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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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### HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

When I took over as Headmaster of Milton in September 1984, it was almost with a sense of familiarity, since I had had long contacts with this great School over the years and knew many of the Staff as friends.

Among those friends was Erik Andersen, my predecessor at Milton, whom I had known for a long time. His very thorough briefing in my taking-over sessions with him were invaluable. His kindness I remember with gratitude.

Other friends were Derick van Zyl, with whom I was to work happily for a term while he was still Deputy Headmaster, Adrian Thomas, Senior Master, and Michael Bullivant, next in the administrative hierarchy. To all these outstanding men I am deeply indebted for their support in my first few months at Milton.

The rest of the Staff also, many of whom I knew, went out of their way to make my introduction to Milton a memorably happy one.

In 1985 we celebrate Milton's 75th birthday. It will be a momentous year in our history - a proud year, a time of retrospect and a time of looking into the future, but above all a year of consciousness of all that our great School has given to our country and all that it still has to give.

Let that be our striving - to provide a launching platform for greatness among the men who are to lead the Zimbabwe of the future.



**STAFF 1984**

*Back row:* Mr I Kemp, Mr H Mazwi, Mr D Ramdany, Mr E Sibanda, Mr S Poku-Awuah, Mr S Long, Mr S M'Hango, Mr S Dube.

*2nd row:* Mr A Walker, Mr F Day, Mr I Dlodlo, Mr J Barry, Mr P Mkandla, Miss M. McGarvie, Mrs S Soni.

*3rd row:* Mr P Ward, Mrs J Nixon, Miss S Carver, Mr E Mavugara, Miss A Louth, Mr D Creasy, Mr W Pagden, Mrs R Shillingford, Mrs S Cimpaye.

*4th row:* Mrs V Stewart, Miss E Bortolan, Miss P Kinsella, Mrs R van Zyl, Mrs J Sawhney, Mrs G Evans, Mrs M Fish, Miss R Makombe, Miss A Best.

*Front row:* Mr M Harlen, Mr C Hawkins, Mr M Bullivant, Mr F J van Zyl, Mr E Andersen, Mrs J Rochester, Mr M Herring.

## TRIBUTES TO STAFF

*E ANDERSEN Esq*

*Headmaster 1981-1984*

Erik (Andy) Andersen, accompanied by his charming wife Claire, two daughters and a dog, arrived at Milton during the April school holidays in 1981. He came to us "out of the mists and snows" of Kwekwe, and with his wealth of experience as a headmaster soon settled down to the business of running Milton.

Andy does not believe in luck or good fortune, but in hard work and toil. His office light was seen burning late at night on many occasions. The door, however, was seldom closed and he was always ready to listen and offer advice. Staff and pupils alike found him approachable and pleasant.

The high standard of manners and dress which over the years have become associated with Milton was strongly supported by Mr Andersen. Scruffy appearance or ill manners were never tolerated and a firm hand would come down mightily upon offenders.

Bulawayo's climate in summer is far from pleasant. The enervating heat in the classrooms is a far cry from the cool, air-conditioned Headmaster's office. Whilst teaching boys under these conditions the Headmaster realised how uncomfortable schoolboys found their collar and tie. Despite protests from certain diehard traditionalists on the staff, Erik introduced a new open-neck summer shirt with the Milton Elephant embroidered on the pocket. The boys are delighted with this new apparel.

### *MR & MRS J F VAN ZYL*

Generally a wife goes to her husband's place of work, but in the case of Derick van Zyl he chose to join Ros at Milton. The things which she must have talked about at dinner, such as the success of her squash team, her examination results — in fact just Milton — must have aroused a certain jealousy in Derick, for at the first opportunity he made the move to Milton.

Derick is a schoolmaster in the true sense of the word. He delights in being with children in the classroom, teaching them the intricacies of Mathematics (really Ros's subject), or Geography (in which he majored at Rhodes).

1.00 p.m. did not signal the end of the day for Derick, for in the afternoon, whilst Ros was coaching squash or running a Mathematics clinic, Derick would be enjoying coaching Cricket or Rugby. The 1983 Rugby tour to England was a great success because of his enthusiasm and of course Ros's encouragement (and presumably permission to go without her).

Derick was also an administrator and came to the school to take over the Deputy Headmaster's post, including the onerous task of running the public examinations. His colour-coded examination number cards and the slick running of 'O', 'M', and 'A' levels amazed us all.

Half a term as Acting Headmaster was yet another of Derick's achievements at Milton. The school continued to run smoothly with him in the "Hot Seat" and Mr Andersen was able to return from his leave and go straight back to his job as if he had never left it.

The happy quintet of van Zyl children were always a pleasure to meet. This, of course, is a tribute to their parents, who had obviously brought them up with the same loving discipline they exercised at Milton.

Two schools in Pretoria are very fortunate in having either Derick or Ros on their staff, but we at Milton were greatly privileged to have had them both.

The playing-fields at Milton were something of which Andy was justly proud. His keen interest in the grounds is clearly illustrated by the obvious pleasure that he and his dog derived from their "Dawn Patrol" at 6.30 a.m. Saturday afternoon would find "School House" empty of Andersens — a quick look at the playing-fields and one would find a happy family enjoying watching Milton at play.

The family unity is also illustrated by Claire coming to help teach on occasions when teachers were away. Her husband needed the help and she gave it. At social functions Claire was invariably present and the beautiful floral arrangements were frequently her work. Their younger daughter Alison completed her schooling at Townsend and along with her friends, she often attended Milton functions, where her sweet nature won the hearts of many Milton boys.

It was a sad day in the second term when we were told that our Headmaster had accepted his Doctor's advice to retire.

Milton has said "Goodbye" to a friend, as we all, staff, parents and pupils wish the Andersens well in their retirement.

### *MISS A J FIVEASH*

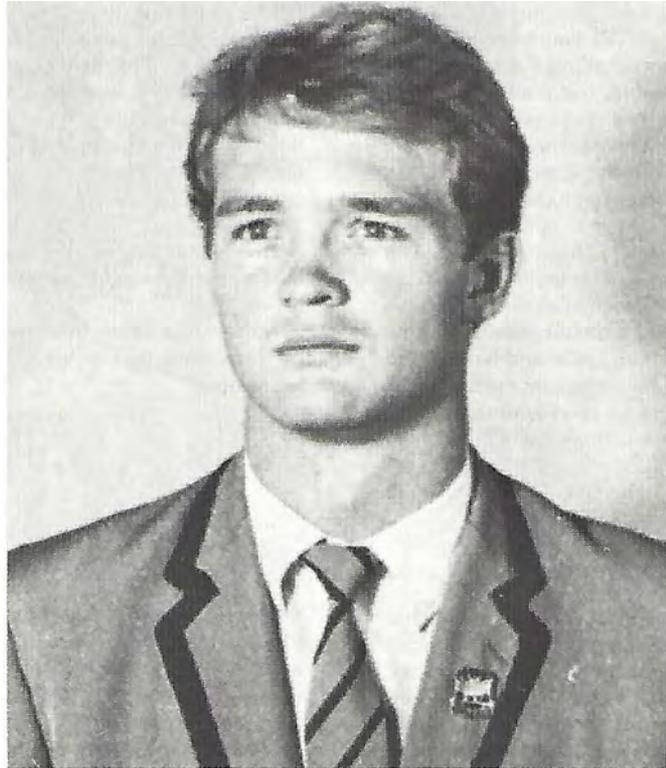
Miss Audrey Fiveash has retired after serving Milton for fifteen years. She arrived in 1969 from South Africa and was appointed to the School as an Afrikaans Mistress. Her love of Afrikaans and her pupils is well known. She frequently gave up free periods and afternoons to coach boys in Afrikaans and her examination results speak for themselves.

Audrey's love for Milton is illustrated by the wide range of activities in which she has been involved. She has made and altered play costumes, coached Hockey and Swimming, run the Stock room efficiently — and a host of other activities which spring to mind when one mentions Audrey.

Consideration for others is of paramount importance to Miss Fiveash. It was she who brought large umbrellas to shield timekeepers from the sun on Sports Day. It was she who produced sweets to replenish the energy of officials. Her pupils had their exercise books covered for them. Indeed it was this concern for other people that prompted Audrey to retire and give up her beautiful home and successful career to look after her aged mother.

Audrey, with her quiet efficiency and kindness has left her mark indelibly on our school. We say "Tot siens Juffrou, alles van die beste".

## *Milton Award 1984*



### **ADRIAN ABEL**

Adrian came to Milton in 1980. He wrote O level in November 1982 and passed seven subjects well; at the end of his Lower 6th year he passed English and History M levels with grades 1 and 2 as well as passing A level Economics in one year. He is expected to achieve excellent A level results at the end of this year.

He has played 1st XV Rugby for three years, consistently showing speed, vigour, courage and determination as a loose forward; his performance has contributed much to Milton's most successful XV in many years, earning him colours in 1983 and selection for Matabeleland Schools in 1984. He is also a notable athlete, excelling in field events but also performing strongly on the track.

He has played a very active role in the life of the school and his total commitment to it has been clearly apparent. His enthusiasm and ability to organise have led to his cheerfully shouldering considerable responsibility. He has appeared in both house and school plays and this year both produced and played two roles in the entertaining Fairbridge play. He is an important member of the Toastmasters' Club where his contributions are noteworthy for their passion and probity.

As Head of School and Head of Fairbridge House, he has led by example, displaying outstanding loyalty. His forceful approach tempered by his innate charm combines with undoubted integrity and a considerable sense of humour to earn the respect of visitors, staff and boys alike and the affection of all who know him well.

His all-round contribution to the life of Milton School is clearly evident and it is therefore with great pleasure that I present him with the Milton Award.

## OBITUARY

### FABIAN GEORGE VON KALKSTEIN (died 7 July 1984)

In 1980 I was appointed as a Geography Master at Milton School and within the first few weeks met Fabian von Kalkstein. He was at that time a small boy in Form II, a rather exuberant 14-year-old, who was not particularly interested in his classwork. He soon settled down and before the end of the year had earned a couple of honours marks and the commendation of his form teacher.

Outside the classroom he took part in junior soccer and also joined the shooting club. In connection with the latter we have record of him being rather shaky on the range but very enthusiastic.

During his Form IV year "Farby", as he was known to his friends, left Milton and went to Britain to complete his 'O' Levels. Some of his teachers were horrified at the idea, and although he left with our good wishes, we held little hope for his success. The British School system and different syllabus, we thought, would be the academic ruination of the boy.

At the beginning of 1984 a young man with 'O' Levels and a very slight English accent appeared once again at Milton. Fabian von Kalkstein had succeeded, and a Sixth Form place was his reward.

The determination with which he tackled education in Britain showed in his 'M' Level studies. His teachers found him well mannered and co-operative. We could rely upon his support for the school and indeed he had been to watch the school play rugby on the day that he was taken from us.

We that remain can learn much from this young man's life. His quiet determination, reliability, sincerity and subtle sense of humour are traits we should covet. Like him we should not be afraid to claim and live by the school motto:

*Andrizaethe* — QUIT YE LIKE MEN.

May he rest in peace.

H F DAY



**SCHOOL PREFECTS 1984**

*Back row:* B Watson, H Ziemkendorf, A Mackintosh, N Anastasiou, C Damerell.

*Middle row:* D Bloch, R Young, N Rix, G Simoya, W Dakers, C Judd.

*Front row:* L Mabena, A Abel (Head Boy), E Andersen Esq., B Nkomo (Deputy Head Boy), S Langford.

# Academic Honours

## SCHOOL PRIZES 1984

<i>Form</i>	<i>Form Prizes</i>	<i>Effort Prizes</i>
1A1	N Naik	A Banana, S De Lange
1A2	T Tsvara	K Hwehwe, B Khumalo
1A3	N Moyo	A Viljoen
1A4	S Mushore	J Gordon
1A5	P Machuchete	
1A6	G Mabeza	M McNab, B Shoniwa
1A7	S Glen	
2A1	T Mapako	S Nxumalo
2A2	J Patel	K Mutete
2A3	T Tshabalala	H Ngruve
2A4	L Machazire	B Mguni
2A5	D Netsha	R Cloete, E Jassat
2A6	S Musungezi	S Leher
2A7	D Smith	
3A1	J Paradza	C Campbell, M Sinclair
3A2	S Nyoni, D Rajaratnam	R Soni
3A4	P Ranchod	S Kassim
3A5	K Tsodzo	J Ndhlovu
3A6	V Chambwe	I Kiel
	D Sibanda	T Ndora
4A1	D Doolabh, Q Khumalo, D Ross	S Drewitz
4A2	R Pessina	M Betto, F Pessina
4A3	O Ncube	T Maponga
4A4	C Johnson	M Johnson
4B1	C Chidikwindi	D Viljoen
4B2	S Patel	M Hwehwe
5B1	S Miller-Cranko	L Woods
5B2	C Swanepoel	
5B3	E Hiripis, M Zazzetta	C Keyser

### 'O' LEVEL PRIZES

<i>Afrikaans:</i>	H Wagner	<i>Geography:</i>	S Drewitz
<i>Biology:</i>	S Drewitz	<i>History:</i>	D Ross
<i>Commerce:</i>		<i>Mathematics:</i>	Q Khumalo
<i>English:</i>	D Ross	<i>Physics with</i>	DDoolabh,
<i>French:</i>	D Doolabh	<i>Chemistry:</i>	D Ross
<i>Technical:</i>		<i>Art</i>	E Hiripis
<i>General Science:</i>	S Miller-Cranko		

## SIXTH FORM PRIZES

### Lower 6

S Lewin	.....	<i>Biology</i>	
C Kleinbans	.....	<i>Economics</i>	
R Edwards	.....	<i>English</i>	..... L Mabena
G Cohen	.....	<i>French</i>	
L O'Shea	.....	<i>Geography</i>	..... C Shumba
P Runesu	.....	<i>History</i>	..... A Abel
R Markham	.....	<i>Mathematics</i>	..T Mukoma, D Ndlovu
C Kleinbans	.....	<i>Physics</i>	
C Kleinbans	.....	<i>Chemistry</i>	S Langford

### Upper 6

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

November 1983

(Subjects in parentheses indicate that student gained distinction)

- 3 passes* — M Bozongwana (Mathematics); B J Chicksen; P T Chigiji; J M E Correia; D B Gammon (Biology); A R Haynes; M K Lutz; T Mtashazi; C E Miller (Mathematics, Physics, Biology); R J B Nash; S L Parkes (English); D J Place; R C Scott; R A Spits (Mathematics, Physics with Chemistry); G R Stephens; F F Takawira.
- 2 passes* — A Doolabh; B Gwata; P Jele; A Khan; J Marimo; K Mavunga; H Matemera; S Mhlanga; R K Moyo; R M Naude; D E Reutsche; G U Salomon; A E Yorke.
- 1 pass* — A D Abel; R A Catterall; J M Chirwa; N P Dempsey; T C Dondo; O Gangeni; A D Gondo; D Gouws; N J A Gubbay; B B Hadebe; A Madananga; E M Msipa; S Nkaia; C Panditji; S Patel; P J Scarrot; M F Taylor; G B Wallace.

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

November 1983

- 4 passes* — (M B Bloch (Mathematics, Physics); A I Ferguson; C E Judd; S T Langford (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry); M D J Lieberman; T A Mukoma; S Nair (Mathematics); B G Watson (Mathematics)).
- 3 passes* — D W P Andrews (Mathematics, Physics); S H Bloomhill; G Broughton; S M Dassat; J P de Azevedo; M Dziruni; S Gama; A D Gondo; D P Gouws (Mathematics); N H J Gubbay (Mathematics, Physics, English); J.L Gitza; P M Hensman (Mathematics); P M Iliakis; A B Jani; M Kamwaza; M O P Kgaka (Mathematics); G R Lutz; K M L Naidoo; D Ndlovu (Mathematics, Physics); B L Nkomo; J M Ogden; R T A Pattison; C Rufu; M Sakalis; P S Sher (English); C Shumba (Geography); M Sibanda; G Simoya; K Taylor (Mathematics, Physics); D O Waddy; B P Watson; R R Young.
- 2 passes* — A D Abel; J Bhaga; A Broughton; C D Damerell; S B Davies; B Dube; G R Duberly; O Gangeni; B B Hadebe; L D Mabena (English); J Masuku; A Mkandla; G A Morris; N Musiyazwiriyo; N J Peel; R M Taylor; G B Wallace.
- 1 pass* — W Dakers; B Gwata; B S Hughes; C Kleinbans; A Mackintosh; M Mazalu; V Nothnagel; K Panditji; A Petrou; N W Rix (English); R C Scott; A Sibanda; M J E Simon; F A Teta; H-A C Ziemkendorf; P L Dendere.

*Best 'O' Level Performance 1984:* S Lewin.

**A.E.B. 'O' LEVEL RESULTS**  
**November 1983**

- 10 *Passes* — S A Lewin (Afrikaans, Biology, English Language, English Literature, General Science, History, Physics with Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics).
- 9 *passes* — B T Anderson (Biology, General Science, Physics with Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics); J P Armstrong (Mathematics); B G Bloch (English Literature, French); G C Cohen (French, Geography, Mathematics); R J Edwards (Biology, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, Mathematics); C E Kleinhans (Afrikaans, Biology, English Language, English Literature, General Science, Physics with Chemistry, Geography, Mathematics).
- 8 *passes* — Q G Armstrong (Mathematics); E T Chibi (Mathematics); L A Henry (Mathematics); R J Markham (Biology, French, Physics with Chemistry, Mathematics); D Mewse (Biology, General Science, Mathematics); A M Mutemerewa; L M O'Shea.
- 7 *passes* — H Chhanabhai (Mathematics); V Chinamatira (French, Mathematics); A M Coleman (Afrikaans, Biology, General Science, Physics with Chemistry, Mathematics); C D Essery (English Language, Mathematics); R H Gillman (English Language, Physics with Chemistry, Mathematics); B W Hill (Biology, General Science, Mathematics); P R Jeyarajah (Mathematics); S M McTiernan (English Language); A J Murphy; G M Parkes; R Ushendibaba (Mathematics); J S Vaughan (Biology, Mathematics); D M Wilson.
- 6 *passes* — F Batty (Mathematics); C Braccioli; I K Duncan; T Laloo (Biology, Physics with Chemistry, Mathematics); J Mudzi (French, Mathematics); S A Patel (General Science); M J Ross (English Language, Mathematics); R Watson; G J Williams.
- 5 *passes* — G M Armstrong; V P Bhakta; D D Kerr (Mathematics); O Rankin; W J Snyman (Afrikaans).
- 4 *passes* — M Bhaga (Mathematics); B Ndlovu; N Nkomo (Mathematics).
- 3 *passes* — A Chitereka; F E Joubert; P J Joubert (English Language); B K Kendall (Afrikaans, English Language).
- 2 *passes* — M C Betto; J Kamanga; W Mthethwa (Mathematics); F G Von Kalkstein.
- 1 *pass* — P J Akeroyd; A Gaibie; P M Ilkai; S G Miller-Cranko; S T Venn; R R Young.

**A.E.B. USE OF ENGLISH EXAMINATION**  
**1983**

The following achieved passes:—

R A Catterall; B J Chicksen; N P Dempsey; D B Gammon;  
A R Haynes; A Khan; 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.

**CAMBRIDGE 'O' LEVEL RESULTS**  
**November 1983**

- 8 *passes* — D L Fisher.
- 7 *passes* — M Moyo.
- 6 *passes* — M A Jenkinson; P J Joubert; B Mangena; F Maponga; A Mitchell (Geography, History); D Patel.
- 5 *passes* — N R Anastasiou; J M Correia; T B Cross; L M Henry; K S Jones (Geography); T Maliwa; A Muza-nenham; S B Naik.
- 4 *passes* — P J Akeroyd; T Bartells (English Language); W G Duberly; G B Johnson; D C Jones (English Language); S G Miller-Cranko; T T Ndholvu; D C Orange; A R Page; F Patel; C Q M Schoeman; D M Turnbull; B J Utete; C Floyd (English Language).
- 3 *passes* — M A Avey; A P Connery; M N Dlodlo; J J Dunn; S S Haddon; L A Henry; F P Jensen; E Khalpey; S Moyo; J Naik; M M Ndlovu; M D Rundle.
- 2 *passes* — B G Bloch (English Language); C Braccioli; H K Chhanabhai; E T Chibi; D Chifamba; G C Cohen (English Language); R I W Hancock; M C Higgins; M B Holleran; J L Lowther; A J Murphy (English Language); S A Patel; S T Venn.
- 1 *pass* — G N Armstrong; J P Armstrong (English Language); Q G Armstrong; F Batty (English Language); M Bhaga; V P Bhakta; V Chinamatira (English Language); A Chitereka; A M Coleman (English Language); C A da Silva Cruz; I K Duncan; R J Edwards (English Language); C D Essery (English Language); D J Forrest; R H Gillman (English Language); R Hassamal; B M Hill; P R Jeyarajah; F E Joubert; J Kamanga; B K Kendall; D D Kerr; C E Kleinhans (English Language); T Laloo; S A Lewin (English Language); K Mafungise; R J Markham; V Mehta; D Mewse; N Mthethwa; J Mudzi; A M Mutemerewa; T Ndlovu; J Nkomo; L M O'Shea; G M Parkes; M O Pilbeam; B M Ross; M J Ross; W J Snyman; R Ushendibaba; B H van Blerk; J S Vaughan; R Watson; T F J Watson; G J Williams (English Language); R M Woodend; H Ziyenge.

## *Parents Association Report*

The Parents' Association which was formed in mid 1983 with the Department of Education's active support and in accordance with a constitution approved by Government, has completed its first full year in office. My report will be limited to those areas of school activity which fall within the council's sphere of interest and this primarily relates to matters of a financial nature. The adoption of the school management agreement was necessary to provide funds, otherwise unavailable through normal Government grants, for the maintenance of the high standards enjoyed by the pupils of Milton School and in particular your school council saw the following aspects as being most important:-

- a) academic requirements — these included text books, teaching aids, laboratory equipment, library books etc.
- b) grounds' maintenance — covering such items as plant replacements, tractors, mowers, piping, pumps, fertilizers, etc.
- c) sporting equipment — embracing its purchase and also the development and maintenance of existing sports buildings, courts, fixtures, etc.
- d) new capital projects — this would arise where a new activity or building was required and existing facilities were unable to cope with the expansion.
- e) the employment of additional academic or non-academic staff.

At the outset a budget was prepared and although this involved some guesswork, as there was no precedent to guide us, we endeavoured to limit expenditure under the headings I have just given, to such amounts as we thought would be reasonable, bearing in mind past expenditure and we then calculated what revenue per capita would be needed to fund these requirements. As a result of this we imposed a levy of \$40 per pupil per term and we have been very close in our estimates and can record a most satisfactory state of affairs as at the end of December 1984.

What is particularly pleasing is that we were able to spread our expenditure over most of the headings I have just enumerated and again this will be apparent from the treasurer's report. For instance we were able to engage Mr Bill Pagden as a very necessary religious education and commerce master pending his appointment to the post by the Education Department. We contributed substantially to the cost of up-dated text books on most subjects covered by the school's syllabi. We helped fund the purchase of a colour T.V. set and video aids and several small computers. We purchased a new school bus and replaced the old vanette with a new vehicle. We authorised the construction of two new all-weather tennis courts and all of this contributed materially to the maintenance of the high standards expected of the school.

The effectiveness of your council depends upon a close and understanding working relationship with the headmaster and his senior staff members and I am happy to say that Mr Andersen's enlightened approach to this new relationship between the parents and the staff, offered a sound base for the successful launching of our scheme of management, and Mr Fincham has followed in the same mould. There is no doubt that teachers working in a school such as we have, will respond to the improvements they see around them and I am sure will find a high degree of job satisfaction.

Needless to say it is harder to collect money than it is to spend it, and in Mr Davidson, our secretary/bursar, and in Mrs Lorna Beckley, our credit controller, we have two individuals who have given outstanding service to the council. When we first considered our budget, we had to allow for a percentage of bad debts as being inevitable in an undertaking involving the imposition and collection of school levies, but our staff have seen to it that no one escaped the net and except where there were compassionate reasons for relaxing the full levy, or a part thereof, all defaulters have been brought to book. We are determined that all parents of Milton schoolboys will contribute to the costs of running the school and we have received strong support from the Department of Education to the firm line we have adopted. May I give parents some good news for the 1985 year by saying that it is not our intention to seek an increase in the levy and that our expenditure estimates for 1985 indicate we can continue to service the school's needs at the present rate of \$40 per capita per term.

One aspect of the school's activities which in the past caused shivers to run down the spines of all concerned whenever it was mentioned, was fund raising. You must all have been relieved this past year to find you not being prevailed upon to support a sponsored run, or a cake sale, or a fête. However, although our levy income has taken care of nearly all the objectives of previous fund-raising efforts, there still remain three areas of fund raising which are linked directly with the provision of a service to the pupils and their parents. The first of these is through the thrift shop. School clothing is expensive and has been difficult to obtain, and through the stalwart efforts of our council's secretary, Mrs D Essery, we are able to offer parents the opportunity of buying or selling good quality uniforms and sports kit. I wish to record our grateful thanks to Mrs Essery and her several helpers for the excellence of the service she has provided from the thrift shop. The second service which generates funds is the tuck shop, and responsibility for its operation was undertaken by staff members who, together with several senior boys, have ensured that break times do not pass with only hunger pangs to remember them by! Our thanks to Mr Harlen and his team of helpers. Thirdly, I wish to mention the 100 Club. The monthly meeting of the 100 Club has been well attended throughout the year and continues to be an excellent forum where staff and parents may meet. Miss Elda Bortolan, on the financial and administrative side, and the lady members of the council on the catering side, deserve special thanks from us all.

We were very sorry to bid adieu to Mr Andersen, our previous headmaster, and to Mr van Zyl, his deputy, as well as several other well-known members of staff, but I am very pleased to reassure any parents who have not yet met our new headmaster, Mr Harry Fincham, that we have been very fortunate indeed to have acquired his services. Mr Fincham is held in high esteem by everyone in the teaching profession in Bulawayo and Beyond, and has given your council all the support possible during the term he has been with us.

It is with much pleasure too that I congratulate Mr Adrian Thomas on his appointment as acting deputy head and I have every confidence that this appointment will become substantive in the near future.

May I record my thanks to all council members who have

worked unstintingly throughout the year to support and guide me and in particular I must single out Mr Peter Edwards whose conscientiousness and accurate budgetary forecasting and control have done so much towards keeping our financial ship afloat.

Finally, may I briefly draw attention to the importance of 1985 in the school's long history. It is our 75th anniversary this year on the 25th July and we are planning a number of celebrations and activities to mark this important event. At

this stage all I wish to do is to urge you, as parents, to give your total support to the council and the school's efforts to celebrate the anniversary in a manner which befits this fine school and lives up to the heritage it now offers your sons.

R G STEPHENS,  
Chairman.

## MILTON OVERSEAS RUGBY TOUR — 1983

**Captain:** Ian Ferguson

**Vice Captain:** Adrian Abel

**Coach:** Mr K M Smith

**Manager:** Mr F J van Zyl

**Team:** Pierre Akeroyd, Martin Box, Roy Catterall, Aaron Chitereka, Jorge Correia, Wayne Dakers, Brendon Dawson, Brendon Deysel, Geoff Dollar, John Dunn, Mike Green, Steve Haddon, Gavin Johnson, Alistair Mackintosh, Kennedy Mafungise, Sean McTiernan, Richard Pattison, Neil Rix, Mark Watson, Rob Watson, Rod Young.

This, the first overseas rugby tour by Milton, was initiated by Mr K Bain in 1981. A committee of interested parents was formed and fund raising was started in earnest. Mr J Perratt organised an enormously successful motor car raffle and played a leading role in acquiring much of the equipment and clothing necessary.

Initially, a tour of Scotland was planned but the fixtures were slow in coming in and, more particularly, accommodation was proving a serious problem. At that time (June 1982) the English Schoolboys' side was touring Zimbabwe and their coach, Mr M Williams, upon hearing of our difficulties, offered to organise a tour to the South of England for us. The Scottish arrangements were cancelled and all energies were directed towards the South, where, at very short notice, some fixtures were made, but, by the end of the second term, a full itinerary could not be drawn up. Faced with the dilemma of uncertain fixtures, it was reluctantly decided to postpone the tour to 1983.

Fortunately, the bulk of the 1st XV intended returning to school in 1983; however, it was disappointing for Mr P Hannay, the 1982 coach, and D Perratt, the captain, who had both put in much hard work for the tour.

With time on our hands now, an excellent itinerary was drawn up by Mr Williams and a week's skiing in France was tagged on to the end of the tour. Fund raising continued with a moderately successful motor cycle raffle. The 1983 1st XV, under their new coach, Mr K Smith, settled down quickly and enjoyed a successful season at the end of which the touring party was announced. Then tragedy struck — S Venn had an operation on his knee which effectively excluded him from the side; S Haddon broke his femur, but still travelled as a non-player; D Sutherland-McLeod left school and, worst of all, three days before our departure, I Ferguson, the captain, broke a toe. He nevertheless travelled with us in the hope that he would be able to play in the last few games, but that was not to be. With Venn's injury, the side was short of experienced scrum halves and it was decided to invite G Dollar of Falcon to join the side. He acquitted himself well and was most certainly a credit to both his family and his school.

### *Saturday 26th November*

After the last minute hustle and bustle, the 25-member group gathered at the Bulawayo airport for the first short leg of an historic tour for Milton School — only to discover that no reservations had been made for the Bulawayo–Harare flight and that the flight was full. For an hour the whole tour was in jeopardy but some swift action by Air Zimbabwe resulted in the diversion of the Johannesburg–Harare flight and the party arrived at Harare in time to catch the Swiss Air flight to Zurich.

### *Sunday 27th*

After an excellent flight up the length of Africa we had a refuelling stop at Athens. This was followed by a very bumpy flight over the Alps to Zurich before arriving at Heathrow at 1.15 p.m. to be welcomed by Mr Williams.

"I hated every minute of our flight. It was a great relief to arrive in England." — Rod Young

Mr Williams gave us detailed itineraries and put us in a specially-hired coach to Mill Hill which is located on the northern edge of London. Here we were met by Mr C Kelly, the Mill Hill coach, Phillip Keller, captain, and Windsor Roberts, vice captain, who took us to the Mill Hill barracks where we were to be billeted. The practice that afternoon in the wet London clay became a joke with hardly anyone managing to stay on his feet for long — despite our many practices at home in reclaimed water. The Mill Hill observers could not have been impressed. The first match was to be played on Wednesday and we were prepared to write off that practice to jet lag and totally new conditions. We spent a quiet night collecting our wits.

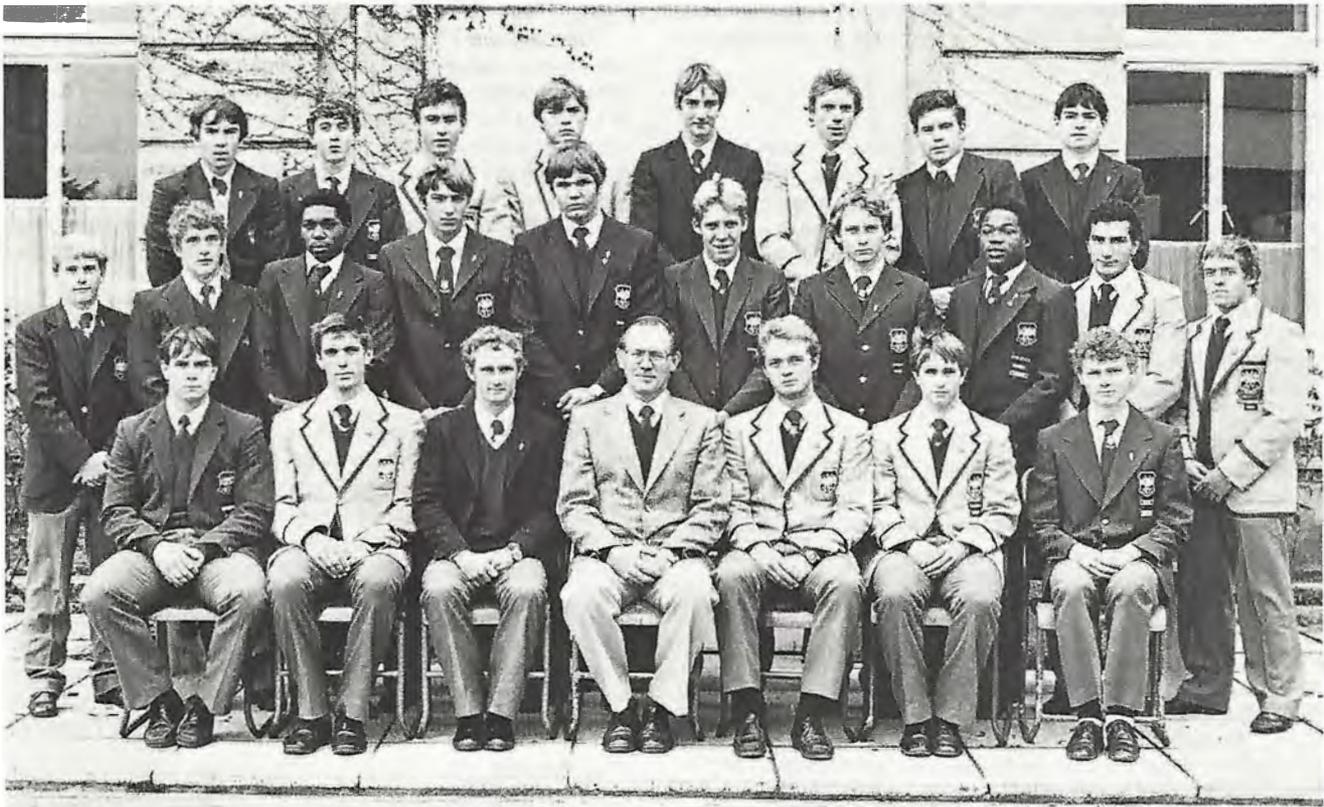
### *Monday 28th*

An early morning practice (only slightly better than Sunday's) was followed by a trip to the Trafalgar Square branch of the Standard Bank to sort out pocket money. One member of the party managed to lose his wallet and traveller's cheques before the rest of us had finished collecting ours. There was a happy ending, however, as the cleaners found the wallet in the toilet and handed it in to the Manager who returned it to our member. A refreshing degree of honesty! The players then had the afternoon and evening free to explore London on their own. We soon discovered that the least expensive food was to be had at "MacDonalds" and the most expensive drinks in funny little clubs with strangely-dressed waitresses.

"I didn't know it would cost so much! Can you lend me some money, Sir?" — Kennedy Mafungise

### *Tuesday 29th*

We had a 10.30 a.m. practice, where things went a little better, but it was clear that we had not mastered the cold, damp, slippery conditions. A swim in the Mill Hill indoor,



### **RUGBY TOUR 1984**

*Back row:* M Green, S Haddon, B Deysel, P Akeroyd, M Watson, J Dunn, S McTiernan, R Pattison.

*Middle row:* G Dollar, R Young, K Mafungise, M Box, A Mackintosh, B Dawson, N Rix, A Chitereka, J Correia, G Johnson.

*Front row:* W Dakers, I Ferguson, K Smith Esq., F J van Zyl Esq., A Abel, R Watson, R Catterall.

heated pool put us in a more familiar environment and a more cheerful frame of mind. Another free afternoon was spent exploring and discovering London and a quiet evening playing snooker and watching T.V.

#### *Wednesday 30th*

The team to play Mill Hill was Deysel, Chitereka, Catterall, Pattison, Mafungise, R Watson, Dollar, Dakers, Johnson, McTiernan, Mackintosh, Box, Rix, Dunn, Abel (capt.)

It was an early afternoon game (it's too dark to play by 3.45 p.m.) refereed by Mr R Glass, an international referee. Our forwards gave an excellent account of themselves, winning more than their fair share of the ball. The three-quarters attempted to play their normal game but struggled with poor handling and some excellent defence by the Mill Hill centres. The score was made up entirely of penalties with Chitereka kicking three for us and John Gally, their fly half, putting over four for them. Gally, in fact, was the outstanding player, with his long touch kicks driving us back. Our forwards played their hearts out but the three-quarters revealed an inability to score. Their problem was aggravated by both Dollar and Catterall spraining ankles and Deysel, with an injured back, showing no sign of the sparkle that made him such a force earlier in the year. The final score of 9-12 indicated the closeness of the game, with Gally making the difference. A disappointing start for us but the forwards learnt what rucking was all about and the injury-riddled three-quarters showed that they were unlikely to score many tries. R Watson showed up well at fly half and Chitereka seemed to be the only three-quarter able to cope with the slippery conditions. Further problems were

created by Abel spraining his ankle. With Ferguson's toe and Abel's ankle, it was left to Dakers to take over the captaincy of the side, a duty he performed with quiet competency.

"The spirit of the side was so strong and each individual was so committed, that my job was made easy." — 'Jock' Dakers

#### *Thursday 1st December*

The day started with some 'light' training. Despite the hard game of the previous day, there was a new serious approach to the training and an air of determination pervaded the team. A game of water polo in the heated indoor pool, followed by lunch, and we were on our way to Champion School in Hornchurch. The school was also located along the northern edge of London, but further to the east than Mill Hill. Here we were met by Mr J Davies, a short man who, within the first few minutes, gave the impression of being a human dynamo — and confirmed it over the few days we spent with him. With a certain amount of apprehension we met the Champion parents who were to billet us for the next few days, and so began one of the happiest parts of the tour.

"My stay in England is one which I will never forget in my life. I met very friendly people, particularly the Pembroke's, whose sons go to Champion. Their hospitality was outstanding." — Aaron Chitereka

#### *Friday 2nd*

The inevitable early practice was followed by a day trip to Cambridge University. We saw the original Concorde aircraft on the journey and upon arriving were taken on a tour of the University by Russell Harris, one of the students.

We watched the Cambridge 1st XV practising. The evening was spent rather pleasurably at a disco at a local girls' convent school.

#### *Saturday 3rd*

We worked on tactics that morning, still with the intention of getting the ball to the wing. Box managed to get food poisoning so Akeroyd went to lock. That afternoon we went to watch Arsenal play West Bromwich Albion at the Arsenal ground. The crowd was fairly large and the Arsenal fans felt that their team's lack of success was the fault of their manager. It gave us the idea that if we did not win a match soon, we would have to 'demonstrate' against our coach and manager. Thank goodness rugby does not have that sort of problem.

#### *Sunday 4th*

The team to play Champion was Deysel, Chitereka, Pattison, M Watson, Mafungise, R Watson, Dollar, Dakers, Johnson, McTiernan, Mackintosh, Akeroyd, Rix, Dunn, Correia.

"You all know what to do in the field. It's a question of growing up — of being men. Now get out there and do what you are supposed to do." — K M Smith

The Champion side was highly rated and in fact had recently returned from a successful tour of New Zealand. The game started at a cracking pace with us still attempting to run the ball. The conditions underfoot were wet and slippery and we should undoubtedly have attempted to put them under pressure through tactical kicking rather than by running. Champion were more successful with their running and had us defending desperately on a number of occasions. Dollar left the field with a sprained ankle and the inexperienced Dawson went on as scrum half where he acquitted himself very well. Their forwards had the better of the exchanges up front and their three-quarters were slick and impressive. In injury time, Mafungise on the wing scored from a good kick across by R Watson at fly half and Chitereka converted to make the score a respectable 15–11 to Champion. They were the best school side we played and we were not unhappy to lose by only 4 points. That evening, at an impressive after-match dinner, amongst various presentations made, we made one to Bob Pearn, their hooker, as man-of-the-match. The mayor of Hornchurch was also present at the dinner.

#### *Monday 5th*

We needed to make an early start in order to get to Dover in good time so missed having a practice. We said farewell to our Champion hosts with some reluctance as we felt we had made some real friends there. Hopefully, for some of us, our paths would cross again in the future. The journey to Dover took us around the eastern edge of London, through the tunnel under the Thames and through the very beautiful county of Kent. We stopped at Canterbury and spent a short while strolling around that lovely cathedral city. We arrived ahead of schedule at Dover College, where nobody was ready for us and, since the coach driver was in a hurry to leave, we piled our luggage outside the administration building and took ourselves off into the town. Some of us went straight to the sea where we found a pebbly beach and a rather miserable looking, very cold sea. I'm not sure what we expected, but we were nevertheless disappointed. The weather was miserable too and somehow the tone of our visit to Dover seemed to have been set. We were squeezed into small dormitories, they were busy with exams and we felt as if we were intruding. The practice we thought we had missed that morning was held that evening in the gymnasium. Special attention was given to the half-back pairing where Green was coming in for his first game. It was a bit difficult practising rugby in a gym though.

#### *Tuesday 6th*

This day we did miss the practice since the rugby field was some distance away from the school and we had to catch an early train to Twickenham where we were to watch the Oxford/Cambridge game. It was an interesting experience but a disappointing game. Oxford and Cambridge are no longer the force they used to be in English rugby and there was only one international player to be seen. The atmosphere, however, was great and having seats between the two fervent supporting groups was quite an experience.

#### *Wednesday 7th*

The team chosen to play Dover College was Deysel, Chitereka, Pattison, M Watson, Mafungise, R Watson, Green, McTiernan, Johnson, Dakers, Mackintosh, Box, Dunn, Rix, Correia.

After lunch, because of a shortage of transport, the team was asked to walk to the ground. It took us 15 minutes at a brisk pace and we noticed that none of our opponents was there to show us the way. Once there we were hurried straight on to the field since it would soon start getting dark. We felt that the treatment had been shoddy but it had the effect of making us determined not to lose. Within 5 minutes Dover had scored a superb try, but it was clear that our forwards were dominant and they showed it minutes later by scoring a try with their 'wedge'. Chitereka was on form with his boot and Mafungise finished off a good handling move with a try. Final score: Milton 18, Dover 4.

#### *Thursday 8th*

A morning training session in the gym., followed by lunch, and we were on our way to Sevenoaks. We were met by Mr Williams and Brian Gilchrist, an ex-Rhodesian who was the Headboy and rugby captain. Here we were billeted out again and like old hands we met our hosts and were taken off to various parts of the village.

#### *Friday 9th*

The morning session was becoming automatic now, in fact, we looked forward to it. After our victory against Dover we were determined to carry on in that vein. Sevenoaks is rather a special school — 500 years old — and with a range of activities that was most impressive. Their rugby teams over the years had been on a number of overseas tours and, although their 1st XV had not been very successful that season, we anticipated a very hard game. It was very cold that night and a light snow fell. Pattison, Mafungise and Chitereka stayed in the Sevenoaks International Centre and gave a talk about Zimbabwe to all the other students, who came from all over the world.

#### *Saturday 10th*

With most of us never having seen snow before, the morning practice started off with a snow fight. One against twenty was a bit unfair; however, our coach acquitted himself quite well. The three-quarters had to be re-shuffled — Deysel's back was still a problem so Mafungise was to try fullback; Catterall's ankle was still swollen and Ferguson's toe failed a fitness test so the centre pairing of Pattison and M Watson was to remain; and speedy Dunn was to move from flank to wing. A troublesome practice.

After lunch we left by coach for Blackheath, the oldest Rugby Club in England, and in bitterly cold weather we watched Blackheath beat Leicester (they toured Zimbabwe in 1982) in an outstanding game. The crowded clubhouse and a warming drink afterwards was not only pleasant but essential.

#### *Sunday 11th*

A free morning spent quietly in preparation for the match. The team was Mafungise, Chitereka, Pattison, M Watson, Dunn, R Watson, Green, McTiernan, Young, Dakers, Mackintosh, Box, Dawson, Correia, Rix. A heavy frost had frozen

the ground and for a while there was some doubt as to whether we would play. However, by 2 p.m. the ground had thawed and we kicked off in damp, cold conditions. Up front we held a slight advantage over the Sevenoaks forwards, with Mackintosh superb in the lineouts. The conditions precluded an open game and it remained a forward struggle. Chitereka scored a try from a kick ahead and also put over a penalty to give us 7 points, while Sevenoaks had 7 points from a try and penalty. Somehow, 7–all at Sevenoaks would have been appropriate, but that was not to be. In the last few minutes of the game Sevenoaks were given three penalties from very kickable positions — their captain, Brian Gilchrist, missing the first two but in the dying seconds of the game putting over the third to give Sevenoaks a 10–7 victory. A dour game made brighter by some of our Champion friends coming to support us, as well as some ex-Zimbabweans now living in Britain, not to mention the Old Miltonian who cycled all the way from London.

#### *Monday 12th*

Mr Williams came to the morning session and showed the forwards how to 'lock' in muddy conditions. The three-quarters required reshuffling again — Mafungise went back to his accustomed position on the wing, M Watson was to try fullback and Dawson was to play scrum half. The good news was that Catterall was back and he joined Pattison at centre. The hospitality at Sevenoaks had been outstanding and it was with some sadness and regret that we said goodbye to our Sevenoaks friends. We finally climbed into our Kentishman coach and headed towards St Georges in Weybridge. At St Georges we were met by Mr T Smith who quickly organised our billeting which was to be in the school hostel. The school itself comprised a number of large buildings connected by covered passages which rather gave the impression of a rabbit warren — certainly some of us kept getting lost.

#### *Tuesday 13th*

We had a stiff practice and the re-arranged side showed up quite well so it was with an air of optimism that, after lunch, we left for Windsor Castle.

#### *Wednesday 14th*

We spent a quiet morning playing snooker, prepared to take on Davis and Higgins. We also had our team photograph taken by Brother Michael just before the game. If we seem to be scowling, it was partly through pre-match tension, but mostly because of the bitter cold.

The team was M Watson, Chitereka, Pattison, Catterall, Mafungise, R Watson, Dawson, McTiernan, Young, Dakers, Mackintosh, Box, Dunn, Rix, Correia.

This was the best field we played on, still damp but reasonably firm. It was cold and windy and we played with the wind in the first half. Chitereka put over a long, wind-assisted penalty to give us a 3 point lead. The St Georges' fly half, O'Gorman, put in several lengthy kicks into the wind, missing narrowly each time. The forwards won plenty of ball and fed the three-quarters who were unable to score. The and fed the three-quarters who were unable to score. We turned round only 3 points up and feared the worst from O'Gorman's kicking, however, the forwards tightened their grip on the game and, by keeping the ball amongst themselves, sent Rix over for a hard-earned try. Later R Watson made an excellent break from fly half to score a try which Chitereka converted to give us 13 to St Georges 0. Fortunately for us their kicker's form had deserted him.

#### *Thursday 15th*

We left fairly early for Woolwich Barracks where we were to spend the next two days. Part of the guardhouse had been blown up by a terrorist bomb the previous week and the devastation was still there to be seen. Our host was Col. Guy Hatch who soon had us sorted out and into our barrack rooms — very smart, even by Charter House standards. Our

Staff was accommodated in the Officer's Mess which we understand was slightly better than five star standard. Mr Smith could not resist the temptation of organising a practice in the Army Sports Hall, which was nearly big enough to hold a rugby field. We spent the rest of the day shopping and sight-seeing around Woolwich, Blackheath and some of us went in to London Town.

#### *Friday 16th*

During the morning practice, Mr Smith selected the team for the final game — Deysel was to play fullback and Dollar had recovered sufficiently to play scrum half. This was our last practice session together. We spent the rest of the day in London, where some of us were beginning to feel at home and used the tubes and buses like old hands. The injured paid a visit to the Clinic for a final checkup.

"I'd like to hand these crutches in, Doctor, I'm quite sure I will not need them again." — Adrian Abel

#### *Saturday 17th*

We cleared out from the barracks early that morning and then waited for the coach. We were supposed to transfer to Lancaster Hall Hotel before the Blackheath game but as time went on and the coach had still not arrived we began to make plans to catch a local bus to Blackheath. Just as we began to more, our coach arrived and took us directly to Blackheath. Club (as they are called) were celebrating their centenary in those premises and we were to play a curtain raiser to the main game. The 100-year old field had a bare patch of mud that stretched from 22 to 22 and running through it, one's feet made a slap, slap sound, as if running through shallow water, which is precisely what it was. There was some debate as to whether Johnson should play or be the 'lifeguard' since he was the best swimmer. We eventually played on the B field where there was a little more grass.

The team was Deysel, Chitereka, Pattison, Catterall, Mafungise, R Watson, Dollar, Akeroyd, Johnson, Dakers, Mackintosh, Box, Dunn, Young, Rix.

Blackheath U19 were the regional champions and after we had dominated the game for the first 10 minutes, we began to understand why, because they took control of every department of the game. Their pack shunted ours as if we were children and their three-quarters produced the best running and handling that we had seen on tour. We spent the rest of that game defending and it was only through fearless tackling that we kept the score difference down to 10. They could have beaten us by 40 points but it was a measure of our commitment to the game that we kept the score to 16–6. We came off the field knowing that we had played a game of rugby and were pleased to think that we had contributed something to their centenary celebrations.

"Afterwards, in the showers — despite losing — the best after-game atmosphere prevailed." — Neil Rix

"I've never played so hard in my life." — Martix Box

Then on to Lancaster Hall Hotel. As we boarded the coach we realised that the act of leaving Blackheath marked the end of the rugby playing part of the tour, and our arrival at Lancaster Hall marked the beginning of the skiing because our Staff started talking to us about 'snow ploughs'. The prospect of skiing more than relieved the sadness of having finished the rugby side of the tour.

#### *Sunday 18th*

Our last day in London. We intended to do as much sight-seeing as possible and we did — from attending a service in St Pauls to chasing pigeons in Trafalgar Square — we did as much as was humanly possible. We ended up at the "Hoop and Grapes", a delightful pre-Fire-of-London pub run by the Gregory family (Old Miltonians), where we were able to sit down and take the pressure off our aching feet and slake monster thirsts.

### *Monday 19th*

After breakfast our coach took us to Heathrow where we departed for Geneva. From there a coach took us over the border into France, through beautiful scenic countryside to La Plagna. When we arrived there was not a drop of snow in sight and we began to talk of climbing and perhaps a rugby match against the local club. What we did not realise was that there were no fewer than 4 La Plagnas and that we were in the valley one and that there were three more high up in the mountains. As we ascended the mountains, we soon crossed the snow line and began again to discuss the technicalities of "snow plough". Our accommodation was in a huge curving block of holiday flats located in the centre of dozens of ski runs. Upon arriving we all immediately dived into the snow and practised a few rucks and mauls. It was an improvement on English mud. The daylight was fading fast but we nevertheless kitted ourselves out with skis, poles and boots. We couldn't wait for the next day and some of us had our first lessons in the passages that night.

### *Tuesday 20th*

Early that morning we all met outside in the snow for our first (and last) lesson, and the fun began. Messrs van Zyl and Smith were determined that we would learn to ski that morning so they showed us how to do the "snow plough", how to turn left or right and how to stop (apart from falling down — we were instant experts at that). On the gentle slopes that was easy enough and we soon had some idea of what to do. As our confidence grew some of us attempted to use the "Baby Lift", later called "Blob's Lift". Our Staff, who had been skiing before, managed it easily enough, so we followed. Without exception we slipped, fell, were dragged ignominiously uphill on our backs or stomachs until the lift operator stopped the lift, helped us up, put us back on the lift, only to have the whole thing happen again. Very humiliating! However, it was so exhilarating in the snow that we were not to be put off and soon mastered the "Baby Lift". Some of us took longer than the others and Akeroyd, with his spectacular falls, became something of a tourist attraction on the baby slopes. The baby slope was about 75 m in length. Our next hurdle was to master a Blue Route which still had a fairly gentle slope but was about 2 km in length. The chair-lift was child's play after the baby lift and we were deposited (literally) fairly high up the mountain. Having regained our feet we moved off in the general direction of the other skiers to be confronted by a spectacular view of our block of flats down below. We were frankly scared witless! We now employed a type of skiing that we had been taught, but one that is surely used by all

beginners, called chicken skiing — short slide, fall, short slide, fall . . . It took us a long time to reach the bottom but by the time we did, we had been blooded and were ready to tackle almost anything. We thought that we were pretty fit, but that night we were exhausted and slept like babies.

### *Wednesday 21st — Saturday 24th*

Glorious days spent skiing. We were completely 'hooked' — skiing began to rival rugby in importance in our lives. Our group in its distinctive uniform, was known locally as the "Kamakazi Team" and the miracle of it all was that the only injury was Abel spraining his ankle again. He spent a day in a clinic getting his ankle put in plaster and searching for a pair of crutches!

On Christmas Eve we gathered in the snow outside the flats and gave everybody a Carol Concert. Our intentions were good but our repertoire was poor and no matter which carol we started it seemed to end up as "Jingle Bells".

"We think that we might become professional singers."  
— Gavin Johnson and Brendon Deyse!

"The skiing was the most memorable part of the tour." — Brendon Dawson

### *Sunday 25th*

Christmas Day. The early risers managed to get a run in before the coach arrived to take us back to Geneva. The tour was over and we were all keen to get back to our families. We were to spend the night in Geneva so we scraped together all the money we could and had a Christmas Dinner in a nearby restaurant. The meal was the cheapest we could buy — chicken breasts and chips — but for us it was an emotional occasion, with speeches, presentations and farewells. None of us managed to say what we really meant to say, but the feeling was good. It had been terrific and we were proved to be Miltonians.

"I would like to think that we have become a family which is about to split up, but where the strong ties will always remain." — F J van Zyl

### *Monday 26*

Air France took us to Paris and then on to Harare, arriving there at 11.20 p.m. We spent the night at Meikles Hotel eating much longed-for steaks at midnight and reminiscing.

### *Tuesday 27th*

An early morning flight took us to Bulawayo and it was with some pleasure that we looked down on our drought-plagued countryside to see the cooling towers again.

"We all shared and remember the laughter, sadness and tension during our tour. We must cherish our memories as those times are never to be relived in those same circumstances." — Ian Ferguson.

# Club Notes

## ART CLUB

The Art Club under Mrs Stewart (1st and 2nd terms) and Miss Louth (3rd term) was certainly a beneficial club for art students.

It was a very informal club where the individual was provided with media, and then guided to develop his ideas to the finished work. Public exam candidates also found Art Club an ideal opportunity to complete the course work assignment.

During the 3rd term two Art Clubs were organised by Miss Louth thus allowing seniors and juniors to work separately.

A number of awards were won by Art Club members at the Spring Fair and art works brightened the entrance hall to the school administration building.

S DREWITZ

## CAMERA CLUB

Although pupil involvement has dropped due in part to difficulties in obtaining photographic paper, the club has taken all team photographs and magazine photographs. We now have excellent equipment (apart from our enlarger) and are in a position to take photographs of a reasonable standard.

We have set up a studio and now have backdrops and reasonable lighting facilities for portrait work. The club has exciting prospects but desperately needs an influx of enthusiastic members if it is to succeed.

## COMPUTER CLUB REPORT

This year has seen the launching of the Computer Club which we feel is much needed in the computerised society in which we find ourselves.

We have acquired three micro-computers and two monitors and have converted the electronics laboratory into a computer room as it has good security and excellent lights.

We were fortunate to be donated one Sinclair Spectrum Micro-Computer by the British Council. The remainder of the equipment has been bought with both Parents' Association Funds and Tuckshop profits.

The Computer room is open from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. and boys wishing to avail themselves of the facility should book a time in advance so that we are able to maximise use of the computers.

Mrs Soni runs the Computer Club which has regular meetings and visits places of interest on Tuesday afternoons.

## CHESS CLUB

*Report for the 3rd Term 1983 to  
the end of the 2nd Term 1984*

The Chess Club at Milton School has had one of its leanest years ever. Attendance at Club practises has dropped from around thirty in the 3rd term of 1983, to approximately ten in the 1st and 2nd terms of 1984. Members are drawn from the first and second forms, there is little interest in Chess in the upper school. Other schools

seem to be experiencing the same problems. The only school to offer inter-school games is Founders. During the course of the year Milton played Founders five times, drawing three of the games and losing two.

Seven of our boys took part in the Matabeleland chess championships which were played at Milton from 17 to 20 April 1984. Our highest placed player was Martin Moyo who came 7th with 4½ points. The winner of the Scholars championship was Philip Thorne of Gifford with 6 points.

### Results:-

1983	10 October	: Milton 4½, Founders 4½. Drawn
1984	16 February	: Milton 3½, Founders 4½. Lost
1984	1 March	: Milton 2, Founders 6. Lost
1984	17-20 April	: Chess championships — 62 players.
1984	28 June	: Milton 3½, Founders 3½. Drawn
1984	7 July	: Milton 4, Founders 4. Drawn

## MARIMBA BAND

The success of Milton's Marimba Band has certainly moved from strength to strength in the past year.

Their performances have been highly enjoyed and appreciated by the wide spectrum of the Bulawayo public because of the variety of music presented. Themes include African Traditional, European Western (commercial), reggae, jazz and 'own composition' pieces to which all the boys contribute.

The band has been requested to play at various functions including variety shows, festivals, competitions, fetes and monthly at school assembly.

The boys very deservedly and proudly attained 'honours' at this year's musical Eisteddfod, and were also filmed and interviewed by a top Canadian/American camera team who intended to show the video on T.V., as an "African Music" documentary, to millions of people across North America. We were all thrilled.

The band members are all extremely dedicated, enthusiastic and talented and work together in utmost 'harmony' — quietly but strongly led by E Mashonganyika.

I would like to say thank you to all the boys for doing so well and working so hard for me.

A LOUTH (Miss)

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**M Bloch**  
Winner, Mat. & National  
Computer Game.



**N Anastasiou**  
Mat. Schools  
Basketball & Athletics.



**P R Jeyarajah**  
Mat. Schools  
'A' Hockey.



**R Watson**  
Mat & Zim Schools Rugby,  
Mat. U/19 & Zim. Waterpolo



**R Young**  
Mat & Zim.  
Schools Rugby



**S Williams**  
Mat. U/17  
Waterpolo.



**M Ross**  
Mat. U/17  
Waterpolo.



**D Pistorius**  
Mat. Men's Softball 'B'  
Team, Mat. U/15 Cricket.



**A Mackintosh**  
Mat. Schools & Men's Athletics,  
Mat. & Zim. Schools Rugby.



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Soccer



**D B Carson**  
Matabeleland  
Swimming



**J Boshoff**  
Matabeleland  
Swimming.



**J Gordon**  
Matabeleland  
Swimming



**R Pederson**  
Matabeleland  
Baseball.



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Mat. Schools Athletics.

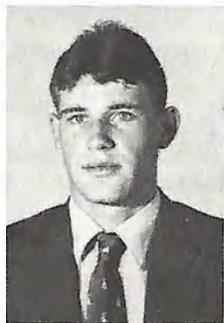


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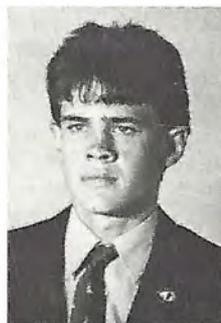
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**G Cohen**  
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**H A Ziemkendorf**  
Mat Jnr & Men's Athletics,  
Capt Mat 'B' Hockey



**M Simon**  
Mat. Schools, Mat. U/23 &  
Mat Men's 'B' Squash.



**C Damerell**  
Jnr Mayor, Winner Mat. &  
National Computer Game.



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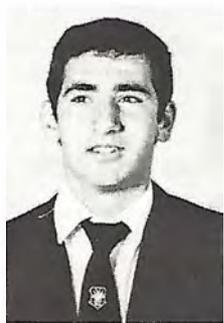
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**P Maugi**  
Matabeleland  
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**B G Bloch**  
Winner, Mat & National  
Computer Game



**M Sakalis**  
Mat Schools & Men's  
'B' Basketball.



**D Orange**  
Mat. Schools & Men's  
'B' Basketball.



**D Stephens**  
Mat. Schools & Men's  
'C' Hockey.



**A Chitereka**  
Mat. Schools Rugby,  
Mat. Schools Athletics.

## ST JOHN CADETS

The mottoes of the Order of St John "*Pro Fide*" — for the faith — and "*Pro Utilitate Hominum*" — for the service of mankind — have played an important part in the life of Milton Cadets.

Most of the time emphasis is on service to mankind and this has entailed learning First Aid and then performing duties in and around Milton. The Cadets are now a regular presence at sports fixtures within the school and have helped at Trade Fair and other functions around the city.

Twelve new members passed their initial First Aid exam in July 1984 and have given valuable service to the Division.

Two parades were held during the course of the year and Milton Cadets were present at both. The most important parade was the annual inspection in September at which the Division was inspected by the Senior Commissioner from Gweru.

The other parade was the church parade which was held at the Presbyterian Church in July. Cadet Ian Sampson read the lesson at this function and a number of Cadets were present thus observing the motto "*Pro Fide*".

Five Cadets — I Sampson, Y Mullah, A Johnson, A Islam and P Suchak took part in the National St John First Aid competitions held at Concession in August. Although Milton lost to Vainona High School the boys were fine Ambassadors for the school and Matabeleland.

The Member in Charge would like to thank all members of the Division for their support during the year. Special thanks must go to Mrs E Short of Area Staff for her help and advice — it is much appreciated.

H F DAY  
I/C Milton St John Cadets

## SCRIPTURE UNION REPORT

**Adult Advisor:** Mr Pagden

**Chairman:** Samuel Drewitz

**Secretary:** T Gaspar

Attendance at meetings fluctuated but there was always a nucleus of dedicated members. Changes in the committee at the beginning of the year were a slight setback but the group never lost its warm Christian care and is still going strong for the Lord.

During the meetings which were held at breaktime on Mondays and Fridays, quite a lot of time was given to the singing of choruses and to sharing from the Bible.

We have had visits from Guest Speakers and other Scripture Union groups and these extra Wednesday afternoon meetings have been a thrill and inspiration to us all. We plan to have more combined meetings with other schools in the future.

SAMUEL DREWITZ

## TOASTMASTERS' CLUB

The Toastmasters' Club has had another successful year; indeed at the beginning of the year it was considerably over-subscribed and there were 34 boys present at the first meeting. This was reduced to a more manageable number — about 20 — for subsequent gatherings so that most members could be involved in some way at most meetings. The format has remained largely the same — there are three or four prepared speeches each of which receives a 'criticism' (or 'appreciation', the word Mr Bullivant has vainly sought to substitute!) and the topic is then thrown open to the floor for comments. There are also several impromptu speeches — the victim is given a topic and allowed a few minutes for thought before speaking for at least a minute; after the bell he should bring his speech to a proper conclusion in his own time — David Bloch's record of eight minutes remained unbroken at the end of 1984! Mr Robin Rudd was a witty and amusing guest speaker with the model of an after-dinner speech during the second term and the Townsend Toastmasters' (sic) Club were Milton's guests once each term; there was also a return visit to Townsend and in general these joint meetings were the most relaxed and enjoyable of the year.

A precedent was set for the final meeting of the year when the Club took over the New Orleans restaurant; parents, members of staff and Townsend Toastmasters were the guests and a superb dinner was complemented by some excellent speeches. Over the year, the most consistent contributions came from Neil Rix and he received the Toastmasters' Shield; Charles Damerell was another polished speaker and Adrian Abel, when he could be persuaded to speak, always did so with passion and conviction.

No report on the Toastmasters would be complete without thanks to the kitchen staff; despite problems, four-course dinners of a high standard were always produced — their quality was indeed more consistent than that of the speeches! — and the combination of good food and good company (not to mention a little wine) ensured, as always, that the gentle art of public speaking was acquired in a remarkably painless fashion.

## VIDEO TAPE RECORDER

The Functions Committee with the aid of Tuckshop funds and the Parents' Association have purchased a Video Tape Recorder and colour television set. We are hoping that this equipment will be utilised to show topical sporting films and films of academic volume. Although we only have a 14 inch screen at present we plan to replace it with a 25 inch screen when funds become available.

## *Sports Reports*



### **ATHLETICS TEAM 1984**

*Back row:* P Joseph, P Morris, T Tugwete, S Bulle, P Mdaweni, G Dhliwayo, P Mazonde, T Mazuru, Z Hawa, B Beattie, M Du Bruyn, N Ngwenya, G Vudzi.

*Middle row:* B Lacey, L Celliers, I Midzi, A Dube, A Chitereka, P Sinclair, D Veremu, T Mapoko, M Box, M Nguruve, R Richardson, K Mafungise, Z Mutazu, T Ncube, R Zaloumis, N Peel.

*Front row:* N Rix, N Anastasiou, H Ziemkendorf, A Walker Esq., R Pattison, E Andersen Esq., A Macintosh, A Abel, W Dakers.

## **ATHLETICS**

This year, all inter-schools competitions were condensed into a two week period thus putting great pressure on our school athletics.

The Pentagonal meeting, hosted by Milton, took place first and our team was overshadowed by those from Plumtree and Falcon. We did, however, record some notable successes in several events and in particular the Open Triple Jump where, our team of Zimkendorf H.A., Pattison R. and Mzenda E, established a new record of 38.68 metres.

On the Wednesday following this competition, a much improved Milton Team took the honours at the Triangular meeting held at the Gifford Track.

Much boosted by this success, the Milton team performed very well in the Inter-Schools Competition held at the Hamilton track.

Our internal inter-house sports day was rained off but, we were able to hold the meeting later in the following week and full credit to Boarders for their fine victory in this competition.

Congratulations to the following boys who were awarded athletics colours: A Mackintosh, R Pattison, H A Zimkendorf.

Thanks must go to all those who represented the school and to Messrs. Kheswa, Ncube and Walker for their invaluable coaching and encouragement during the season.

R PATTISON



### 1st TEAM BASKETBALL

*Back row:* L Henry, D Orange, L Woods, G Armstrong, L Henry.  
*Front row:* N Anastasiou, E Andersen Esq., D Orange, C Braccioli.

### 1st TEAM BASKETBALL

**Coach:** 1st Term C Meares  
 3rd Term Mr Maynard

**Captain:** D Orange

**Members:** D Orange, W Orange, M Sakalis, N Anastasiou, Louis Henry, Lionel Henry, C Braccioli, G Armstrong, L Woods.

**Results:**

v.	Northlea	won	36-35
v.	Gifford	won	88-26
v.	Luveve	won	36-30
v.	Hamilton	won	56-32
v.	Founders	lost	37-42

**Comment:** This year the first team lost only one player from last year's team. The return of most of the players gave the team a boost as can be seen by the results where Milton lost narrowly to Founders, the top side in Matabelaland. The team gained more experience and

grew in confidence and in an inter-schools tournament held at Founders, beat Prince Edward 46-34 and lost to the mighty St Georges 36-52.

At the Matabelaland school trials, D Orange and M Sakalis were selected to represent the schools side and both represented the Men's Provincial B team in Mutare as well.

In December 1983 the 1st team won a schools tournament held by Sparks Basketball Club. By winning their first two games in the morning and beating Northlea 35-17 in the final, the team won the cup for the first time.

## 1st XI CRICKET 1984

**Coach:** M C Hawkins

**Captain:** N Rix

**Team Members:** P Maugi, R Pattison, B Dawson, M Holleran, A Mackintosh, H Ziemkendorf, S Langford, M McLeod, E Chibi, M Ross, S Naik, D Pistorious, R Young.

**Comment:** The first term of 1984 was not terribly successful the side being not very experienced, and lacking any real stars. But, the team generally gave of its best — and certainly learnt to enjoy the game. The highlight of the season was when the side pulled out all stops to beat C B C who were rated the top side in Matabeleland. The pre-season tournament held in Harare during the school September holidays was a more successful venture, with Milton managing to win all three of their games. It was pleasing to note that the team had developed a good team spirit and, for a change, decided that they could win and would try to win. Many thanks must go to Mr Hawkins, who was always willing and co-operative throughout — even during the times when many would have given up!

### Results

#### 1st Term

- v. Plumtree Lost by an innings and 20 runs (Ziemkendorf 3–39)
- v. Kwekwe Draw Kwekwe 94 all out (Rix 33–4) Milton 66 for 6)
- v. Prince Edward Prince Edward 215 for 5 Milton 41 all out/Lost by 174 runs
- v. St Georges St Georges 210 for 5 Milton 78 all out/Lost by 132 runs
- v. C B C C B C 196 (Ziemkendorf 8–22) Milton 198 (Dawson 79)/Won by 3 wickets
- v. Falcon Falcon 212/6 Milton 83/Lost by 131 runs

#### Pre-Season Tournament

- v. Cranborne Milton 197/7 declared (Ross 62, Rix 43)
- v. Cranborne Cranborne 73. Milton 197/7 declared (Ross 62, Rix 43 Ziemkendorf 1/17)
- v. Oriel Oriel 163 for 7. Milton 164 for 7 — won by 3 wickets
- v. Marondera Marondera 150. Milton 195 (Maugi 67, Dawson 9–26) Won by 45 runs



### 1st XI CRICKET

*Back row:* D Pistorious, R Young, H Ziemkendorf, A Mackintosh, R Pattison, E Chibi.

*Front row:* P Maugi, E Andersen Esq., N Rix, C M Hawkins Esq., B Dawson.

## CRITIQUE:

Rix — (Captain) — a captain with mixed fortunes — has not yet realised his potential.

R Pattison — opening bat and wicket keeper — “Barry the Blocker” — promoted from batting number 10 to opening, and enjoying it. Consistent and agile behind the stumps.

H Ziemkendorf — the fine spin bowler of the season. “Koos” is always keen — this showed in his fine 8 for 22 against C B C.

B Dawson — another player who always tries hard. Had mixed fortunes with the bat, but discovered he could bowl, as 9 for 26 against Marondera shows.

M Holleran — the veteran — can succeed with the bat and ball, but has mastered the art of sleeping at fine leg.

P Maugi — an opening bat who could, should and sometimes does well. A pleasant and keen member of the side.

A Mackintosh — “Tosh” occasionally scored runs, when he tried. We all live in hope that one day he will use his 6’5” to bowl with more success than he’s had to date.

S Langford — “Caveman” opened the bowling and soon mastered the art of almost throwing the ball — generally down the leg side! A very keen and humorous player whose dream is to manage to take a catch.

D Pistorious — an U/15 who always opened the batting with courage, but with a rather nervous appearance. A pity that a broken arm had sidelined him for the 3rd term.

E Chibi — quiet and keen, Emmanuel always tried hard, having more success with ball than with the bat.

**Also played:** M Ross, S Naik, R Young.

## SECOND XI CRICKET

**Coach:** Mr M Harlen

**Umpire:** Mr M Harlen

**Captain:** P Hensman

**Team Members:** N Naik, S Mazonde, P Hensman, B Patel, R Giga, P Jeyarajah, C Judd, S Pandiya, V Chinamatira, B Deysel, S Naik, F Batty, J De Azevedo.

**Comments:** This season has proved particularly successful for a somewhat young and inexperienced team. The catching was generally poor and the batting brittle at times. Mazonde bowled exceptionally well on most occasions. On the whole this was a successful season and the team extends its thanks to Mr Harlen. With determined effort, next season the team should do well.

## UNDER 15A CRICKET

**Captain:** C Rix

**Comment:** For once we played with a reasonably settled team throughout the season, enjoying the game but not the good results we had hoped for. The problem was always with the batsmen, one or two of whom made decent scores but never in the same match so that the team’s score was always low. Our bowlers on the other hand were generally as good as the opposition’s. Rix, Kidd and Wood stand out particularly aided by tight bowling from Rajaratnam who was unlucky not to take more wickets. At the end of the season a match was arranged by some of the team’s parents. This turned out to be a very enjoyable occasion which we hope can be repeated in the future.

## UNDER 14A CRICKET

**Captain:** E Levendale

**Vice-Captain:** M Naik

**Coach:** Mr D L Yeld

**Team Members:** E Levendale, M Naik, Parshotham, S Naik, Sengwayo, Hensman, Y Friede, A Holmes, Doolabh, Patel, Lambat, Mooney, Naran and Daya.

**Comment:** After an unfortunate start to the season, losing to Plumtree by a real “cricket” score, E Levendale had some fine “one man” stands when all seemed lost. Certainly, Hamilton felt the wrong end of his bat! Both S Naik and M Naik bowled very well and Parshotham proved himself with both bat and ball. S Naik and Parshotham were awarded the trophies for “Best Bowler” and “Best All Rounder” respectively. As a whole, the team proved that it had come together in the final match of the season, against C.B.C. — we ended it like Lions!

## UNDER 13A CRICKET

**Coach:** Mr W M Herring

**Team:** R Pedersen (Capt.), D Vaghmaria, R Soni, S Naran, R Sahu, S Gupts, M Margerison, R Jain, P Makuchete, B Patel, W Querl, M Ngwenya.

**Comment:** Little natural talent was evident at the beginning of the year and much time was spent on developing the basic skills. A few of the batsmen had a good eye for the ball and gradually this was allied to an improvement in footwork and a firmer use of the top hand; however, an inability to sustain concentration was the cause of many a dismissal. The bowling eventually showed balance and variety, and Vaghmaria, Soni and Pedersen all performed to good effect. The fielding became generally sharper during the year, although the throwing was too frequently wayward. The side practised and played keenly throughout and congratulations go to Pedersen for the consistently lively and enthusiastic example that he set as captain.

## CROSS-COUNTRY

Conditions for the annual inter-house Cross-Country were ideal this year and all existing records were broken. The U/14 race was won by Chikutye of Fairbridge, the U/16 by Mudawini of Heany and the Open by Mashobe of Rhodes. Congratulations to all three for their outstanding performances. At House level, the competition proved to be more even than in past years and Boarders were hard pressed to retain their title as Champions. Fairbridge won the U/14 event, Birchenough the U/16 and Boarders the Open thus gaining enough points overall to win the competition.

Seven boys took part in the annual Hope Fountain 30 km race held in November and all succeeded in completing the course in the time allocated.



### 1st XI HOCKEY

*Back row:* I Forrest, F Batty, F Jensen, K Kyriacou, S Doolabh, R Elston, L O'Shea.

*Front row:* W McDowall, P Maugi, E Andersen Esq., H Ziemkendorf, C M Hawkins Esq., P Jeyarajah, R Edwards.

*Seated in front:* D Stephens.

## HOCKEY

### 1st HOCKEY

**Coach:** Mrs P McKillop, Mr C Hawkins

**Captain:** H Ziemkendorf

**Colours:** P Jeyarajah

**Team Members:** K Kyriacou, P Jeyarajah, I Forrest, P Maugi, R Elson, F Batty, W McDowall, R Edwards, D Stephens, L O'Shea.

**Also Played:** F Jensen, B Watson, T Anand.

**Results:**

v. Prince Edward	Lost	0-6	
v. Oriel	Lost	0-1	
v. Churchill	Lost	0-3	
v. C B C	Lost	0-1	Lost 1-2
v. Hamilton	Won	3-1	Lost 1-4
v. Gifford	Won	2-1	Drew 1-1
v. Plumtree	Drew	1-1	Drew 1-1
v. Falcon	Lost	0-2	Drew 1-1

**Comment:** The Milton 1st team hockey was a young and inexperienced side, consisting mainly of the 1983 U15 team. The 1984 team lost seven major players, from the 1st team, 1983, thus most members of the side were playing with each other for the first time. Bearing this in mind the team did fairly well, and thanks must go to Mrs P McKillop who managed to make the team members combine well. H Ziemkendorf did well as captain of the

side. It was unfortunate that during the season the team was unlucky in many matches, especially against C B C with whom we should have drawn at least once. However, one must remember the fact that five members of the team were selected for either Matabeleland 'A' or 'B' sides — the second highest number of players from any team. Thanks to Mr Hawkins for his help during the season.

**CRITIQUE:**

H Ziemkendorf — Centre Half. Captain Milton 1st XI and Captain Matabeleland Schools 'B' team. A very thoughtful player who was calm under pressure, and tackled well. He captained the young side very well.

K Kyriacou — Goalkeeper. Previously U15 Goalkeeper, he played well but he must learn to be more enthusiastic and to concentrate on his game.

P Jeyarajah — Left Back. Made the National 'A' team. Played a very confident game and was very consistent, tackling and clearing well from the circle. A player who was highly depended on.

I Forrest — Right Back. He played well as back, but he must learn not to dribble with the ball too much, especially when under pressure.

- P Maugi — Right Half. A very useful right half who has improved his hockey considerably from 1983. Selected for Matabeleland 'B' side — what about fitness?
- R Elston — Left Half. He played an awkward position very well. His hockey, both attacking and defensive, was always good, especially under pressure.
- F Batty — Left Wing. A fast and competent wing who played well during the season. A little more determination and aggressiveness should help his game in future years.
- W McDowell — Left Inner. A very good player who was selected for Matabeleland 'B' side. His stick work was the best in the team, but he must learn not to be frightened of dribbling with the ball all the way to the goals. On many an occasion he should have kept the ball and gone for the goals alone — he must learn to be more aggressive in his game.
- R Edwards — At the beginning of the season he played centre forward but his true hockey potential was shown

when he played Right Wing. A fast wing who was very useful — he must learn to keep control of the ball for a longer time to ensure success.

- D Stephens — Right Inner. A good player who was selected for Matabeleland 'B' team. He played well throughout the season and thought when attacking — he must however learn to use his other four forwards when necessary.
- L O'Shea — Played as Centre Forward for the last seven or eight games of the season. A very determined player who will do well in future years.
- B Watson — Rather nervous, but he played a confident game against Plumtree. Can do well.
- T Anand — A very young player who can do well, but needs confidence.
- F Jensen — An attacking and aggressive wing who was unfortunate with injuries.

## RUGBY

The 1984 season was characterised by the deepening crises caused by the shortage of rugby coaches. With only three members of Staff interested in and able to coach rugby, it was obvious that the number of playing teams would have to be reduced. Where once Milton was able to raise 22 teams for an interschool fixture, we were reduced to 12 and had it not been for the help given by Messrs S Dawson, K Nixon and D Yeld the number of teams may well have been reduced to 6! To these three gentlemen the School expresses its grateful thanks. The future of rugby in the school looks rather bleak and could well depend on interested parents playing a far greater role.

Despite the problems, two teams showed up well and deserve commendation — the 1st XV had an outstanding season and the U13A team gave signs of developing into a fine side.

Thanks go to the Matabeleland Referees Society, the Functions Committee, the Ground Staff, the Hostel and Dining Room Staff, those loyal supporters who never missed a game, those parents who hosted visitors and rugby functions and particularly to the hard-working coaches.

### RUGBY 1st XV

**Coach:** Mr F J van Zyl

**Team:** W Dakers (capt.), R Watson (v. capt.), A Abel, M Box, A Chitereka, B Dawson, B Deysel, S Haddon, A Mackintosh, K Mafungise, S McTiernan, R Pattison, N Peel, D Pistorious, N Rix, R Williams, R Young. Also played: N Anastasiou, C Braccioli, B Hughes, M Ross, M Schultz, D Veremu, B Watson.

**Comment:** With fourteen players back at school from the overseas tour there was every likelihood of the season being a good one. The forwards particularly showed promise with a strong front row, two big locks and 'hungry' loose forwards, a promise which was well fulfilled as they outplayed all opposition and four of them were selected for the National squad. The three-quarters too showed ability but despite an abundance of possession, their play never quite 'clicked' to give us the running that was expected of them. A tendency to hold on to the ball too long, particularly, and a few crucial dropped passes together with sound defence from the opposition prevented them from rising to any great height. The

calibre of the side play is, however, reflected in its overall results which show but a single loss and the fact that eight Milton boys played in the successful Matabeleland side which defeated both Mashonaland and Yorkshire schools, and the fact that five boys were in the National squad.

Much of the success was due to the sound grounding the side gained during the 1983 season and the experience of the overseas tour, but much credit must go to W Dakers for his quiet and firm leadership.

#### Critique:

- W Dakers — Captain, also Captain of the Matabeleland XV, member of the Zimbabwe Schools XV, awarded School Colours. An excellent tight head prop whose rugby skills are such that he could well play fly half as well. His loose and open play is very constructive.
- R Watson — Vice-Captain; Matabeleland XV, Zimbabwe Schools XV, awarded School Colours. Fly half possesses an excellent pair of hands, kicks well with both feet and is prepared to put in a lot of hard work when not in possession of the ball.
- A Abel — Flank Matabeleland XV, Zimbabwe Schools XV awarded School Colours. Switched from 8th man to flank and went from strength to strength. A very strong runner, particularly unstoppable near the opposition try line. It is not surprising that he was the top try scorer in the side.
- B Box — Lock Forward, one of the youngsters in the side, shows considerable promise for the future.
- A Chitereka — Wing, Matabeleland XV, re-awarded School Colours. A good all-round rugby player whose cover defence is excellent. Top points scorer.
- B Dawson — Flank, awarded School Colours and received the Andersen Trophy for the most improved player in the 1st XV. He does everything a flank should do — a very good prospect for the future.
- B Deysel — Fullback, Matabeleland XV, re-awarded School Colours. He never quite rose to his brilliance of the previous season but still a formidable player.
- S Haddon — Centre, has the ability to cut the opposing three-quarter line but tends to go too far.



### 1st XV RUGBY

*Back row:* N Peel, M Box, R Williams, K Mafungise.

*Middle row:* S Haddon, A Chitereka, B Deysel, B Dawson, N Rix, R Pattison, D Pistorius.

*Front row:* R Young, A Abel, E Andersen Esq., W Dakers, F J van Zyl Esq., R Watson, A Mackintosh.

A Mackintosh — Lock, Matabeleland XV, Zimbabwe Schools, awarded School Colours. A fine line out jumper and one of the fastest men on the field.

K Mafungise — Wing, hard runner, deadly tackler and beginning to look for work.

S McTiernan — Loose head prop., a good scrum manager.

R Pattison — Centre, Matabeleland XV, awarded School Colours. A sound centre without being spectacular, outstanding defender.

N Peel — Utility three-quarter, has played wing, centre and fullback. A strong runner and fearless tackler.

D Pistorius — Scrum half. The baby of the side (actually still U15) who was fortunately well shielded by the strong pack. He shows plenty of rugby ability and is a good prospect for the future.

N Rix — Flank, awarded School Colours. An injury prevented him from playing for part of the season. A 'hungry' flank who always showed a fearless determination to win or maintain possession.

R Williams — 8th man, hard working and a fierce tackler.

R Young — Locker, Matabeleland XV, Zimbabwe Schools, awarded School Colours.

R Young — Locker, Matabeleland XV, Zimbabwe Schools, awarded School Colours. A much improved player whose relentless determination made him a valued member of the team.

### 1st XV Results:

v. Chaplin	won	46- 0
v. Plumtree	won	13- 0
v. St Georges	drew	10-10
v. Falcon	lost	13-19
v. Prince Edward	won	19-15
v. Churchill	won	19- 0
v. C B C	won	40- 0
v. Falcon	won	13- 4
v. Gifford	won	28-12
v. Plumtree	won	14- 6

## 2nd XV

As so often happens, and more so with the shortage of coaches, 2nd XV tends to be ignored and acts as the 'chopping block' for the 1st XV. They frequently are told "go over there and practice something" on their own, to be dragged back 30 minutes later so that the 1st can practice their moves. Yet despite being overlooked they seem to have absorbed rugby through the pores of their skin and played some fine matches.

The 2nd XV need to be highly commended for having such a healthy outlook to the game, for staying together as a team and showing such good team spirit. For this much credit must go to N Anastasiou (the captain).

## U/15A RUGBY

**Coach:** Mr S Dawson, Mr Harlen

**Captain:** Brian Beattie

**Players:** C Rix, W Mills, C van Beek, G Rorke, B Pavlik, Nguruve, M Paradis, T Kontemeniotis, M Kidd, M Sinclair, T Du Plessis, P Bunce, Maseko, S Kruger and T Ncube.

**Comment:** Despite endless efforts by Mr Dawson, the team did not live up to its expectations, losing most of their matches. A lot of hard work by Mr Dawson enabled the pack to perform well against all opposition: the power of Beattie, Pavlik, Paradis and Nguruve always showed in the scrums and loose play, and the hard work of Kidd and the other loose forwards never ceased, but, unfortunately a severe injury to Kidd put him out for the rest of the season. Rix tried hard around the base of the scrum, feeding the line some good ball which wasn't used as it perhaps should have been. The general weakness in the line was the lack of thought and determination to tackle, although Kruger and Maseko were noticeably the best tacklers. Seldom did the ball reach the wing and none of the well thought up moves ever succeeded. But the season culminated in an exciting close game against Plumtree, where Milton always looked the better side. The team would like to thank Mr Dawson for being a great coach.

## U/14A RUGBY

**Captain:** A P Owen

**Vice Captain:** D Liebenberg

**Team Members:** A Owen, E Levendale, D Liebenberg, Markham, Dabengwa, A Vas, M Lambat, A Dube, A Holmes, Vudzi, King, Nixon, Maburutse, Naran, M McNab, C Efthymiou and M Hulbert.

**Comment:** Hopes were high when the team began the season well, with two consecutive wins. Alas, we soon came down to earth with a jolt and never really recovered our early season form. Andrew Owen had some fine games as Captain, E Levendale played well and his kicking was superb. Alex Dube had a fine season as did both King and McNab. Efthymiou was a vital squad member who won one match "single handed"! Lambat gave his best until the final whistle of the final match. No one can do more. In all we played some very good rugby and could have done much better. After all it isn't always the result that matters, but how you "play the game".

## UNDER 13A RUGBY

**Coach:** Mr W M Herrina

**Team Members:** R Pedersen (capt.), P Makuchete, A Moyo, M Ngwenya, H Naude, G Weale, J Boshoff, D Mills, W Querl, A Marques, C Green, S Naran, A Hannay, L Cilliers, J Gordon, T Chikutye.

**Comment:** The team started off in promising fashion, with fine early victories, including wins against Falcon and Plumtree. The squad, although lacking in any degree of tactical awareness, was extremely keen at practices and training sessions, at which constant drilling in the basic skills was the priority. In addition, in Pedersen the team had a player of rare natural ability and a captain whose enthusiasm set a fine example. Unfortunately, he was out with injury after the fifth game and thereafter a crisis of confidence set in. The forwards showed considerable potential and fire and managed to secure a good amount of clean possession from the set pieces. The backs tried hard, and there was some strong running from both wings, but the major weakness was a lack of penetration and suspect defence in the centre, a weakness that was never fully overcome.

The enthusiasm of the group was highly pleasing, and there was sufficient embryonic talent for one to hope that the players will continue with their rugby next year.

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## 1st and 2nd XI SOCCER

**Coach:** S Poku-Awuah, Assisted by S Mhango and S Dube

**Captain:** 1st XI — L Mutsura

2nd XI — G Moyo

**Team Members:** 1st XI — L Mutsura, N Maphiwa, Chinamatira, Gondo, Mashonganyika, E Ncube, R Ngwenya, D Magura, Muzhanye, S Maposa, M Moyo, Charedzera, G Moyo.

2nd XI — S Moyo, W Ndlovu, Mzenda, Possive, N Nkomo, N Moyo, H Ngwenya, Manyana, Lungu, E Ncube, S Nkomo, Zwenyika, Ntaka, Hawa.

**Reserves:** B Mpofu, E Chibi

### 1st XI Results:

	Home	Away
vs C.B.C.	won 16-2	won 7-2
vs Cyrene	won 5-1	won 4-2
vs Founders	won 5-3	won 3-2
vs Hamilton	won 6-2	won 7-2
vs Northlea	drew 2-2	lost 1-3
vs Gifford		won 2-1

### Dunlop trophy (played at Barbourfield)

vs Cloag (quarter-final)	won 6-5
vs St Georges (semi-final)	won 3-2
vs St Columba's (semi-final)	won 3-2
vs Mstiteli (final)	lost 1-2

**Comment:** The soccer squad has had a good season this year. It often won its games by wide margins, an indication of how formidable it was. The squad lost only two matches and drew one, out of the fourteen tough matches played.

The number of players who received Colours this year bears testimony to the achievement of the squad. It is the first time in the history of the school that six players have been awarded Colours in soccer.

Hard work and determination formed the keynote of the squad in all its games, therefore becoming the

champions in a zone comprising seven tough schools in soccer.

Milton thus qualified to play in the quarter-final stage of the Dunlop trophy. Milton was to meet Cloag School. The game against Cloag School was tough. At the end of the regular time the scores were one all. From the ensuing penalty kicks to decide the winner, Milton won by six goals to five. N Maphiwa, the ace goalkeeper, performed very well.

At the semi-final stage of the tournament our opponent was St Columba's, who everybody had tipped to win the Dunlop trophy because their squad had three players who usually play in the National first division teams in Bulawayo. St Columba's fully succumbed to the might of the skilful Milton squad. After these tough games a correspondent of the Chronicle could not help echoing the feelings of the spectators by describing the squad as "very skilful, physically fit and disciplined".

The stage was now set for the final game against Mstiteli School, that also boasted two or three National first division players. Milton led by one goal in this crucial match until about three minutes to the end of the game when the opponents equalised through one of their National first division players. We lost gallantly by two goals to one after thirty minutes of extra time.

On the whole the team played magnificent soccer and thus won many admirers. The players were often delightful to watch in a game. They had good understanding of the game and superb tactical display.

The most popular player was the hardworking Captain L Mutsura. His power, speed, skill and thrust toward

goals proved an inspiration to the other players. We will be sorry to lose his skill, good services and leadership next year.

Though most of the regular team players may be leaving at the end of the year, it is hoped that suitable substitutes may be recruited from the excellent junior group, to help maintain the high standards set up this year and the strong name of Milton now established in the Schools' Soccer tournaments.

This season's achievement indicates that the School is now noted, not only for its good rugby, but soccer as well.

My sincere thanks go to Messrs Mhango and Dube for their assistance in the building of this respectable, formidable squad. I also wish to congratulate all the players for their enthusiasm, discipline and sportsmanship when under severe provocation.

The latest new finds were C Moyo and H Ngwenya. They finished the season by playing for the first team.

## 2nd XI

**Comment:** This group was equally talented. It is often played with a lot of determination and won most of its games. The most prolific goal scorer in the team was Lungu. Other outstanding players included C Moyo, S Moyo, H Ngwenya, E Ncube, C Moyo and N Moyo often played an intelligent game with excellent ball distribution. They and Possiwe played their various roles well to strengthen the midfield position. Most of the players may qualify to play in the first team next year.



## 1st XI SOCCER

*Back row:* C Charedzera, E Mashonganyika, S Moyo S Dube Esq., N Maphiwa, E Ncube, R Ngwenya.

*Front row:* A Gondo, E Magura, E Andersen Esq., L Mutsura, S Poku-Awuah Esq., V Chinamatira, P Muzhanye.



#### 1st TEAM SQUASH

*Back row:* R Pattison, C Judd, P Gurney, B Watson.  
*Front row:* E Andersen Esq., M Simon, Mrs R van Zyl.

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## SQUASH

**Coach:** Mrs R van Zyl

**Captain:** M Simon

**Vice-Captain and League Captain:** C Judd

**Team Tabs:** P Gurney, C Judd, R Pattison, M Simon, B Watson.

**Others who represented the 1st and League Teams:**  
 D Andrews, R Chinamatira, R Edwards, M Sakalis.

**Comment:** Squash at Milton continues to be a popular game and, with up-and-coming youngsters, we still have the depth to field several teams. Regrettably, other local schools have all but faded from the squash scene and this year we have had only two inter-school matches, both against Plumtree, which we won 5-0 and 3-2.

Interest has been focused this year on the Men's Squash League. Simon and Gurney played 2nd League for their clubs and so did not play for the school side which competed in the 4th League. Though by no means top of this League, the Milton side acquitted itself with enthusiasm and determination and the standard of squash matured tremendously through the season, with some very exciting encounters.

Simon and Gurney are to be congratulated on their successes in various tournaments. In the Matabeleland Boys' Championships, Gurney was the winner with Simon runner-up. Both boys were selected to represent Bulawayo 'B' Men in the Zimbabwe Inter-town Championships and for the Matabeleland U23 Squash to play in the National Champions. Simon reached the semi-finals of the plate in this event and was then annihilated by the World Veteran Champion, Harry O'Connor.

In the Zimbabwe Schoolboys' Championships both Simon and Gurney were seeded but unfortunately the competition was cancelled at very short notice. However, Simon and Gurney still travelled to Harare where they beat the top Mashonaland schoolboys in unofficial matches.

Our thanks go to the members of staff who have helped with coaching and organising the various groups and to the senior players who coached the U/15's during the 2nd term.

## SWIMMING

**Coach:** D Creasy Esq.

**Comment:** The 1984 Inter-House Swimming Gala took place in the third term. Only one record was broken (by G Lutz in 100m Butterfly) but the competition was keen.

The Inter-Schools Gala was held at C.B.C. in pouring rain and although spectators were washed out the spirit of the swimmers was not dampened and they acquitted themselves well.

Beginners' swimming lessons were well attended. Non-swimmers had the opportunity to learn the basic strokes and weak swimmers to improve their skills and confidence.

### Inter-House Gala — Individual Winners

<b>Under 13</b>	200m Freestyle	J Gordon	(Bor)
	200m Breaststroke	J Gordon	(Bor)
	100m Breaststroke	D Carson	(Fair)
	4 x 50m Indiv. Medley	J Gordon	(Bor)
	50m Butterfly	J Gordon	(Bor)
<b>Under 14</b>	100m Backstroke	J Boshoff	(Fair)
	100m Freestyle	D Carson	(Fair)
	200m Freestyle	C Matthews	(Rho)
	200m Breaststroke	R Hatten	(Rho)
	100m Breaststroke	M McNab	(Bir)
	4 x 50m Indiv. Medley	R Hatten	(Rho)
	50m Butterfly	E Levendale	(Fair)
	100m Backstroke	R Hatten	(Rho)
	100m Freestyle	C Matthews	(Rho)

<b>Under 15</b>	200m Freestyle	B Beattie	(Bir)
	200m Breaststroke	B Beattie	(Bir)
	100m Breaststroke	M Sinclair	(Hea)
	4 x 50m Indiv. Medley	B Beattie	(Bir)
	50m Butterfly	P Bunce	(Fair)
<b>Under 16</b>	100m Backstroke	R Penton	(Rho)
	100m Freestyle	B Beattie	(Bir)
	200m Freestyle	K Kyriacou	(Hea)
	200m Breaststroke	S Williams	(Bir)
	100m Breaststroke	S Williams	(Bir)
<b>Open</b>	4 x 50m Indiv. Medley	S Williams	(Bir)
	50m Butterfly	A Simon	(Bir)
	100m Backstroke	S Williams	(Bir)
	100m Freestyle	K Kyriacou	(Hea)
	200m Freestyle	G Lutz	(Fair)
	200m Breaststroke	R Williams	(Bir)
	100m Breaststroke	R Williams	(Bir)
	4 x 50m Indiv. Medley	G Lutz	(Fair)
	100m Butterfly	G Lutz	(Fair)
	100m Backstroke	H Ziemkendorf	(Boa)
	100m Freestyle	G Lutz	(Fair)

### Final House Positions:

1	Fairbridge	276 points
2	Birchough	238 points
3	Rhodes	224 points
4	Borrow	181 points
5	Heany	153 points
6	Boarders	135 points

## TENNIS

### 1st TEAM

**Coach:** Mrs J Gardiner (1st Term), Miss McGarvie.

**Captain:** G Cohen.

**Team Members:** G Cohen, W McDowall, N Moyo,

A Chitereka, B Khumalo, B Bloch, D Ross,

J Kamanga, R Chinamatira, D Stephens.

#### Results:

vs Gifford	won 13– 3
vs C.B.C.	lost 5– 11
vs Falcon	lost 6– 10

#### *Mim du Toit Competition*

vs Founders	won 14– 2
vs Falcon	lost 5– 9

**Comment:** The first team has not fared so well this year. They have met with very strong opposition from the talented players in the C.B.C. and Falcon teams. Still a relatively young team, they will improve with more match experience at this level and thus realise their full potential.

In the Mim du Toit tournament, Milton had an easy first round victory against Founders, going through to meet Falcon, who had a surprise victory over the favourites, C.B.C. This match followed the pattern set last year with the lead changing from one school to the other. However, it was Falcon who won through to the semi-finals this time.

The Matabeleland junior tennis team this year included Graham Cohen and Warren McDowall — a commendable achievement. Further congratulations go to Graham Cohen who was once again selected to represent Zimbabwe in West Germany. Graham's tennis serves as an excellent example to his fellow team members. The most promising player is Brian Khumalo, a fifteen-year-old, whose remarkable improvement through the year augurs well for the future. The team as a whole has shown fierce determination and good sportsmanship on the court, always giving of their best. Regular practice should bring the improved and varied skills needed for more successful results next year.



### 1st TEAM TENNIS

*Back row:* R Chinamatira, B Bloch, J Kamanga, D Ross, B Khumalo.  
*Front row:* N Moyo, W McDowall, Miss M McGarvie, G Cohen, A Chitereka.

### 2nd TEAM

**Coach:** Mrs J Gardiner (1st Term), Miss M. McGarvie.

**Captain:** R Chinamatira and J Kamanga.

**Team Members:** P Mazhanye, D Stevens, J Kamanga, R Chinamatira, K Zondo, M Dziruni, C Gudu, M Bloch, W Carnegie, R Elson, H Wagner, G Beets.

**Results:**

vs Hamilton	won 16 – 0
vs Northlea	won 12 – 4
vs Gifford	won 11 – 5
vs Hamilton	won 14 – 2
vs Northlea	won 14 – 2
vs C.B.C.	won 18 – 8 (75 games to 69)
vs Hamilton	won 12 – 4
vs Northlea	won 15 –

**Comment:** This unbeaten record reflects their success through the year and the depth of talent which Milton can draw on in tennis. They are very competitive, playing with enthusiasm and tenacity in the face of strong opposition. Full support from the whole team has been given to matches and practices alike. The most closely contested match was against C.B.C., where the result was decided on a games count, with good stroke play from both teams. The top four players are all knocking on the door for first team honours which has helped maintain their high standard of play.

## WATERPOLO

**Coaches:** Messrs J R Williams and M Hart

**Players:** B Ross (capt.), R Watson, W Dakers, R Williams, S Williams, M Ross, B Watson, B Beattie, I Beattie, J Correia, S Drewitz, M Simon.

**Comment:** Although the team lost a lot of experienced players from 1983 Milton has managed to win the Hart Trophy for two consecutive years. This could not have been achieved without the help and encouragement of Messrs Williams and Hart to whom we convey our grateful thanks.

A number of Miltonians were selected for Matabeleland sides viz.

**Matabeleland A Schools:** B Ross (capt.) W Dakers, R Williams, B Watson.

**Matabeleland B Schools Team:** R Watson (capt.), S Williams.

**Matabeleland U19 Team:** B Ross (capt.), R Watson, W Dakers.

**Matabeleland U17 Team:** S Williams, R Williams, M Ross, I Beattie.

Brendon Ross also had the honour of being chosen for the Zimbabwe Schools Team.

Games played	9
Won	5
Lost	3
Drew	1
Goals for	76
Goals against	44

**Top Goal Scorers**

B Ross	20
S Williams	16
I Beattie	10



**1st TEAM WATERPOLO**

*Back row:* S Williams, I Beattie, B Watson, M Simon, M Ross.

*Front row:* W Dakers, B Ross, E Andersen Esq., R Watson, R Williams.

# *Inter-House Competition*

## **INTER-HOUSE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

The 1984 competition was held on 29 February in the Beit Hall and the adjudication was shared by Mr Fincham, then still Headmaster of Gifford, and Mrs Herring. In the Under 14 section, the winner was V Gwebu with his confident speech on "I Hate Mornings"; second place went to L Hirschman for his proposition that "Anyone Seen on a Bus After the Age of Thirty has been a Failure in Life"; third was M Nixon's explanation of why he wasn't superstitious (Touch wood!).

First in the Under 16 group was K Moyo, who spoke on "Tolerance"; E de Lange took second place arguing "The Case Against Animal Experiments" and B Grant's consideration of "The Space Age" earned him third position.

In the Senior section, the winner was P Iliakis who answered the question "Must we Control our Emotions?", followed by C Damerell's opinion of "The Many Faces of Women"; N Rix came third with his treatment of Iliakis's question.

### **Final House Positions:**

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

## **INTER-HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION**

The 1984 Inter-house Drama Competition was held in the Beit Hall towards the end of June. As has been the custom in recent years, the six plays were presented on two successive nights and we were fortunate on this occasion in securing the services of a panel of judges from the Bulawayo educational field; the final adjudication contained some most thought-provoking comments and helpful advice, to all the casts and their producers, on one-act play selection and general production techniques.

There was a pleasing variety in the choice of plays, featuring broad comedy, high drama and fantasy. The adjudicators were impressed by Fairbridge's imaginative presentation of "Olaf and the Ogre", produced by Adrian Abel and also by the one serious play, Borrow's production of "The Day of Atonement", a tense drama set in a displaced persons' camp in Germany after the Second World War. The winning play was the colourful, humorous and lively "Make Your Own Play", directed by George Simoya for Rhodes. This entry was also selected for inclusion in a Festival of One-Act Plays at the Bulawayo Theatre later in the term.

### **House Positions:**

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

## **INTER-HOUSE ACADEMIC COMPETITION**

1st: Rhodes	16 points
2nd: Birchenough	14 points
3rd: Boarders	13 points
4th: Heany	9 points
5th: Borrow	6 points
6th: Fairbridge	5 points

## **INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION**

1st: Boarders	69 points
2nd: Fairbridge	52 points
3rd: Birchenough	43½ points
4th: Rhodes	42½ points
5th: Heany	39½ points
6th: Borrow	38½ points

# House Reports

## BIRCHENOUGH HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr A Walker

**House Captain:** R Young

**Staff Members:** Mesdames J Gardiner, E Bortolan,  
A Louth; Messrs F Day, E Mavugara, E Sibanda.

**House Prefects:** S Langford, C Damerell, S Haddon,  
M Ross, B Ross, N Peel, R Edwards, T Mukoma,  
E Russell.

**Comment:** 1984 was highlighted by our winning both the cricket and water-polo competitions and taking second places in rugby and the swimming gala. Whilst we did not perform so well in the other competitions the level of House spirit was high especially among the juniors and this augurs well for 1985.

The following are to be congratulated for their achievements throughout the year:

*R Young* — 1st XV Matabeleland Schools, Zimbabwe Schools. 1st XI Cricket.

*B Ross* — Captain Water-polo, Matabeleland U/19, Zimbabwe Schools.

*M Ross* — 1st Water-polo, Matabeleland U/17.

*R Williams* — 1st XV, 1st Water-polo, Matabeleland U/17.

*S Williams* — Matabeleland U/17 Water-polo.

*I Beattie* — Matabeleland U/17 Water-polo.

*S Haddon* — 1st XV.

*C Damerell* — Business Management Games (Winners), Junior Mayor.

*R Edwards* — Business Management Games (Winners), School Prefect, 1st XI Hockey.

*N Peel* — 1st XV.

## BOARDERS HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:**

Charter House: Mr A Thomas.

Pioneer House: Mr I Kemp, Mr A Walker (3rd term 1983).

**Head of House:** L D Mabena.

**Staff:**

Charter House: Mr Mountain, Mr Welensky, Mr Mhango,  
Mr Yeld, Mr Kheswa, Mr Dube.

Pioneer House: Mr Poku-Awuah, Mr Ramdany,  
Mr Herring, Mr Ncube.

**House Prefects:**

Charter House: A Mackintosh, A Gondo, B Watson,  
M Dziruni, K Mafungise.

Pioneer House: H Ziemkendorf, P Akeroyd (1st term),  
B Watson, A Chitereka.

**Matrons:**

Kitchen: Mrs Thomas, Mrs Herring, Mrs Phiri, Mr McLeod.

Charter House: Mrs Grist, Miss Finlay.

Pioneer House: Mrs De Jongh, Mrs Taylor.

**Inter-house Positions:**

Athletics 1st, Cross Country 1st, Hockey 1st, Drama 5th,  
Football 1st, Squash 1st, Public Speaking 1st, Tennis 1st,  
Waterpolo 6th, Swimming 6th, Cricket 1st, Basketball 1st.

**Comment:** Once again the Boarders have proved themselves to be the cream of the school with 8 first places. Although some had written us off, we emerged triumphant once more, through our usual mixture of dedication and sportsmanship. We even held our own in

the academic placings where we attained the highest first term averages.

There have been a number of changes within the Hostel, and we adapted to these smoothly. Firstly we bid a sad farewell to the evergreen Mr Walker and welcomed Mr Kemp into our fold. He brought his own brand of discipline and individuality to Pioneer. The rejuvenated Hostel gardens are ample proof of this. The kitchen was the most affected by changes, having a succession of Matrons; however, things have settled down somewhat.

Although the House is particularly strong in the senior section, the juniors pulled their weight and on numerous occasions, as in the Tennis and Basketball, bailed out the seniors enabling us to be overall winners of the competition. Particularly pleasing to note is that the House spirit is still there and was exemplified by the Boarders' very vocal support for their teams, and this undoubtedly gave strength and encouragement to the competitors. This and the Boarders' willingness to support school matches, school functions and generally typify Milton to the public, augurs well for the future of the school.

My thanks go to Mr Thomas who has been our guiding light throughout the year and also to my prefect body, who gave of their best at all times.

L. MABENA

## BORROW HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr M Herring.

**House Captain:** N Rix.

**House Staff:** Miss P Kinsella, Miss F Valentine,  
Mr H Mazwi, Mr D Creasey, Mrs S Soni and  
Mrs V Stewart.

**House Prefects:** R Pattison, R Watson, P Jeyarajah,  
M Sakalis, D Andrews, M McLeod.

**Inter-house Positions:**

Cross Country 6th, Public Speaking 4th, Athletics 4th,  
Hockey 3rd, Soccer 6th, Drama 2nd, Rugby 5th, Academic  
5th, Basketball 4th, Squash 3rd, Tennis 5th, Cricket 3rd,  
Waterpolo 3rd, Swimming 4th.

**Comment:** Despite the fact that Borrow is a well-rounded House (as the Pessina brothers bear testimony) and has got depth (from u/12's to U/22's) 1984 proved, yet again, that the strength of the House lies in the seniors. One hopes that perhaps the new-comers will soon see the light and realize that participation can be enjoyable and rewarding — but frustrating, as in the case when we lost by 1½ points to Fairbridge for 3rd place in the Athletics, because some 'I forgot' person forgot to turn up for his event — it seems a pity that he had to be "reminded" in future events. Many thanks must go to Mr Herring, whose willingness and co-operation were invaluable, and to the prefects who seemed to have a way of turning the rough spots into smooth — and other enjoyable ones!!

Finally, good luck to all the School Leavers, and to the House for the future — and may Dendere soon realize his many talents, and forget how to write an excuse note!!

## FAIRBRIDGE HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr M F Bullivant.

**House Captain:** A Abel.

**House Staff:** Mr S Long, Mrs M Fish, Mrs R van Zyl, Mrs J Nixon, Mrs S Cimpaye.

**House Prefects:** B Nkomo, G Lutz, L Henry (all school prefects), C Essery, Lionel Henry, M du Bruyn, C Braccioli, K Zondo.

### Inter-house positions:

Cross Country 2nd, Basketball 3rd, Public Speaking 6th, Athletics (individual 3 team) 2nd, Hockey 6th, Football 2nd, Rugby 3rd, Drama 3rd, Academic 5th, Tennis 2nd, Water-polo 5th, Swimming 1st.

**Comments:** Fairbridge has, over the past few years, depended mainly on its seniors to pull it through. We have, however, at last found considerable talent in our juniors, notably in our Under 14 age group. I am glad to say that Fairbridge's future looks promising, but only if the masses pull their weight. What success we have had has been largely due to the extreme efforts of only a few boys. The majority are content to rest on the laurels of others. House spirit has not been what I expected and if our passengers do not have a rethink about their commitment to the House, Fairbridge could have a potential problem. Sadly I think this situation is becoming evident throughout Milton. Attendance at house activities was not good, and, without the likes of Peter Scarrott to make up for the missing masses, Mr Bullivant must have often felt lonely on the sideline. Despite this drawback, Fairbridge has maintained its traditional success and lies its usual second. My hearty thanks must go to my house prefects, who although not always eager, were ever willing to help. Also to the enthusiastic staff, who when called upon did a sterling job. Mr Long's contribution to our drama effort proved invaluable. Finally, I thank Mr Bullivant for his enthusiasm and confidence in our abilities. His support proved vital to our successes. Fairbridge has a proud tradition maintained.

A. ABEL

### Notable Members:

*Open* — A Abel: Matabeleland and Zimbabwe Rugby;

C Braccioli: Matabeleland Basketball D;

Louis Henry: Deputy Junior Mayor,  
Business Management Game,  
Matabeleland Basketball;

Lionel Henry: Matabeleland Basketball;

M Du Bruyn: Matabeleland Athletics;

G Lutz: Matabeleland & Zimbabwe Swimming;

S Lewin: Academic 'O' Level 9 A's.

*Under 15* — Z Hawa: Matabeleland Athletics, Soccer & U 15 Victor Ludorum;

G Steinbach: Matabeleland Athletics;

P Bunce: Matabeleland Soccer & Cricket;

B Khumalo: Tennis — Matabeleland.

*U 13* — T Chikutye: U 13 Victor Ludorum Athletics;

J Carsson: Matabeleland Swimming;

J Boshoff: Matabeleland Swimming.

## HEANY HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr C Hawkins.

**House Captain:** N R Anastasiou.

**House Staff:** Miss J Davies, Mr R Pagden, Miss S Carver, Mr P Mnkandla.

**House Prefects:** M Bloch, S McTiernan, D Orange, P. Iliakis.

### House Positions:

Cross-Country	4	Rugby	5
Basketball	1=	Drama	4
Public Speaking	2	Cricket	5
Athletics (Indiv)	5	Squash	2
Athletics (Team)	5	Waterpolo	4
Hockey	4	Swimming	5
Football	3	Academic	4
Tennis	4		

**Comment:** This year the House tried hard to succeed on the Sporting side but did not feature very well on the Academic side. The prefects tried their best to make the House succeed and I thank them. Thanks also go to Mr C Hawkins for his valuable help during the year. Heany has got talent in some of its pupils and I hope they will try their best next year to keep the spirit of Heany House at a high standard.

N. ANASTASIOU

## RHODES HOUSE REPORT

**Housemaster:** Mr M Harlen.

**House Captain:** M Simon.

**House Prefects:** W Dakers, C Judd, G Simoya, B Hughes, B Deysel, B Dawson, P Amos.

**House Staff:** Mr P Ward, Mrs J Rochester, Mrs G Evans, Miss M McGarvie.

**Comment:** As in previous years, there has been keen competition amongst the Day Houses in all sporting and cultural activities.

Rhodes has done particularly well in the cultural side of the competition where they gained second place in the Inter-house public speaking. The House won the Inter-house Drama Competition thanks to enthusiasm by the boys, Mrs Evans and Miss McGarvie, and the play was selected to take part in the Bulawayo Theatre One Act Festival as a result.

Academically, Rhodes excelled and won the competition.

On the sporting field the enthusiasm of the House is largely due to M Simon and his House Prefects and although the results have not always been good, this has not dampened House spirit.

I look forward to a successful 1985 and wish all our boys everything of the best.

M HARLEN

