

WINTER SPORT RESULTS

FOOTBALL

Pre-season discussions by boys, old boys and staff on the prospects of the 1st XVIII were both intense and optimistic. The appointment of a new coach, Mr. Cliff Watkins, many experienced players from last year's team, plus several good footballers from the 1967 Under 16 premierships team gave rise to the optimism.

Our first Alcock Cup match was against Scotch at Scotch. We had never beaten Scotch at football before and with an Old Scotch Collegian as the new coach, interest was high. We started well and set up an early lead, then spent the remainder of the match holding off repeated Scotch attacks until at the final siren we had won our first match of the season and our first against Scotch. Hale were our next victims, although there were some good passages of play by Hale, we were on top throughout and won by 22 points.

Wesley had also won their first two matches and so when we travelled to Wesley for our third game—a match between two unbeaten, determined sides. The weather was fine with a cold cross wind, the ground very hard, causing the ball to bounce high and awkwardly. The match was a thriller, the difference being only points throughout. Luckily we were 2 points in front at the end.

The very wet week preceding our match against Guildford meant, we thought, muddy conditions, but at Guildford's new Pexton Memorial Oval we found not mud but a sheet of water. This was unfortunate as these conditions did not suit our high marking, fast play-on game and we were defeated 4 goals 6 behinds to 1 goal 2 behinds.

Aquinas had managed to win their first four games so we knew the last match of the round would be a hard one. However, our team did not perform at their best and went down by 3 goals to Aquinas. Thus we finished the round equal second with Wesley.

The Scotch and Hale game in the second round gave our boys the chance to settle down again into a good combination and after victories of 35 points and 70 points respectively we were ready for the return against Wesley. Once again the expected close game did not result. Our team were lethargic and out of touch and Wesley won comfortably.

Guildford at home on our well grassed and drained James Battye Oval were no match for our skilful team, so we were again in equal second place with Wesley, before we met Aquinas for the last game.

This final match played at Aquinas brought out the best football in our players and through courage, determination and sound football we defeated the premier team to finish the season on a high note.

The team was captained by Lindsay Coleman who with the other ruckmen, Rex Townsend, Chris Hodge and John Ley gave great service throughout the season. Ron Bennetts, Jamie Fagan, John Moncrieff and Chris Pye were the stars of the centre line and roving division, while the stalwarts

of the back line were Kim Craig, Graham Jacobs, Graham Forward, Malcolm Sholl and Tony Dodd.

Our final position was equal second — our best result in P.S.A. football.

RUGBY

This year the Christ Church Rugby 1st XV finished in equal second place with Hale. We did this despite the fact that we were almost more scored against than scoring; despite the fact that we lost almost as many games as we won; and despite the fact that we took half the season to settle down.

We managed to hold the undefeated premiers, Scotch, to two narrow results, 6-15 and 5-11, but we also managed to nearly lose to the bottom side, Wesley, 9-3 and 9-6. We lost to Guildford 0-3, and then beat them 12-8; we beat Aquinas 11-6 and then lost to them 0-3; and we drew 0-0 with Hale and then beat them 8-6. If we were anything at all, we were magnificently inconsistent and we probably gave the spectators more ulcers than joy.

Basically our style of play was to spend 10 per cent. of the game in brilliant attack and 90 per cent. of the game in torrid and frantic defence. We soon developed a pattern of play in which the backs and forwards took it in turns to lose all confidence but once, against Hale when we won, we surprised even ourselves because obviously forwards and backs had forgotten whose turn it was and we did play "champagne" rugby for the whole match.

The team was able to take many setbacks in its stride and for this great credit must be given to them. They soon became used to playing on the nethermost, most unused cleared space in the various schools they visited — one gets the opinion that rugby is not taken very seriously by some. They enjoyed playing on a ground which lay somewhere beneath six inches of water

even though the idea of tackling was frustrated by the fear of possible drowning.

There was satisfaction when three of the team were selected to tour with the W.A.R.F.U. Under 18 side, even though they had to pay their own way by walkathons, car cleaning, etc., but it did show that the side, contrary to popular opinion, had some skill.

Actually there is a lot of potential in the team and some players should be valuable to club sides when they leave school this year. In addition there remains a good nucleus of younger players who should help us to get off to a flying start in the more cut-throat type of P.S.A. competition to be held in 1969.

HOCKEY

Seldom has a school hockey team entered a season with more confidence than did this year's first XI. Eight members had played for the team the previous year—six for the full season. The selection during the season of Richard Charlesworth for the State Colts and of John Stokes for the State Schoolboys' team was confirmation of the team's ability.

If additional proof was needed it was to be found in the results of the opening round. Having sharpened our teeth on Scotch in a match which was drawn three all, we went on to down Hale 6-1, Wesley 3-0 and Guildford 1-0. Perhaps the declining scale of our margins should have warned us, but Aquinas certainly gave us our first taste of defeat by scoring three goals while it was our turn to keep a clean score sheet!

We were then two points behind Aquinas. After four successive wins we faced them again knowing that a win would place us equal first. We lost, but this match produced the best hockey of the series and in fact in P.S.A. hockey, giving us 2nd place to end a very satisfying, hard-fought season.

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SECOND BUILDING COMPLETED

DINING ROOM OPENED

With the official opening of "Sandover" on September the 9th by Sir Eric Sandover, another major step was achieved in the school's building programme.

On what must surely have been one of the wettest afternoons of the winter, protocol was modified to the extent that the parents and friends of the school had to be seated inside the building before it was actually declared open. This preview was followed after the ceremony by visits to the kitchen, lunch room and sick bay which were then open for inspection.

Before opening the building, Sir Eric said: "I am honoured and proud to be asked to open this building today. Also I feel a little sentimental as it bears the name of my father, Alfred Sandover. We lived in the House now called McClemans for many years; my father built it and I was born there. We owned 8 acres of land running from the river to the Fremantle road, (now Stirling Highway) and the spot where you now sit was the site of stables and a cow shed as we then had several horses and two cows. As children we were regular members of Christ Church and the rector, Mr. McClemans and my father were close friends."

Sir Eric then praised the work and generosity of so many Old Boys, parents and friends of the school who had made the Fund Raising so successful and made possible the magnificent building "Sandover."

He then went on to say how his father sold to Mr. McClemans in 1909 the original



SIR ERIC SANDOVER SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY

quarter acre which contains the first buildings of the school. This was bought at £2/5/- per foot and a further two acres was purchased in 1911 and parts of the original 8 acres in various years since, the last being the Knutsford property in 1965.

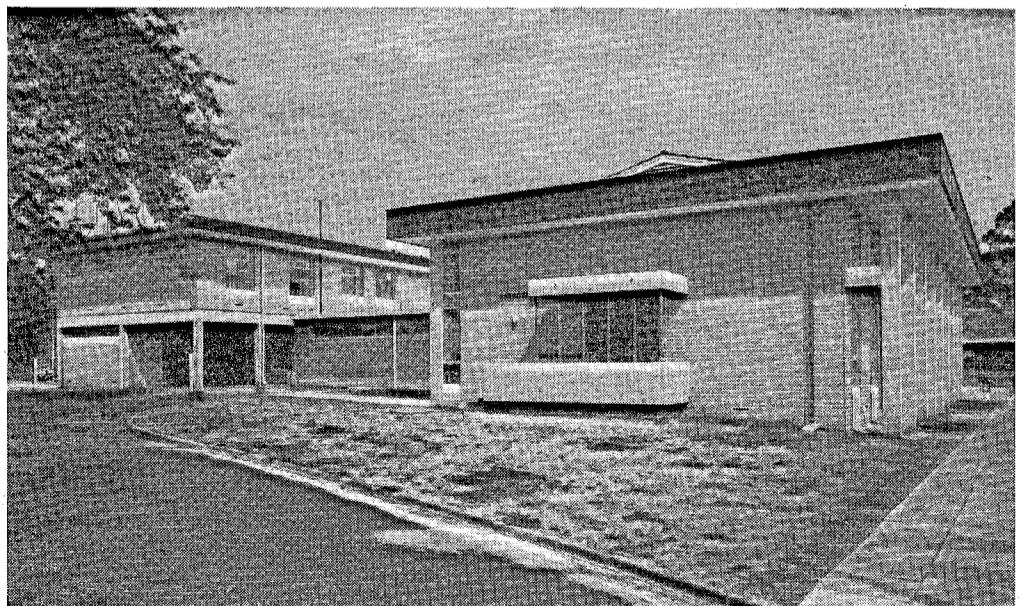
Mr. Alfred Sandover was also responsible for planting the avenue of plain trees which still border the school along Queenslea Drive. After having seen the school develop and grow he became closely connected with it as a fellow of the Council for Church of England Schools from 1922 until 1950 and more particularly as a member of the committee directly responsible for Christ

Church Grammar, whose last act was the appointment of Mr. Moyes to the Headmastership of this School.

Before declaring the building open Sir Eric read two letters written by W. J. McClemans in 1909 to the Diocesan Secretary asking permission to establish a Preparatory Boys' School and the second asking for a loan of £100 to assist in the founding of it.

Finally "Sandover" was dedicated by Archdeacon A. C. Holland in these words:

"In the faith of Jesus Christ, the Fatherhood of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit we dedicate 'Sandover.' May all who live and work here find peace and strength from God, so that in all things His Kingdom of love and brotherhood may be advanced. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen."



A VIEW OF SANDOVER TAKEN FROM THE ENTRANCE IN QUEENSLEA DRIVE



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**CHINESE and CHAMPAGNE
 LUNCHEON
 MELBOURNE CUP DAY
 12 noon Tuesday, 5th November
 at the
 MEMORIAL PAVILION
 MT. CLAREMONT
 ALL MOTHERS AND
 THEIR FRIENDS WELCOME**

J. E. D. BATTYE



James Battye became a foundation member, together with Ian Jacoby, Merv Brooking and others. Many of the meetings of the newly formed association were held at the Battye home. Mr. Battye has been a member of the O.B.A. ever since and has never been without some office.

In his time he has filled the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer and is currently a Vice-Patron. One of his interesting memories is that of hiring trains to transport guests to and from the O.B.A. Balls.

In 1920, Mr. Battye commenced work with the T. & G. Mutual Life Assurance Society. He retired in 1965, after having been W.A. manager of T. & G. for the previous 18 years. His great ambition in the Society was realised when the new T. & G. building in St. George's Terrace was completed a few years ago. The T. & G. building was affectionately known along the Terrace as "Jimmy Battye's building."

His contribution to the community has been considerable. James Battye is a past president of the Perth Chamber of Commerce; of the Federated Chamber of Commerce of W.A., and of the Perth Rotary Club. For many years he was an officer of the W.A. division of the Australian Society of Accountants.

During the time he was vice-president and acting president of the W.A. Society for Crippled Children, the Spastic Welfare Association was formed and established itself as a separate and effective entity. He is at present a member of the board of management of Princess Margaret Hospital.

Mr. Battye also took an important part in the establishment of the Chair of Commerce at the University of W.A. The planning for a public appeal for funds to establish the degree course in commerce took place during his term as president

of the Chamber of Commerce, and later he was the chairman of the committee formed by the chamber to spearhead the appeal. The success of the appeal was evident when the University was able to commence the course in commerce in 1964, six years earlier than had been anticipated by the university. He has continued his association with the University as a member of its advisory board of the School of Economics and Commerce.

His outside activities have included golf, bowls, swimming and gardening, but Mr. Battye's overwhelming interest has always been with Christ Church.

Apart from his membership of the O.B.A., he was the original (and long-time) president of the Old Boys' Hockey Club. His involvement with the administration of the school commenced after the War when he was appointed as a member of the committee for C.C.G.S. which functioned under the old Council for Church of England Schools. In 1950 when the council was disbanded in favour of separate councils for each school, James Battye was elected as one of the O.B.A. representatives on the new Council of C.C.G.S. When the Council took over control at the beginning of 1951, Mr. Battye was elected chairman, and remained in that position until he retired from the Council in 1962. It has been recorded in earlier issues of "The Chronicle" the vast improvements that took place during his chairmanship of the Council.

Mr. Battye's family has been as much involved as he has with the affairs of Christ Church. Mrs. Battye's association began when as a schoolgirl she attended dancing classes at the school. Her enthusiasm and support for the school has matched that of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Battye have two married daughters and are now proud that two grandsons are attending Christ Church.

CALVES AND CUBS

A recent report on share buying syndicates amongst Sydney schoolboys seemed to invite an enquiry into stock exchange punting on the Christ Church scene. Knowing of one such young investor we commissioned him to run a quick survey. Graham Forward reports:

Of about eighty boys approached about half were dabbling to some extent. When it came to questions about profits or current holdings some of the answers were a bit vague. One sixth former, with a furtive glance over his shoulder cut short further interrogation. "I can't say. Those tax men, you know!"

Then there was the blasé young-man-about-the-market who claimed in a rather airy fashion that his father had bought him shares in "some tin-mining company." Closer enquiries revealed this to be nothing less than B.H.P. A blue chip off the old block no doubt.

Another investor announced that he had bought into Western Mining Corporation when he read a headline broadcasting "New Kambalda Nickel Strike" and then learned it was not a mineral field but rather that the miners were off work.

While not all were able to keep up with heavyweights such as B.H.P., everyone nevertheless could boast, as seems to be the custom, that his particular share was worth watching — be it Oil Search ("They've found it don't worry"), Metals Exploration ("Don't knock it, they're exploring all right"), United Uranium ("We have some too, believe me") or Bamboo Creek — presumably if you want a good thing in bamboo. According to the pundits every mining stock despite a brief past has an infinite future.

Few students can afford to buy high-class mining scrip and so despite the comparative insecurity they tend to stay with cheap speculative stocks. Sizeable profits it would seem are being raked in by what can only be described in some cases as guesswork or incredible luck. A few dollars invested in West Coast Holdings just nine months ago has amounted to almost five hundred dollars for one fortunate buyer. However, now, we are told by those in the "know" the companies "with it" will really "go" while most of the purely exploratory ventures will return to their previous low prices. Taking heed of this it seems that many of the tycoons of Queenslea Drive

are switching into solid Australian industries from which sound profits can be taken.

Even so we are informed that new issues, when a company first comes on to the market, still provide the real bonanza and an alert stag can always come out a considerable way ahead, providing he is able to sell out quickly. Although not too confident of the truth of the statement "a stag" it is claimed is a person who makes a fast buck using other peoples' "doe." With an "Oh deer!" we moved on.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, 20th November—All examinations start.

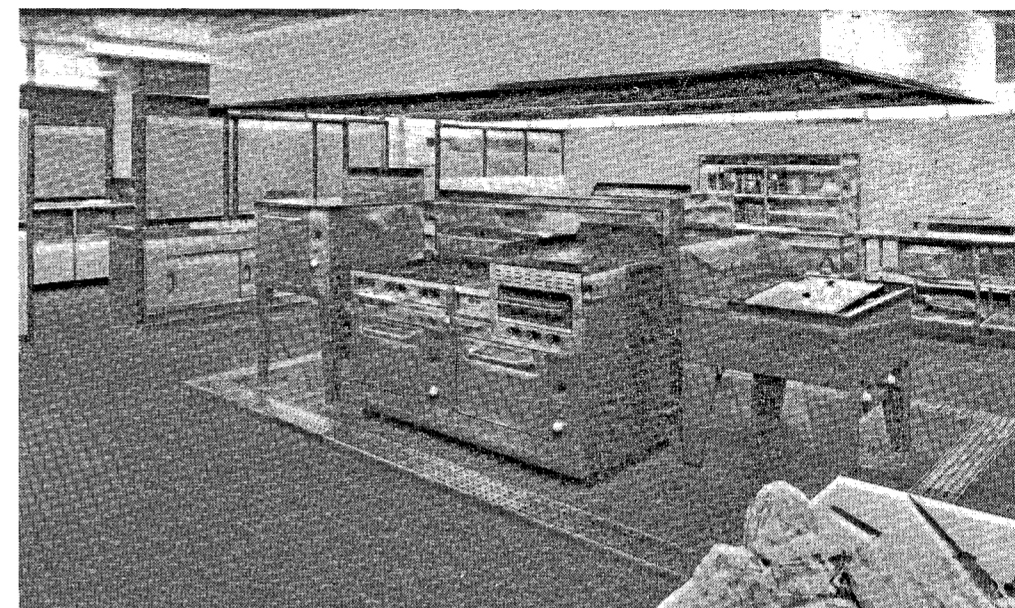
Monday, 9th December—Speech Night.

BEHIND THE SCENES IN SANDOVER.

For catering supervisor Bill Leaver and the kitchen staff of Sandover "backstage" is where the real work is done. From 7.00 o'clock in the morning until 7.30 at night seven days a week, Bill, two cooks, a kitchen hand and five dining room assistants are responsible for maintaining a work roster which ensures the smooth running of a service producing something like 4,000 meals a week. The purchasing, preparing, cooking and serving of food is of course the main function of the catering staff but spare a thought as to what this entails when you're handling quantities like thirty dozen eggs, six cwts. of potatoes or fifty pounds of butter a week. Then there are the daily items — like milk, twenty-five gallons of it, and bread, forty loaves or so.

For all the modern kitchen aids in gleaming chrome and stainless steel there's no substitute for elbow grease when it comes to cleaning up. A machine may do the dishes but not those cooking utensils, nor will it sweep and scrub floors; and someone has to set those twenty-two tables in the dining hall, "dish up" the meals and sort out the empty plates. When the "family" consists of 175 boys and perhaps a dozen adults it's more than a "family-size" task. Just as an entertaining catering exercise try working out an interesting, varied and nourishing menu to please that many palates every day of the week — and all within a reasonable budget.

From every angle working behind the scenes in "Sandover" is a demanding job.



A VIEW OF THE NEW KITCHEN IN 'SANDOVER'

A FEW FACTS AND FIGURES

The main dining hall is only a few feet smaller than the Memorial Hall.

Kitchen equipment includes mechanised potato-pealers, electric deep fry, gas-fired cooking stoves, ovens, stock pots and steamer, king size mixers, a dish washing machine and banks of electric toasters.

There are six beds in the sick bay which has its own bathroom. A smaller three-bed ward, also with bathroom can be used to isolate cases of infectious disease.

Meals for sick bay patients may be served directly from the kitchen below via a dumb waiter lift.

Staff accommodation includes a self-contained flat for the Matron, a self-contained flat for two bed sitting rooms for resident female staff, and a sitting room for the use of the dining room staff.

OLD BOYS SPORTS DAY

On Monday, 3rd June, the Old Boys met the School teams in the Annual Winter Sports Day.

Although the representation wasn't as good as last year, the Old Boys did field a football XVIII, three hockey teams and a condensed version of a rugby XV.

The rugby players were below strength because many Old Boy players had commitments to their own clubs which were involved in a Rugby Association 7-a-side carnival held at the same time. This of course accounts for the School's victory!

Two hockey matches were won by the School; but the Old Boys convincingly beat the powerful 1st XI.

What the Old Boys lacked in their rugby team was counterbalanced by their enthusiastic support in the football XVIII. With several fresh players at three-quarter time they managed to field a football XXV and inflicted a seven-point defeat on the School.

The result of the post mortem, held appropriately enough around a keg of "embalming fluid," was that the day had been a success in every way.

A wish however was expressed that stronger support would be appreciated next year — even if only in the spectators' gallery.



THE NEW SIX-BED SICK BAY

FESTIVAL OF ARTS

On the nights of the 7th and 8th of August in Second Term, the English, Art and Music Departments combined to put on the School Arts Festival.

There was an exhibition of painting and photography in the Art Centre, and in the Hall the Orchestra and Preparatory School Choir were integrated into a stream of stage presentations demonstrating the types of drama work done in the classroom.

A large number of boys participated in the Festival. Almost a hundred and ten boys appeared on the stage alone. If one counts the orchestra and the stage hands, this brings the number up to a hundred and forty. Add to this the boys whose paintings and photographs appeared in the Art Exhibition, and one can see the scale on which the Festival operated.

It is hoped to have a Festival Week again in 1969, incorporating improvements derived from the lessons learned in this year's venture.