

# *Sports Review, 1960-61*

## RUGBY REPORT 1960-'61

The Senior XV had a surprisingly successful season. At the beginning of last Christmas term it was thought that we would have difficulty in producing a team at all. However, as the term went on, the team improved continually until the time came when it was unusual for them to lose a match. Thus later on in the season they reversed an early defeat by High School by beating them by nineteen points to nil. They beat St. Paul's by the same score and they also beat St. Columba's by six points to five in an exciting match. During the season they played Bangor Grammar at Bangor and beat them by five points to nil, and they drew six all with the Past Pupils in a fast, open game at Richview. The team was placed in the Schools' Cup stronger section and defeated St. Andrew's in the first round by eight points to nil. In the second round they had the bad luck to have to play Castleknock, who eventually won through to the final. Masonic were beaten by sixteen points to nil, but they put up a great show, especially the forwards, who had to face a pack said to be the strongest schoolboy pack in Leinster. On the whole the team had a very good season and a memorable one.

The Junior team also did better than was expected of them. They started the season badly but recovered after a while. They won six matches out of twelve and drew two. They managed to draw with Belvedere and were beaten by only six points to three against Terenure. In the Cup they were also placed in the strong section, but were beaten by six points to nil against Roscrea, who had a much bigger set of forwards. However it was a close match and Masonic played well.

The "Under 14" were very weak and had a very poor season. They were handicapped by the lack of boys to choose from. The "Under 13" were a good deal better and showed promise. They won fifty per cent. of their matches and drew one.

We congratulate A. Meldrum on being selected to play for Connacht in all three Interprovincial matches once again.

**S.C.T.**—R. Scott, W. Tyrrell, D. Henderson, T. Getgood, N. Baillie, A. Meldrum (captain), E. Lyndsay, N. Scott, W. Lauriston, M. Neill, R. Arbuthnot, J. Barr, W. Morrison, P. Gibson, A. Shea.

**J.C.T.**—S. Thompson, R. Sloan, J. Davidson, I. Rowan (captain), H. Wright, K. Irwin, R. Halligan, K. Slater, D. Orr, R. McCoy, E. Kinch, J. Bryans, L. Hicks, D. McBryde, R. Coghlan.

**Under 14**—G. Henderson, F. Meaney, C. Thompson, S. Levis, B. Neill, E. Lillie, A. McCartney, J. Patton, W. Neville, P. Billingsley, R. Coe, S. Vaughan, D. Orr (captain), A. Lindsay, B. McConnell.

**Under 13**—J. Neill, J. Adamson, I. Sutton, C. Thompson, S. Levis, G. Henderson, B. Snow, P. Billingsley (captain), D. Williamson, F. Kidd, J. Patton, M. Taylor, G. Snow, B. McConnell, R. Cromie.

### Summary of Matches

Team	Matches Played	Home			Away			Points	
		Won	Drawn	Lost	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
S.C.T.	21	7	1	1	7	1	4	191	115
J.C.T.	12	4	—	2	2	1	3	138	122
Under 14	11	—	—	4	1	—	6	50	176
Under 13	8	1	—	1	3	—	3	47	78

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### CRICKET REPORT 1961

This was a most successful season for Masonic, though the defeat by Mountjoy in the final of the Senior Cup came as a bit of a disappointment. The 1st XI lost only two matches out of a total of fifteen; one of these being lost by only one run in an exciting match against an eleven selected by Mr. J. O. Harte. We reached the final of the Schools' Cup and were beaten by four wickets in a close match against Mountjoy. The team played very well in this match and indeed throughout the season. They provided exciting entertainment at all times. One example of this was their win at Richview over Coleraine A.I. in an enthralling match. Masonic batted first and were dismissed for eighty-three runs. Coleraine then batted and once they managed to get through a shaky spell during which R. Thompson's fine bowling secured two wickets for Masonic, their two best batsmen began to score run after run. When the score reached sixty for two wickets most of the spectators had written off the possibility of a win for Masonic. However a wicket fell at sixty-two and, almost unbelievably, Meldrum and Getgood succeeded in dismissing the remainder of the Coleraine team for only five more runs, leaving Coleraine's total at sixty-seven. This was the sort of entertainment that the team provided in all their matches. Other notable matches during the season were a drawn game with Methodist College, the second round of the Cup, in which we defeated Sandford by one hundred and twenty-nine runs, the semi-final with St. Mary's, which we won by one hundred and nineteen runs, and friendly games against Leprechauns, a Clergy XI and Mr. J. Wheeler's XI, all of which we won.

The Junior team had a disappointing season, winning only two