W. Varah.

Teams: E. Harvey, S. Schofield, M. Dullard, J. Aistrop, J. Neale, B. Littleproud, R. Ouzman, S. Evans, D. Eades, R. McArthur, D. Stanway, E. Davenport, E. Green, S. Hipsey, A. Barklamb, W. Nuttall, E. Lee, R. Barter, and P. Denham.

JOHN NEALE

TABLE TENNIS

As a means of recreation this section proved a great success. We have spent many an hour trying to hit a small celluloid ball in the approved manner. We have played some entertaining matches against the domestic staff, with the students generally on top, and the standard of play has been high. Perhaps it is a good thing that the students' team eats in "B" Dining hall. A combined students and staff team were heavily beaten by the Y.M.C.A. It was a case of players in practice against players out of practice. The Y.M.C.A. had the added advantage of being on their own territory. Kay Turner and Maik of the domestic staff must be congratulated on their good play in this match. Kay was the only lady who played regularly in the college team and must be commended for this.

GEORGE LIPSCOMBE

TENNIS

President: Mr. Strauss; Chairman: Mary Gilder; Treasurer: Alan Scarle.

The college has unfortunately no tennis court, but the Papworth Institute were kind enough to offer us the use of their court at Webbs Corner. The court was in need of repair and we are grateful for all the hard work that the 'fatigue parties' put in.

There is a large membership and the booking system has proved satisfactory. A college team played Homerton 1st team, and although we lost by five matches to four we enjoyed the opportunity to play on grass courts set in ideal surroundings.

MARY GILDER

