

Head Boy

The weekly boy's cross-country run at school, 1989
Always last
Picking players for the football team
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Towel stolen in the boy's showers
Always first
Out of school swimming club competition
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Year 7 swimming every Tuesday
'How did *you* get to swim like *that?*' from a surprised bully
who later became Head Boy
Silver swimming medal followed but school bullies remained
Year 11 swimming every Friday
'How did *you* get to swim like *that?*' from Head Boy, early 1995
The bullies disappeared but my joy was placed elsewhere
In me catching a glimpse of Head Boy naked in the changing room
Only before had I seen such a sight on late night BBC2, 1989
Watching alone in my bedroom,
sound mute as to not awaken parents next door
A young Rupert Everett, full frontal, *Another Country*
Black and white TV could not dilute
the beauty of his manhood
School Football Final, late 1995
Everyone remembers Head Boy's tackle
I still remember Head Boy's tackle
Me sitting opposite Head Boy on a train, 2001
Me enjoying the discomfort he felt
at me seeing him enjoying me looking
at his hairy legs