

Newcastle Philatelic Club invited a few boys to attend one of its meetings in the 2KO Studios. An exchange-book operated by D. Thomas at the beginning of the year failed through lack of interest. Mr. McNab asked boys to give lectures on their own collections. He also donated a few stamps for the prize for the best sheet of stamps exhibited on Open Day in Education Week. I would like to thank Mr. Whalen and Mr. McNab for their support and assistance throughout the year.

J. DELMAN.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Once again, at the end of another year, the Photography Club has been an outstanding success financially and of great practical value to the members. However, owing to limited darkroom space, the number of members had to be restricted to 26, so that many applications from the junior school had to be refused.

The club conducted a studio on Fete Day, and the venture was a financial success. Special thanks must be given to senior members L. Newham, G. Hanna, R. Hall and A. Blundell for their enthusiastic support both in the lending and in the operating of the apparatus.

The periodic competitions that the club has held have been keenly contested, and the entries submitted have been of a high standard, both in the enlargement and in the contact sections. Prizes in photographic supplies have been given, these being made available from the weekly subscription of threepence from each member. The club library has been supplied with more technical books, the money for purchasing these being taken from the club funds.

Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Simpson, the club patron, for his unflagging support and interest. His lectures in the fundamentals of photography have been interesting and informative, especially for the junior members.

Lastly, the club's activities would have been severely restricted if it had not been for Mr. Gray, the Science Master, who allowed us the use of the darkroom and the Physics Demonstration Room.

M. D. LOWE.

THE FILM CLUB

For the Film Club, the most popular hobbies group, we managed to acquire several interesting documentary films, the most outstanding one being "Operation Musk-ox." On a few occasions comedies were screened and were received with enthusiasm. For the Senior Dad and Lad Night a full-length feature, "The Lavender Hill Mob," was shown. On the day of the fete a continuous session of four comedies was screened. We should like to thank J. Croft for the use of his projector on this occasion. Recent repairs of the blinds and screen have improved the screening of the films. We should like to thank Mr. Shield and Mr. Anderberg for their supervision of the club, and also Mr. O'Connor for helping with the projector whenever it gave any trouble.

R. TEMPLE; J. GLASS.

THE MICROSCOPE CLUB

Interest in this club has waned considerably. A new committee was elected this year. It was as follows: T. O'Brien (President), K. Pearce (Secretary), and F. Mason (Treasurer). All members of the club are trying to induce others to join, but very few applications have been received. Our former President, D. Jackson, left the club early in the year, but the enthusiasm of Mr. Osborne has compensated us for this loss.

T. O'BRIEN.

P.E. CLUB

Although there have been no displays this year, the club has been by no means dormant. Throughout the year the group has expanded its scope to embrace such activities as have been uncatered for hitherto. From a mere gymnastics group the club has grown into one which now provides amenities for activities such as newcomb, volley-ball, basketball, and field sports. The successful continuance of the club is assured because of the strong support of the junior school. The standard attained by these boys is indicative of the club's ability to regain such high standing as it had when its members included Ward, Perkins, Abelson, Doyle, and Sheldon. I should like to take this opportunity of expressing the gratitude of the members to Mr. Judge for his leadership and inspiration.

ROSS TAYLOR, 5D

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THE CHESS CLUB

Pleasing features of the Chess Club this year were a marked increase in the popularity of the game and a general improvement in the standard of play. Efficient organisation by Mr. Davies made possible the conducting of an internal competition, which, after many closely contested games, culminated in a final between Rogers and See.

Our club was proud to have a team participate in an inter-school competition. This competition took place for the first time. Six teams, each containing five players, took part. Our team, although faced with tough opposition, met with encouraging success, filling second place behind the Technical High No. 1 Team. An unfortunate stalemate, which resulted in a draw with this team when we appeared to have it beaten, probably cost us first place in the competition. We extend our congratulations to Technical High on playing such fine chess.

One of our members, Gray, by winning all of his five matches, earned himself the honour of competing with players from the other teams participating who had won all their matches for the title of best player. Unfortunately, he was unsuccessful in his attempt to gain such an honour. In all his matches Gray was solidly supported by other members, See, Rogers, Hopton, and Melrose. Carpin, our reserve player, showed promise in the internal competition but was unable to win a place in our team. His keenness and ability are sure to earn him a place in next year's team, and with all other members intending to continue at school he should provide the nucleus of a strong team.

On behalf of the club I would like to express appreciation of the support and encouragement given by Mr. Davies and the time and trouble he took to make sure everything was organised efficiently. I extend my personal thanks.

C. ROGERS (Captain)

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

So the year 1957 draws to a close, and so, too, does the life of the Classical Music Club. This catastrophic situation has been brought about by the usual complete ignorance of the music of the masters. There will probably be only five chief mourners, four Fifth Year boys and Mr. Burrows. From a total enrolment of close to nine hundred boys, only about twenty manage to find time to listen to good music during the hobby period. The majority of members consists of First Year boys, a few of whom just "happened in" at the club. The school should be ashamed to admit that there are so few boys who would rather listen to really great music than watch flickering films in the assembly hall.

This year, thanks to last year's Fifth Year, we have had the use of the microgroove gramophone every alternate week, and through this medium J. Croft, G. Bates and P. Rushton have presented selections from their record collections. The new gramophone, however, has proved almost as temperamental as the old radiogram, and its lack of

volume at times has proved to be a hindrance. Thus, although we have been almost overwhelmed by difficulties, we still have been able to enjoy a memorable year of excellent recordings, both standard and microgroove, ranging from Purcell and Beethoven to Ravel and Vaughan Williams.

Earlier in the year we heard Vaughan Williams' 6th and 8th symphonies (we suffered this performance in May and have not fully recovered yet!). We have also listened to Beethoven's 5th and 8th symphonies, Tchaikovsky's 5th and 6th symphonies, Sibelius' Violin Concerto, Frank Hutchens' Duo Piano Concerto, Tchaikovsky's Capriccio Italien and 1812 Overture, Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique, and, last but by no means least, a performance of Handel's Concertos for Organ and Orchestra, Op. 4, with Jeanne Demessieux and L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande conducted by Ernest Ansermet.

Mr. Burrows has played a very constructive part in the criticism of some works, and, although his tastes did not extend to some of the contemporary composers, he politely and silently endured them.

A final note on the fact that more time should be devoted to contemporary English and Australian composers in the future programmes, so that younger members will not be bewildered (to say the least) by a sudden introduction to Gustav Holst and John Antill over the air or at symphony concerts. After the funeral of the club, we elder members would suggest the playing of Vaughan Williams' Sinfonia Antarctica; it will freeze the soul of anyone.

BCGJPR, Fifth Year.

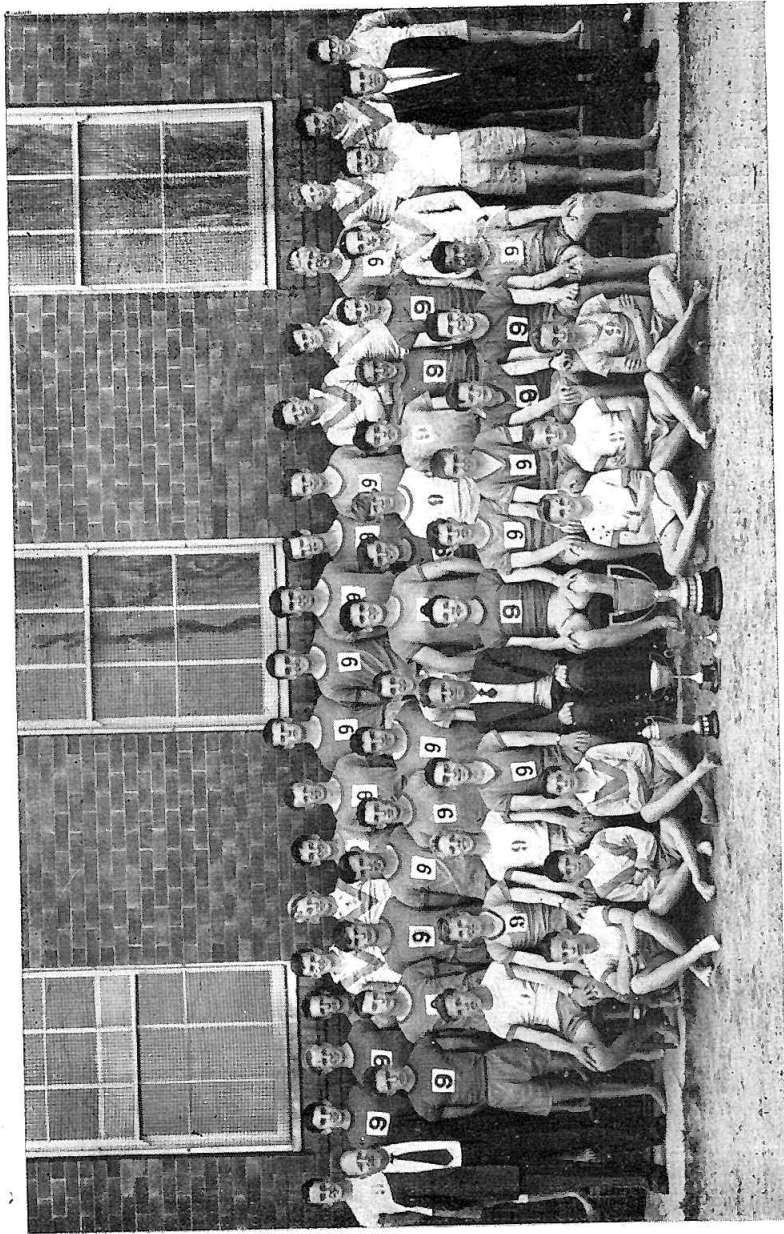
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BLUES AWARDED FOR 1956

CRICKET: G. Goffet.

RUGBY: A. Andrews, R. Hubbuck, R. Hynes.

SOCCER: R. Kyle, P. Winsor, I. Watts.

TENNIS: J. Allen, F. Topham.

ATHLETICS: T. Abraham, B. Abrahams, J. Anderson, I. Carling, J. Harper, R. Hynes, J. Perry.

RUGBY LEAGUE

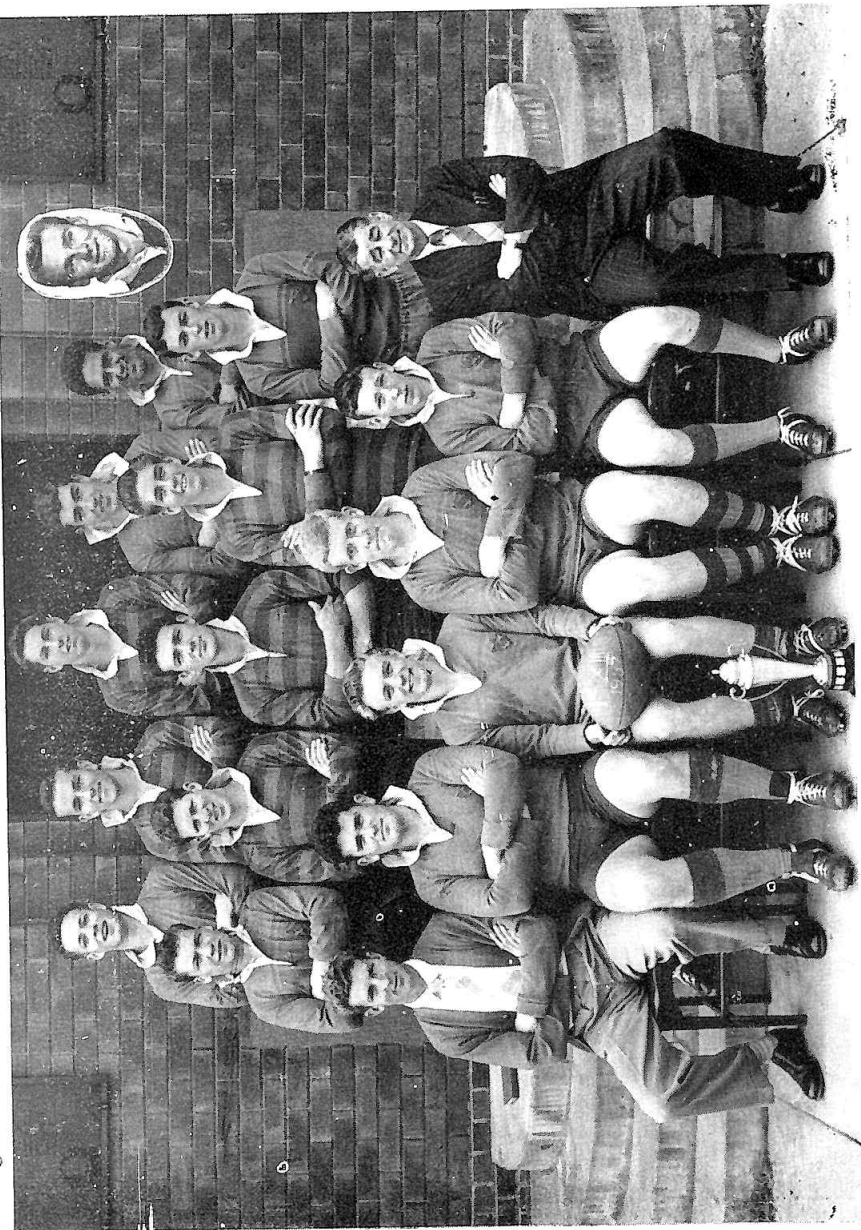
FIRST GRADE: Although the 1st XIII was unfortunate in losing the experienced players W. Wallace, G. Brown, R. Cooksey, Lonsdale, and A. Hodgins at the beginning of the season and was disorganised for a number of games, it made a quite remarkable recovery, finishing the season by becoming runners-up in both the Evans and University Shields. During the season eight out of twelve games were won, points scored being 173 for and 78 against.

To the local competition winners, Marist Brothers, we extend our congratulations. They were a very fine team and deserved their victory. Our games against Marist were played in the hard but friendly spirit which has characterised similar struggles in the past. The Marist team which defeated us (13-3) in the first round was given its only defeat by us (10-6) in the second round in a splendid game in which everyone played magnificently.

The team had a hard but comfortable win (25-5) over Gosford at Erina in the semi-final of the University Shield.

We congratulate Tamworth, the winners of the University Shield, who played very hard, fast football to wrench the shield from us by narrowly defeating us (15-13) in the final. It was a thrilling game, played to a capacity crowd which certainly received its money's worth. The tiring effect of the journey and the gap between competitive games were factors which were against us.

Throughout the season we played hard, clean football. Vigorous tackling and hard running became the characteristics of the team. The front row, A. Cameron and R. Hynes (props), and Kevin Duncan (hooker), who captained the team ably and always played with keen vigour, was hard to beat in the scrums. The second-rowers, K. North and J. Wingett, and lock G. Moore, although comparatively light, were tireless in the rucks and were always on the ball. B. Casey as half-back played determined football throughout the season. J. Graham, who played five-eighth, was always constructive. Centres I. Watts and B. Middleby were fast, penetrating, and very hard to tackle. Jim Perry, the team's goal-kicker and winger, was top-scorer, gaining 82 points. His devastating runs earned him respect from his opponents. E. Scott as the other winger played sound, hard football. R. Orton, who was



FIRST GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE, RUNNERS-UP IN EVANS SHIELD, FINALISTS IN UNIVERSITY SHIELD, 1957 (See names of players on page 77.)
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full-back for most of the season, made many tries with his fast runs. In the event of injuries the team was capably assisted by G. Roach, M. Parkes, A. Keggen, H. Orton (injured earlier), and A. Skelly.

The team thanks Mr. Kerr and his associate Mr. Day for their keen coaching and their interest, and also Mr. Haines, Mr. Milne and Mr. McRae for accompanying it to Gosford and Tamworth when Mr. Kerr was unavailable.

We would like to wish Mr. Kerr and next year's First Grade a successful season.

ROSS HYNES.

SECOND GRADE: Owing to the expert tuition we received from our coach, Mr. Judge, we won all but three games. We lost to Maitland Marist Brothers 5-3, to Hamilton Marist Brothers 15-5, but drew a hard return match with Maitland Marist Brothers 3-all. Owing to a heavy loss of players to the Firsts we ran only third. All players played well throughout the season, but the two front-rowers, Mackay and Woods, deserve special mention for their brilliant rucking. Bell and Ian Johnson were perhaps the best of the backs.

A. KEGGEN.

THIRD GRADE: Throughout this year's season the Third Grade played well, but unluckily finished second in the competition to Hamilton Marist. In the first round the team was switched about owing to boys' going up into the higher grades. In the second round the team played much better football. We suffered two defeats. In the opening match we were beaten 2-0 by Cessnock, whom we defeated 14-3 in the following round. In the second round we were beaten 5-0 by Hamilton Marist. During the first round we drew 5-all with Hamilton Marist.

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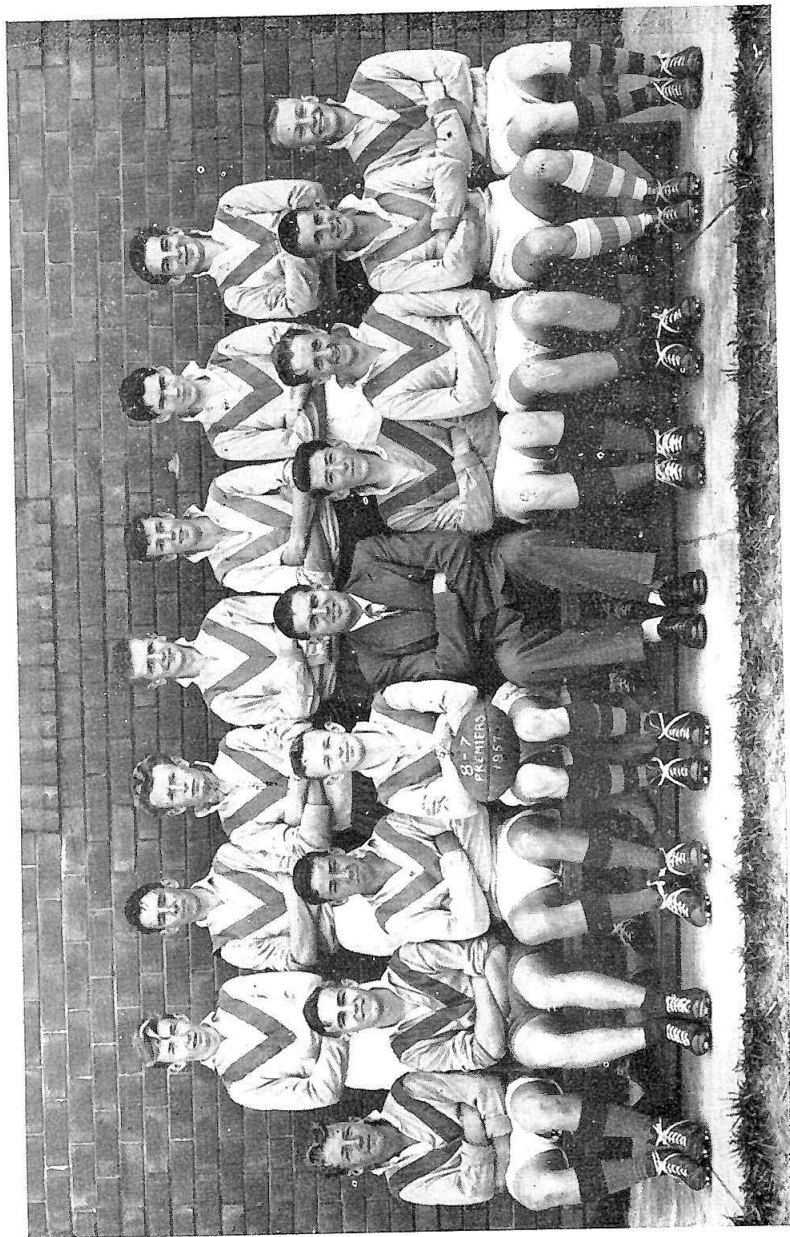
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FOURTH GRADE RUGBY LEAGUE UNDEFEATED PREMIERS, 1957
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 D. Owens, D. Murchoch.
BACK ROW: J. Wood, J. Morgan, K. Brown, M. O'Ryan, O. Kilpatrick, B. Howarth, G. Ralph.
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We had some good wins of 30-0, 23-0, and 18-0. The team scored 110 points and had 29 scored against it. After our few good wins we were feeling confident of doing well, as both backs and forwards were playing hard football. With a little more luck we could have succeeded, as a very strong team-spirit was evident among the boys. We offer our congratulations to Hamilton Marist, who won the premiership of our division. We thank our coach, Mr. Percy, for the time he spent with us.

J. HILL (Captain).

FOURTH GRADE: This year the Fourth Grade had a very successful year, being undefeated in the competition and also winning against Gosford and Central Technical School. Nearly all the games were close and hard-fought, but owing to the fine coaching we received we were able to gain the extra points to be victorious.

Our two games against Hamilton Marist Brothers were extremely close. In the first game on their home ground they outplayed us in the first half, and we were being beaten 3-0 at half-time. After the interval we played much better football and were able to win 4-3 owing to two good penalty goals by our State representative, Mick Hawkins. The second game at Waratah Oval was also hard-fought. We were able to win 5-3 owing largely to a magnificent conversion from the side line by Alf Skelly, who was playing full-back because of injuries to some of our forwards.

Our main point-scorers during the season were Gary Ralph, who scored ten tries, and Mick Hawkins, who scored six tries and kicked ten goals. We were very unlucky to have one of our most promising backs, Don Owens, injured for most of the season, but Don became a most efficient manager and energetic barracker. All the forwards played well, paving the way for many wins. Although we fielded a different pack almost every match, the players combined well to win most of the ball. The back line was not a brilliant, attacking force but shone in defence. This was shown by the fact that only three tries were scored against us all the season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Davis, our enthusiastic coach, on behalf of the team. All the members of the team appreciated his sound coaching, his constructive criticism, and his unflinching support.

GRAHAM SYMES, 4A (Captain).

FIFTH GRADE: This team had a reasonably good season, dead-heating for second place. We started rather disappointingly, but we improved considerably under the coaching of Mr. McFarlane. H. Morante, our hooker and vice-captain, gave us a fair share of the ball from the scrums. This helped us to feed Sharp, our outside-centre, who played consistently good football. He scored many tries and defended faultlessly. The forwards were a strong pack. They worked well together and tackled solidly. All members of the team played their part to the best of their ability and did not lose heart. I would like, on behalf of the team, to thank Mr. McFarlane for the time and patience he devoted to training us.

T. FARRELL, 2D (Captain).

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SIXTH GRADE: The Sixth Grade was unfortunate this season in coming fourth after losing several players in the first check weigh-in. The rearranged team played well in just being defeated by Maitland (co-premiers) in the second round, 3-nil, when they scored in the last two or three minutes. The best team we played was easily Hamilton Marist, who defeated us 13-nil and 12-nil. Outstanding players were McCarter, a really good half and able captain; Princehorn (hooker), who more than gained his share of the ball from the scrums; and Pigeon (front-row), a solid, attacking forward. These were ably supported by Lloyd (second-row), a tricky player. The backs ably supported the forwards, especially Elbourne (five-eighth), a crashing runner and solid tackler, who was supported well by Duncan and Stubbs, both dangerous when in possession. The team would like to thank Mr. Milne for his keen interest.

R. McCARTER, 2B (Captain).

SEVENTH GRADE: This team had a very unlucky season, finishing second in the competition after six wins, three draws and one loss. Most of the opposing teams were very good, especially Marist Brothers with whom we played a draw in the second round. The hardest game of the season was against Marist Brothers, who drew with us five-all by scoring just as the bell rang. Outstanding players were forwards Tony Balc and Dawes, who were well supported by the other forwards, and backs P. Hawthorne, who was the main scorer, and L. Swarzes, who played well at centre. The team thanks Mr. Rigby for his coaching.

R. THRELFO, 2E (Captain)

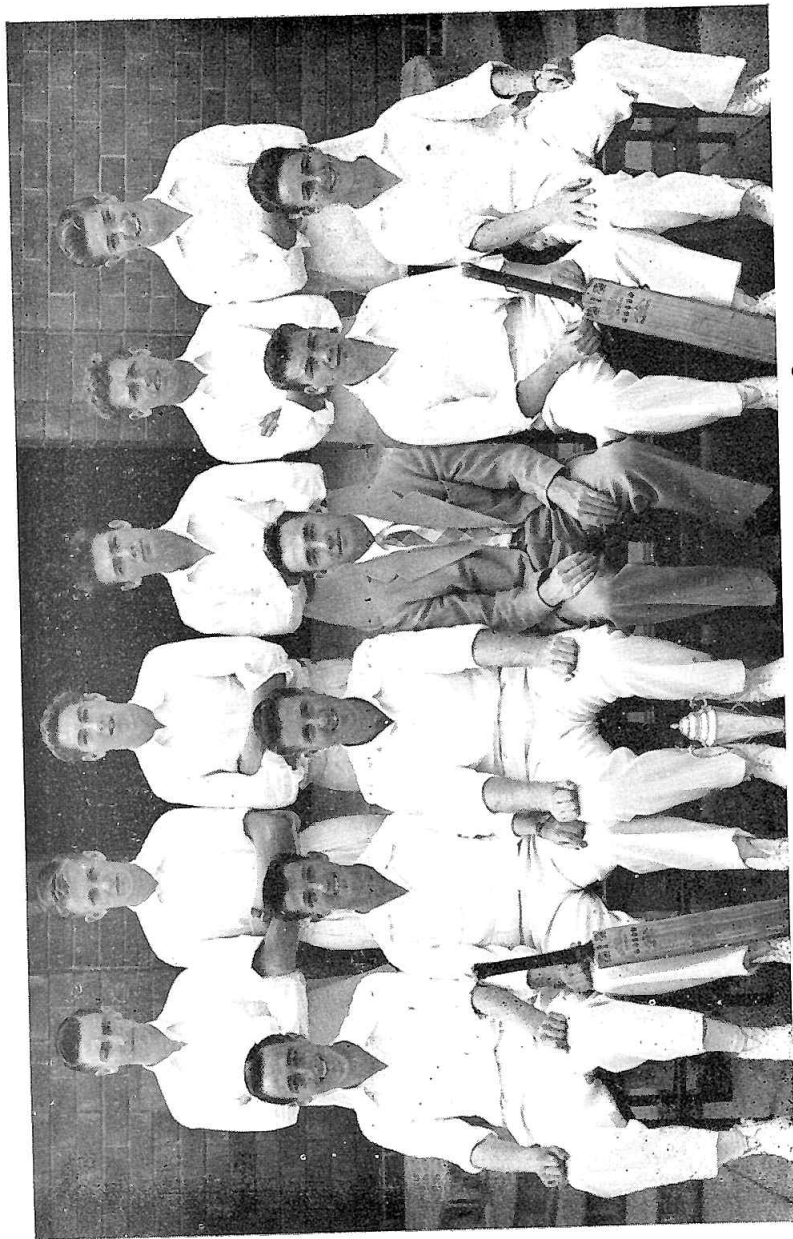
EIGHTH GRADE: Although the team gained only one win and two draws and came fifth in the competition, it was beaten only by a narrow margin on most occasions. Our hardest game was against Maitland, who defeated us 3-0, scoring these points in the first half. In the second half we were attacking most of the time, but we could not break the defence. The best players were M. Watson and K. Wallace in the backs and S. Anthony and A. Duggan in the forwards. The team thanks Mr. McNab for his coaching and interest.

P. MOORE, 2C

CRICKET

FIRST XI: At the time of the writing of this report, the cricket season is not finished. There is one match to play against our keenest rivals, Hamilton Marist Brothers. At this stage we are undefeated and look likely premiers. From last year's side there remained only two players. Thus a new side had to be built. The transferring of Alf Skelly from Junior High was a tremendous boost to our young team, which included no fewer than five from last year's Under 14 side. However, they all settled down very well for their first year in the senior ranks.

In the first game against Maitland we lost the toss and were sent in on a soft wicket. The opening pair, Alf Skelly and Ken Clifford, gave the team a great start, adding 69 before Skelly was unluckily run out for 31. This gave the Maitland boys heart, and they came back into the match by taking five quick wickets before Geoff Roach and John Win-



FIRST GRADE CRICKET (Undeclared Premiers)

FRONT ROW: K. Clifford, A. Skelly, G. Goffet (Captain), Mr. R. Quill (Coach), I. Watts, J. Wingrove.
 BACK ROW: C. Rogers, T. Collins, G. Roach, B. Middleby, K. Ross, T. Huntley.
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grove hit freely and carried the score to 161. Our score proved to be too big for our opponents, who scored only 109. Terry Collins bowled splendidly after our opening attack had failed to take a wicket and deserved better figures than his 3-35. This first win gave us confidence for future matches and also showed that the side would be hard to beat.

The next match against Tech. High, was only a one day game with time divided owing to rain on the first day. Each team had only 75 minutes' batting. We again lost the toss and were sent in. Our first wicket fell at 27. Then Alf Skelly and Gordon Goffet added 113 to the score in 50 minutes with big hitting. In Tech.'s innings Bruce Middleby and Terry Collins played havoc with the Tech. batsmen, who were dismissed for 95. So we gained our second success.

We journeyed to Gosford for the next all day game. We again lost the toss and were sent in on a wicket of "baked mud". Alf Skelly was out early, but after a few more anxious moments the side settled down and everybody scored his share of runs in a total of 6-180. When Gosford batted, Colin Rogers wrecked any chances they had of victory with a brilliant spell of spin bowling, with the result that we had a very easy outright win. Rogers finished with the remarkable figures of 12-26.

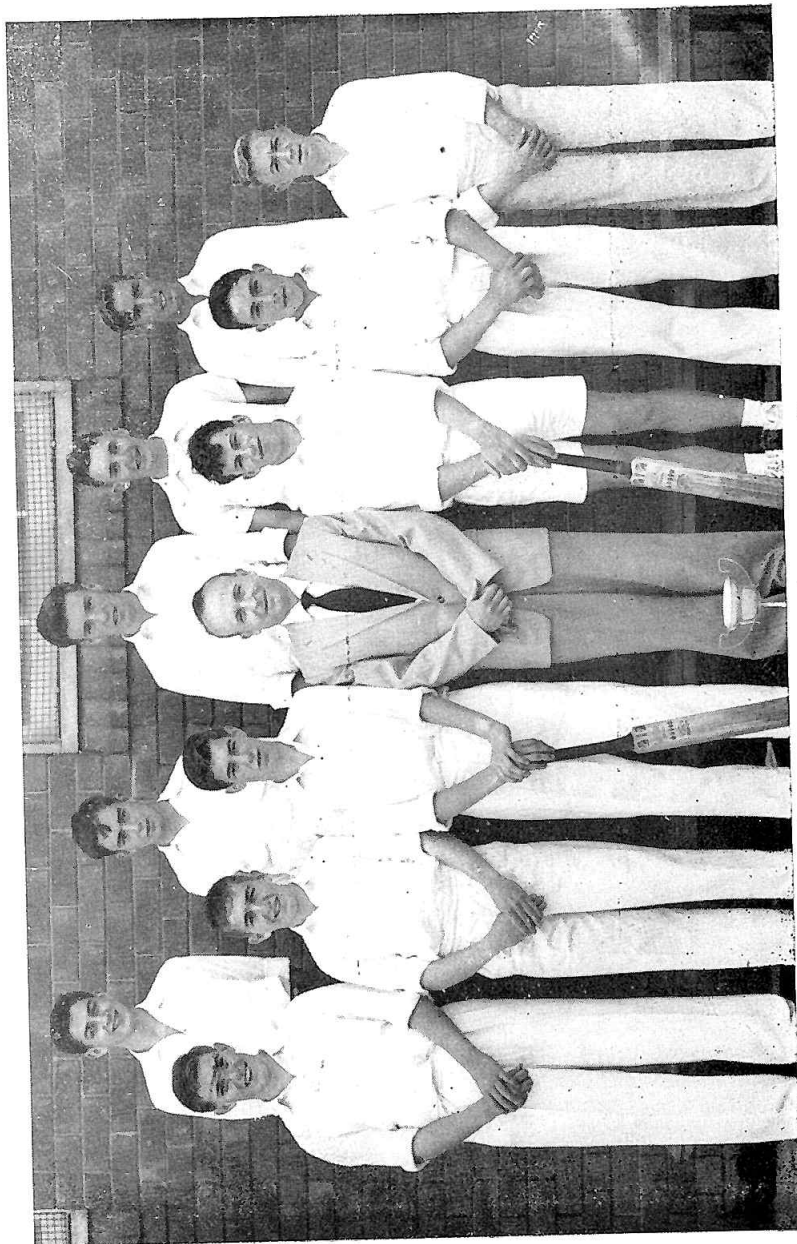
We went into the last game before the winter against Cessnock with hopes of gaining an outright victory. Just before the game commenced Terry Collins dislocated his finger, and his bowling was sadly missed. We won the toss for the first time, but because of fielding lapses, Cessnock managed to score 111. Rogers again bowled well, taking 5-32, and Tom Huntley justified his promotion from the Second XI by taking 4-20. Our batsmen were again outstanding, scoring 164 for the loss of 3 wickets. Alf Skelly and Kerry Ross both played innings of note. Our attempt at an outright failed, and we had to be content with a first innings win.

Thus this year's team proved to be one of the best combinations for some years, owing largely to the fact that it was a happy side, willing to take notice of the advice of Mr. Quill.

Although everybody played well during the season, some performances were outstanding. The batting and wicket-keeping of Alf Skelly were outstanding at all times, and he proved a very good team man, always seeing the light-hearted side of things. Colin Rogers and Terry Collins proved to be the two outstanding bowlers of the side. This report would not be complete without mentioning the fielding of Kerry Ross. His returns to the 'keeper were brilliant with the result that many batsmen were stranded in the middle of the pitch.

Alf Skelly, Ken Clifford, Colin Rogers and Gordon Goffet (as captain), gained selection in the Combined Northern High Schools XI to play against Metropolitan High Schools earlier in the year. Skelly and Rogers must be congratulated for their performances in this game. We congratulate Ken Clifford on winning the Gill Cricket Trophy for the most improved player this season. I would also like to thank the team for making my job as Captain so easy and always so pleasant.

On behalf of the team I sincerely thank Mr. Quill, who, in his first



SECOND GRADE CRICKET (Undeclared Premiers)

FRONT ROW: T. Huntley, R. Wines, A. Galt, Mr. K. Wellham (Coach), P. Winsor (Captain), E. Bell, P. Thomson.

BACK ROW: D. Dyason, A. Keggen, J. Lewis, K. Morton, A. Johnson.

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year with the 1st XI, did an outstanding job. It is good to think that the time he put in with us at practice was not in vain. The team wishes him every success in future years.

GORDON GOFFET (Captain)

2nd XI: This team is in a very good position for the premiership, having won all four games, three on the first innings and one outright. Morton, Gault and Keggen were most consistent with the bat. Thomson, Hilton, Huntley and Cooksey all did well with the ball.

The game against Maitland Marist was a thriller. Maitland batted first and declared at 7-76. We batted and started very well by scoring 2-65. Maitland fought back, and we had 9 wickets down before we passed their total.

Our next game against Cessnock showed the team's mixed form. Cessnock batted first and, because of our bad bowling and fielding, scored 93 (Thompson 4-38, Hilton 3-19). We then batted and scored 4-140 (Morton 74 not out). Cessnock's second innings was entirely different from the first. Splendid bowling and fielding enabled us to dispose of Cessnock for 38 and to win outright.

We would like to thank Mr. Wellham for his coaching and for his umpiring.

P. WINSOR, 5th Year

A GRADE: So far, out of three matches we have had three wins, and we are co-leaders in the competition. One match against Plattsburg

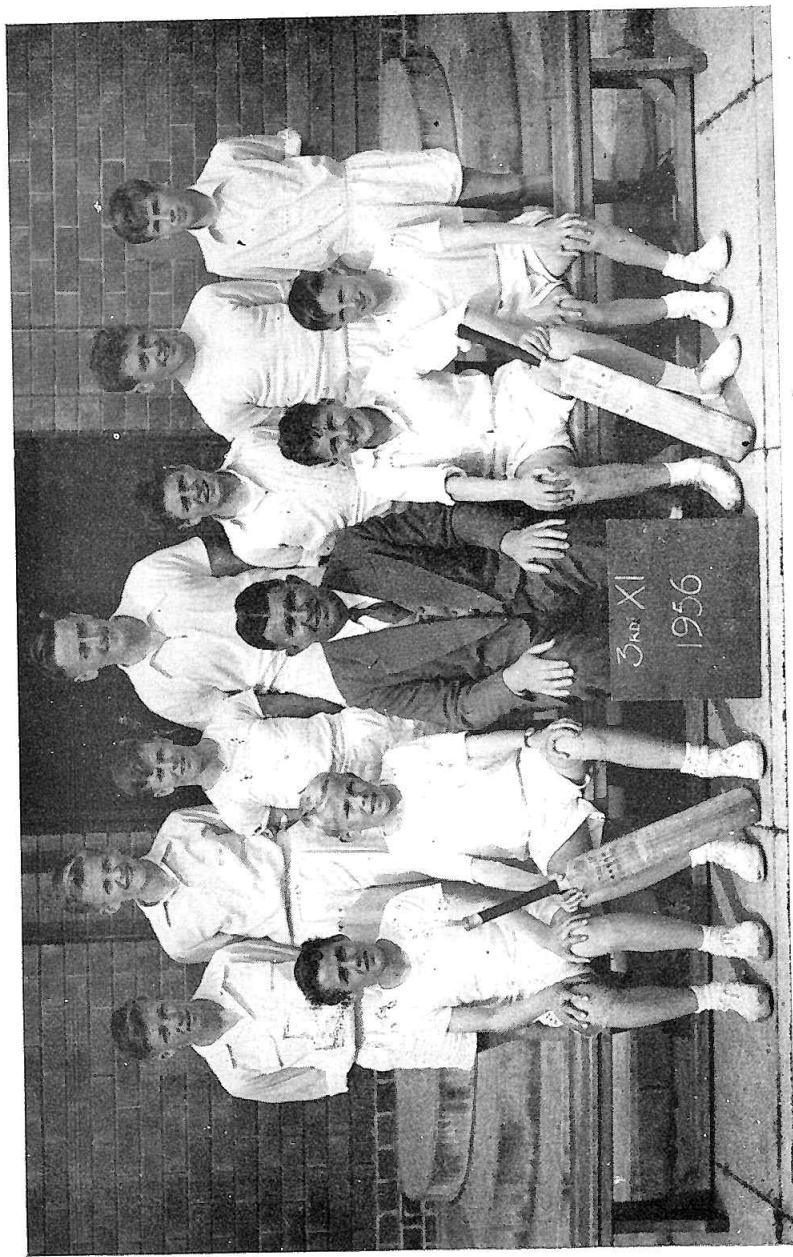
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THIRD GRADE CRICKET, PREMIERS 1956
 BACK ROW: T. Smythe, T. Collins, C. Kilpatrick, K. Clifford, M. Little, K. Ross, P. Cadell.
 FRONT ROW: G. Dyason, K. Hole, Mr. L. Hunter (Coach), J. Wingrove (Capt.), R. Threlfo.
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brought about some outstanding performances. Plattsburg were all out for 6 runs, R. Walker taking 7-2 and G. Corling 3-3. Plattsburg's other run came from a sundry. We won on the first innings because of bad weather on the second day. In our last match against Cook's Hill, we were saved by a splendid innings of Bevan, who scored 70. The fielding was poor at the beginning of the season, but it is improving. The most successful bowlers to date are R. Walker and G. Symes and A. Lewis and B. Bevan have shone in the batting. The team would like to thank Mr. Simpson for his enthusiastic coaching.

P. LEMAN (Captain)

UNDER 14 (Travelling): This team has had a most successful season, winning all but one match outright.

The first match was against Maitland. Frank Jackson gave a delightful display in making 49. We declared with 5-115, and Maitland scored only 45. This was due to the fine bowling of Darrel Morris, who was ably supported by Newman.

We were just beaten in a one day match against Tech., who deserved their win. The main factor was some fine bowling by Hunter and Styles.

The following two matches were played against Cessnock and Maitland Marist, whom we comfortably defeated outright. Ross Morgan must be given credit for the part he played as vice-captain and opening batsman.

The wicket-keeping of John Hazel, who this year won state honours, has always been first-class. Fielding has been first class too.

The team is greatly indebted to Mr. Page for his coaching and keen interest. We hope to achieve success in this competition as a result of his guidance and inspiration.

P. HAWTHORNE (Captain) 2B.

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UNDER 14 (Local): So far the team has had a good run of success. The losses it has suffered have been closely contested matches. The team has been led in a capable manner by its captain, J. Gray, who has starred in the batting, together with G. D'Arcy and R. Wilson. The fielding, which has been the main factor in the matches played up to date, has been very good, perhaps the best in this department being J. Gray and P. Dick. The team would like to thank Mr. Adamthwaite for the interest he showed.

M. ARRATOON, 2B.

UNDER 13 (Travelling): At the time of this report we are undefeated. Our first match was very close. H. Raysmith and R. Devon saved us from possible outright defeat. Our best performance was against Cessnock High, whom we defeated outright. We batted first and scored 107 (Clark 35, Devon 11). Cessnock, in their first innings, scored only 35. This was due to the good bowling of Steel and Geddes. In the next innings Cessnock scored 40. The wicket-keeping of B. Clark has always been very good, and his batting has been excellent. We have other strong batsmen in the team in Darcy, Raysmith, McLachlan and Carrick. In the fielding J. Hetherington and K. Williams have always shone. B. Geddes and P. Steel are the team's main bowlers and are ably supported by T. Priest and R. Devon. We would like to thank Mr. McRae for his expert coaching and general handling of the team.

R. O'SULLIVAN (Captain).

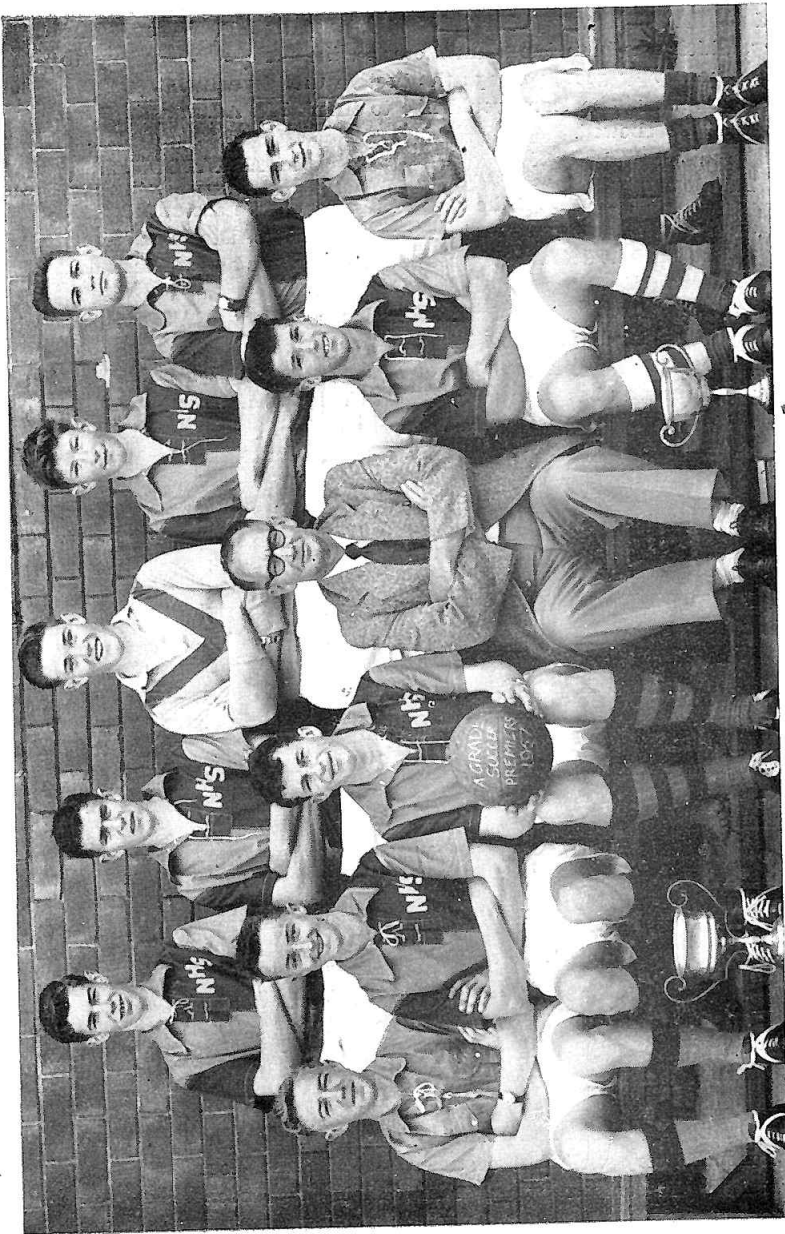
UNDER 13 (Local): So far we have had a very successful season. We have beaten Belmont, Junior High and Cook's Hill. The last named we defeated outright. We have a good all-round team with Hooker and Traise as opening batsmen. This pair combine well to tire the fast bowlers and also knock up some runs. In Traise we also have an outstanding wicket-keeper. We have, as spinners, Moore, Wallis and Symes. Wallis secured the hat-trick. Davis shines as a medium-fast bowler. We have Symes and Bell as good second-slip and point combination. Hooker and Perkins also play a reliable game in the field. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Judge and Mr. Daly for their coaching.

G. EDMAN (Captain)

SOCCER

1st XI: This team went through the competition undefeated, scoring 75 goals and conceding 1. Although we won the competition by 1 point from Central, we had a very easy season. Except in the game against Central, with whom we played a 1-1 draw, it was not a question of who was going to win but how many goals we were going to score. The team combined very well, but at times played rather loosely.

Apart from the competition the team held the big Teachers' College team to a 2-2 draw. We were fortunate to play Central, whom we defeated 2-1, before the visiting Hungarian Team Ferencevaros. We did,



A GRADE SOCCER UNDEFEATED PREMIERS, 1957
 FRONT ROW: P. Thomson, I. Corling, P. Winsor (Captain), Mr. R. Grierson (Coach), A. Skelly, M. Batley.
 BACK ROW: A. Galt, R. Kyle, T. Huntley, W. Storer, D. Matthews.
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however, meet one team which was bigger and much more skilled. This was Combined Sydney High Schools, to whom we lost 6-0.

Thomson, Kyle, Skelly and Winsor were selected in the Newcastle team which competed in a recent carnival.

We would like to thank Mr. Grierson for his general help and his coaching.

P. WINSOR, 5th Year

A2 SOCCER: Our team did well in the competition considering that we are only the school's second best team in this grade. We played well against the leading teams, but we were not able to produce this form against the lower teams, and because of this we lost many points. Bates and Simpson played well in the backs and Williamson and Ozolins were foremost in the forwards.

A. OZOLINS (Captain) 3D.

B1 SOCCER: We won the competition by two points from the team which caused us our only defeat, Cessnock. We scored 31 goals and conceded 5 in 9 games. Five of our players (Larbestier, Morgan, Gray, Manual and Wagstaff) were selected for the Newcastle team, and two (Morgan and Wagstaff) for the N.S.W. team. On behalf of the team, I thank Mr. McKenzie for his keen interest in us.

W. WAGSTAFF (Captain)

B2 SOCCER: Our team met with its share of success this season and finished second in the competition. Our most convincing wins were

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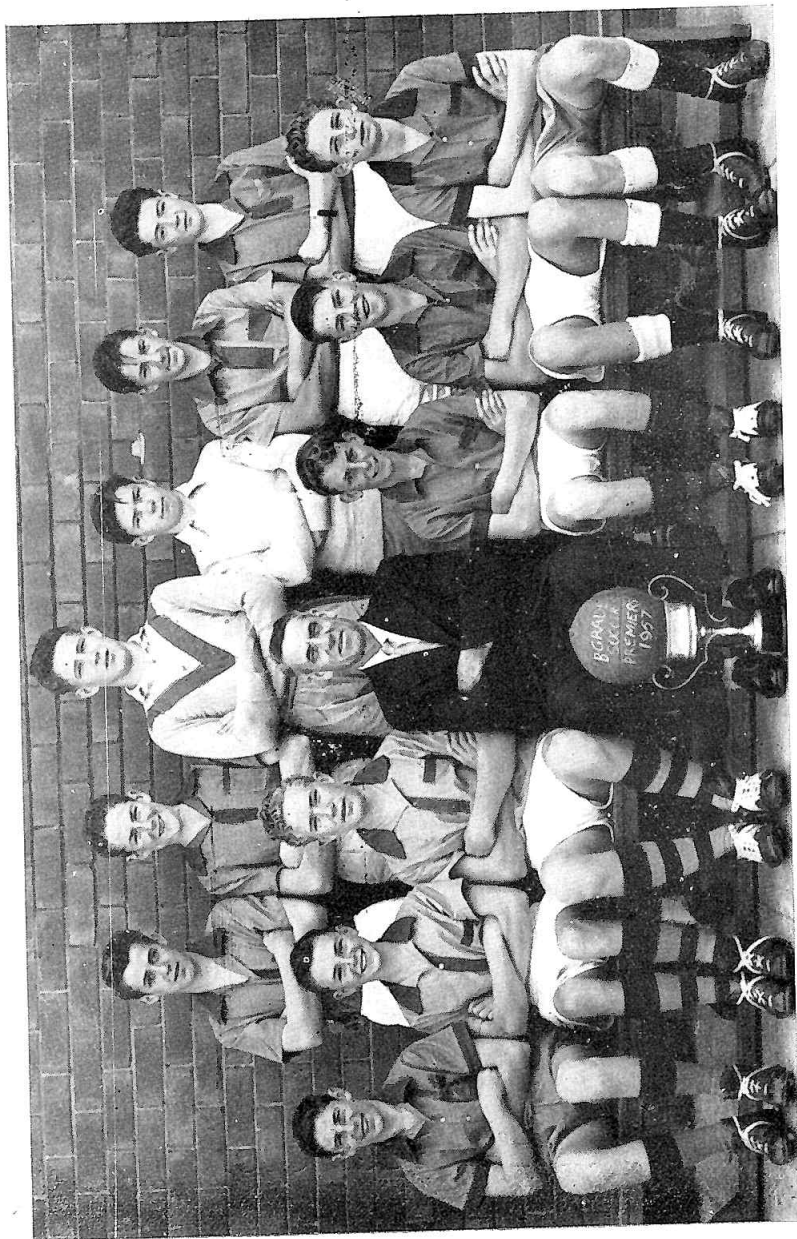
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BACK ROW: G. Dvason, L. Gray, W. Newman, B. Ramage, J. Larbaletier, C. Youngberry.
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over Raymond Terrace (8-0), and Cook's Hill (4-1). The best players for the season were B. Ramage, J. Swan, C. McDonald, K. Muir, J. Mullard, T. Easton, R. Fehlberg and M. Edwards, who was responsible for most of the scoring. Our thanks go to Mr. Hill, who took much interest in the team.

R. ARMSTRONG (Captain), 2E.

UNDER 15 SOCCER: This team enjoyed a small measure of success this year, finishing third in a really good competition. We scored 28 goals and 14 were scored against us, but this is rather deceptive as we finished only third behind Cessnock and Technical High. Four members of the team filled places in a combined Newcastle-Coalfields team which defeated a combined Sydney High Schools team by 7 goals to 1 at the close of the season. I would like to thank Mr. Wellham, our very capable coach, for his constant enthusiasm and constructive criticism throughout the season.

G. CHADBAN, 4A.

C1 SOCCER: This team earned its winning of the competition after a very successful season. Tech. High, the most dangerous team, defeated us once, 3-1. The second time we played this team we were being beaten 1-0 with twenty seconds to go. A loose ball came across to Williams, who had a snap shot at goal. The ball hit some mud in front of the goal and skidded past the goalkeeper's leg just as the whistle went. Our team really earned a draw that day. Williams, G. McMaster, A. McDonald, C. Myers and D. Ahrens were picked to play for Newcastle in a carnival. We wish to thank Mr. Quill for his encouragement and his interest in us right through the season.

D. AHRENS (Captain), 1D.

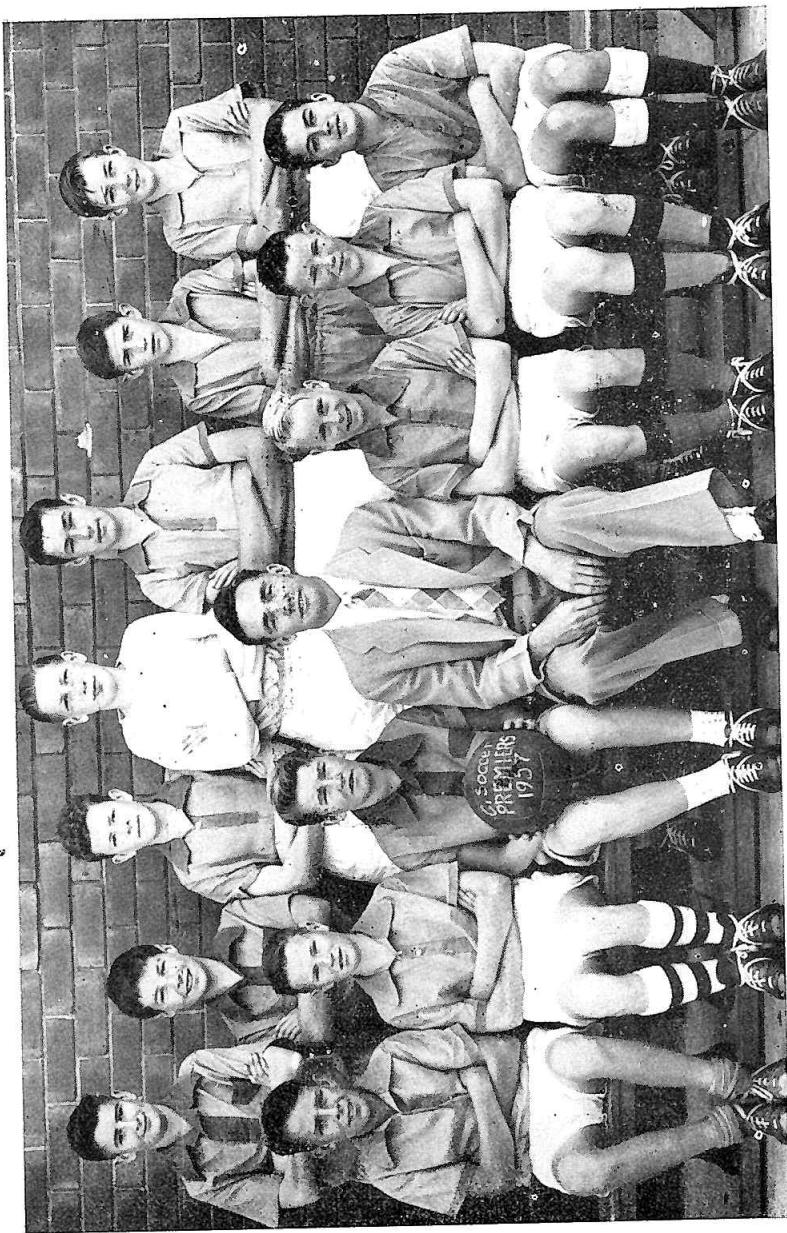
C2: This team played 11 games, of which it won three, drew one, and lost seven. The three games which it won were against Jesmond (2-0), Cook's Hill (3-0), and Central No. 2 (2-0). The top goal-scorers were Stephen Davis and Ray Bakewell. The best players were S. Davis, R. Bakewell, I. Prior, Ogle, and Leymen. Our thanks go to Mr. Laycock, who gave us much encouragement and showed his enthusiasm throughout the Soccer season.

DENNIS GALLAGHER, 1E (Captain).

TENNIS REPORT, 1957

The school had outstanding success at tennis this year. All six teams entered in grade matches won their competitions, effortlessly in most cases.

The First Grade (Matthews, Goffet, Curran and Allen) won its seven matches with a total loss of only three sets to retain the J. O'Ryan Cup for yet another year in succession. Indeed, in one match against Cessnock, at Cessnock, the team conceded only two games in eight sets. The opposition on this occasion was so weak that only inadvertent double-faulting by the visiting team caused the two games to be lost. Incidentally, after the match, the Cessnock coach remarked in all seriousness that his team might possibly extend our team the next time we met,



13 UNDER 13 SOCCER, PREMIERS 1937
 FRONT ROW: J. Thurlow, R. Farley, D. Ahrens (Captain), Mr. R. Cutil (Coach), A. McDonald, R. Spiers, D. Hooker.
 BACK ROW: G. McMaster, J. Clapham, K. Williams, M. Galt, G. Choice, R. Hobson, C. Myers.
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because he would advise the members of the Cessnock team to "attack the net" at all costs. They did indeed "extend" us more than in the previous match—this time they won five games. No match in First Grade was ever really hard-fought; and this led to a rather dull competition, as has been the case, I must admit, over the last four or five years. The school has been in the fortunate position recently where the pick of the district's leading juniors has attended it. This has earned the school unchallengeable prowess in the northern district over the last few years.

Matthews, Goffet and Curran were all selected to play as the junior members of the Senior Badge teams competition during the year. All are Fourth Year students, and hence, with the exception of Allen, the First Grade team next year will consist of the same members as this year. This naturally augurs well for next year.

The Second Grade (Andrews, Marshall, Gamble, McRea and Tonkin) had an even easier win in its competition than the Firsts. It lost only one set throughout the season. Except for Andrews, the members of the team are all Fourth Year students. Marshall has improved considerably this year and is now a very solid, defensive player. His main trouble is that he refuses to keep in good condition.

The Third Graders (Jackson, Kirkby, Kelso, Bevan and Simon) won their competition easily, being undefeated. It is unfortunate that Kelso is playing no better tennis this year than last, because of a broken arm he sustained at the end of last season.

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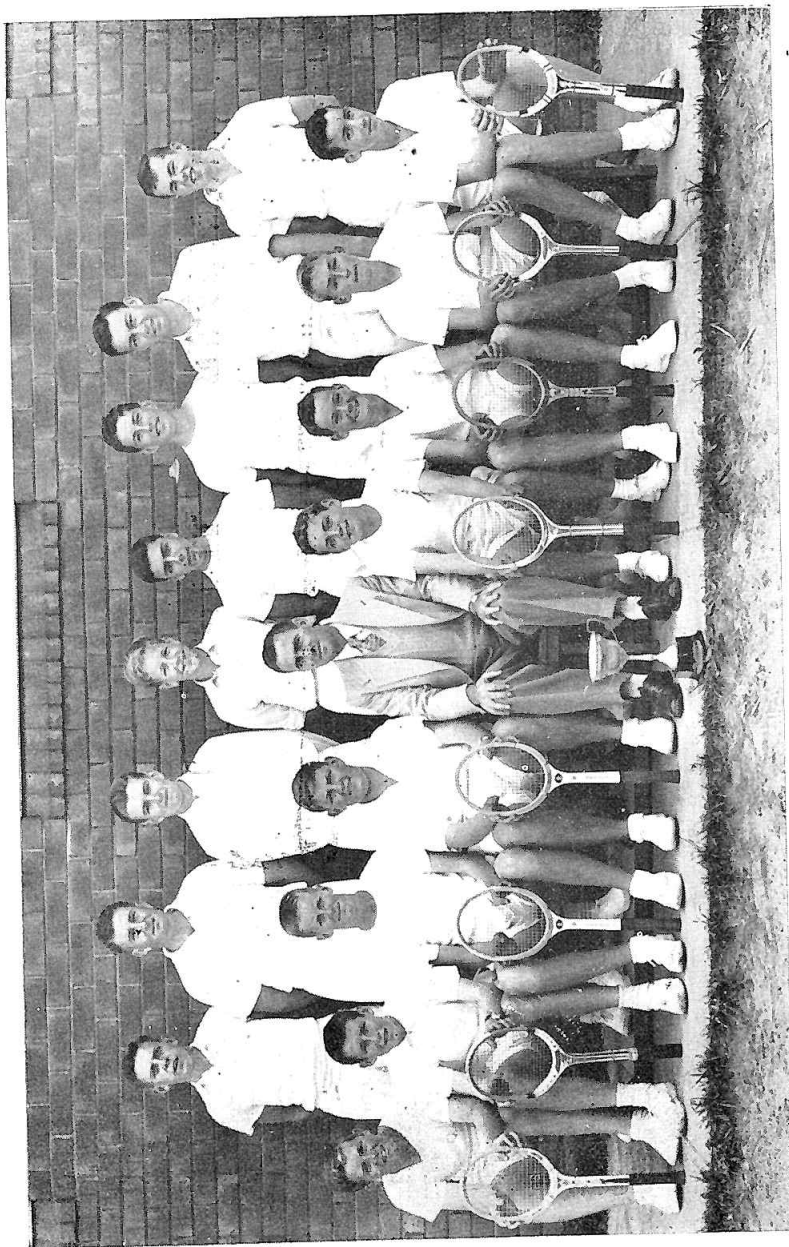
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BACK ROW: P. Matthews (1st), G. Goffet (1st), W. McRae (2nd), D. Marshall (2nd), P. Tonkin (2nd), B. Bevan (3rd), G. Gamble (2nd), J. Allen (1st).
 ABSENT: D. Curran (1st).
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The Fourth Grade Under 14 team (McLachlan, Sleep, Scott, Evans and Devon) was undefeated also. Easily the best player in this team is McLachlan, from Stockton. He executes a beautiful double-handed backhand, a shot which gives him more power, control, and accuracy. His reflexes at the net, however, are at present somewhat slow. He could develop into a most outstanding player, if properly coached. However, under the present system in Newcastle, where there is no "intensive" coaching for juniors of his age or, for that matter, of any age, it will not be possible to produce more than 'above-average' tennis-players in this district.

The F.S.A.A.A. "A" Grade team (Hough, Warland, Gibson, Leman, Lightfoot and D. McLachlan) finished co-premiers with Central. The team lost only one match, but played several exciting draws. The "E" Grade team (Thompson, Bishop, Cook and Elliott) was undefeated.

In late July the annual Northern versus Combined Sydney High Schools match was played at Maitland in unpleasant conditions. This school dominated the team of eight boys selected for the North. Those chosen from this school were Goffet, Curran, Matthews, Marshall, Andrews and Allen (capt.). Andrews withdrew because of important examinations. The team, though easily beaten, gave a reasonable account of itself. The lower seeded boys did particularly well. Mulligan, the No. 1 for Sydney, showed himself to be in a class above any other player in either team and had easy wins. This boy proved his class three years ago, when, at 13, he defeated John Bromwich in a serious

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P.S.A.A. TENNIS TEAMS (A GRADE CO-PREMIERS; B GRADE UNDEFEATED PREMIERS) 1957
FRONT ROW: M. Hough (A), A. Thompson (B), Mr. D. Davies (A Grade Coach), N. Gibson (A), D. Bishop (B).
BACK ROW: G. Garis (B), D. Lightfoot (A), D. McLaughlin (A), P. Cook (B).
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singles event. Goffet and Allen were fortunate enough to be selected to play, the next day, for a combined Sydney-Northern team against a Maitland Association team.

As usual, a tournament was held during the year to decide the leading pairs in various age-groups. The winners were: Open, Matthews and Goffet; Under 16, Matthews and Curran; Under 15, McLachlan and Kelso; Under 14, McLachlan and Bevan. They were presented with beautifully engraved plaques prepared for presentation by Mr. Hodge, First Grade coach, who conducted the tournament.

In conclusion, Messrs. Hodge, Shield, Davies and Simpson must be heartily congratulated for having coached their teams to victory. Congratulations must be rendered to all members of grade teams for retaining their respective premierships.

JOHN ALLEN (Fifth Year).

RUGBY UNION

Over Weight: This year's Rugby Union team was formed from the dregs of the League trials. Only a few of the players knew the fundamentals of the game when candidates were called for. Mr. McRae gave us our first idea of the game and then obtained the services of Mr. Col Pirie, Waratah, Newcastle and Country representative Union player, to coach us. From then on things went like wildfire. Although we lost our first game with a makeshift team against Belmont, we continued to

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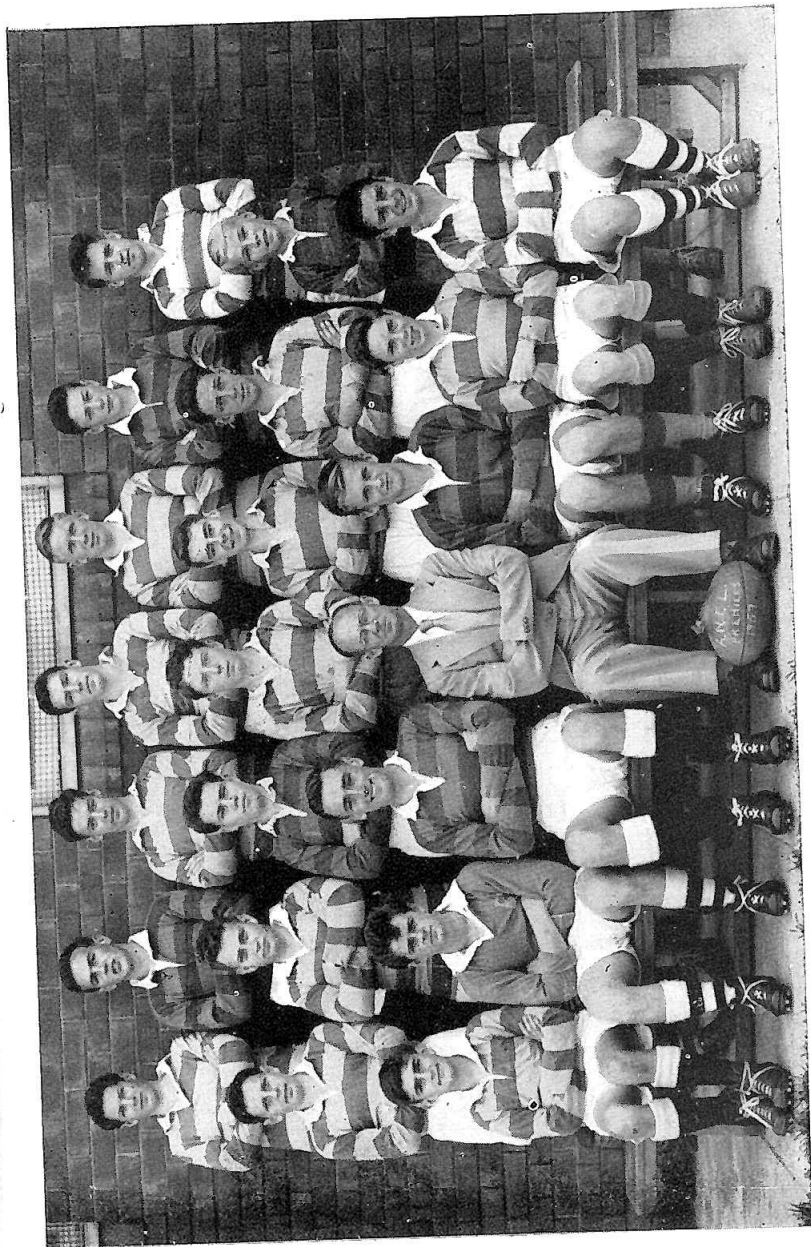
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MIDDLE ROW: D. Goodwin, P. Pinkelsren, J. Duggan, R. Worstley, J. McPhee, B. Smith, K. Hole.
BACK ROW: S. Israel, J. Scarlett, D. Fisher, R. Gilson, N. Greedy, D. Cederblad, M. Frater.
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improve, and soon, with a regular team, we were up amongst the leaders in the competition. Half-way through the season the team was strengthened by a recruit from the League ranks, John Beveridge. Our best and hardest game of the season was against Morpeth Grammar, who were undisputed leaders in the competition. In a close finish we were beaten 6-5. Although we won the remaining matches, we were unable to make up for the loss incurred by our first-round defeat and finished second in the competition behind Morpeth. All of our success can be attributed to Mr. Pirie, who came down, trained us and played with us to mould the team into what it became. He was always on the side line cheering us on and duly criticising us wherever we went wrong. His expert training gave us the strongest and best pack in the competition, while the back line could hold its own in any company.

At the end of the competition a Newcastle team was chosen to play against North Sydney High at North Sydney. Eight of our players—Barnes, Cavanagh, Evans, Hall, Horton, McGarry, Sweetland and White—were selected.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. McRae, Mr. Page and Mr. Daly for their help and their interest.

L. WHITE, 4A

6st. 7lb.: Although this was our first year of existence, our team played exceptionally well. All the players co-operated to the highest extent, being present at practice, obedient to coaches, and always doing their best in matches. In spite of our gaining only a few points, we did

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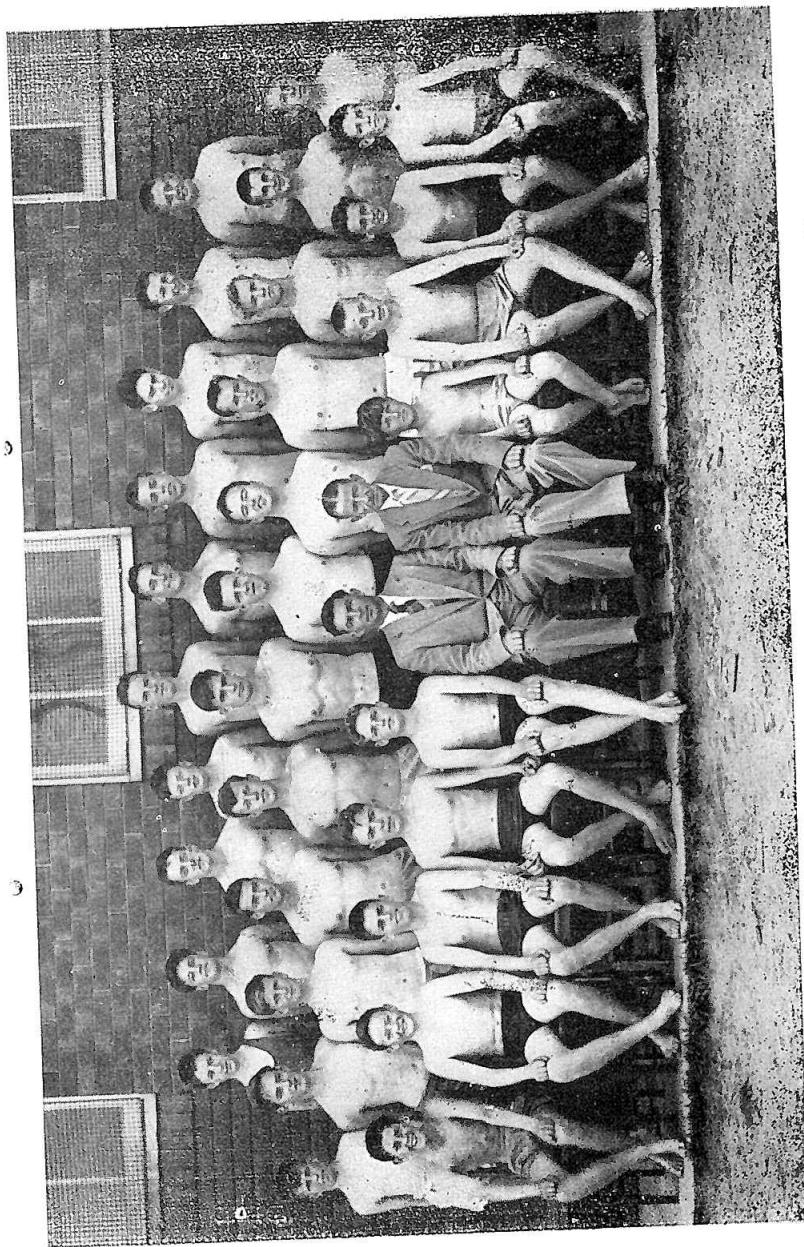
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not, on any occasion, lack team-spirit and kept on fighting to the final bell.

In lock position, in attack or defence, R. Perkins was extremely good. At centre position (or in the forwards) G. Westcott showed outstanding ability. In the full-back position D. Hardy and Roger Wilson both displayed great talent, especially in attack.

On behalf of our team I wish to thank W. Sweetland for his help and skilled guidance during practices. I also wish to thank Mr. McRae for his guidance and encouragement.

R. ELTIS, 2C.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

The Australian Rules team finished the 1957 season as undefeated premiers. The team scored 619 points and conceded only 33 points in 10 games. The number of points for, in comparison to those against, gives a fair indication of the team's superiority over its opponents.

The leading goal-kickers were K. Clifford (23), T. Collins (14), J. Duggan (12), and J. Koutts (8).

J. Scarlett, K. Fisher and M. Frater, all experienced players, gave consistently good displays, and their play contributed greatly towards the success of the team. Outstanding among the new members of the team were R. Gillon and S. Israel, who improved greatly as the season progressed.

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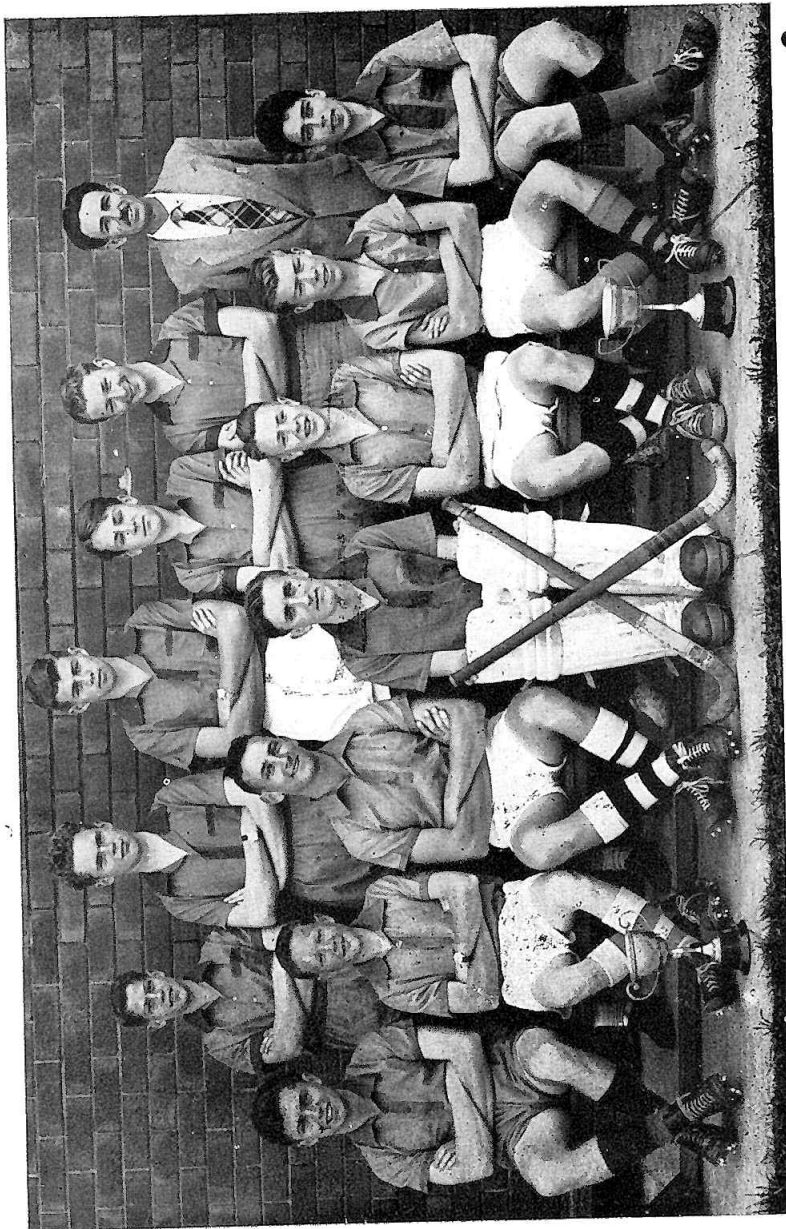
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T. Collins, J. Duggan, J. McPhee, M. Little, C. Warner, D. Goodwin, K. Bindle and K. Clifford (captain) were selected in the Newcastle Under 15 representative team, which played in matches against Sydney. Three of these boys (T. Collins, C. Warner and M. Little) were selected in the Combined Newcastle-Sydney Under 14 team, which played in the intrastate carnival at Leeton. At the conclusion of this carnival C. Warner was selected in the State team, which visited Melbourne.

On behalf of the school team I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Judd for his helpful coaching and management.

K. CLIFFORD (Captain).

SWIMMING

The standard of competitive swimming rose considerably throughout the State this year with the added incentive of Australia's successes in the Olympic Games, but, as usual, Newcastle did not seem to realise why. The swimmers of this school, excluding a few, do not realise the amount of effort, both physical and mental, given to achieving records and victories at carnivals. Again the achievements of the team are those of individuals, because those swimmers have devoted considerable time each day to the long, hard gruel of training. Thus, although I would like to report upon the team's results, I find it is only the victories of individuals I can describe.

The Combined Northern Carnival came with a flourish of records and wins by Maitland High and several promising performances by New-

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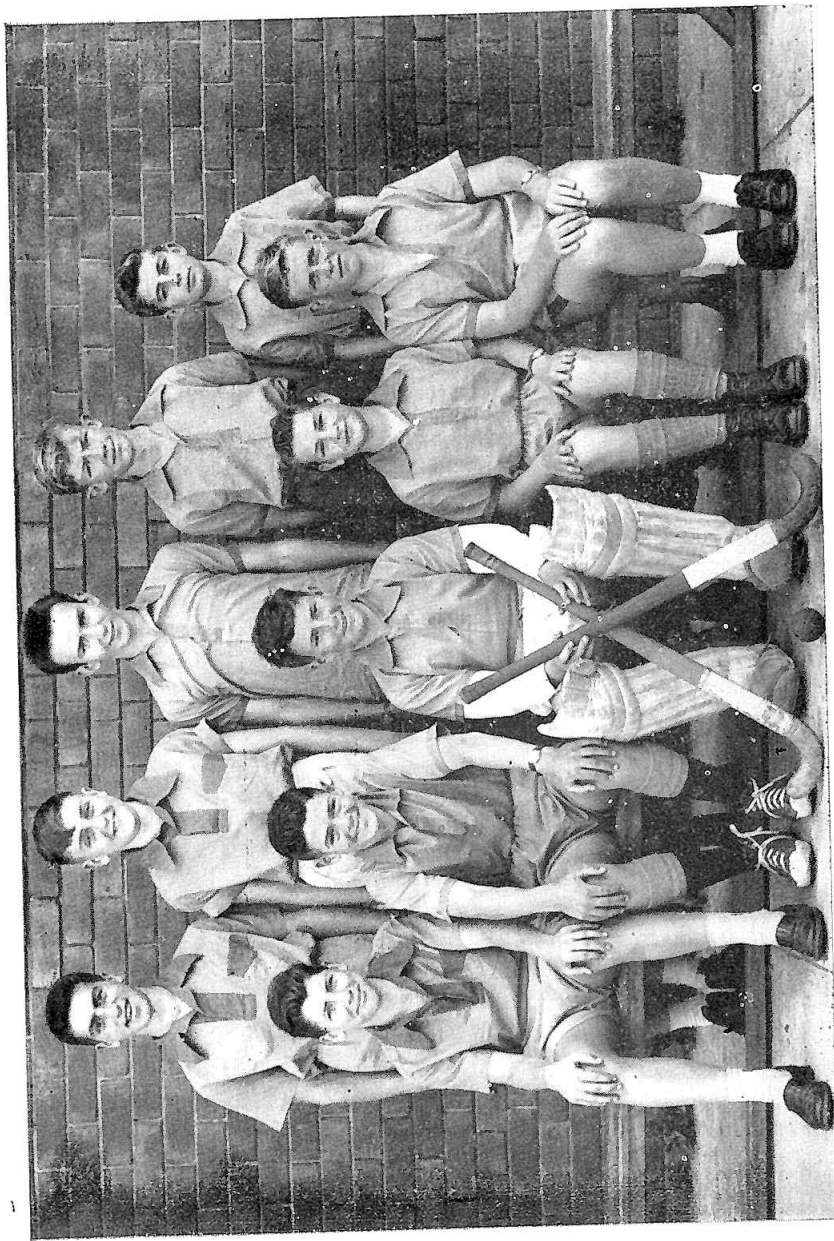
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BACK ROW: M. Arratoon, R. Davis, G. Thompson, C. McLeod, R. Day.
ABSENT: M. J. Rushton (Coach), M. Brennan.
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castle swimmers. It is at this carnival that we usually assess our chances of success at Sydney, and those who succeeded at Maitland succeeded at Sydney. With disappointment we saw our hopes in Richards dashed by Woods of Maitland High, but they were raised again in brilliance at Sydney. The competition between these two, which brought the Sydney crowds to their feet, appeared first at Maitland with the victory of Woods, although both broke records. In regard to the point score, which shows no more than the physical strength of a team, not its spirit, we gained second in the Aggregate and Senior and third in the Junior. Of the twelve new records, five were created by us.

The Combined High Schools Carnival at Sydney was, however, a different matter, in which our success equalled Maitland's because of individual effort. The general weakness of our team was shown by our few finalists in comparison to other country schools'. Because of the increased number of schools the programme was changed from heats and finals to three divisions for Sydney, one for Country, with the first three place-getters proceeding to the final—a much fairer system of elimination.

Five of our swimmers succeeded in reaching the N.S.W. Schools finals, three in more than one event. They were D. Stuart (Under 16), Michael Parke (Senior), Bill Childs (Under 13), "Ogy" Richards (Under 16), and myself. In addition the Senior Relay team, including Jim Lees, Don Owens, Michael Parke and "Ogy", won the Country division.

The final day was outstanding for the school. Against competition from trial Olympic swimmers, "Ogy" Richards in a tense and thrilling race created a new Under 16 440-yards record, defeating his previous

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