

Sport

BLUES AWARDED FOR 1955

Cricket: Brian Chapman, Phillip Jonas, Graham Sutcliffe.

Rugby: Brian Chapman, Peter Hardie, Philip Snelson, Graham Sutcliffe.

Soccer: Bill Henderson, Geoff Patterson, Russell Phillips.

Tennis: Fred Bishop, Adrian Nelmes, Graham Ryan, Bill Turner.

Athletics: David Baird, Robert Brownsmith, Tony Duffell, Trevor Dunn, Richard Orton, Graham Sutcliffe.

Swimming: Alan Darrow.

The Old Boys' Union Prize: Graham Sutcliffe.

ATHLETICS

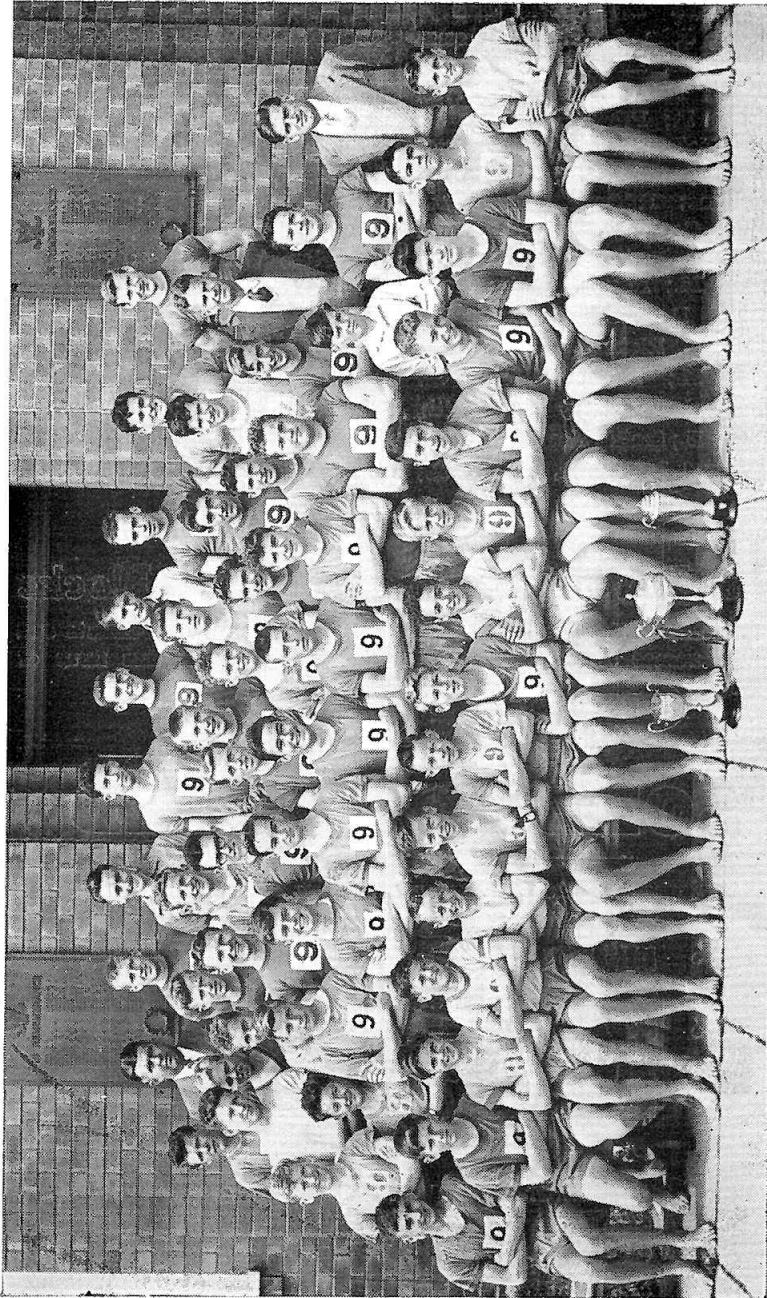
This has been a most enjoyable and successful season, with large numbers of boys training consistently at the Oval.

Although we were generally weak in the sprint events, the all-round standard of the team was high, and our competition results were really good. At the Northern Districts Carnival we won the Lintott Cup after a very exciting struggle with Marist Brothers and Maitland. We also won the Senior Cup. In the local All-Schools Championships, many of our boys won their events and put up new records.

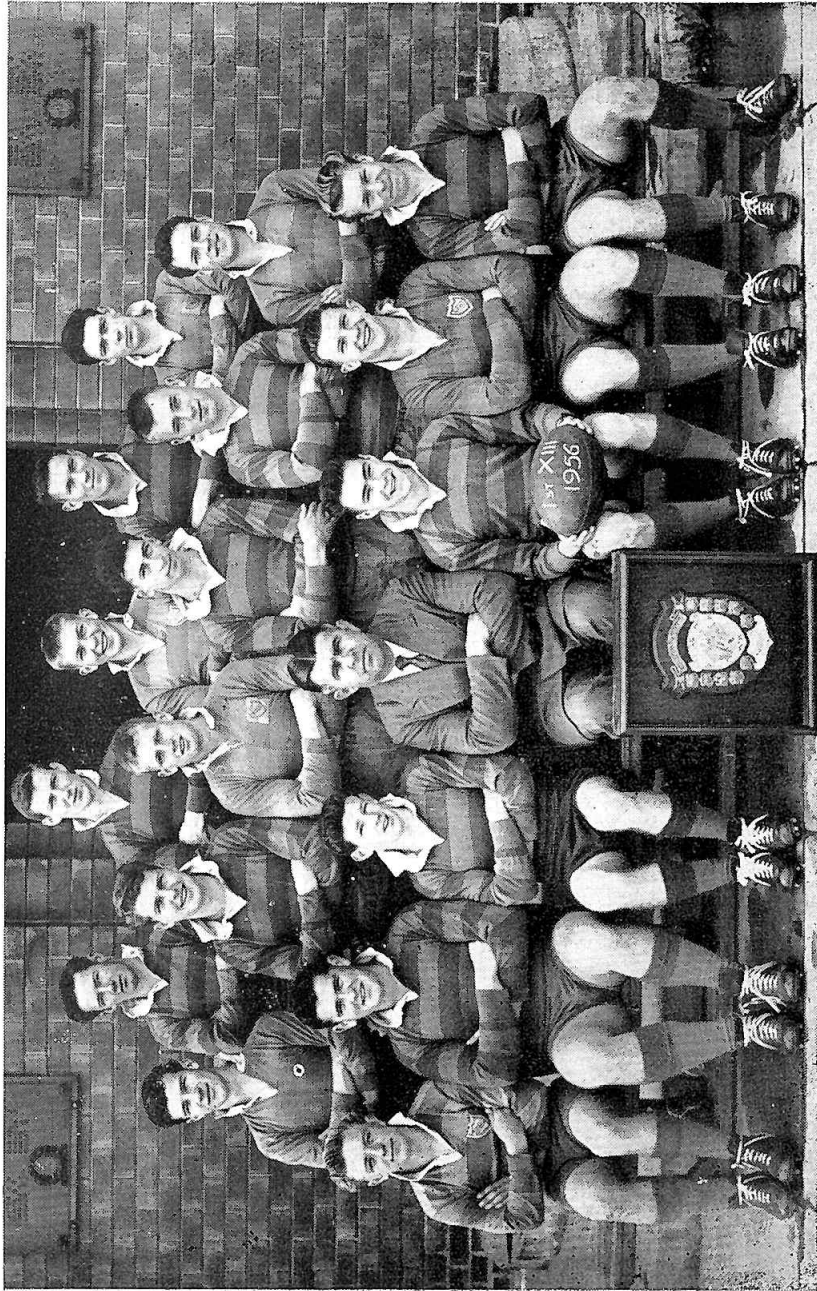
Our greatest success came at the State C.H.S. Carnival in Sydney, where our Senior Team had the joy and honour of winning the coveted Senior Cup. The team consisted of A. Abraham, B. Abrahams, J. Anderson, I. Carling, T. Duffell, G. Fielding, P. Hardie, J. Harper, R. Hynes, A. Johnson, J. Lees, R. Orton, J. Perry and F. Topham. Newcastle has won this Cup on three other occasions, 1913, 1923 and 1952. We also came second in the Aggregate, and won the Kerr Cup for the fifteenth year in succession.

The 1956 Championship Pennants were won by R. Orton (Senior), I. Andersen (Under 16), D. Curran (Under 15), D. Sharp (Under 14) and P. Langley (Under 13). Hunter House won the Arthur Shield, and R. Turner won the Gosper Cup for 1956.

There were more than 50 boys in our representative teams, and they all performed so creditably that it is hardly fair to single out individuals for special mention. Perhaps, however, the most outstanding athletes were R. Orton, T. Duffell, B. Abrahams, J. Harper, J. Eltis, I. Anderson, I. Johnson, D. Curran, R. Armstrong, B. Furner, R. Turner, P. Langley and R. Devon, and all of Mr. Shield's shot-putters, but particularly R. Hynes, D. Magin, I. Andersen and W. Newman.



ATHLETICS TEAM, 1956. WINNERS OF LINTOTT CUP, SENIOR CUP (N.C.H.S.) AND KERR CUP, SENIOR CUP, 2nd IN AGGREGATE (C.H.S., SYDNEY).
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FIRST GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE, WINNERS OF UNIVERSITY SHIELD, RUNNERS-UP IN EVANS SHIELD, 1956.
BACK: A. Hodgins, P. Hardie, T. Duffell, P. Jonas, B. Middleby.
MIDDLE: R. Lonsdale, D. MacIntyre, G. Fielding, B. Abrahams, W. Wallace, R. Orton.
FRONT: K. Duncan, R. Hynes, A. Andrews (Capt.), Mr. L. Hunter (Coach), R. Hubbuck, I. Carling, C. Robinson.
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Prospects for 1957 are fairly good, but we urgently need some good sprinters.

We must thank all the teachers and parents who assisted during the season, and, as usual, we are most grateful to Mr. T. Osborne and his staff, who worked miracles to prepare the tracks for us at Waratah Oval.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST GRADE: In all kinds of weather and on every type of ground, the 1st XIII won nine of the twelve competition matches played, won the University Shield and became runners-up in the Evans Shield.

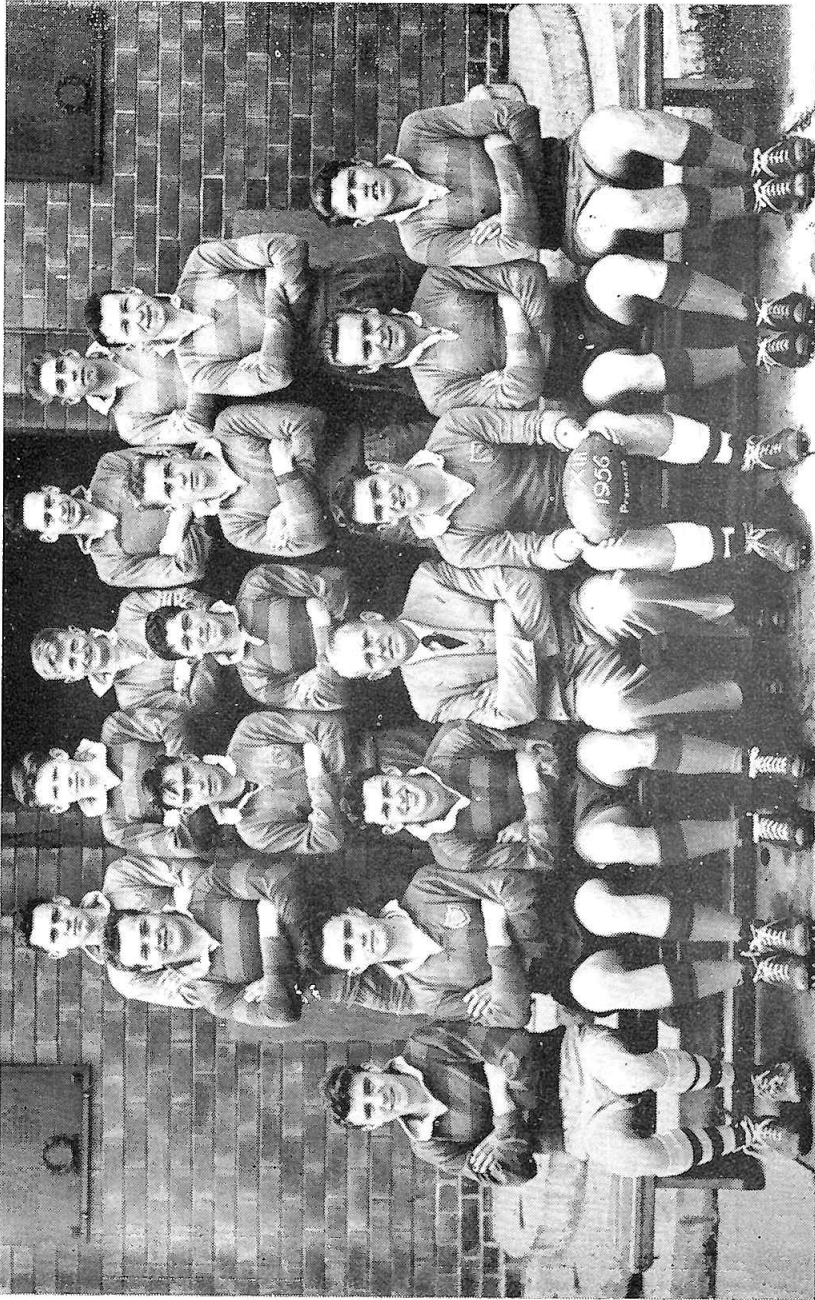
Throughout the season, the team was noted for its hard running and tackling, its splendid backline movements and devastating forward rushes. It specialised in fast, open football, often spectacular though sometimes a disadvantage on windy or rain-soaked fields. However, the team could always be relied upon to play clean, constructive football, and individualism was never apparent. This is evident from the fact that every member of the team (including the writer) scored at least one try.

Hynes and McIntyre were the two props, Hardie and Fielding the second rowers, and Middleby the lock. During the season, there were three different hookers, Lonsdale, Duncan and Hodgins. Jonas played his first season of football as five-eighth. Wallace played as outside-centre, and the two wingers were Abrahams and Carling. Orton was full-back for most of the season. Owing to injuries, the team was assisted at times by Barr, Duffell, French, Henderson and Pugh. Special mention must be made of the two captains and the top scorer. Andrews, the half-back and captain, played several brilliant games before being disabled for almost the rest of the season by an injury. His position both as half-back and captain was ably filled by Hubbuck, who played in his new position with all the vigour he had shown as five-eighth. Robinson, the team's goal-kicker and inside-centre, was the top-scorer, gaining 93 points in a short season which included several low-score games.

We congratulate the Premiership winners, the Maitland team, which defeated us twice (6-3, 2-0). We were also defeated once by Marist Brothers (12-11). However, these defeats were compensated for to some degree when we beat Katoomba and Tamworth in the semi-final and final of the University Shield (21-5 and 33-0).

But all the speed and ability of our players would have had little effect without the guidance of our coach, Mr. L. Hunter. His strenuous practices (twice a week), his penetrating criticism and constructive advice welded the team into a solid combination. Indicative of his ability is the fact that we did not make a mistake twice. The team thanks Mr. Hunter for his coaching and wishes him the best of luck for next season.

PETER HARDIE



THIRD GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE, PREMIERS 1956.

BACK: R. Cooksey, D. Miles, J. Turner, A. Pugh, R. James,
 MIDDLE: R. Richards, A. Keggen, I. Williams, D. Engel,
 FRONT: M. Lewis, H. Swinford, D. Cunningham (V. Capt.), P. Edwards,
 Mr. T. Percy (Coach), G. Brown (Capt.), E. Scott, T. Brice,
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SECOND GRADE: This year the second grade did not have a very successful season owing to the constant reshuffling in the first grade as a result of frequent injuries. I would like to thank those boys who helped us out during the year—such as the boys who readily came up from the third grade when called upon. Congratulations to Phil Jonas on his promotion to the first grade, in which he carried on his good work. I would also like to thank Mr. Judge for the interest he took in us. The team finished third in a very even and well contested competition, which it had bright hopes of winning until injuries marred its chances.

R. LONSDALE (Captain)

THIRD GRADE: This year's season for third grade was very successful. We were premiers, suffering only one defeat, by Hamilton Marist Brothers two nil. The only team to cross our line was Tech. High.

Our backline was quite good, Scott and Pugh being both sturdy wingers and Scott being a prolific scorer. Keggen as centre was good in defence and attack and our principal goal kicker, while Cunningham as five eighth and Turner and Williams as halves were constant and reliable. Our full back, Engel, showed his ability by the small number of tries scored against us.

Our forwards were tireless and always in the fray, and, although we were troubled early in the season by the loss of players to Second Grade, we were always able to field a good pack. Brice, as lock, was a really solid forward, while Cooksey, Swinford and

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FOURTH GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE, PREMIERS, 1956.

BACK: E. Deemer, H. Davidson, E. Burns, Mr. J. Davis (Coach), R. Cameron, G. Roach, K. Miller.
FRONT: B. Howarth, H. Orton, T. Wilson, C. Cunningham (Capt.), A. Johnson, B. Lee, B. Walz.
ABSENT: B. Casey.

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Miles were rugged second rowers. Our props, Edwards and Richards, were always in the play. Richards, coming half way through the season, greatly strengthened the pack. Lewis as hooker won a very satisfactory share of the ball.

The team sincerely thanks the coach, Mr. Percy, for devoting so much of his time to its training.

G. BROWN (Captain)

Mention must be made of the sterling service rendered by the captain, Graham Brown. He led the team particularly well and was an inspiration in the tough going. He was an ideal captain.

T. PERCY

FOURTH GRADE: This year's 8 stone 7's kept up the reputation of the previous years by being premiers of this grade. This was due to good teamwork and very able coaching by Mr. Davis. We were unlucky to lose to Tech. as we lost Cameron early in the match, and our hard-running winger, Alan Johnson, was not playing. However, we won the premiership by four points and ceded only one match during the whole competition. Outstanding players were Casey, Cameron and Miller in the forwards and Johnson in the backs. Burns and G. Roach should also be mentioned for their tacking and defence. Roach as fullback let the opposition score only two tries in the season.

C. CUNNINGHAM (Captain)

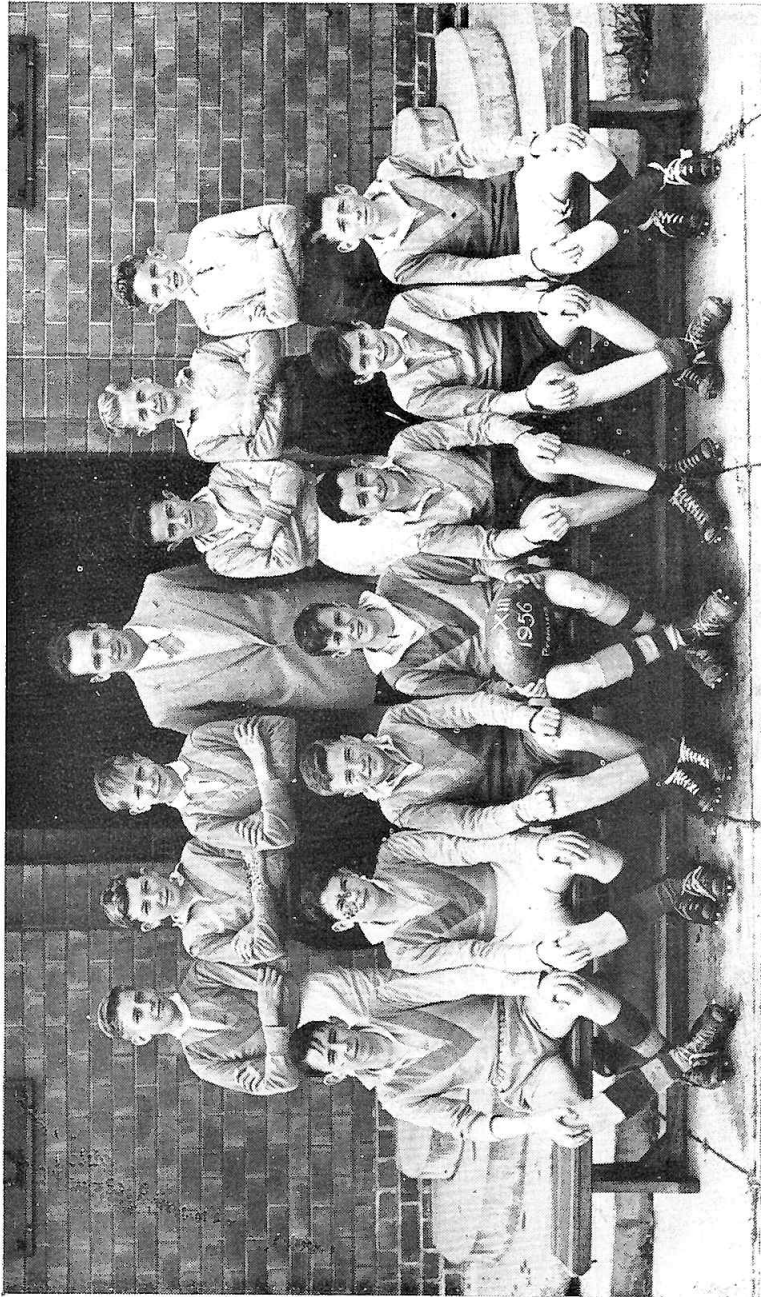
FIFTH GRADE: This team played well to finish second in the competition to Hamilton Marist, after being equal with them at the conclusion of the first round. The forwards combined well and played good football throughout the season. Foremost of the players were G. Symes, K. Jones, and M. Hawkins, our state hooker, who won a large percentage of scrums and kept us constantly in possession of the ball. The backs were strengthened by the addition of R. Butterworth and R. Brien after the first weigh-in. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Kerr for the valuable time he devoted to us and for the patience he showed in training us.

R. C. PARROTT (Captain)

The team was ably captained by Ron Parrott whose play as five eighth was usually brilliant. (G.K.)

SIXTH GRADE: The sixth grade had a very unlucky year and was third in the competition. The team played well and improved immensely owing to the hard coaching of Mr. McFarlane. We congratulate Maitland Marist Brothers on their fine win and also Hamilton Marist Brothers on coming second. The last game, which we lost 8-0, was our hardest match. Had we won it, we should have won the competition, for we were one point behind. The best players during the season were R. McGuire (lock), G. Ralph (centre), B Farrel (half), and D. Kibble (five-eighth).

D. KIBBLE, 3D (Captain)



SEVENTH GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE, CO-PREMIERS, 1953.

BACK: J. Hopwood, K. Golding, T. West, Mr. R. Haines (Coach), A. Cameron, J. Hayman, C. Stubbs.
 FRONT: J. Morgan, L. Campbell, H. Morante, O. Kilpatrick (Capt.), E. Harvey, J. Ellis, A. Deans.

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SEVENTH GRADE: This season the under 6-7 football team had a very successful season, finishing the competition equal first with Maitland Marist Brothers. Credit for this success must go to our coach, Mr. Haines, whose keen guidance was of great benefit.

Our hardest match was the last of the season against Maitland Marist. As we were two points ahead in the point score, we had to win or draw the game to win the competition outright. We lost the game, but the score 8-3 was no indication of the closeness of the contest. This was the second occasion on which Maitland Marist had beaten us.

During the season we scored 84 points and had 30 points scored against us.

As a team we played consistent football. A few players are worthy of mention for their determined efforts throughout the season: E. Harvey and A. Cameron in the backs, and H. Morante, G. Alexandroff and J. Morgan in the forwards. However, each member of the team more than played his part.

O. KILPATRICK, 3E (Captain)

EIGHTH GRADE: This team had a very successful season, finishing the competition undefeated premiers and three points ahead of its nearest rival. As the season progressed all players improved greatly both in attack and defence. Most of the opposing teams were very good, especially Marist Brothers, whom we defeated in both rounds. Our pack won a major share of the ball, thanks to the hooking of B. Burraston, who was ably supported by the other forwards.

The hardest game of the season was the one against Marist Brothers, whom we defeated three-nil mainly owing to the excellent play and defence of our forwards. Play was near our line for most of the second half, with the opposing team reaching within a foot of our line, but not succeeding in scoring.

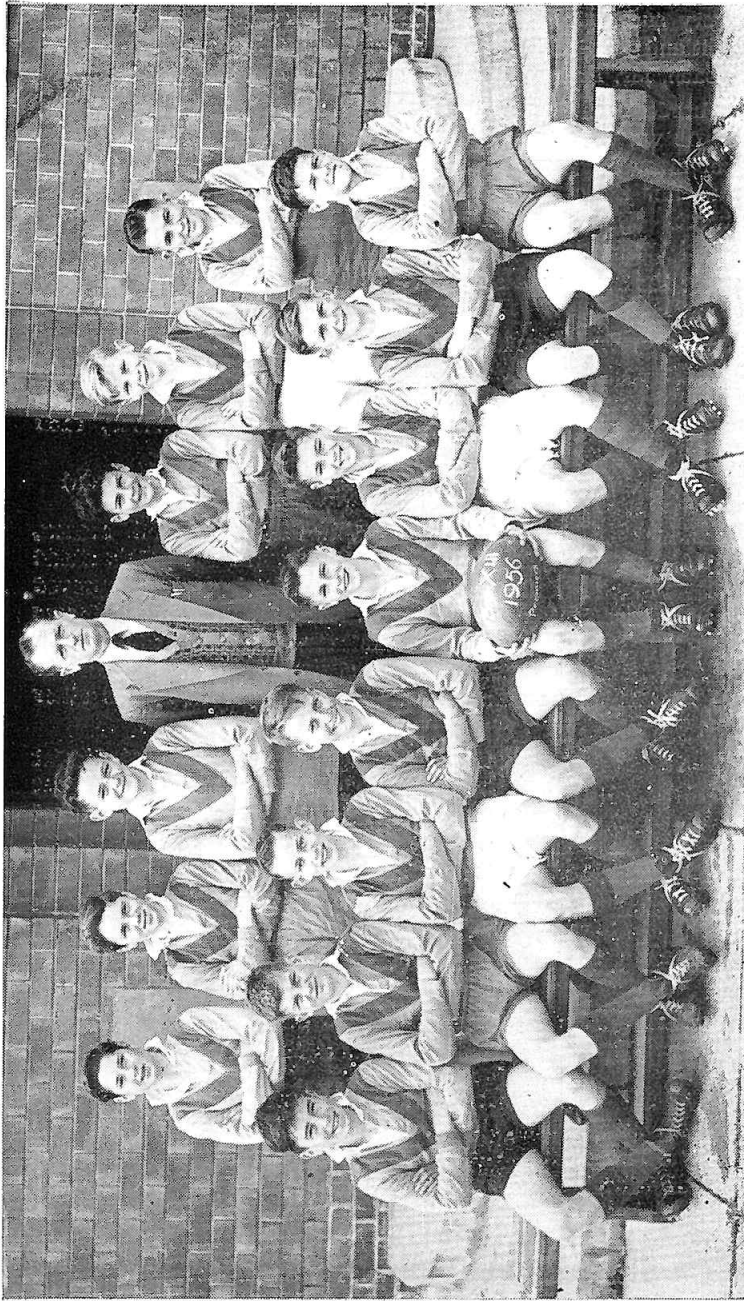
The outstanding players were forwards B. Burraston, L. Allen and I. Elbourne, who were well supported by the other forwards, and backs P. Hawthorne, who scored forty one points, and L. Swarzes.

The team thanks Mr. Rigby for his coaching and his interest.

R. THRELFO, 2E (Captain)

NINTH GRADE: Although the team gained only two wins and fourth place in the competition, it was beaten only narrowly on practically all occasions. Our hardest game was that against Maitland Marist when they defeated us 17-6, leading 11-0 at half-time. We came back with two tries early in the second half, but were unable to withstand their speedy backline movements.

The best backs of the season were Watson (five-eighth) and Winter (centre). The best forwards were Greenland, Walz, Davies,



EIGHTH GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE, UNDEFEATED PREMIERS, 1956.
 BACK: J. Elbourne, C. Worner, A. Barwick, Mr. S. Rigby (Coach), S. Allen, R. Pidgeon, L. Swarzes,
 FRONT: M. McCarron, T. Bale, R. McCarter, B. Burraston, R. Threlfo (Capt.), P. Hawthorne (Vice-Capt.), B. Burns,
 N. Van Epen.

and Henwood who was very consistent with his hard runs and solid tackling.

The team thanks Mr. Barbour for his interest.

TONY CAIRNS (Captain)

Tony Cairns, with that modesty that he always displays, has failed to mention his able leadership of the team and the large part he played in the many fine movements from the base of the scrum. He was an inspiration to the whole team, both on the field and in practice. (G. BARBOUR).

SOCCER

FIRST GRADE: The local P.S.A.A.A. competition was won by the school by a margin of only two points, though this does not indicate the ease with which most of the games were won. We were hoping to remain undefeated, but in the last game of the competition we were defeated by Central 1-0. Most of the teams except Junior High were beaten fairly comfortably. At first it was thought that the team would be weaker than teams of previous years, but, as the season progressed, a good combination developed.

The forwards Moore, Dyason, Spiers, Easton and Hilton combined well. Moore was especially prominent and scored many goals. The backs often did not have a chance to show their skill in defence, but Anderson, Simpson, Kyle and Perry kept out most

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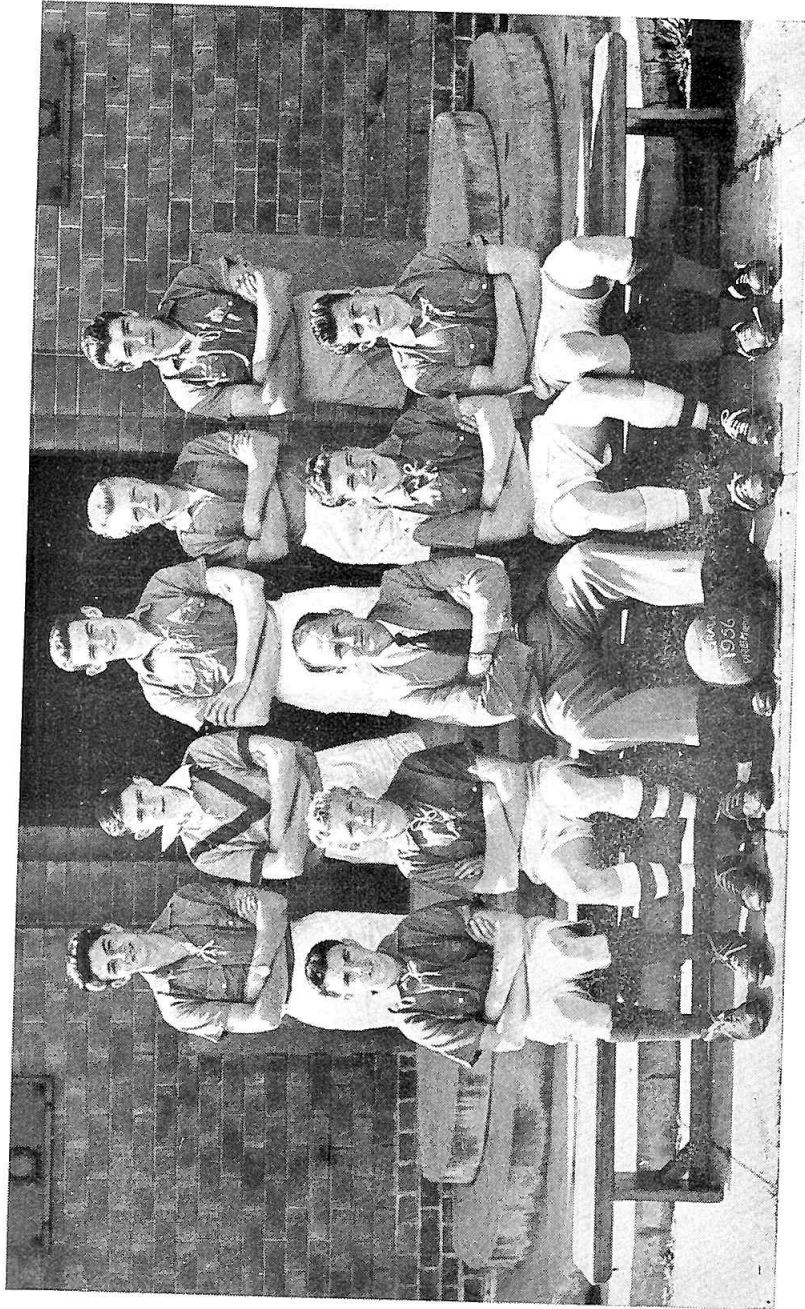
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A- GRADE SOCCER TEAM, PREMIERS 1956.
 BACK: D. Dyason, R. Kyle, I. Anderson, M. Hilton, J. Perry.
 FRONT: R. Speters, M. Easton, Mr. R. Grierson (Coach), I. Watts (Captain), P. Winsor.
 ABSENT: J. Moore, J. Simpson.
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attacks, and Watts kept the ball up to his forwards. Winsor, a good utility player, performed well, both in goals and on the field. During the season, the team scored 48 goals in 8 matches, while only 3 were scored against it.

The team, reinforced by Somers and Penn, was narrowly defeated 1-0 in the annual match with Teachers' College. The most pleasing effort was the defeat of a combined Sydney High Schools team at Sydney University Oval by 3 goals to 2. Somers, Penn and Henderson were added to the team, and, although the conditions of play were deplorable, a very creditable win was recorded. Every member of the team played extremely well. Penn was outstanding in goals.

Dyason, Moore, Simpson, Winsor and Watts (Captain) represented Newcastle P.S.A.A.A. schools at a Sydney Soccer Carnival last June and deserve congratulations.

The team has built up an impressive record over the years for the school, having played for four years, and each year being premiers in the various grades. The team thanks Mr. Grierson for arranging various trips and games and also for his general help and coaching.

IAN WATTS, 4B (Captain)

UNDER FIFTEEN: The under 15 soccer team was beaten by Cessnock and Newcastle Technical High in the Premiership this season. Most of the games were very close and very hard. T. Huntley was very consistent in goals, and fullbacks Gault and Carling played in their positions very well. Lowe, McLeod and Leeman were the main goal scorers, but they would not have been able to score if the rest of the forwards had not backed them up so well. Gault was picked to represent the Northern Districts in Sydney against a combined Sydney High Schools team. The team thanks Mr. Quill for looking after its interests during the season.

J. McLEOD (Captain)

B1: Although our team did not have very much success in the competition, chiefly owing to lack of practice and injuries, we did enjoy the season's football. Many hard games were played against the leaders, who had to produce their best form to beat us, so that we felt pleased that we commanded their respect. Team work wasn't as good as team spirit, but nevertheless we felt that the "game is the thing" and so enjoyed each game to the full. The best players were Bates, Dyason and Ozolins. (J.W.)

C1: This soccer team (under 13) played good football throughout the season and scored 15 goals and conceded 3. W. Newman kept goals splendidly. His goal-keeping helped us win many of our matches. B. See played very well as full-back. J. Larbelestier was the main goal contender and also played well. J. Gray, J. Larbel-



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estier and W. Wagstaff were selected for the Newcastle team as a result of their performance in the representative trials.

W. WAGSTAFF (Captain)

C2: Our team, which has not had much success, showed great improvement near the end of the competition. Our victories were against Tighe's Hill (8-0) and Cook's Hill (9-0). Belmont defeated us 8-0 in the first round, but the score was only one to nil in Belmont's favour in the second round. Our thanks go to Mr. Hill, who has taken much interest in the team. Our best players were R. Holzgrief, K. McNab, K. Foster, J. Maillard, R. Choice and K. Williams.

K. MUIR, 1E (Captain)

CRICKET

FIRST ELEVEN: This year the 1st XI has not met with the success of previous years' teams. It was mostly due to lack of combination. As there is only one match to play, we have no chance of winning the premiership.

The season commenced with a very narrow victory over Maitland High by 2 runs. In a game limited to one day because of rain we scored 73 for 8 wickets, with Goffett 28 and Harvey 26 n.o. the top-scorers. In a race against time Maitland could score only 71 for 9 wickets and might have scored fewer runs but for an unfortunate injury to Yarrington, who had taken the first three wickets in good style. This injury prevented him from bowling at his best in the other games. Gordon Goffett also bowled extremely accurately to secure 3 wickets for 4 runs, two of his wickets coming in the crucial last over.

Of our next game against Technical there is little to say as we were comfortably defeated on the first innings. The main factors were some fine bowling by Stone and plenty of bad batting by us.

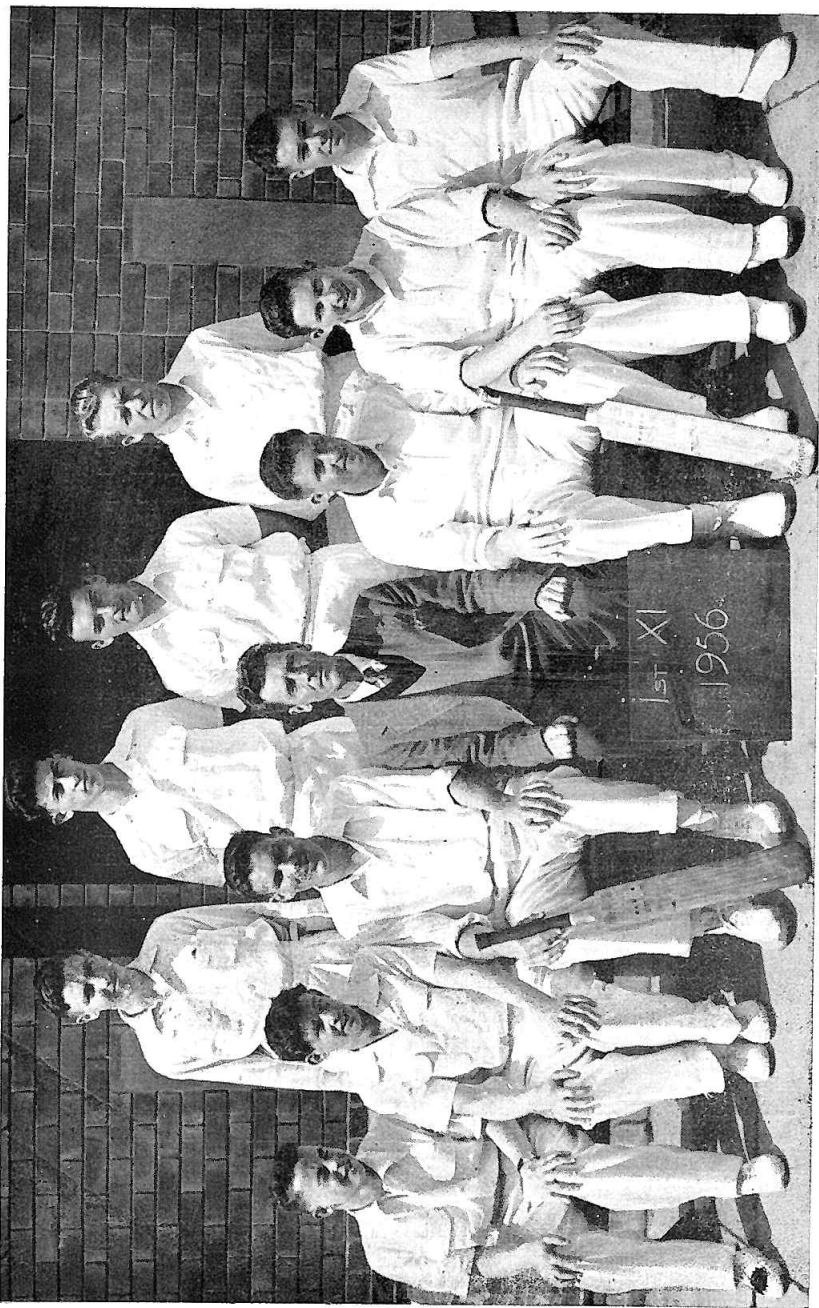
The Gosford game was abandoned after several downpours in which we were lucky to escape death from drowning.

We also had the worst end of the rain in the next match against Hamilton Marist in which we suffered an outright defeat. The Marist team played the better cricket and deserved its win. Gordon Goffett bowled well and was supported by Phil Jonas. Both took 4 wickets.

John Harvey and Gordon Goffett were selected in the Combined High Schools representative team. Gordon performed particularly well. We congratulate him on winning the Gill Cricket Trophy awarded to the most improved player.

The team would like to thank Mr. Burrows, who always had a cheerful word in time of defeat, for his helpful advice to all players.

P. JONAS (Captain)



FIRST GRADE CRICKET, 1956.

BACK: C. Rogers, B. Abrahams, C. Yarrington, C. Robinson,
 FRONT: J. Allen, A. Andrews, P. Jonas (Captain), Mr. J. J. Burrows, G. Goffett (Vice-Capt.), J. Harvey, S. Larkin.
 ABSENT: D. Baird, L. French.
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SECOND ELEVEN: This year we are leaders in the competition. We are in the happy position of having lost only one game and have won the other two games outright.

In the first match we played Maitland at Waratah Oval. We batted first and were all out for 138. The best performances were Roach 20, Lee 28 and Johnson 34. On the following Wednesday Maitland batted very well to score 145 runs for 4 wickets, winning the match convincingly.

We played Tech. High at Wickham. Tech batted first and were all out for 47. Middleby 6-21 was the best bowler. We batted on the same day and were all out for 29. The following Wednesday Tech, batted and scored 61. To win we had to score 80 runs in 75 minutes. We batted and with very little time to spare made 84 for 4 wickets to win the match outright. The best performances were Watts 29 and Turner 36 not out.

In the final match before the end of the first part of the season we played Hamilton Marist Brothers. We batted first and scored 91 (Cooksey 21, Watts 18, and Bishop 17). Marist Brothers batted and scored 65 (Middleby 4-13, Larkin 5-24). In our second innings we scored 37 for 4 wickets declared. Marist Brothers needed 64 runs in 50 minutes. In a most exciting finish they were dismissed in the last over of the match, their last two wickets making no addition to their score of 61. Middleby and Larkin bowled throughout the innings to take 6-28 and 2-24 respectively.

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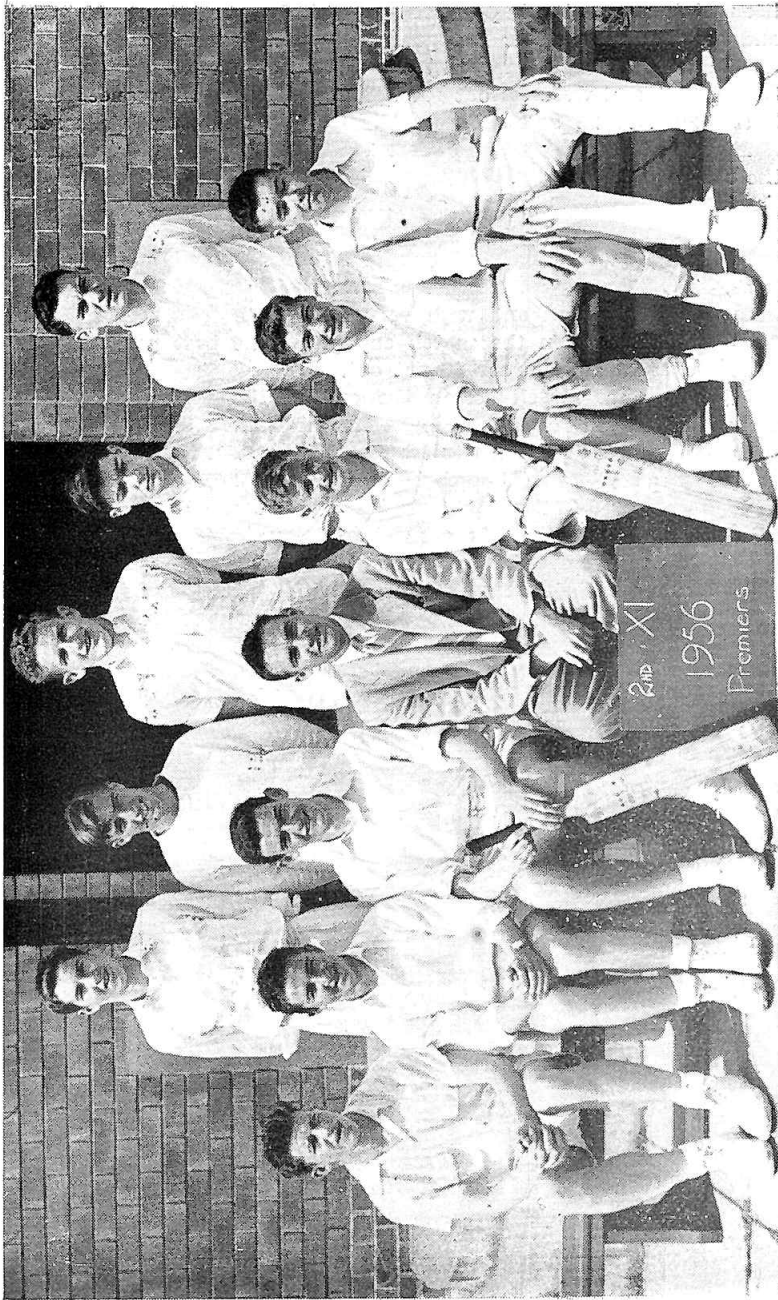
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SECOND GRADE CRICKET, PREMIERS 1956.

BACK: G. Roach, A. Johnson, I. Johnson, B. Middleby, R. Cooksey, I. Watts, S. Larkin.
 FRONT: P. Winsor, B. Lee, I. Anderson, Mr. R. Quill (Coach), J. Turner, (Captain), I. Watts, S. Larkin.
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Our thanks are due to Mr. Quill for his coaching and for his umpiring. We hope with his help to achieve success in this competition.

J. TURNER (Captain)

A GRADE: At the end of the season, the A Grade cricket team was leading in its competition, having won two matches and drawn the other. The teams it defeated were Technical High and Central, and in its other match it drew with Junior High. In the match with Tech. High the team's most successful bowler, Mick Hilton, took seven wickets for three runs. He dismissed the last Tech. High batsman in the last over of the match. He was ably supported in the bowling by Hodgins and, to a smaller extent, Dyason. The best batting performances were registered by Garrard and Hodgins. The team is greatly indebted to Mr. Simpson for his coaching and help during both the matches and practice and is looking forward to another successful season.

P. LEMAN (Captain)

THIRD GRADE (Travelling): This team has had a most successful season, winning two matches outright and one on the first innings.

Against Maitland we declared at 6 for 121, Wingrove scoring 52, Huntley 34 and Clifford 14. Maitland scored only 35 and 13, Huntley taking 4 for 10 and 6 for 3, and Kilpatrick 5 for 7 and

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A. GRADE CRICKET TEAM, PREMIERS 1955.

BACK: C. Rogers, D. Garrard, F. Bishop.
 MIDDLE: G. Roach, R. Morton, Mr. J. Simpson, G. Reynolds, R. Cooksey.
 FRONT: J. Johnson, J. Simpson, I. Watts, R. Horne, J. Turner (Captain).

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4 for 4. In our first innings against Maitland Marist we declared at 5 for 86. Huntley scored 25, Wingrove 16 and Ross 19 n.o. We dismissed Marist for 29, and they were 8 for 15 at stumps in their second innings. Kilpatrick took 5 for 8 and 5 for 10. Against Tech. we declared at 4 for 71 (Wingrove 38 n.o. and Collins 12). Tech. scored 27 and 23. Collins took 7 for 14 and 5 for 3, and Kilpatrick 4 for 12.

Six of our players (Clifford, Ross, Collins, Wingrove, Huntley and Kilpatrick) were selected in the Newcastle team to play Queensland and Western Australia.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Hunter for the interest he showed in us, and for his constructive criticism, which has helped us in our appreciation of the game.

J. WINGROVE (Captain)

UNDER FOURTEEN (Local): This year the under fourteen local cricket team has played only four matches. This was due to heavy rain. We won a victory over Technical High at District Park. Long grass accounted for both sides' totals being very low, the scores being our 37 runs to their 7. All through the matches Walker and Alley were our main bowlers. Walker's best figures were 7 wickets for 5 runs, and Alley's figures were 5 wickets for 4 runs. Turner topped the batting with fifteen, Walker coming

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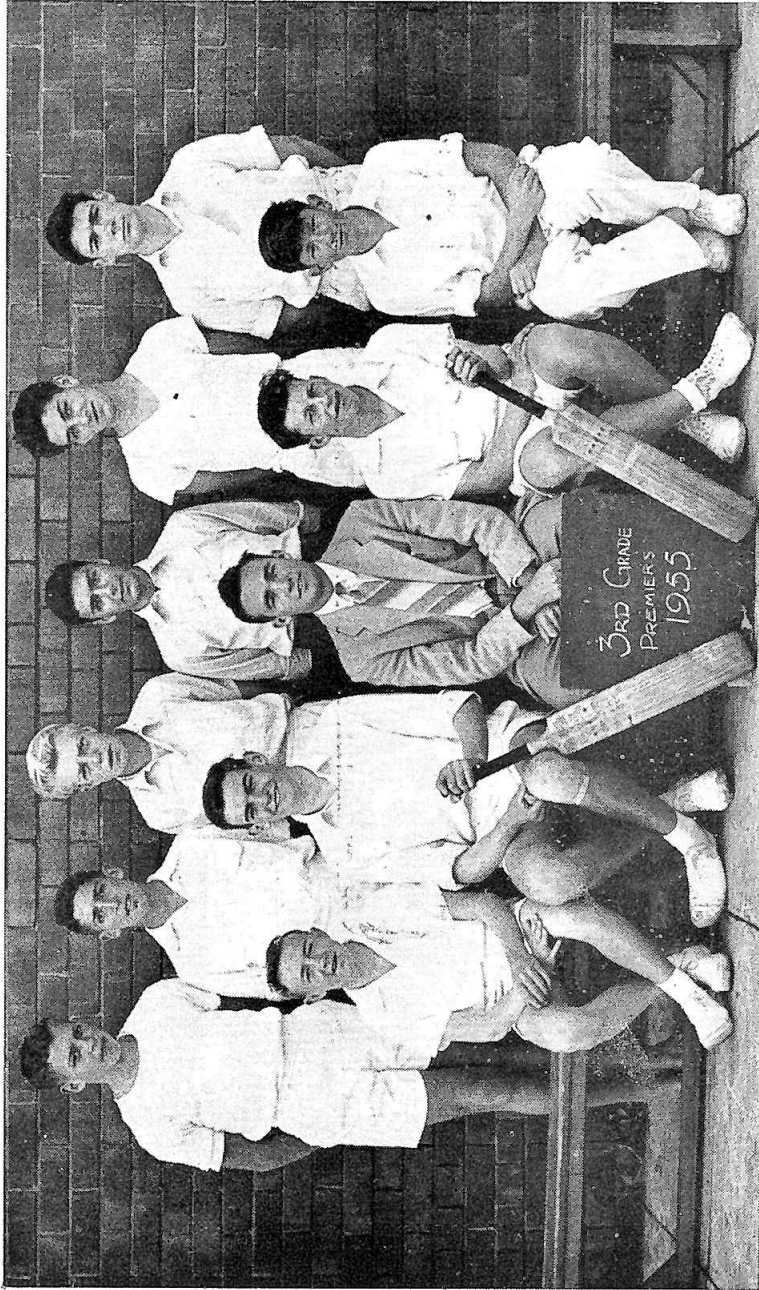
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THIRD GRADE CRICKET, PREMIERS 1955.
BACK: W. Harper, C. Hughes, M. Hilton, P. Tonkin, D. Lyason, D. Middleby.
FRONT: P. Thompson, I. Anderson, M. E. R. Quill (Coach), P. Whisor (Captain), W. Storer.
ABSENT: N. Jones.
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next with eleven. On the whole our bowling was much better than our batting. The team expresses its thanks to Mr. Wellham for his coaching and interest in the team.

O. KIRKBY, 2B.

UNDER 13 (Travelling): The team so far has not won a match, but the season has not ended yet, and we hope to win many matches. Our best performance was against Tech. High. We scored 79 (McRae 14, Morgan 11, Hawthorne 14) to Tech's 120 (Bevan 3-34, McRae 2-24, Morgan 2-17). The team consists of many promising players including Deveon, Kelso (who represented the state), O'Sullivan, Morgan, Hawthorne, Jackson, Larbaestier and McRae. We thank Mr. Adamthwaite for his helpful hints and general handling of the team.

B. BEVAN (Captain)

UNDER 13 (Local): At the time of writing this report we are undefeated this season, although one match was drawn owing to an unfinished first innings and wet weather on the second day. The other two games were won on the first innings.

Our captain, J. Gray, has led the team in a capable manner, and has starred with the bowling. In this department he has been well supported by K. Foster and K. Lye.

Perhaps the outstanding performances have been provided by the improved batting of B. Burraston, assisted by J. Hobson and M. Brennan.

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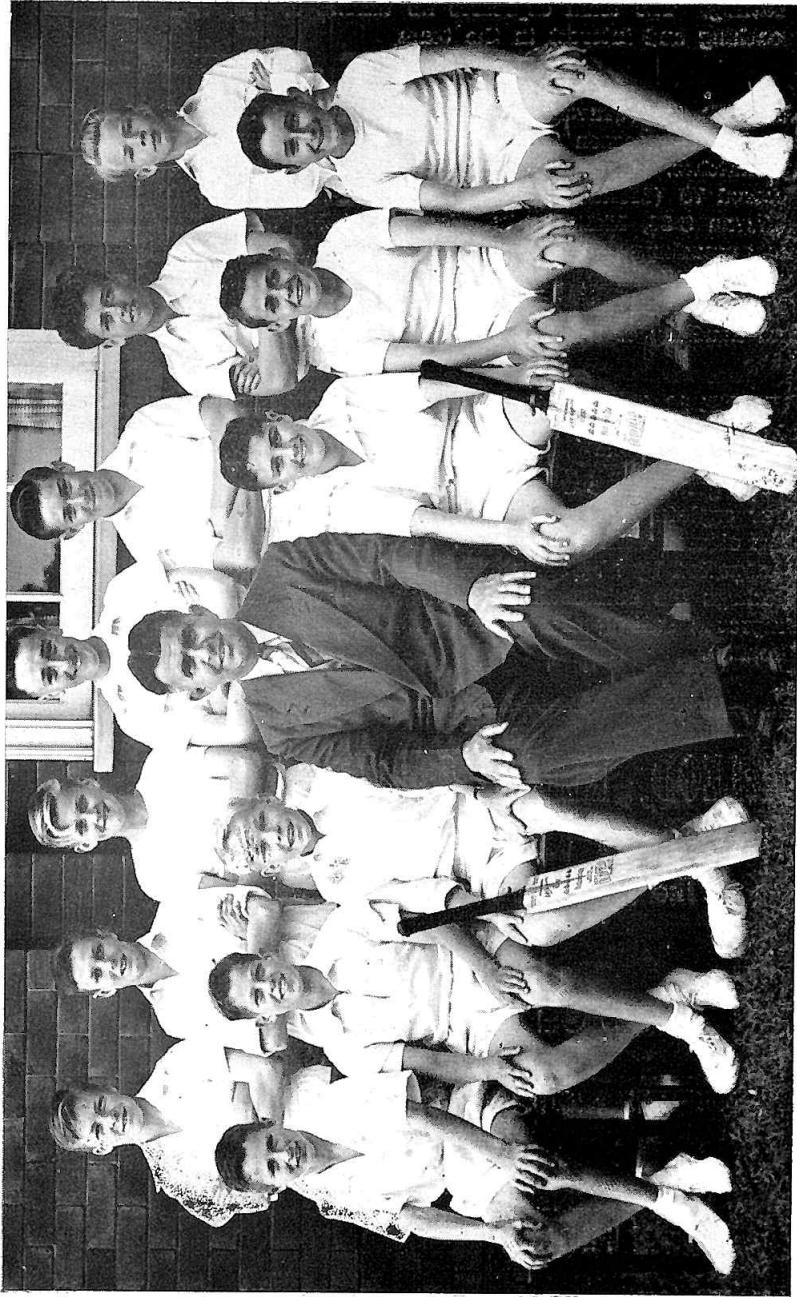
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UNDER 13 CRICKET TEAM, PREMIERS-1955.
 BACK: T. Smythe, O. Kilpatrick, R. Threlfo, N. Watkins. Photo by McRae Studios.
 FRONT: K. Hole (Vice-Capt.), Mr. L. Hunter, J. Wingrove (Captain), G. Dyason, E. Harvey.
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The wicket-keeping of M. Arratoon has always been first-class, and he has aided the bowlers in their efforts to maintain excellent averages.

We thank Mr. Judge for his coaching and keen interest in our team. With his guidance and inspiration, we hope to achieve success in this competition.

P. COOK, 2A.

RUGBY UNION

This year a Rugby Union team was formed for the first time. Although most boys were new to the game, we finished second in the competition to the strong and experienced Morpeth team.

Earlier in the season the team was disorganised through injuries and lack of experience. However, all players were very keen and tried hard to overcome these setbacks, and towards the finish of the competition we developed a reasonable combination.

Eight members of the team were selected in the Newcastle side to play North Sydney in two games. They were Lees, Parke, Gearing and Clark in the forwards and Murdoch, Burgess, Fitzgibbons and Hall in the backs.

We should retain most of our present players and look forward to a successful season next year.

The team wishes to thank Mr. Gilshenan for his helpful coaching and able refereeing.

D. FITZGIBBONS (Captain)

AUSTRALIAN RULES

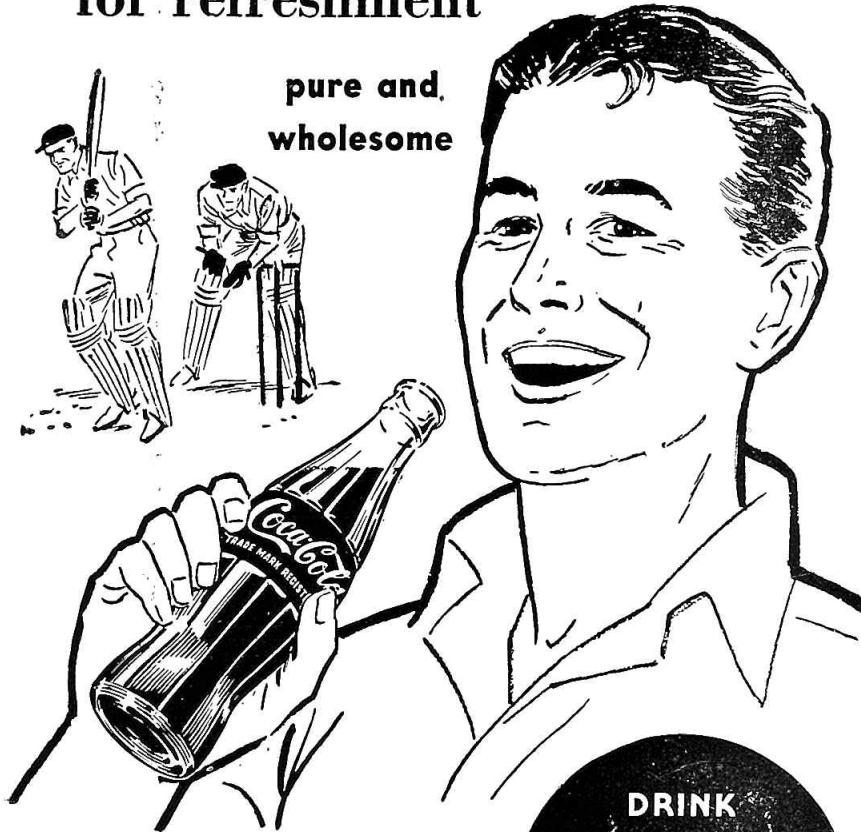
The Australian Rules team this season finished second in the P.S.A.A.A. competition. Although our early form was rather poor, we showed considerable improvement in the concluding games and might have won if there had been another round. We must give credit to Belmont for winning.

Keith North was probably the most consistent player. He was ably supported by John Williams and K. Clifford. The team contained many new members, all of whom performed quite well. Outstanding among these were D. Fisher, M. Frater, R. Scarlet and K. Yarrington.

The Newcastle Representative Team, which visited Sydney early in June, included five boys from our school: K. Clifford (Capt.), I. Martin (V. Capt.), T. Collins, I. McPhee and K. Bindle. All performed creditably in the matches against Sydney and are to be congratulated on their selection.

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Our goal-kicking throughout the season was very good. T. Collins was the leading goal-scorer followed by M. Frater and I. Martin.

On behalf of the team I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Judd for his helpful coaching and advice, and also the N.A.N.F.L. for all the assistance they readily gave us.

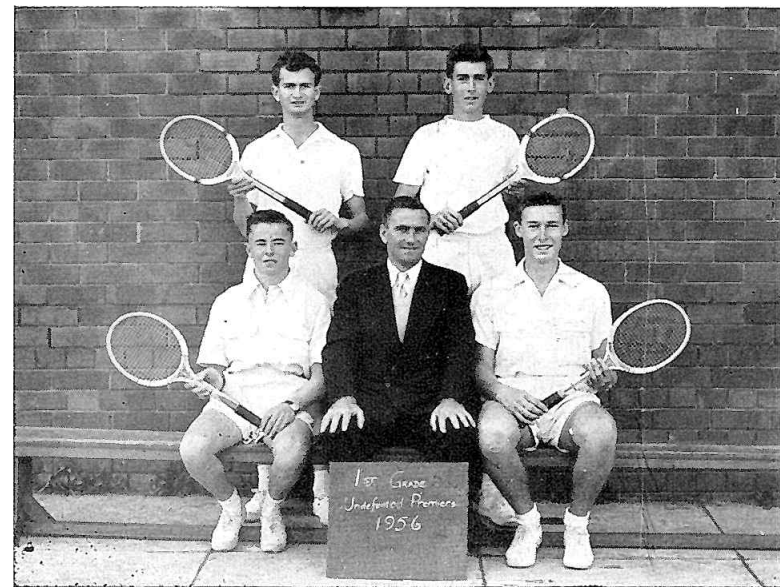
A. WOODS (Captain)

TENNIS

This year, our tennis teams had one of their best years ever. Because of this, tennis has stamped itself in this school as by far the strongest of our school sports.

Grades one, two, and three won their respective competitions undefeated, whilst the fourth grade team came a close second to Maitland. Although our A and B grade teams were well below full strength, both teams finished high up in the P.S.A.A.A. competition.

First grade (Fred Bishop, Ford Topham, John Allen and Bill Turner) was in no danger of losing any of its matches. Tech. High was perhaps the strongest opposition. All four first graders were selected to represent Combined Northern High Schools at

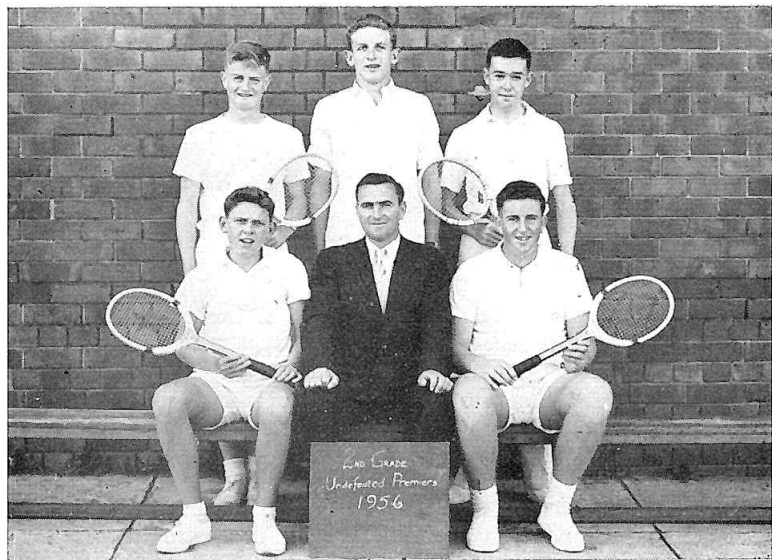


FIRST GRADE TENNIS, UNDEFEATED PREMIERS 1956.

BACK: W. Turner, F. Bishop.

FRONT: J. Allen, Mr. J. Hodge (Coach), F. Topham.

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SECOND GRADE TENNIS, UNDEFEATED PREMIERS 1953.
 BACK: J. Turner, I. Johnson, S. Larkin.
 FRONT: P. Mathews, Mr. J. Hodge (Coach), G. Goffett (Captain).
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THIRD GRADE TENNIS, UNDEFEATED PREMIERS 1953.
 BACK: D. Curran (Captain), L. White, W. McCrea.
 FRONT: E. Andrews, Mr. J. Hodge (Coach), D. Marshall.
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Canterbury against a representative Sydney Combined High Schools' side. Although beaten, our side fared well. Three members of this team (Fred Bishop, John Allen and Bill Turner) were selected to represent the state the next day against a N.S.W.L.T.A. team at the White City grass courts. This feat of obtaining three boys out of six in a State team is evidence of the school's tennis strength.

The second and third grade teams had little or no opposition in their competitions. It is a pity to think that so many up-and-coming juniors are unable to gain places in these teams, whereas, at others schools, they could easily occupy places in teams of even higher grade. In the fourth grade team, Doug. Kelso is definitely a player of the future. Following closely in the footsteps of his brother, Doug, has already many local age titles to his credit.

At the beginning of the season, a doubles tournament was conducted at District Park. The tournament attracted a large number of entries, and everyone taking part enjoyed the tennis thoroughly. The winning pairs in the respective age groups were:

Open Championship—Ford Topham and John Allen; Under 16—John Turner and John Allen; Under 15—Des Curran and Peter Mathews; Under 14—Owen Kirkby and Douglas Kelso.

I would like to thank Mr. Hodge for his coaching and enthusiasm throughout the season and for the wonderfully capable job he did in the place of Mr. Clarke. Other teachers who helped coach teams were Mr. Simpson, Mr. Davies and Mr. Shield.

W. TURNER

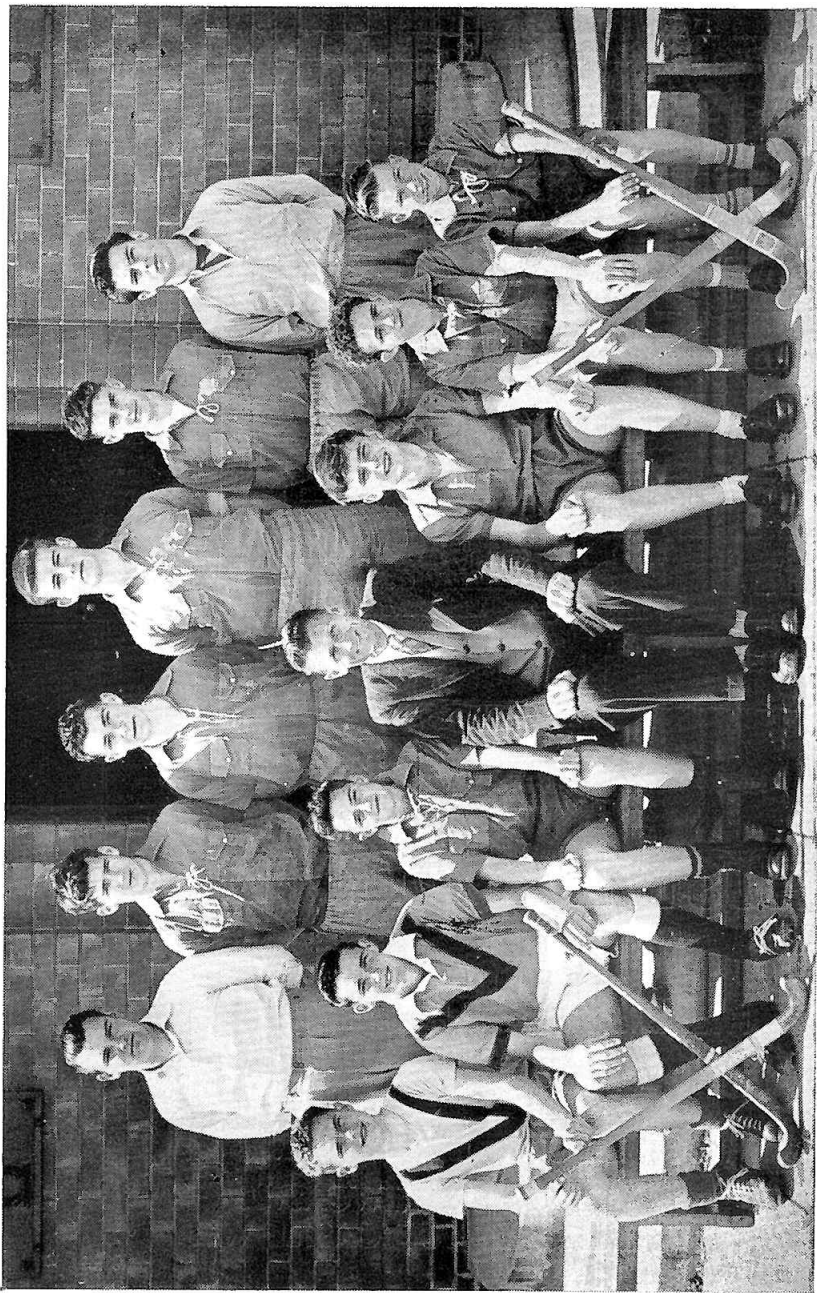
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A2. GRADE HOCKEY, PREMIERS 1953.

BACK: J. Roach, V. Bell, K. Botham, R. Barnes, A. Barry, P. Maroszeky.
FRONT: N. Blundell, K. Jackson (Vice-Capt.), G. Brown, Mr. T. Plummer (Coach), L. Newham (Capt.), G. Burrows,
 J. Gould.
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HOCKEY

This year was a very successful one for Hockey in this school. We have many promising young players in the B and C Grade, and the A grade carried on the good record established by previous teams. G. Reynolds, K. Jackson, P. Lovett, D. McDonald, P. Egan, R. James and A. Johnson played in various Newcastle representative teams. K. Jackson and G. Reynolds were also selected to play in the N.S.W. Junior Hockey Team.

The A1 team was co-premier with Cook's Hill. The A1 competition was very closely contested, and I think that the standard of play was higher than last year's. The A2 team was perhaps the most successful of our teams as it won its division quite convincingly. For the A1 team D. McDonald and K. Jackson were the best forwards. P. Lovett, R. James, D. McKie and G. Reynolds were outstanding in defence. The B Grade team showed the results of Mr. James's keen coaching by coming third. R. O'Sullivan and J. Traise were selected in the Newcastle under 13 team. The C grade team also finished third. This was a very good effort considering that most of the team had not played hockey before.

We thank Messrs. Plummer, James and Osborne for their coaching and general assistance during the season.

G. REYNOLDS (Captain A1)

SWIMMING

This year our school swimming received a major setback owing to the death of Mr. Fred Smith, who was doing great things in helping to coach our swimming team.

The school carnival, which was held in early March, was a great success. Although at times the weather was a little uncertain, Hunter House went to an early lead and managed to stay on top and won the Clive Hocquard Shield once again (monotonous, isn't it!)

The age championships were well contested. The winners were: Senior—P. Edwards; Under 16—T. Brice; Under 15—R. Richards; Under 14—D. Engle; Under 13—N. Van Epre.

Special congratulations go to the junior team which won the Cessnock Rotary Cup at the Combined Northern Districts Carnival at Maitland. At the Combined High Schools Carnival at Sydney the under 16 relay team just missed winning the relay, gaining second place. We came second in the aggregate at Maitland to Maitland.

Special thanks from the team are extended to Messrs. Barbour and McKenzie for their help in coaching the team and to Messrs. Judge, McFarlane and McRae for their interest and help during the season and for accompanying the team on its Sydney and Maitland trips.

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Club Reports

SENIOR DEBATING

In these days of radio, cinema and press, when the frequency with which we are told what to think makes thinking difficult and places a premium upon mental inertia and passive acceptance of opinion and idea, it may be said that debating is more valuable than ever it was, and a debating club more necessary. The aim of debating is to cultivate the rare art of straight thinking and to acquire a flexible adaptability in applying one's own ideas and appreciating other people's.

Our Senior Debating Club, in this the Jubilee Year of our school, has seen a period of progress and achievement. For the first time for a number of years, the school entered a team in the Hume Barbour Debating Competition. Our team did extremely well, being narrowly defeated by the winners of the competition, Randwick, in the semi-finals. A member of the Senior Debating Club, Malcolm Gledhill, gained second place in the senior section of the Royal Empire Society's Public Speaking Competition. Ross Le Marchant, also of the Senior Debating Club, came second in the junior section. The membership of our club, consisting mainly of fourth year students, is at present twenty. We have had a remarkably good year and may look forward to more entertaining and educational debates in 1957.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Murphy, not only for his valuable attention and help, but also for his adjudication. The members of the club feel that the constant progress that the club has enjoyed is largely due to Mr. Murphy's help.

IAN ANDERSON, 4A (President)

HUME-BARBOUR DEBATING TEAM:

The year 1956, the Golden Jubilee of N.B.I.I.S., will be significant in the history of debating in this school, for it marked a revival of a standard of debating unattained since 1936. After a period of twenty years, the school once more entered competitive debating on the Hume-Barbour inter-zone level.

Prior to the actual competitive debates in the Hume-Barbour Competition, our team—David Harland (leader), Brian Sommers and Peter Hardie—gained valuable experience from a social debate against three members of Newcastle University College. This they won. A fortnight later they travelled to Sydney, where they secured a victory over Fort Street High. The team remained undefeated in debates against Canterbury and Enmore and thus became undefeated zone premiers with full honours. The social debate against Girls' High during this period no doubt served to lend confidence to and boost the morale of the team. In each debate, Hardie was

prominent amongst the six speakers, gaining top points on each day.

Thus the team entered the semi-final, held at North Sydney High (neutral ground), against Randwick High. Randwick was victorious, winning the debate by a narrow margin of 13 points. It was gratifying to notice that a week later Randwick was successful in the final and thus gained the coveted Hume-Barbour Trophy.

It is to be hoped that in future years teams from this school will be entered in the Hume-Barbour Debating Competition, for the school is rich in promising debaters amongst its junior members, and, with the necessary experience which should be inculcated during the earlier years in debates against local schools, Newcastle Boys' High could quite well be as successful as the victorious 1936 team.

Gratitude must be expressed to Mr. Murphy, whose experience and unflinching advice were of immeasurable benefit to our team during 1956.

D. MILES (Reserve)

JUNIOR DEBATING:

The Junior Debating Club has only recently begun operations owing to the Jubilee Anniversary in which the entire club took the role of the chorus in the Greek play, "The Frogs". However, under the guidance of our teacher, Mr. Hunter, we have already held a number of debates on a large range of topics. The club consists of about twenty boys from first and second year. The holders of the only two official positions in the club, those of chairman and secretary, are changed every three weeks. The subject for a debate can be proposed by any member of the club and to decide on a topic a general vote is held. The subjects chosen are of general interest and well within the capacity of the boys concerned. Typical among these were two argued recently: "That co-education is desirable", and "That a bridge should be constructed from Newcastle to Stockton." Later in the year, when club members have gained more experience, it is hoped that teams will be selected to debate against other schools.

G. BATES

THE LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club has once again completed a year of valuable service to the school.

Its members accept the responsibility of preparing new books for use in the library and of keeping the school's present valuable stock of library books in good repair so that they may be retained for the use of both the staff and the boys of the school for as many more years as possible.

Each of the thirty-five members of the club specialised in a section of the work. These sections included cataloguing, linen

cutting, stitching, gluing, taping, printing, page repairs, stamping, lacquering and display work.

All sections were supervised by the fifth year members of the club, and I would like to thank them very much for their valuable assistance and co-operation.

The external activities of the club during the year included an inspection by the members of the "behind the scenes" activities at the Central Library. We received many valuable hints on the repairing and maintenance of books as well as having displayed to us the very wide range of reading material available at the public libraries.

The climax of this year's activities of the club was the joint Education Week-Book Week Exhibition held in the library during Education Week. This exhibition, the fourth of its kind to be held in the school, was a great success. It was very highly praised by the visitors to the school on Open Day and also by the fathers who attended the Junior and Senior "Dad and Lad" Nights.

A highlight of the exhibition was a very topical section entitled "The Olympic Games, Melbourne, 1956". Material obtained from the Olympic Organising Committee included posters, booklets, pamphlets and pictures.

Other sections of the exhibition included a display entitled "Australia", with large photographs of the people, animals and scenery of the Great Outback; one on "The Latest American and British Aircraft", which was of special interest to members of the A.T.C.; one on "Non-Fiction for Teenagers", emphasising the glorious undersea kingdoms being discovered and explored by adventurers all over the world; and one on "Science", accompanied by a rather startling conglomeration which could have been aptly entitled "Nothing on Earth". For the use of the apparatus from which the last named was made I would like to thank the Science Staff.

A valuable set of over seventy framed photographs of products of Australian industry and craftsmen was another feature of the exhibition. This set helped to show the members of the school over what a wide field Australian industry is spread. It showed them some of the many goods that are "Made in Australia". For the loan of these photographs and for the many colourful posters which accompanied them I would like to thank Mr. W. Mierendorff, the Secretary of the Chamber of Manufacturers of New South Wales.

Other features of the exhibition included a display on "War", one on "Travel", and one on "Fiction". Each of these three displays was supported by large photographs obtained from Film Companies. Also borrowed from Film Companies for the exhibition was a number of very colourful posters illustrating famous books which have recently been made into films.

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I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those members of the Library Club who, although very few in number, were so unselfish in their efforts to make the exhibition a success. What they lacked in numbers they made up in enthusiasm and hard work.

My final words of thanks—and I am sure all members of the Library Club join me in this—go to Mr. Percy and Mr. Rigby. Both teachers provided us during the year with much valuable assistance for which we are very grateful.

J. GLASS, 5th Year (President)

THE FILM CLUB

Although we were hampered this year by breakdowns of the projector, we managed, nevertheless, to acquire and screen some very good documentary films. Among the best of these was "The Three Seasons on a Quebec Farm", which was supplied by the National Film Board of Canada. We also obtained on numerous occasions some very interesting editions of "The Australian Diary". However, the outstanding film of the year was a full-length film of R. L. Stevenson's "Treasure Island". We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Quill and Mr. McNab, who supervised the functioning of the club throughout the year. It was through Mr. Quill's efforts that we managed to secure so many interesting films. We would also like to thank Mr. O'Connor, who was always willing to lend a hand with the projector whenever he was needed.

J. ROACH

CLASSICAL MUSIC

As was stated last year by R. A. ("Doc") Morrison, there was an appalling lack of interest shown in classical music by senior boys. However, we were pleased to note that junior years showed a greater interest in classical music than their senior brothers. I am sure that the falling off of the attendance is due to the cessation of musical tuition after third year.

The music club this year has been sadly handicapped by the lack of a three-speed microgroove attachment, and we have been restricted to the playing of normal 78 r.p.m. recordings. We hope that this disadvantage will soon be remedied, as the majority of recordings in the members' collections are microgroove. However, Pat Long of 5th year supplied us with a portable 3 speed record player, and through this medium we were able to listen to excerpts from "The Barber of Seville", a recital by Peter Dawson and two of Chopin's polonaises.

Members this year have been active in providing programmes. One that comes to mind immediately is a recording, belonging to Victor Kalmykoff of 4th year, of Grieg's Piano Concerto in A.

minor played by Dinu Lipatti. Other inspiring recordings were presented by Geoff Charlton, who managed to procure a recording of Enrico Caruso, and Peter Dalton of 4th year, who gave us Clive Richardson's "London Fantasia".

The club thanks Mr. McKenzie for the interest he has taken in the recordings, and also Mr. Burrows, who manages to come to the club every Thursday.

J. CROFT, 4th Year.

CHESS CLUB

Every Thursday afternoon, in the Hobbies period, the Chess Club meets in Room 18 under the supervision of Mr. Davies, who throughout the year has conducted various tournaments to maintain interest in the club. At the beginning of the second term, a knock-out tournament which attracted thirty-two entries was organised. Although there were usually not enough sets to go round, competition was keen and interest high. The tournament has just been completed, owing mainly to slow play. The new champion is M. Park. Four boys were chosen to conduct a special point score tournament among themselves. C. Rogers and W. Harper finished with four points while P. Tonkin and G. Melrose ended with two points each. On behalf of fellow club members, I would like to thank Mr. Davies for his expert coaching and advice, which have been greatly appreciated.

W. HARPER

THE GYMNASTICS CLUB

The Gymnastics Club functioned well again this year and now has a roll of about 50 boys—10 seniors and 40 juniors. Owing to the erection of the new tuck shop we are now able to store our equipment in the old tuck shop and adjoining change room. This means that we can prepare our gear quickly and have more space in which to use it. On wet days we now use the area between the old tuck shop and change room for box work, although the roof is actually too low for these purposes. The standard of activities in our group is fairly high, and many of the enthusiastic juniors, who promise to afford the school many successful gym years, can accomplish forward somersaults, long dives, step-up somersaults and others with apparent ease. Sequences on the box are popular with most boys, and some have even mastered the art of walking along the box on their hands!—a good effort indeed. First year boys in the club are taught mainly mat work with hand and head springs under the careful guidance of Mr. Gilshenan (Mr. Judge looks after the box work), and some of these are quite neatly done. The club had the honour, this year, of taking part in the Jubilee Concert in May, and, although some difficulty was encountered owing

to the lack of space on the City Hall stage, our boys acquitted themselves quite well (except for a minor accident to one of our seniors) and were highly praised for their efforts. Third year boys also built some excellent pyramids on this night. The Gym Club also gave a display on the front lawn on Fete Day, and a large crowd was attracted to this.

We extend our heart-felt gratitude to Mr. Gilshenan and Mr. Judge for the unselfish interest they have taken in the club and for the time they have spent with us to our obvious benefit.

E. BROCK, 5A.

THE STAMP CLUB

The Stamp Club has again been divided into two groups this year, with a total membership of between 60 and 70. Under the supervision of Mr. Whalen and Mr. Shield much progress has been made. Mr. Whalen has given us many interesting talks on the finer points of stamp collecting. Such subjects as water-marks, perforations, "first day" covers, commemorative stamps, thematic collecting and mounting stamps have been discussed. An exchange book has been circulating among the members of the club throughout the year. At this year's fete many of the boys put in sheets for a stamp exhibition, and a competition was conducted, prizes being packets of stamps, kindly donated by Mr. Whalen. There was also a display on Open Day during Education Week.

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