

RUGBY REPORT 1975-76

Senior Cup Team

The 1st. XV had another excellent season this year, winning 20 of their 29 matches and losing 8 — surely no mean achievement for any school. By so doing, they brought great credit, both to themselves and to the School. In addition, it must be placed on record that by their performance they merited a place in the strong section for the Leinster Senior Cup Competition where they managed to defeat the Wesley XV by 6 points to 3 before being knocked out by a slightly superior High School team by 10 points to 7 in the second round.

But perhaps the crowning glory of the team's success was its victory in the Wanderers Seven-A-Side Competition, which saw the Watson Memorial adorn the Board Room in Richview, for the first time. (A separate report on this success follows this report.)

During the year the team visited Sligo Grammar School to compete for the Fry Cup (which they won). A visit was also paid to Belfast, where the team was defeated by Grosvenor High School by 6 points to 0. The team, however, did not return empty-handed for the following day they defeated Malone Colts team by 42 points to 4.

In conclusion, no report could be complete unless some reference was made to Mr. L. V. Bloomer. As usual he devoted a lot of his spare time to preparing this team for its matches, and the team would like to thank him sincerely for all his efforts.

The Senior XV comprised:

I. Greaves, C. Breen, E. Reid, D. Rodgers, H. Hartford, M. Loughrey, M. Shaw, T. Faulkner, R. Murray, M. Kerr, D. Cowan, J. McCreight, R. Abraham, D. Percy, A. Latimer, J. Moore, R. Clements.

Junior Cup Team: N. Shaw, B. Shaw, K. Patterson, R. Cross, S. Cinnamond, W. Casey, P. Thomson, P. Newton, D. Veitch, N. Hillis, S. Curran, W. Stevenson, D. Taylor, F. Neale, R. W. E. Neale, W. Moynan.

Due to a preponderance of boys in the over-15 age group in the School this year the Junior Cup Team found itself with few boys to choose from in the 15 year old bracket. As a result it is commendable that the team succeeded in winning 7 of its 19 matches. Top scorers for the team were: N. Shaw 50 points; W. Getty 42 points, and K. Patterson 22 points.



(Left to Right): Back Row: H. Hartford, A. Latimer, T. Faulkner, D. Cowan, J. McCright, M. Kerr, J. Moore, C. Brun.

Front Row: J. Graves, W. Shaw, E. Reid, W. Laughrey (Capt.), D. Rodgers, J. Perry, J. Moore.

2nd XV: R. Hutchinson; I. Curran, W. Getty, G. Hunter, R. Reilly, S. Thompson, N. Shaw, J. Lynn, R. Abraham, S. Snodden, R. Marshall, M. Hillis, K. O'Neil, J. Moore, R. Neale.

The school was able to field a 2nd. XV this year for the first time in several years. Its relative success — winning 7 out of its 17 matches — will probably ensure that a 2nd. XV will remain a feature of the school for some time to come.

Top scorers were: R. Hutchinson 64 points, I. Curran 34 points, and W. Getty 32 points.

U. 14. P. Abraham, D. Taylor, J. Magowan, B. Shaw, S. Cinnamond, P. Hughes, F. Neale, P. Thomson, P. Newton, R. Mains, W. Casey, W. Moynan, R. Cross, N. Hillis, D. Veitch.

The U.14 played only four matches in the season out of which they lost 3 and won 1. Most of these matches were played in the latter part of the season.

Top scorers were S. Cinnamond and R. Cross with 8 points and 7 points respectively.

U. 13. R. Percy, P. Abraham, G. Bell, D. Taylor, J. Magowan, P. Hughes, C. Sloan, G. Mark, E. Kodjoe, T. Stanley, M. Abraham, N. Hillis, B. Shaw, R. Cameron, R. Leslie, M. O'Neil, W. Neale, R. Cross.

Out of 20 matches played the U.13 won only 6 and lost 12 and drew 2. It is my opinion that the defeats were mainly caused by the heftiness of the opposing sides.

Top scorers were B. Shaw with 45 points, R. Cross 21 points, and D. Taylor 20 points.

"The Senior Sevens", Team: H. Hartford, E. Reid, M. Loughrey (Capt.), M. Shaw, D. Cowan, A. Latimer, R. Clements.

The seven named above have made their mark in Masonic rugby. Indeed, they will go down as the first 'Seven' to bring a rugby trophy to Richview. The whole School rejoiced when the result was announced.

Much of the credit for their success must go to Mr. L. Bloomer, the First Fifteen coach. He really pushed this team until it was as fit as could be expected, some would say even fitter than this, if this could be possible.

On the day, of course, fitness was the key and Masonic had the key. In their first match they played Wilson's Hospital. The team's fitness permitted a flowing brand of rugby as was usual for Masonic in the past year. This game resulted in a decisive win for Masonic by 20 points to 10 points.

There then followed a fairly difficult encounter between the King's Hospital and ourselves. Again the Masonic fitness and skills came through and at the end of the second exhausting encounter of the afternoon the score sheet read Masonic 8 points; King's Hospital 4 points.

Their next encounter was with Clongowes Wood College in the semi-

final of the competition. Again Masonic weren't afraid to pass the ball around, and the resulting free-flowing play meant that Masonic advanced to the final. The score at the end of this match was Masonic 10 points Clongowes nil.

The finalists were Newbridge College, the winners of the plate in last year's competition, and ourselves. This was to be the most exciting match of the day. Finals usually do exude excitement but this was a truly superb final.

The Masonic team again employed a fast-flowing brand of rugby, which it would be true to say, overwhelmed the Newbridge team. In this game Masonic tries were plentiful and were by any standards the results of well executed movements of the team.

At the end of this breathtaking encounter the scoresheet read Masonic 20 points, Newbridge 4 points. This was a well-deserved victory. This result meant that the first rugby trophy, the Watson memorial shield, would come to Richview.

Again sincere thanks is due to Mr. Bloomer who coached the team. He never failed to encourage the team.

In this 'Sevens Tournament' the team got 58 points and conceded only 18 points. The scorers were: H. Hartford 20 points, M. Shaw 18 points, M. Loughrey 8 pts. E. Reid 8 points, and A. Latimer 4 points.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY REPORT (1975-76)

The Dramatic Society last year produced four very successful plays for the Christmas concert.

C. Breen, the Master of Ceremonies, opened the show by introducing the Third Year play, which was their own version of the popular television series "Some Mothers Do 'ave 'em". The story, written by R. Cameron, S. Robinson and J. Bell, was set in a Social Welfare Office and involved the adoption of a troublesome child by the luckless Frank and Betty Spencer. J. Bell starred as Frank Spencer with W. Moynan as the Social Welfare Officer and S. Robinson as the troublemaker.

The second play performed was the work of Fourth Year. It involved the more familiar American tourist, who produced the usual laughter. The scene was set in the West of Ireland where the unfortunate American was first hoodwinked into providing booze for a wake and then terrified when the corpse called out for its pint of Guinness. This tale was written by P. Dryden, K. Patterson and M. Hillis. The part of the Yank was played by P. Dryden, and N. Shaw, R. Clements, D. Percy and K. Patterson put on their best Mayo accents for their parts as the locals.

The Fifth Year play took for its setting the unusual surroundings of a



7-A-Side Winners

(Left-Right)

Back row: Dr. H. Risk, D. Cowan, A. Latimer, Mr. L. Bloomer.

Front row: M. Shaw, E. Reid, M. Loughrey (Capt.), H. Hartford, R. Clements.