

# The Friars' Chronicles

## Letter Rack

Dear Editor,

Thanks for publishing my letter to the OBBC.

My opinion of Mauly is not as high as Naveed's - we've discussed this online before. I thought he displayed a rather nasty streak more than once.

During the 1925 Wharton Rebel series, he became form captain due to Wharton's wire-pulling – having been deprived of the captaincy by Quelch, he decided to set up Mauly as his front man. The only thing he did wrong was to leave the Co out of the team to pay off a score – this led to Greyfriars losing 7 -1 to Rookwood and Mauly giving up the captaincy. Bob Cherry should really have refused to take it without an election.

Mauly was, of course, leader in the High Oaks rebellion. He stayed Wharton's friend longer than nearly anyone else during the 1932 Rebellion series.

Naveed left out his leading the Tuckshop Rebellion in 1937 – in which he was rather nasty with his intolerance of criticism and "blagging." He was also the only Removite to believe Wharton innocent of punching Wingate in *Billy Bunter Butts in*, my favourite post-war Bunter book.

As for his athletic abilities – I believe that his victory over Smithy in the High Oaks series was essentially a fluke. He could play football but in the 1932 "Downfall" series Wharton said he'd have to turn down a request to play in the Redclyffe match; similarly, he played and did quite well in an emergency in the Stacey series. I'd describe him as a Remove Second XI player.

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In the Muccolini's circus series, Bunter for once showed genuine ability as "Professor Billo", ventriloquist and sideshow act. Will have to read "Stars of the Circus" – curious as to how the Earl's only son couldn't be the heir to the title and fortune. Don't really associate Hamilton with romance - especially extramarital!

Was the "Season's greetings" picture on page 31 from a genuine "Magnet"? I thought of the Reynham Castle series of 1937-38.

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