

Downs athletes raise £280 for kidney machine

A SILVER baton sponsored relay race at Downs Secondary School, Compton, has already raised over £280 towards the cost of a kidney machine — and the cash is still coming in. But pupils and staff certainly worked for their money. Altogether they ran over 150 miles in a single day.

Organised by Mr. Paul Weir, the event took the form of a house relay race in which most of the school's pupils and many of the staff took part. A testing half-mile course took them over high, rough terrain.

Winners were Perborough House, who completed 78 laps. Second equal came Aldworth and Lowbury with 76, and fourth were Ridgeway with 75.

Sponsors paid not for the total distance run but for the average number of laps completed per hour during the five-hour session. One boy managed to collect £20.

Last week also saw the more orthodox house competitions, this time dominated by Aldworth house. In the senior cricket, a boundary off the last ball put them into the final. They scored 69 (Burgess 22, Dunne 22, C. Walker 4 for 14, A. Napper 4 for 24), in reply to Ridgeway's 68 (C. Walker 38 not out).

A hard-hit 64 not out by Turner took Lowbury's total to 102 against Perborough, who were all out for 73.

In the final, Lowbury scored 59 and Aldworth hit off the runs for the loss of three wickets (Dunne 28 not out). Ridgeway were easy winners in the struggle for third and fourth place, C. Walker taking 7 for 11 in a fine spell of bowling.

Aldworth were also winners in the junior cricket competition, beating Perborough in the final. Scores: Aldworth 58 for 2 (M. Dillon 22 not out, M. Long 32 not out), Perborough 28 (P. Studart 6 for 7). In the match for third and fourth places, Lowbury were out for 31 (M. Wheeler 6 for 6) and Ridgeway hit off the runs for the loss of 8 wickets (S. Wernham 5 for 5).

Feature of the first round matches was the fine bowling of J. Barnes (6 for 3) for Perborough and P. Studart (6 for 21) for Aldworth.

Other sports results: Rounders — 1 Aldworth, 2 Lowbury, 3 Perborough, 4 Ridgeway. Tennis — 1 Aldworth, 2 Lowbury, 3 Perborough, 4 Ridgeway.

Lowbury house v Aldworth house day's swimming games. Aldworth 102½, Ridgeway 76, Perborough 96 and Lowbury 75, collecting

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