position after little more than three weeks' experience, smirched a possible
Exeter clean sweep by clinching a one-point victory from his opponent.

Middlesex quelled a reduced three-man team from the Babson Institute
3-0 on the 24th. A week later, the score was repeated.

Dance Week-end spectators of January 28 spurred the team on to a 6-3
victory over the Concord State Guard. Brownell, Milton, Prodis, Platt, Sears,
and Hecksher were victorious in the nine-man match.

A long trek to Deerfield ended with a severe 8-1 defeat for the team.
Pierre Prodis again prevented a shut-out, by winning a one-point decision in a
five-game match with his opponent.

In the return bouts with the M. J. T. J. V.'s and Freshmen the Middlesex
five again overwhelmed the opposition by scores of 4-1 and 3-2 respectively.

Recovering from the after-effects of the mid-winter recess, the team lost
for the second time to the Harvard Second Freshmen, 4-1.

Lack of female support reversed the decision in the Concord State Guard's
favor in the return match. In addition to the regular team, May, Platt, Heck-
scher, Breed, Alexander, and Sears filled in the remainder of the eleven-man
team. After hours, the Guardsmen won, 6-5.

The team scored another important victory by defeating the Milton Club
3-2 in the club courts. Milton, having recaptured the No. 1 position, lost to
a top ranking "C" league player, and Rosenthal was defeated in a tight 3-2
encounter.

On February 26 an inexperienced Brooks team was disposed of by the
Middlesex combine by a score of 4-1.

Though the St. Paul's 4-1 victory over Middlesex in the return match
ended the season with a dissonant chord, the match was extremely close and
were it not for Fortune, Middlesex might have won a much desired triumph.
the starting and losing pitcher, but needed help from Spud Mansur, who hurled the last two innings.

The next Saturday this pattern was reversed as we rallied from a sixth inning 4-1 deficit, to defeat Browne and Nichols 8-5. Middlesex scored three runs in the seventh inning on an error, three hits, and a base on balls, and in the eighth Reggie Anderson’s double and Joe Perera’s single started another Middlesex rally which produced four more markers. Linc Smith was the winning pitcher, although Paul Burger was the starter and Spud Mansur pitched commendably in relief, striking out eight with his lively fast ball and tricky slider.

On Wednesday, May 23, the first baseball squad played to a twelve inning 7-7 tie with Maynard High. There were two notable items about this game: Monty Childs’ seventh triple of the year and Linc Smith’s first relief from pitching after appearing in this capacity during each of the first thirteen contests.

The team looked terrific against Milton Academy. In spite of the fact that Milton’s fabulous pitcher beat us 5-4, all of the Middlesex team was confident that we could have won just as easily as lost. Linc Smith pitched for all he was worth and lost a real heartbreaker. The game was lost by Middlesex in the last of the ninth inning when two walks, an error, and a base hit produced the two rallies necessary to win. In this game George Buehler slammed his sixth double of the year.

Saturday, June 2, witnessed a sad spectacle on the Middlesex first team diamond. St. George’s won the last game of the scheduled season, 7-3, although Middlesex was leading 3-0 through the sixth inning. In fact, Linc Smith had allowed but a single safety until he lost his stuff in the seventh and the ball-club completely fell apart. On the bright side, though, Reggie Anderson collected two of Middlesex’s three hits, including his fifth double of the season.

At the end of the season letters were awarded to Captain Buehler, Captain-elect Landon Thomas, R. Anderson, Green, Mansur, Perera, Ward, Milton, and Lincoln Smith.

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Middlesex’s only marker came in the first of the seventh as a result of the second of Captain George Buehler’s two doubles and a bunt single by shortstop Alan Nelson.

Three days later, six errors contributed heavily to another defeat, as Middlesex lost to a mediocre Roxbury Latin team, 9-1. Monty Childs drove in our only run with a triple in the last of the eighth, as Reggie Anderson, Linc Smith, Spud Mansur, and Fritz Kussin tried in vain to stem the Roxbury tide.

The following Wednesday found St. Sebastian’s as our guest. Our fielding continued to be poor as five errors helped to hand the St. Sebastian’s team a 5-0 decision. Despite the fact that over an eight-inning stretch Linc Smith struck out eight and walked only four, poor support constantly plagued him and frustrated his superb efforts.

The next game scheduled was with Boston Trade. Reggie Anderson was the starting pitcher but wildness on his part and misplays by his teammates caused him to be held responsible for four runs in the top of the third inning. Whereupon Linc Smith sauntered in from his right-field position to assume the pitching chores. Linc yielded three runs and six hits for the rest of a ball game marked by eight errors between the two teams.

Thursday, April 26, was a happy day at Middlesex, as the first team at last achieved its initial win of the young season by the narrowest of margins, 1-0. The lone run crossed the plate in this fashion: in the last of the sixth inning Monty Childs led off by drawing a walk; George Buehler followed with a solid single to center field, Childs stopping at second; Joe Perera walked, but was quickly picked off first; however, Reggie Anderson also drew a free pass to first, and the bases were loaded with one out; as Maury Hammond stepped in the first-base coach accidentally gave the sign for the squeeze play; Hammond
Crew

Following the pre-season practice in the rowing room, which started officially on February 25, this year's first squad began rowing from the new boathouse on April 1st. All of the shells and oars had been stored in the remains of the swimming pool during the winter, while the boathouse was being constructed, but the first day of the spring term saw the three crews once again on Bateman's Pond. The usual heated struggle between the crews was very much in evidence, and competition was extremely high. Gus Browne was elected captain early in the season, with Moses Williams as manager.

The first race was away at Groton on Saturday, May 5th. The third crew, composed of Marden, Robinson, Sachs, and Tomkins with Kraetzer coxing, was unfortunately defeated, by the Groton "C" boat, which completed the three-quarter mile course in 4:30. Hopes were high for the second crew, with Browne, Senkler, Alvarez, Roberts, and coxswain Walsh, but they were also defeated by a powerful Groton "B" boat, which rowed a fast
Practically everyone on the team contributed to this, the team’s third victory in eight games: Jay Ward walked four times, and scored each time; Linc Smith rapped out two hits, as did George Buehler, Monty Childs, and Pete Milton; Reggie Anderson pounded out a resounding double to deep left-center field, and Maury Hammond busted the game wide open in the seventh inning when, as a pinch-hitter, he connected for a line-drive triple with the bases loaded.

The 10-5 win over Brooks should have been a cinch. However, loose pitching and sloppy fielding made the task more difficult. Paul Burger started the game on the mound, but was hit hard in the last of the third inning, when the Brooks players tallied three runs on two walks and two hits. Spud Mansur relieved Burger during this onslaught and pitched effectively until he was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the seventh. Thereafter, Linc Smith toiled on the rubber, finishing the game after weathering a mild uprising in the ninth. Smith, Monty Childs, Reggie Anderson, and Pete Milton each collected two hits.

Saturday, May 12, found the Graduates back for an official baseball contest with the "young whipper-snappers." The youngsters won handily, 8-3. Linc Smith and Spud Mansur allowed only seven hits over the nine innings, as George Buehler’s big bat boomed out a triple and a single, as did that of Reggie Anderson. Pete Milton also garnered two hits out of a total of eleven for Middlesex.

It seemed certain we had the Wayland High game all safely tucked away, after we had scored six big runs in the last of the second inning. But the picture quickly changed after Wayland scored four times in the third inning, and followed with one in the fourth, and five in the seventh. They won by a final score of 10-6. Linc Smith was
The second of June marked the big race with Exeter, on Bateman’s Pond. Our third crew, with Marden, Robinson, Sachs, Tomkins, and coxswain Kraetzler, matched Exeter’s third crew stroke for stroke until the finish line, where our crew won by the fact that it managed to start a new stroke, just as Exeter was finishing one. This fortunate break gave us a two-foot lead at the finish line, and the first race of the afternoon. The second crew, composed of Sears, Wells, Lee, Senkler, and coxswain Walsh, did not fare so well. After an extremely close race, Exeter managed to pull ahead slightly, and win the race by a scant half-length. It must be noted, however, that Exeter’s second crew outweighed us man for man, and that their success was largely due to this fact. The same fate was in store for the first crew, who, in their attempt to regain the Columbia Cup, were defeated by the Exeter oarsmen. The race was very close up to the buoy in the middle of the pond, at which point Exeter managed to overwhelm us with sheer power plus some very smooth stroking, and consequently stepped out into the lead. The final margin of defeat for our first crew, Alvarez, Meyer, Tony Ostheimer, Roberts, and Lane, cox, was two lengths.

The one race which the eight had was with Browne and Nichols on May 23rd. Stroked by Curtiss, and additionally manned by A. Krumbhaar, Gruenier, Ayer, F. Farnsworth, Purdy, G. Krumbhaar, Winchester, and coxswain Dinsmore, the Eight, owing to the driving rain, the unfamiliar Charles, and their lack of experience, lost to Browne and Nichols by three-quarters of a length.

Saturday, June 9, the afternoon of graduation, was marked by the dedication of the new boathouse, the funds for which were given by Mrs. Russell.
The 1951 season was notable for the number of people that took part in bringing about a sum total of eight wins against three losses. Lawton Lamb, who captained the team in grand style, and Rugg Brownell were the only seniors participating, but the glories and toils of the season were shared by May, Durham, Weaver, Pebo Browne, Taylor, Prodis, and Martin Heckscher, next year's captain.

The courts got into condition quite early this spring, with a minimum of work. Having had a chance to feel its ground, the team was well prepared to meet St. Sebastian's on April 18 in the opening match of the season, and scored a win in each of six matches.

The Governor Dummer team, however, beat the Middlesex team 8-1 on April 22. Lamb was the winner for Middlesex, and it is worthwhile to note that his opponent had won a New England Junior Championship. The following Wednesday, the Belmont Hill match was driven into the cage by an unaccommodating drizzle, but when it finally let up, Heckscher and Durham
4:19. It remained for the first crew, composed of Sears, Meyer, Wells, Lee, and Lane, as coxswain, to save the day, but the Groton "A" boat proved too much for them, and won in 4:18.

After much practice and shifting of personnel, Saturday, May 12, the crews showed tremendous improvement as they rowed against Nobles on Bartram's Pond. The third crew, unchanged, managed to defeat the Nobles third crew by three lengths, in 2:49. The second crew also handed the Nobles seconds a defeat in a time of 2:46. Unfortunately, however, the first crew struck the buoy opposite the float, and lost by three lengths to the Nobles first crew, whose time was 2:42:½. There was a marked improvement in all the crews, however.

On May 19th, the three crews traveled to row the Browne and Nichols crews on the Charles. The third crew, whose lineup remained unchanged throughout the season, annihilated the Browne and Nichols third boat by two lengths on the three-quarter mile course. The second crew with Browne, Wells, D., Lee, Roberts, and coxswain Walsh, won a one and one-half length victory from their Browne and Nichols opponents, while the first crew, with Alvarez, Meyer, Sears, Senkler, and Lane, won by a photo-finish of four feet from the B & N top men, thus rounding out an entirely successful encounter.

May 26, the crews went to Brooks. The third crew lost to the Brooks third crew by one and one-half lengths. The second crew, however, composed of Sears, Wells, Lee, Roberts, and Walsh, won from a very smooth Brooks crew by two lengths. It remained for the first crew, made up of Browne, Meyer, Tony Ostheimer, Senkler, and Lane, to give us the day, but a strong Brooks first crew pulled ahead early in the race, to win by two lengths. Our defeats were due, in part, to the fact that we were not thoroughly accustomed to the three-quarter mile course.
Robb, Sr., of Concord. In a simple ceremony, the boathouse was dedicated to Mr. Locke, whose excellence as crew coach has benefited more than three decades of Middlesex oarsmen.

Major letters were awarded to Alvarez, Browne, A., Lane, Lee, N., Meyer Roberts, Robinson, Sears, Senkler, Tomkins, Walsh, Wells, D., and Manager Williams. Lloyd Roberts was elected captain for the 1952 season by the members of the first three crews.

Though not successful on a won-and-lost basis, 1951 looked like a good building year, and hopes are high as the entire first crew returned for the 1951-1952 season.
caught the sign, but Childs missed it; Hammond bunted beautifully down the third-base line, and Childs streaked for the plate; the throw from the pitcher had him out at the plate, but the catcher failed to touch the plate, although he had blocked it sufficiently so that Childs missed it also; a mad scramble ensued and Childs was ruled safe.

Paul Burger was assigned the role of starting pitcher against Groton the following Saturday. Burger held the opposition pretty much at bay during the first five innings of play, giving up three runs on two hits. Nevertheless, the Groton nine had been hitting him hard. Bill Chauncey of Groton had pummled the horseshoe for a home run ride in the second inning, and in the last of the sixth the roof caved in. The first two batters up hit consecutive home runs. Burger was lifted for Spud Mansur. Mansur was immediately tagged for three hits and two runs. Linc Smith thereupon made his sixth appearance of the season and put out the fire. But the damage had been done. In spite of the fact that Middlesex rallied for five runs in the last two innings, we lost, 8-5.

Noble and Greenough proved to be a tough opponent on Wednesday, May 2. But Linc Smith was in excellent form as he pitched and batted his team to a 4-1 triumph. Linc went the distance, giving up only seven hits and striking out five. Furthermore, he collected two base hits, drove in a run, and scored once. George Buchler shared the limelight with Linc as he came up with a double and a single, and scored two runs.

The visit of the St. Mark's baseball varsity on the following Saturday turned out to be a nerve-wracking one, although the final score of the game may seem to point on the opposite direction. In order to win by a score of 10-4, Middlesex had to rally for a run in the fifth inning, two in the sixth, and five in the seventh, after St. Mark's had taken a 4-2 lead in the fourth inning.
A new pitching machine, the gift of Pete Huidekoper, '46, and a pair of new coaches in Messrs. Sanford and Quirk, gave the baseball team this year an entirely new look. The second of these changes resulted from the retirement of Mr. Raymond after some 39 years of devoted service in behalf of Middlesex baseball. There can be little doubt that this year's squad was a definite improvement over the past season's. It came within an eyelash of winning the Private Schools League and compiled an impressive record, after losing its opening games, which included victories over Belmont Hill, Noble and Greenough, and St. Mark's.

On Wednesday, April 11, the Middlesex varsity nine opened its season by meeting Waltham High in a tight contest. Despite the fact that Reggie Anderson and Line Smith pitched good ball, five errors marred the team's effort to make a good showing in its first outing. In fact, it was due to two of these miscues that Waltham scored its second run, which proved to be the winning one.