

DIABLE HITS WINNER BENNETT OUTSTANDING IN ATTACK. FRECKLETON AGAIN CONSISTENT IN DEFENCE.

Salesian 2 Institute 3

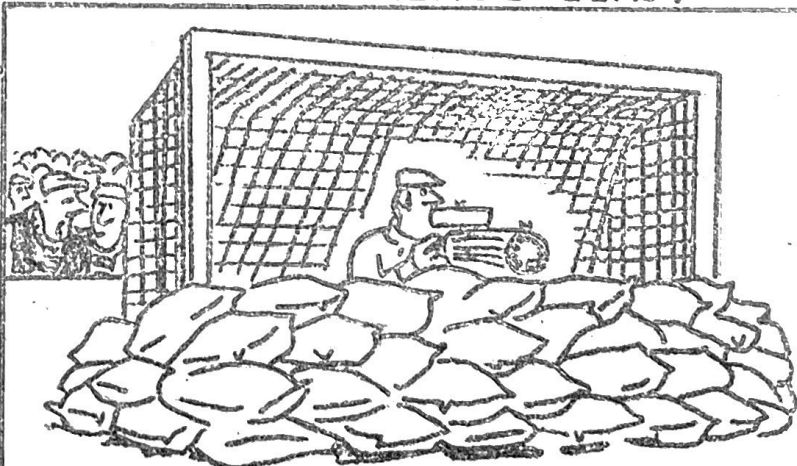
Institute were below their best form on Saturday but still managed to defeat a very good Salesian side. It is always a good sign when a side can achieve victory when below best form. Some unfortunate side is going to catch a landslide of goals from us in the near future. The 3rd year A and B team set a fine example by being present and ready for kick off a long time before kick off. After 5 minutes Institute took the lead with another fine Diable goal. Warburton and Diable linked well on the left. Diable broke clear and hit the ball past the goalkeeper as he advanced. Nevertheless Salesian were proving to be tough opposition and Phillipson saved well after 10 minutes. Langford missed a chance to increase the lead but the most impressive thing about our play was Bennett who continually 'flashed' down the left flank and pushed through some effective passes down the middle. He linked well with Diable and Langford was inches away from converting the cross. After 15 minutes a silly defensive mix up allowed Salesian to equalise. The rest of the first half was notable for the work of Diable and Bennett in attack and Freckleton, playing well at left back. Diable had a good long shot at goal and Freckleton hammered the ball through a crowd of players and nearly scored his first goal for the school. Another solo run by Diable was followed by a great volley from Halewood, direct from a corner. 5 minutes from the interval another silly mix up gave Salesian another 'gift' goal. The interval was used to urge greater teamwork and co-operation between players.

The second half started with a fine save by Phillipson and again it was Diable and Bennett who produced all the initiative in attack. Salesian broke away several times and it was in this stage of the game that 'lady luck' smiled on us somewhat. An injury to Chelley and the lack of a substitute caused us to be a little vulnerable at the back. Johnson was in on the action but it was clear he was being overworked. Several times the pressure nearly brought Salesian goals but Phillipson managed to keep the ball out of the net. Mr. Cooke was getting a little worried about our failure to equalise when Chelley went forward and his long shot was deflected past the goalkeeper by a defender. Freckleton and Hanlon were highly

indignant when Chelley

claimed the goal so it has to be recorded as an own goal. We had some amazing escapes in the last 15 minutes, Phillipson battling away to keep his goal intact. Apart from Freckleton the defence was very vulnerable, Chelley struggling in obvious pain. Salesian hit the bar and the ball dropped onto the line. Again they hit the bar and twice the ball flashed past the post.

ANOTHER OF THE EDITOR'S GEMS.



MR. COOKE'S NEW TACTICS..... CHELLEY AND FRECKLETON ARE UNAVAILABLE TODAY.

DIABLE PRODUCES A "KILLER" SHOT.

Then the game turned sour for Salesian. A great Bennett pass split the defence and put Diable clear. From here Diable was brilliant he shot from 20 yards and from an acute angle. The ball flashed past the goalkeeper and into the back of the net. Diable has produced many fine goals over the last 2 years but this one stands out above everything.

Ratings. Phillipson 8 Chellaw 7 Freckleton 9 O'ghaughnessy 5
Johnson 7 Haulon 7 Halewood 5 Warburton 5 Langford 5
Diable 9 Bennett 10.

FIRST YEARS WIN SECOND HALF AFTER DEFENSIVE SHAMBLES IN FIRST.

Salesian 6 Institute 3.

The 1st year team came back very well in the second half of the game against Salesian College after some poor defensive play had left them with a 5 goal deficit at half time.

Territorially play was even throughout the first half with Inst. forcing more corners than their opponents. However terrible marking and poor positional play by the defence gave Salesian opportunities to score 5 goals by half time.

The nearest Inst. came to a goal was a shot from the edge of the penalty area by Eye which was well saved by the Salesian goalkeeper at the foot of the post. The defence which badly missed the absent Flynn was rearranged at half time with Richardson and Sillitoe replacing O'mara and Fearon and Bailey moving to right back.

The second half saw Inst. pressing Salesian back into their own half and Wells missed a great chance when he shot weakly with only the goalkeeper to beat. After 10 minutes Inst. scored their first goal when the Salesian goalkeeper failed to gather a long through ball when challenged by Lintett and left Flanagan with a simple chance.

Institute continued to attack and a second goal soon followed when Eye scored with a high shot which the goalkeeper touched but could not hold. A 3rd goal was scored 10 minutes from half time when a shot by Sillitoe came back from the Salesian defence to Parry who scored with a good shot into the left hand corner of the net.

Institute now had hopes of at least a draw but with the team pushing forward looking for a fourth goal Salesian came close to scoring on 2 or 3 occasions. A 6th goal came to them a few minutes from the end when a left wing cross was converted from close range. Just on time a good save by Richardson prevented a 7th Salesian goal.

Despite the defeat the team showed great spirit in the second half. Richardson played well in goal and Bailey although not playing in his usual position had a good game. Eye, as in other games this season was the outstanding player and wingers Parry and Flanagan turned in their best performances of the season.

Team. O'mara Wright Fearon Bailey Jamieson Eye Parry
Lintett Wells Carter Flanagan Subs. Richardson Sillitoe
Scores. Flanagan Eye Parry.

BOSTOCK AND ROBERTS STAR IN FINE PERFORMANCE.

Salesian 5 Institute 5

Only a goal by Salesian 25 seconds from the final whistle prevented the 3rd year B team recording their 1st victory of the season.

The game was an example of a fine fight back from a deficit of 3 goals. With the added burden of a missed penalty Institute found themselves 3 goals down mid-way through the first half. Then we found our form. Pimblett broke down the left flank and crossed to Mansley who tapped the ball home. Mansley added a second minutes later when he beat a defender and hit a 10 yard shot into the top corner. Just before half time an own goal by Salesian saw us level the score. The first half was notable for some fine goalkeeping by

Roberts and hard play by Bostock.

In the second half we took the lead through Pimblett . The ball was rushed through the middle and Pimblett ran with the ball before pushing it round the goalkeeper. We allowed Salesian to equalise but regained the lead when Mansley and Rogers linked well and the result was a typical Rogers goal. With almost no time left Salesian scored an equaliser. This was a fine performance and the side can be very pleased with the result.

Team. Roberts Ventre Stuart Bestock Harrison Massell
Pimblett Mansley Rogers McGee Hamilton Sub. Whalley.

Goalscorers. Mansley 2 Pimblett Rogers 1 own goal.

Editors Note.

The editor is a very busy person and his job is not being made any easier by boys who cannot follow simple instructions.

Next half term is going to be a general "obey simple instructions" era. This is going to cover ALL aspects of school life.

So be prepared. Those boys who walk around all day long on 'another frequency' or in another world had better quickly rejoin the rest.

I hope I do not have to mention this again. We used to have a saying in the Navy for these 'dreamers'

- Get alongside man.

SCHOOL LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Points.
Second Years	5	4	0	1	19	7	8
Third Years	5	3	1	1	13	8	7
Fourth Years	4	2	0	2	11	13	4
Third Year B team	4	0	1	3	9	21	1
First Years	5	0	1	4	8	20	1
1st XI	5	0	1	4	5	28	1

LATE GOALS FOR SFX WIDEN THE TRUE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SIDES.

Phillipson stands out in defence.

By Stephen Challow.

Football News reporter at Mersey Road.

Institute 0 SFX. 4

The first half was very close and neither side managed to finish off promising moves. Phillipson was very strong in defence and helped the side with some very neat headed flicks. Harrison was leading the side well, getting stuck into the task and setting a fine example. Roberts again showed that he is a very useful goalkeeper and he made some saves that can only be described as brave. Ventre with his own style of all out enthusiastic play was playing well at right back (he has certainly made this position his own now) and it was only a goal 4 minutes before half time that gave SFX the lead.

If Institute could only have scored a goal early in the second half victory would surely have followed . They nearly did on several occasions and their enthusiasm to score was most noticeable. Diable was havint a quiet game but on one occasion a first time volley from a corner showed his class. Mansley headed just wide but an SFX goal halfway through the second half knocked the 'stuffing' out of Inst. Ventre cleared the ball off the line and Roberts made some incredible saves when the SFX forwards had broken clear. Near the end SFX added two more goals when our players were going all out to score a consolation goal.

The game was played in fine spirit and victory is not too far away. Phillipson is clearly showing good form in defence and with the continuing good form of Roberts in goal pressure for places in the A team is

really 'hotting up'

Ratings.	Roberts	8½
	Ventra	7½
	Stuart	7½
	Bestock	7½
	Phillipsen	9
	Hassell	7½
	Pimblett	7
	Mansley	7
	Diable	7
	Harrison	8½
	Hamilton	7
	McGee	7
	Rogers	7

Editorial note.

Many thanks to Wilkinson 6R for his report on the staff match.

As always the editor and readers of Football News are very grateful to Mr Williams for his grand match reports.

Mr Meckler is now learning the noble art of reporting and thanks are extended to him for his contributions.

4th years football.

Challenge match. A Kinsey XI Vs. A Pettigrew XI.

On Wednesday after 4B had thrashed 4A 7-1 in ten minutes a special challenge match was played. In the first 5 minutes Pinnington covered himself with glory by producing several 'Ray Clemence' / saves. Kinsey saved his side in defence after great work from Gibilru. Now Shone sent a long ball out to Mitchell who streaked past his man (not that sort of streak) and forced Pinnington to make another brilliant save. Pinnington caught the corner as though he were picking apples off a tree. Gibilru now broke clear and scored number one with a good shot. As Pinnington faded out of the game Devine took over as the most prominent player. It was Devine here, Devine there, Devine everywhere (just like Perkins Minor- see Football News number 5) Mitchell headed narrowly over the bar from a good Shone cross.

Parry now thumped the ball against the bar and the action was 'hotting' up. McGarry now decided to go for a stroll with the ball and took about 57 steps with the ball. The resulting free kick did not bring a goal. Parry got his back in the way much to the painful disgust of Parry.

Pettigrew slammed in number two and then on the stroke of ½ time Parry reduced the lead. This was a long shot. Where oh where was Pinnington? Some say it was after ½ time when Parry equalised. Pinnington was now in complete disgrace and Pettigrew took over between the sticks. The second half was very close and Pettigrew made some great saves. Right on time Kinsey slammed the leather past a desperate diving Pettigrew and the Great Challenge game was won.

Teams.	Pettigrews XI.	Kinseys XI
	Pinnington	McGarry
	Remney	White
	Waters	Bennett
	Pettigrew	Mooney
	Gibilru	Shone
	Devine	Cox
	Parkinson	Mitchell
	Plant	Kinsey
	Guy	Dyson
	Khanijau	Parry

Apologies if I have spelt the last name wrong.

EDITOR.

Mr. Cooke's jottings.

15 years ago today I walked into the navy recruiting office in St. John's Lane and signed on for a nine year stint in the Royal Marines. Things were very much different in those days although to me it seems like only yesterday. I can remember my first pay packet - £5 - 8s - 0d. The first three months of training were the most hectic and fast moving I have ever experienced. Training lasted for one year after which we were to be sent aboard aircraft carriers, Helicopter carriers or to serve in Commando units situated in different parts of the world.

Now what is this all about you might be saying. Well as Geography is about people and places I am going to introduce you to my own brand of Geography lesson by rambling on about some of the people and places I visited in the early '60's.

Ask any second former what the first thing he comes across in Geography and he will probably say - Borneo.

Text books can be very instructive but at times they lack the 'on the spot' touch. I was fortunate enough to spend two years in Borneo, during which I met many amazing people. Very briefly the situation in Borneo was this. The British part of Borneo, Sarawak, decided to join the newly formed Federation of Malaysia. The other part of Borneo (Indonesian Borneo) objected to this. At least their leader Sukarno did, and they announced that they would do everything to prevent Sarawak carrying out its intention. This action became known as confrontation and it took the form of terrorist activity on varying scales. Usually the Indonesians would sneak across the border and carry out a raid then retreat to safety. The British were there to counteract this action by patrols and counterattacks. However the most successful tactic we employed was that of the hearts and minds campaign. This was really an attempt to win the support of the people by the opposite means of the guerilla's. We used our helicopters to carry the sick, we built airstrips, schools and helped clear jungle.

I found myself attached to a helicopter squadron which had several forward air bases near the Indonesian border. This is the story of Nanga Gaat and some of the people that made it one of the most amazing 'military' establishments ever known.

Nanga means 'mouth' of a river. Sungei means small river and Batang means large river. Nanga Gaat then is the point at which the Sungei Gaat joins the Batang Baleh. In the early 1960's the navy cleared the jungle around Nanga Gaat and constructed some crude helicopter landing 'platforms'. This was the start of HMS Taijari, the scene of many spectacular and amusing incidents between 1962 and 1966. I arrived at the Gaat one evening after 48 hours of tiring flying. Firstly a drafty RAF transport from Singapore to Kuching, then a small two seater aircraft from Kuching to Sibuan and finally an overworked, noisy Wessex helicopter of 845 Squadron. The change from day to night lasts only minutes in Sarawak and just after landing it was quite dark. The accommodation was very crude. We were crowded into a store hut belonging to a Chinese trader. Mosquito covered camp beds in a room that rarely experienced temperatures below 100° F. After collapsing into a spare mosquito net I spent my first night in the Gaat only to awake the following morning to a memory I shall never forget. Nanga Gaat was a favourite haunting ground of the not very pleasant black scorpion.

On awakening I opened my eyes, looking in an upwards direction. It took a little while to sink in but 6 inches above me was the fearsome underneath of a particularly ugly scorpion. (almost as ugly as a certain lab. tech.)

Not being very brave at 6 in the morning I lay there for 5 minutes in a quite fearful state. Then I worked out my plan of action.

With a hefty upwards swipe I created the first astronaut scorpion. The only trouble was the old saying- what goes up must come down. Our intrepid intruder landed amongst the belongings of one of the squadron mechanics and disappeared in his locker. I had extricated myself from a 'sticky' position but this other fellow was far from pleased especially as his searches never did reveal the unwanted visitor.

One morning I discovered a scorpion in my boots but this was nothing compared to the ordeal of another mech. On pulling on his trousers he felt a scratchy lump on the side of his leg. He had almost got his trousers on when the truth dawned. There was an unwanted intruder in his trousers. You can imagine his feelings. Everyone gave sound advice as to the best course of action. I can remember the chief telling him not to panic as there was no danger. You see the scorpion stings its victims by bringing its tail over its head and delivering the blow. Well because the scorpion was in the confined space between his leg and his trousers it could not deliver a blow. Of course this was little consolation and when the scorpion, tiring of inactivity, decided to explore its new surroundings poor old Fixy went berserk. He produced one of the most amazing physical actions I have ever seen and got his trousers off in about 1/500,000 th of a second. One of the coolies who had witnessed this with amusement then proceeded to convert the scorpion into 20 little scorpions with the use of his razor sharp parang.

As the weeks went by we became used to the scorpion and it soon became just another part of life. Hardly a day went by without a confrontation with one of these not so little black fellows. Well thats all for this week. See if you can find out something about scorpions. They come from many different parts of the world. An encyclopaedia or your local library might help.

Next week. The amazing head coolie - Oojam. (and his many wives)

Editors note. One way of stopping the editor going on like this is to send in some contributions. Surprising really, it is now Football News number 27 and only once have I recieved a contribution- that was John Bennett back in number 4.

Ne-one has completed the quiz (trasure trail) yet. The solution will be shown in number 28.

Mark Hamilton has been awarded the next 5 copies of Football news free as a reward for his staunch efforts at completing the editors quizzes.

2 chess results so far. Devine has defeated Mitchell 2-0 Cotter has knocked out Quinn 2-0. In the next edition there will be a proper cup progress chart.

Once again Jimmy Tsui has shown himself to be a spectator par excellence. He was at our away game this week 2 hours before kick off. He kept Mr. Cooke informed about the progress of the B team.

Something a musing has just struck me on reading the last edition. The last words of the 1st XI manager after their fine performance against St. Kevins. "Watch out the opposition we are on the warpath-soon there will be victories.

What on earth happened on saturday. They must have left their bows and arrows at home. No wonder the Indians always lose if that is the example of warpath. (0-8, indeed)

If Mr. Williams refers to the great third year team as another Everton just one more time the editor will declare written war on his team.

Well that is about all for now. The next edition may be on Friday otherwise after half term. Please excuse any typing errors. The editor has had to rush this copy put on a borrowed typewriter. Keep smiling and work hard.

Editor.

BLACK HOLES IN SPACE

BY MR. COOKE.

We see stars including our own star the Sun, because they give out light which liberally hits us in the eye. What is difficult to imagine is a star that is invisible because it sucks light in. Stars like this are called Black Holes. The discovery of a 'black hole' helps explain the way science works and how discoveries are made.

Sometimes astronomers discover objects or evidence and have to find an explanation, a theory, to fit.

(example: there's a trout in the milk. Theory: the milkman must have been topping up his churns from the river)

At other times an object or occurrence can be proposed and observers set about looking for it.

(example: the milkman is an unprincipled chap and lives by the river - look for a trout in the milk.)

The black hole is one of these objects that was first suggested by a theory which set people looking for evidence and was then confirmed by the evidence they found.

It is a giant star collapsed into itself, grown so dense, with such an enormous gravitational pull that even light cannot escape from it;

If a spaceman were near a black hole, its powerful gravity would pull him in from a long way off - black holes can even suck in stars.

At first our spaceman would notice nothing, because he would be falling freely, like people in a spacecraft. But soon he would feel odd, to say the least. If he were falling head first, his head

would be nearest the hole and would be attracted more powerfully than his middle, and this in turn more than his feet. He would be stretched out, the "tidal effect".

In real life he would quickly be pulled to pieces, even if he were not dead from radiation; but we could imagine a tiny astronaut, or an instrument, too short for the tidal effect to be disastrous, continuing on towards the black hole.

A friend from a nearby spacecraft would see him falling faster and faster. Eventually he would reach the point of no return, the edge of the zone from which not even light can escape.

From then on we could know nothing about him. No signal could reach us from beyond what astronomers call the "event horizon". We could never know what happens to our imaginary astronaut. Weirder still IT WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME TO KNOW THAT WE DON'T KNOW.

The situation isn't normal just outside the event horizon. The nearer we get to the massive body that a black hole is, the more space-time is distorted. Light reflected from our doomed astronaut - the light which is the only way we have of knowing what has happened to him - travels more slowly towards the observer in the spacecraft because of the enormous gravitational pull on it. He will see his friend apparently moving more and more slowly and becoming redder and redder, until in the end he will seem to have stopped moving. To the observer this last image will persist, frozen, for a very long time.

It may seem a lunatic world around the black hole. But the black hole theory fits the existing known facts better than any other theories; it is the simplest theory available. It has enabled predictions to be made which observation has confirmed.

And that is the way science has scored its success.

RJC.

MORE SCIENCE THEORY NEXT WEEK.

THIS IS DEDICATED TO A CERTAIN O.W. STUDENT.

SECOND YEAR FOOTBALL

INSTITUTE 3 SALESIANS 1

HOLDEN (8)	HARPER (8)	WIGGINS (8)	JARMAN (8)
VIRTUE (8)	MITCHELL (capt.) (9)	FOULKES (7)	DERBYSHIRE (8)
LAWLOR (8)	WOODS (9)	MANIFOLD (8)	
SUB. CONNEELY (8)			

The team got back to its winning ways with a comfortable and hard-earned victory over Salesians, who proved to be a very capable side. Two positional changes had to be made, but this did not upset the rhythm of the team, and Woods was a great success at his new position at centre-forward. The first half was keenly contested, but produced few clear-cut chances for either side. Unfortunately, the chance which was taken fell to Salesians, when a forward took advantage of hesitancy by Foulkes - you cannot afford to mess around in defence against the better sides.

So we turned round slightly unlucky to be one behind on the balance of play. But we were doing the right things and the goals had to come. Conneely was brought on for Derbyshire, who had played well, but we needed Manifold in midfield rather than on the wing. The move soon paid off; we won a corner on the right, which was perfectly flighted by Conneely to the edge of the six-yard box, and Manifold rose magnificently above the defence to head cleanly into goal - a classic goal!

We were dominating now, with Woods harrassing defenders well, Lawlor attacking his full-back and sending over some good centres, Mitchell bursting through - one of his shots just failed to dip under the bar with the keeper well beaten - and Virtue putting much more fight into his play.

The referee was having his usual brilliant game - do I hear any disagreement? However, being a modest fellow, he has to admit that he made a vital mistake when he should have blown for off-side, but he thought it was about time that Wiggins should have something to do and he saved well - just testing you, Wiggins!

The second goal was an own-goal, but the credit must go to us, as it was cleverly engineered; from a short corner on the right, Conneely sent over a curling centre to the far post and it went in off the full-back. The third goal came from a centre from Lawlor, which found Mitchell unmarked and he put it away calmly.

This was a good all-round performance, with the defence back to its best form; Holden kept his winger under control despite being put off by some rather loud-mouthed Salesian parents - it's a pity such people come along to spoil the game and to give a bad name to their school. Foulkes made up for his lapse; Harper covered well despite the handicap of a heavy cold; and Jarman was back to his hard-tackling best. The midfield dominated the second half; the wingers were sharp and Lawlor used his speed well. There must be a special mention for Woods in an improvised position; he led the line well, threatening all the time as a good centre-forward should.

Two teams are now drawing away at the top of the league. Mr. Cooke tells me that his team will win all their home games with him as referee - sounds a little fishy to me! Anyway we wish our rivals good luck - of course, one could say they will need it.

The intelligent lads will have noticed that our score was the same as the other match on Saturday. Surely Everton's awful performance will have convinced remaining supporters of such a team that they are wasting their time and money.

RESULTS :

<u>Played</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Drawn</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
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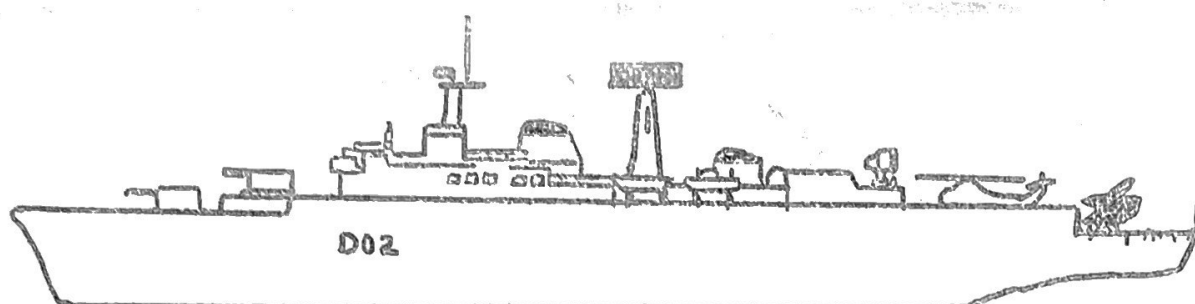
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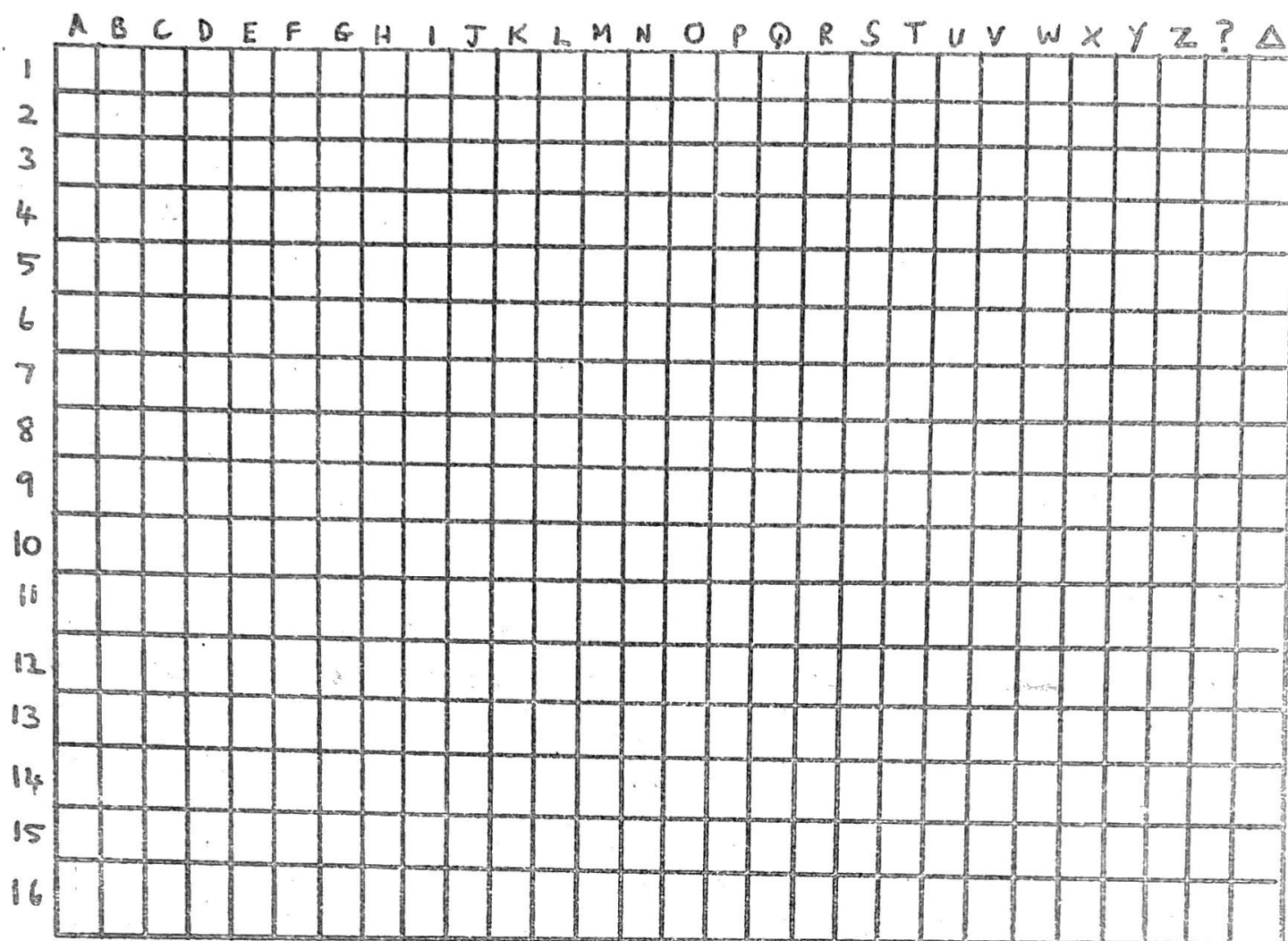
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WIGGINS

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FOOTBALL NEWS WARSHIP GAME



Above you will find a grid square.

This square is an imaginary Ocean. It is war time. You have to hide your navy in the ocean.

Each week MR. COOKE is going drop bombs on a number of squares.

The squares he bombs will be shown each week in the FOOTBALL NEWS.

For instance if he bombs the top left hand square he will write A1.

Each reader has the following warships.

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 Aircraft carrier | A line of 5 C's. |
| 1 Commando carrier | A line of 4 H's. |
| 1 MISSILE CRUISER | A line of 3 M's |
| 4 DESTROYERS | A line of 2 D's |
| 5 SUBMARINES | A line of 2 S's |

They can be placed horizontally, vertically or diagonally, in a straight line.

If your ship is hit it is assumed damaged, out of action, but not yet a write off.

When the whole of the ship is hit it is classified sunk.

Pick an opponent and see how your navy fares against MR. COOKE's bombs each week. The winner is the Admiral who keeps his fleet intact longest.

Ahoy shipmates ! THIS IS ONLY FOR FUN
THEREFORE NO POINT IN CHEATING

STAFF XI v 2nd XI

The game started with the 2nd XI on top, and after 3 mins they hit the bar after a good move.

The Staff defence were all over the place, this was the case for the first 10 mins. A little later the staff got their first chance, it fell to MR. CHARLES who with a right foot shot just put the ball past the post. The Staff began to settle down playing much better football.

The first corner was awarded to the 2nd XI after 15 mins this was caused by a bad back pass from MR. MASON who failed to find the goalkeeper.

From the corner the 2nd XI failed to do anything with it and it was easily cleared by the Staff defence. A minute later the 2nd XI opened the scoring, the Staff had been pressurising the 2nd XI defence which allowed the 2nd XI to break quickly, HODGSON on the left wing ran towards the Staff goal and put the ball past the helpless MR. HIGGINS. 25 mins had now gone, most of the pressure had been by the 2nd XI and two good saves by MR HIGGINS kept the score down to 1-0. In the 30th minute the 2nd XI scored number two, this happened when MR OWEN moved up with the ball from the left back position and losing it to WINDEVER who sent LONG running down the right wing. And with a good cross found WINDEVER who had a simple task of tapping the ball over the line with MR HIGGINS nowhere.

The staff fought straight back and pressure by MR. CHARLES on DAVIES made him curl the ball round the diving WILKINSON for an own goal.

7 mins before the end of the first half MR OWEN pulled a leg muscle through too much exertion, he took over as referee. Seconds before the end of the first half MR CHARLES equalised for the Staff, it was a well taken goal with only the goalkeeper to beat.

The first 25 mins of the second half were uneventful with no chances being made on either side this was due to good defensive work. A minute later the first real chance of the half fell to the Staff, a good corner by MR CHARLES found MR. WOOD at the near post, but DAVIES cleared it off the line in a rather painful way. This incident led to a break chance, the striker PETTIGREN rounded MR HIGGINS but was unable to put the ball in an open goal. At this time, both midfields were playing well especially WINDOVER of the 2nd XI and MR REA from the Staff. In the 77th min a rare mistake by the Staff midfield enabled the 2nd XI right wing player KENT to make a good run, he put over a good cross with MR HIGGINS under pressure who finally punched the ball clear, but only to WHEELER who put in a good shot which was only inches over the bar. In the last 15 mins the play was switched from end to end with a few chances being created. The final score was Staff XI 2 - 2nd XI 2. This was a fair result. MR COOKE had an exceptional game in the staff midfield. All 22 players played well, and they all helped to make this a very ~~exciting~~ exciting match.

THE NEXT TO LAST SENTENCE WAS WRITTEN WITH THE EDITOR HOLDING A BIG STICK OVER WILKIE'S HEAD.

RJL