

## Golf

The golf team made only three appearances in the year 2001-2002. This was mainly through unavailability of players through commitments to other sports such as rugby or soccer.

In the HMC foursomes we lost a close encounter with KCS Wimbledon. In the first match James Beane and Sam Sperring went down to heavy sacrificial defeat (Richard Britten) having suffered a rugby injury just prior to the event. Ben Miller and Edward Bell won their match just as convincingly.

The match rested on the rookie partnership of Scott McMillan and Alex Bull. Although one up after six holes they eventually went down to a four and three defeat. After the match each



blamed the other for the loss. However, both played well in their first outing against a better class of opposition.

The other major outing was the match against the Old Dunstonians and the Parents at Moatlands GC at the end of the Easter vacation. For once we had a full team of eight pupils. Edward Bell (former captain) who won the Handicap Cup, Richard Britten, Ben Miller who off a handicap of nine won the Scratch Cup, James Beane (current captain), Scott, Alex (who had an excellent round) and two new players George Collins and Archie Gullen (each who found the going rather tough). The format of the day was a short nine hole competition to determine handicaps for those without official ones, a leisurely lunch with full hospitality and the competition round in the afternoon. This latter part was very protracted as myself and the two new players finally made it to the clubhouse in gloom. The result was that the ODs regained the Rampe Cup for their match with the boys and Mr Britten's Parents won the trophy for the triangular event.

Finally, as usual I am looking for new players from Years 10 and 11 for the team (hopefully with official handicaps). Could they please contact myself or James Beane so that the standard of St Dunstan's golf can begin to improve.

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## Fives

The season once again started with the West of England tournament at Clifton school, Bristol. Although we had had little practice before the tournament in January we certainly proved ourselves. The 1st IV played with great commitment and skill with all the players reaching their full potential. In the singles William Guy got through to the third round as did Graham Condon, both losing very narrowly to strong opponents. Neil Karia and myself both reached the semi-finals of the singles. It was the doubles we were hoping to dominate. Neil and myself reached the finals but due to injury lost narrowly 11-9, 9-11 and 11-6. William Guy and Graham Condon in the doubles also played very well but were beaten in the semi-finals, to the final overall champions. As all the 1st IV players were in the lower sixth it is very hopeful that next year, with more training and determination we should be able to put on a much better show. The Colts

also did very well with Jonathan Hanman reaching the quarter finals as did Dipesh Patel. In the doubles they both did well reaching the semi-finals but losing to a St Paul's team.

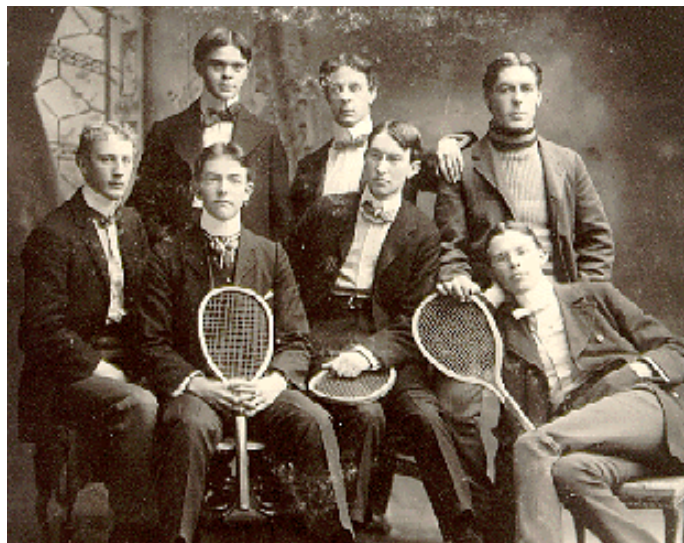
The season for the 1st IV players was very mixed with wins against Eastbourne, Whitgift and Alleyn's. Unfortunately we lost matches to Christ's Hospital and St Pauls. Playing St Paul's is very difficult as they often have the top players in the country. I lost steeply to Adrian Lee, whilst Neil Karia fought a tough battle with Mogford but lost overall. The Colts also had a mixed season winning five out of seven games, three of them convincingly. We are all hoping next season will bring more games, wins and plates and cups. The team is very grateful to Mr O'Shaughnessy for his support and encouragement over the year and we would like to thank Howard Wiseman for all the training he has given. I would like to congratulate all the Fives players and wish everyone all the success next year. There are many young pupils who already show great potential and it would be encouraging to see them continue.

J. Coling, Fives Captain

## Tennis

### U14 and U15

Great progress has been made in Middle School tennis this year, and I have been very pleased with the enthusiasm and commitment shown by the team. We have been fortunate to have Michael Stephens, a professional coach, coming in every Friday lunchtime, and we have all benefited greatly from his expertise and energy.



I will not dwell on results, as we are in a process of getting tennis on its feet in the College, and have played schools at which tennis is far more established: Eltham, Colfe's and Alleyn's. We may have come out the losers, but there are signs that next year could prove a great deal more profitable. Taro Miyamoto (the team captain) and James Murray had some excellent results against top class opposition and I'm sure that if there had been more fixtures their partnership would have gone from strength to strength. Tom Stillwell must win the prize for most improved player, and he was spinning the ball very well by the end of the term. His partnership with Chris Velleyn will hopefully prove a little more consistent next year. Warren Lewis-Jagne and Theo Coppinger were two other players who had picked up by the end of the term, and could be a force next year. We also had two wild-cards in the form of Jack Retallak and

Barney Wakefield, who both filled in very well when others could not make it, and will I hope, make more appearances in the future.

The courts have been re-surfaced during the summer, following problems with cracking. With the new surface, as well as the floodlights which will be on after school all winter, there is no excuse for the team not to be playing at least once a week. In order to build on the improvements made this year, players need to keep practising, and next year, hopefully, we will start winning more matches!

AJS