

MILTON NEWS

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Notes from the Headmaster

1. By this time all parents will have received the "six weekly report" which has been introduced, so that parents will have a sound idea of their sons' progress at school. Quite naturally, this being the first time we have used this report we have had a few teething problems but this will be rectified.

2. Should parents have any need to talk to me about their son's progress or application, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

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The World's Most Popular Game

More people, it is claimed, play bridge than any other game in the world, indoor or outdoor. In America alone, over 30 million play the game.

It is easy to explain its popularity: it costs practically nothing: all you need is a table and a pack of cards; you can play it any day, at any hour, in any place, with anyone (there are no age barriers), men can play with women, the young with the old, the fit with the decrepit.

Chess also has these advantages, but bridge is one up on chess in that you play for yourself in chess while in bridge you have a partner. Sometimes you may wish to kill him, but he is your partner and you will feel a shared glow of achievement when you bring off a triumph together.

Bridge is the king of the card games. Every hand

presents a different challenge and although there are many systems to play by you can never be sure of what will happen. It is a game of skill, but there is always a 10% element of chance.

The Milton Bridge Club is at present a small one and there is room for plenty more who want to play.

Don't be put off if you know nothing about the game. Come and learn.

We meet at 3.00pm every Friday in the Middle School Library.

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What did the carpet say to the floor one day?
Don't move, I've got you covered.

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Milton U/13A versus Plumtree

Milton U/13A travelled to Plumtree last weekend and lost their first match of the season,

Mentzel lost the toss and James, Plumtree's Captain, put Milton in to field. Wallace made a quick break-through when Techmann was caught at gully while the score was 9. At tea break Plumtree were 64 for 5 with Barber at 25. Milton made a quick break-through and Plumtree were all out for 93 (Barber 28, Mawby 21, Halley 18-4; Ross 22-4).

Milton were sent in to bat and lost their first three wickets very cheaply. At lunch Milton were 13 for 4 with Venn on 5. Wickets fell rapidly after lunch and soon Milton were 35 all out (Venn 7, Pouché 6, Kemp 5-7, Fotgieter 3-2).

A. Foxland

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What goes ha ha ha ha ha plop?
 Someone laughing his head off!

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Inter House Basketball

The Inter House basketball was played over three days last week. Each game lasted 35 minutes, consisting of fifteen minutes each way with a five minute halftime break.

On Tuesday the first game was between Rhodes and Borrow, and the second between Heany and Birchenough. Rhodes and Heany won their games comfortably. On the next day Fairbridge played Rhodes and after a very good tussle, Fairbridge won. The boarders beat Heany and Borrow beat Birchenough. On the last day, Heany played Rhodes and after a good game Heany won. The final was between Fairbridge and the Boarders. There was a lot of exciting basketball and loud support for both sides. Fairbridge eventually won. This is the third year in succession that Fairbridge has met the Boarders in the final and have won.

Mr Loxton and Mr Brett must be commended on their enthusiastic refereeing over the three days.

Mr Brett's seeding of the teams was very good:

<u>Before</u>	<u>After</u>
1. Fairbridge	1. Fairbridge
2. Boarders	2. Boarders
3. Rhodes	3. Heany
4. Heany	4. Rhodes
5. Birchenough	5. Birchenough
6. Borrow	6. Borrow

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Inter House Water Polo

The Inter House Water Polo started last Thursday. In the first match of the day, Fairbridge was completely outclassed by a very talented Birchenough side which consisted of four first-team players. The result of this match was 7-2 in favour of Birchenough.

The second match was played between Rhodes and Heany. In this match Rhodes outclassed Heany by beating them 5-1. The following match was played between the Boarders and Borrow. The Boarders beat Borrow comfortably by four goals.

The second half of the tournament commenced with the losers of the first section playing each other, for fourth and fifth places. It was a very closely contested game and Fairbridge just managed to pip Heany by beating them 2-1.

The next match was between the winners of the first section, Birchenough and the Boarders. These two Houses were well matched and an excellent game was played by both Houses. Birchenough just managed to beat the Boarders by 4 goals to three. This shows that the day scholar Houses can still hold out against the large Boarder House.

The final positions in the tournament were Birchenough 1st, Boarders 2nd, Rhodes 3rd, Fairbridge 4th, Heany 5th and Borrow 6th.

S.M.

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Lost Watches

Mr Bullivant has a number of watches which have been handed in as lost property. Anyone who has lost a watch should see Mr Bullivant with a description of the watch. Any watches unclaimed after three months will be sold for school funds.

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Mr Harlen

Mr Harlen was born in Bulawayo and started his education at Henry Low School. From there he went to Hamilton High School and then to the Natal University in Pietermaritzburg.

Upon attaining his degree he taught for a year at Mpopoma Secondary School. From there Mr Harlen received his Post Graduate Certificate of Education and then for four years he taught at Gifford. Then he came to Milton!

Mr Harlen is married and has two children; he enjoys playing golf and squash and he used to play a lot of tennis. However now that he is married he says "You do not have any time for hobbies really!"

He used to take part in trail-bike riding and he rode the same bike that he brings to school today, a 175 Trail. Mr Harlen likes to be involved in the theatre and prefers to do sound and backstage management.

A teacher in Physics, Mr Harlen would also like to teach mathematics. He likes the general atmosphere of Milton.

Mr Harlen would like to see all sports results published in the Milton News and all corny jokes deleted.

His philosophy of life is live and let live.

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The Air Force

Squadron Leader A Cooke visited the school last week to give a talk to all boys interested in joining the Rhodesian Air Force. The two hundred boys who attended the talk found it most interesting and helpful.

The talk consisted of a report on the roles of the air

forces and figures of last year's activities.

The Air Force's main role is to protect the Rhodesian air space from any foreign aircraft which may "dare to enter our air space" and to be capable of combating any attack in the air whatever it may be. The second role is for the Air Force to have a bombing strike force which can protect us by striking at targets outside our borders. It was pointed out that our Air Force could bomb targets within a 2 000-mile radius of Rhodesia, i.e. from Luanda to Maputo and from Cape Town to Dar es Salaam. At this range a bomber could carry up to four tonnes of bombs.

The third role of the Air Force, which is probably the task in which it is engaged most is to take part in the terrorist war within Rhodesia. The final role, is that of evacuating emergency cases to hospital and transporting I.P.'s to and from places.

After the talk some more interesting facts were released. To kill one terrorist costs the Air Force sixty three thousand dollars. To run the Air Force in 1977 cost the country twenty four million dollars. Last year they had an 84% service rate, i.e. they had 84% of their aircraft ready to fly at all times, a very high percentage by world standards. The question "Can the Rhodesian Air Force hold its own against modern Russian planes and missiles?" was brought up and answered as follows: "In the civil war in Angola it took the Russians three months to set up an Air Force, from the planes arriving in crates to being constructed and test flown, to being ready for action. This Air Force consisted of highly superior aircraft. The way in which the Air Force would handle it was that they, having a strike range of 2 000 miles, would destroy these planes before they could get off the ground."

In answer to a question he said that the Air Force does sponsor some of their men to university in South Africa. It is they have done from two to five years training

depending on what position the man holds in the Force, whether pilot or technician.

The talk was enjoyed by all who were present and was concluded with a formal invitation to Mr Gracie for a contingent of boys to visit Thornhill base later on in the year.

D.J.L.

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Milton 1st XI versus Plumtree

Plumtree did it again, yet this time Milton held their own in many departments.

On Friday morning Milton having won the toss sent Plumtree in to bat. On a soft pitch the openers and the seamers bowled with no penetration. It was W Smith bowling his left arm spinners that sent Plumtree from 100 for 1 to 120 for 4. After the breakthrough at the one end, Viljoen struck from the other claiming two wickets. Plumtree slumped to 127-6.

After lunch de Villiers broke a stand which had given Plumtree's total a more respectable look. Plumtree were all out for 188; de Villiers 4-57, W Smith 3-24 and Viljoen 2-41.

Milton started quickly with Adams hitting the ball hard and was unlucky to be bowled by a ball that kept very low. Viljoen played a very mature innings eventually going L.B.W to Chandler for 30. The rest of the team played themselves in well yet were not prepared to wait for the right ball to hit. Benning and de Villiers played well but could do little but avoid the follow on.

On a pitch that was considerably harder the Milton openers sent Plumtree reeling to 22 for three. Butcherd now played a very mature innings keeping the rot out of the Plumtree innings. It was due to poor fielding that Milton lost the grip they had on the game and Butcherd raced to his century with Plumtree declaring at 153 for 7 at tea.

With no time left for Milton to raise the runs, we went

for a draw. Adams was unlucky to go again to another ball that kept very low. Viljoen showed his class by making another responsible 50. The rest of the team played well yet failed under pressure. Gary Rae showed promising form with a neatly compiled 16 yet with half an hour to go and ten overs left, Milton collapsed from 71-5 to 108 all out.

With hard and dedicated practice Milton could be reinstated as a cricket power. The fielding came unstuck in places, yet there was a marked improvement in the teams attitude and in the way they played the game.

Lance Smith

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Inter House Cross Country

Last Monday the peace and quiet of the Hillside Dams was broken as some 180 boys competed in the annual Inter House meeting. With the recent heavy rains, the course was heavy going underfoot and although some boys put in good performances, times were generally slow.

The first race was the U/14 event in which R Steyn displayed his fitness by finishing with a good win. He was followed by Chevalier and Barnard. Hutchinson won the U/16 event. He was followed by Beffa and Ward. The Open event was won by W Spencer after he narrowly defeated A Gerling. R. Schroeder came in a close 3rd.

Boarders (278) were the overall winners of the meeting and were followed by Rhodes (536), Bironenough (600), Borrow (670), Fairbridge (739), Heany (847). Thanks must go to members of staff, especially Mr Walker, who organised the meeting and to House prefects for the training and encouragement they gave their teams.

D.K.

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