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EDITORIAL

We think that we divulge no secrets when we say that this, the final issue of the present volume, is to be the final issue of the magazine in its present form. Of the new version we say, Wait and see. We did, though, ask a few of the Sixth Form what they would like to see in a magazine with a slightly different approach. One of the requests was for more photographs — "more photographs of school and school life in general, rather than the countless unidentifiable photographs of rugby matches" said one, whilst another asked for "more pictures, especially of spectacular tries, goals and athletics events". Well, in this issue we have tried to cover both eventualities in a small way.

The trouble is that photographs in any publication cost rather a lot of money — last year the bill for this magazine was between £40 and £50 — but that is the least of the problem. The photographs themselves are not that easy to come by in the first place, and when we are fortunate enough to get a selection of some, very often diffidently brought to our attention, the owners must be very disappointed when they find that we select only one. The fact is that action photography is less easy than many imagine. One has to know one's sport well enough to be able to anticipate action, and one has to approach the sport with a view to finding action, not, as so often happens, taking a picture of Fred playing for the 1st XV. One can sit for long enough near the try-line or by the goal-mouth and not get spectacular shots, and even then one might be approaching the task with the wrong equipment. Tri-X or HP4 film, or some other fast film, and a telephoto lens and a camera with at least a 1/500 shutter speed are very necessary. The spectacular shots that we are all so used to seeing in the pages of the press are the result of long experience and, often, are made possible by the use of motor-drive. Most people haven't got the dedication or the money for that kind of thing. However, there is a certain amount of reviving interest in photography in the School, and there are enough subjects around to take many interesting and unusual photographs. We hope for better photographs in the future.

Another request was that the length and number of sports reports be reduced. We agree, and a movement in that direction has already been made in this issue. But what is to be put in the resultant empty space? Contributions by the boys is the answer that comes most readily. Those who worked on "Wing Forward" will know, however, how shy Strathallians are to rush into print. Another ingenious suggestion made was views about the School by leavers (some might ask Why not views on the leavers by the School?), and there is certainly room for a variation on that theme,

the university letter, a common feature of many of our contemporaries. One person even suggested more space be devoted to social occasions, but gave as an example the Masters' Football Match, which we have always been given to understand is an occasion which can never be graced with any notion of sociability.

However, the new format and the new ideas will be in other hands. We wish them well in their task.

Mr. ROBERT BARR

The sudden death of Robert (Bobbie) Barr on Sunday, 4th February, 1973, came as a great shock to his fellow Strathallians.

Bobbie was at Strathallan from 1921 to 1926 and during that time he made his mark on the School. On the academic side his clear brain enabled him to sail through the necessary examinations, but it was the sports field that he really enjoyed. He was a useful member of the Cricket XI and took part in the famous match against Harry B. Rowan's XI in 1926, but Rugby was his particular love and his determined running as a centre three-quarter and the numerous tries he scored, those who had the pleasure of playing alongside him will always remember. His "dummy" was almost a copyright!

On leaving School he went to Glasgow University with the intention of studying medicine, but after three years, for family reasons, he joined the firm of Barr, Crombie & Co. Ltd. While he may have been disappointed at leaving the University, it was not before he had been awarded his Rugby Blue.

Bobbie's keen interest outside Rugby was sailing and in 1939 he was commissioned in the R.N.V.R. where his business knowledge of shipping combined with his sailing and cruising experience were of value in organising and commanding the inshore mine-sweepers manned by fishermen, operating in the North Sea and ultimately in Iceland.

After the War, Bobbie continued to take a great interest in the School, and was invited to join the Board of Governors in 1946 and served on that Board for 20 years where his sound advice and love of the School were of great value. His benefactions to the School were typical of the man — action without fuss.

Bobbie was President of the Strathallian Club from 1938 until 1946 and although he had a reserved nature he endeared himself to all who knew him.

N.G.R.

MURRAY MILLER

Murray Miller came to Riley in 1958 and left from Nicol in 1965. A music exhibitioner, he made great contributions in the choir and in concerts with his piano solos. Possibly his most outstanding achievements at School were on the stage, and he took leading parts in four productions with a memorable performance in "A Man For All Seasons".

After a good academic career he started off on the long road of exams to become a C.A. He was a regular attendee at Founder's Day and his cheerful smile, his obvious pleasure at his recent successful final exams and his charming manners were noticeable as usual this year on Saturday, 16th June. It was with a real sense of shock that we learnt that he had been killed in a car crash on the following Tuesday at the age of 26, with a promising future lying just ahead.

He was above all a gentle and kindly person. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his father, Mr. K. M. Miller, and to his elder brother Ian. We shall all remember him with affection and pride.

T.C.G.F.

SCHOOL NOTES

During the break in the Autumn Term the School Drive was re-surfaced as far as Lady's Well, but the winter must have done something, mild as it was, for re-surfacing, this time as far as the School gates, was undertaken during the Summer Term.

A sponsored swim for the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh took place over several Sundays and raised £385. A further £95 was collected in Chapel.

A new system of haircutting was introduced to replace Salon Dewar now that the proprietor of that establishment is semi-retired. Barbers (no, that is too crude a word for the results we see around us) — hair-stylists now visit the School on three or four occasions during the term.



The Pond for once unused.

The social scene continues to prosper. Two dances were held with Kilgraston this year. The Christmas fixture was held away, and at the end of the Spring Term their hospitality was returned. We did have one or two photographs, not quite of the county magazine type, but these were snatched away from the editors at the last moment.

A revised edition of the School Rules was printed and issued to every boy so that all could see what to break and where.

The School fees have risen again.

Several new cars have appeared outside the front door of the Main Building.

A record was made of this year's Carol Service, and a sleeve for it was designed by G. P. McHarg.

Three friars from the Society of St. Francis have paid visits to the School, preaching in Chapel and holding Sixth Form discussion groups.

A new stand, very generously gifted by Mr. Reekie, has replaced the one above Big Acre.

The School has been presented with a new flag by the Strathallians.

We record thanks, too, for two new prizes which have been generously funded. The first is the Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings in memory of the late Patrick Grandison. The second is the William Tattersall Art Prize, presented by Mrs. Tattersall in memory of her husband, Dr. William Tattersall.

We say farewell to Margaret Burnet, the first Strathallian of the fair sex, who has made quite a mark academically on the School.

Where do we all come from? A recent survey of the distribution of boys' homes shows that 17.1% come from the Glasgow, Renfrewshire and Dunbarton areas, 10% from Dundee and Angus, 9.5% from Perth and Perthshire, 7.6% from Fife and Clackmannan, 16.5% from Eastern, South-West Scotland and the Borders, 8.1% from the Highlands and Islands, 14.4% from England, 3.4% from Europe, 4.5% from Africa, 5.5% from Asia, 1.3% from N. America and 2.1% from S. America. Of course many of the "foreigners" are really ex-patriate Scots, and many the sons of Strathallians.

The following prizes were awarded at the end of the Autumn Term:

Prize for best "A" Level results: R. C. Stark (N)

Prize for best "O" Level results (from 5th Form): D. J. McKee (N)

Prize for best "O" Level results (from 4A): D. A. Cameron (R)

Form Prizes: 4B: R. V. E. Pearce (N)

4C: S. L. Hill (L)

3A: J. M. Waldie (S)

3B: H. M. Pearson (S)

3C: A. R. Brown (N)

Form 2: D. A. C. MacLachlan (Ri)

Form 1: R. A. Smith (Ri)

At the end of the Summer Term the following prizes were awarded:

Form Prizes: Form 4B: R. V. E. Pearce (N)
Form 4C: S. L. Hill (L)
Form 3A: J. M. Waldie (S)
Form 3B: A. R. Brown (N)
Form 3C: G. M. Templeton (L)
Form 2 : D. C. MacLachlan (Ri)
Form 1 : R. A. Smith (Ri)

Distinction Prizes: D. C. MacLachlan and R. A. Smith

The Editors wish to thank all contributors and ask that contributions for future issues be submitted in good time for consideration for publication. Photographs are especially welcome, and these should, where possible, be in black and white.

At the end of the year there were 359 boys and one girl at the School.

STAFF NOTES

As always there are changes in the population of the School. We welcome Mr. J. N. Ford, who has come to assist with Biology, and who has been a useful addition to those staff taking games, and Mr. T. S. Goody, who has come as Head of Mathematics, and who has shown great skill in repairing boats.

Three members of staff left at the end of the Summer Term. Mr. K. Glimm, a modern linguist, came here in 1969 to teach German and French. He quickly established himself as a figure in the School community, and besides his teaching ran the Sailing and Swimming for a time. He was also House Tutor for Nicol House. He is taking up an appointment at Perth Technical College and we wish him every success.

Mr. E. Wormald, who came in 1957 to teach Mathematics, is leaving to take up an appointment at Perth Grammar School. Mr. Wormald is well known in rugby circles, for some years being a leading member of the Midland District Referees' Society, and his comprehensive knowledge of the laws has been of great help and value to the referees in School. During his time here he has run the Junior Colts, the 3rd XV, and just latterly the 2nd XV — the first two with outstanding success. For many Strathallians he will be remembered better, though, for the great amount of energy and time he expended on making the R.A.F. Section the best in Scotland. He has managed to get boys to camps regularly in Germany, Cyprus and Malta, and onto many courses. No doubt it is through his inspiration that several Strathallians are now serving as regular officers in the R.A.F. We are sure that he will not take offence when we say that administratively there are very few regulars who are able to beat him at the age-old R.A.F. pastime of "wangling".

Mr. Peter Spurgin came to Strathallan in May 1952 and was a House Tutor in Riley for nearly four years, and at the same time he worked hard to set the School .22 Rifle Team on a sound basis. Many hours spent down on the range in all weathers brought suc-

cesses for several teams in the Perthshire Leagues, and in postal matches against other Schools. For two years he held a joint Housemastership in Riley prior to taking over Freeland in September 1960. He had just previously taken over the School Hockey XI and in the years that followed he increased the fixture list considerably and produced some good teams. Summer Hockey came into its own as an option and thrived on a fixture list which included a number of well-known Club sides. On a number of occasions he took the School side down to take part in the Oxford Hockey Festival.

Those who are connected with Houses will know only too well of the multifarious duties which fall to a man looking after the interests of a family of sixty boys. I am sure that many in Freeland, past and present, will recall his unfailing courtesy, sympathy and good humour, and wish him and Mrs. Spurgin a very happy retirement.

We are very sorry to lose another long-serving member of staff, namely Mr. Lionel J. Maiden. He came to the School in 1951, after he had retired from the army in which he had been a band master. Although his main instrument was the clarinet, he had been trained to play all wind instruments at Kneller Hall. Before he came to Strathallan there had been no teaching of wind instruments at all. The School, however, bought some instruments and under his tuition there grew up a flourishing wind section to the newly-constituted orchestra. Over the years he has produced many first-class players on all the wind instruments. Some time ago he decided to reduce his commitments and taught woodwind instruments only — apart from some bugling done for the C.C.F. Now, he has decided that it is time that he retired completely. We are finding it extremely hard to replace him, but we wish him a happy retirement.

Another person whom we are finding it difficult to replace is Miss Millar, the Housekeeper. Miss Millar came here in 1966, and thus she remembers what it was like in the old days with the old kitchens. It might be said that a Housekeeper's job, like a policeman's, is not a happy one. One thinks not only of the constant moans one hears — at times she must have felt like serving fish and chips and mince at every meal — but also of the constant staffing crises that have come her way. Nevertheless she has always managed to provide for us, and teams have particularly to be thankful for her organisation of teas, early lunches, late suppers, packed lunches or suppers and so on, and fit in all these with the normal daily programme. We wish her well.

We record, too, that Miss Brodie has retired after several years' service as the Bursar's Secretary, looking after our train tickets, end of term buses, and pocket-money, and that Mrs. Fairbairn has come to be Sister in the Sanatorium. We felt sorry for her during the Summer Term when she had to cope with umpteen cases of measles of various varieties, chickenpox, one case of malaria and one of pneumonia, as well as all the other minor ail-

ments. At one time the San. territory had taken in two Nicol dormitories!

SALVETE

Autumn Term 1972

U VI: C. D. MacLean (L).

L VI: I. M. McFarlane (R).

III: A. T. D. Brewster (S); A. R. Brown (N); J. M. Carver (N); G. K. Cochrane (L); A. H. Cumming (F); Q. J. Davidson (L); J. M. Dove (S); T. M. D. Finlayson (S); M. J. M. Footitt (S); R. H. Gardiner (F); H. J. P. Gray (N); D. T. Hay (R); A. T. Henderson (L); P. A. Hill (L); J. B. Houston (N); M. T. Manson (F); K. C. Marshall (R); G. W. Mitchell (N); P. T. Mosetti (N); N. MacDonald (F); A. McLean (R); J. C. McKenzie (S); H. F. McLean (N); K. McMillan (F); N. A. McNicol (R); A. B. Naismith (R); B. W. Parker (R); D. A. Pate (F); M. J. Prosser (R); C. J. Schneeberger (L); J. F. J. Shearer (N); W. S. Sproat (F); G. M. Templeton (L); J. L. Turner (R); J. M. Waldie (S); R. A. R. Whyte (F); J. G. Wither (S); G. T. Wordie (S).

Riley: A. C. B. Baird; H. M. Barbour; C. B. Campbell; J. N. Goodbourn; J. T. Gow; D. Guthrie; E. W. Hamilton; N. R. Hastings; K. Kelly; A. L. Knight; H. R. Laing; R. M. Mitchell; A. A. Muir; E. J. W. McLeave; G. J. McEwan; W. G. McFarlane; A. L. Mackay; F. A. Macmillan; J. McL. McPhail; A. I. Nicolson; I. A. Niven; D. L. Ogilvie; M. P. M. Romaniec; M. S. Ross; R. A. Smith; C. T. Straiton; C. R. Taylor; N. J. Voigt.

Spring Term 1973

III: A. W. Barr (N); J. R. A. Cleland (N); J. Cuthill (F); T. R. Fellowes-Prynn (R); J-P. Genasi (R); C. H. Martin (N); G. B. McDonald (S); J. L. Nimmo (F); N. C. St. J. Yates (S).

Riley: J. D. Montgomerie.

Summer Term 1973

L VI: I. McFarlane (R).

III: K. D. Evans (N); D. M. Fairlie (L); S. B. Knox (N); J. S. Thomson (L).



Salvete.

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Summer Term 1973

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- A. C. A. Glen (F); Came 69³; I; Cdt. R.A.F.
Woodhouse Farm, Eaglesham, Glasgow G76 0NY.
- A. C. Greer (S); Came 71²; III.
Dubton House, Hillside, Montrose, Angus.
- A. D. Robertson (N); Came 71²; III; A.B. R.N.
120 East Clyde Street, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

SPEECH DAY 1973

Speech Day this year was on Friday, 1st June, a week earlier than usual, and we almost missed the sunshine. The Guest Speaker was Lieutenant General Sir Chandos Blair, K.C.V.O., O.B.E., M.C., General Officer Commanding the Army in Scotland.

The Chairman of the Governing Body, Mr. N. A. Gillanders, T.D., gave the opening address. He welcomed the Guest and then spoke mainly on matters financial. He said that Strathallan's fees and facilities compared very favourably with other schools, and said that it was becoming increasingly more difficult to maintain the level of the fees when everything else was so heavily subjected to "inflation, taxation, and legislation". He also announced that the Governing Body would shortly be launching a new appeal to finance a new project to add to our facilities.

The Headmaster's Third Annual Report dealt mainly with academic matters. He was pleased to announce that there had been an 83% pass rate at O and A Levels which included a 6% increase in the passes at O Level. This, too, was the first year that we had entered candidates for the Scottish Highers. The entries had been of an experimental nature, and the results in July would tell us whether or not this particular examination would become a regular feature of the Sixth Form Course. A further change in examination policy was also envisaged. After this year boys would only be offering O Levels in their third year in the Senior School, and not earlier. He then went on to review educational policy of a wider nature.

He referred to the Schools Council's current proposal to re-organise the sixth form curriculum because it felt that A Levels were overspecialised. The Headmaster stressed that possibly too many people cared more about changes in the educational system than for the quality of the education itself. He still felt that it was part of a school's function to make people responsible, and that the A Level course assisted in this.

Finally, turning to financial matters, he thought that the economic threat to the future of public schools was more prevalent than the political threat.

Sir Chandos Blair's speech was a short and entertaining one. He referred to some of the past events and personalities of his career — at one time his platoon sergeant in the 4th Battalion, The King's African Rifles, had been the present President of Uganda. He said that he was impressed by Strathallan's facilities, and in the part of his speech addressed to the boys particularly, he suggested that they would never get such facilities laid on for them again in their lives — unless, of course, they joined the Army.

It is worth noting here that Margaret Burnet became the first girl at the School to receive prizes at Speech Day.

The speeches were followed by the traditional concert, which seemed to be of a very high standard this year. One particularly

impressive item for those who were well placed for the stereo effect was the spirituals from the Choir, directed by Mr. Ball. In the afternoon there were the usual activities to be seen, and a new event, a Gymnastics Display, full of impressive agility, was organised by Mr. Henderson. The Speech Day drew to a close with the Beating of the Retreat.

N.S.S.



Speech Day gymnastics.

SPEECH DAY PRIZES

June 1973

The Smith Cup for Captain of School	S. R. C. Duncan
The Houston Prize for All Round Merit	N. S. Stevenson
Dux	R. C. Stark (in absentia)
The William Tattersall Art Prize	G. A. Herdman
The Patrick Grandison Prize for Strings	P. D. Hunter and T. S. Ling

French	Margaret Burnet
English	Margaret Burnet
History	R. C. Stark (in absentia)
Geography	C. W. Gray
Mathematics	A. N. Hartley
Economics	D. R. Nicol
Chemistry	A. N. Hartley
Biology	D. W. Peddie
Physics	A. N. Hartley
Music	P. D. Hunter
Art	G. P. McHarg
Geography Field Work	D. J. Butchart
Biology Project	R. C. Herbert
Economics Essay	S. R. C. Duncan

The following prizes were not awarded—

Classics, German, Chemistry Research, History Essay, Maths Competition.

CHAPEL NOTES

The pattern of Sunday Services remained unchanged — morning in the Summer and Autumn Terms, and in the evening in the Spring. Weekday services remained at three a week, plus a Congregational Practice. The singing went from strength to strength and was praised by many visitors.

On February 4th we repeated last year's visit to St. John's Kirk in Perth to take part in one of the evenings of "Music at St. John's". This year the main item was "Dives and Lazarus". It is something of an undertaking to get the whole School into Perth, but the effort was well worthwhile, for the combination of organ, orchestra, choir, school and others produces the sort of music that is seldom heard in a Parish Church. It was clearly appreciated by the people of St. John's, who have expressed the hope that it will become a regular annual fixture.

On March 8th a Memorial Service was held for the late Mr. Robert Barr, for many years a Governor of the School. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Professor E. P. Dickie of St. Andrews University.

The following boys were confirmed:

On March 4th into the Episcopal Church: M. J. Harrold, P. D. Hunter, M. W. Langford, M. S. B. Lydon, A. I. Robson and N. I. Schneeberger.

On March 11th into the Church of Scotland: G. R. Blackley, R. D. Buchanan, D. J. Butchart, C. M. Drysdale, S. R. C. Duncan, N. D. Fraser, F. G. R. Gillanders, A. M. Grant, A. J. Hay, R. M. Jamieson, I. J. M. Jarron, A. C. Lawrance, R. T. Lewis, I. A. D. Low, A. G. MacFarlane, A. D. G. Mackenzie, A. K. McLean, J. E. Paterson, M. I. Patterson, L. A. Stewart, W. D. R. Wallace and R. F. Wilson.

The following preached in Chapel: The Right Rev. the Bishop of St. Andrews, The Very Rev. T. T. Irvine (Dean of St. Andrews), The Rev. Uist Macdonald (Aberdalgie), The Rev. Hector Houston (Craigend), The Rev. Finlay Macdonald (Monstrie), The Rev. Michael Urch (St. John's. Perth), The Rev. David Huie (Chaplain, H.M. Naval Base, Rosyth), The Rev. J. H. Dalrymple (R.C. Chaplain at St. Andrews University), The Rev. George Martin (Chaplain, Merchiston Castle School), The Rev. Ronald Falconer and The Rev. Stewart Lamont (B.B.C. Religious Broadcasting), Brother Michael Kentlyarn (Society of St. Francis), The Rev. Ian Miller (Madderty), Mr. T. C. Allerton (Headmaster, Cargilfield), Mr. G. B. Rollo, Mr. Anthony Fletcher, Mr. A. E. Strachan and Mr. J. Y. Lee (Divinity Students at St. Andrews University), The Headmaster and The Chaplain.

W.N.M.

KING DAVID — Arthur Honegger

Honegger had some doubts about the work, it seems, and the quality varies from the wonderful to the tedious. Not surprisingly, those of the audience who were unfamiliar with it may have required more than one hearing to come to terms with it. The best of it is absolutely splendid, though, and well worth performing and listening to. The style is as far from Handel as it is from the most way-out experiments of the present day, the rich discords still anchored to a sea-bed of major and minor keys.

Part 1 is rather too long — Honegger thought so too after he had heard it performed — and one can tire of the alacking woe-is-me-ing of even the best Old Testament prophets. If the audience was prepared to stay their verdict until Part 2, however, they were well rewarded by the long and powerful chorus there that forms the climax of the piece. When the orchestra and choir had a real confidence in their parts, they combined to produce some splendid sounds; at other times one almost detected them listening to their neighbour before committing themselves to an opinion, just to make sure. Most of Part 3 maintains the quality of the previous section, as though Honegger had convinced himself that he could bring off what was, when it was written, a quite revolutionary style of music. Perhaps the performers, too, had warmed to him.

The performance was the combined effort of Strathallan and the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Kilgraston. As narrator, D. A. Cameron was clear and competent, but, for my own taste, a bit too respectable; he is too well-mannered a fellow — not violent enough. Colin Gillanders, who left us a few years ago, provided the most professional touch of all, with a rich, round voice that was fine enough to make the others too aware that they are in a lower league — not that he meant to upstage them for a moment. Sweet-voiced young ladies in the other solo parts (apart from our treble) were not easy to differentiate in recollection.

Miss Aldridge as the ferocious and passionate Witch of Endor does persist in the mind; as in amateur dramatics, of course, it is always easier to make a mark in a character part than in a straight one. The Choir and Orchestra worked hard and had some splendid moments throughout a generally high level of success. After all their work at rehearsal they came to appreciate the work's qualities, except where the trebles — and this is Honegger's fault, not theirs — were obliged to declaim at the highest end of their voices for bars on end, without much variety.

It is very rewarding for a school to move, musically speaking, into the twentieth century for a while and your reviewer certainly prefers the vigour of Honegger to the English folkery and processed Spirituals that one can have too much of. It was hard work, it was well worth doing, and it was done well. We can return to Handel with a broader understanding.

D.E.Y.

"King David" Soloists

Soprano (No. 7)	Elizabeth Regan
Soprano (Nos. 14, 15 and 16)	Eileen Fitzpatrick
Soprano (Nos. 22 and 27)	Loretta Marchi
Contralto (Nos. 14 and 18)	Mary Ann Cockburn
Treble (No. 2)	D. M. S. Stewart
Tenor (Nos. 6, 9 and 21)	Colin Gillanders
The Witch of Endor	Louise Aldridge
Narrator	D. A. Cameron

STRATHALLAN CLIMATOLOGICAL STATION

History is methodically recorded at 9.00 a.m. G.M.T. every day, and in answer to the many queries about holidays "Yes, the Geography Department take the readings throughout the year, come wind, come rain . . ."

Rain is the current record maker. In common with all Eastern Britain we are suffering a "drought". During the last twelve months to end June 1973 we have recorded a mere 18 inches against the average total for the areas of 31 inches. The School's water supply has manfully kept going, but only by dint of continual pumping at Lady's Well and the prefects going bathless — ugh!

It would be pleasant to be able to state that the low rainfall has been accompanied by good sunshine. But this has not happened. Frequent sheet cloud, and also hill fog and haar have featured all too often.

We have been recording long enough now to begin to look for trends. Questions often arise about the seasons changing, another ice-age coming, a decrease in the prevalence of westerly air, and so on. Below are some statistics calculated from the Station records compared with long-term average figures for Perth. The seasons have arbitrarily grouped and averaged for the sake of relative simplicity.

	WINTER		SPRING		SUMMER		AUTUMN	
	(D-J-F)		(M-A-M)		(J-Jy-A)		(S-O-N)	
	Av. Temp. °C	Total R'fall (mm)	Av. Temp.	Total R'fall	Av. Temp.	Total R'fall	Av. Temp.	Total R'fall
Perth								
35 yr. av.	3.0	203.2	7.1	165.1	14.0	208.5	8.3	203.3
Strath '68	2.7	111.8	6.8	226.1	13.8	160.1	9.3	241.2
'69	2.5	118.8	6.1	216.4	14.6	154.2	9.3	130.8
'70	2.3	217.2	7.0	95.3	14.2	239.4	9.1	245.0
'71	4.4	167.3	7.3	144.2	13.7	229.7	9.6	133.5
'72	4.6	205.5	7.9	171.7	13.1	131.1	8.5	73.6
'73	3.9	172.9	7.6	111.3				

SIXTH FORM LECTURES: 1972-73

Lectures on a wide variety of topics were arranged for members of the Sixth Form during the Winter and Spring Terms. Below is a list of those gentlemen who very kindly visited the School — some of them for the second time in recent years — to talk to the boys about aspects of life in which they are closely involved. To each one of them we offer sincere thanks for making the time to prepare a talk and to come here to deliver it.

A. J. B. Rowe, Esq.	The Social Sciences
Prof. J. D. Matthews, B.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.S.	The Conservation of Trees and Forests in Britain
Dr. W. G. Ferrier, B.Sc., Ph.D.	The Transition from School to University
Dr. Aubrey W. G. Manning, B.A., D.Phil.	The Population Problem
R. W. Young, Esq., M.A., S.Th., F.R.S.E.	Freedom and Discipline
Douglas Gifford, Esq.	South American Cultures and the Spanish Language
D. K. Thomson, Esq., C.B.E., T.D., J.P.	Wine
Lachlan B. Young, Esq., M.A., LL.B., M.Ed.	Educational Administration in the Proposed Tayside Region
D. A. Ronald, Esq., M.H.C.I.	The Hotel Industry
B. Pounder, Esq.	Oil Pollution
C. H. K. Corsar, Esq., T.D. ...	Voluntary Service
James Dunbar-Naismith, Esq., B.A., A.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.S.	Architecture

HOUSE NOTES

FREELAND

By the time these lines appear in print your reporter will be installed at Sunnybank, Heughfield Road, Bridge of Earn. Previous members of Freeland will be made most welcome there. To present members of Freeland we wish all good fortune and success in the years to come. Also we would like to record our thanks to Mr. Raine for his help and to all those who contributed so generously to the presentation fund.

School Offices were held by the following: School Captain and Captain of Cricket — S. R. C. Duncan; School Prefect, Captain of Rugger, Captain of Athletics, Captain of Boxing — C. D. Reekie; School Prefect — N. R. Baxter; School Librarians — M. W. Langford and C. A. Campbell; Captain of Fencing — E. A. Ferguson.

Freeland was exceptionally well represented in the First XV and consequently most disappointed to lose by one point in a most exciting final against Leburn.

In Hockey C. D. Reekie and E. A. Ferguson played in the First XI, and C. D. Reekie and S. R. C. Duncan took part in the Oxford Hockey Festival.

Successful finalists in the House Boxing Competition were N. G. Macdonald, C. S. Russell and K. J. Shannon.

E. A. Ferguson won the Presentation Foil and R. K. Shedden a share of the Junior Piping. C. D. Reekie, B. N. Gillanders and P. A. C. Cameron won events on Sports Day. However, the only House Competition won during the year was for the Pre-Service Cup.

On Speech Day The Smith Cup and Economics Essay Prize were won by S. R. C. Duncan, while G. P. McHarg won the Art Prize and R. C. Herbert the Biology Project Prize.

The Campbell Award for the best all-round Sportsman of the year was won by C. D. Reekie. House Colours were awarded to A. I. Robson and E. A. Ferguson.

The following were House Prefects: A. I. Robson, G. P. McHarg, M. W. Langford and B. N. Gillanders. E. A. Ferguson and J. S. Milne were appointed during the Summer Term.

House Captains of Sport:

Rugger, Boxing, Athletics and Cross-country: C. D. Reekie

Hockey and Golf: S. R. C. Duncan

Shooting: A. I. Robson

Squash and Tennis: G. P. McHarg

Swimming: N. R. Baxter

Music: C. A. Campbell

P.R.S.

LEBURN

There are ways in which a House can gauge its success during a year other than by the number of trophies and distinctions that its members win but it is certainly the most tangible indication. Therefore, discarding false modesty, it can be said that this has been an outstanding year. Team competitions have been won for senior and junior rugger, cross-country, shooting, tennis and junior and senior squash. In addition, individual competitions were won by J. A. Hay (Tennis singles), S. L. Hill (Golf singles) and H. L. Locke (Senior Victor Ludorum). Perhaps outstanding amongst these successes were the senior rugger and the cross-country and in the latter case particularly, the part played by the seniors who were faced with an extremely difficult task was particularly pleasing and the middle team had the individual winner in W. D. G. Cameron. In the field of School sport J. A. Hay has been Captain of Tennis, G. I. Brown Captain of Skiing, S. A. Moffat Captain of Shooting and J. B. Ferguson Captain of Sailing. Major School colours have been awarded to W. D. McIntosh and H. L. Locke for rugger; J. A. Hay, P. B. M. Sutherland and G. I. Brown for hockey; H. L. Locke for athletics; and N. E. Cope, P. B. M. Sutherland and K. A. Robertson for cricket.

In addition to the sporting achievements other notable successes have been the Houston Prize for all-round merit (N. S. Stevenson), the Tattersall Art Prize (G. A. Herdman), the Economics Prize (D. R. Nicol) and the 4C and 3C Form Prizes to S. L. Hill and G. M. Templeton respectively.

We have also been very fortunate in the House authority this term. N. S. Stevenson has been an outstanding Head of House and his quiet authority and efficient administration has played a large part in creating the extremely good spirit that there has been in the House. He has been ably assisted for the whole year by H. L. Locke, J. A. Hay, S. A. Moffat, D. R. Nicol, J. B. Ferguson and, more recently, W. D. McIntosh and E. C. Rowell as House Prefects. Time flies and it is amazing to note that four of the prefects this year are original members of Leburn from the days when we camped out in one corner of the old dining hall. In fact, July 1973 sees the last of the volunteers from other Houses leaving.

The House has again been large. We welcomed twelve new boys in September and two more in April, making our numbers sixty-five which necessitated two members of the junior dormitory being elevated. There have also been sundry members of the animal kingdom staying with us at one time or another — mainly cats, one of which even attended House prayers, but also a baby snake which had also attended R.A.F. camp. We hope that the new boys will be happy with us — they are certainly very welcome.

Inevitably but unfortunately we are saying goodbye to a large number of leavers this year. The senior members of the House have played a very important part in its success this year and we are very grateful to them. The leavers are:—Norrie Stevenson (who is going to read Business Studies at Stirling), John Hay (General Arts at Glasgow), Colin Gilfillan (History and German at East Anglia), Andrew Wray (Engineering at Glasgow), David Nicol (Accountancy at Strathclyde), James McKelvie (Economics at London), Steuart Moffat (the College of Air Training, Hamble), Charles Harrington (Medicine at Glasgow), Greg Brown (Medicine), Cameron McLean (Medicine or Psychology), Michael Lydon (Law), Lindsay Locke, who gave an outstanding display of gymnastic ability on Speech Day, (Architecture), J. B. Ferguson (Accountancy with R.H.M.) and the Earl of Cassillis, and Bryan Sutherland both of whom are heading for the Army. We wish all of them very happy and successful futures and hope that they will come back and visit us.

House colours this year have been awarded to G. I. Brown, J. B. Ferguson, J. A. Hay, S. L. Moffat, H. L. Locke, E. C. Rowell, W. D. McIntosh and N. S. Stevenson. Head of House next year will be W. D. McIntosh.

F.S.McN.

NICOL

House Captains: R. C. Stark (left Dec.), A. G. Marshall.

House Prefects: I. A. Jamieson, C. W. Gray, P. N. Lewis, R. A. Elder, M. I. Patterson, M. G. Evans.

For the Autumn Term R. C. Stark was House Captain again and he was also appointed Head of School, the first Nicol boy to be so since W. Melville in 1965-66. Our congratulations to him on being Dux as well, and our best wishes go with him when he goes up to Pembroke College, Cambridge. A. G. Marshall took over when Stark left, making a hat-trick of House Captains — three in a row who are the sons of Old Strathallians. There is no nepotism at Strathallan, of course, but I do note with interest that there have been six House Captains in the last ten years whose fathers are Old Boys!

Sport did not go too well as far as cups were concerned, for the only one we won was the Hockey Cup — and that on corners in the final match, though Marshall, Gray, Green and Lewis were regular members of the first XI. Yet our best match was probably in the Senior Rugger when the score was 10-10 against Freeland after full-time. Our team excelled themselves (in spite of the dreaded referee!) but Freeland put over a penalty in extra time and won. Similar spirit has been evident in many of our matches. P. N. Lewis won the Cross-country and was our one member of the XV. Cochrane and Fraser made some good scores for the XI. Other members of the House who gave particularly good performances for the House in rugger, swimming, cricket or athletics were Reid, Heard, D., Jamieson, Widdowson, Buchanan, Robertson, MacKay, Paterson, J., Hall, Heard, I., Garvie, Barr and the five members of the Junior Colts XI — Cleland, Evans, Brown, Knox and Shaw. With league matches in various games a great many more boys in the House are representing the House against other Houses. Boxing really was voluntary this year and only two members of the House finally entered the ring.

The House Orchestra very creditably came first in that part of the Music Competition but the Choir looked and sang rather like a rugger scrum. During his time here Elder has made a particular contribution to music and we are most grateful for his efforts. He has constantly chided me for grouping Music under the list of House Captains of Sport, so may I acknowledge his Conductorship here. Pipe-Major Gray has been a firm rock in the Pipes and Drums for many years and his leadership will be sadly missed. Of course, he won the Senior Piping Cup and Leishman shared the Junior one.

Oddly enough it was the Summer Term that brought all the spots and fifteen boys in the House got one of the three varieties. In fact there was quite a bad epidemic and as usual the Upper San, then the Senior Dormitory, fell into the clutches of the doctor. So Coven Trees was opened up again and the Junior Dorm, ably controlled by M. G. Evans, spent a month down there, while the seniors found a bed where they could. Poor Sister had a busy term, but

we pretty well regard her as being a part of Nicol anyway and don't mind her taking our dorms, as she is the mother of "Wee Cozzie" Fairbairn who left in 1966. It was very nice to see so many former members of the House in the Old Boys cricket team on Founder's Day.

We were very sad to hear of the death of Murray Millar (1965) who was a very loyal former member of the House.

Mr. Glimm, who has been House Tutor for three years, is leaving to take up a post as a lecturer at Perth Technical College and I take this opportunity of thanking him for all his hard work on behalf of the House. He was presented with a decanter from the House which showed their appreciation — perhaps they had been allowed to take out more than 5p from House Bank on this occasion? We hope that he, Mrs. Glimm and Craig will have every happiness and success and as they will be near neighbours we shall be seeing them. I welcome Mr. A. L. K. Dutton very warmly who is taking over as House Tutor.

Fifteen members of the House are leaving this term, and though Margaret Burnet has never officially been made a member of any House, we have always felt she should be ours, as the daughter of the previous Housemaster. She might have been a strong addition to some of our teams!

The following were awarded House Colours: Marshall, Lewis, Green.

House Captains of Sport:

Rugger, Hockey, Athletics, Squash and Tennis: A. G. Marshall.

Cricket: D. T. Cochrane.

Swimming: D. E. Reid.

Boxing and Cross-country: P. N. Lewis.

Shooting: R. S. F. Leishman.

Sailing: H. M. Clarke.

Ski-ing: D. P. Benzies.

T.C.G.F.

RUTHVEN

Mr. Johnson joined us as House Tutor this year, and the presence of a resident Tutor has certainly made a difference to morning punctuality. After a few years at Strathallan the rising bell can very easily be assimilated into one's dreams and lose its intended effect, but it is very difficult to remain supine lying in the track of the Flying Scotsman. On the academic front I. D. Cameron was awarded a major Entrance Scholarship, and D. J. Butchart, Ling and Hunter (2) were Speech Day prizewinners. In sport we expectedly lost several cups, but the two rugby league cups, the hockey league cup and the base of the Junior cricket trophy are

ample proof that a lot of boys played a lot of games well. The Butchart brothers were unable to defend the Ski Cup in their final year due to a lack of the essential commodity, but their contribution to skiing has been outstanding. Our musicians won by about three movements, F. G. R. Gillanders won the music solo competition for the second year running, and C. B. Robertson lived up to form to win the Drumming Cup. Baxter's bird boxes are in evidence everywhere, Grant has been going great guns, and Low has been on permanent pond patrol. The speed with which Kirkwood produced emergency lighting on the occasion of a major power failure bordered on the miraculous. Ling struck gold at the Scottish Schoolboys' Athletics meeting, H. N. MacFarlane kept the school supplied with much enjoyed golf competitions, and naval uniform is now worn almost permanently by some. How on earth anyone found time for social contact with a neighbouring establishment I do not know.

Head of House: F. G. R. Gillanders

Deputy Head of House: J. M. S. Kirkwood

Prefects:

H. N. MacFarlane, W. J. G. Smith, I. A. D. Low, A. M. Grant, T. S. Ling

Captains, etc.:

Rugby: F. G. R. Gillanders

Hockey: T. S. Ling

Cricket: H. N. MacFarlane

Athletics: T. S. Ling

Boxing: A. D. G. Mackenzie

Swimming: K. G. MacLeod

Cross-country: J. M. S. Kirkwood

Skiing: D. J. Butchart

Shooting: A. M. Grant

Tennis: D. F. Ferguson

Golf: H. N. MacFarlane

Squash: T. D. Stewart

Music: I. A. D. Low

House Colours:

F. G. R. Gillanders, D. J. Butchart, T. S. Ling, A. D. G. Mackenzie

D.A.R.W.

SIMPSON

The rumour that the House was to become a part of the science department on the arrival of a new Housemaster and House Tutor gained further currency when observant members of the School noticed that all the prefects were members of the Science Sixth. However, the absence of bean shoots appearing from study windows managed to allay the fears of those concerned for the safety of the humanities, and the appointment of Iain Jarron as a prefect after Christmas finally convinced the world that all was well.

The first term of the year was inevitably a period of settling-in for everyone, for the two pedagogues to get to know all the boys and vice versa, for prefects to learn the art of exerting benevolent authority, and for the thirteen boys new to the House to make new friends. This being more or less achieved, and public examinations

being still in the far distance, thoughts turned to sporting activities and rugby in particular, the House being well represented in the various teams, with McArthur captaining the Senior Colts. At Christmas, Marshall departed to further his agricultural interests, although to judge from the effervescence produced from his bottles of fruit and undisclosed liquid and his reluctance to offer me a tasting, he may well be in the wrong field.

It is a well-known Strathallan law that the number of competitions to be completed in a given time is inversely proportional to the time available. The Spring Term is a perfect example of this law, with no fewer than seven cups at stake. In hockey, despite the fact that neither side could score, we lost in the final, chiefly because Simpson feet were bigger than Nicol feet and therefore conceded more short corners; in rugby, the seniors met their expected fate in the first round, while the juniors drew in the final, chiefly because Leburn scored as many points as we did. The scoring system in the cross-country prevented our carrying off the trophy despite the efforts of juniors and middles in winning their sections, while in the swimming, the inclusion of relays did allow other houses to collect just enough points to prevent us from beating their combined total. The enthusiastic response to my call for volunteers for boxing enabled us to win by weight of numbers if not by weight of punches (although we did have our share of finalists), while perhaps the major achievement of the term was to reach third (equal!) place in the music competition.

The Summer Term brought to many the realisation that GCE and SCE did not stand for "general (or summer) cricketing enjoyment", and that despite the foregoing notes, the prime reason for being here was work. For many it was almost as popular an activity as golf — I hope that examinees will have been as successful as the golfers were. The House stole the scientific lime-light on Speech Day, Adrian Hartley carrying off the Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics prizes, with Donald Peddie taking the Biology, while I hope that mutterers of "illiterate scientists" will have choked on their words at the sight of Alastair Bennet's "A" grade pass in English Highers. However, sport, like the show, must go on, and it was gratifying to find the 1st XI calling on our bowlers and the Senior and Junior Colts using a number of our representatives. Two other competitions are worthy of note. In the one held in the San., we knocked spots off the opposition, while the athletes justified their presumption in appearing before the photographer six weeks early (and spared my blushes at that event) by bringing the year to a successful climax on Sports Day.

These notes would be incomplete were I not to voice my thanks to many people who have made my first year in the study such a rewarding experience. First, they are due to Mr. Young for bequeathing to me a cheerful, helpful and well-behaved (most of the time) House. Second, to Mr. Ford for the support he has given me during the year. Third, to Malcolm Gordon and the other prefects, without whose work and enthusiasm the House would

probably have ground to a halt on September 13th. Fourth, to all the members of the House who refrained from exploiting my inexperience (if the cap fits, wear it!) and who believed that the appearance of two new cars outside the Study Block in the summer was unrelated to a sudden increase in the number of strip fines, and last, but by no means least, to the gentleman who probably prefers to remain anonymous, but whose dietary prescription laid the foundation for our athletic success — "beans are good for athletes; they give you second wind".

Head of House: M. G. Gordon.

Prefects: A. J. Bennet, A. N. Hartley, I. J. M. Jarron, D. D. MacKenzie, R. A. D. Powrie.

House Colours: I. J. M. Jarron, J. S. P. McDonald, R. A. D. Powrie.

A.M.P.

ACTIVITIES

The activities of the School are always difficult to write an introduction to, and indeed would need no introduction if only more of the secretaries would write interesting reports, or at least attempt to write them. There are still some societies who think that there is no need to write down anything except the office-bearers of the society. Does nothing happen at these societies? Are the lectures so dull that they are not worth reporting or commenting on? Significantly one society in fact has someone called Hon. Chairman and Chief Projectionist! The age of the visual is with us with a vengeance.

Most of the old-established activities hold good. It is difficult to go anywhere in the School out of teaching hours and not hear the sound of music, although one can be caught in the cross-fire, as it were, of the pipe-band and a trebles and altos practice. But the resultant work has produced results, as witness the Speech Day Concert in the City Hall and the playing of the Band on both Speech Day and at Rossie House. Art, in its many dimensions and forms, continues to flourish too.

Out of doors the C.C.F. ingeniously provides a varied programme of instruction. On one Friday afternoon during the Summer Term I was standing on the edge of Little Acre and was able to see primary gliding, canoeing, an army platoon using improvised stretchers, the assault course being prepared, and I was nearly knocked off my shooting stick by two distinguished members of 4C who were crawling along the edge of Little Acre — "We haven't to be seen, sir". And that doesn't count all the Pre-Service who were undoubtedly going to be late for tea yet again because they'd gone "along the corridor and up the stairs" — or do map references work the other way round? A plea was made at the end of term for a better attendance at camp; Colonel Fairbairn's account of one of these camps must surely persuade more boys that camps are not just a long round of drill and the leopard crawl.

Indoors there is at least one new activity to report — computing. There isn't a formal society as such, but we have a report of the activity, and it is an activity which is hoping to expand. Electronics also has its devotees, but they talk in terms of transistors, diodes and other mysterious items and probably can't be blamed for the frequent disappearance of such mundane items as fire torch batteries. Perhaps they ought to be set to work to invent a new fire torch.

Other activities claim an existence, too. The Photographic Society, after many years of trying to get an enlarger, has managed to do so, but that is as far as the matter seems to go. No photographs have been forthcoming for the magazine, despite our willingness to sponsor a competition for some. We even had a report from what we take to be a non-existent meditation society (shades of the Macrobiotic Zen-Buddhists!) which, we understand, spent its time meditating on the merits and beneficial effects of nettle-soup.

Charity work is on the up. Apart from the sponsored swims mentioned in the School Notes, there has been considerable help given at the Blackford Highland Games.

MUSIC NOTES

Musical events this year seem to have been more numerous than usual, and the choir and orchestra have been kept very busy. The choir has been quite a good one, and the trebles have been particularly strong, even if not always perfectly accurate in the higher reaches. The Carol Service at the end of the Autumn Term went well, and it seemed worthwhile to make a gramophone record from the tape recording. Over sixty of the records have now been sold.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, work began on "King David" and one wondered at first how the choir would take to Honegger's idiom. In fact they took to it quickly, and good progress was made immediately. A small orchestra was used — there were no strings, as in Honegger's original orchestration — and the wind players were confined to those not in the choir. This orchestra took rather longer to get acclimatised to Honegger's musical style. Much of the woodwind's part was accompaniment and therefore incomplete in itself, so that the sense of the sometimes strange harmony was not always apparent at the early rehearsals. The brass had a number of fanfares and warlike marches in which the different instruments played in different keys, and in very independent rhythms. They took some time to master these but eventually were able to play them with conviction. The percussion had plenty to do and few problems. Three performances were given, the second one, at Kilgraston, being the most satisfying to listeners and performers alike, largely due to the layout and acoustics of their Chapel allowing a greater sense of unity.

We were very pleased to be invited to play and sing in St. John's Kirk, Perth, again and this took place in the middle of rehearsals for "King David". The orchestra's main contribution was to make more complete "The Pictures at an Exhibition" which they had performed at the Informal Concert in the Autumn Term. The trebles contributed a folk ballad called "Dives and Lazarus" accompanied by piano and a large assortment of percussion instruments played by about ten players. The School as a whole, accompanied by the orchestra, sang the Credo from Gounod's St. Cecilia Mass. After this concert, while the wind players were rehearsing for "King David", the strings got down to work for Music in the St. Giles', which took place in May, and they bore the brunt of the orchestral work at this recital. Music at St. Giles' over, it was time to work for the Speech Day Concert and, in fact, time was so short that the last piece on the programme, the Radetzky March, was rehearsed by the orchestra for the first time only just a week before the performance.

Next year's orchestra is going to be somewhat top-heavy. The violins should be strong, as they have been this year, but cellos, bassoon and trombones are all leaving so that the bass line will be weak for a while to come.

The second orchestra has played twice during the year and was particularly good on Speech Day. Full programmes of the various concerts that have taken place during the year are given below.

G.W.

INFORMAL CONCERT

7.45 p.m., Thursday, 7th December, 1972
in the Music Room

1. *Orchestra*
Promenade; Gnome — from "Pictures at an Exhibition" *Mussorgsky*
2. *Clarinet Solo*
F. G. R. Gillanders
Carol *Gerald Finzi*
Allegro from Sonata *Vanhall*
3. *Tenors and Basses*
Every Star shall sing a Carol
Standing in the Rain *Sydney Carter*
Lord of the Dance
4. *Brass Group*
La Spiritata *Giovanni Gabrieli*
Pieces for Brass *Bartok*
5. *Orchestra*
Waltz in F *Dvorak*
6. *Folk*
C. D. McLean (guitar), E. C. Rowell, N. I. Schneeberger
Liverpool Judies *Traditional*
The Flower of Scotland *The Corries*

7. *Orchestra (Strings)*
Solo Violins: T. S. Ling, P. D. Hunter
Solo Cello: Mrs. Stowell
2 movements from Concerto in G major, op. 6 No. 1 *Handel*
8. *Orchestra (Flutes and Strings)*
Flutes: R. A. D. Powrie, Mr. N. Colquhoun
Allegro from Concerto in C for 2 Flutes *Vivaldi*
9. *Second Orchestra*
Slow Gavotte *C. Whitehouse*
New Coldstream March *arr. Carse*
10. *Tenors and Basses*
The Banks of Newfoundland *Traditional*
Cindy *Folk Songs*
Reuben
11. *Orchestra*
Bydlo *Mussorgsky*
Great Gate of Kiev — from "Pictures at an Exhibition"

SCHOOL, CHOIR and ORCHESTRA

at

St. John's Kirk, Perth — 6.30 p.m., 4th February, 1973

Congregation

Hymn 564

School, Choir and Orchestra

Credo (1st part) from St. Cecilia Mass *Gounod*

Orchestra

Concerto in C for 2 Flutes and Strings *Vivaldi*

Trebles, Solo Voices, Woodwind, Guitar, Percussion and Piano

Folk Ballad "Dives and Lazarus" *John Byrt*

School, Choir and Orchestra

Praise to God *Russian*

Orchestra

Promenade — The Gnome — Promenade
— Old Castle — Promenade — Bydlo —
Great Gate of Kiev from "Pictures at an
Exhibition" *Mussorgsky (various arrangers)*

Choir and Orchestra

Gloria from "Heiligmesse" *Haydn*
Offertory

Congregation

Hymn 138

CHOIR and ORCHESTRA

St. Giles Cathedral — 13th May, 1973

Music at 6 p.m.

1. *Orchestra*
Allegro assai from Orchestral Quartet *Karl Stamitz*
2. *Oboe (K. C. S. McLelland)*
Two Violins (T. S. Ling and P. D. Hunter)
Cello (Mrs. A. Stowell)
Continuo (Mr. B. Ball)
Concerto in G Major *J. F. Fasch*
Largo — Allegro — Largo — Allegro

3. *Orchestra*
Suite "The Virtuous Wife" *Purcell*
Minuets I and II — Hornpipe — Slow Air — Allegro
4. *Choir*
Christ the Lord is risen again *John Rutter*
5. *Choir*
Insanae et vanae Curae *Haydn*

MUSIC DURING THE SERVICE

- Hymn 122: (Tune "Vulpius") The Strife is o'er
 Anthem: Christ is risen *Hassler*
 Hymn 206: (Tune "Austria") Glorious things of thee are spoken
 Orchestral Voluntary: March from "The Mastersingers of Nuremberg" *Wagner*

SPEECH DAY CONCERT PROGRAMME

1. *Orchestra*
Final from "The Firebird" *Stravinsky*
2. *Clarinet Solo* (F. G. R. Gillanders)
Rondo from Sonata *Vanhall*
3. *Orchestra*
Party Piece *Richard Rodney Bennett*
(Solo Piano: Mr. B. Ball)
4. *Second Orchestra*
Sleigh Ride *Leopold Mozart*
The Metronome *Jurey*
5. *Choir*
Three Negro Spirituals from "A Child of our Time" *Tippett*
(a) Steal Away
(b) Go down, Moses
(c) Deep River
6. *Orchestra*
Radetzky March *J. Strauss I*

National Anthem

Orchestra

Violins: Mr. J. Moulard Begbie (leader), T. S. Ling, P. D. Hunter, G. I. Brown,
 S. A. Moffat, Bridget Spurgin, Frances Lynch, D. H. Pate, C. H. Baxter,
 D. W. Peddie, J. Paisley, D. R. I. Fingland.

Violas: A. P. Wray, A. A. Bird.

Cellos: R. C. Herbert, W. J. G. Smith.

Flutes: R. A. D. Powrie, Mr. N. Colquhoun, J. A. Robb.

Oboe: K. C. S. McLelland.

Clarinets: F. G. R. Gillanders, A. J. King, C. H. Gilfillan, C. M. Drysdale.

Bassoons: Mr. D. A. R. Williams, C. R. Harrington.

Horn: A. D. G. Widdowson.

Trumpets: R. S. F. Leishman, A. D. G. Mackenzie, H. M. Clarke, N. E. Cope.

Trombones: J. A. Hay, I. J. M. Jarron.

Tuba: Mr. J. Thomson.
Timpani: I. A. D. Low.
Percussion: J. M. S. Kirkwood, A. A. Wighton.
Piano: C. A. Campbell.

Second Orchestra

Violins: D. M. N. Gillanders, F. G. Macadam, A. T. Henderson, A. R. Cochrane,
P. A. C. Cameron, K. J. Heard, Q. J. Davidson.
Cello: H. W. R. Steedman.
Oboe: M. J. Yellowlees.
Clarinets: D. R. Newton, S. J. Newing, M. C. Walker.
Horn: G. J. McEwan.
Trumpets: R. F. Wilson, G. W. Lyburn, I. N. Robb, R. D. Goodfellow.
Trombone: S. L. Hill.
Timpani: G. J. F. Crowe.
Piano: D. L. Hinshaw.

Choir

Trebles: A. C. B. Baird, C. B. Campbell, R. D. Goodfellow, J. T. Gow, N. R. Hastings, P. A. Hill, G. H. N. Julier, F. G. Macadam, D. A. C. MacLachlan, F. A. Macmillan, J. M. McPhail, G. W. Mitchell, J. D. Montgomerie, A. A. Muir, A. I. Nicolson, I. A. Niven, A. G. Norval, M. H. J. Ramsay, M. P. M. Romaniec, M. S. Ross, C. R. M. Smith, R. A. Smith, B. W. Steele, D. M. S. Stewart, C. T. Straiton, T. R. Waterbury, M. J. Yellowlees.
Altos: A. W. Ferguson, D. M. Fairlie, D. R. I. Fingland, H. R. Laing, A. J. Locke, A. H. McLaren, E. J. W. McCleave, D. S. Muir, M. A. Russell, J. S. Thomson, N. J. Voigt.
Tenors: D. F. Ferguson, F. G. R. Gillanders, C. W. Gray, C. R. Harrington, P. D. Hunter, H. L. Locke, R. A. D. Powrie, C. D. Reekie.
Basses: C. A. Campbell, C. M. Drysdale, R. A. Elder, A. M. Grant, R. M. Jamieson, M. W. Langford, T. S. Ling, I. A. D. Low, C. D. McLean, K. G. Macleod, E. C. Rowell, N. I. Schneeberger, T. D. Stewart.

Anthems sung by the Choir in the Chapel this year were:

Creation's Hymn (Beethoven); "Gloria" from "Heiligmesse" (Haydn); Thou visitest the Earth (Greene); I will magnify thee (Corfe); Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer (Mozart); Sleepers, Awake (Mendelssohn); "Credo" from St. Cecilia Mass (Gounod); This Joyful Eastertide (arr. C. Wood); Christ the Lord is risen again (John Rutter); Christ is arisen (Hassler); The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley); Alleluia (Randall Thomson); Let us now praise famous men (Vaughan Williams); Sanctus for "Coronation" Mass (Mozart); Kyrie, Sanctus and Benedictus from Missa Brevis (Britten); O Praise God (Barry Ball); Psalms 112 and 121 (Gelineau setting); Nunc Dimittis in B flat (Stanford); Praise the Lord (Peter Aston).

The following have passed Associated Board Music Exams this year:

F. G. R. Gillanders: Grade 6, Clarinet; Grade 5, Theory.
T. S. Ling: Grade 5, Theory.
R. A. D. Powrie: Grade 5, Theory.
K. C. S. McLelland: Grade 5, Oboe (Merit).
D. R. I. Fingland: Grade 5, Violin.
A. T. Henderson: Grade 5, Piano; Grade 3, Violin.
C. M. Drysdale: Grade 4, Clarinet.

A. J. M. King: Grade 4, Clarinet.
 C. A. Campbell: Grade 4, Theory.
 S. J. Newing: Grade 3, Clarinet.
 A. D. G. Widdowson: Grade 3, Horn (Merit).
 N. E. Cope: Grade 3, Trumpet.
 R. F. Wilson: Grade 3, Trumpet.
 D. A. C. MacIachlan: Grade 3, Theory.
 F. G. Macadam: Grade 3, Violin.
 D. R. Newton: Grade 3, Piano; Grade 2, Theory.
 C. R. M. Smith: Grade 1, Piano.
 B. W. Steele: Grade 1, Piano and Theory.
 H. M. Barbour: Grade 1, Piano (Distinction).
 G. A. M. Gerrard: Grade 1, Theory.
 A. D. Robertson: Grade 1, Theory.

MUSIC SOCIETY

As is becoming customary in the Music Society, we aimed again this year for quality rather than quantity, and to a certain extent we achieved this aim.

First and foremost in our minds is the concert given by the Czechoslovakian pianist, Richard Kratzmann. The Society was very fortunate in being able to present one of his first European recitals at Strathallan. The programme was very interesting and in parts exciting. Large numbers of boys were attracted to it by the inclusion of the proper version of Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition' on the programme. Perhaps it fair to say that it was the most enjoyable and certainly the best attended recital that the Music Society has had for some years.

Apart from a rather impromptu, but again successful, recital given by some music students from Glasgow University, our only other concert this year was the one given on the afternoon of Speech Day by the boys. After experimenting last year with a lighter type of programme and achieving some success we repeated the same form this year. The result was just as successful. Our range was from Fasch to Glen Miller. All who performed are to be congratulated on a high standard of performance, but special mention should be made of R. D. Buchanan, whose playing on the guitar and mandolin was both accomplished and enjoyable. A measure of the popularity of this concert was the fact that 180 people were accommodated in the Music Room whilst many others stood in the conservatory.

No report would be complete without thanking all those ladies who so kindly gave assistance with the social side of events after concerts.

Office bearers: Joint Secretaries: R. A. Elder and P. D. Hunter.

Committee: T. S. Ling, I. A. D. Low, R. A. D. Powrie,
W. J. G. Smith.

R.A.E.

THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGING?

Since the arrival of Mr. Ball in the Music Department a couple of years ago, there has been the introduction of a new type of music on offer. Now different sounds are beginning to come from the closed doors of the Music Room, sounds most unlike the incessant caterwauling of the strings that has been dominating the practices for so many years. Last year a Jazz Band was formed (no connection with Kenny's), and by the end of the year we had to our name a grand total of two pieces; but the keenness to play was always there. We enjoyed the pleasant change from the orchestra, especially the brass and percussion (who 'play' very little in the orchestra) who for once were able to have the opportunity of doing their own thing and of using their long-practised skills.

We got off to a good start in the Autumn Term of 1971 when we got our first hearing at the St. Andrew's Night Dance — hardly an appropriate occasion, but at least it was a start. The piece we played was Oscar Peterson's *March Past*. For the rest of the year we had very few practices until a mad panic a couple of days before the 1972 Speech Day Music Room Concert, at which we played 'March Past' and Glen Miller's 'Moonlight Serenade'.

That was the end of activities for the Jazz Band until the same time a year later, when we went through the mad rush again to get two pieces together for the 1973 Music Room Concert. This year we played 'Moonlight Serenade' (yet again — oh, for a row of saxes!) and 'Acapulco '22' by Herb Alpert, in which Johnny Hay was able to suggest that he might be a latter-day Chris Barber. We had been waiting for a couple of months prior to Speech Day for some sheet music which never turned up.

What we need now is 'recognition', and more stands at School activities — we may not have sounded like Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen, but if Mr. Ball gets us down to more frequent practices next year, then we might make Broadway yet! And from the very numerous compliments we have always received after playing, both from parents and fellow Strathallians, we feel we deserve a place in the Speech Day Concert in the City Hall — could this be an answer to the general walk-out or sleeping before the concert begins? Who knows? We might make Broadway yet!

The line-up: Clarinets: F. G. R. Gillanders, C. H. Gilfillan, C. M. Drysdale, A. J. M. King.

Trumpets: R. S. F. Leishman, A. D. G. Mackenzie, H. M. Clarke, N. E. Cope.

Trombone: J. A. Hay.

Drums: A. A. Wighton.

Piano: C. A. Campbell.

A.A.W.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE SECOND ORCHESTRA

As I walked down the maze of passageways towards the School Music Room I heard what to anyone would have sounded like a rather angry zoo. Such sounds, reminiscent of the outback and wilds of Africa appealed to my human instincts and I wanted to run.

However, I clutched my pseudo-spear (a weighty violin case) as the manly thing to do and strode down the passage to the heavy wooden doors. Crossing over that threshold was like Caesar waiting at the Rubicon. However, I kept my strength of mind, and entered to present my squeaks and squeals to the second orchestra. Outside the 'zoo' sounded bad enough; but opening the doors and walking in was like walking up to an amplifier and turning the volume up to maximum.

Inside the noise could not be analysed into its component instruments. A kettle-drum throbbed and four trumpets let off blasts like demented fog-horns. Violinists 'tuned' their violins, more often than not throwing them completely out of tune to about four notes below the correct ones. However, it seemed to satisfy them, so it was all right. Clarinets piped out their shrill notes in unison, being broken by the deep bass of the 'cello. An oboe sang out its high and hoarse voice, breaking every now and then into a quack. A horn, in the hands of a gnome who could have easily climbed into it, let out a long deep note eventually screeching up to a shrill squeal.

Suddenly Mr. Begbie, the music master in charge of the second orchestra, came into the room. I was told to join a group which was referred to as the second or 'B' violins. Silence fell. One, two, three, counted out Mr. Begbie tapping his foot. My bleeding began.

ST. GILES, 1973

Unfortunately Mr. Begbie was unable to be with us this year owing to the date of our performance being changed, and his having another engagement on that day. Despite this, the strings section had most of the orchestral work to do.

The Stamitz Quartet could have been played with a fuller tone, but the small size of the section probably also added to the general impression of thinness. However, the numbers were much more suited for the Purcell Suite and as by this time the orchestra had become accustomed to the atmosphere, on the whole the Suite went much the better of the two items.

The choir sang three contrasting anthems. The unaccompanied 'Christ is risen' by Hassler, sung during the service, was probably considered the most successful, responding very well to the acoustics of the Cathedral. Haydn's motet, "Insanae et vanae curae", was sung very much together, and with considerable feeling, and the organ accompaniment in this, at its usual standard, deserves

special mention. John Rutter's 'Christ the Lord is risen' again should have been the most fun to sing, but the performance here unfortunately didn't reach that of the earlier one in the School Chapel. Easily the most difficult, with its complicated rhythms, key and time changes, it nevertheless was an interesting and useful challenge.

A small chamber group played Fasch's Oboe Concerto which was a successful performance for their first ensemble. We hope to hear more of them in the future.

Those who went to Crawford's for High Tea were us usual subjected to the stares both of disbelief and horror which wearers of the kilt in Scotland must be getting used to nowadays. Totally unaffected by this, our smaller performers made a locust like descent on the meal as these young people tend to do.

COMPUTING

Under the direction of Mr. Reid, an elite group has been learning about the essentials of computer programming. Meetings were held on Fridays, and from these came many programmes, which were successfully run on the Dundee computer. A visit to the computer centre was arranged, and this was enjoyed by all. A chance was given to compile and submit programmes directly, and this was very informative, teaching much about the input and output mechanisms. The meetings provided an excellent introduction to the subject of programming, and we would like to thank Mr. Reid for sparing his time to give such valuable assistance.

D.A.C.

RUTHVEN HOUSE CHARITIES LTD.

During May the village of Blackford holds its annual Highland Games, the proceeds going towards the village senior citizens' summer outing. A group of volunteers under the direction of R. F. Wilson, and the practical guidance of J. M. S. Kirkwood, attended the games with some small side-shows. Much work was put in prior to the great day to paint signs, and generally to prepare as much attracting equipment as possible.

On the day itself the weather favoured us more or less, except for a buffeting breeze which caught our Treasure Hunt scene — a 15 by 20 foot canvas from the last School play which had been suspended from 10 foot poles — and transferred it into a gigantic sail. Other attractions included kicking footballs at holes in hard-board, and a wire bell ringer. We were very pleased to get upwards of 600 customers — excluding the Pipe Band who were also fulfilling an engagement at the Games — and after the games we found that our gaily coloured stalls had collected the sum of £20 plus.

This was not all. On the following day we returned to aid in the litter clearance — had there been no beer tent the litter would have been halved. Many people are to be thanked for their help. On the transport side Mr. Williams, The Chaplain and Mr. Smith. For materials, Mr. MacLeod and The Factor. We all enjoyed ourselves, despite the hard work, and would recommend charities work as having its own satisfactions. Next year we hope to be at Blackford again.

R.F.W.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Society had 64 members this year, including a large number of juniors, and they were entertained and enlightened by the usual programme of films and lectures. We were not able to show as many films as scheduled; nevertheless the ones that we did show were probably of a higher scientific standard than any shown in the more recent years.

Lectures were delivered by Mr. A. Maitland on Optics, Professor Martin on Nuclear Power — Developments and Difficulties, and Mr. J. N. Ford on St. Kilda. It was a pity that these talks were so poorly attended.

Office-bearers.

Secretary: A. N. Hartley.

Treasurer: R. C. Herbert.

Committee: I. A. Jamieson, C. R. Harrington, J. D. McKelvie.

A.N.H.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

We are very grateful to Mr. Pollard for looking after the club since Mr. Grigsby left, and we are very pleased to welcome Mr. Ford, who has taken over the club with a great enthusiasm and many new ideas.

The numbers of the club have greatly increased. As well as the usual films, we have had three lectures: the first from a representative of the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society; the second from Miss E. Smith on poultry and its prospects; the third on the Y.F.C. movement by our area chairman and the East area organiser, from whom we also got a lot of ideas for the coming year.

Also there was a visit to the Perth Bull Sales, which was of great interest to everyone.

Hon. President: Mr. Ford.

Hon. Chairman and Chief Projectionist: A. I. Robson.

Hon. Treasurer: D. W. Peddie.

Hon. Secretary: H. M. Clarke.

H.M.C.

DEBATING

The number of debates this year was fewer than last, although interest has remained high, and boys have even come forward and asked to be a principal speaker in a debate. However, these volunteers were all from the senior part of the School, and next year we shall be looking for junior talent as well.

Our first debate of the year was at School and we were joined for it by Kilgraston. The house debated that "Bloodsports are a reflection of Britain's lack of civilisation", which Kilgraston proposed and Strathallan, in the form of Stevenson and Baxter, opposed. The motion was eventually defeated after many varied and interesting speeches.

Later on in the Autumn Term, the Debating Society was asked to supply two men of wisdom to sit on an "Any Questions" panel alongside Kilgraston, Perth Academy and Perth High School. This function was held in Bridge of Earn under the auspices of the local Conservative Party. Strathallan's two representatives were R. C. Stark and R. A. D. Powrie, and they had an enjoyable evening dealing with a wide range of questions. It was interesting to note that both shared the same views on nearly every question. Maybe something to do with Strathallan indoctrination!

In February we were invited for a return debate at Kilgraston. Proposing the motion that "Britain is the country to live in" Kilgraston gave speeches full of witticisms that had all present in fits of laughter, although the relevance of some of them to the motion was doubtful. R. A. D. Powrie and M. W. Langford opposed the motion, Powrie dealing with the political and economic aspects, and Langford with the social and aesthetic benefits. However, their arguments were less than persuasive and the motion was carried.

At the beginning of the Summer Term we were very pleased to accept an invitation to St. Leonard's. A party of twenty boys went on this trip to debate the motion that "Parents should obey their children". The motion was once again opposed by R. A. D. Powrie and M. W. Langford. The standard of debating was probably the highest achieved during the year, but several speeches tended to hinge on the meaning of the word "obey" and whether it meant a strict adherence to the orders of parents or whether it meant accepting the advice proffered by parents. This motion we managed to defeat. Our thanks to St. Leonard's for their refreshments both before and after the debate.

R.A.D.P.

DANCING

As usual, Miss Le Mesurier came to the School once a week during the Autumn and Spring Terms to teach a handful of spritely Sixth-Formers the fine art of ballroom dancing. After these classes a few devotees stayed on to learn some more advanced techniques.

As has been the case over the past few years, some sixth-form girls from Kilgraston joined us for these lessons, and this might throw some light on why dancing has become so popular. As an experiment those boys and girls who were classed as "advanced dancers" had lessons once a week during the Summer Term, too, but these came abruptly to a halt once the measles epidemic had started. We are grateful to Miss Le Mesurier for coming to teach us and for making our weekly romp so enjoyable.

There was plenty of opportunity for us to put what we had learnt into practice. At the end of the Autumn Term the Convent kindly invited thirty of the sixth-form to a dance. The evening was a most enjoyable one, and there were not too many bruised feet afterwards. It was our turn to hold a dance at the end of the Spring Term. The Music Room was taken over and decorated by some boys, and a discotheque was hired to provide the music. Our thanks, too, to those ladies who helped with the refreshments, thus making the evening successful.

F.G.R.G.

ELECTRONICS

At the start of the year Mr. Dutton, the master in charge, held a meeting for all those hoping to enter, and sixteen boys were selected. The following week all sixteen turned up, and the smell of melting solder was overpowering and smoking irons littered the benches in the S.S.L. During the term innumerable and assorted kits were built, many of which did not work. The kits that were built included such things as a simple calculator, a rain-warning alarm (not very necessary since it always seemed to rain on electronics nights so preventing the less intrepid from ever getting across to the science department), a metronome, and the general repair of radios, tape-recorders and the like, by people who, bludgeoned or not, decided to mend some complicated bits of equipment, mostly without complete success. The Headmaster even arrived one night with a radio and, displaying a broken wire, asked who would mend it. Someone did, very carefully too.

The Summer Term saw a drop in activity, naturally, but next year, when the appeal for the great outdoors has passed, we hope to find members yet again choking on the smell of melting solder and burning.

T.J.B.

FISHING

First, we have to record that the Club received a gift of a small fibre-glass dinghy for use on the Pond, and our thanks go to Mr. Nairn (O.S.) for his generosity. It has facilitated fishing immensely.

The Pond was stocked with 200 8" fish and 50 10" fish at Easter, and it was mainly these fish that gave the sport for the season. In the first five weeks of term, after which weed became profuse and made fishing difficult, many fish were caught, but only a few were above keeping size. L. D. Dalgleish caught two large



fish, one of $2\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and one of 2 lb. Just after half term selective weed-willer was applied on the Pond which effectively cleared the Pond for another two weeks' good fishing, after which fish became extremely difficult to catch.

The annual match against the Strathallian Club took place at Lake of Menteith on Saturday, 30th June. It was won by the Old Boys by a margin of 6 oz. Heavy rain made fishing somewhat unpleasant during the afternoon, but everyone enjoyed drying out afterwards in the hotel. Once again, many thanks to the Old Boys for taking us on this very enjoyable outing.

I.A.D.L.

FIELD SPORTS

Owing to the good summer and winter last year the young rabbits have all put on good weight and are out in great numbers. As the summer wore on the small bundles of fluff getting tangled in the snares and having to be let loose again reached epidemic proportions, and, speaking of epidemics, the dreaded myxamatosis has not left much of a mark. The ferret has proved useful this year as the rabbits have taken to digging holes again after a few years' sojourn in the open.

The pheasants are picking up in numbers due to the lack of effort to shoot them. They were to be seen amongst the young corn during the spring. The Scout Hill covey has trebled since last year due to the abundance of eating, whilst the East Drive holds two splendid cock pheasants in all their glory.

For some reason roedeer has been plentiful too. Five have been seen in the wilds of Scout Hill, and two or three by the sewage farm. There are also trails in and out of the East Drive, to say nothing of the regular morning visitors to the Lawn.

GYMNASTICS

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, 1972, Mr. Henderson suggested that on a purely voluntary and, therefore, informal basis, some boys go along to the gym one night a week to do elementary gymnastics. This suited twenty of us very well as we had nothing else to do on those bleak nights.

The first few meetings went well, with most of us picking up the basic exercises which consisted of things like handstands, cartwheels, headstands and forward rolls — on very nice thick mats. We then went on to more advanced exercises involving horsework; further, tableaux were slowly introduced into our routine.

After a half term of continuous practice and progress (?), we were, one night, practising a tableau. This involved seven seniors kneeling side by side with six middles kneeling on the first tier's backs. Five juniors formed a similar tier upon the middles. The whole tableau was rather precariously balanced. At this point Mr. Henderson calmly announced that we were to do a display on Speech Day. Needless to say, the tableau did not stay up much longer. The mass of arms, legs and heads, the latter all doing jaw exercises, disentangled themselves and the gym was flooded with screams, cries, shouts, groans and, finally, the ominous sound of a stampede towards the exit. Within two days everyone was again rounded up; gently persuaded by Permanent Injury and Instant Death, the team had voted unanimously for a return to training.

During the course of the next two terms we mastered the intricacies of horsework, tableaux, handstands, cartwheels, tanks, and falling. Mr. Henderson always demonstrated the exercise before we attempted it. One day he was demonstrating one involving the trampette and the horse. The gym shook — we knew he was on his way — he took a mighty leap on to the trampette, there was a resounding twang followed by a thunderous crash as he hit the top of the horse with his midriff and disappeared from view over the other side of the horse — head first. A stunned silence followed, broken by a nervous laugh and a shaky voice whispering "I'm sure you won't catch me doing that". By this time a head had reappeared over the side of the horse, and with a dazed smile Mr. Henderson explained that the trampette had broken. Such are the hazards of gymnastics.

But Speech Day was soon upon us. Then, panic. It was realised that a reorganisation was necessary owing to the fact that only fourteen members were left, the others having gone down with either chickenpox or measles. However, Mr. Henderson reorganised everything with great aplomb, including a further crisis over the strip.

Rehearsals went well, and all our exercises went off without disasters, and culminated with a solo routine from H. L. Locke.

D.E.R. and D.J.M.H.

CLIMBING WALL

Climbing on the wall in the Sports Hall has flourished, especially in the Summer Term. Attendances several times reached capacity — 14 climbers. Several routes have been established of a high standard of difficulty with several easier routes for beginners. In all, about twenty climbs have been put up ranging from a slightly awkward step ladder (with rungs placed three feet apart) to a hair-raising climb on the concrete slab of the 'chimney', using four hods to climb three-quarters of the wall.

A display was put on during the afternoon of Speech Day. The audience was satisfyingly large, and all the climbs on the wall were done.

A new route up the wall using the new artificial climbing 'aid' is envisaged. It is proposed to put a line of nine bolts up a blank section of wall, with a view to using this for climbing with 'etriers' or stirrups. A small climb using two such bolts has been made, and has proved the feasibility of such a project. This, it is hoped, will introduce climbers to the proper way of using such aids.

W.J.G.S.



Not a School production of "Macbeth".

C.C.F. NOTES

The most exciting event of the year for any who went was undoubtedly the Norway Camp, and there is a long account elsewhere — so I shall keep this report short.

There have been a lot of other camps and attachments for all sections from Malta to Garelochhead, from MFVs to the RTR at Catterick.

Proficiency training has taken up much of the training time throughout the year in all sections and has included a lot of boat-work, section-leading, signals and gliding. Our thanks for assistance are particularly due to HMS Cochrane The Cadet Training Team and HQ Air Cadets Scotland. We had an exciting visit from the Band of HM Royal Marines under Lieut. Graham Hoskins.

Cox. Low was in charge of the Sunset Parade and sections were commanded by P.O. Bennett, Sgts. Baxter and H. MacFarlane and W.O. Gordon.

After fourteen years as O.C. the RAF Section, Squadron Leader E. Wormald is leaving Strathallan for a post in guidance in Perth. I am sure many will be guided into the RAF. We thank him very much for his enthusiasm during his long tenure command in which time the RAF has always been a popular section and we shall not forget his drive and keenness in organising camps abroad in particular. It was planned to give him a real send-off in the glider but surprise, surprise it was broken on the day! He is continuing cadet work in Perth and is even threatening to blossom out into a kilt. We wish him every happiness and success in his new post. Fl. Lieut. Barker is taking over the section.

There are a good number of cadets considering entering the Forces, and Baxter is heading for Sandhurst and the Argylls. A very encouraging number of Old Boys are at present serving.

Congratulations to R. S. F. Leishman who has been awarded an RAF Scholarship.

Work the Knees

"No, nothing to declare", said the officer passing through the Customs Barrier at Bergen Airport, as the kit-bags rolled along the luggage-belt. A small Norwegian child waited patiently with his father for his case amidst all these military bundles. A cardboard case toppled off the moving belt, and the child ran forward to pick up the sparkly bottles of gin that fell around the Custom Man's feet. The officer quickly despatched two cadets (no doubt named Gordon and Bell, for those were the names on the boxes) to gather in these stray military supplies, and smiling at the congenial Custom's Man, got the mysterious packages safely carried to the awaiting bus. The impossible had been achieved much to the amazement (but also the subsequent appreciation) of the other officers.

"Nils Stensrud", said a friendly voice, introducing himself, and the Strathallan School C.C.F. party had officially come under the safe protection of the Norwegian Army.

It seemed an age since the departure from Glasgow Airport to the cheery wave of a group of parents — a delayed departure, too, for the flight to Copenhagen, which was tiresome, at any rate until the Iceland Air hostess came along: "We apologise for the delay and hope you will accept a free drink".

"What'll you have Ferg? The same for you Neil, and you, Bruce?"

"Four lagers, please. This is going to be a great trip. Cheers, Lackie!"

And, surprise, surprise, this very conversation was to be repeated in Copenhagen only six hours later. "That will be 28 Krone, please". "Sure — My God! That's nearly two quid! We're broke already".

The Tivoli Gardens were closed but Copenhagen proved interesting to all; some saw the Little Mermaid, and The Radhus Square, and the Youth Hostel and . . . well, Hay said there were lots of interesting things to see anyway.

The plane touched down at Stavanger and then at last in Bergen and that was where this story began. "Will Mr. MacDonald, a passenger who has just arrived from Copenhagen, please report to the desk". Panic — some tragedy? The wrong person thought to be smuggling? But no, Squadron Leader Wormald easily sorted out a mere mistake with a ticket.

And so to Sverresborg. What would this be? It was in fact a night on the floor, and a first real taste of Norwegian Army food — bread and sweet brown cheese and bread and sweet brown cheese, and bread and . . . The gorgeous black jam and the fish balls (whale, some cadets uncharitably said) were still to come.

The train crawled out of Bergen and up and up through gorgeous scenes of water and ever-increasing snow until at last — MJOLFELL — where piles and piles of overweight luggage waited at the station at the top of the hill and despondent cadets looked down and were told they were sleeping in that green tent down there!

But the rooms with bunks were warm, modern and cheerful. The drying-room was first class, the showers hot and all felt immediately at home, because there was a power-cut.

Skis, sticks, boots (except for Voigt whose feet were too big) and off into the snow. How skilfully J. L. Stewart crashed through the trees; how artistically B. Gillanders subsided into the snow; Philips and Park were obviously cheating because they had been to Glenshee! What are those two pairs of feet doing sticking out of the snow? "Can I help you, Sir? Or you, Sir?" "Don't be stupid, we're just having a rest". Funny, the Officers seemed to rest upturned in the snow all the time.

"Work the knees, relax the muscles. Find your personal gait. (Another half hour of ski gymnastic). Swing the arms. You will not breach (break) the leg, if you relax the muscles. Why did you fall, Colonel? You stopped working the knees. Round again please. Some static exercises. Reach down down, further each time. Push one ski forward if you are in difficulty. Learn to fall. Never have the sticks in front. Parallel push! Work the knees. Now a little downhill. This afternoon we make a short expedition".



Twenty-seven green or camouflaged figures in a long line winding and falling, through the trees and over the river, staggering up and falling down — here a classy Hinshaw cap or Steedman bonnet; there a Blackley with a green-tailed parka or an Arkless in a jungle hat, and a long gap and a group of stumbling, aching Officers. Nils Stensrud moving easily in front, encouraging, teaching, showing how easy it all is; Baxter, two Gillanders and Stewart shepherding their group, uphill, uphill, uphill, through the trees to a stopping-point and some downhill practice. There McIntyre will demonstrate a new turn — crash! Now Currie will show us how to fall into the river. Menzies and Wilson move rather smoothly over that bump, but no, Garvie and Cramond don't make it. Robertson has wobbled his way through. Watch out! Here are Messrs. Dutton (crash!), Pearson (crash!) and Fairbairn (crash!). Oh well, they'll improve — can't get worse anyway.

And so more exercises and more expeditions, right up The Hagen (an enormous mountain!) and ski-joring behind the snow-cat. (Was it Hay's idea that if you swing out just at the right moment you can get the O.C. or S.Ldr. Wormald into the snow-cat's tracks, or S.Ldr. Wormald's that you can try to get Baxter

into the river?) And working the knees, and getting ready for the Langlauf and a fantastic amount of exercise and exhaustion and fun, hard work, relaxation and a terrific spirit of success, enjoyment and friendliness.

And the evenings? Perhaps it could be said the Mjølfjell Camp is a little lacking in social entertainment, but I don't think I'll go further than the shop anyway tonight — just feeling a little stiff and weary. I hear that Hay and McIntosh have just enough strength to drag a pulk loaded with Cola bottles to the top of the hill. They must be desperate for Krone. They can have my empties. Rumours — false, of course — said that the Officers sat playing cards and boozing with Major Stensrud, Capt. Mjølfjell and Major Strøm, but it's not like our Officers, is it? It must have been the Norwegian influence.

At last came the Langlauf; the course had to be set over the other side of the bridge as our river crossing had melted earlier — further details from F. Gillanders. The O.C. took it upon himself to divide all the cadets into three groups of expert, very good and good. (The next category, reserved for Officers, had no takers.)

"If they remember all I have taught them and relax the muscles, they will not be more than 45 minutes. Snow conditions are not too good. Purple wax".

The starter, timekeeper and recorder, Captain Pearson, sent everyone off at minute intervals and what action, what effort, snow-flurries and success. A total outsider from Section 2, Macdonald, roared round the course to clock up a time of 24 mins. 51 secs. Major Stensrud was delighted, and everyone was home in under 38 minutes.

At long, long last the lost projector from Oslo arrived on the train, so on the last evening at the camp we saw the instruction films and it was exactly a picture of what we all had been doing. The man on the film could have been Mr. Dutton! Then, coffee and cake and prizes presented by the Norwegian Army, and good-bye.

How different the little camp looked as we left the railway station; not bleak and cold as when we had arrived. A really friendly little place where we had had a great time.

Only the envious would say that McIntyre had not enjoyed the train-ride to Voss, where there was time to buy a few presents in the sleet. Some went up the railway to see the view in the clouds. McIntosh looked after himself very well. At last Sverresborg again, and Sunday sight-seeing in Bergen, including the aquarium for most. The cadets had a moment to thank Major Stensrud for all he had done and to present him with a tankard to show their great appreciation. In return he gave the real workers ("Baxters and Eric") a Haakonhus medallion.

And so back to Abbotsinch and home. "What's this bacon and egg stuff for breakfast? Bread and brown goats-milk cheese

is good enough for me. Anyway, I'm off out — got to work the knees".

Langlauf prizewinners:

- Overall: 1. MacDonald, M. J. — 24 mins. 51 secs.
2. Stewart, L. A. — 25 mins. 07 secs.
- Group 1: 1. Park, D. R. M. — 25 mins. 24 secs.
2. Gillanders, F. G. R. — 25 mins. 28 secs.
3. Wilson, J. A. M. — 25 mins. 47 secs.
- Group 2: 1. McIntyre, J. I. — 25 mins. 31 secs.
2. Hinshaw, D. L. — 26 mins. 07 secs.
3. Currie, H. K. — 27 mins. 18 secs.
- Group 3: 1. Arkless, P. J. — 29 mins. 32 secs.

T.C.G.F.

R.N. SECTION

Coxwain: I. A. D. Low.

Petty Officers: C. R. M. Drysdale, A. J. Bennet, J. D. McKelvie.

The strength of the Section this session was 52. In September Mr. J. F. Clayton was appointed Sub-Lieutenant.

On Field Day, H.M.S. Cochrane once again provided a full and interesting programme involving practical training afloat and at the Seamanship School. C.P.O. Machar was in charge of the M.F.V. which crossed the Firth to H.M.S. Lochinvar, giving all cadets on board experience of helmsmanship. All cadets were entertained by Captain Perowne and his officers in the wardroom before leaving.

Some weeks later the School was entertained by the Band of the Royal Marines under its Director of Music, Lieutenant Hoskins. The excellent concert enjoyed by a large part of the School in the Gymnasium will be, we hope, an annual event.

In November twenty cadets from Strathallan R.N. Section were invited to join H.M.S. Camperdown for a Sunday's training with the ship's company. A full day's programme was probably highlighted by the use of H.M.S. Montrose for practical boatwork and firefighting.

At Christmas we learnt with regret that Captain Perowne was to take up another appointment. Captain Perowne always took a keen interest in the R.N. Section and has arranged many interesting visits for us.

At the same time, C.P.O. Machar, for many years a regular visitor to Strathallan in his capacity as Area C.P.O. for Scotland and Northern Ireland, retired. For all his assistance we are most grateful. It was with pleasure that we learnt that his replacement was to be C.P.O. Heaton, formerly of H.M.S. Unicorn and now at the Seamanship School, H.M.S. Cochrane.

Inevitably the most interesting part of the year's programme is the full range of Annual Camps and Courses offered to both Officers

and Cadets by the Naval Member, J.C.E., and once again our policy of making fullest use of these facilities was maintained.

In January, Lieutenant MacLeod attended the Advanced Officers' Course at H.M.S. Royal Arthur, and at Easter, Sub-Lt. Clayton the Initial Officers' Course at R.N. College, Dartmouth.

Easter Camps for cadets included the Acquaintance Course at Portsmouth, Air Training at R.N.A.S. Culdrose, and the Sailing Course at H.M.S. Lochinvar.



To Lt. Steele, C.P.O. Gent and the C.A.C.T.O. staff at H.M.S. Cochrane, we are particularly grateful for arranging exciting sea-time. P.O. Drysdale and L.S. Ferguson were certainly envied when they were the guests of the Captain and Officers of H.M.S. Norfolk sailing from Rosyth to Portsmouth during a weekend in the Autumn Term.

In the Summer Term four cadets accompanied Lt. MacLeod on the Aberdeen University Minesweeper, H.M.S. Thornham, sailing from Aberdeen to Granton. As Strathallan cadets were at the helm for the full ten-hour cruise, latterly in Force 8 off Granton, this proved more eventful than anticipated, and we have not yet heard where A.B. Picken's cap came ashore.

Speech Day Sunset Parade was up to standard. One unfortunate by-product of the many rehearsals during the Friday afternoons is that sailing time on the Tay is cut for certain cadets in the first part of the term. This year we are most grateful to Mr. Goody for his willing help every Friday with sailing and for the use of the sailing club boats. A close liaison with the sailing club is now very much a reality, and we hope to send a team to the C.C.F. Regatta at Chatham in September.

The motor-boat is due shortly to have a major engine overhaul. Veterans of the Portmahomack camp will appreciate just how much work the engine has done over the last six years and certainly this term the motor-boat has proved sluggish on occasion. The purchase of an inflatable dinghy, however, has helped access to the centre channel moorings.

During the year 12 cadets were rated AB and 14 cadets passed the R.N. Proficiency Test.

The Summer Holidays see no diminution in our activities. In July three cadets and Lieutenant MacLeod are joining the C.C.F. Camp at R.A.F. Luqa in Malta. The Section is most grateful to Squadron Leader Wormald who has run these overseas camps for several years. Lt. MacLeod is also to join H.M.S. Bembridge for a Ship Handling Course, and Sub-Lt. Clayton is to attend the Officers' Boatwork Course at H.M.S. Raleigh, Plymouth.

We were delighted to be allocated an M.F.V. on the Clyde in September and 12 cadets and the Section Officers go on a week's cruise. Twenty cadets are joining the Section as O.S. New Entry.

Promotions:

Cox I. A. D. Low to Under Officer.

P.O. Drysdale to Coxwain.

L.S. Schneeberger, Ferguson and Hunter to P.O.

A.B. Evans, McIntosh, Magee, C., Magee, K., Macarthur, Bird, Heard, Steele, G., and Lowden to Leading Seaman.

R.A.F. SECTION

The numbers of the Section were over 60 as they have been for the past few years. But this year, even with the new examination syllabus, the academic results were much better, so that at the end of the year over a third of the Section had Advanced Proficiency, and only eleven cadets had not passed their written exam.

As usual the Section was divided into two parts for Field Day. One part, under Flt. Lt. Barker, went to Turnhouse for flying, whilst the remainder stayed at Strathallan under Sqdn. Ldr. Wormald. We had hoped to go to Leuchars, but this was not possible. However, because of the good weather most of the Turnhouse contingent got some flying, and at School the glider was launched well over a hundred times.

The Section had two teams in the Scottish Cadet League whilst in the Assegai — the British Trophy — the Section finished 13th out of about 90 entries. Unfortunately, unless some very good shots come along, the Section will always remain good average, as practice cannot bring the absolute accuracy needed for Trophy winning.

The main camp this year was at R.A.F. Cosford when 20 cadets experienced a taste of R.A.F. life. A very good camp was hoped for; unfortunately all the facilities of the station were mainly un-

available, and the camp programme was stereotyped. Cadets from the Section also went to camp in Norway and in Malta where they stayed with the R.A.F. at Hal Far. Fifteen cadets went on this camp and were joined by cadets from Cheltenham G.S., Emmanuel, Haileybury, Harrow and Radley.



We travelled overnight, and after joining routine the camp programme was started promptly. Most mornings were spent meeting the various Forces' elements on the island, whilst the afternoons were spent on various beaches. Certain highlights stood out during our visit: a morning on the open range with the shade temperature 47°C or 107°F , and therefore well over 130°F on the firing point, with Maltese boats stopping the firing because they kept coming within range; a whole day on Comino with swimming in beautiful blue-green water; another whole day on Gozo with more swimming at Marsalforn and Xlendi and delicious small pears.

Although the programme was more suited to the A.T.C. Cadets who were in camp with us, the camp was thoroughly enjoyed by all, despite some curious weather — temperatures of over 100°F for three days running, and the hottest day ever recorded there, and the first ever recorded rain in July. The Ministry of Defence and the Station Commander gave permission for some cadets to stay on for an extra five days. This proved to be a very instructive time. A day was spent with 41 Marine Commando where the assault course was tackled and three different weapons fired. Another day was spent with the Marine Craft Unit. Sites of antiquities and even more beaches were also visited. The officers attending this camp were Sqdn. Ldr. Wormald, Lt. MacLeod, Sqdn. Ldr. Craig from Glenalmond and Sir Hugh Reid, Bt., from Perth.

The main preoccupation of the Section this year has been the Primary Glider. Many cadets have done glides, and quite a few flights, and two cadets, G. W. Linton and D. A. Cameron, have actually learned to fly the glider having started with no experience at all. We have been plagued with a number of minor mishaps ranging from glue fatigue to a broken "A" Frame, and the difficulty always has been that the repairs have to be done by R.A.F. Ouston, Newcastle, which naturally takes time.

This year the Section was divided into two Flights but the success of the experiment is still not confirmed. Sqdn. Ldr. Wormald left the Section at the end of the year and Flt. Lt. Barker assumes command.

N.C.O.'s for the year:

W.O.: M. G. Gordon.

Flt. Sgts.: S. R. C. Duncan, A. I. Robson.

Sgts.: A. M. Grant, I. A. Jamieson, J. M. S. Kirkwood, H. L. Locke.

Cpls.: A. N. Hartley, J. A. Hay, R. P. Kerr, R. S. F. Leishman, W. D. McIntosh, D. D. MacKenzie, E. C. Rowell, W. D. R. Wallace, A. P. Wray.

PIPE BAND

Except for the loss of one piper, the band was the same as it had been in 1972, and good results in all competitions were, therefore, expected. Alas, our enthusiasm and hopes came to naught. In the first, The West of Scotland held in Glasgow, the band played well and came second of the three bands competing. Leishman came second in the Junior Piping. In The East of Scotland, held at Merchiston this year, we came last. We enjoyed the afternoon there very much until we heard the result.



The return in good order from Rossie.

There is no doubt, though, that the band played better on its public engagements. Indeed, these are on the increase, since we played at two new engagements. The first was to play at the Perth Arts Festival one evening. Here we played in the gardens near the Isle of Skye Hotel. Our particular items alternated with a group of dancers. On this occasion the pipe reeds gave some trouble, and the band was not at its best, so it is probably as well that the audience was almost of the one man and his dog category. The second new engagement was at the Open Day of Rossie House Garden. Luckily, Rossie House isn't too far away, for we marched and played there, and marched and played back again! On the way back we were ambushed by a certain basset which threatened to create havoc before overturning its master in a bed of nettles.

We played again at the Blackford Highland Games. The Games themselves made the afternoon enjoyable. We also played at Speech Day and at the Beating of the Retreat.

Abernethy Gala Day is always something we look forward to, but competitions-wise we were again to be disappointed. We had been expecting to figure in the tug-of-war since we reached the semi-finals last year. But the competition wasn't even held this year, and nor was the knobbly knees competition. We had to content ourselves with L. A. Stewart's winning the band race. We were privileged to play in front of the Beauty Queen's float, and nearly swooned, partly due to the beauty and partly due to the fact that the float processed round the town quite a few exhausting times. However, the day was crowned by a superb tea at the Abernethy Hotel.



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The band is grateful for the services of Mr. Murray, who teaches piping, and Mr. Wilson, who teaches the drums. Thanks are also due to Mr. Henderson, who does all the rest and a bit more besides.

The cup winners were:

Senior Piping: C. W. Gray.

Junior Piping: R. S. F. Leishman and R. K. Shedden.

Senior Drumming: C. B. Robertson.

Junior Drumming: G. R. Robb.

C.W.G.

SPORTS SECTION

Captains of Games and Sports, 1972-73

Rugby	C. D. Reekie
Cricket	S. R. C. Duncan
Hockey	A. G. Marshall
Athletics	C. D. Reekie
Boxing	C. D. Reekie
Cross-country	P. N. Lewis
Fencing	E. A. Ferguson
Sailing	J. B. Ferguson
Shooting	A. M. Grant
Ski-ing	G. I. Brown
Summer Hockey	A. G. Marshall
Swimming	M. G. Gordon
Tennis	J. A. Hay

This has been a mixed year. The rugby side had an averagely good season. The hockey eleven had at least one good result. The cricket side started and ended poorly. The athletes had a good year, yet again.

Two boys have distinguished themselves outside the School. During the summer holidays of 1972 C. D. Reekie was in the Scottish Schools Athletics Team. D. J. Butchart was the fourth placed Briton in the British Senior Championships, his placings being 11th in the Giant Slalom, 8th in the Slalom and 6th in the Combined Championship.

Some sports will go unreported this year. They go unreported not through pressure of space, but because no one has seen fit to send in a report.

At the end of the School year, C. D. Reekie was presented with the Campbell Award.

RUGGER REPORT

It is always difficult after a particularly good season, when many of the outstanding players have left and when there are no obvious replacements of a similar calibre, to maintain a high standard at 1st XV level. In reading the match reports there is a

certain amount of criticism about the standard of play. This criticism should be accepted as valuable and constructive and is an indication that we have come to expect a high standard of performance. At the same time it should be pointed out that the 1st XV won eight out of their regular twelve school fixtures which is satisfactory by any standard. The team did not accept as inevitable that the standard should drop and worked extremely hard to try and maintain it. The main difference between the two teams was not in their approach or attitude but in the fact that this year there was a certain lack of speed and reaction coupled with a lower standard of ball play. On the other hand there were moments of highly constructive and successful rugger.

The main problem this season was having to find half-backs and centres. The problem at centre was particularly acute and it was necessary in the end to bring both of the previous season's highly successful wings, Locke and Reekie, in to fill the centre positions. Both were very able runners and useful ball players and were certainly very powerful. However, it takes time to adjust to a new position and it was not until later in the season that really fluid play developed. Reekie, in addition to being a vital match winner on several occasions, was an enthusiastic captain. Locke's running always kept the characteristics of a winger but he had the capacity to make dangerous breaks in the centre. At scrum half Lewis developed into a most competent player and was probably the most improved player in the XV — he was certainly the most consistent. The problem at stand-off was not so easily solved. Both McHarg and MacFarlane were obvious 1st XV players but they also both performed best at full back. Some of MacFarlane's tackling in that position was excellent. Ultimately it was McHarg who went to full-back and he produced some very competent play at times and was by the end of the season timing his entry into the line most effectively. MacFarlane never looked entirely happy at stand off and it was some time before the ball was moving to the centres fast enough to allow them to do much really constructive running. By the end of the season MacFarlane's play was much steadier and more confident. Both the wings, Jarron and Ling, were quick. They also made the most of their opportunities. Ling looked more at home on the rugger field by the end of the season but still showed signs of being a track athlete rather than a rugger player.

The forwards had always been regarded as potentially powerful. They formed a strong and robust pack who were at their best in the tight where their ability to disrupt or slow down the opposition's heel proved to be invaluable. Both props were solid and uncompromising. A. D. G. Mackenzie at loose head did some very useful work and B. N. Gillanders covered a lot of ground in loose play as well as more than hold his own in set pieces. D. S. Baxter ended up on balance having won his fair share of the ball at hooker but it was his loose play that was in fact the best aspect of his work. Despite a tremendous bid by Jamieson (a really hard work-

ing wholehearted forward), S. R. C. Duncan and F. G. R. Gillanders took the second row positions and developed into a very powerful unit. They were also the main strength of the line-out but in this aspect of play their success was not so marked. There was one obvious and persistent drawback in the back row — a lack of speed for which there was no remedy. M. G. Gordon and N. R. Baxter were capable of many good things on the flanks but one of the reasons for the backs not running in as many tries as one had hoped was that the School was rarely first to the breakdown of play and the share of second phase possession was limited. W. D. McIntosh led the forwards intelligently and responsibly. Again not noted for his speed he was, however, beginning to look far more like a No. 8 forward at the end of the season than at the beginning, having been in the second row last year. The forwards as a whole were willing and prepared to put a great deal of effort into their play but the lack of real pace was undoubtedly a serious handicap. W. D. R. Wallace was the team's sixteenth man who played several games in several positions in the pack but was not quite able to displace permanently those whose position he took.

The second XV experienced a similar season to that of the 1st XV. There was a pronounced lack of speed apart from on the wings but the forwards were able to provide a very ample share of the ball and the backs generally made good use of it. There was a good number of steady hard working players and they have reason to be pleased with their overall performance. The 3rd XV had some good wins and it was a pity that they did not really settle down until rather late in the season. However, it was very pleasing that real progress was obviously made. Again the lack of really good natural threequarter material was a handicap.

The junior teams had very mixed seasons and the Senior Colts must be looked upon as having had a disappointing season. There was some real talent in the forwards in places and they were a large team. However, they were rather unpredictable and the play tended to be "moody". Many good scoring situations came to nothing either because of clumsiness or because of unintelligent play. Many promising players from this team will need to develop a real thirst for success if they are to realise their potential. More zestful and quicker-witted play is needed. The Junior Colts' season was very much one of two halves in terms of results. Again there is promise here but much more disciplined play will be needed next season. The Minor Colts and Riley House teams also came out rather on the debit side in terms of match successes and it is obvious that some very hard work will have to be done by the junior teams.

Generally speaking, the School's rugby is in a healthy state and there is considerable enthusiasm for the game. If there is an overall fault it tends to lie in a certain "looseness" of play, particularly at critical times, whether in attack or defence. More concentration and spark is needed and if this could be achieved it

would tip the balance very often in close games and in some cases this season could have transformed some playing records.

In conclusion, I would again like to thank everyone who has helped with the School's rugger this season. To all masters, matrons, groundstaff and housekeepers who have in any way helped with the rugger a very sincere "thank you" is given.

F.S.McN.

RUGGER RESULTS 1972/73

1st XV

<i>Opponents</i>		<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Points</i> <i>Against</i>	
Perth Academy		Won	38	0	
Strathallians		Lost	8	22	
Fettes College		Lost	0	16	
Edinburgh Academy		Lost	0	40	
Trinity College, Glenalmond		Won	8	7	
Loretto School		Lost	7	24	
Merchiston		Won	16	13	
Keil School		Won	15	6	
Morrison's Academy		Won	7	0	
Gordonstoun		Won	22	3	
Dollar Academy		Won	28	0	
Kelvinside Academy		Won	9	7	
Glasgow Academy		Lost	4	11	
West of Scotland Colts			Cancelled		
Scottish Wayfarers			Cancelled		
Edinburgh Wanderers Colts		Draw	10	10	
Panmure		Lost	8	17	
George Heriot's School		Lost	0	3	
<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
15	8	1	6	180	179

2nd XV

<i>Opponents</i>			<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Points</i> <i>Against</i>
Perth Academy				Cancelled	
Fettes College			Lost	7	18
Trinity College, Glenalmond			Draw	3	3
Edinburgh Academy			Won	19	14
Loretto School			Won	20	3
Merchiston			Won	10	4
Rannoch 1st XV			Lost	3	9
Morrison's Academy			Won	18	6
Dundee High School				Cancelled	
Kelvinside Academy			Won	44	4
Glasgow Academy			Won	56	0
<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
9	6	1	2	180	61

3rd XV

<i>Opponents</i>				<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Points</i> <i>Against</i>
Perth High School 1st XV				Draw	4	4
Queen Victoria School				Lost	10	16
Fettes College				Lost	9	12
Trinity College, Glenalmond				Lost	6	10
Edinburgh Academy				Won	7	0
Loretto School				Lost	3	6
Merchiston				Won	21	12
Rannoch 2nd XV				Won	34	0
Glasgow Academy				Won	14	7
Dollar Academy				Won	40	0
<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	
10	5	1	4	148	67	

4th XV

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Points</i>	
		<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Fettes College	Lost	3	30
Trinity College, Glenalmond	Lost	6	30
Dollar Academy	Won	36	10

5th XV

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Points</i>	
		<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Trinity College, Glenalmond	Lost	9	37

6th XV

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Points</i>	
		<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Trinity College, Glenalmond	Lost	0	36

Senior Colts

<i>Opponents</i>			<i>Result</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Points</i> <i>Against</i>
Rannoch			Won	18	6
Fettes College			Lost	10	12
Loretto			Draw	4	4
Merchiston Castle			Lost	10	14
Keil School			Won	26	3
Gordonstoun				Cancelled	
Dollar Academy			Lost	4	16
Trinity College, Glenalmond			Lost	7	19
Edinburgh Academy			Lost	0	4
<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
8	2	1	5	79	78

Junior Colts

<i>Opponents</i>				<i>Result</i>	<i>Points</i>	
					<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Perth Academy				Won	32	0
Queen Victoria School				Won	9	4
Fettes College				Won	24	0
Loretto School				Won	12	10
Merchiston				Lost	0	21
Dundee High School					Cancelled	
Trinity College, Glenalmond				Lost	7	26
Glasgow Academy				Lost	3	34
Edinburgh Academy				Lost	6	14
<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>D.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	
8	4	0	4	93	109	

Minor Colts

Opponents				Result	Points	
					For	Against
Fettes College				Lost	4	18
Loretto School				Won	18	11
Merchiston Castle				Lost	0	19
Lathallan				Lost	6	14
P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Against	
4	1	0	3	28	62	

Riley House

Opponents			Result	Points	
				For	Against
Craigflower				Cancelled	
Hurst Grange				Cancelled	
Ardvreck (away)			Lost	0	3
Larchfield			Lost	4	38
New Park				Cancelled	
Ardvreck (home)			Won	12	7
P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Against
3	1	0	2	16	48

28th September — v. Perth Academy — Home — Won 34-0

Team: A. G. Marshall; I. J. M. Jarron; A. G. MacFarlane; C. D. Reekie; H. L. Locke; G. P. McHarg; P. N. Lewis; A. D. G. Mackenzie; A. D. Baxter; B. N. Gillanders; I. Jamieson; F. G. R. Gillanders; W. D. R. Wallace; S. R. C. Duncan; W. D. McIntosh.

The first match of the season is always looked at with some anxiety and with an eye to the prospects for the remainder of the season. This was particularly so this year since the School were fielding a virtually untried side. However, conditions at least were in favour of an opening match — very little wind, no wet ball, a dry ground.

Strathallan kicked off towards the Monkey Puzzle and immediately lost their advantage when a forward was penalised for being over-eager in the ensuing maul. Thereafter, play looked very promising. From the first line-out the ball was passed down the line sufficiently quickly to leave Jarron unmarked on the right, and when he was eventually stopped the first ruck

brought about a movement in the opposite direction, and when Locke was tackled into touch on the right wing play was well inside the Academy 25. From this position two or three thrusts were made, but McHarg knocked on, then Lewis was brought down near the line, and it was eventually McIntosh, picking up on the wheel of a five yard scrum, who went over on the right. MacFarlane missed the kick. A score within six minutes of the start was nevertheless very heartening, and two minutes later the score was increased to 8 points. Locke made another good run down the wing almost to be tackled into touch at about the same point where he had been bundled in a minute or so before but got through to score near the posts. The kick again failed. Two minutes later there was yet another score, this time by Reekie. It was now Marshall's turn to miss a kick.

By this time the Strathallan play had some kind of pattern about it. The pack was obviously stronger than the Academy pack, so that every time the visitors hooked the ball they were going backwards rather rapidly. The mauling and rucking, too, was promising. From this point number eight — McIntosh — attended by a rather terrier-like Lewis trotting along in his wake, bulldozed the ball up field, or else the ball was passed to either wing, and both Locke and Jarron were able to outrun their opposite numbers who, by and large, were giving them plenty of room to move in anyway.

During this half, scoring came frequently. A try was added by Lewis and Marshall kicked two penalty goals as well as converting Lewis's try. For much of the time Lewis and McHarg did not seem to be at one, understandably for a pair of new halves playing their first match, and if any blame is to be attached, then possibly it should be to Lewis whose passing was none too accurate. McHarg, when he started to kick, was starting to kick well into the box, and he had one particularly good moment when he kicked openside for the left wing, the ball went loose, there was a maul and McHarg, getting the ball again, continued left and kicked right into the open spaces and caught the Perth Academy full-back out of position. It was good thinking, and all in the space of less than thirty seconds. Naturally there were one or two silly mistakes resulting from lack of experience or over-eagerness or — a good sign this — an anxiety to do the right thing. One felt, too, that neither wing ran with the amount of determination that gets tries, as it would have done here, assuredly. Nor was forward support always one hundred percent. The aforementioned good bit of work by McHarg was marred by the absence of the front row in the vicinity of the Perth Academy back scrabbling about in mid-field, and the back row in full cry seemed to consist of McIntosh and Duncan, but not Wallace. Nevertheless, to turn round 24-0 at half-time was a very encouraging performance.

A change of Academy tactics in the second half led to the Strathallan line being immediately threatened. Kicking, with what wind there was, became the order of the day. In the opening seconds there was a ruck on the line which was relieved by a penalty awarded against the Academy for handling in the scrum. And the pattern remained much the same for the first quarter of an hour when Strathallan were barely ever out of their own half, but at the same time never looked like giving away points. They more or less took the ball when they liked in the tight scrums, but the heel was never sufficiently quick to get the line going. The backs started to run across the field, and men were missed out in passing movements quite fortuitously. Every time a back got the ball he seemed to be looking for someone else to pass to instead of running hard. In fairness one must say that the Perth backs were up quickly, not really because of their fleetness of foot, but because the scrum progressed so quickly towards them as they were lying flat that they were many times starting off off-side — presumably undetected. Line-outs were less of a problem, although Strathallan had some difficulty in coping with the two-man variety. Tackling was not good, but then with the ground so hard, and the lead so large, who is going to risk injury with full-blooded tackling?

This period of play was unsatisfactory in that the School side lacked cohesion, but they came away again. From a penalty taken in mid-field Reekie made a very fine break in the centre. He got all of thirty yards and

about five yards from the Academy line passed a little too late and a little too hurriedly. Nevertheless, the initiative had been won back and two minutes later, with the Academy pegged back decisively in their own 25, McIntosh went over from the number eight position when the Academy had once again been pushed off their own ball. There was only one other tricky moment for the School. A long kick by the Academy shortly after the try found Marshall not quite in position, and then, to compound the offence he fumbled the ball. It was eventually McHarg who scrambled the ball into touch. A further score came when B. N. Gillanders went over after fielding a kick upfield from Jarron who, himself, had made a lot of ground, and the match closed with the best movement of the game — again off the back row. McIntosh went away again, and this time Duncan, a bit slow to start with, was in support, and he in turn passed to Lewis and McHarg finished off the try, as good a move as any to finish the game on.

The crowd could go away satisfied. McIntosh had been a tower of strength in a promising pack, and both the halves had had their moments. I think Reekie could be well-pleased, all in all, at this performance; errors there were, and possibly some players will be replaced, but the heart, skill and enthusiasm are there, and the errors are of the kind easily put right.

30th September — School v. Strathallian Club — Lost 8-22

Teams:

School: Macfarlane, A. G.; Locke, H. L.; Green, A.; Reekie (Capt.); Jarron, N.; McHarg; Lewis, P.; Marshall, P.; Baxter, D.; Gillanders, B.; Wallace, W. D.; Gillanders, F.; Duncan McIntosh, W. D.; Baxter, N. R.

Strathallians: Sherington; Weddell; Whyte; Sutherland; Locke, J. W.; Walker, A. B.; Waterston, P.; Archibald; MacDonald, R.; MacDonald, M.; Broadwood; MacKenzie; Waterston, N.; Anderson, J. W. B.; Gall.

In windy conditions and on a very hard dry Big Acre, the Strathallians gained revenge by 22 points to 14 for defeats in 1970 and 1971. Kicking off with the wind, the Strathallians attacked vigorously and were rewarded by an early try in the corner by John Sutherland. Sustained pressure by the Strathallian pack, although heavier and more experienced, brought no immediate rewards and the School almost scored from a penalty resulting from a fine counter attack. The kick hit the crossbar. A fine dummy scissors by David Whyte and John Sutherland almost brought the Club another score, but despite last ditch defence from the School, they lost two more tries before half-time, both scored by Norman Mackenzie after good rushes by the Strathallian forwards. John Sutherland converted one try, bringing the score to 14-0 at half-time.

The School were much livelier after the interval, and McIntosh almost scored from a powerful burst. However, the School threequarters were always suspect in defence and darting runs by Bruce Walker and John Sutherland continually forced defensive errors. The School centres were inclined to overrun and it was such an error which led to Colin Weddell increasing the Strathallians' lead with a try early in the second half.

Only Locke on the School's left wing showed particular attacking flair, and he was unfortunate that his zest for work was not rewarded. Continued School pressure did, however, earn a try when McIntosh plunged over for an unconverted try.

The Strathallian pack were nevertheless too strong, and after good forcing play, Norman Mackenzie scored his third try of the afternoon to complete the Club's scoring.

McIntosh got a second try for the School as a result of some very disorganised play in the Club's twenty-five to bring the School's total to 8 points.

Team: A. G. MacFarlane; I. J. M. Jarron; H. L. Locke; C. D. Reekie; D. J. Butchart; G. P. McHarg; P. N. Lewis; B. N. Gillanders; A. D. Baxter; A. D. G. Mackenzie; F. G. R. Gillanders; N. R. Baxter; W. D. R. Wallace; W. D. McIntosh; S. R. C. Duncan.

During the night steady rain brought some relief to the hitherto parched grounds; it was not enough to soften them, but it was enough to give a surface which was a shade greasy, and that was to our advantage.

Strathallan kicked off towards the Monkey Puzzle and for some time pursued a strategy which was to give them opportunities for scoring which were not taken. How one wished for a Lockhart! After the disasters of last year the first set scrums were watched carefully and anxiously, but the first set scrum resulted in a penalty to Strathallan, and shortly after Strathallan were awarded another penalty which put them just outside the Fettes' 25. In these opening moments of the game Fettes were rushed off their feet. In the first five minutes there were two stoppages for injuries and one Fettes forward off the field injured; such was the uncompromising rucking, rushing and tackling near the scrum. Fettes were not eager to fall or tackle in such circumstances, and their backs without good ball mishandled or passed badly. It was inevitable that a chip-kick from Lewis going blind should get a touch five yards from Fettes' goal-line, and although the Fettes scrum half cleared with a good kick over the line-out and upfield where MacFarlane was caught not being able to get the ball away, Strathallan were soon pressing again via a penalty awarded to them when Fettes obstructed in a ruck. McIntosh's huge Garry Owen caught the Fettes right wing scrambling into touch 7 yards from the goal-line. And for a time that was the pattern of play, Fettes clearing only to return because of well-placed kicks back over the wings' heads. MacFarlane, McHarg and Jarron all contributed to this particular strategy. That they were able to do this time and time again was the result of some well co-ordinated and fierce rucking in which McIntosh and Wallace were particularly to the forefront. Once or twice, indeed, the rucking was over-eager and penalties ensued. However, the game had been going for 20 minutes before Fettes were able to get out of their own half.

From this position they were able, from a short line-out, to feed the ball for a kick which took play into the Strathallan 25. Earlier this season I reported that Strathallan seemed particularly suspect against a short-line employed by Perth Academy. It seemed in this game that this well co-ordinated pack had still not found the answer. The attack mounted on this occasion didn't come to anything because a Fettes' player was penalised for lying on the ball in a ruck, but the respite was only a short one, for Fettes almost got through, and a tackle near the line brought a penalty to Strathallan, one presumes because the player didn't release the ball in time. However, further relief was short-lived and Fettes, taking a short penalty on the right and just inside the Strathallan 25, worked the ball over to the left corner and then switched it all the way back again for a try ten yards to the right of the posts, which was converted. A just reward for some good backing-up and support!

The kick-off didn't go ten yards, but the resultant scrum was won against the head. Then a penalty was awarded, quickly taken, a ruck created — good work here by McIntosh — the ball shot out left and Reekie, attempting a scissors with Locke who had been slow off the mark, slipped. From the ruck McHarg had a drop at goal, but it was sliced wide. The attempt was ominous, since the possession had been fairly good, but here was a positive sign that the Strathallan backs were not going to get through the Fettes' defence which was invariably up quickly. The back row continued to be quick on to Fettesian mistakes, but by half-time Fettes were again established in the Strathallan half.

The second half saw Fettes getting more into their stride and some desperate and good defence by Strathallan. It would, I think, be fair to say that both Reekie and Locke were totally outclassed by their opposing numbers, and time and again both Butchart and Jarron were faced with two or

three men to cope with. In the circumstances they did splendidly. Twice Butchart waited until the last possible moment before committing himself to the outside centre, and on one of the occasions brought the man down right on the line. It was unfortunate that a defensive kick by Butchart under pressure from a line-out from his own line should not reach touch and eventually this led to a try. It was unfortunate, too, that MacFarlane faltered once or twice and on those occasions unluckily paid the price of points for the opposition. For most of the game he had coolly fielded and kicked and had brought off some crushing, crunching tackles, but when the aforementioned kick from Butchart went astray the Fettes' full-back was able to run it up-field and kick, and MacFarlane failed to gather the ball mid-field in his own twenty-five when trying to make a mark. The ball was hacked on, and the first Fettes forward was unable to touch down and Locke was too slow to take advantage of this — indeed he was outpaced over the last ten yards to the line anyway. MacFarlane's second error was to gather a hack ahead, and again there was no real support so that a try was scored in the corner.

Let it be said that Strathallan played as well as they knew, and that the score could have been a much greater one. Time and again Fettes moved the ball across the field, backwards and forwards, and time and again the Strathallan forwards and wings and full-back covered. Lewis, too, kicked well defensively, and while his passing was sometimes astray, some horrid ball was being palmed to him from the line-out. But all in all it was too much of a scramble. The Fettes' centres were too quick on the outside break, and there was just a shade of desperation in coping with some of those long throws over the short line-out. And the Strathallan backs weren't able to take the opportunities presented to them by their own forwards in the first half.

14th October — v. The Edinburgh Academy — Away — Lost 40-0

Team: A. G. MacFarlane; D. J. Butchart; Reekie; Locke; Jarron; McHarg; Lewis; Baxter, D.; Gillanders, B. N.; Wallace, W. D. R.; Gillanders, F. G. R.; Duncan; McIntosh, W. D.; Baxter, N. R.

Although having lost to a strong Fettes side four days previously and being aware of the scoring potential of the opposition the eventual outcome of this match was not expected. Due to the centenary match at Murrayfield in the afternoon the match was played in the morning. After the early morning haze cleared the conditions were perfect for open rugby. A dry sunny day with virtually no wind and a very fast pitch. In the event these conditions hardly favoured the School and the only way that the score could have been kept to a more respectable level would have been the advent of a cloudburst.

MacFarlane kicked-off and with the ball going directly into touch the Academy elected for a scrum on the half-way line. A clean swift heel and efficient passing saw Jenkins on the left wing scoring the Academy's first try within thirty seconds of the start without any member of the school team having come into contact with either man or ball. The try was converted. It soon became apparent that the Academy backs were yards faster and much more positive and direct in their running and showed a confidence brought about by earlier successes. In addition a scrum-half capable of putting his stand off well out of range of his opposite number and back row forwards caused considerable confusion in the School defence. The lively and efficient Academy pack provided their backs with ample opportunity to show their superiority. However well the School tackled man for man the opposition always had one or more men to take play on and the inevitable happened. The score at half-time was 26-0.

There were times when the School managed to steady the game but Lewis was under such pressure at scrum half and the backs were given so little room to move that the most elementary mistakes were made. In addition

possession became so uncertain that the School backs were unsure as to whether they should lie in a defensive or an attacking formation on their own ball. The eventual score which included eight tries was a fair reflection of the Academy's superiority. There can be no excuses but it is fair to say that the school did play badly and looked far slower and less determined than they did against Fettes.

17th October — v. Trinity College, Glenalmond — Won 8-7

Team: McHarg; Jarron; Reekie; Locke; Ling; MacFarlane, A. G.; Lewis; Mackenzie, A. D. G.; Baxter, A. D.; Gillanders, B. N.; Gillanders, F. G. R.; Duncan, S. R. C.; Gordon, M. G.; McIntosh, W. D.; Baxter, N. R.

Two defeats in seven days in which the School had not scored any points is not the best preparation for another hard fixture. It is to the team's credit that they were determined that the outcome of this match should be different. There were two newcomers to the team — Ling on the left wing and Gordon in the back row. The drought had persisted and although a dull day there was again no wind and conditions were ideal.

The School kicked-off and immediately made ground to within ten yards of Glenalmond's line. Despite the School being awarded several penalties early in the game none was converted into points and the play tended to be untidy. Although the School certainly had the best of the early exchanges neither side appeared prepared to take any real initiative. Both teams were badly in need of a victory but neither side was showing the skill or confidence which was necessary at this stage for one side to gain superiority. Despite attempts by the School to develop some sort of pattern in their play it was fine individual running which brought the first score. With Glenalmond attacking, the ball was dropped between centre and wing and Ling picked up the ball on the half-way line. There did not at this stage appear to be much possibility of a score as there were several Glenalmond players who appeared to be within reach of Ling. His speed was however sufficient for him to draw away from the cover defence to score half way out. The conversion attempt failed. Just before half-time Glenalmond produced their first really constructive play with a break by their number eight from a scrum on the School twenty-five. He turned the ball inside the wing forward to score.

In the early part of the second half Glenalmond still had little to offer and after their try the School were showing much more strength in defence. This was as well as later Glenalmond applied considerable pressure on the School line which could and should have produced further tries. However prior to this the School had again taken the lead with a fine try. From a scrum on the School ten yard line the ball was passed to the right where Reekie made a strong run down the touchline. He was well covered by the Glenalmond defence but cut diagonally across to the left to give Ling a simple run-in for his second try. The conversion attempt again failed. It was then largely a matter of preventing Glenalmond from scoring which they contributed to themselves by missing the easiest of penalties having already kicked one. However just before full-time the School were again in the attack and this victory did much to restore morale in the team.

21st October — v. Loretto — Away — Lost 24-7

Team: McHarg; Ling; Reekie; Jarron; MacFarlane; Lewis; Mackenzie; Baxter, D.; Gillanders, B.; Gillanders, F. G. R.; Duncan; Baxter, N.; McIntosh, W. D.; Gordon.

On another dry day but with a strong breeze favouring one end, Strathallan kicked-off into the wind. The ball failed to go ten yards and from the ensuing scrum the School pack produced a drive which had a dramatic effect

on the Loretto front row. Although in the early stages the School had some good ball they were unable to put it to profitable use. Loretto were extremely fast up in defence but even so it is difficult to understand why the ball did not once pass beyond half-back in an orthodox move in the entire first half. The passing was lethargic and the handling poor but more important was the fact that the backs' positional play was badly out of place. In addition, line kicking, which should on several occasions have easily relieved pressure on the School line, was too often failing to find touch. It was from such a kick that the Loretto right wing gathered the ball and quickly passed it inside, well away from the forwards who had quite reasonably been expecting a line out. The ball was passed beautifully down the line for the left wing to beat Jarron and score in the corner.

Although the School made obvious efforts to improve the standard of their play after half-time there was a rather jaded look about the team and despite good rucking and mauling there was very little support for second phase possession. The Loretto stand-off, who had scored a try just before half-time by making a powerful run from a scrum fifteen yards out, gained his second try from a line-out just inside the School half with a splendid piece of running. Despite the fact that the School were now playing with the wind and making little progress by running the ball the kicking for advantage was not made full use of. However, a break by Lewis on the Loretto twenty-five led to Ling scoring a well-taken try in the corner. The only other score for the School was a penalty by Mackenzie. There was more promise in the School's play in the final quarter of the match but Loretto were playing a confident game by this time and their defence when needed was rarely seriously troubled. In addition to an earlier penalty Loretto increased their lead when the stand-off went over for his third try. This was a disappointing result which saw the end of a gruelling first half of the term.

23rd November — v. Dollar Academy — Away — Won 28-0

Team: G. P. McHarg; I. J. M. Jarron; C. D. Reekie; H. L. Locke; T. S. Ling; A. G. MacFarlane; P. N. Lewis; A. D. G. Mackenzie; A. D. Baxter; B. N. Gillanders; W. D. R. Wallace; F. G. R. Gillanders; N. R. Baxter; S. R. C. Duncan; M. G. Gordon.

Strathallan won the toss and elected to play with the advantage of a slight wind and the sun. Dollar kicked off and the School were immediately in attack, with the forwards looking very lively. MacFarlane made a good mark and sent up a towering Garry Owen. The pack took advantage of this and quickly rucked the loose ball. Reekie made an inside break and good backing up by Gordon and Jarron nearly led to a try. Baxter took a vital hook against the head and Reekie scored a very determined try near the corner. The conversion attempt failed.

The School were well on top at this stage, with the forwards dominating play. After five minutes a good kick ahead saw a forward rush taking play to the Dollar line. Wallace broke from the ensuing maul and used his strength and weight to barge through for a try. The conversion attempt narrowly failed. Dollar made a purposeful fight back and put the Strathallan defence under pressure only to find a fine display of tackling and covering. MacFarlane relieved the situation with a long kick for touch. Play oscillated around the centre and Strathallan were awarded a penalty, but the kick for goal fell short.

Dollar took a quick drop out with the School half asleep. This posed a few problems, and saw the home team make a rapid advance territorially. A touch kick from Lewis took off some of the pressure, but Dollar were beginning to come into the match with some attractive rugby. Competent loose work by Baxter and Gordon brought play back to the Dollar 25, however. Here there was a brief stoppage for injury, and the impetus went out of the attack. MacFarlane sent up yet another steeping punt, and Ling narrowly missed a scoring opportunity with Reekie in close support. Dollar retaliated and Wallace with a good covering tackle ended a dangerous move from a

quickly-taken penalty. Strathallan penetrated again. This time from a set scrum the ball was moved quickly out to the wing and Ling took an easy try in the corner. Mackenzie finished with a very good goal.

The School was swiftly into attack again and a McHarg attempt to drop a goal just failed. Dollar then forced the play back towards the Strathallan goal-line when the whistle went for half-time, the score then being 14-0.

Dollar started the second half a man short and had some pressing moves capitalising on the Strathallan mistakes. Good covering and tidying up by Duncan blunted the Dollar attack. Strathallan got a penalty and the ball went to the forwards. Mackenzie, Wallace and Baxter were prominent in spear-heading the attack to the Dollar 25. The game was then bogged down around the centre. The School centres began to look very dangerous and the home defence was weakening. The next try was a splendid team effort. Locke made a powerful break down the wing linking with Jarron. The forwards rucked a very quick ball which went down the line for Reekie to burst through near the corner. The try was not converted.

Dollar regained their spirit and a crunching tackle by MacFarlane stopped a possible threat. Reekie made another break and Jarron came near with a well-placed chip-kick. From the line-out Gordon gathered the ball but was stopped inches from the line. After all this pressure, the next try came in fact from a fine example of opportunism and speed. The ball was hacked through to Reekie, who neatly side-stepped trouble and set off Ling, who outstripped the home defence with impressive acceleration to squeeze in at the corner. Mackenzie completed the conversion with the aid of the crossbar.

After this, Locke set off on one of his frequent sorties, but lost contact with his support, and Dollar managed to set up a counter-attack. However, intelligent kicking by MacFarlane helped Strathallan to regain the initiative. The final try in the dying seconds of the match was well taken. Lewis made an elusive break on the blind side and linked well with Reekie, who was having a tremendous game. Ling was pulled down short of the line, and Gillanders, B., pounced on the loose ball for a deserved try in the corner.

Strathallan thoroughly deserved to win a highly spirited match. The conditions were good for rugby, but chances were missed through poor handling and finishing. The forwards did better than usual in the loose, but did not gain their usual monopoly in the tight. The tackling was sound and the overall performance was of a high quality, being extremely creative in parts. After the match colours were awarded to Mackenzie, Duncan, Lewis and McHarg.

W.D.M.

4th November — v. Merchiston — Home — Won 16-13

Team: As v. Loretto.

Until the last few minutes Merchiston had the edge in this tense game. Then, gathering a loose ball on his own 25 McHarg moved quickly left to feed Reekie at the half-way line. The centre burst powerfully to his right, evaded several tackles and outflanked the defence to score the winning try.

Sadly the quality of play scarcely merited this exciting climax. Too much of loose play was untidy so neither side got a steady supply of good ball on a dry, windless day made for a handling game. The kicking by the backs lacked accuracy and defences had time to gather easily and reply with yet more misdirected punts. With McHarg playing more confidently than his opposite number Strathallan generally profited from these exchanges; this nullified the advantage Merchiston gained from a more mobile pack. Apart from a 40 yard penalty, in reply to Strathallan's opening try — a good, thrusting run by Mackenzie — the place-kicking was equally poor.

At the first few set pieces and rucks Strathallan looked to have the advantage, but the Merchiston forwards soon settled and encamped in the Strathallan half. It was no surprise when, after failing with a penalty, they

went ahead with a well-executed reverse pass between stand-off and inside-centre which cut open the defence. The deficit was cut just before half-time when quick passing down the line and a well-timed inside pass from Ling allowed McHarg to storm over from the 25. Merchiston immediately replied with an orthodox three-quarter try with the Strathallan centres expecting something more complex and missing their tackles. At half-time Merchiston were well worth their 13-8 lead.

Merchiston continued to have the better of the game in the second half but with their backs over-indulging themselves and the gradual stiffening of the Strathallan tackling they could not score. Strathallan at last began to use the high kick effectively and the tiring Merchiston defence became shaky enough for Locke to run unhindered round the blind side to score in the left-hand corner. With this score the home side were revitalised and for the final ten minutes were dominant in all phases, but until Reekie's try it was "a near run thing".

14th November — v. Morrison's Academy — Away — Won 7-0

Team: McHarg; Ling; Reekie; Locke; Jarron; MacFarlane; Lewis; Mackenzie; Baxter, D.; Gillanders, B.; Gillanders, F. G. R.; Duncan; Baxter, N.; McIntosh, W. D.; Gordon.

On a dull and rather cold day Morrison's kicked-off on a pitch which had benefited during the drought from local Fire Brigade drill. It became immediately apparent that the school were going to get at least their fair share of possession from all phases of play. The first scrum awarded to the school brought a very clean heel and Baxter proceeded to do the same on the next scrum which was awarded to Morrison's. The forwards generally started off in a very lively mood but for no apparent reason — it was not that cold — the ball was mishandled to a greater extent than at any time during the season. The backs also failed to recognise or exploit a very large gap that the Morrison's backs were leaving when in defence. It was, to say the least, disappointing that the school had failed to score by half-time. At least three tries had been literally thrown away when what should have been a scoring pass failed to go to hand.

The forwards again started well in the second half — there was plenty of aggressive play and possession was plentiful. By this stage, however, the Morrison's defence was much better organised and giving a spirited performance. The first score was a penalty kicked from thirty-five yards out by Mackenzie. Morrison's produced much more constructive play in the last quarter of the match but happily the school's defence was much steadier than their attack. Generally speaking this was a frustrating match in which the superior side did little to leave its mark. Jarron's try in the closing stages which resulted from McHarg coming into the line to make the overlap was executed with an ease and efficiency which really made one wonder why it should have been the only try of the match.

25th November — v. Gordonstoun — Home — Won 22-3

Team: McHarg; Jarron; Reekie; Locke; Ling; MacFarlane; Lewis; Mackenzie; Baxter, D.; Gillanders, B. N.; Duncan; Gillanders, F. G. R.; Gordon; McIntosh, W. D.; Baxter, N. R.

Owing to freezing conditions on the 18th this match was played a week late. By then the ground was soft enough to allow good hard tackling, but the wind was too cold apparently for the Strathallan backs to handle and pass efficiently.

On the whole, the play was uninspired and uninspiring on both sides. Six minutes into the game the visitors were awarded a penalty for an off-side in the scrum (0-3). This stung the school forwards into three or four minutes of vigorous action during which the only good play of the first half was seen.

There was good second-phase possession from the forwards and finally Reekie scored a try which could better have been scored by his wing. The try was not converted (4-3). After this fleeting effort, the game degenerated into a somewhat undistinguished and extended rucking, mauling and fumbling practice, without any moves that threatened penetration of the strong Gordonstoun defence. There was some good play by Lewis and Gordon, but the only dangerous break came from a Gordonstoun centre who was eventually stopped when Gordon, covering well, swung him into touch after fifty yards had been lost. The score remained at 4-3 until half-time.

The second half again was notable at first only for the poor handling and long mauls. An attempted drop goal by McHarg went wide of the posts, but was considerably more dangerous than a later shot by Reekie which trickled harmlessly along the ground. Too often the backs ran too far across the field, never reaching the gain line — in fact they lost ground on several occasions. A try eventually came from McHarg who stopped running away from the try line to cut inside for a good try (8-3). After another dull interval, a blind side break by Lewis resulted in a try for N. R. Baxter (12-3) and the school then began to look like a XV. Reekie scored another try by cutting inside when he could have passed out to his winger (16-3). McHarg converted with a fine drop kick from half way to the touch line (18-3). The final score came from a good move which left Jarron clear to score by the corner flag (22-3). In the second half the only dangerous break from Gordonstoun came from their left wing, who had shown little difficulty in catching Ling on two occasions. This break was only foiled by his own stupidity in jumping a tackle.

The final score was a fair measure of the pressure Gordonstoun was under for much of the match, but the majority of the game showed a certain lack of fire and confidence that should have been restored by the Dollar game. Too many times good possession was wasted by inept handling, and frequently overlaps went either unobserved or unused.

N.R.C.

2nd December — v. Kelvinside Academy — Away — Won 9-7

Team: McHarg; Jarron; Locke; Reekie; Ling; A. G. MacFarlane; P. N. Lewis; A. D. G. Mackenzie; A. D. Baxter; B. N. Gillanders; F. G. R. Gillanders; Duncan; Gordon; W. D. McIntosh; N. R. Baxter.

On a calm mild day with the ground softer than in earlier matches the school kicked-off only to be brought back for a scrum for being in front of the ball. There were immediate grounds for optimism when Lewis made a good break early on but this flourish was rather offset when the school lost the first scrum on their own ball. The large Kelvinside backs were sound in defence and sufficiently quick on to the school backs to prevent any fluid play to develop on the school's part. It was Mackenzie who opened the scoring with a penalty goal from thirty-five yards. At the same time the forwards started to look much more confident and possession came with more certainty. The game, however, settled into something of a rut with neither side making significant attacking moves and in fact virtually the entire first half was played between the twenty-fives. By half-time, however, Kelvinside had levelled the scoring when Baxter was penalised at a set scrum.

Although there were times when the school showed more positive attempts to attack in the second half very few ideas were put into practice. Kelvinside were winning virtually every line-out and as the school's kicking was far from accurate and certainly not good enough to launch a real attack, the situation developed whereby most of the school's moves resulted in them being forced back to where they had started. Kelvinside took the first initiative when for a lengthy period they were situated in the region of the

school's twenty-five and there were several occasions when a try could have been scored. The defence at this stage was remarkably good although Kelvinside did deservedly go ahead with a try on the blind side following a scrum ten yards from the school's line. With the score at 7-3 to Kelvinside and with our correspondent becoming more and more dejected and being drawn ever closer to the Club House where the All Blacks were being televised, the school were awarded a penalty well inside their own half with less than five minutes remaining. The ball reached Locke who produced a piece of play which caused a Kelvinside spectator to enquire as to his whereabouts for the previous fifty-five minutes. Although Locke was eventually brought down some fifteen yards from the Kelvinside line and a score did not result directly from this incident, it gave the school the lift they so badly needed. They produced intelligent and determined play and the Kelvinside defence lost some of their assurance. Mackenzie was tripped when just short of the line and from the penalty it was Gordon who eventually scored to level the scores. Mackenzie kicked the goal. Immediately Kelvinside kicked-off deep into the Strathallan half and the school were penalised as a ruck formed. The kick was easy but it failed and was followed immediately by the final whistle.

December 8th — v. Glasgow Academy — Home — Lost 4-11

Team: As v. Kelvinside.

This game was played on a soft pitch on a wind-free and mild day. The Academy kicked off going down the open side. This could have presented problems but our full-back moved across fast and was able to kick the ball well clear. For the next couple of minutes the play was in the Academy half and we were getting some good ball. There then followed a brief "tennis match", both sides kicking hard down the middle of the field and virtually no handling of the ball at all. This came to an end when the ball was fumbled by one of our players 10 yards out from our posts. A knock-on by the Academy resulted in a set-scrum. Gaining possession against the head Glasgow would have scored had not their centre messed up a pass. In the 17th minute an infringement by us in a maul some 35 yards out from our line resulted in a penalty being awarded to the Academy which they kicked and converted, putting us 3-0 down. A stalemate situation developed from this and it wasn't until six minutes later that we got good possession and with sensible passing made their 25 yard line. An infringement in a line-out by the Academy resulted in a penalty which was unconverted. Up until now Glasgow had had the appearance of being the more organised of the teams but there then followed an inspired piece of play by Strathallan. Fergus Gillanders suddenly made a break from the halfway line, the ball was rapidly fired out to Jarron on the wing who dived over for a try in the corner. Unfortunately Mackenzie failed to convert.

Within minutes of the start of the second half the Academy stand-off made a 50 yard break and was only brought down within yards of our line by Gillanders. A line-out occurred and Glasgow went through to score easily because Strathallan tackling was non-existent. This try was converted, the ball having rebounded off the post. In the 14th minute we had another chance to close the gap when we were awarded a penalty some 20 yards from their line but again failed to convert. The Glasgow play now looked decidedly better than Strathallan's and some minutes later they gained another try from a set-scrum a few yards out from our line — this was unconverted. Strathallan rallied in the closing minutes and McHarg using true "attacking full-back" tactics burst through our three-quarter line to gain what looked like a certain try only to knock-on as he crossed the line.

B.J.B.

HOCKEY — SPRING TERM 1973

This was a most enjoyable season and no matches had to be cancelled because of bad weather. The First XI, with only one colour from last year, had a good record. After losing their first School Match (against an experienced Perth Academy XI), they held their own well, and set a good standard for other teams to follow.

The introduction of the two-man offside rule resulted in more goals being scored and more exciting play. Of twenty-six matches played by the School, fourteen were won, seven drawn and only five lost (Goals for 71, Goals against 35).

The selectors from the Scottish Schoolboys' Hockey Association were in attendance on the third Sunday in March, when an XI from Fettes, Loretto, Strathallan and Melville College proved too strong for the Abbey/Gordonstoun XI. Only five public school-boys, including J. S. P. McDonald, Strathallan, were invited to attend the Final Trial weekend, and of these none was selected for the Scottish Schoolboy XI.

At Oxford, in the holidays, the XI continued to play attractive hockey, and improved considerably as a result of five matches within two and a half days. The party, who were accommodated in St. John's College, included Messrs. Spurgin and Ford, who umpired two games apiece, and nine of the First XI who had played against Fettes. D. T. Cochrane replaced E. A. Ferguson, on holiday in South America, and K. W. Paterson-Brown replaced A. J. Hay, who was with the C.C.F. in Norway. S. R. C. Duncan was also in the party and played in most of the matches. None of these matches was won — we played Stamford, Oundle, Campbell, Marlborough and Bishop's Stortford — but the experience was enjoyable and valuable, and the matches, particularly those on the last day against Marlborough and Bishop's Stortford, reached a very high standard for Schoolboy hockey.

FIRST XI MATCHES 1973

Sunday 4th March—Strathallan v. Morgan Academy F.P.—Home—Draw 1-1

The visitors, who had had some difficulty in raising a team, were re-inforced by A. J. Hay and took a little time to settle down. Meanwhile Strathallan were playing quite confidently, though the XI was slow on to the ball and missed a number of scoring chances.

In the second half Morgan came more into the game and the Strathallan defence was subjected to more serious testing. It was in fact the School who opened the scoring. A good shot from Green was flicked into the net by Reekie who had followed up well. However, Strathallan did not maintain their pressure and the Morgan centre-forward soon equalised. Thereafter, Strathallan had more territorial advantage though there was no more scoring.

Team: E. A. Ferguson; A. G. Marshall (Captain); P. N. Lewis; G. I. Brown; C. W. Gray; J. A. Hay; C. D. Reekie; H. L. Locke; A. J. Green; K. W. Paterson-Brown; M. G. Gordon.

Thursday 8th March—Strathallan v. Perth Academy—Away—Lost 2-3

Strathallan opened with confidence and McDonald soon scored from a through pass by Brown. From then on, however, it was evident that Perth's tactics of pushing and flicking the ball were much better suited to their sloping pitch, and they soon equalised.

In the second half Strathallan changed tactics as the experienced Perth team was beginning to dominate play. Perth scored a fine goal to take the lead 2-1. However, it was not long before McDonald levelled the score. Strathallan had the opportunity to go further ahead, but there was no lack of pressure from Perth either. Perth scored the winning goal by an enterprising piece of following up from a free hit, and this exciting game ended not long afterwards.

Team: E. A. Ferguson; A. G. Marshall (Captain); C. W. Gray; P. N. Lewis; A. J. Hay; J. A. Hay; C. D. Reekie; G. I. Brown; J. S. P. McDonald; M. G. Gordon; A. J. Green.

Saturday 10th March—Strathallan v. Gordonstoun—Away—Draw 4-4

As opposed to last year's "dull game", the match against Gordonstoun was fast and close. McDonald quickly put Strathallan in the lead by dribbling through the middle of the opposition's defence. Gordonstoun soon equalised with a good goal from the inside-right. Again Strathallan surged forward and again McDonald penetrated the Gordonstoun defence to score another fine goal. To the immense delight of the enthusiastic Gordonstoun crowd, the Gordonstoun centre-forward equalised just before half-time.

The sun shone brightly and the pitch was dry and fast. The second half was equally fast and exciting. Gordonstoun opened strongly and persistent pressure resulted in a goal. However, Strathallan counterattacked and were awarded a penalty flick from which McDonald scored. Strathallan were now playing really well, but Gordonstoun were not at all daunted and their captain put them ahead again with a fine reverse stick goal. They maintained their pressure, but it was Strathallan who were next to score. A through pass from Marshall gave Brown his chance, and he scored an excellent goal. Not long after the final whistle ended one of the most enjoyable matches of the season.

Team: E. A. Ferguson; A. G. Marshall (Captain); C. W. Gray; P. N. Lewis; A. J. Hay; J. A. Hay; C. D. Reekie; G. I. Brown; J. S. P. McDonald; K. W. Paterson-Brown; A. J. Green.

Tuesday 13th March—Strathallan v. Loretto—Home—Won 2-1

After the Gordonstoun match this game was rather an anti-climax. A good save by the Loretto goalkeeper was a feature of the opening stages, and there were several chances set up by good centres from the Strathallan wingers, Green and Reekie. However, it was Brown who eventually opened the scoring when the ball came to him on the edge of the circle following a goalmouth scramble after a short corner. Further opportunities were not taken and Strathallan remained only one goal up at half-time.

Early in the second half a muddle by the Strathallan defence gave Loretto their chance, and they remained level, although their goalkeeper was tested, until very close to the final whistle. Then a short corner led to McDonald scoring the winning goal with only a very few minutes left for play.

Team: E. A. Ferguson; A. G. Marshall (Captain); C. W. Gray; P. N. Lewis; A. J. Hay; J. A. Hay; C. D. Reekie; G. I. Brown; J. S. P. McDonald; K. W. Paterson-Brown; A. J. Green.

Thursday 15th March—Strathallan v. Perth High School—Home—Draw 3-3

It was evident from the start that the High School were an accomplished side, who were not easily to be robbed of the ball, as they had good stick work and kept their sticks close to the ground. However, their defence was vulnerable to attack down the wing and Strathallan made good use of their wings and the width of Thorny Shades. Strathallan had rather the better of the first half, and after a good save from a shot by McDonald the High School goalkeeper allowed Brown to score.

In the second half Perth attacked with fresh determination and their centre-forward soon scored the equaliser. Strathallan counterattacked, the insides working well with their wings, and McDonald was robbed of the ball by the High School defence just when he looked like scoring. However, A. J. Hay collected the ball between the twenty-five and the circle and, instead of passing, took it past three or four defenders and flicked it into the corner of the goal. The High School team looked very shaky for a spell, but Strathallan squandered a number of chances and the visitors rallied. In fact they proceeded to score two goals in quick succession. The first came from a well executed and conceived scoop by Pedgrift, from which the right wing scored, and the second followed on, the centre-forward drawing the goalkeeper and pushing it past him. However, Strathallan deserved the draw which was secured by McDonald's dribbling to close range before flicking the ball past the High School goalkeeper with the reverse stick.

Team: E. A. Ferguson; A. G. Marshall (Captain); C. W. Gray; P. N. Lewis; A. J. Hay; J. A. Hay; C. D. Reekie; G. I. Brown; J. S. P. McDonald; K. W. Paterson-Brown; A. J. Green.

Tuesday 20th March—Strathallan v. Fettes—Away—Won 3-1

Strathallan started well playing up the hill away from the pond with both wingers showing to advantage. At one point Reekie, after beating several defenders, gave the ball to McDonald who gave the Fettes goalkeeper no chance and so Strathallan took the lead. However, Strathallan relaxed the pressure and Fettes stepped up their attacks from one of which a defensive error allowed them to score. The score remained at one all until half-time.

In the second half the Strathallan mid-field play was very assured, but Fettes were playing with great determination and their centre-forward brought out a good save from Ferguson. Both full backs were under considerable pressure, but remained steady. With about ten minutes left McDonald gained possession on the Fettes 25 and found a gap in the Fettes defence. He put Strathallan ahead with a fine individual effort. Thereafter Fettes mounted attack after attack on the Strathallan goal, and were awarded a few short corners, which, however, did not lead to any goal. It was on time when Strathallan closed the scoring with another fine goal from McDonald.

Team: E. A. Ferguson; P. B. M. Sutherland; C. W. Gray; P. N. Lewis; A. G. Marshall (Captain); J. A. Hay; C. D. Reekie; G. I. Brown; S. J. P. McDonald; A. J. Hay; A. J. Green.

OTHER HOCKEY RESULTS

Second XI:

Saturday 3rd March—v. Aberdeen Grammar School (Rubislaw) 2nd—Home—Draw 1-1

Thursday 8th March—v. Perth Academy 2nd—Away—Won 5-3

Tuesday 13th March—v. Loretto 2nd—Away—Lost 0-1

Thursday 15th March—v. Lendrick Muir 1st—Home—Won 1-0

Tuesday 20th March—v. Fettes 2nd—Away—Draw 1-1

Third XI:

Tuesday 20th March—v. Fettes—Away—Won 1-0

Colts:

Saturday 3rd March—v. Aberdeen Grammar School (Rubislaw)—Home—Lost 0-1

Thursday 8th March—v. Rannoch 1st—Home—Won 6-0

Saturday 10th March—v. Gordonstoun—Away—Lost 1-3

Tuesday 13th March—v. Loretto—Away—Lost 0-1

Tuesday 20th March—v. Fettes—Home—Draw 1-1

Junior Colts:

Thursday 8th March—v. Perth Academy—Away—Won 8-3

Tuesday 13th March—v. Loretto—Away—Draw 2-2

Saturday 17th March—Junior Colts "A" v. Lathallan—Home—Won 3-1

Tuesday 20th March—v. Fettes—Home—Won 1-0

Minor Colts:

Tuesday 20th March—v. Fettes—Home—Won 2-1

Riley First XI:

Saturday 3rd March—v. New Park—Home—Won 5-1

Thursday 8th March—v. Craigflower—Home—Won 4-1

Riley Second XI:

Saturday 3rd March—v. New Park—Away—Won 6-0

Thursday 8th March—v. Craigflower—Away—Won 7-0

House Matches:

Preliminary Round: Ruthven beat Freeland 3-0

Second Round: Nicol beat Ruthven 1-0

Simpson beat Leburn 1-0

Final: Nicol beat Simpson by conceding fewer corners

Nicol therefore won the House Hockey Cup

Ruthven won the Hockey League Cup

CRICKET

I suppose that it is one of the vagaries of school games that a season can start with us expecting and getting so little, and can end by us expecting better than we got. The 1st XI record, on balance, looked pretty miserable. They beat a rather weak and out of practice Staff XI right at the start of the season, and also beat an eleven from Grange towards the end. On the other hand they lost, indeed were devastated by The Edinburgh Academy, and Trinity College, Glenalmond. They were unable to contain the Strathallan Club XI, Q.N.C.C. or Fettes, and were unable to hold out against R. N. Johnson's XI. Of the draws, they were unlucky not to beat Dollar Academy and the Occasionals. So the record read: Played 15; Won 2; Lost 8; Drew 5.

What further can be said about the season? It is true to say that the side was young and inexperienced, and that the many diseases floating around took their toll not only of players — nineteen appeared for the 1st XI — but also of fixtures, the second

eleven for example losing through cancellation three fixtures in one week. This is not the kind of thing to build a settled side on, and those who did not immediately seize the opportunity of establishing themselves in the 1st XI had seldom the opportunity to re-establish their form in 2nd XI games. Some measure of the youth of the side can be gained by considering that only one of the eleven was in the Upper Sixth, and only four in the Lower Sixth. When this happens then an exceptional captain is needed to keep the side together and positively direct operations. Unfortunately, Duncan was not able to do this; in itself no damning criticism, we hope, since the job would have been equally beyond most of the captains of latter years.



N. D. Fraser batting against The Staff.

The fortunes of the side depended largely on the fortunes of two batsmen — D. T. Cochrane and N. D. Fraser — and on the melancholy occasions when both failed, a small score was, more often than not, the result. Fraser started the season disappointingly, and then gradually made larger scores, culminating in his 120 not out against Fettes. He never quite recovered from that, a 48 being his only other notable score thereafter, although his best innings after Fettes was undoubtedly his 20 in an hour against the Oxford University Authentics when all around were making fleeting visits to the wicket. Cochrane's batting did not come on as much as one hoped it would. Certainly there was not the remarkable series of noughts he treated us to last year, but he seldom got beyond 20 — on two occasions when he did he finished with 80-odd not out each time — and always looked likely to get out projecting some ambitious and technically impossible (for him) shot. Whatever else he might be, he is not an empiricist. Apart from these two there were no consistent contributors to the score. McDonald managed to get some runs in a highly idiosyncratic way; Duncan's batting was poorer than it had been the previous season;

Cope had promise but was never quite able to grasp the opportunity to play a big innings, though, in fairness, he didn't get many opportunities; Sutherland, promoted from the 3rd XI, found stone-walling more to his taste, and this was all right while there was someone getting runs at the other end. For the future one hopes that Bell can grow a bit during the winter, and that Robertson can discipline his talents, for he has the makings of a useful run-getter. All in all, then, the tale of the batting is lack of experience.

The bowling was problematic. All of the bowlers will be back again next year, and the trouble this season was that, barring McDonald, all of them lacked the necessary experience of bowling on good wickets without giving too much away. The result was that too much loose bowling was seen, allied, alas, to some pretty eccentric field placing. McDonald got most of his wickets early in the season; once the wickets became hard and fast he was less useful, and will have to develop a greater variety of line, movement and speed. Similar observations can be made about Hay and Stewart, too. Hay had the ill-luck, too, to be off for several games with a back injury; when he did come back he didn't look quite as fast as he had been. MacLeod was a shade unlucky to miss getting into the final side, but over for over was more expensive than Stewart.

Spinners were hard to find and three were tried. Widdowson's left arm spin early in the season never quite had the right line or pace for long enough, and he suffered, too, from disastrous field-setting and being put on at the wrong end. Carmichael was tried next, but his pushed through off-breaks presented few problems since he had little variation of pace and none of flight. Eventually Tares, a Colt like Widdowson, was tried, and in an "A" XI game against Perth High and in a 1st XI game against Grange collected 12 wickets in three days — not bad going for someone who had only got a couple of overs for the Colts.

The fielding ranged from the good and aggressive, as against Dollar, to the extremely poor, as against Glenalmond. The main fault stemmed from the lack of alertness in the field, but it would have helped generally if the fielders had been put in the right positions to start with. Often they were not, and averagely gifted fielders put in the wrong position can look horrible. However, there were some good things. Few catches were missed in the slips. Robertson's wicketkeeping was also good, and with a little more concentration could be outstanding.

The other elevens in the School had a mixed season. The second eleven, as mentioned already, had too many fixtures cancelled to be built into an effective and totally interested force, and the 3rd XI having had to disgorge Sutherland, Stewart and Baxter were a pale shadow of their former selves. The Senior Colts had plenty of seam bowlers, with Niven getting the most wickets, but none of the batsmen got going. Inglis, D., and Inglis, G., and

Whitaker all made large scores in the Junior House Matches, though, so they can make runs on occasion. The Junior Colts were enthusiastic to a man, and there are several promising players in the making — Shaw, Hay, who captained the side well, Heard, Evans and McDonald come to mind, but there were others too.

The Junior House League proved to be just as successful as in previous years, the league not being decided until the penultimate round, when Ruthven beat Leburn in a match where the decision depended on the relative run-rates in the 20th over. One's sympathies go to Freeland, however, who were the chopping block for everyone this year.

The final table of the league is as follows:

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCH LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	R. per O.	Pts
Ruthven	8	7	1	5.27	28
Leburn	8	5	3	3.71	20
Nicol	8	5	3	3.58	20
Simpson	8	3	5	3.12	12
Freeland	8	—	8	1.95	0

1st XI AVERAGES

	Inns.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	Av.
N. D. Fraser	15	1	120*	356	25.50
D. T. Cochrane	15	2	87*	301	23.15
J. S. P. McDonald	14	4	30*	165	16.50
P. B. M. Sutherland	10	2	33	101	12.62
S. R. C. Duncan	14	0	30	121	8.54
N. E. Cope	9	1	26	54	6.75
K. A. Robertson	8	2	20	36	6.00
D. C. Bell	8	0	17	47	5.87

Also batted: L. A. Stewart 1, 14*, 1*, 4, 10*, 0; A. J. Hay 1*, 2, 4, 4*, 2, 0; A. J. Tares 2*.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
A. J. Hay	105	34	235	21	11.19
J. S. P. McDonald	160.1	35	415	33	11.57
A. J. Tares	34	3	125	8	15.62
L. A. Stewart	66.3	15	179	10	17.90
N. D. Fraser	70.2	7	315	14	22.50

Also bowled: D. C. Bell 16-2-68-3.

Catches: K. A. Robertson 15 (5 st.); J. S. P. McDonald 8; D. T. Cochrane 6; S. R. C. Duncan 6; P. B. M. Sutherland 6; L. A. Stewart 4; D. C. Bell 3; N. E. Cope 3; A. J. Hay 3; N. D. Fraser 2.

The following also played for the 1st XI: R. N. MacLeod; D. R. Nicol; I. McFarlane; A. D. G. Widdowson; C. C. D. Campbell; J. E. McIntosh; E. A. Ferguson; D. C. Ross.

2nd XI RESULTS

- 12th May—v. The Edinburgh Academy. Academy 184-5 (dec.); Strathallan 121-6. Draw.
- 1st June—v. Fettes. Fettes 132-8 (dec.); Strathallan 90. Lost by 42 runs.
- 23rd June—v. Merchiston Castle. Merchiston 111-6 (dec.); Strathallan 81-5. Draw.
- 9th July—v. Trinity College, Glenalmond. Strathallan 22; Glenalmond 23-1. Lost by 9 wickets.

"A" XI

- 28th June—v. Perth High School. Perth High School 100 (Tares 7-19); Strathallan 76. Lost by 24 runs.

3rd XI

- v. Edinburgh Academy. Strathallan 116 (D. D. Cramond 50); Edinburgh Academy 69 (L. A. Stewart 6 for 15). Won by 47 runs.
- v. Fettes. Fettes 115 for 8 (dec.) (H. N. McFarlane 4 for 39); Strathallan 115 for 6 (D. D. Cramond 51). Drawn.
- v. Merchiston. Merchiston 118 (M. G. Evans 8 for 37); Strathallan 65. Lost by 53 runs.
- v. Glenalmond. Strathallan 53; Glenalmond 57 for 6 (M. G. Evans 4 for 26). Lost by 4 wickets.

SENIOR COLTS

- 12th May (Home)—Strathallan 83; Edinburgh Academy 44 (Niven 5-8, MacPherson 4-15). Won by 39 runs.
- 25th May (Away)—Strathallan 98 (G. Inglis 25); Edinburgh Academy 99-6 (MacPherson 4-25). Lost by 4 wickets.
- 14th June (Away)—Strathallan 99 (Vivian 26); Fettes College 87 (Whitaker 4-14). Won by 12 runs.
- 23rd June (Home)—Strathallan 98 (Vivian 29); Merchiston Castle School 83 (Niven 5-13). Won by 15 runs.
- 9th July (Away)—Strathallan 91; Trinity College, Glenalmond, 93-6. Lost by 4 wickets.
- Played 5; Won 3; Lost 2.
- Team from: A. W. B. Magill (Capt.); R. A. MacPherson; S. N. Vivian; K. A. D. Peddie; D. G. Inglis; G. L. F. Inglis; H. B. Niven; R. D. G. Powrie; D. R. M. Park; W. G. S. Garvie; T. A. Inglis; A. J. Tares; R. I. Whitaker; D. C. Bell; A. D. G. Widdowson; D. T. Hay; K. J. Heard.
- Scorer: P. J. M. Fairlie.

JUNIOR COLTS

- v. The Edinburgh Academy. Academy 87; Strathallan 88-7. Won by 3 wickets.
- v. Dollar Academy. Strathallan 67; Dollar Academy 69-9. Lost by 1 wicket.
- v. Fettes. Strathallan 144-9 (dec.); Fettes 79-8. Draw.
- v. Merchiston. Strathallan 81; Merchiston 82-9. Lost by 1 wicket.
- v. Rannoch. Rannoch 29 and 54; Strathallan 104-2 (dec.). Won by an innings and 21 runs.
- v. Glenalmond. Strathallan 131-9 (dec.); Glenalmond 74. Won by 57 runs.

RILEY XI

v. Belmont House (A). Strathallan 106 for 6 (dec.); Belmont House 50. Won by 56 runs.

v. Ardvreck (A). Strathallan 97; Ardvreck 56. Won by 41 runs.

v. Croftinloan (A). Strathallan 162 for 8 (dec.) (43 overs); Croftinloan 32 for 4 (35 overs). Draw.

Runs for: 366 for the loss of 24 wickets—15.25 runs per wicket.

Against: 138 for the loss of 24 wickets — 5.7 runs per wicket.

Played 3; Won 2; Drawn 1; Lost 0.

1st XI

Thursday, 3rd May—v. The Staff. Strathallan 142 for 8 (dec.); The Staff 37.

Saturday, 5th May—v. Crieff C.C. Crieff C.C. 126; Strathallan 51.

Thursday, 10th May—v. R. N. Johnson's XI. R. N. Johnson's XI 135; Strathallan 112.

Saturday, 12th May—v. The Edinburgh Academy—Away

Edinburgh Academy					Strathallan				
J. F. Strobridge, c. McDonald, b. Fraser	55				D. T. Cochrane, b. Darling	7			
A. J. Loudon, run out	82				I. McFarlane, c. Loudon, b. Elder	0			
A. J. Darling, b. Hay	9				N. D. Fraser, c. Strobridge, b. Elder	0			
N. J. Rushforth, c. and b. Hay	7				D. R. Nicol, l.b.w., b. Darling	1			
S. D. A. Elder, b. Hay	6				S. R. C. Duncan, c. Strobridge, b. Elder	8			
D. J. Gregson, b. Hay	21				E. A. Ferguson, l.b.w., b. Darling	0			
I. R. Graham, st. Robertson, b. Fraser	6				D. C. Ross, ht. wkt., b. Gregson	2			
A. J. Elgood, run out	1				J. S. P. McDonald, b. Darling	9			
M. C. Lawson, not out	0				A. D. G. Widdowson, c. and b. Darling	2			
Extras	14				A. J. Hay, not out	4			
					K. A. Robertson, b. Darling	0			
					Extras	1			
Total (for 8 wks. dec.)	201				Total	33			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Hay	21	5	44	4	Darling	13	10	6	6
McDonald	7	1	30	0	Elder	12	6	16	3
Fraser	10.2	0	54	2	Gregson	2	0	3	1
Widdowson	8	1	31	0	Loudon, R. J.	2	0	7	0
Ferguson	9	1	28	0					

Although not the first match of the season, this was certainly the first one of significance. The experience is hardly one for recall, but tradition has it that we do. Firstly, a Force 6 westerly blew amidsthips, thankfully thereby not removing the bails; nor the sweaters, to the chagrin of the umpires! Secondly, although the insertion of one's opponents may have ensured a full day's play, it did not, in the event, help our batsmen to settle in facing such a score.

For some years now the Academy has been aggressive with the bat. They were on this occasion, too. Near things, plus a dropped catch or two, helped them towards a total of 110 for 1 at lunch. Afterwards, they soon reached 150 for 2, but it was now that Hay began to exert some authority in the bowling. His figures at this stage were 1 for 27 in 14 overs. Good enough in the circumstances, but his next seven overs yielded a bare 14 runs and gained 3 wickets, plus many "oohs" and "aahs".

The closure almost exactly divided the time. Hay apart, the bowling was made to look pedestrian and the fielding, on this bleak, sunless May day, emphasised the lack of zest that their early batting should have drawn from us.

Having taken a beating from both wind and events, the School started an innings which moved off to the worst of starts. McFarlane's first ball from the left arm over bowling of Elder was neatly tucked away to leg off his pads — worth two runs, except that close square leg pounced it wide to his right. Fraser followed in the same over, obviously perplexed by the angled bowling across him. Disasters followed. Cochrane promised some belligerence but was bowled by one which squatted, and at which the head was lefted. Friendlier bowling preceded tea, and we safely reached double figures after the fall of the sixth wicket. However, they were not to be denied, nor we redeemed.

Thursday, 17th May—v. Loretto—Away

Loretto					Strathallan				
E. B. Allan, l.b.w., b. McDonald	33				D. T. Cochrane, l.b.w., b. Hutcheson	16			
S. A. Webster, c. Robertson, b. McDonald	0				D. C. Bell, l.b.w., b. Webster	17			
D. J. Hutcheson, not out	109				N. D. Fraser, l.b.w., b. Hutcheson	0			
D. Lawson, c. Widdowson, b. McDonald	9				D. R. Nicol, not out	21			
					S. R. C. Duncan, b. Hutcheson	9			
					P. B. M. Sutherland, D. C. Ross, J. S. P. McDonald, A. D. G. Widdowson, A. J. Hay and K. A. Robertson did not bat				
Extras	4				Extras	8			
Total (for 3 wkts. dec.)	155				Total (for 4 wkts.)	71			
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Hay	8	4	18	0	Hutcheson	17	11	17	3
McDonald	13.3	3	40	3	Sampson	11	2	18	0
Fraser	9	2	46	0	Calder	3	0	7	0
Widdowson	9	2	37	0	Lawson	4	0	8	0
Ross	1	0	10	0	Webster	5	0	12	1
					Allan	1	0	1	0

For this encounter the sun shone, although the wind remained brisk. On a firm wicket with some pace in it, they chose to bat, but with four overs bowled, no runs had accrued, and one wicket had fallen. Fortune at last!

One hour and fifty minutes later the second wicket fell, and the score was 130. Hutcheson had played himself in carefully (the score was seven after the tenth over), and then he took command. At the same time, Hay showed signs of back strain and surrendered 13 runs in his sixth over. This injury proved long lasting for he did not appear again on the cricket field until the Merchiston match in late June. Hutcheson sped on and reached a fine century, noted for its off-side drives, cuts either side of cover, as well as on-side placements. McDonald exerted most control in the bowling and was rewarded with the wickets which fell. Fielding was much more purposeful and generally very encouraging, characteristics appreciated by some Loretto spectators.

Improvement also occurred in the batting. Whilst Bell's role was passive, it was certainly not negative. Deflections and placements behind the wicket regularly added to his score whilst Cochrane was generally more aggressive. However, the latter was out playing across the line and was quickly followed by Fraser. From this point the single intent appeared to be survival. If so, success was achieved, although Bell succumbed near the close, and Duncan also, to the last ball of the final twenty overs.

Although not revealing much in the way of positive batting, Strathallan certainly regained some lost face. The Loretto bowling was equally as aggressive as the Academy's, yet this time we did not wilt.



Rain stopped play.

Thursday, 24th May—v. Dundee University Staff

Dundee University Staff 147; Strathallan 43.

Tuesday, 29th May—v. Strathallan Occasionals

Strathallan 154 (N. D. Fraser 51); Strathallan Occasionals 144-9.

Thursday, 31st May—v. Dollar Academy

Strathallan				
D. T. Cochrane, l.b.w., b. Burn	2			
N. D. Fraser, b. Cheales	67			
J. S. P. McDonald, c. Spowart, b. Burn	3			
S. R. C. Duncan, b. Burn	3			
E. A. Ferguson, l.b.w., b. Spowart, G.	5			
D. C. Ross, b. Spowart, G.	0			
P. B. M. Sutherland, b. Burn	6			
C. C. D. Carmichael, not out	14			
L. A. Stewart, not out	1			
K. A. Robertson and R. N. MacLeod did not bat				
Extras	13			
Total (for 6 wks. dec.)	114			

Dollar Academy				
Cheales, c. Duncan, b. Stewart	7			
Mungavin, b. McDonald	1			
Lennox, c. McDonald, b. Stewart	7			
McGregor, b. McDonald	1			
Burn, not out	10			
Spowart, K., c. Stewart, b. McDonald	0			
Simpson, b. McDonald	0			
Gazree, not out	0			
Extras	3			
Total (for 6 wks.)	29			

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Burn	20	8	20	4
Cheales	12	3	29	1
Spowart, K.	6	0	14	0
Spowart, G.	7	0	31	2
Rumbles	2	0	7	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stewart	8	4	7	2
McDonald	11	7	9	4
Fraser	3	1	5	0
MacLeod	1	1	0	0
Carmichael	1	0	5	0

Apart from Fraser's innings there was very little comment to make on the School's batting. Dollar bowled an ample supply of long hops down the leg-side, which Fraser was able to help himself to, although not without danger since a more alert mid-wicket or long-leg would have caught him on three or four occasions, but the rest of the side made run-getting look very difficult. Cochrane was out trying to sweep the opening bowler, and the nadir of the innings came when Ferguson was out to a rank long-hop and Ross immediately afterwards to a full-toss. Fraser was out 25 minutes after tea, and by then the innings had gone on quite long enough.

Dollar lost wickets steadily to aggressive fielding and bowling, but the declaration had come too late, and the innings finished eight minutes early when drizzle turned to steady rain.

Thursday, 7th June—v. C. B. E. Somerville's XI

C. B. E. Somerville's XI	
A. J. McNab, c. McDonald, b. Stewart	24
J. Pym, st. Robertson, b. McIntosh	16
H. Webster, c. Cochrane, b. McIntosh	1
R. R. Sloan, c. Fraser, b. McIntosh	21
G. K. McLellan, not out	50
A. B. Wren, b. McDonald	10
D. Haines, c. Stewart, b. McIntosh	13
N. McLeod, not out	0

Extras

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) ...

Strathallan	
D. T. Cochrane, c. Haines, b. McLeod, N.	3
N. D. Fraser, st. Webster, b. McLeod, R.	34
J. S. P. McDonald, l.b.w., b. Duncanson	4
P. B. M. Sutherland, b. McLaughlin	3
S. R. C. Duncan, c. Webster, b. McLaughlin	2
D. C. Ross, st. Webster, b. McLeod, R.	2
N. Cope, c. Wren, b. Sloan ..	26
C. C. D. Carmichael, b. Sloan	4
L. A. Stewart, st. Webster, b. Haines	4
J. E. McIntosh, not out	16
K. A. Robertson, not out	0
Extras	27

Total (for 9 wks.)

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stewart	10	1	38	1
McIntosh	16	1	49	4
McDonald	9	0	25	1
Carmichael	5	0	23	0

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McLeod, N.	8	2	9	1
Duncanson	10	3	16	1
McLaughlin	5	1	21	2
McLeod, R.	7	3	6	2
Sloan	9	2	25	2
Haines	6	0	21	1

This was a splendid day for cricket, although the wicket was, unfortunately, not even paced enough for sure stroke making. C. B. E. Somerville's XI batted first, and McNab opened with brisk efficiency and economy as is his wont against Stewart and McIntosh who were bowling steadily. McNab was threatening to make a large score when a short-pitched ball outside the off-stump from Stewart stopped a shade, and the hard hit was taken comfortably by McDonald at extra cover. When Stewart came off McIntosh was switched to the Law end and immediately had Pym, who had been giving him the charge, comfortably stumped — I say comfortably because the wicket-keeper had time to come up to the wicket from standing back. In the next over, Webster, who had not come to terms with the bowling, was caught at slip when trying to drive, and the emergence of G. McLellan from the pavilion to take his place must have had slips rubbing their hands in eager anticipation. Vain hope! In fact he combated the uneven bounce very well by getting over those on the wicket and missing by a foot those outside the off-stump. He kept the innings going and was unfortunate in that all the loose balls seemed to be on the long boundary side, and with the

Lawn uncut since before Speech Day that meant a lot of running. Wren and Sloan both gave good support before tea, and shortly after the interval McLelland reached his 50 and the innings was declared closed.

The School's reply was again not very convincing. There was too much introspective batting, and not enough sharp running. Spinners were allowed to bowl very much as they pleased. Of the early batsmen only Fraser looked like getting going, and he was smartly stumped groping outside the off-stump. It was left to the tail-end to restore some sanity and perspective. Cope made a pleasant 26 before being caught at mid-wicket attempting a positive stroke. Then, in the final over of the day, McIntosh spurned caution and hit thirteen off the first four balls. In the end, having got so near the opposition's score, one felt that the School might easily have reached it with a bit more aggression.

Thursday, 14th June—v. Fettes

Strathallan				Fettes					
N. D. Fraser, not out	120			E. Cameron, st. Robertson, b. Fraser	42				
D. C. Bell, run out	7			W. D. Hay, c. Sutherland, b. MacLeod	55				
D. T. Cochrane, run out	2			R. W. Breakey, b. MacLeod	20				
S. R. C. Duncan, st. Chalmers, b. Parry-Crooke	20			M. A. Woll, not out	38				
D. R. Nicol, run out	4			G. J. Reid, b. MacLeod	5				
J. S. P. McDonald, c. Inglis, b. Parry-Crooke	6			W. R. H. Inglis, c. and b. MacLeod	6				
N. E. Cope, b. Parry-Crooke ...	13			A. W. D. Darling, not out	9				
P. B. M. Sutherland, not out ...	8								
J. E. McIntosh, K. A. Robertson and R. N. MacLeod did not bat									
Extras	5			Extras	11				
Total (for 6 wks. dec.) ...	185			Total (for 5 wks.)	186				
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Reid	12	5	16	0	McIntosh	2	0	14	0
Darling	16	5	27	0	MacLeod	16	1	75	4
Clayton	19	3	55	0	McDonald	19	4	52	0
Black	16	5	41	0	Fraser	6	0	34	0
Parry-Crooke	18	6	41	3					

Strathallan batted first on a wicket which looked full of runs. There was very little deviation, even with the new ball. One certainly moved back sharply on to Fraser in about the third over, and he was perilously close to being leg before, but thereafter there seemed to be no trouble. Indeed, what trouble there was was manufactured by the batsmen themselves. The innings had been cruising along very nicely, and both opening bowlers had been seen off, when Fraser pushed a ball to widish mid-on and called for a single. A sharp single was certainly there, but Bell was not backing up and was run out by a yard. Then, in Black's next over Cochrane hit a ball hard to cover and called for a non-existent run, and that made the score two wickets down for thirty runs. More alarms were to follow: Duncan played back to a half volley and fortunately for him the resultant edge was put down by the wicket-keeper. He had further luck when he was again missed by the wicket-keeper — this time he was groping forward at a well-flighted ball from Parry-Crooke, who had just been brought on for a couple of overs before lunch. Fraser looked uncomfortable against him too, and a wicket could have fallen at any moment.

After lunch things went better. Parry-Crooke was kept on, and an interesting duel developed between him and Fraser. Fraser used his feet well and watched the ball carefully to chip the ball over mid-off, thus causing the field to become gradually more widespread. Duncan succumbed more easily, and Nicol propped up an end and allowed Fraser to do all the scoring. Shortly after he had got fifty Fraser was dropped off a hard drive to extra-

cover, the unfortunate bowler being Black who had drifted one away sufficiently to allow for a mis-timed drive. Eventually Nicol was run out on the third run to extra cover, the score being then 104. McDonald didn't last very long, patting a feeble catch to extra cover, and Cope was starting to score quite freely when he was bowled trying to sweep Parry-Crooke. He may just have dragged the ball on to the wicket off the bottom edge. Sutherland then took root for an hour whilst Fraser cruised to his hundred and then beyond. Apart from the one palpable chance, and the run-outs, this was a good innings, in which he looked better the longer he batted. It contained eight 4's and one 5.

The Fettes' innings was delayed by rain, and when they took the field we were not only hampered by having a second eleven opening attack but also a wet ball to bowl with. McIntosh bowled two dreadful overs and was taken off. The attack was now reduced to three bowlers effectively, and no spinner. Cameron and Hay rattled along in fine style and in just over an hour and a quarter put on 95 for the first wicket. At this point Cameron was stumped off Fraser. Breakey, and then Woll, continued the good work, but MacLeod who was bowling straight collected four wickets for a rather heavy cost. Fettes eventually got home with a couple of overs to spare — a good chase, and a good game of cricket.

16th June—v. Strathallian Club XI—Home

Strathallian					Strathallian Club				
N. D. Fraser, b. Walker	.....	5			J. H. R. Parker, c. Cope, b. MacLeod	.....	2		
D. C. Bell, b. McKenzie	.....	5			R. L. Settles, c. Robertson, b. McDonald	.....	9		
D. T. Cochrane, not out	.....	87			A. J. Sloan, c. Sutherland, b. MacLeod	.....	13		
S. R. C. Duncan, c. Pate, b. McKenzie	.....	2			T. N. W. Trusdale, c. McDonald, b. MacLeod	.....	30		
D. R. Nicol, c. Sloan, b. Walker	.....	0			A. Bucher, run out	.....	61		
J. S. P. McDonald, c. Pate, b. Sherington	.....	8			V. Eason, run out	.....	2		
P. B. M. Sutherland, b. McKenzie	.....	9			W. Pate, c. Robertson, b. McDonald	.....	0		
N. E. Cope, b. McKenzie	.....	0			D. I. Turner, not out	.....	8		
L. A. Stewart, not out	.....	10			A. B. Walker, c. Duncan, b. Stewart	.....	13		
R. N. MacLeod and K. A. Robertson did not bat					N. O. Sherington, not out	.....	0		
Extras	.....	13			Extras	.....	2		
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)	...	139			Total	.....	140		
	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	18	6	36	4	Stewart	7.3	0	32	1
Walker	17	5	43	2	MacLeod	8	2	53	3
Bucher	6	2	10	0	McDonald	7	1	22	2
Sherington	4	0	14	1	Fraser	2	0	29	0
Settles	7	4	11	0					
Trusdale	1	0	1	0					

It was not a very good day for cricket, and on a pitch which had patently lacked preparation and had too much grass and too much bounce the School were put in to bat. From the start both McKenzie and Walker moved the ball about in a way which they had no right to expect, and in a way in which they are certainly not accustomed to. Both the openers were in a great deal of trouble, therefore, Bell being bowled by a ball which pitched six inches outside the leg stump and just hit off, and Fraser being out in a similar fashion shortly afterwards. Thereafter Duncan and Cochrane managed to exist, but do little more than that for the remaining 26 minutes. Successive Old Boys' sides of late have complained about the slow rate of progress the School makes. The answer seems to be obvious. Stop putting in inexperienced sides when there is such a short period of play in which to build an innings, or start the match after lunch.

After lunch, Duncan was soon out, well taken at slip by Bill Pate. The shot was typically Duncan — a prod outside off-stump — and the result was characteristic. Nicol's sojourn was short and he was caught at short mid-on, indeed, very well caught by Alan Sloan, and McDonald also steered one into the safe hands of Pate. By this time the score was 5 for 45, with all the experienced batting, save Cochrane, gone. Cochrane, however, had ridden his luck and had got away with several false strokes. For the next hour he was mainly responsible for getting runs, scoring as much as possible off an assortment of loose deliveries. Sutherland stayed put at the other end, content to get the occasional run, until he was out after an hour with the score at 109. McKenzie's pace proved too much for him and beat his forward stroke, and next ball Cope got an inside edge onto his stumps. After that Cochrane and Stewart added another thirty runs, the innings closing at 4.47.

The Club's reply started inauspiciously. Hugh Parker hit the first ball of the second over — a likely looking half-volley — straight at short extra cover, and although Ross Settles and Alan Sloan weathered the opening attack, the former got a fine edge to McDonald's first ball and was well taken down the leg side by Robertson. Taking a wicket is always a doubtful blessing if Terry Trusdale is next in, for no matter what the scoring rate was, he is likely to increase it substantially. And so it was on this occasion. Although having played practically no cricket this season, he was not long in falling into his elegant stride, but was then, disappointingly, caught off MacLeod's bowling, just when it seemed as though an innings of some class was going to be made.

Of course, with the score at 4-55 and, shortly after, 5-56, when Eason was run out taking a second run to fine leg, it might have appeared that the School were in with a chance. The cognoscenti, though, appreciated that here was a side that batted down to number eleven, and batted forcibly. Force, in fact, became the order of the day. Bucher made 61 in 40 minutes, aided and abetted by a poorly set field. It should have been possible at this point to contain slogging, but this season the School outfielders never seemed to appreciate that being out on the boundary means just that.

In the meantime, Bill Pate had been out caught at the wicket, Bruce Walker had hit some lusty blows characteristic of him in his heyday at School, and Donald Turner, very modestly appearing at number eight, was shrewdly allowing the others to collect the glory. Victory came in the sixteenth over of the final hour.

24th June—v. Merchiston Castle School—Home

Merchiston Castle		Strathallan	
J. H. Swan, c. Robertson, b. Hay	0	N. D. Fraser, run out	16
J. J. Greve, c. Cope, b. Bell	69	D. C. Bell, c. Thomson, b. Davie	13
G. K. M. Thomson, c. Cope, b. Stewart	4	D. T. Cochrane, c. Davie, b. Swan	6
D. H. Drummond, c. Stewart, b. McDonald	10	S. R. C. Duncan, c. Greve, b. Drummond	30
P. B. Davie, c. Sutherland, b. Stewart	26	J. S. P. McDonald, l.b.w., b. Thomson	21
C. H. M. Smith, b. Stewart	1	P. B. M. Sutherland, not out	17
T. S. A. East, run out	13	N. E. Cope, not out	3
A. Kirkpatrick, run out	8	R. N. MacLeod, L. A. Stewart, K. A. Robertson and A. J. Hay did not bat	
M. G. Stevens, not out	8		
H. C. Walker, c. Duncan, b. Bell	17		
W. Walls, b. Hay	1		
Extras	6	Extras	11
Total	170	Total (for 5 wkts.)	117

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Hay	19	7	31	2	Walls	9	2	13	0
Stewart	13	4	27	3	Drummond	16	8	18	1
McDonald	18	6	32	1	Davie	10	3	16	1
MacLeod	10	4	24	0	Swan	7	2	14	1
Bell	13	2	45	2	Thomson	6	0	29	1
					Walker	3	0	6	0
					East	2	0	5	0

The Merchiston innings started eventfully when Swan, stretching forward to the first ball from Hay, got an outside edge and was comfortably caught by Robertson. Five overs later Thomson was caught at slip off Stewart, with the score only nine. Stewart was unable, however, to retain his line and length, and was hit for twelve in his next over, and was thus taken off. The bowling change in fact resulted in another wicket falling, Drummond being out to the new bowler, McDonald. An inspired bowling change, the replacing of Hay by Stewart, was rewarded with two further wickets, and it was left to Greve and East to play out the time until lunch. The introduction of Bell into the attack made Greve's survival hazardous, and numerous near chances were given.

Despite getting five Merchiston wickets before lunch, the School never completely tightened its grip. All the later Merchiston batsmen gave support to Greve, eventually caught by Cope at slip off the bowling of Bell, and their innings finished at 4 o'clock.

The School openers survived the two overs before tea, and the first wicket fell at 33 when Fraser was run out after being called for an impossible run by Bell. It was an unnecessary single and the unfortunate incident happened just when Fraser was starting to bat with a certain amount of authority. The error was compounded when Bell, five minutes later, gave a simple catch to short square leg. From then on any semblance of a chase for runs quickly lost momentum, and Drummond, the Merchiston captain, was reluctant to restore it by bringing on spin and buying a few wickets. In fact, Cochrane got himself out as soon as a spinner was brought on, but neither Duncan nor McDonald seemed remotely troubled by the offerings from Merchiston for the next half hour. Drummond then returned to the attack and dismissed Duncan first ball as he lunged outside the off-stump. The shot was one Duncan has not been able to resist during the season, a kind of half-lunge, half-flick that invariably and unerringly ends in the hands of first slip. Fifteen minutes later, and fifteen minutes from the close, McDonald essayed a highly optimistic cow-shot and was out leg-before. Sutherland and Cope resolutely played out time.

30th June—v. Grange C.C.—Home

Strathallan 154-7 (dec.) (Fraser 48, Cochrane 80*); Grange 138 (Tares 5-55).

The two features of this match were Cochrane's innings, he and Fraser put on 108 for the second wicket, at a time when it was needed, and Tares' five wickets on his debut for the eleven. One must add that the innings of the visitors, at 7-74, should have been over earlier.

7th July—v. Q.N.C.C.—Home

Strathallan 114; Q.N.C.C. 115-6. Lost by 4 wickets.

This was not a run-getter's match. The wicket at the start offered some encouragement to the bowlers, and the School batsmen, lacking in vigour, made matters worse. L. A. Stewart, playing for the visitors, took 4-45 in a 20-over spell, and A. L. K. Dutton took 3-36.

Hay took 4-34 against the visitors, who won off the last ball of the innings.

9th July—v. Trinity College, Glenalmond—Home

Glenalmond

J. M. Davis, c. McDonald, b. Hay	13
M. J. Heap, l.b.w., b. Stewart	4
A. M. Pringle, c. Duncan, b. Hay	7
D. J. G. McIntosh, c. Cochrane, b. McDonald	6
R. J. Hindmarsh, not out	78
S. P. Pigot, b. Tares	10
J. D. Cunningham, c. Robertson, b. Stewart	1
M. P. D. Gilmore, c. McDonald, b. Stewart	12
M. I. S. Bruce, c. Stewart, b. Tares	20
A. J. Robson, not out	8
Extras	25

Total (for 8 wkts. dec.) ... 184

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hay	11	3	33	2
Stewart	14	3	46	3
McDonald	13	2	39	1
Tares	10	0	40	2

Strathallan

N. D. Fraser, l.b.w., b. Braithwait	0
D. C. Bell, b. Robson	0
D. T. Cochrane, c. Hindmarsh, b. Braithwait	4
P. B. M. Sutherland, c. Heap, b. Robson	1
J. S. P. McDonald, not out	30
N. E. Cope, c. Heap, b. Bruce	3
S. R. C. Duncan, st. Heap, b. Bruce	1
K. A. Robertson, st. Heap, b. Bruce	4
L. A. Stewart, b. Bruce	0
A. J. Hay, c. Gilmore, b. Bruce	0
A. J. Tares, c. Heap, b. Hindmarsh	0
Extras	4

Total 47

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Braithwait	9	6	5	2
Robson	9	3	10	2
Bruce	10	4	12	5
McIntosh	7	4	5	0
Hindmarsh	2.4	0	11	1

There is little to say about this match. From being 6-92 Glenalmond were allowed to progress to 184, and in the process the fieldplacing and the bowling were both thoroughly mismanaged. The necessity for a third man only seemed to dawn after 28 runs had been scored down there, and Stewart, who primarily cuts the ball in to the batsman, was given the distinction of a third slip for almost all his spell.

The fielding was inflicted with a lassitude and torpor such as had not been seen for the whole season. Worse was to come. The batting, except for McDonald's, was inept. Fraser was out playing across the line; Bell's leg stump was removed early on; Cochrane didn't profit from the chances he gave, and the rest capitulated.

ATHLETICS

The Summer Term was a frustrating one for the athletes. Good track conditions and, by and large, good weather made for this frustration since there was a lack of fixtures, brought about by the epidemics. We managed to fit in matches against The Edinburgh Academy, Fettes and Rannoch, and also made our annual visit to the Scottish Schools' events at Scotstoun.

The School had a very unexpected but commendable win against Edinburgh Academy, winning by only 5 points. The match was an exciting one to follow as the score swung back and forth, favouring first one side and then the other, and with the scores standing level, the outcome depended upon the final event of the day, the Senior Relay, which, despite some clumsy change-overs, the School won comfortably.

During the afternoon two new School records were set up, the first by T. S. Ling in the Middle 100 metres, and the second by A. D. G. Mackenzie in the Middle Shot. There were also numerous personal best performances: A. D. Butchart in the Middle 1500 metres, R. L. Kirkland in the Middle 800 metres, A. D. G. Mackenzie in the Middle Javelin, I. J. M. Jarron and A. A. Wighton in the Senior 200 metres, R. A. D. Powrie in both the 400 and 800 metres, and C. D. Reekie in the Senior Long Jump and H. L. Locke in the Senior High Jump.

The final result of the match was Strathallan 122 points, The Edinburgh Academy 117 points.

Detailed results (†—Personal Best; *—New School Record):

Senior Events:

- 100m. — 1. Swan (E.A.) 11.2 secs; 2. Jarron 11.4†; 3. Wighton 11.7; 4. Grant (E.A.) 12.4.
 200m. — 1. Swan (E.A.) 23.9 secs.; 2. Wighton 24.3†; 3. Jarron 24.3†; 4. Watson (E.A.) 25.0.
 400m. — 1. Dunlop (E.A.) 54.2 secs.; 2. Powrie 54.2*; 3. Locke 56.7; 4. Caird (E.A.).
 800m. — 1. Ponsonby (E.A.) 2 mins. 07.6 secs; 2. Powrie 2-08.8*; 3. Locke 2-13.0; 4. Caird (E.A.) 2-15.9.
 1500m. — 1. Ponsonby (E.A.) 4 mins. 29.9 secs.; 2. Crawford (E.A.) 4-30.4; 3. Lewis 4-31.4†; 4. Dalglish 5-22.0.
 High Jump — 1. Locke 1.64m.†; 2. Owen (E.A.) 1.60m.; 3. Marshall 1.55m.; 4. Burnett (E.A.) 1.55m.
 Long Jump — 1. Reekie 5.77m.†; 2. Pringle (E.A.) 5.67m.; 3. Boyd (E.A.) 5.60m.; 4. Jarron 5.60m.
 Shot — 1. Reekie 36' 1½"; 2. Pringle (E.A.) 33' 11½"; 3. Wallace 33' 1¾"†; 4. Boyd (E.A.) 32' 11".
 Discus — 1. Boyd (E.A.) 110' 8"; 2. Wighton 99' 7"; 3. Pringle (E.A.) 93' 9"; 4. Marshall 90' 7".
 Javelin — 1. Jenkins (E.A.) 137' 11"; 2. Wighton 114' 5"; 3. Jarron 114' 0"; 4. Owen (E.A.).
 4×100m. Relay — 1. Strathallan; 2. Edinburgh Academy.
 Senior Results — Strathallan 60; Edinburgh Academy 61.

Middle Events:

- 100m. — 1. Ling 11.1 secs.*; 2. Morris (E.A.) 11.8; 3. Young 11.9; 4. Grange (E.A.) 12.7.
 200m. — 1. Ling 23.9 secs.; 2. Morris (E.A.) 25.0; 3. Young 26.0; 4. Grange (E.A.) 27.0.
 400m. — 1. Dunlop (E.A.) 56.4 secs.; 2. Bird 57.8; 3. Caird (E.A.) 59.0; 4. Voigt 59.3†.
 800m. — 1. Pringle (E.A.) 2 mins. 17.0 secs.; 2. Kirkland 2-17.0†; 3. Bird 2-21.8; 4. Meiklejohn (E.A.).
 1500m. — 1. Butchart 4 mins. 46.8 secs.†; 2. Pringle (E.A.) 4-47.4; 3. Meiklejohn (E.A.) 4-58.8; 4. Hall.
 High Jump — 1. Hunter (E.A.) 1.64m.; 2. Ling 1.62m.; 3. Dunlop (E.A.) 1.50m.; 4. Kirkland.
 Long Jump — 1. Dunlop (E.A.) 18' 6½"; 2. Ling 17' 4¾"; 3. Morris (E.A.) 15' 6½"; 4. Bird 15' 6".
 Shot — 1. A. D. G. Mackenzie 40' 9¾"*; 2. Miller (E.A.) 34' 11½"; 3. Magee, C., 33' 9"†; 4. Hunter 33' 7".
 Discus — 1. A. D. G. Mackenzie 105' 0"†; 2. Miller (E.A.) 100' 5"; 3. Magee, K., 90'; 4. Wilson (E.A.) 88' 10".
 Javelin — 1. A. D. G. Mackenzie 161' 2"†; 2. Wilson (E.A.) 121' 2"; 3. Dunlop (E.A.) 105' 6"; 4. Magee, K.
 4×100m. Relay — 1. Strathallan; 2. Edinburgh Academy.
 Middle Results — Strathallan 62 points; Edinburgh Academy 56 points.

The matches against Fettes and Rannoch were won quite easily.

v. Fettes

Senior Events:

- 100m. — 1. Doms (F.) 11.5 secs.; 2. Jarron 11.6; 3. Wighton 11.7; 4. Brownlee (F.) 11.8.
200m. — 1. Jarron 23.8 secs.†; 2. Brownlee (F.) 24.1; 3. Wighton 24.2†; 4. McKinnon (F.) 24.9.
400m. — 1. Winterschladen (F.) 55.0 secs.; 2. Dalglish 55.5†; 3. Powrie 55.8; 4. Seto (F.) 57.2.
800m. — 1. Seto (F.) 2 mins. 5.5 secs.; 2. Powrie 2-6.9†; 3. Moffat 2-11.14; 4. Winterschladen (F.) 2-17.5.
1500m. — 1. Lewis 4 mins. 24.7 secs.†; 2. Ferguson 4-30.8; 3. Noble (F.) 4-32.8; 4. Hudson (F.) 5-20.0.
High Jump — 1. Locke 1.54m.; 2. Marshall 1.54m.; 3. Preston (F.) 1.52m.; 4. Garden (F.) 1.50m.
Long Jump — 1. Reekie 18' 11"†; 2. Jarron 18' 5"†; 3. Brownlee (F.) 16' 9"; 4. Doms (F.) 16' 2".
Shot — 1. Reekie 38' 2½"; 2. Wallace 33' 6¼"; Oolandini (F.) 32' 4¼"; 4. Allison (F.) 30' 0".
Discus — 1. Dickie (F.) 105' 5"; 2. Wallace 95' 9"; 3. Wighton 91' 9"; 4. Duffus (F.) 78' 6".
Javelin — 1. Dickie (F.) 134' 0"; 2. Rees (F.) 117' 11"; 3. Jarron 113' 10"; 4. Wighton 104' 10".
4×100m. Relay — 1. Strathallan 46.4 secs.†; 2. Fettes.
Senior Results — Strathallan 70; Fettes 51.

Middle Events:

- 100m. — 1. Ling 11.05 secs.*; 2. Thornton (F.) 11.5; 3. Murchie (F.) 11.7; 4. Young 12.1 secs.
200m. — 1. Ling 23.1 secs.*; 2. Thornton (F.) 24.1; 3. Murchie (F.) 25.0; 4. Young 25.4.
400m. — 1. Reid (F.) 57.9 secs.; 2. Menzies 58.7; 3. Heard 59.2; 4. Anbuthvilt (F.) 59.6.
800m. — 1. Kirkland 2 mins. 21.0 secs.; 2. Hall 2-22.3; 3. Davidson (F.) 2-23.9; 4. McEwan (F.) 2-23.8.
1500m. — 1. McEwan (F.) 4 mins. 39.5 secs.; 2. Davidson (F.) 4-45.5; 3. Greer 4-46.9; 4. Clarke 4-47.6.
High Jump — 1. Ling 1.57m.; 2. Davidson (F.) 1.55m.; 3. Winterschladen (F.) 1.50m.; 4. Kirkland.
Long Jump — 1. Ling 17' 5½"; 2. Heard 16' 10½"; 3. Murchie (F.) 16' 3½"; 4. Johnston (F.) 16' 0½".
Shot — 1. A. D. G. Mackenzie 41' 5"*; 2. Derochananbag (F.) 40' 0"; 3. Frai (F.) 38' 5"; 4. M. C. Magee 34' 1½"†.
Discus — 1. A. D. G. Mackenzie 111' 6"†; 2. Bidgood (F.) 91' 10"; 3. K. Magee 89' 6½"; 4. Pringle (F.) 89' 3".
Javelin — 1. K. Magee 155' 7"†; 2. A. D. G. Mackenzie 143' 5"; 3. Leech (F.) 103' 7"; 4. Onegon (F.).
4×100m. Relay — 1. Strathallan; 2. Fettes.
Middle Results — Strathallan 70; Fettes 49.
Overall Results — Strathallan 140 points; Fettes 100 points.

v. Rannoch

Senior Events:

- 100m. — 1. Jarron 11.3 secs.†; 2. Wighton 11.6; 3. Chalcraft (R.) 12.1; 4. Clark (R.) 12.3.
200m. — 1. Jarron 23.6 secs.†; 2. Wighton 24.3; 3. Clark (R.) 25.3; 4. Martin (R.) 25.9.
400m. — 1. Powrie 54.0 secs.; 2. Locke 55.7; 3. Stokes (R.) 58.0; 4. Ashfar (R.) 66.5.

800m. — 1. Powrie 2 mins. 2.9 secs.*; 2. Locke 2-9.2†; 3. Cuthbert (R.) 2-12.8; 4. Pigeon (R.) 2-18.8.
 1500m. — 1. Lewis 4 mins. 27.9 secs.; 2. Ferguson 4-33.6; 3. Omrod (R.) 4-48.4; St. Slach (R.) 5-25.7.
 High Jump — 1. Locke 1.57m.; 2. Marshall 1.55m.; 2. (equal) Scott (R.) 1.55m.; 4. Kingon (R.) 1.52m.
 Long Jump — 1. Jarron 18' 3"; 2. Ashfar (R.) 17' 6½"; 3. Marshall 17' 6"; 4. Stevenson (R.) 16' 3".
 Shot — 1. Reekie 38' 4"; 2. Ashfar (R.) 36' 3½"; 3. Wallace 35' 8"†; 4. Galbraith (R.) 25' 1½".
 Discus — 1. Wallace 101' 6"†; 2. Ashfar (R.) 101' 5"; 3. Marshall 97' 7"; 4. Carter (R.) 73' 11".
 Javelin — 1. Watson (R.) 130' 10"; 2. Jarron 118' 1"; 3. Clark (R.) 111' 5"; 4. Wighton.
 4×100m. Relay — 1. Strathallan 46.2 secs.; 2. Rannoch 48.6.
 Senior Result — Strathallan 79½; Rannoch 40½.

Middle Events:

100m. — 1. Ling 11.5 secs.; 2. Cattell (R.) 11.9; 3. Young 12.1; 4. Whiteford (R.) 12.4.
 200m. — 1. Ling 23.7 secs.; 2. Cattell (R.) 25.1; 3. Young 25.9; 4. Fotheringham 26.0.
 400m. — 1. Kirkland 56.4 secs.†; 2. Whiteford (R.) 57.3; 3. Bird 58.5; 4. Wardrop 62.5.
 800m. — 1. Kirkland 2 mins. 13.0 secs.†; 2. Hall 2-14.7†; 3. Patterson (R.) 2-15.1; 4. Reid (R.) 2-18.8.
 1500m. — 1. Butchart 4 mins. 38.0 secs.†; 2. Smith (R.) 4-38.9; 3. Mackie (R.) 4-46.4; 4. Greer 5-1.07.
 High Jump — 1. Whiteford (R.) 1.60m.; 2. Ling 1.57m.; 3. Voigt 1.50m.; 4. Patterson (R.) 1.45m.
 Long Jump — 1. Wardrop (R.) 16' 6½"; 2. Ling 16' 2"; 3. Heard 15' 10"; 4. Fotheringham (R.) 15' 9".
 Shot — 1. A. D. G. Mackenzie 40' 11½"; 2. Fotheringham (R.) 37' 3"; 3. Penntey (R.) 35' 8"; 4. C. Magee 34' 0½".
 Discus — 1. A. D. G. Mackenzie 108' 2"; 2. K. Magee 82' 3"; 3. Smith (R.) 80' 1"; 3. (equal) Bothwell (R.) 80' 1".
 Javelin — 1. K. Magee 154' 8"; 2. A. D. G. Mackenzie 148' 2½"; 3. Stewart (R.) 121' 9"; 4. Pickering (R.) 88' 11".
 4×100m. Relay — 1. Strathallan 48.0; 2. Rannoch 49.8.
 Strathallan 75 points; Rannoch 46 points.
 Overall Result — Strathallan 154½ points; Rannoch 86½ points.

SCOTSTOUN MEETING

Ten members of the School team took part in the 68th Annual Scottish Schools Athletics Championships at Scotstoun on Saturday, 16th June. Not so many medals were won as in previous years, but, despite this, a high performance was put up by all. T. S. Ling won the 200 metres (15-17 age group) and K. S. S. Magee was second in the 15-17 age group Javelin. These were our only two medals. Both boys received standard badges. The following were fourth in their respective events: H. L. Locke, A. D. G. Mackenzie and C. D. Reekie, the latter two gaining standard badges. I. J. M. Jarron was fifth in the 17-19 age group Long Jump and achieved a personal best. The Senior Relay team came fourth in 45.1 secs. The only poor result was the disappointing failure of the Middle Relay Team to gain a place in the finals.

The following were awarded their Athletics Colours:

I. J. M. Jarron, R. A. D. Powrie, A. A. Wighton, H. L. Locke, P. N. Lewis, K. S. S. Magee, A. D. G. Mackenzie.

T. S. Ling was re-awarded his Athletics Colours.

SPORTS DAY, 1973

For once the sun didn't really shine, and some of the edge was taken out of the afternoon by a cool wind and sharp showers. After the Standards Competition, three houses were fairly close, but on the day Simpson came out clearly, followed by Ruthven. Mrs. P. R. Spurgin kindly presented the prizes.



T. S. Ling storms home for Ruthven in the Middle Relay on Sports Day.

RESULTS:

- 100m. Ri. — 1. Smith; 2. Hunter; 3. Yellowlees. Time: 14.6 secs.
100m. Jun. — 1. McDonald (S); 2. Powrie (S); 3. Wallace (L); 4. Footitt (S);
5. Hay (R). Time: 13.0 secs.
100m. Mid. — 1. Ling (R); 2. Kirkland (L); 3. Young (F); 4. Magee (S); 5.
Lowden (F). Time: 11.8 secs.
100m. Sen. — 1. Jarron (S); 2. Wighton (S); 3. Marshall (N); 4. Dalglish (S);
5. Reid (N). Time: 11.5 secs.
200m. Jun. — 1. McDonald (S); 2. Powrie (S); 3. Kennedy (L); 4. Wallace
(L); 5. Gardiner (F). Time: 26.6 secs.
200m. Mid. — 1. Ling (R); 2. Young (F); 3. McIntosh (L); 4. Magee, K. (S);
5. Schneeberger (L). Time: 23.6 secs.
200m. Sen. — 1. Jarron (S); 2. Wighton (S); 3. Marshall (N); 4. Duncan (F);
5. Moffat (L). Time: 24.0 secs.
400m. Ri. — 1. Ogilvie; 2. Fingland; 3. Laing; 4. Mitchell; 5. Smith. Time: 66.5
secs. (new record).

- 400m. Jun. — 1. Wallace (L); 2. Cameron (F); 3. Powrie (S); 4. Foottit (S).
Time: 61.0 secs.
- 400m. Mid. — 1. Ling (R); 2. McDonald (S); 3. Kirkland (L); 4. Young (F);
5. Bird (S). Time: 53.7 secs.
- 400m. Sen. — 1. Powrie (R); 2. Locke (L); 3. Dalgleish (S); 4. Moffat (L).
Time: 52.3 secs. (new record).
- 800m. Jun. — 1. Hay (R); 2. McDonald (S); 3. Foottit (S); 4. Schneeberger
(L); 5. Currie (N). Time: 2 mins. 19.0 secs.
- 800m. Mid. — 1. McDonald (S); 2. Kirkland (L); 3. Baxter (S); 4. Clark (N);
5. Hall (N). Time: 2 mins. 07.1 secs.
- 800m. Sen. — 1. Powrie (S); 2. Locke (L); 3. Dalgleish (S); 4. Lewis (N);
5. Paterson-Brown (R). Time: 2 mins. 01.4 secs. (new record).
- 1500m. Jun. — 1. Hay (R); 2. Baxter (S); 3. Schneeberger (L); 4. Brewster
(S); 5. Cameron (F). Time: 4 mins. 54.4 secs.
- 1500m. Mid. — 1. McDonald (S); 2. Butchart (R); 3. Strang (N); 4. Baxter
(S); 5. Cameron (L). Time: 4 mins. 39.5 secs.
- 1500m. Sen. — 1. Lewis (N); 2. Locke (L); 3. Ferguson (L); 4. Paterson-Brown
(R); 5. De La Haye (S). Time: 4 mins. 20.8 secs.
- High Jump Ri. — 1. Locke; 2. Sim; 3. Ferguson; 4. Fingland. Height: 4' 5".
- High Jump Jun. — 1. Turner (R); 2. Evans (N); 3. Schneeberger (L); 4. Linton
(L); 5. Foottit (S). Height: 4' 6".
- High Jump Mid. — 1. Ling (R); 2. Ferguson (F); 3. Voigt (R) and Kirkland
(L); 5. Magee (S). Height 5' 2".
- High Jump Sen. — 1. Locke (L); 2. Marshall (N); 3. Wallace (L); 4. Jamieson
(N); 5. Dalgleish (S). Height: 5' 6½".



H. L. Locke winning the Senior High Jump on Sports Day.

- Long Jump Ri. — 1. Hunter; 2. Sim; 3. Smith. Distance: 13' 8".
- Long Jump Jun. — 1. Foottit (S); 2. Gardiner (F); 3. Hay (R); 4. Powrie (S); 5. Henderson (L). Distance: 15' 2½".
- Long Jump Mid. — 1. Ling (R); 2. Kirkland (L); 3. Schneeberger (L); 4. Heard (N); 5. Bird (S). Distance: 18' 0½".
- Long Jump Sen. — 1. Jarron (S); 2. Reekie (F); 3. Marshall (N); 4. Reid (N); 5. Linton (L). Distance: 19' 3¼".
- Discus Jun. — 1. Gillanders (R); 2. Knox (N); 3. Brewster (S); 4. Cabrelli (R); 5. Wallace (L). Distance: 92' 10" (new record).
- Discus Mid. — 1. McKenzie, A. D. G. (R); 2. McIntyre (R); 3. Magee, K. (S); 4. Magee, C. (S); 5. McIntosh, J. (L). Distance: 121' 2" (new record).
- Discus Sen. — 1. Wallace (L); 2. Wighton (S); 3. Marshall (N); 4. Paterson-Brown (R); 5. Gillanders (F). Distance 104' 4¼" (new record).
- Javelin Jun. — 1. Powrie (S); 2. Hay (R); 3. McDonald (S); 4. Cameron (F); 5. Knox (N). Distance: 113' 11".
- Javelin Mid. — 1. McKenzie, A. D. G. (R); 2. Magee, K. (S); 3. Schneeberger (L); 4. Young (F); 5. McIntyre (R). Distance: 158' 5".
- Javelin Sen. — 1. Gillanders (F); 2. Green (N); 3. McFarlane, I. M. (R); 4. Heard (N); 5. Wighton and Jarron (S). Distance: 131' 4".
- Shot Jun. — 1. Cameron (F); 2. Gillanders (R); 3. Knox (N); 4. Wallace (L); 5. Yates (S). Distance: 35' 0" (new record).
- Shot Mid. — 1. McKenzie (R); 2. Bird (S); 3. Young (F); 4. Ferguson (F); 5. McIntosh, J. (L). Distance: 46' 6" (new record).
- Shot Sen. — 1. Reekie (F); 2. Locke (L); 3. Wallace (L); 4. McFarlane (R); 5. Baxter (F). Distance: 38' 2".
- 4×100m. Relay Ri. — 1. Glencoe; 2. Hamilton; 3. Islay; 4. Drumfinn; 5. Big Dorm. Time: 60.4 secs.
- 4×100m. Relay Jun. — 1. Simpson; 2. Freeland; 3. Nicol; 4. Leburn; 5. Ruthven. Time: 54.00 secs.
- 4×100m. Relay Mid. — 1. Ruthven; 2. Simpson; 3. Leburn; 4. Nicol; 5. Freeland. Time: 48.6 secs.
- 4×100m. Relay Sen. — 1. Simpson; 2. Nicol; 3. Freeland; 4. Leburn; 5. Ruthven. Time: 45.6 secs. (new record).

Standards Competition:

Simpson	...	...	188
Leburn	...	...	182
Ruthven	...	...	180
Nicol	...	...	135
Freeland	...	...	105

Winner — Simpson.

Victores Ludorum:

Senior — H. L. Locke (L).

Middle — T. S. Ling (R).

Junior — D. T. Hay (R).

CURLING

The curling season was once again restricted to eight coaching sessions at Perth Ice Rink during the Autumn and Spring terms. Both seniors and juniors were given the opportunity to learn the game, and those who accepted the challenge all made excellent progress, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves into the bargain.

The one fixture against a scratch Masters/Old Boys' rink was a close affair, the School ably represented by J. I. McIntyre (skip), K. Milne, A. J. Hay and R. M. Jamieson, just losing by 6-4. The experience of Peter Hamilton, who skipped for the opposition, proved to be a decisive factor in the contest — he has been selected for the return match in 1973/74, if available!

H.C.A.

FENCING

This year has not been one noted for achievements by Strathallan fencers. This is not to say that it has been a bad year, for we won a match against Dollar (6-3 in Foil; 5-4 in Epée) and lost to them in a return match (3-6 in Foil; 4-5 in Epée; 5-4 in Sabre). We also fenced against Fettes, but no result came about because we ran out of time when we were leading 4-1 in the Foil, having lost 5-2 in the Epée.

Four members entered for the Scottish Schools' Fencing Competition, but no one was placed in any of the events. We also put on a Fencing Display on Speech Day, and so that the audience would be able to see what was happening, we set up, with the aid of the CCF Signals Section, an electric box on the Lawn. Unfortunately the display was timed to coincide with tea, and there were not many spectators.

Hans Mater, our coach, presented us with a handsome antique sword, for which a competition has been started, and this includes fights with all weapons in the School and against other schools. The captain, E. A. Ferguson, won it, and also won the annual Foil Award.

The following fenced for the School this year:

E. A. Ferguson, R. P. Kerr, M. I. Patterson, N. I. Schneeberger, M. W. Langford, A. J. M. King.

M.W.L.

SUMMER HOCKEY

The quality of the opposition was generally of a high order and the defence came under very severe pressure from such teams as the Grange and the Barbarians. Nonetheless the forwards never failed to retaliate, though prone to ease off when in the lead, and the defence, though too often failing to cover, played splendidly on occasions. All matches were drawn until Founder's Day when a weakened team succumbed to the Old Boys, largely due to the second half play of D. A. S. Whyte, the 1972 Captain, and a member of that year's Scottish Schoolboy XI. This was a particularly good

game and even better was to follow against the Grange and the Barbarians, who beat the School thoroughly. Earlier in the season there were drawn games with Inverleith, Grove Academy F.P., and Edinburgh Academy. Ruthrieston called off, and no match was played against Glenalmond. The Second XI had a fixture against Merchiston Castle First XI and were narrowly defeated.

Summer Hockey Colours were awarded to K. Paterson-Brown, M. G. Gordon and C. H. Gillfillan. The following played: Forwards — C. D. Reekie, G. I. M. Brown, K. Paterson-Brown, A. J. Green, B. G. De la Haye, A. J. W. Baker; Halves — P. N. Lewis, A. G. Marshall (Capt.), J. A. Hay, C. W. Gray; Backs — M. G. Gordon, D. J. M. Heard; Goalkeepers — F. G. R. Gillanders, D. S. McIntosh.



Sailing on the Tay.

SHOOTING: 1972-73

During the two "winter" terms three teams were entered for the League organised by the "British" Schools Small-bore Rifle Association. With only one "leaver" from last year's "A" team we had hoped for more "success" but these hopes were disappointed.

The C.C.F. Schools' Match (the "Staniforth" Competition), however, brought the dubious consolation of recovering from

Cheltenham "College" (who had failed to enter) the cup presented by Mr. Spurgin for competition between the two schools.

The "House" Shooting Competition in March 1973 was, as expected, won by Leburn.

Grant, A. M., has been appointed "Captain" of Shooting for 1973-74 and "colours" have been re-awarded to:—Baxter, N. R.; Bennet, A. J.; Grant, A. M.; and Robson, A. I.



SKI CLUB

The 1972/73 season was a very mixed one — a combination of some rather indifferent snow and some very good racing results. Between them, the recreational and younger skiers tended to suffer.

The so-called "British Schools Ski Championships" were again held on the artificial slope at Hillend (Edinburgh) in December but, as always, without the top racers and some of the top racing schools. They, including our own Butchart brothers, are already involved in Alpine training by the time the event takes place. Our 8th place was by no means as high as we have managed in the past but was notable for the encouraging performances put up by Benzies and W. R. Ferguson who both look set to loom large in our racing programme over the next couple of years.

The Andermatt tour over the New Year was generally successful. Our welcome from the White Hare Ski Club and all others with whom we have dealings out there was as warm as ever. The snow was adequate on our arrival but virtually unreplenished by further falls during our stay — much to the chagrin of the powder-

hunters. Our trainer Sepp was in exuberant form and as a direct result of his efforts the standard of all those whose ski-ing survived beyond the first day rose dramatically. As a team our racing performance was less bright than in previous years — we lost the Skean Dhu to the W.H.S.C. Juniors. In individual performance we maintained our record of winning at least one of the W.H.S.C. trophies during our stay. The Greenland (G.S.) Shield reverted to W.H.S.C. but A. D. Butchart managed to get his name on the Sheffield (Slalom) Trophy. Sadly we shall not be returning to Andermatt this coming winter, principally because our trainer Sepp has forsaken his native land for the soft life in Canada. However, the concept of the tour remains and a similar venture has been arranged for December 1973 in Sauze D'Oulx in the Italian Alps. We hope there to acquire the training services of a recent member of the Italian National ladies team. The idea of a lady coach is not new to the Strathallan team. During this last season we were very fortunate to have some help from Ingrid Christoperson, formerly coach to the British Girls Team. Our only regret is that appalling snow conditions curtailed in dramatic fashion our training sessions with Ingy.

Whilst some of us were besporting ourselves in Switzerland, D. J. Butchart was hard at work recording probably the best ever performance by a Strathallian at the British (Senior) Championships in Flaine (France). He finished 6th. Removing a couple of Australians, and with apologies to Irvine-Brown for so doing, he was fourth native Briton — an outstanding performance. Meanwhile, also in France, at Tignes, Oxford were feeling the weight of Strathallian ski-ing where Messrs. Robertson and D. R. D. Low (following in his brother's footsteps) galloped home to finish 1st and 2nd for Cambridge in the Varsity Giant Slalom. Low followed this with a 2nd place in the Slalom and contrived to miss winning the combined title by an electronic fraction of a second. Needless to say Cambridge won the team event.

Back at home the early arrival of snow was perhaps the only reason for Scotland not being proclaimed a ski-ing disaster area as in 1970/71. After the first fall very little fell effectively anywhere other than in Glencoe until May! The racing programme was therefore very much curtailed and some races, notably the East of Scotland Senior Championships, were held in abominable conditions not to mention rain.

Our transport favours were removed from Kings of Dunblane to the Earnside who, with one unfortunate exception, served us very well.

Ski-ing in Glenshee was limited by the lack of snow and as a result our training programme suffered as did the Inter-house Championship which was cancelled for the first time. There are those devious enough to suggest that the whole thing was rigged, being the only way of keeping Ruthven's name off the trophy. A further result of this snow deficiency in our "home" report was an attempt

to switch one of our regular Sunday trips to Glencoe. The experiment proved mildly successful in that most people had a good day's ski-ing and it will probably therefore be worth repeating. The drawbacks are increased journey time; increased expense both in transport and in uplift and an alarming tendency for parking arrangements to degenerate into an utter shambles when quantities of other skiers have the same idea.

With this representation of chaos looking rather typical of the season, we approached the National Schools' Race, held for the first time in Cairngorm, with some trepidation. However, the team which looked good on paper proved just as good on the hard-packed snow of Coire na Ciste. Led by D. J. Butchart, who gave an impeccable performance to take the individual title (the Liddell Cup), the team swept into 2nd place behind the seemingly unbeatable Ayles brothers of Edinburgh Academy. Slightly disappointed not to have pulled off the "big one" we nevertheless felt some satisfaction in equalling the performance of C. A. H. Greig's 1965 team.

This year we bid farewell to Irvine-Brown who has put in two valuable years as Captain of Ski-ing, to the Butchart brothers who have for so long it seems been so prominent in our racing squad and to a less illustrious but equally valuable group of "hard-core" skiers. In becoming Old Strathallians they join a "pisteful" of notables headed by the still-active "veteran" and former Scottish Champion, David Banks who should prove an inspiration to future generations of the School's skiers of all denominations. One is caused to wonder why the Old Strathallians have not yet formed an official Ski-ing Section.

J.F.C.



GOLF CLUB

The achievements of the club this year far surpassed those of last year. The School Knock-out Competition has been revived with a record entrance of 54 people. This notable collection of golfers included the Headmaster and five other members of staff. In fact, the club has again achieved a record over years past by having the active — but not wholly successful — participation of some of the masters in the School Knock-out Competition and Monthly Medals.

The Medal attendances were high at the beginning of the term but have dropped latterly; although the club still received the support of a hard core of enthusiasts in wind, rain or sunshine.

Unfortunately there have been only two matches played. Due to the variety of games that the golfers take part in, it has proved very difficult to raise a team without encroaching on athletics or cricket matches. Regrettably the Old Boys again failed to raise a team — which was a great disappointment, and it appears as though this fixture is in danger of folding up completely. The Masters played the School and the result of the match was a 6-3 win for the boys. The annual match against Glenalmond took its usual course and once again we failed to improve our dismal record on their home ground, with only H. MacFarlane and G. Brown scoring points, with a win and tie respectively. The other event at Glenalmond of interest was in the Autumn term when the School took part in the Perthshire Schools' Competition, reaching the great height of last out of 6, by a mere 10 strokes.

The House golf matches once again proved to be a close thing. Simpson won this year after being level with Ruthven after six holes, but proved to have the better finish; and ended worthy winners by seven strokes. The best round of the day was by S. R. C. Duncan with a 27 and 25, total of 52. A creditable performance.

Competition winners:—

- (1) Club Championship — S. L. Hill (L);
- (2) School Knock-out — D. Cochrane (N);
- (3) May Medal — D. Park (R);
- (4) June Medal — H. MacFarlane (R);
- (5) Stableford — D. Hay (R).

H.N.M.

GOLF COMPETITION RESULTS

HOUSE GOLF

1st — Simpson

I. Jarron 56, B. G. De la Haye 65; G. Bennet 59, K. Grant 57;
56, 57, 59 = 172.

2nd — Ruthven

H. MacFarlane 59, R. Strachan 60, A. Magill 60, F. Renwick 67;
59, 60, 60 = 179.

3rd — Freeland

S. Duncan 52, C. Reekie 64, G. McHarg 72, W. Gibson 67;
52, 64, 67 = 183.

4th — Leburn

G. I. Brown —, N. Schneeberger 65; S. Hill, 63, P. Hill 65;
63, 65, 67 = 193.

5th — Nicol

J. E. Paterson 61; D. Cochrane —, A. G. Marshall 69, M. Patterson 69;
69, 61, 69 = 199.

SQUASH

At a time when squash is being described as the fastest growing sport in Britain it is pleasing to be able to confirm that as far as Strathallan is concerned the game is certainly booming — it would be interesting to know the number of boy-hours of squash that have been played this season and, from the Bursar's point of view no doubt, the number of kilowatt-hours of electricity that have been consumed!

The overall results of the Senior V in terms of matches played, won and lost, have been a little disappointing, but when one appreciates that eight of the fourteen matches went to 3-2, of which we won 3 and lost 5, then it becomes clear how closely fought the majority of them were. Also, it should be remembered that most of our competitive squash is played in the Crieff and District Squash League, against Club sides, and it is no disgrace to lose against experienced players.

Unfortunately, the Juniors have fared even worse than usual in terms of matches played — only one this season — and this was a great pity because there is great enthusiasm for the game at this level, and not a little talent. The hope is that the able players will flourish in the next year or two when they are given more opportunity of competitive squash.

Leburn completed the double this year, winning both Senior and Junior House competitions, thanks mainly to three of their juniors who played in each. It was felt in some quarters that perhaps juniors should be barred from the senior competition, but surely the onus is on the seniors to keep any precocious intruders in their proper places!

Finally, a word of thanks to A. G. Marshall, the captain, for all his enthusiasm and hard work during the season. He, together with G. I. Brown, G. P. McHarg, S. P. B. Aitkenhead and T. D. Stewart, are leaving, and they will not be easy to replace in one go. However, although next year's team will undoubtedly be lacking in experience it should develop well.

RESULTS:

Senior V — Played 14, Won 5, Lost 9

School Matches:

- v. Edinburgh Academy — Lost 4-1 — Home.
- v. Firrhill — Lost 3-1 — Home.
- v. Glenalmond — Won 3-2 — Away.
- v. Gordonstoun — Won 5-0 — Away.
- v. Old Boys — Won 5-1 — Home.

Club Matches:

- v. Scone — Won 3-2 — Home.
- v. Glenalmond — Lost 5-0 — Away.
- v. Stirling University — Lost 3-2 — Home.
- v. Bloodsuckers — Lost 3-2 — Home.
- v. Beavers — Lost 3-2 — Home.
- v. Crieff — Lost 4-1 — Home.
- v. Scone — Won 3-2 — Home.
- v. Stirling University — Lost 3-2 — Away.
- v. Beavers — Lost 3-2 — Home.

Junior V — Played 1, Lost 1

- v. Edinburgh Academy — Lost 4-1 — Home.

The following played for the Senior team:

- A. G. Marshall, G. I. Brown, G. P. McHarg, S. P. B. Aitkenhead, R. A. D. Powrie, T. D. Stewart, S. N. Vivian.

The following played for the Junior team:

- N. D. Fraser, S. N. Vivian, M. C. Walker, P. J. M. Fairlie, G. J. F. Crowe.

Senior Champion — A. G. Marshall.

Junior Champion — S. N. Vivian.

Winners of the Senior House Competition — Leburn.

Winners of the Junior House Competition — Leburn.

TENNIS

We had a goodish team and almost a good season.

The first pair, J. A. Hay and G. I. Brown, could — and towards the end of term did — play excellent aggressive tennis, but sometimes earlier in the term through nervousness failed to do themselves justice. The second pair, G. P. McHarg and G. J. E. Crowe, were generally sound, though their carefulness in matches led to some games of pat-ball that were very dull to watch. The third pair, R. D. Buchanan and D. F. Ferguson, were some way behind the other two, but show promise for next year.

The first two matches — against Gordonstoun and Loretto — were both cancelled by the opposition because of the epidemics we were then suffering.

The first match played was against The Edinburgh Academy, and was lost by four matches to five. Our team played well but

were rather baffled by the slow Academy courts; on our courts the result might well have been different (though in fairness it should be said that some visiting players are rather baffled by the background of our white class-room block).

The second match — against Fettes — was also lost by four matches to five; a sad result because our second pair, who had played very well to beat Fettes' first and second pairs, unaccountably failed to get going in the deciding match against their third.

In a cheerful match on Founder's Day, we beat the Old Strathallians by five matches to four, our third pair contributing the vital point.

In the next school match we beat Merchiston at home by six matches to three. In this match our first pair for the first time played well throughout, and the third pair contributed another point in the first tie-breaker played at Strathallan. In the final match, against Glenalmond, we played even better and won by eight matches to one.

J. A. Hay, a good and cheerful captain and a much improved player, wound up the term by winning the individual competition and leading Leburn to victory in the house competition.

Mr. Ian Woodcraft continues his weekly coaching visits and has the great gift of making the learning of technique enjoyable to boys of all ages. The Sports Hall has proved invaluable for practice in bad weather.

W.N.M.

Detailed results of matches:

v. The Edinburgh Academy

Hay and Brown lost to Summers and Dinwoodie 5-7, 6-8; beat Morton and Caruse 6-4; beat Robertson and Watson 7-5.

McHarg and Crowe lost to Summers and Dinwoodie 2-6; beat Morton and Caruse 6-2, 6-1; beat Robertson and Watson 12-10.

Buchanan and Ferguson lost to Summers and Dinwoodie 0-6; lost to Morton and Caruse 3-6; lost to Robertson and Watson 6-2, 2-6, 2-6.

v. Fettes

Hay and Brown lost to Kellett and Hunter 0-6, 3-6; beat Dunford and Lamont 6-0; beat Green and Horwood 6-4.

McHarg and Crowe beat Kellett and Hunter 6-2; beat Dunford and Lamont 6-4, 8-6; lost to Green and Horwood 3-6.

Buchanan and Ferguson lost to Kellett and Hunter 0-6; lost to Dunford and Lamont 2-6; lost to Green and Horwood 2-6, 2-6.

v. Merchiston

Hay and Brown beat Yellowlees and Hunter 6-2, 6-4; beat Roberts and Ure 6-2; beat Campbell and Abram 6-1.

McHarg and Crowe beat Yellowlees and Hunter 6-2; lost to Roberts and Ure 7-5, 1-6, 5-7; beat Campbell and Abram 6-2.

Buchanan and Ferguson lost to Yellowlees and Hunter 3-6; beat Roberts and Ure 9-8; lost to Campbell and Abram 1-6, 3-6.

v. Glenalmond

Hay and Brown beat MacNaughton and Wilson 6-4, 6-1; beat Wallace and Ellingham 6-2; beat Barclay and Lindsay 6-2.

McHarg and Crowe beat MacNaughton and Wilson 6-2; beat Wallace and Ellingham 6-2, 6-2; beat Barclay and Lindsay 6-2.

Buchanan and Ferguson beat MacNaughton and Wilson 6-0; lost to Wallace and Ellingham 5-7; beat Barclay and Lindsay 6-0, 6-1.

v. Strathallian Club

Hay and Brown lost to Paul and McLachlan 5-7, 0-6; lost to Walker and Ferguson 4-6; beat Shedden and Shedden 6-2.

McHarg and Crowe beat Paul and McLachlan 6-0; beat Walker and Ferguson 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; beat Shedden and Shedden 6-2.

Buchanan and Ferguson lost to Paul and McLachlan 1-6; lost to Walker and Ferguson 4-6; beat Shedden and Shedden 2-6, 6-4, 9-7.

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The President.

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THE PRESIDENT — 1972/1973

Alister Bird was at Strathallan from 1934 to 1940, during which time he attained no particular distinctions and luckily managed to stay out of trouble!

He served in the R.N.V.R. between 1941 and 1945, and held the rank of Lieutenant when he left in 1945, having been on Atlantic Convoy duty and having been in North Africa and Normandy.

He joined the family insurance broking business in 1945, and became managing director in 1962. The business became part of The Stenhouse Group and in 1965 he became a director of Stenhouse Scotland. He was President of the Corporation of Insurance Brokers, Scotland, in 1965, and is presently Collector of the Incorporation of Skinners, Glasgow.

He is an active sportsman. In 1950 he took part in the final home Scots hockey trial, but owing to injury stopped playing in 1951 and participated as an umpire for 10 years.

He is an enthusiastic golfer, and was Captain of Ranfurly Castle Golf Club in 1971.

His principal hobby is sailing, and he spends much of his leisure time cruising.

Alister and his wife Maureen live in Bridge of Weir. They have two sons and a daughter. Their elder son, David, has just left Strathallan, while Andrew is in the 5th form.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

The 39th Annual General Meeting of the Club took place on Saturday, 25th November, 1972, in the Station Hotel, Perth.

The President, E. W. Linton, was in the Chair, and 25 members attended.

Thirty-seven new Life Members and one Ordinary Member were elected to the Club, and the Council's Report and Accounts were approved.

R. Alister Bird was elected President of the Club for the ensuing year, and W. M. Nairn was elected Vice-President.

The Annual Dinner which followed the A.G.M. was a highly successful one attended by 91 members and their guests. Robin MacLellan, C.B.E., proposed the toast to the Club and School. He spoke of nostalgia being a rheumatically complaint suffered by Old Boys, and described an Old Boys' Dinner as "a middle aged spread"! He complimented the Club and School on their success.

Having presented the Golf and Angling Trophies, the President replied by reporting on the year's activities and thanked the Club in delightful manner for his year in office, from which he had gained much pleasure.

The Headmaster in customary style made an entertaining reply. He spoke of the successes of the School over the last year and the benefit that was gained from a community spirit and stability of staff.

The new Vice-President proposed the toast to the guests, and the reply by Mr. John D. Cowie was extremely entertaining.

The President in passing the Chain of Office to the new President, R. Alister Bird, concluded a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Dinner-Dance

The Annual Dinner-Dance was held on Friday, 26th January, 1973, in the Excelsior Hotel, Abbotsinch, Glasgow. 214 Strathallians and their friends attended, a considerable improvement on last year!

The new venue for the Dance resulted in a highly successful evening, with lively music and festive spirit! Jimmy Dinsmore convened the function, and our thanks go to him for his efforts and enthusiasm.

The 1974 Dance will be held in the Excelsior Hotel on Friday, 25th January, 1974, and the Council are hoping for a large attendance.

London Branch

The Annual Dinner was held at the Caledonian Club on 27th April. Stewart Ritchie was in the Chair and 27 members and guests were present. The Headmaster and Mr. Peter Spurgin represented the School and Mr. William Nairn represented the parent club.

The opportunities to extend the activities of the London Branch are considerable, but recent efforts to stimulate further interest have not been very successful apart from the Annual Dinner. Members are asked at least to reply to circulars.

It is intended to hold a cocktail party in the Caledonian Club in the Autumn to which ladies will be welcome. This will be partly subsidised from the modest club funds which have increased since the introduction of a nominal annual subscription two years ago.

The Branch is always pleased to hear from Strathallians in the South and encourages them to get in touch with David Anderson or James Linn.

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Angling Club Report 1972/73

The annual party was held at the end of 1972 in the home of Ronald and Elora Grant, and as usual there was a large attendance and a most enjoyable evening.

The opening outing of the 1973 season was held on Loch Tay, where one of our members had just taken over the Killin Hotel. Although no salmon were caught, the weekend was extremely pleasant, and we look forward to future visits. We also wish the Usherwoods all success in their new venture.

The A.G.M. was held on the Friday evening before the outing on Loch Awe, and on the following morning the weather was so stormy that two members ventured no further than the breakfast table. However, of those who did venture out, Leslie Steven is to be congratulated on being the only person to catch a fish, and the Cup is his for the next year.

The Phoenix match was again held on the Lake of Menteith, with good attendances on each side. At the end of the day both teams had netted 50 fish, but the Strathallians had a convincing lead of almost 3 lbs., thus regaining the inter-club trophy. This event had also been chosen for the presentation of the John Hall Trophy, and this was admirably won by Sandy McIntosh with 10 fish.

Two evening outings on Loch Fitty and Loch Leven were reasonably supported, but loch fishing had generally deteriorated in June, and no notable baskets were recorded.

The poorer fishing persisted until the time of the outing with the School on the Lake of Menteith, but nevertheless some fish were caught, and whilst the boys were not empty handed, the Old Boys won by their usually decisive margin. The boys' prize of a fly box was presented to David Young, who caught two fish.

One outing remains on the calendar at the time of writing, and it is hoped that the September visit to the Lake of Menteith will mark a return to the kind of sport which was enjoyed in the earlier part of the season.

Golf Club

Since the last Report the Club's activities have continued to be enjoyed by moderate attendances.

The Club halved with Glenalmond in a friendly match at Elie. Our Queen Elizabeth Trophy Team, Gordon Lowden, Stuart Lowden, Andrew McInroy, Rich Williamson, Johnny Monteith and David Whyte, were beaten in a close match in the second round at Barn-ton.

The dinner outing at Gleneagles was survived by all who participated. The winner of the Reid Salver being Robin McGregor.

The Spring Meeting at Pollok with a meagre attendance was won by Bob Howie and Alan Cook who now share the new improved Johnston Trophy.

The Gleneagles Meeting on 17th June was won by the Secretary to his embarrassment and other contestants' disbelief.

New members are always needed and welcomed.

R. S. Johnston

It is with pleasure that the Club records a second Strathallian on the Bench.

Bobby Johnston took silk in 1955 and in 1964 became Sheriff Principal of Roxburgh, Selkirk and Berwickshire.

In 1970 he was elected Dean of the Faculty of Advocates, a position which he held for two years before being appointed a Senator of the College of Justice with the Judicial title of Lord Kincaig in December 1972.

The Council wish to extend to him the best wishes of the members of the Club.

News of Old Strathallians

ALLCOCK, R. E. (1956-61). Is now a member of the Chartered Institute of Transport and is running his own freight shipping business.

ANDERSON, J. M. (1941-46). Was appointed visiting Professor of Oncology (cancer studies) at Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, U.S.A.

ANDERSON, P. (1964-68). Has a diploma in business studies and is working in the family wholesale fruit and vegetable business in Carlisle.

ASHTON, T. C. (1963-68). Has completed a four months' tour in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, and is now serving in Germany.

BARNETT, P. (1963-67). Has been appointed editorial director, Frederick Muller (Book Publishers) Ltd.

BETHUNE, A. (1964-71). Has completed the second year of a B.A. course in Sociology at Stirling University. He is President of the Music Society and Secretary of this year's Charities Campaign.

BURNETT, J. M. (1965-70). Has reached the 3rd year of his B.A. (Hon.) course in Business Studies at Ealing Business School.

CALDWELL, C. W. (1960-65). Is presently a Senior House Officer in Obstetrics at Hammersmith Hospital, London.

CAMPBELL, A. D. K. (1955-59). Is serving on No. 41 (F) Squadron flying Phantom F.G.R. 2's based at R.A.F. Coningsby.

CLARK, R. F. L. (1963-67). Has spent two and a half years as farm manager for J. Cundall & Sons, Yorkshire. He is now assistant manager at Castle Howard Estates.

COCHRANE, J. (1943-48). The Club wishes to congratulate him on his achievement as a test pilot with Concorde.

FAWCETT, J. F. (1962-69). Has completed a B.Sc.(Hons.) in Microbiology at Liverpool University. He is now going to join Unilever as a management trainee with Birds Eye Foods Ltd.

FINLAY, M. (1967-72). Is now working for an advertising agency and is playing rugby for Cambridge City and County.

- GALLOWAY, W. R. (1958-60). Is about to go to Queen's University, Ontario, to do a Ph.D. in Psychology.
- GILLANDERS, K. W. (1961-68). Has now a B.Sc. (Elect. Engineering) and M.Sc. (Production Engineering). In November 1972 he took a two-year assignment with V.S.O. to Tiga Dam, Kano State, Nigeria.
- GORDON, G. G. H. (1955-60). Is now an executive with Old Broad Street Securities Ltd., London. His reports that Tommy Taylor and Alistair Pate are both now working in Johannesburg, South Africa.
- GRAY, I. S. (1954-61). Is working for Slater Walker, Australia. He has travelled extensively to Fiji, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Singapore. He has met Ian MacMillan on several occasions. His telephone number for any interested Strathallians is S.W. Australia No. 20356.
- GRAY, A. G. R. (1930-35). Has emigrated to Eastern Canada from Port of Spain, Trinidad.
- INGRAM, J. D. D. (1966-70). Has passed his first year exams of an LL.B. course at Leicester University.
- KEECH, J. R. (1959-64). Has completed his M.B.A. (INSEAD) and is now working for Ford in Marketing of Tractors.
- LINN, J. W. (1956-61)). Is now an assistant Investment Manager with I.C.F.C. Ltd. in London.
- LINN, W. R. (1953-58). Is President of the Scottish Association of Manufacturers Agents for 1973/74.
- MELVILLE, J. B. (1956-63). Has been promoted from Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, to North British Hotel, Edinburgh, as Personnel Manager.
- MELVILLE, W. B. (1958-66). Is now a member of the Institute of Printing, and in May 1973 was appointed Shift Printing Foreman for Metal Box, Westhoughton, in Bolton.
- MICHIE, J. (1963-68). Graduated B.Sc (Hons.) in Biochemistry in 1973 and is now starting a Ph.D. course.
- MORRISON, N. (1951-56). Retired from International Sports Car racing in 1971 but is still playing rugby for Glasgow Accies! His business interests include a Sound Installation Co. and Property Development.
- McBRIDE, I. A. (1929-34). Recently retired as Chairman and Managing Director of Geo. F. Huggins & Co. Ltd., Port of Spain.
- McINTOSH, A. J. (1957-65). Graduated with Hons. in Mediaeval History from St. Andrews in 1972, and is presently completing a one-year post-graduate course at Edinburgh University.
- McKINLAY, J. G. M. (1952-58). Writes to say that he and Iain Gray (1954-61), Investment Manager, Slater Walker, Sydney, have met several times in Sydney intending to play golf, but never doing so, conducting investigations into Australian wine and allied industries instead. John McKinlay is now Deputy Headmaster of Essendon Grammar School, Melbourne.
- OGILVIE, D. A. (1963-68). Graduated in May 1973. B.Comm. from University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario. He has now joined Coopers & Lybrand in Toronto. He is playing hockey for Tringo, F.H.C., in the Ontario League.
- PARKER, J. L. W. (1956-61). Is Registrar in Endocrinology at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.
- PATERSON, N. D. L. (1955-61). Is about to take up an appointment as General Manager of the Falcon Hotel, Stratford-on-Avon. He has just completed a 22-month spell in Africa.
- PATON, A. C. (1963-67). Will be graduating M.B., Ch.B., from Glasgow University on 7th July, 1973.
- PENNIE, N. (1965-70). Has reached the end of his 2nd year at Dundee University. He is Scottish and Scottish University indoor 50 metres champion 1973. He has twice equalled the Scottish indoor 50 metres record.

- PRINGLE, J. L. (1964-69). Has now commenced a C.A. Apprenticeship with Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Glasgow.
- RICHARDS, D. A. (1964-67). Is now working for Kalamazoo (Aust.) Ltd.
- ROBERTSON, C. J. (1967-71). Has completed his first year at Cambridge University. He is captain of the University Ski team and a member of the British University Training Squad.
- SAMPLES, W. P. (1963-67). Is an administrator for the National Ballet Company of Canada.
- SCOTT, G. (1963-66). Is Managing Director of Shoe Retailing business in Glasgow.
- SCOTT, J. M. (1963-70). Has now completed a Civil Engineering Degree at Dundee University.
- SCOTT, R. H. (1955-63). Is still working with Shell and has now moved to The Hague.
- SETTLES, R. L. (1961-68). Has now graduated B.A. (C.N.A.A.) Hons. English and Latin Lit. from Portsmouth Polytechnic and is taking up a post as House Tutor at Dulwich College Prep. School in September 1973.
- SMITH, P. J. G. (1956-60). Is retiring from the R.A.F. in August 1973 to take up an appointment with the Royal Australian Air Force.
- SPROAT, J. B. (1961-68). Has completed his penultimate year of Veterinary Medicine at Glasgow University.
- SPROAT, R. W. (1963-70). Is going into his final year of mechanical engineering at Dundee University.
- STOKES, G. W. (1944-49). Qualified as a Chartered Patent Agent in 1972. He is now a partner of Fitzpatricks, Chartered Patent Agents, Glasgow.
- STUART, M. M. (1959-66). Has recently been appointed Production Manager with B. O. Pierson — Bristol.
- TAYLOR, I. W. G. (1950-53). Has completed professional qualifications (A.C.I.I., A.C.I.L.A.) and has been appointed Associate Director of McLaren, Dick & Co. Ltd., Chartered Loss Adjusters.
- TEMPLETON, W. L. (1941-45). Is Director and General Manager of Ladybird (Scotland) Ltd. based in Glasgow.
- THOM, R. D. (1963-68). Is currently doing three-year articles with a London firm of Chartered Accountants.
- TULLOCH, P. J. (1958-63). Has recently joined C. P. Roberts & Co. Ltd. (General Builders) as Contracts Manager.
- WEBSTER, P. (1963-67). Has finished a three-year course at Guildford School of Art. He is now working as a freelance photographer in London.

Engagements

- DUFF, A. M. (1969-72), to Marion Elizabeth Elliott of Manchester.
- McINTYRE, R. N. (1963-70), to Miss Amanda M. Gillie of Melville's Cross, Durham.
- WEBSTER, P. (1963-67), to Miss Christina Killick of Debnershe, Shalford, Surrey.

Marriages

- ASHTON, T. C. (1963-68), to Miss Gail Ismay on 12th July, 1973.
CLARK, R. F. L. (1963-67), to Miss Anne Paul in August, 1972.
GRAY, J. M. (1947-51), to Miss Nicole Quinn on 22nd June, 1966.
KEECH, J. R. (1959-64), to Mlle. Irène Carteron in Paris on 30th June, 1972.
LINN, J. W. (1956-61), to Miss Fiona Cameron on 25th November, 1972.
MELVILLE, W. B. (1958-66), to Miss Heather Jean Kerr in London on 6th October, 1973.
McINTOSH, A. J. (1957-65), to Miss Elizabeth Anne Leafe in St. Andrews on 5th August, 1972.
ROY, E. C. (1964-69), to Miss Nina Neylove See in Islington, Ontario, on 23rd March, 1973.
SCOTT, G. (1963-66), to Miss Glynis Paterson in Broom Church, Newton Mearns, Glasgow, on 10th March, 1972.

Births

- BUCHER, A. (1959-63). To Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bucher, Lodge Hotel, Hunstanton, Norfolk, a son, on 16th March, 1971.
DAVIDSON, P. (1948-54). To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Davidson, 90 Saughtonhall Drive, Edinburgh EH12 5TL, a son, Alistair, on 29th December, 1972.
GORDON, G. G. H. (1955-60). To Mr. and Mrs. Graham Gordon, 170 St. Leonard's Road, London, S.W.14, a daughter, Genevieve Claire, in April, 1973.
MARSHALL, L. D. (1947-53). To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Marshall, 45 Oxgangs Road, Edinburgh, a daughter, Laura Ann, on 6th January, 1973.
MORRISON, N. (1951-56). To Mr. and Mrs. Nigel Morrison, 3 Landsdowne Gardens, Glasgow, G.20, a daughter.
PARKER, J. L. W. (1956-61). To Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, 31 Herries Road, Glasgow G41 4AH, a son, Stephen, on 27th February, 1973.
PATERSON, N. D. L. (1955-61). To Mr. and Mrs. Nick Paterson, 125 Finnart Street, Greenock, a daughter, Karen Ruth, on 17th December, 1972.
TULLOCH, P. J. (1958-63). To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tulloch, "Ryhall", 157 Watford Road, Chiswell Green, St. Albans, Herts., a daughter, Jacqueline Ann, on 24th March, 1973.

Deaths

- BARR, R. (1921-26), of Tigh-nan-Darroch, St. Catherines, Argyll, on Sunday, 4th February, 1973.
MILLER, M. (1958-65), of 38 Strathclyde Court, Helensburgh G84 9PH, as a result of a motor accident on 19th June, 1973.
McGLADE, P. (1935-39), of 40 Coblenz Avenue, St. Anns, Trinidad, in 1973.

Changes of Address

The Hon. Secretary requests that Strathallians notify him promptly on all changes of address in order to save the Club unnecessary postage costs and confusion.