

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 Head-mastership 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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