



# Soccer

## 4<sup>TH</sup> XI FOOTBALL

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Vinehall School

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Despite the results, this was an enjoyable season. Enjoyable because we did play some good football, we saw some of our boys move up to higher teams, and we provided a game of football for those who might otherwise not anticipate selection. On one Saturday there were three boys not playing for the school, and one of those was injured. But in order to lay on these matches we had to play schools larger than ourselves who frequently have a full fixture list; our first opponents had already played four matches and had probably won them all. It showed, for Holmewood House were quicker to the ball and knew what to do with it. We had much to learn.

By the time St Bede's came to us we fought more tigerishly but lack of a good striker meant that we could not convert chances into goals. St Bede's had a huge centre-back who struck terror into our hearts as the Graf Spee did to British merchant ships. We neither sank him nor could we pass him as often as we would have liked.

So to our last match and a delightful sunny drive through the Enchanted Places to Ashdown House. An unpromising start to the match occurred as one of our players was somewhere stuck in traffic between Tonbridge School and Ashdown House. We played our most penetrating soccer with only ten men, the downhill slide starting only when the late-comer arrived just before half-time.

We were not affected by Eyoreitis. We had got out of school, another good tea had been eaten and our return co-incided with supper. Nobody seems to care about the results; that is for the 1st XI to do.

Those who played in most of the matches: T Chesney (Capt), G Chu, H Ellison, A Farrow, R Macklin, W Moore.

Those who played now and again: D Anderson, W Gage, W Pelton, P Van Den Berg, A Wilcox, K Yeung, L Yeung.

### Results

Holmewood House 0 - 4  
St Bede's 0 - 2  
Ashdown House 2 - 3

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