

RUGBY REPORT 1976-77

Senior Cup Team: S. Thompson, H. Hartford, W. Getty, D. Rodgers (Capt.), I. Curran, N. Shaw, M. Shaw, J. Sutton, R. Murray, M. Kerr, R. Abraham, R. Clements, D. Percy, G. Hunter, J. Moore.

This senior team could be described as one of the best Masonic sides ever. They played 30 matches, winning 18, losing 11, and drawing 1. Top scorers were M. Shaw 152 pts., H. Hartford 100 pts. and R. Clements 62 pts. Although the team looked smaller than many opposing teams they showed that they had more skill and were on occasions braver. The seniors had one trip during the season, that being to Belfast, where they beat Malone Colts 25-4 and Grosvenor High School 13-10. The team was drawn against Blackrock College in the Leinster Schools' Senior Cup (Blackrock were the favourites to win the Cup, and in fact did so) but despite this our 1st XV put up a strong fight, eventually losing 19-3. The team also did well in the League, getting through to the semi-finals where they were beaten by Blackrock IIs A.

Junior Cup Team: R. Cross, N. Hillis, J. Magowan, D. Veitch, G. Levis, S. Cinnamon, B. Shaw, P. Thomson (Capt.), F. Neale, P. Hughes, P. Newton, R. Mains, W. Casey, W. Moynan, P. Abraham.

This team was not as good as we thought it would have been. They played 17 matches during the season, winning 3, losing 14. Most of their defeats were due to very heavy opposing sides. The team also competed for the Leinster Schools' Junior Cup but were knocked out in the first round by Gonzaga College 15-0 after a well-fought game. During this game W. Moynan received a bad neck injury and has been in hospital most of the time since the match. We are glad to say that he has now returned to school, though he will be unable to play games for some time. Top scorers were R. Cross 68 pts., S. Cinnamon 32 pts. and D. Veitch 16 pts.

2nd XV: S. Curran, N. Graham, J. Lynn, K. O'Neil, C. Breen, K. Patterson, R. Reilly (Capt.), R. Marshall, D. Heath, W. Stevenson, T. Shaw, M. Hillis, R. W. E. Neale, W. Sparkes, R. Neale, J. Mahon, S. Snodden.

This team was more successful than the previous Seconds team; out of 14 games played they won 8, lost 5, and drew 1. This team's success lay in the very heavy forwards who dominated the play against the opposing packs. Top scorers were R. Reilly 53 pts., C. Breen 36 pts. and W. S. Sparkes 36 pts.

U. 14: P. Abraham, G. Bell, N. Hillis, J. Magowan, R. Leslie, D. Taylor (Capt.), B. Shaw, P. Hughes, R. Cameron, I. Young, R. Mains, T. Stanley, W. Casey, W. Moynan, R. Percy.



S.C.T. – Standing (l. to r.): G. Hunter, H. Hartford, R. Clements, R. Abraham, J. Sutton, M. Kerr, D. Percy, J. Moore. Seated (l. to r.): N. Shaw, S. Thompson, R. Murray, D. Rodgers (Capt.), M. Shaw, W. Getty, I. Curran.
 – Photograph by J. Mahon.

During the season this team played 11 matches, winning 5, losing 5, and drawing 1. Their success lay in the tremendous support they gave each other on the field. Top scorers were W. Casey 36 pts., J. Magowan 32 pts. and B. Shaw 26 pts.

U. 13: M. Abraham, A. Irwin, E. Kodjoe, R. Leslie (Capt.), R. Graham, G. Bell, I. Macken, K. Johnston, C. Sloan, G. Mark, M. Stephens, J. Martin, A. McCarthy, R. Ford, J. O'Neil.

The U. 13 had a disappointing season; out of 12 matches played they won 3 and lost 9. Although they were very fit, they were small and came up against many huge teams who beat them. Top scorers were E. Kokjoe 28, M. Abraham 26, and G. Mark 12.

Team	Matches Played	HOME			AWAY			POINTS	
		Won	Lost	Drawn	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
S.C.T.	30	11	4	1	7	7	0	549	268
J.C.T.	17	2	8	0	1	6	0	129	275
2nd XV	14	6	2	0	2	3	1	166	167
U. 14	11	3	1	1	2	4	0	179	132
U. 13	12	1	4	0	2	5	0	102	194

S. CINNAMOND (Hon. Secretary).

LIBRARY REPORT

The Library continues to be a source of great enjoyment to those who constantly use it, but regrettably there still are some whose names seldom appear in the borrowing records. However, many of the books in the Library are old and out-of-date, and it is to be hoped that the provision of more modern editions and more recently published material will attract the reluctant readers and help them to cultivate a regular reading habit. We are grateful to the Governors of the School who have made funds available for the purchase of new books. The possibility of supplementing what we can afford to buy with books provided on loan from the District Libraries is being investigated.

We would like to thank sincerely those who made gifts to the Library during the year: Mr. R. Leslie, Mrs. Ford, Mr. E. J. Woods and Mr. J. Hillis for gifts of books; Mr. D. McCaughey for collections of Motorcycle magazines; Mr. W. J. Harper, Ionic Lodge 429 Dublin for a gift of books.

Our thanks are due and are hereby offered to M. Johnston who



J.C.T. — Standing (l. to r.): F. Neale, S. Cinnamond, R. Cross, D. Veitch, P. Newton, R. Mains, G. Levis, P. Hughes.
 Seated (l. to r.): P. Abraham, B. Shaw, W. Casey, P. Thomson (Capt.), N. Hillis, J. Magowan, D. Taylor.

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